



**2007 Fourth of July Parade** **Photo Credit Mike Sutherland**  
**Former town moderator Malcolm Grobe with his dog Curly and current selectman Mark Wilder participating in the annual parade.**

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## TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
<b>MODERATOR</b>	Stephen H. Taylor	2008
<b>ASSIST. MODERATOR</b>	Paul B. Franklin	2008
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	Ruth Ann Wheeler	2010
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	Mark H. Wilder	2008
	Robert W. Taylor	2009
	Judy A. Belyea	2010
	Fred Sweet	2010
<b>TREASURER</b>	Ruth Ann Wheeler	2010
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>		
<b>TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS</b>	Edward Stansfield	2008
	Donald Garfield	2009
	Jesse Stalker	2010
<b>TRUSTEES PR LIBRARY</b>	Jennifer Frederick	2008
	Beth Williams	2009
	Anita Brown	2010
<b>TRUSTEES MERIDEN LIBRARY</b>	Pam Abrahamson	2008
	Rachel Stoddard	2008
	Joseph Crate	2009
	Elisabeth Beck	Resigned
	Donald Jordan	2008
<b>SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST</b>	Harold L. Jones Jr.	2009
	Diane W. Rogers	2010
	George W. West	Resigned
<b>CEMETERY TRUSTEES</b>	Bradford Atwater	2008
	Howard Zea	2009
	Jesse Stalker	2010
<b>DEP. TAX COLLECTOR</b>	Michelle Marsh	
<b>DEP. TOWN CLERK</b>	Michelle Marsh	
<b>DEP. TREASURER</b>	Douglas Cogan	
<b>BALLOT CLERKS</b>	Bette Stockwell	2008
	Susan Timmons	2008
	Annamay Chapman	2008
	Mary Ellen Sullivan	2008
	Kenneth Stocker	2008
<b>ROAD AGENT</b>	Kenneth Stocker	2008
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	A. Halton Grindle	2008
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>	Stephen Halleran	2008
<b>ZONING ADMIN</b>	Judith A. Belyea	2008
<b>YIELD TAX AGENT</b>		

<b>WELFARE DIRECTOR EMERGENCY MGT.DIR. POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	A. Halton Grindle	2008
	James McCarragher	2008
	Gordon Gillens, Chief	
	Lawrence Dore, Sgt.	
	Paul Roberts, Cpnl.	
	Anthony Swett	
	Peter Begin	
	Joshua Alden	
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	Jane Stephenson, Chair	2010
	Ruth Cassedy	2010
	Mike Sutherland	2008
	Ronald Liston	2009
	Gregory Estey	2009
	Desmond Hudson,alt	2008
	Gregory Davini, alt	2008
	Robert Taylor	Selectman
	Richard Colburn,Chair	2010
	Margaret Cassedy	2008
<b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>	Edward Moynihan	2009
	Bradford Atwater	2009
	Stephen Sheehan, alt	2008
	William McGonigle, alt	2008
	Peter Martin	Resigned
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	David Grobe, Chair	2010
	Jeffrey Marsh	2008
	Margaret Gibson	2008
	Gordon Wilder	2008
	Judith Ptak	2008
	Eric Brann	2009
	James Taylor	Resigned
<b>RECREATION</b>	Daniel Cantlin, Chair	2008
	Martin Morgan	2008
	Judith Houde-Hardy	2008
	Todd MacDonald	2008
	Pamela Lewis	2008
	David Dupree	2008
	Jason Huett	2008
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	Scott MacLeay	2008
	Robert Hewett	2008
	Thomas Lappin	2008
	Stephen Beaupre	2008
	Sarah Brooks-Governo	2008
	David Chellis	2008

<b>NH/VT SOLID WASTE</b>	Richard E. Atkinson	2008
<b>DISTRICT REP.</b>	Stephen Halleran, alt	2008
<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>		
<b>TO UVLSRPC</b>	Richard Winters	
	Stephen Halleran	
<b>MERIDEN FIRE CHIEF</b>	David Best	
<b>PLAINFIELD FIRE CHIEF</b>	Frank Currier	
<b>FOREST FIRE WARDENS</b>	Peter Berry, Warden	
	Douglas Plummer, Deputy	
	John Conly, Deputy	
	Christopher Berry, Deputy	
	William Taylor, Deputy	
	David Best, Deputy	
<b>SOLID WASTE</b>		
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Susan Williams, Chair	
	Richard Atkinson	
	Hillary Sundell	
	William McGonigle	
	Betsy Rybeck-Lynd	
	Nancy Mogielnicki	
	Russell Kelley	
	Richard Colburn	
<b>PLAINFIELD/KUA</b>		
<b>STUDY COMMITTEE</b>	Susan Plummer	
	Robert Bartles	
	Gordon Defoe	
	Douglas Cogan-School Board	
	Hugh McGraw/Ratchel Tilney-KUA	
	Stephen Halleran	
<b>CONNECTICUT RIVER</b>		
<b>JOINT COMMISSIONS</b>	Nancy Franklin	
	Robert Kline	
<b>MT ASCUTNEY</b>	Edward Moynihan	
<b>SUBCOMMITTEE</b>	Stephen Halleran	
<b>TO THE CRJC</b>		
<b>TOWN HALL</b>		
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Nancy Norwalk	
	Beverly Widger	
	Brad Atwater	
	Pamala Abrahamson	
	Nancy Scott	
	David Chellis	
	Ruth Cassedy	

**WARRANT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**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 11th day of March next at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

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

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose by ballot: One selectman for three years, one moderator for three years, one trustee of trust funds for three years, one library trustee (west side) for three years, two library trustees (east side); one for two years one for three years, one cemetery trustee for three years, one Supervisor of the Checklist for six years and any other necessary town officers.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see what action the town will take with regard to the Plainfield Zoning Ordinances, **said change being recommended by the planning board:**

**Question 1.** Shall we rewrite the town's WETLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT ORDINANCE to accomplish two goals? 1) Update the ordinance's terminology so that definitions and terms are consistent with current wetland delineation science and state of New Hampshire accepted practices. 2) Provide enhanced protections for ponds and wetland areas greater than ½ acre in size and for perennial streams by establishing a 50' buffer around these environmentally sensitive areas.

To accomplish these goals the existing ordinance will be amended as outlined below.

**Section 2.3 WETLAND CONSERVATION AND FLOOD PLAIN  
OVERLAY DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

~~The Wetland Conservation District is hereby determined to be those areas delineated as poorly drained, very poorly drained soils or soil subject to flooding, as identified by the National Cooperative Soil Survey through field mapping surveys completed in 1973 by the USDA Soil Conservation Service and shown on field mapping photographic sheets for the Town of Plainfield, New Hampshire.~~

The soil types which the Soil Conservation Service has determined in its field mapping surveys to be poorly drained, very poorly drained or soils subject to flooding shall include the following:

Soil Symbol	Soil Name
Ch	Chocorua
Gw	Greenwood
Ha,Hb	Hadley
Lk	Limerick
Ls	Lyman
Lu,Ly	Moosilauke
Na	Naumbury
Ot	Ossipee
Pg,Pl	Pillsbury
Pw	Podunk
Ra	Raynham
Ru	Rumney
Sa,Sb	Saco
Sg,Sh	Stissing
W	Water
Wn	Winooski

(a detailed explanation of soil types is included in the **Town of Plainfield Soils and their Interpretation for Various Uses** and the **Soil Survey of Sullivan County, New Hampshire** which is on file with the Planning Board and in the office of the Soil Conservation District, Sullivan County, New Hampshire.)

The Wetlands Conservation District is hereby defined as perennial streams, water bodies, or any area that is inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a predominance of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, as set forth in RSA 674:55 and as further prescribed in rules adopted under RSA 482-A, together with a 50 foot buffer zone around such areas; and Flood Plains as delineated below.

#### **Wetland Delineation:**

1. On sub-division projects, for site-plan review purposes, and when evaluating building permit requests, wetlands shall be delineated on the basis of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetlands hydrology in accordance with the current New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau Code of Administrative Rules (Env-Wt 301).

2. Delineations based on hydrophytic vegetation or hydric soils alone shall be sufficient for minimum impact projects that meet the criteria of Env-Wt 303.04, provided the vegetation or soil has not been disrupted by artificial planting or past dredging or filling.
3. A 50 foot, naturally vegetated, no build, buffer shall be shown on such plans for wetlands in excess of ½ acre of surface area and for all surface waters except intermittent streams and private ponds of less than ½ acre.
4. Wetlands less than ½ acre in size are excluded from the provisions of the Wetlands Conservation District, although State regulations may apply.

#### **Flood Plain Delineation:**

The Flood Plain Overlay District in this ordinance shall apply to all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its "Flood Insurance Study for the County of Sullivan, N.H." dated May 23, 2006 or as amended together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps, and Flood Boundary & Floodway Maps dated May 23, 2006 which are declared to be a part of this ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference.

The Connecticut River Shoreland Conservation Protection District (s) shall be as outlined in the text with all distances measured from the ordinary high water mark of the river, the so called "reference line."

In all cases where the two overlay districts are superimposed over another zoning district in the Town of Plainfield, that district whose regulations are the more restrictive shall apply.

#### **Section 2.4 INTERPRETATION**

- A. Whenever any uncertainty exists as to the boundary of any zoning district as shown on the District Map, the following rules shall apply:
  - (1) Where zoning district boundary lines are indicated as following rights-of-way, they shall be construed as following the center lines of such rights-of-way.
  - (2) Where zoning district boundary lines are indicated as approximately parallel to the center lines of roads or highways, they shall be construed as being parallel thereto and at such distance therefrom as indicated on the District Map.

- (3) Where zoning district boundary lines are indicated as following lot or property lines, they shall be construed as following such lot or property lines.
  - (4) Where zoning district boundary lines are indicated as following political boundary lines, they shall be construed as following such political boundary lines.
  - (5) Where zoning district boundary lines are indicated as following streams, they shall be construed as following center lines thereof or at such distance therefrom as indicated on the District Map.
- B. Whenever any uncertainty exists to the boundaries of the Wetland Conservation District or the Floodplain Overlay District the following rules shall apply:
- (1) In the event that an area is questioned as to its proper ~~classification as poorly or very poorly drained soil subject to flooding in the Town of Plainfield~~ inclusion in a Wetlands Conservation District and evidence to that effect is satisfactorily presented to the Board of Adjustment, the Board may determine that the restrictions contained in this Section shall not apply. ~~Such evidence may be obtained either by revision by the Soil Conservation Service of its soil maps or by adequate on-site soil investigation and analysis with such investigation and analysis to be reviewed by the Soil Conservation Service and presented in writing to the Board of Adjustment along with the findings of the Soil Conservation Service.~~ Evidence concerning the classification of wetlands or hydric soils may be presented in the following ways:
    - a. A written document signed by both the Zoning Administrator and the Conservation Commission Chairperson in which both affirm that they have visually inspected the area in question and agree that wetlands are not evident.
    - b. In lieu of a. above the Town Administrator shall have the discretion to retain a certified wetlands scientist to inspect the area in question and prepare a report for the ZBA.
    - c. In the event that either a or b above concludes that wetlands are likely present and the applicant wishes to continue the application process, the Applicant may retain an independent, certified soils scientist or certified wetland scientist to map the area in question at his/her own expense.

- (2) Flood elevation data found to be acceptable to the Federal Emergency Management Agency may be used to supplement the understanding of the location of floodplain boundaries.

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## WETLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT (W)

### 1. Specific Purposes

In the interest of public health, convenience, safety and welfare, the regulations of this District are intended to guide the use of land with extended periods of high water tables in order:

- a. To prevent the development of structures and land uses ~~on naturally occurring wetlands~~ which would contribute to the pollution of surface and ground water by sewage or other contaminants.
- b. To prevent the destruction of natural wetlands ~~which provide flood protection.~~ which provide many benefits to the community including water purification, wildlife habitat, flood protection and such other reasons as those cited in RSA 482-A:1.
- c. To prevent unnecessary or excessive expense to the Town and to ~~to the public~~ which arise because of inharmonious use of ~~wetlands~~ the areas which comprise the Wetland Conservation District.
- d. To encourage those uses that can be appropriately and safely located in ~~wetland areas~~ the Wetland Conservation District.

### 2. Permitted Uses

Any use that does not result in the erection of any structure or alter the ground surface configuration by the addition of fill, dredging or draining except as provided below:

Such uses include:

- a. Forestry and tree farming using best management practices as required by Env-Wt 304.05 to protect wetlands and surface waters from damage from soil erosion or other contamination;
- b. Agriculture using best management practices such as those referenced in RSA 431: 33-35 and those proposed by the USDA Natural Resource

Conservation Service to protect wetlands and surface waters from damage from soil erosion or other contamination.

- c. Water impoundments and well supplies;
- d. Drainage ways--streams, creeks or other paths of normal runoff;
- e. Wildlife refuge;
- f. Parks and such recreational uses as are consistent with the purpose of creating the Wetland Conservation District as defined in ~~Sections 2.4 and 2.5~~ herein;
- g. Conservation areas and nature trails;
- ~~h. Open space as permitted by subdivision regulations and other sections of this ordinance.~~
- i. Access ways if essential to the productive use of the land and consistent with NH DES Dredge and Fill regulations;
- j. Utility rights of way or easements including power lines and pipelines which are constructed using best management practices and only if there is no feasible alternative.
- k. Any other use permitted under RSA 482-A and specifically authorized by the issuance of a NH Department of Environmental Services Permit shall be deemed a permitted use under this regulation

### **3. Prohibited Uses**

- a. Any use which utilizes, stores, processes, or disposes of toxic substances which may pose a threat to surface or ground water quality is prohibited.
- b. Underground fuel storage tanks are prohibited.

### **4. Special Exceptions**

- a. Special exceptions for the undertaking of a use not otherwise permitted in the Wetland Conservation District, which may include the erection of a structure, dredging, filling, draining, or otherwise altering the surface configuration of the land, may be granted by the Board of Adjustment, if it can be shown that such proposed use will not conflict with the specific purposes and intentions listed above in Paragraph 1, and if in compliance with RSA 482-A and the rules and regulations of the NH Department of Environmental Services ~~Dredge~~

~~and Fill Board.~~ Proper evidence to this effect shall be submitted to the Board of Adjustment and shall be accompanied by review comments of the ~~Sullivan County Conservation District~~ Plainfield Conservation Commission concerning the environmental effects of such proposed use upon wetlands in question.

- b. Non-conforming structures which intrude into the Wetland Conservation District , including the buffer areas, and which exist prior to the adoption of this ordinance shall be permitted, including the reasonable maintenance thereof.
- c. Land owners with buffer areas which are not naturally vegetated at the time this ordinance is adopted will be encouraged, but not required, to replant those areas with an appropriate mixture of natural vegetation (i.e. indigenous ground cover, shrubs, or trees) using best management practices such as those outlined in the UNH Cooperative Extension publication "Landscaping at the Water's Edge: An Ecological Approach."

[   ] yes            [   ] no

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

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,846,500** to defray town charges for the 2008 fiscal year. The selectboard proposes the following budget:

<b>1. Executive</b>	<b>\$151,260</b>
<b>2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics</b>	<b>11,530</b>
<b>3. Financial Administration</b>	<b>58,800</b>
<b>4. Revaluation of Property</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>5. Legal Expenses</b>	<b>18,100</b>
<b>6. Personnel Administration</b>	<b>10,100</b>
<b>7. Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>10,200</b>
<b>8. General Government Buildings</b>	<b>8,150</b>
<b>9. Cemeteries</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>10. Insurance</b>	<b>37,800</b>
<b>11. Regional Associations</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>12. Police Department</b>	<b>272,355</b>
<b>13. Ambulance Service</b>	<b>29,000</b>
<b>14. Fire Departments -Plainfield</b>	<b>39,000</b>
<b>-Meriden</b>	<b>38,000</b>
<b>15. Building Inspection</b>	<b>8,800</b>
<b>16. Emergency Management</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>17. Hydrant &amp; Forest Fire Expense</b>	<b>7,900</b>

<b>18. Dispatching for Fire, Police &amp; Ambulance</b>	<b>16,000</b>
<b>19. Highway Administration</b>	<b>21,525</b>
<b>20. Highways and Streets</b>	<b>573,060</b>
<b>21. Road Projects</b>	<b>102,806</b>
<b>22. Street Lights</b>	<b>9,000</b>
<b>23. Solid Waste Collection</b>	<b>137,500</b>
<b>24. Solid Waste Disposal</b>	<b>63,610</b>
<b>25. Health Agencies</b>	<b>19,450</b>
<b>26. Animal Control</b>	<b>750</b>
<b>27. Welfare</b>	<b>7,758</b>
<b>28. Recreation Commission</b>	<b>19,235</b>
<b>29. Libraries - Plainfield</b>	<b>53,976</b>
<b>- Meriden</b>	<b>33,335</b>
<b>30. Patriotic</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>31. Conservation Commission</b>	<b>2,500</b>
<b>32. Principal Long-term debt</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>33. Interest Long-term debt</b>	<b>10,250</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,846,500</b>

**This budget is exclusive of other warrant articles.**

**The selectmen recommend this appropriation.**

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$88,000** for the purchase of a new one ton dump truck with plowing and sanding equipment for the use of the highway department and to authorize the selectboard to withdraw the sum of **\$88,000** the Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987. Further to authorize the selectboard to sell or trade the town's existing 1999 one-ton truck including its existing plowing and sanding equipment. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$127,500** 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:

\$10,000	Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.
\$5,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$50,000	Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.
\$50,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.

RSA 31:19a funds:

\$10,000	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 transportation improvement fund created in 2006.

The selectboard is named agents to expend for the bridge fund, the town hall repair fund and the library building repair fund. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 (amount to be amended in during town meeting) to purchase approximately two (2) acres of land currently a portion of tax map 105 lot 12 located at 86 Bonner Road said premises being the open field adjacent to School Street. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 7.** Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Plainfield, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$64,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$92,000; for a person 80 years or older, \$141,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 years; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his/her spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$23,500, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$30,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$65,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. This article is offered as part of the 2008 Assessment update project.

**ARTICLE 8.** Shall we modify the exemption for the disabled? The exemption, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$47,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$23,500 or if married a combined net income of not more than \$30,000; and own net assets of not more than \$65,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. This article is offered as part of the 2008 assessment update project.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to establish, pursuant to RSA 72, exemptions from property taxation for solar (72:62) and wind (72:66) energy generation systems. The exemption will be 100% of the value of accessory use generation systems up to a maximum of \$50,000 in taxable value. Criteria for granting the exemption shall be that the installed system must generate energy for the owner's primary residence or place of business located on the site. The system, however, may transfer surplus energy to the established electrical grid. Commercial solar and wind generating facilities that represent the primary use of a property shall not be eligible for this exemption.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Clerk-Tax Collector to accept credit card payments pursuant to RSA 80:52-c for the electronic online collection of local taxes or fees. The town will add to the amount due, in addition to any interest or penalties due, a service charge for the acceptance of the card. The amount of the charge shall be disclosed at the time of

billing. The Board of Selectmen in coordination with the Town Clerk-Tax Collector may adopt rules and regulations regarding the collection procedures.

**ARTICLE 11.** 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 one hundred (100) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the town will direct the selectmen to appoint, within 60 days of town meeting, a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration 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 13.** To see if the town will vote to instruct the moderator to, until rescinded, annually appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield voters to advise the selectmen, and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town.

**ARTICLE 14.** To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

**ARTICLE 15.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**A True Copy Attest:**

MARK H. WILDER  
ROBERT W. TAYLOR  
JUDY A. BELYEA, Plainfield Selectboard



Election staff: Bette Stockwell, Mary Ellen Sullivan, George West, Michelle Marsh, Susan Timmons, and Annamay Chapman preparing to open the polls for voting.

**BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**  
**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue**  
**January 1st 2008 to December 31st 2008**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Dollar</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
Executive	\$126,610	\$132,347	\$151,260	\$24,650
Election/Registration	\$5,980	\$7,306	\$11,530	\$5,550
Financial Administration	\$51,182	\$51,745	\$58,800	\$7,618
Revaluation of Property	\$13,000	\$8,687	\$10,000	(\$3,000)
Legal Expense	\$8,100	\$10,521	\$18,100	\$10,000
Personnel Administration	\$25,100	\$13,653	\$10,100	(\$15,000)
Planning and Zoning	\$7,500	\$3,568	\$10,200	\$2,700
General Government Buildings	\$5,950	\$10,545	\$8,150	\$2,200
Cemeteries	\$23,960	\$28,750	\$30,000	\$6,040
Insurances	\$36,700	\$37,976	\$37,800	\$1,100
Regional Associations	\$8,000	\$7,841	\$8,000	\$0
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
Police*	\$235,028	\$247,522	\$272,355	\$37,327
Ambulance	\$31,000	\$22,410	\$29,000	(\$2,000)
Fire-Plainfield	\$39,000	\$39,000	\$39,000	\$0
Fire-Meriden	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$38,000	\$1,000
Building Inspection	\$8,800	\$11,040	\$8,800	\$0
Emergency Management	\$1,000	\$0	\$250	(\$750)
Hydrant Rentals/FFT	\$6,350	\$7,695	\$7,900	\$1,550
Dispatch Service	\$14,000	\$15,244	\$16,000	\$2,000
<b>HIGHWAYS, STREETS &amp; BRIDGES</b>				
Highway Administration	\$19,350	\$21,235	\$21,525	\$2,175
Highway and Streets*	\$536,014	\$539,000	\$573,060	\$37,046
Road Projects*	\$216,082	\$117,615	\$102,806	(\$113,276)
Street Lights	\$8,000	\$8,719	\$9,000	\$1,000
<b>SANITATION</b>				
Solid Waste Collection	\$135,000	\$137,500	\$137,500	\$2,500
Solid Waste Disposal	\$80,610	\$74,421	\$63,610	(\$17,000)
<b>Health</b>				
Health Department	\$17,900	\$14,616	\$19,450	\$1,550
Animal Control	\$1,500	\$240	\$750	(\$750)
<b>WELFARE</b>				
General Assistance	\$6,750	\$4,075	\$7,758	\$1,008

<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Change</b>	
Recreation Commission	\$18,240	\$18,132	\$19,235	\$995	
Library-Plainfield	\$49,537	\$49,537	\$53,976	\$4,439	
Library-Meriden	\$32,035	\$32,035	\$33,335	\$1,300	
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,500	\$3,113	\$1,500	\$0	
Conservation Commission	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
Principal Long-term debt	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	
Interest Long-term debt	\$11,251	\$11,257	\$10,250	(\$1,001)	
Interest T.A.N Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
<b>APPROVED 07 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$1,706,456</b>	<b>\$1,751,845</b>	<b>\$1,846,500</b>	<b>\$140,044</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>AVAILABLE FUNDS*</b>	<b>\$1,845,529</b>				

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			
Hwy Transportation Fund	\$70,400	\$70,400	\$50,000
Hwy Equipment Replacement	\$95,000	\$92,078	\$88,000
Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$50,000
Police Cruiser Replacement	\$11,000	\$10,849	\$0
Bridge Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Revaluation Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Town Hall Repair Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Library Repair Fund	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Cemetery Projects	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Marking Town Bounds	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Townsend Bridge & Trail Fund	\$2,163	\$2,163	\$0
Sign project	\$4,000	\$3,891	\$0
Land Project	\$0	\$0	\$1
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$258,063</b>	<b>\$249,881</b>	<b>\$215,501</b>
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,103,592</b>	<b>\$2,001,726</b>	<b>\$2,062,001</b>

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	
<b>TAXES</b>				
Land Use Change Tax	\$5,420	\$5,565	\$14,465	
Timber Taxes	\$12,000	\$13,019	\$14,000	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Interest & Penalties	\$38,000	\$34,855	\$36,000	
Excavation Tax	\$200	\$85	\$100	
<b>LICENSES AND PERMITS</b>				
Licenses & Fees	\$7,000	\$3,773	\$5,000	
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$435,000	\$436,147	\$450,000	
Trash User Fees	\$123,000	\$118,753	\$115,000	
<b>FEDERAL/STATE REVENUE</b>				
Shared Revenue	\$116,984	\$127,150	\$127,150	
Block Grant/Federal Funds*	\$239,834	\$239,834	\$102,806	
State Reimbursements	\$151	\$957	\$1,000	
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICE</b>				
Income from Departments	\$35,000	\$28,236	\$30,000	
Reimbursements	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>				
Sale of Town Property	\$3,500	\$2,525	\$3,000	
Interest on Deposits	\$50,000	\$61,452	\$62,000	
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Capital Reserve Funds	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$88,000	
Trust Funds	\$12,000	\$12,330	\$13,000	
Forestry Maintenance Fund	\$6,500	\$0	\$0	
Fund Balance	\$21,063	\$21,063	\$0	
<b>BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,206,652</b>	<b>\$1,206,744</b>	<b>\$1,062,521</b>	
<b>NET APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$896,940</b>	<b>\$794,982</b>	<b>\$999,480</b>	11%
* Grant related appropriation	Change in dollars from taxation:		\$102,540	
and revenue increases	Projected tax rate impact		\$0.46	

**Town Meeting March 13, 2007  
Plainfield, New Hampshire**

The annual meeting for the Town of Plainfield was held at the Plainfield School Gymnasium on Bonner Road on March 13, 2007. Stephen H. Taylor, moderator, opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the reading of Article I.

Total Number on Checklist:	1509
Total number of ballots cast:	404
Percentage voting:	27%

**Article 1.** To choose by ballot: One selectman for three years, one town clerk for three years, one tax collector for three years, one treasurer for three years, one trustee of trust funds for three years, one library trustee (west side) for three years, one library trustee (east side) for three years, one cemetery trustee for three years and any other necessary town officers.

**Town Clerk for three years:**

Ruth Ann Wheeler had 374 votes  
Brad Wilder, David Grobe, Howard Zea each had one vote.

**Ruth Ann Wheeler was declared elected.**

**Selectman for three years:**

Judith Belyea had 347 votes.  
David Grobe had three votes, Dennis Girouard, Beverly Widger, Steve Sheehan had two votes.  
Malcolm Grobe, Diane Rogers, Brad Atwater, Jane Stephenson, Nancy Franklin, Dr. Herb Fletcher, Douglas Beaupre, Dan LaPan, Ken Goodrow, Beth Williams, Charlotte Quimby, Richard Rogers, Pat McNamara, Marc Rosenbaum each had one vote.

**Judith Belyea was declared elected.**

**Tax Collector for three years:**

Ruth Ann Wheeler had 376 votes  
Brad Wilder, Eric O'Leary each had one vote.

**Ruth Ann Wheeler was declared elected.**

**Treasurer for three years:**

Fred Sweet had 372 Votes

**Fred Sweet was declared elected.**

**Trustee of Trust Funds for three years:**

Jesse Stalker had 370 votes  
Carleton Strong had one vote.

**Jesse Stalker was declared elected.**

**Cemetery Trustee for three years:**

Jesse Stalker had 369 votes  
Boone Rondeau, Rob Hewitt, David Dupree each had one vote.  
**Jesse Stalker was declared elected.**

**Library Trustee for three years-West:**

Anita Brown had 361 votes  
James Taylor, Diane Rogers, Maura Hart each had one vote.  
**Anita Brown was declared elected.**

**Library Trustee for three years-East:**

Elisabeth Beck had 357 votes  
Donna Beaupre and Thom Lappin each had one vote.  
**Elisabeth Beck was declared elected.**

Moderator Taylor recessed the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

A massive weather front brought over ten inches of snow, followed by a period of sleet on Friday, March 16 but managed to abate in time for town meeting to proceed.

**Saturday, March 17, 2007**

Moderator Taylor opened the meeting at 10:06 a.m. with an invocation by Rev. Harold "Dewey" Jones, followed by the salute to the flag. Ida Burroughs led the meeting in the singing of America the Beautiful.

Taylor introduced the table, Selectmen, Judith Belyea, Robert Taylor, Mark Wilder, town administrator, Stephen Halleran and Town Clerk, Ruth Ann Wheeler. Taylor explained the rules of the meeting and proceeded to the reading of Article 2. A motion was made by Paul Franklin to dispense with the reading of the full warrant, seconded by Ruth Ann Wheeler.

**ARTICLE 2.** A motion was offered by Stephen Halleran to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,695,956** to defray town charges for the 2007 fiscal year as proposed by the selectmen breaking down as follows: Motion was seconded by Mark Wilder.

<b>1. Executive</b>	<b>\$126,610</b>
<b>2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics</b>	<b>5,980</b>
<b>3. Financial Administration</b>	<b>51,182</b>
<b>4. Revaluation of Property</b>	<b>13,000</b>
<b>5. Legal Expenses</b>	<b>8,100</b>
<b>6. Personnel Administration</b>	<b>14,600</b>
<b>7. Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>7,500</b>
<b>8. General Government Buildings</b>	<b>5,950</b>
<b>9. Cemeteries</b>	<b>23,960</b>
<b>10. Insurance</b>	<b>36,700</b>
<b>11. Regional Associations</b>	<b>8,000</b>

<b>12. Police Department</b>	<b>224,590</b>
<b>13. Ambulance Service</b>	<b>31,000</b>
<b>14. Fire Departments -Plainfield</b>	<b>39,000</b>
<b>-Meriden</b>	<b>37,000</b>
<b>15. Building Inspection</b>	<b>8,800</b>
<b>16. Emergency Management</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>17. Hydrant &amp; Forest Fire Expense</b>	<b>6,350</b>
<b>18. Dispatching for Fire, Police &amp; Ambulance</b>	<b>14,000</b>
<b>19. Highway Administration</b>	<b>19,350</b>
<b>20. Highways and Streets</b>	<b>522,700</b>
<b>21. Road Projects</b>	<b>100,761</b>
<b>22. Street Lights</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>23. Solid Waste Collection</b>	<b>135,000</b>
<b>24. Solid Waste Disposal</b>	<b>80,610</b>
<b>25. Health Agencies</b>	<b>17,900</b>
<b>26. Animal Control</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>27. Welfare</b>	<b>6,750</b>
<b>28. Recreation Commission</b>	<b>18,240</b>
<b>29. Libraries - Plainfield</b>	<b>49,537</b>
<b>- Meriden</b>	<b>32,035</b>
<b>30. Patriotic</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>31. Conservation Commission</b>	<b>2,500</b>
<b>32. Principal Long-term debt</b>	<b>25000</b>
<b>33. Interest Long-term debt</b>	<b>11,251</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,695,956</b>

Halleran offered the following points of explanation for this year's budget: Last year's budget was over by \$9000 due to several factors 1) decision to overlay of Methodist Hill at cost of \$28,000 2) FEMA money for Willow Brook Road was denied, so spent \$5000 to do paperwork for a state grant resulting in a \$167,000 gain 3) legal fees spent in acquisition of land adjacent to town gravel pit.

There is no increase in staff; only a 3% increase in wages; 15% increase in retirement and insurance costs; increase in fuel costs. Halleran said that a signed contract with Lebanon would reduce our trash disposal fees. Other points of importance were a signed agreement with Claremont for septic disposal as state law requires (will result in lower fees for individual homeowners); road projects will be finishing Beauty Hill road followed by Colby Hill Road. The finance committee felt that the increase for the Philip Read Library was justified as the library provides a community and resource center for the Plainfield Village.

Paul Franklin asked for the reason for the increase in legal fees and specifically who was responsible for the present ongoing litigation. The Townline case was reviewed and litigants named. Franklin said that we are very blessed with the good people we have on our boards. and their positive attitudes that make reasonable decisions. He urged people to seriously consider these decisions

before deciding to bring law suits. Margaret Drye asked about the decision of the 2006 town meeting on the land use split of 50/50. Halleran replied that no monies were requested for projects in 2007 and the monies will be used to defray taxes.

Clint Swift asked if people could bring recyclables to the landfill.

Halleran said that one of the reasons that we were able to make the agreement with Lebanon was because we did our own recycling. He felt that other opportunities might be available in the years to come. Dennis Girouard commended Halleran and the Select board for a budget in line with people's raises and for being fiscally responsible. Rangi Keen felt that the total cost of trash should be reflected in the cost of the trash stickers. Halleran explained that the present system was fair and allowed some of the burden to fall on outside taxpayers such as utilities.

Doug Chapman offered an amendment to add a 7% increase to the police department salaries.

Sandy Stettenheim felt that any increases should be town wide. Mike Yacavone asked if our salaries were in line with other towns. Halleran said they were low to middle range with the police being slightly under mid range. Chief Gillens said he appreciated Doug Chapman's motion but felt that this was not the proper way and he would vote against the amendment. Other people felt that it was a management decision and that the motion should be withdrawn but remembered by the Selectmen. Halleran said that if the body felt strongly about the increase, it could be used for merit raises. Due to the increased sentiment for merit raises, Doug Chapman withdrew his original motion and offered the following: The motion was seconded from the floor.

That a sum of \$10,500 be added to the overall budget to be distributed to full time town employees in the form of pay raises effective July 1, 2007. A paper ballot was taken.

Yes 121 No 22

It was declared a vote in the affirmative.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Taylor asked for a paper ballot for the revised budget of \$1,706,456 including the approved \$10,500 increase.

Yes 136 No 7

The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

At this point in the meeting, Moderator Taylor asked Karla Skindar and Matthew Houde, our local representatives and officers Master Sergeant Lawrence Dore, Corporal Paul Roberts and State trooper Eric Brann to come forward. Skindar and Houde presented a commendation to the department and to each individual officer from the House of Representatives for their heroism in rescuing a woman from a burning vehicle. Skindar offered in absentia a similar commendation

from Senator Peter Burling and the Senate. Skindar also commended the EMTs, the fire department personnel and all others who assisted at the car crash site. Robb Taylor also presented a commendation to each officer on behalf of the Town of Plainfield.

**ARTICLE 3. Mark Wilder offered the following resolution:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$95,000** for the purchase of a new bucket loader to be used by the highway department, and to authorize the selectmen to withdraw the sum of \$95,000 from the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created in 1987 pursuant to RSA 35:1 and to further authorize the selectmen to sell or trade the town's existing 1991 loader (the new loader has a value of \$120,000 the town's existing loader an estimated value of \$25,000). Seconded by Robb Taylor. Wilder explained that the time had come, as the costs of repairs were increasing and that the present overhauled motor would be defunct soon. A Case 621D has been chosen for its value and the ability to have the repairs done by a local dealership. Penny Arcone asked what the cost of repairs would be and Wilder replied about \$45,000. It was pointed out that the cost comes out of existing funds and will not affect the tax rate.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 149 No 4

It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.

**ARTICLE 4. Robb Taylor made the following motion:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a two year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing a police cruiser valued at \$24,650 and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,000** for the first year's payment for that purpose. Further to authorize the selectmen to sell or trade the existing 2003 police cruiser, valued at approximately \$2,650. This contract includes a second year non-appropriation clause. Seconded by Halleran. Robert Taylor explained that the old cruiser was at 90,000 miles and showing signs of wear. Cruisers are kept for four years before replacement. All existing equipment will be moved to the new cruiser with the current radios, which are up-to-date. This is not a usual lease but a special contract, which allows the town to purchase the cruiser for \$1.00 at the end of the second year. Halleran said as this is an ongoing expense; it could be included in the police budget in the future.

A hand vote was taken. Yes 152 No 0

It was a unanimous vote in the affirmative and so declared.

**ARTICLE 5. Judy Belyea offered the following motion:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$117,500** 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:

\$10,000	Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.
\$5,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$45,000	Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.
\$50,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.

RSA 31:19a funds:

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

The selectmen are named agents to expend for the bridge fund, the town hall repair fund and the library building repair fund. Seconded by Halleran. Belyea explained that this was an ongoing article presented each year creating fund accounts to offset major expenses. A vote by paper ballot was taken

Yes 161 No 2

It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.

During the counting, David Grobe, chairman of the Plainfield Conservation Commission presented the Plainfield Conservation award for Outstanding Stewardship to Ruth Ann Wheeler for her past accomplishments on behalf of the town.

**ARTICLE 6. Robb Taylor offered the following resolution:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$20,400** from the town's fund balance to be deposited into the Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund established in 2006. Said funds were received from the Plainfield School District in 2006 as part of the highway department's assistance with the previously approved connection to the Meriden Village Waste Water Plant. The intent of this article is to make these funds available for future highway improvement projects. Seconded by Belyea. Taylor explained that the budget for the Meriden sewer system hook-up to the Plainfield School was \$40,000. The bids exceeded this amount. An agreement was made with the highway department where the pipes and other material would be paid for and the balance of \$20,400 would be go to the town. This article is to allow the town to place the monies into a trust fund. It is a fine example of cooperation between the town and the school.

A vote by show of hands was taken. Yes 148 No 0

It was a unanimous vote in the affirmative and so declared.

**ARTICLE 7. David Grobe offered the following resolution:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to be used by the conservation commission to refresh the boundary markings of town-owned

properties where needed. This is the second part of this project; the initial work was funded last year through the passage of article 14. Further, to withdraw said sum from the Forest Maintenance Fund established in 1992 pursuant to RSA 31:113. Seconded by Stephen Halleran. Grobe explained that no taxes would be collected as the funds come out of the existing fund. It is good stewardship to have all the boundaries marked and blazed. It is the mission of the commission to help residents appreciate the natural resources of Plainfield. Stephen Taylor said that in the 70's only 10% of Plainfield was surveyed and very difficult for title searches to be done. Aerial photos helped establish boundaries to create a set of maps. A vote by voice was taken. There being no negative votes, it was declared an unanimous vote in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 8. Stephen Halleran offered the following resolution:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000** to be used for the purchase and installation of signs welcoming visitors to the town and its various villages. Seconded by Judy Belyea. Halleran explained that the sign committee would like ten signs in total but this year felt that four-one at each geographical entrance to town and two in Plainfield Village would suffice. The two in Plainfield Village are to serve as traffic calmers as well as a welcome to the village. A vote by show of hands was taken. Yes 134 No 5

It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.

**ARTICLE 9. Mark Wilder offered the following resolution:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** for the purpose of continuing to repair, and when needed, replace fencing around the town's various cemeteries. Seconded by Judith Belyea. David Chellis said that rather than having this as an article; it should just be part of the cemetery budget.

A voice vote was taken. It was a unanimous vote in the affirmative and so declared. At this time, Moderator Taylor handed the gavel to Paul Franklin, assistant moderator.

**ARTICLE 10. Judy Belyea offered the following resolution:** To see if the town will, pursuant to RSA 31:19a, vote to establish an expendable trust fund to be called the Townsend Bridge & Trail Fund for the purpose of maintenance, replacement or removal of the Townsend bridge and the maintenance and expansion of the surrounding trail network. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,163** to be deposited into this fund. Said funds to come from the following sources: \$663 from fund balance, \$5,000 from committed private donations and \$1,500 from the Conservation Commission Fund. The board of selectmen to be named agents to expend. Seconded by Mark Wilder. Belyea explained that this article is to create a fund and it does not involve raising of further taxes. A slide presentation was given by William and Laura Knight showing the stages of construction of the bridge. The Knights explained that ongoing expenses are unknown at this time other than the yearly inspection. Kimball Union Academy has given the town a permanent easement for the use of

the land and trails. A voice vote was taken. It was a unanimous vote in the affirmative and so declared.

**ARTICLE 11. Robb Taylor offered the following resolution:** To see if the town will vote to dissolve the Sullivan County Regional Refuse District. Seconded by Stephen Halleran. This is to formally dissolve the district. A 2/3 vote of all towns in New Hampshire is needed. A paper ballot was taken as required. Yes 135 No 2

It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.

**ARTICLE 12. Mark Wilder offered the following resolution:** To see if the town will, in the event that the dissolution of the Sullivan County Regional Refuse District is not approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the District, vote to withdraw from the Sullivan County Regional Refuse District as permitted by the district agreement, effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. Seconded by Stephen Halleran. This article is to let Plainfield out of the Solid Waste district if the district did not receive a 2/3 vote by all other towns.

A paper ballot was taken as required. Yes 144 No 0

It was a unanimous vote and so declared.

**ARTICLE 13. Stephen Halleran offered the following resolution:** 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 one hundred (100) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion. Seconded by Robb Taylor. Halleran explained that the increased exemptions are returned to the town in the form of scholarships to Plainfield day students. At this point, all students receive a small stipend but most of the funds are distributed on a "needs" basis. Approximately \$9000 in monies are given out. Many felt that it should only be given on a needs basis; monies should never exceed what it would cost to send a student to Lebanon; the state should have a voucher system.

A paper ballot was taken. Yes 106 No 41

It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.

**ARTICLE 14. Robb Taylor offered the following resolution:** To see if the town will direct the selectmen to appoint, within 60 days of town meeting, a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration 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. Seconded by Stephen Halleran.

A voice vote was taken. It was a unanimous vote in the affirmative and so declared.

**ARTICLE 15. Mark Wilder offered the following resolution:** 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 selectmen, and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town. Seconded by Robb Taylor. Steve Taylor said that the finance committee began in 1931 and now has become an elective board in many towns. He thanked this year's committee for their fine efforts. A voice vote was taken. It was a unanimous vote in the affirmative and so declared.

**ARTICLE 16. Judy Belyea offered the following resolution:** To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectboard to reappoint the solid waste committee established by Article 14 of the 2005 annual meeting and Article 13 of the 2006 annual meeting. Seconded by Robb Taylor. Susan Williams presented a slide show showing the amount of unrecyclable debris left at the town shed on a weekly basis despite all of the signs and warnings posted. The best was the Christmas tree on top of the metal dumpster. Williams said that the committee is in the process of updating the shed and would like to increase the amount of materials recycled this year. A voice vote was taken. It was a unanimous vote in the affirmative and so declared.

**ARTICLE 17. Stephen Halleran offered the following resolution:** To accept the reports of town officers as printed in the 2006 annual report. A corrected certified copy to be kept on file by the town clerk. Seconded by Ruth Wheeler. A voice vote was taken. It was a unanimous in the affirmative and so declared.

**ARTICLE: 18. Robb Wendt offered the following resolution:** To see if the town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our elected officials at the local and state levels: Resolved: We the voters of Plainfield believe in a New Hampshire that is fiscally responsible and locally controlled -- but fair. The property tax has become unfair. The Pledge against considering any alternative broad-based taxes perpetuates this unfair and burdensome property tax. We urge our elected officials to reject The Pledge, and to have an informed discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that retains the good aspects of fiscal responsibility and local control -- but relieves the unfair local property tax burden. Seconded by Sandy Stettenheim. Wendt had several charts showing the burden of taxes and percentages paid according to income. Margaret Drye felt it was not a "town" issue and felt that it would be better to talk to representatives and senators. Drye asked that the motion be "tabled". Seconded by Robb Drye. A voice vote was taken on the motion to table. The "nos" had it and the motion was declared lost. Doug Cogan felt we needed to speak to State Officials. William McGonigle was in favor of local control and not an income tax. Others felt that only town business should come before the meeting-others felt the body should send a message to Concord. Susan Fauver said she hated being in the position of voting either for the children or her neighbors.

Bob LaFlam felt that an income tax in Vermont didn't help and they had just as much trouble funding schools. Robb Drye requested a paper ballot.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 114 No 26

It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.

**ARTICLE 19. Lee Lynd offered the following resolution:** To see if the town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our elected officials at the local and state levels:

Resolved: We the voters of Plainfield believe that relief must be provided to our most heavily burdened taxpayers while supporting an excellent education for our children in a fiscally responsible way. While we hope that the State of NH will begin to address its education funding responsibilities, we also believe that towns should be able to enlist the creativity of their residents to resolve intra-town tax inequities in ways that the state currently limits. Toward that end, we urge our elected officials to pass enabling legislation that expands the opportunities for towns to raise revenue as their citizens see fit. Seconded by Rod Wendt.

Lynd said that in 1991 he was on a tax inequity committee and we still have an inequity problem. The present system is unfair. He researched the laws with Rep. Matthew Houde and discovered that there is no local control. The town cannot pass any ways to help without the permission of the NH legislature.

Marc Rosenbaum felt that we couldn't have home rule and help our neighbors; we will lose our diversity in the community. Others echoed the general concept of having a way to help neighbors locally. A vote by paper ballot was taken

Yes 119 No 17

It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.

The meeting was returned to moderator Taylor.

**ARTICLE 20. Nancy Mogielnicki offered the following:** To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Plainfield.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the town of Plainfield encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices. Mogielnicki explained that this article was on the warrant in 180 towns in New Hampshire by the Carbon Colalition. Besides sending a message, there are many things a town can do to help individual households-energy audits, use of fluorescent lighting, etc. A voice vote was taken. It was a unanimous vote in the affirmative and so declared.

**ARTICLE 21.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Robb Taylor thanked all the committees including Dan Cantlin and the Recreation Committee, Al Grindle, Diane Rogers and Mary Ellen Sullivan for their efforts on the senior dinners and the ballot clerks who made it through the snow. Thanks also were given to Kate Pierson who was our main microphone runner.

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Ann Wheeler  
Town Clerk

Sworn in at the meeting:            Judith Belyea-Selectman  
   Ruth Ann Wheeler-TownClerk/Tax Collector  
   Anita Brown-Library Trustee-West

Sworn in by Ruth Ann Wheeler Fred Sweet- Treasurer  
   Jesse Stalker-Trustee of Trust Funds-Cemetery  
   Trustee



**Moderator Stephen Taylor administering the oath of office at the 2007 town meeting.**  
**Photo credit Stephen Halleran**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cash On hand, January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2007	
Cash-checking	\$ 48,500
Cash-Investments	\$2,106,805
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,155,305</b>
Receipts during the fiscal year	\$2,694,514
<b>Total available</b>	<b>\$4,849,819</b>
Less selectmen's orders	\$2,331,373
<b>Cash On Hand, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007</b>	<b>\$2,518,446</b>
Cash-Checking	\$39,503
Cash-Investments	\$2,478,943

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Fred Sweet, Treasurer

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2007

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive.....	\$ 126,610
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics.....	5,980
Financial Administration.....	51,182
Revaluation of Property .....	13,000
Legal Expense .....	8,100
Personnel Administration.....	25,100
Planning and Zoning .....	7,500
General Government Buildings.....	5,950
Cemeteries.....	23,960
Insurances.....	36,700
Advertising and Regional Expense .....	8,000

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department.....	224,590
Ambulance .....	31,000
Fire Protection.....	76,000
Emergency Management.....	1,000
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense.....	20,350
Building Inspection .....	8,800

### HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES

Highways and Streets.....	542,050
Road Projects .....	100,761
Street Lights .....	8,000

### SANITATION

Garbage Collection.....	135,000
Solid Waste Disposal .....	80,610

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department .....	17,900
Pest Control.....	1,500

### WELFARE

Welfare Department.....	6,750
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### CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation Commission .....	18,240
Libraries .....	81,572
Patriotic .....	1,500
Conservation Commission .....	2,500

### DEBT SERVICE

Principal on Long-term debts.....	25,000
Interest on Long-term debts .....	11,251

**OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL..... \$1,706,456**

### PURCHASES

Article 3 Loader Purchases .....	95,000
Article 4 Police cruiser lease.....	11,000
Article 7 Town Boundary Marking Project.....	\$5,000
Article 8 Welcome to Plainfield Signs.....	4,000
Article 9 Cemetery Fence Repair .....	3,000

**OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT**

Article 5/6 Transportation Improvement Fund.....	\$70,400
Article 5 Highway Vehicle Fund.....	45,000
Article 5 Highway Bridge Fund.....	5,000
Article 5 Revaluation Fund.....	5,000
Article 10 Townsend Bridge Fund.....	2,163

**OPERATING TRANSFERS TO TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS**

Article 5 Town Hall Repair Fund.....	10,000
Article 5 Library Repair Fund.....	2,500

**CAPITAL OUTLAY TOTAL.....\$132,500**

**OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL.....\$1,706,456**

**TOTAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS.....\$1,964,519**

**2007 Turkey Trot participants**



**Photo credit: Melissa Longacre**

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved .....	\$72,662,203
Buildings .....	150,061,600
Public Utilities.....	4,583,900
<b>Total Value Before Exemptions .....</b>	<b>\$227,307,703</b>

Blind Exemption .....	30,000
Elderly Exemption .....	1,129,700
Total and Permanently Disabled Exemption.....	139,500
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (town vote).....	5,143,500
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (state law).....	150,000
<b>Total Exemptions Allowed.....</b>	<b>\$6,442,700</b>

<b>Net Value Used for Local Tax Rate .....</b>	<b>\$220,715,003</b>
<b>Net Value Used for State Education Rate .....</b>	<b>\$216,131,103</b>

Electric Utility Property detail	
Granite State Electric.....	\$1,843,100
New England Power Company .....	\$1,375,700
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative .....	\$738,000
Public Service of NH.....	\$620,300
Trans Canada.....	6,800

## WAR SERVICE CREDITS

Total and Permanently Disabled Veterans .....	\$4,200
Standard Exemptions (\$150/veteran) .....	17,250
<b>Total War Service Credits.....</b>	<b>\$21,450</b>

### TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation		\$1,964,519
Total Revenues and Credits	less	1,067,489
Share Revenues	less	10,166
Overlay	add	85,959
War Service Credits	add	21,450
<b>A) Net Town Appropriation</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>994,273</b>
Net Local School Budget		4,907,976
Adequate Education Grant	less	820,644
State Education Taxes	less	572,120
<b>B) Approved Local School Assessment</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>3,515,212</b>
<b>C) Approved State Education Assessment</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>572,120</b>
<b>D) Approved County Tax Assessment</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>589,659</b>
<b>Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>\$5,671,264</b>

### TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property Taxes to be Raised	\$5,671,264
Less War Service Credits	21,450
<b>Total Property Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$5,649,814</b>

### TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	4.13	4.50
County	2.39	2.67
Local School	15.07	15.93
State School	2.91	2.65
Combined tax rate	\$24.50	\$25.75

Net value on which local tax rates are computed	\$220,715,003
Net value on which state tax rate is computed	\$216,131,103

### CURRENT USE REPORT

<b>Land Categories (acres)</b>	
Farm Land .....	2,841
Forest Land.....	23,512
Unproductive Land.....	1,467
<b>Total acres in current use (includes conservation restrictions) .....</b>	<b>27,820</b>

## TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

### CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Community Baptist Church& parsonage .....	\$455,100
First Baptist Church& parsonage .....	328,600
Meriden Congregational Church& parsonage.....	906,100
Singing Hills Christian Fellowship .....	1,747,300
Connecticut Valley Christ Community Church .....	2,096,900

### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Kimball Union Academy (state law educational prop) .....	18,515,600
Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop) .....	150,000
Kimball Union Academy (town vote).....	5,143,500

### CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Grafton Pond Trust.....	308,700
New England Wildflower Association.....	241,200
Plainfield Historical Society.....	157,200

### PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

The Nature Conservancy.....	27,800
Meriden Volunteer Fire Department .....	206,500
Meriden Village Water and Sewer District. ....	770,200
Plainfield Village Water District.....	435,400
Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department .....	277,700

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Land on Stage Road .....	1,500
Land on River Road .....	134,200
Duncan State Forest .....	221,200

### GRANGES

Blow-Me-Down Grange.....	329,300
Meriden Grange .....	156,900

### LAND OWNED BY OTHER TOWNS

Cornish.....	5,000
Grantham.....	30,300

**TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTIES ..... \$32,646,200**

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS

### DESCRIPTION and VALUATION

Town Hall -Plainfield .....	\$ 247,100
-Meriden(includes Police Dept.) .....	322,800
Libraries -Plainfield.....	1,056,100
-Meriden.....	167,600
Highway Garage.....	201,200
Plainfield Elementary School .....	2,467,800
Burnaps Island.....	30,500

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND  
AND BUILDINGS (continued)**

Dump Lot .....	34,500
Gravel Pit .....	153,000
Spencer Lot .....	167,900
Whitaker Road Intersections .....	10,600
Tallow Hill Intersection.....	38,800
Benson Donation .....	72,300
French's Ledges .....	34,800
Cram Hill Lot .....	29,500
Stage Road Ball Field.....	188,000
Thompson Donation (Moulton Cemetery) .....	47,600
Farnum Lot .....	72,700
Town Pound .....	18,900
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$5,361,700</b>

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

The State of New Hampshire Vitals Records restoration program awarded a grant of \$8,100 for restoration and microfilming of Birth, Marriage and Death records from 1878 through 1967. To qualify for the grant, the records in the vault were examined and an assessment made of current conditions and recommendations for the future. We also restored and de-acidified several volumes of town clerk records as part of our ongoing program.

In December, we installed a new Motor Vehicle program created by Avitar. This program has been approved by the State and will enable us to go on-line directly with the State next fall. This will enable our office to offer more services such as plates, lost decals, replacement registrations, etc.

The new program includes dog records. We have imputed all of last year's records and will be working with dog owners to correct any errors. We will be checking inventories, veterinary notices, etc. This program will enable us to send reminders and delinquent notices.

All progress is great but it will mean that we need to think about adding more personnel on a part-time basis. Computers make the work load easier but it is essential that the office have someone else knowing the ropes to cover during vacations, conferences, help out during the busy election season and emergencies.

2007 brought some interesting challenges with the changes in election laws, vital records, and the new motor vehicle program. I look forward to what 2008 will bring.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Wheeler  
Town Clerk

## **REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMEBER CUT**

**Year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007**

Total reports filed .....	15
Total yield tax assessed .....	\$11,594
Softwood cut, MBF .....	563
Hardwood cut, MBF .....	125
Cordwood cut, cords.....	112
Pulpwood/chips, tons.....	1,548
Pulpwood, cords .....	212

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judith A. Belyea  
Yield Tax Agent

## **REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR**

Plainfield property tax bills are sent twice a year- approximately June 1 and November 1. The first bill will be half of the previous year's total bill and the second bill can be higher or lower depending on the tax rate which is set in the fall. All bills are due in thirty days or by July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>.

By law, bills must be sent to the property owner. If your taxes are paid through an escrow fund, you must send a copy of the bill to your mortgage holder. We do get requests from mortgagors and provide them with a list but it will not include all owners. The mortgage holder does not always pay the correct amount or on a timely basis.

At the end of the year, we send a notice of delinquent taxes. This letter alerts you to bills you may have overlooked; bills underpaid or not paid by the mortgage holders; balances due to late payments; or payments that just didn't reach us. (Unfortunately, that has happened more frequently this year.) It also helps us to find any errors that we may have made.

We give you an approximate date for this year's tax lien. The town must place a lien on your property for any unpaid taxes. The lien is filed with the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds and unfortunately, does get picked up by the Credit Bureaus. We try to keep the lien date consistent (around the first week in May).

As we have advised in past years, please make payments if you are having problems. You will save money on interest. You can also make partial payments monthly and pay ahead of bills.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Ann Wheeler  
Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2007**

-Debits-			
<b>Uncollected Taxes</b>			
Beginning of fiscal year	<b>2007</b>		<b>2006</b>
Property taxes			\$335,276
Land use change tax			\$17,800
Excavations			\$31
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector</b>			
Property taxes	\$5,651,560		
Land use change taxes	\$11,130		
Yield taxes	\$14,187		
Excavation activities	\$54		
<b>Overpayments</b>			
Property taxes	\$3,826		
Interest collected on			
Delinquent taxes	\$3,721		\$18,572
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$5,684,478</b>		<b>\$371,679</b>
-Credits-			
<b>Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year</b>			
Property taxes	\$5,271,545		\$227,967
Land use changes taxes	\$11,130		\$17,800
Excavation	\$54		\$31
Timber yield taxes	\$12,564		
Interest on taxes	\$3,721		\$18,571
Converted to liens (principal only)	0		\$107,310
Prior year overpayments assigned	184		
<b>Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year</b>			
Property taxes	\$1,709		
Timber tax	\$1,167		
Excavation	0		
<b>Overpayments Collected During Fiscal Year</b>			
Property taxes-returned	\$2,979		
Property taxes-this year	\$663		
<b>Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year</b>			
Property taxes	\$378,306		
Timber Tax	\$455		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$5,684,478</b>		<b>\$371,679</b>

**TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT**  
**December 31<sup>st</sup> 2007**

	-Debits-		
<b>Unredeemed Liens</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004+</b>
Beginning of year		\$97,738	\$17,958
New Liens	\$116,002		
Interests/Penalties	\$1,355	\$6,818	\$4,673
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$117,357</b>	<b>\$104,556</b>	<b>\$22,631</b>
	-Credits-		
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$35,765	\$55,035	\$16,818
Interest/Penalties	\$1,354	\$6,818	\$4,673
Unredeemed Liens	\$80,238	\$37,101	\$1,140
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$117,357</b>	<b>\$104,556</b>	<b>\$22,631</b>

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Carrie Tibbetts, holder of the Boston Post Cane, celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a townide party at the Plainfield Town Hall.

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

Another year has passed, and it seems as though 2007 was a culmination of events, teetering on extreme, and which will not soon be forgotten. After starting the winter season with unusually mild temperatures, which kept away the frost through January, Plainfield was whacked with a Valentine's Day blizzard, which provided more than 20 inches of snow before Mother Nature decided to show us any mercy. The minutes of our February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting indicate that even when teasing early winter temperatures such they were, our Highway Department was indeed ready and eager for the event and received a number of favorable comments from residents around town concerning their good work keeping our roads open. The next hurdle came in mid April when parts of Meriden and East Plainfield were hit with wind gusts of 60 mph. This Nor'easter featured heavy rains all weekend with many downed trees and limbs along with widespread power outages. Once again, our road system withstood the test very well with only minor washouts here and there. Our road crew and emergency responders deserve our gratitude for all their efforts in keeping Plainfield safe and running smoothly all year long.

Given the rollercoaster ride of events during the spring, as they were, River Road sustained damage from a slide along the bank of the Connecticut River. Through the efforts of our Town Administrator and much prodding of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and Connecticut River Commission members, the Selectboard learned that the only way to contend with this problem was to fill in the slumps and leave them along. The Board and Road Agent took this remedy in stride, but continue to have mixed feelings since this approach does nothing to prevent further bank erosion in the future.

In June, the Selectboard also learned that the town was awarded a \$159,000 FEMA mitigation grant, which will be used to repair some slumped sections of the Willow Brook Road as well. We have contracted with Daniels Construction Company of Ascutney Vermont to do some of this work as soon as possible. This will mark the start of a major overhaul of Willow Brook Road. Because of the time and complexity of the project it appears as though an outside contractor will do all the work, leaving the highway department free to perform their usual duties.

When the work was done from all these other uninvited tasks, the highway crew was able to settle in on the reclamation of Beauty Hill Road where culverts were replaced, gravel was added, blacktop laid, slopes seeded and the new Case load was initiated.

The Selectboard applauds the work done by David and Susan Smith in their efforts researching and hand drawing an updated version of the map of Plainfield, originally done by Vernon Hood. These maps are now available at the town office and all proceeds benefit the town's service memorial project, which the Selectboard hopes to complete this year.

The Selectboard wishes to express its thanks to the finance committee and all the volunteers who assist us every year. Your thoughts, ideas and hard work are invaluable throughout the year in keeping our challenges (however extreme they be) in check.

Finally, our thoughts turn to the event which would most certainly be characterized as extreme in any form of reason and the burden and duty of which should not be placed on those in any small town. During the months of uncertainty, apprehension and desperation, because of the situation brought onto us by the circumstances in the Edward and Elaine Brown debacle, our feelings for our friends and neighbors along the Center of Town Road and Hedgehog Road grew to concern and sympathy. If the self-inflicted events of the Browns were not already bad enough, the trash brought to Plainfield by their supporters from around the country certainly was, and our inability to get the answers we were looking for quickly became painfully obvious. Our frustrations grew as none of us seemed to be able to dodge the threats. After their convictions for federal tax evasion and the springtime passed to summer and then summertime to fall, our frustrations turned to anger because of the time it taking to bring these criminals to justice. We asked questions. We tried to understand. Then we asked more questions and sent letters that were ignored. The United States Marshal's Service, our state and district representatives, the Governor, the Attorney General at the Justice Department and the State Police had nothing to offer us and only continued to say that orders were being directed from Washington DC. Residents were taunted by loud helicopters overhead as the Brown's continued to invite guests to their parties and defy all of us who work for things in the world to be right.

Through all of this drudgery there were many people who comforted us and gave us strength to keep right on going. They were locals, our family and neighbors who came to stand by us and protect us when Joe Haas came to town and was arrested in front of the town hall and taken away. There were those who serve us tirelessly on the police force Gordon, Larry, Paul and Tony. And then there were those for whom we always heard high praise from our chief about their willingness to offer support in any way- the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department and the Enfield and Lebanon Police Departments. We have often offered assistance to other towns through our mutual aid agreements, and when we were in need they were there for us.

This board wishes to express our highest praise and thanks for the level of commitment offered by our dedicated men in the Plainfield Police Department. We want our residents to not only know, but to understand, that we think of these people in the highest regard. These folks never gave in, even though all of us are extremely grateful no one was hurt all of us had hoped that it would reach an end sooner than it did.

At the end of the day when all the noise was gone and the dust settled, and whether or not you agree or disagree with the cause that the Browns were trying to defend, this board continues to believe in the process upon which our country was built. Though none of us enjoyed paying taxes of any kind, it is, nonetheless, the means by which we are able to continue to uphold and protect the very values that hold us together as a society. When some of us feel as though government on any level is not working as it should for us, the process will eventually bring the changes that we are seeking. We have always encouraged people to become involved and to speak up so that all of us have the very best understanding about the way things should be. The system is not always perfect, but we hope you will agree that even through the extremes, Plainfield is a beautiful place to live.

Respectfully, Mark Wilder, Chair, Robert Taylor, Judy Belyea

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As directed by the board of selectmen, in addition to the routine duties associated with the operation of our local government the town office worked on the following projects during 2007:

**Edward and Elaine Brown 323 Center of Town Road:** The town office's role in this federal fugitive from justice issue was focused primarily on dealing as best we could with the national spotlight and assisting our Police Department in assuring town residents that all that could be done was being done to reach a resolution of this matter. To a large extent that town's options in this extraordinary case were quite limited. We did communicate regularly with the Federal Marshall's Service and our elected representatives about the need to resolve the matter as quickly and efficiently as possible. Enough good things cannot be said about the way our Police Department did its job throughout this difficult summer. The leadership that Chief Gillens demonstrated during this event was exceptional. Likewise, the nearly endless patience and common sense that Center of Town Road residents displayed in cautiously going about their lives as best they could while allowing the federal authorities to successfully complete their work also contributed greatly to the safe and reasonable resolution of this matter.

**Property Assessment Update:** The town entered into a competitive bid for a required update of our 2003 assessments (cities/town's are required by the state constitution to update assessments every five years). Three proposals were received and the contract was awarded to Avitar Associates of Chichester, NH. Avitar was the low bidder for the work, and they also have the experience of having done the town's 2003 full revaluation. The update work began in late 2007 and will continue until mid summer 2008. All property owners will be given notice of their new valuations and an opportunity to meet with Avitar appraisers and discuss their new valuations.

**Brook Road:** Late in 2007 the initial work on the Willow Brook Road project began with mitigation work to a small slide area near the Meriden Covered Bridge. The first phase of the main project will begin in the summer of 2008.

**River Road:** The town was able to obtain FEMA assistance in the amount of \$35,000 to repair a slide on the river bank south of the River Cemetery. We worked throughout the summer with the affected landowners, local river conservation groups and the New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau to design a repair that is reasonable and utilizing sound conservation practices. The actual repair work should begin in the spring of 2008.

**Vernon Hood Map Update:** Thanks to the extraordinary talents of local artist David Smith the town office was able to have the much used and loved “Vernon Hood Map” updated. The map has a unique style that is very informative, but also distinctive from the multitude of computer drawn street maps that are widely available. This is the third time in its history that the map has been updated. This latest version represents an entire redrawing of the map. The timing of this work has allowed us to combine this project with the Service Memorial capital campaign.

**Service Memorial:** The capital campaign for this important civic project was started and continues at this time. To date we have raised about \$12,000 in local donations and we hope with another \$8,000 in cash assistance and in kind donations we will be in a strong position to construct the memorial during the summer of 2008.

**Welcome to Plainfield Signs:** Late in the year ten new signs welcoming visitors to our town and various village areas were installed around town. The signs represent the work of a “sign committee” appointed by the selectboard. Determining the design, location and number of signs was an interesting exercise that took far more time and energy than was anticipated, however, the final result has been well received.

Submitted,

Stephen Halleran  
Town Administrator

### **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Zoning Administrator:	Stephen Halleran	469-3201
Building Inspector:	David Lersch	675-9318-Summer
	Thomas Lappin	469-3004-Winter

**Permits for the following projects were issued in 2007:**

10	New Single family residences	7	Renewals
2	Replacement SFH’s	2	Commercial Projects
7	Garages	3	Electrical Upgrades
27	Renovations	1	Pools
12	Additions	8	Decks/porches
13	Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings	1	Communication tower

**Permit total= 93**

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

During the year the zoning board **GRANTED** the following appeals:

**2007-01: Gordon and Fern Wilder:** Accessory Apartment 161 Tallow Hill Road

**2007-02: James and Molly Sheehan:** Practical difficulty test RSA 674:41 to allow for the removal and reconstruction of a single family residence at 21 Batchelder Hill Road, a class VI highway at this location.

**2007-03: AV Properties, LLC:** To convert the former Runnemedde School, 1050 Route 12A, building into an approved business project use to feature an Artisan/Antique Market.

**2007-04: Allen and Karen Rogers:** Practical difficulty test RSA 674:41 to allow for an addition to the couple's 30 Loomis Road single family residence.

During the year the board **DENIED** the following requests:

**None**

In addition to the above applications the board also updated its rules of procedures and held a joint meeting with the Planning Board to discuss a proposed wetland buffer ordinance.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

During the year the planning board approved the following applications:

### **Subdivisions:**

Mercier, Maurice	one new lot, Jordan Road
Richardson, James	three new lots, Route 120

### **Annexations:**

Malone, Mike	land from Y. Gobin & D. Gobin, Sugar Hill Road
Wilder, Mark	land transfer two parcels Center of Town Road
Taylor Farm, Inc	land transfer to William and Elizabeth Taylor and
	land transfer to James and Kelley Taylor

### **Site Plan Reviews:**

AV Properties, LLC	Artisan & Antique Center, 1050 Route 12A
Kimball Union	New student center, Miller to library conversion

### **Scenic Road Hearings:**

Daniels and Kenyon Roads	Public Service of NH line maintenance
Chellis, Harriman, Grantham	
Mt. and Whitaker	National Grid line maintenance

In addition to the above applications, the planning board updated the town's site plan review regulations, its subdivision regulations and continued work on the development of a wetland buffer ordinance.

The planning board also spent a significant amount of time and effort following up with Kimball Union Academy on the operational details of the use of the athletic field complex.

Submitted,

Jane Stephenson,  
Planning Board

### **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The conservation commission was pleased to present the Plainfield Conservation Award to Ruth Ann Wheeler at the 2006 town meeting. Ruth was recognized for her work with the local 4-H Club, the "Herbs and Such" PlainFacts column she wrote for many years, and above all for her pioneering work to conserve Plainfield open space lands for recreational use and other public benefit. The 1989 town report noted that "There were several changes to the composition of the Conservation Commission. Ruth Ann Wheeler stepped down after more than four years as chairwoman. Her naturalist's perspective, personal commitment to a conservation ethic and her knowledge of the town's land and people are largely responsible for effective commission activity." We couldn't have said it better.

Jim Taylor declined reappointment to the conservation commission, having served five terms dating back to 1992. We valued Jim's reasoned positions in every decision, and his leadership continued well beyond the few years he spent as the chairman. Bill Knight, fresh off masterminding the construction of the Ira and Sara Townsend Bridge, was appointed to fill the vacancy. Bill is a builder, coach, and outdoorsman who clearly likes to get things done. We are pleased to report that he has hit the ground skiing.

For the last two years, voters have approved appropriations from the Forest Maintenance Fund to mark boundaries on town-owned lands. The surveyor has done the deed research and located the boundaries of our most obscure property, the Townsend Lot. While substantial progress has been made, the work is not yet complete. We will wait to get this caught up before continuing with the project. The Forest Maintenance Fund has a balance of \$23,069.17.

Wetland permits, road maintenance, a serious erosion problem at the school and an adjacent farm field, and one or two landowner concerns comprised the bulk of our water resource considerations. Several potential land conservation projects were on the radar screen. The recently completed Natural Resource Inventory – Phase 1 will form the basis for future conservation planning. The Conservation Fund, the primary purpose of which is to conserve lands with important natural resources, has a balance of \$84,264.48.

Stewardship of Victor Hewes Memorial Park included basic administration as well as the planning of a new driveway, parking area, and related improvements which we expect to have completed in the spring of 2008. Also among our discussions was the wetland buffer zoning proposal, Greenup Week, protection of Class 6 roads from damage by heavy off-road traffic, and several trail issues. The Townsend Bridge and Trail Fund, (not a conservation commission fund – the board of selectmen is the “agent to expend”) has a balance of \$8014.20.

Conservation commission meeting minutes are posted on the town’s website at [www.plainfieldnh.org](http://www.plainfieldnh.org) or can be seen, with agendas and occasional supporting material, at the town office. The Natural Resource Inventory is also available on-line.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Grobe, Chairman  
Conservation Commission

### **RECREATION COMMISSION**

This past year was very much a learning curve trying to determine what best works for our kids in Plainfield. I thank everyone for your patience and understanding through it all. One of the things that I have learned is that smaller teams are better. I will try to keep this as a practice as we continue in the future.

Our baseball and softball program had a better season. The weather was much more cooperative and we didn’t get the rain that we had the previous year. Grades 3 and 4 had a very good turn out for both baseball and softball and they played other area teams. The grade 5 and 6 softball was light but we were able to field a team with the help of some of the 4<sup>th</sup> graders to fill in. They also played other area teams. Unfortunately we were unable to get together a team for 5 and 6 baseball because of low numbers. Lebanon was able to take the ones that wanted to play. At this time, the plans are to move the 5 and 6 teams for softball and baseball to fall under the school teams to line it up with the other sports.

The annual fishing derby was held in early June. With rain in the early morning, participation was down slightly from last year. It did clear off and we had a great day. There were plenty of fish and they were biting well. Most of these were stocked and donated from Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm and from the State. There was plenty of food for the kids to enjoy donated from the Meriden Deli.

T-ball had 34 participants for grades 1 and 2 and an additional 16 for a kindergarten group. They worked on basic skills and grades 1 and 2 played games with each other in town. We did find that the teams ended up on the large size and plans for this year will be to run more teams with lower numbers so that all kids stay participating.

We had 20 kids sign up for our tennis program with several skill levels. We hope to build this program in the future. Our swimming program was well attended and enjoyed by 44

children ranging from beginners to experienced swimmers. This program is always well attended and is a life saving skill to learn.

We had a very big participation in soccer with 27 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys making up two teams and 24 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls making up two teams. They played in town as well as some other area recreation teams. We had an additional 40 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders that made up four teams that worked on basic skills and played each other. We had 28 kindergarteners that worked on basic skills. That was a total of 118 soccer kids. All received a ball to use at practice and to keep so they could practice at home.

Basketball is currently running with 18 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders working on basic skills. We have an additional 27 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders working on skills and will play six games through the season with some area teams. They will finish off playing three games in the Claremont tournament at the end of the season.

I would like to thank Plainfield School and Kimball Union Academy for the use of their facilities. Also thank you to the Meriden Deli, Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm, and Keene Medical for their donations. I would also like to thank the town of Plainfield and the select board, and the members of the recreation commission for all of your support through the year. A huge thank you to all of the coaches, officials, and various individuals who have donated their time and helped make this program successful. Without all of your help and support, this program would not be possible to run.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Cantlin  
Recreation Director

### **PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY Trustees Report – Calendar Year 2007**

As always, thank you for all your support in various ways to the Philip Read Memorial Library. The library is a thriving community center with patron visits and computer use increasing again this year. Our programming increased this year, also.

Story time for the younger children continues to be a very important part of the life of the library. Diane Rogers continues to be the main reader and shares her storytelling gifts every month on the third Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Another ongoing program is the “Coffee & Conversation—Ladies Night,” which occurs on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Thank you to Katie Sheehan for organizing this.

In the past year, the following groups met regularly at the library: Plainfield Water District, Girl Scout/Brownie Troop, Women’s Investment Club. There are other groups who meet occasionally; eg the town finance committee.

The summer reading program “Reading Road Trip USA” had 40 children participating and the books read totaled 352. The summer program was complemented with these special events: “Travel Games,” “Painting—Views from Your Car Window,” “Traveling Story Time,” Valley Quest-Plainfield Village tour.”

Other programs held this past year were a poetry reading with poet/author Laura Foley of Cornish and two meditation workshops led by Ida Burroughs. We also took part in the state-wide Children's Poetry Day in April by holding a poetry writing workshop with poet Pamela Harrison of Norwich, VT, for school-age children, and a poetry story hour for younger children led by Diane Rogers. A series of three well-attended Forestry Workshops led by the New Hampshire Extension Service took place in the library.

Over 60 libraries throughout the state held programs and activities based on the junior book "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" by Ann Brashares. A pair of jeans traveled the state between libraries. Upon arrival, each library was responsible for decorating a portion of the jeans and sending it off to the next library. In preparation for the jeans' arrival, we held four programs. Trina Scheie, Lindsay Pullen, Ramya Kuppa, and Grace Sylvia wrote and performed (twice) a skit based on the book. We had two sessions where participants brought their own jeans and decorated them. Library patrons voted on the best decorated pair; Charlotte Grzegorowicz was the winner of a gift certificate donated by Hubert's Clothing Store.

A reception in honor of Chris Demarest, Meriden resident and children's author/illustrator, was held. Chris displayed and sold his original book illustrations twice during the year. He generously donated half of the sale proceeds to the library.

A state-wide program titled, The Big Read, featured the book "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury. We sponsored two programs: a book discussion led by Scholar Laura Rubenis and a lecture on "Civil Liberties in Post 9/11" led by Scholar Richard Hesse. These programs were partly funded by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

The cleanup of Rte. 12A through the Adopt-A-Highway Program was managed again by a group of dedicated volunteers. For the July 4 parade, our float, "American Book Classics," featured children dressed as book characters with posters of the books. Thanks to Ken and Chante Norwalk for the art work and children. We also participated in The Newcomers' Breakfast sponsored by the Plainfield Historical Society and two baseball-related summer reading programs: one with the American Library Association; the other with the New Hampshire Fisher Cats.

Our library director, Nancy Norwalk, was a guest speaker at the March Senior Luncheon. She also attended the Librarians of the Upper Valley (LUV) meetings, as well as being a speaker on Fundraising for Library Construction at a LUV meeting. Nancy also attended the New Hampshire State Library Conference in the spring at the Mt. Washington Hotel.

Our main fundraising events were our Annual Book and Bake Sale; the Maxfield Parrish Vintage Print Sale (jointly with the Stage Set Committee); and a performance of "Cornish Castles," a play about Maxfield Parrish (partially funded with a grant from the New Hampshire Council of the Arts). Another benefit for the library was a dance offering. Diane Sangermano and Richard Caruso led afternoon dance workshops followed by an evening dance with DJ John Tomeny. Our bi-annual Artist-Designed Handmade Book Auction was held and over 100 artists from Plainfield, the Upper Valley, around New England and other parts of the country took part. A gift basket raffle was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

The library continues to be well-used. Patron visits increased by 3.5% and computer use by patrons increased 26% over last year. Since the library addition was finished in 2004, circulation (items loaned out) has increased by 10.6% and patron visits by 39.7%. Use of items within the library has increased substantially. The additional hours on Wednesday have been very popular. We are always looking for ideas for items to be displayed in our exhibit case each month. If you have ideas or any collections, please contact Nancy Norwalk. Other services we provide are the sale of town trash

stickers and the loan of free passes to the Currier Art Museum in Manchester and the American Precision Museum in Windsor.

The trustees and library director are very thankful for all the help given to make the library so vibrant. Thank you to the many residents, who donated books, tapes, videos/DVDs and magazines, as well as other needed items. Donations of books are always welcome.

Our usual volunteers put in 48 hours each month. We rely heavily on our volunteers; and, in fact, continue to look for more volunteers. The Friends of the Library are always willing to assist us and new members are welcome.

We met with the architects to begin Phase II of the building—finishing the basement level. Our goal is to have the basement finished by the end of 2008, beginning of 2009. What an added bonus that will be when complete. As promised, we are raising funds to finish this work and will not ask for tax dollars. Contributions are welcome to the general building fund as well as to “The Alice P. Hendrick Memorial Children’s Room.”

One last—and very important—item to announce: Diane Rogers has been hired as our second aide. We are very happy that Diane is back working with us. She is a definite asset to the library along with our director, Nancy Norwalk and our other (and very important as well) library aide, Ruth Stalker.

As we have stated in the past and continue to believe, the foundation of our success is twofold—the tremendous effort put in by our many volunteers and the solid support of community members. For these, we are truly grateful and say thank you on behalf of the library.

Submitted by, Trustees: **Anita K. Brown, Jennifer Frederick, Beth Williams**

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**Summer Reading Program “Painting Views from a car window”  
Photo: Nancy Norwalk**

<b>PHILIP READ LIBRARY PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>On hand Jan. 1</b>			
Encumbered Purchases	694.00	694.00	630.00
Checking Account	<u>450.00</u>	<u>450.00</u>	<u>1,492.00</u>
Subtotal	<u>1,144.00</u>	<u>1,144.00</u>	<u>2,122.00</u>
<b>Income:</b>			
Town appropriation	49,537.00	49,537.00	53,976.00
Trust fund income	2,800.00	2,900.00	3,200.00
Fines and damaged books	500.00	500.00	500.00
Gifts	100.00	41.00	100.00
Books sales	725.00	732.00	725.00
Grants	0.00	426.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>	<u>68.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Income	<u>53,662.00</u>	<u>54,204.00</u>	<u>58,501.00</u>
Total	<u>54,806.00</u>	<u>55,348.00</u>	<u>60,623.00</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Salaries	27,532.00	25,591.00	30,903.00
Payroll Liabilities	2,106.00	1,957.00	2,364.00
Library materials	7,235.00	7,356.00	7,455.00
Audio-visual materials	1,265.00	1,353.00	1,300.00
Supplies	1,500.00	1,464.00	1,500.00
Postage	250.00	271.00	250.00
Computer tech./out services	600.00	872.00	700.00
Professional activities	885.00	807.00	885.00
Programs (includes grant exp.)	400.00	558.00	400.00
Electricity	2,895.00	2,720.00	2,895.00
Telephone	1,080.00	1,088.00	1,080.00
Fuel	4,000.00	4,779.00	5,850.00
Water	290.00	265.00	290.00
Maintenance	2,300.00	1,866.00	2,300.00
Elevator	900.00	851.00	995.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	186.00	300.00
Furnishings	500.00	474.00	500.00
Transfer to sick pay	74.00	74.00	26.00
Encumbered purchases	<u>694.00</u>	<u>694.00</u>	<u>630.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>54,806.00</u>	<u>53,226.00</u>	<u>60,623.00</u>

## **MERIDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT**

Thank you to all who support the Meriden Library in many different ways. We appreciate the donations of books, audios, movies, and other materials. Wreaths and plants have been donated which keep our library looking nice. Community members have also volunteered cleaning, restacking books, and purchasing needed items.

The Meriden Library Association also volunteers much to keep our library running as an important part of our community. The members of the association help organize our fund-raising events as well as making decisions on behalf of the library. Anyone is welcome to join and we greatly appreciate all who currently attend. We would like to thank Kevin O'Reilly for stepping up as president of the association.

Our Soup & Bread Social was a great opportunity to get out and socialize with community members. The food was wonderful and there were many who met new friends as well as visited with long-time friends.

We had a book sale in August and appreciate all who helped. We will be having another book sale in May 2008. We will need volunteers as well as shoppers. We accept donations anytime the library is open.

The Plainfield Technology group gave the library a temporary computer upgrade while we finish making decisions on the new computerization process we will eventually use. They have been great about helping with computer questions and technical issues.

We had a great summer "Reading Road Trip" program. We did fun activities which explored different places and activities of interest within the United States. Activity themes included a beach day, camping, boat races and making vehicles. We had great participation and had a lot of fun. It is wonderful to see the youth excited about reading adventures.

We had some great interest in story hour the first part of the year and would like to keep this available for our patrons. Please call if you are interested in attending.

At the end of last year, we started a book group. The group usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm. There have been some great books discussed so far and we are looking forward to many more great discussions. All are welcome to join.

Betsy and Henry Beck moved out of the community this year. We will indeed miss them as well as their dedicated service to the library. Pam Abrahamson has been wonderful about filling in as a trustee.

The Meriden Library is a wonderful community resource and we appreciate all who make that happen. Please let us know if we can help you in any way or if you have suggestions for change.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Crate, Rachel Stoddard, Pam Abrahamson.  
Meriden Library Trustees

# **MERIDEN LIBRARY BUDGET**

	<b>BUDGET 2007</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2007</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2008</b>
On Hand – Jan. 1, 2007			
Checking Account	916.05	916.05	1467.91
Petty Cash	<u>53.58</u>	<u>53.58</u>	<u>57.95</u>
SUBTOTAL	969.63	969.63	1,525.86
Income			
Town Appropriation	30,581.00	30,839.32	31,881.00
Town Appropriation FICA	1,454.00	1,195.68	1,454.00
Trust Funds	970.00	994.27	970.00
Gifts – Memorials	0.00	100.00	0.00
Gifts – Miscellaneous	500.00	1,000.00	500.00
Book Fines	100.00	218.63	100.00
Book Sales	150.00	128.00	150.00
Interest	100.00	200.57	100.00
Building Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>	<u>33.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
INCOME	<u>33,855.00</u>	<u>34,709.47</u>	<u>35,155.00</u>
TOTAL	34,824.63	35,679.10	36,680.86
Expenses			
Salaries	19,001.00	17,541.45	19,001.00
Fica	1,454.00	1,195.68	1,454.00
Library Materials	6,500.00	5,713.26	6,500.00
Telephone	600.00	712.26	800.00
Electricity	600.00	995.34	1,200.00
Fuel	2,500.00	2,174.29	3,000.00
Water	500.00	495.00	500.00
Supplies	700.00	666.16	700.00
Postage	600.00	273.25	600.00
Professional Activities	500.00	98.33	500.00
Programming	200.00	23.49	200.00
Maintenance	700.00	717.85	700.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>	<u>55.53</u>	<u>0.00</u>
EXPENSES	33,855.00	30,661.89	35,155.00
Checking Account (12/31/07)			1,467.91
Petty Cash		<u>53.58</u>	
		1,521.49	
TOTAL	33,855.00	32,183.38	35,155.00
Building Fund Balance		59,383.09	
Other Funds			
Memorial Fund		1,408.03	
McNamara Fund		636.07	
Sick Pay Account		616.07	
Computer Fund		2,600.00	
Reference Material Replacement		4,987.93	
Book Fund		1,590.35	
Library Automation		6,000.00	

## REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT 2007

This past year has been a trying year for the residents of Plainfield and the police department. One situation on Center of Town Road consumed almost ten months of 2007. I am extremely proud of the support from the residents of Plainfield and especially the residents of the Center of Town Rd. Your support and understanding was fantastic. I am also proud of the conduct and professionalism of the Plainfield Police Officers that assisted me throughout the year.

Respectfully,  
Gordon A. Gillens  
Police Chief

### POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS

**TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE:      1,300**

Driving while intoxicated	02	Alarms	61
Assault	07	Animals	111
Sexual assault	01	Medical emergency	41
Firing of weapons	14	Fire calls	22
Theft	35	Motor vehicle	86
Fraud	14	Admin. Relays	00
Domestic violence	01	Suspicious persons	107
Liquor Laws	03	Trespassing	10
Bad checks	04	Missing person	03
Possession stolen property	01	Public hazards	28
Drugs	03	Motorist assist	70
Disorderly conduct	42	Civil	48
Criminal mischief	31	Open doors	51
Auto theft	00	House checks	56
Criminal threats	07	Assist other PD'S	107
Arson	00	Accidents with injury	10
Burglary	03	Accidents no injury	71
Intoxication	02	E 911 calls	24
		Unattended deaths	07
<b>TOTAL CRIMES:</b>	<b>120</b>	Other complaints	234
		Juvenile complaints	12
		Fatal accidents	01
Defective equipment tags	10		
Motor vehicle summons	89		
Motor vehicle warnings	395		
<b>Total other activities</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>Total complaints</b>	<b>1,160</b>



2007 Town Meeting local police officers R-L Eric Brann, Paul Roberts and Lawrence Dore being honored for their heroic efforts during a Route 12A traffic accident.

### MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Meriden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 101 calls for help this year.

#### Alarm Investigations

Motor vehicle accidents	9	Downed power lines	3
Propane Smells	1	Tree Fire	2
Structure Fire	2	Home lightning strike	1
Car Fire	1	Alarms	30
Brush Fire	1	Chimney fire	3
Trees in Road	2	Burnt food	1
Furnace Overheating	1	Furnace explosion	1
Smoke Investigations	3	Non-permitted burn	4

#### Mutual Aid Given

Plainfield	21	Cornish	4
Enfield	1	Lebanon	8
West Windsor	1	Claremont	1

#### Mutual Aid Received

Cornish	7	Plainfield	7
Cornish Rescue	10	Lebanon	6
Canaan	1	Claremont	1
Windsor	1	Enfield	1
West Windsor	1	Ascutney	1

The Meriden Volunteer Fire Department received a \$6,000 donation from the Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. Heritage Grant (two KUA Alumni) to buy a new laptop computer and a projector to show training materials. In addition, we also received four sets of fire fighter gear. We also received a \$32,000 federal grant for seventeen sets of fire fighter turn out gear and a gear washer. Peter Maher (KUA Brigade) has also done an excellent job of raising funds from past KUA Brigade members and Kimball Union to upgrade the brigade fire fighting gear.

The worst loss of the year was the home of Gardiner and Kay MacLeay. The damage was a result of a boiler explosion during a power outage.

The department received its Internal Revenue Service 501 © 3 designation for nonprofit organizations.

The department is looking into building an addition to the station next year. Currently, it is quite difficult to get all four vehicles into a three bay station. Due to the amounts and different types of fire fighting equipment that we feel is necessary to have in house, we can no longer get away with only three trucks.

Meriden fire fighters train the first and third Monday nights of the month. If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to come. Our business meeting is held on the second Monday night of the month. This is a chance for those who are not interested in fire fighting to help the department.

At this time I have decided to step down as chief of the department effective on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008. After eighteen years as chief, I feel it is time to turn the department over to a new chief who may have new ideas. I have for the most part had a very good experience as chief; there of course have also been some bad days. I want to thank everybody for their support over the years. As I step down from the chief position I feel the department is in very good shape. Thank you to all the fire fighters and their families for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Best Chief

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2007 ACTUAL & 2008 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET**

				PROPOSED
	2007			2008
RECEIPTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$ 37,000	\$ 37,000	\$ -	\$ 38,000
<u>OTHER SOURCES</u>				
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	2,700	3,672	972	3,000
SPRING DINNER – 2008	-	(648)	(648)	3,500
SPRING DINNER - 2007	3,000	5,681	2,681	-
DONATIONS	1,500	8,377	6,877	5,125
HAZMAT CLEANUP PAYMENTS	-	-	-	-
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	100	57	(43)	1,000
MISC	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	7,300	17,140	9,840	12,625
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 44,300	\$ 54,140	\$ 9,840	\$ 50,625
				PROPOSED
	2007			2008
DISBURSEMENTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
TELEPHONE	\$ 1,000	\$ 886	\$ 114	\$ 1,000
ELECTRICITY	700	868	(168)	900
SEWER	240	240	-	240
HEATING OIL	1,500	1,610	(110)	2,000
INSURANCE	7,500	7,254	246	7,500
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	10,450	10,294	156	11,675
COMPUTER EXPENSES	350	219	131	350
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	450	388	62	450
GAS, DIESEL	1,200	1,466	(266)	2,000
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	400	615	(215)	650
TRAINING	2,500	2,278	222	1,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	7,320	10,035	(2,715)	11,160
STATION MAINTENANCE	3,000	528	2,472	3,000
UNIFORMS	1,000	495	505	6,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	200	-	200	200
NON-PROFIT APPLICATION FEE	-	75	(75)	-
SMALL TOOLS AND TOOLBOX	1,000	868	132	-
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
MISC	500	508	(8)	500
SUBTOTAL	40,310	39,627	683	49,625
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE	4,990	15,512	(10,522)	1,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 45,300	\$ 55,140	\$ (9,840)	\$ 50,625

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2007 ACTUAL & 2008 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET**

**OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	54,140	50,625
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>55,140</u>	<u>50,625</u>
NET CHANGE	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u><u>\$ 4,500</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,500</u></u>

**CAPITAL RESERVE SUMMARY**

	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 146,479	\$ 176,389
INCREASE RESERVE	15,512	1,000
INTEREST / EARNINGS	6,671	5,600
GEAR & GEAR WASHER GRANT	30,374	-
GEAR & GEAR WASHER	<u>(22,648)</u>	<u>(7,726)</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u><u>\$ 176,389</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 175,263</u></u>

**PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2007 REPORT**

The year 2007 was another busy year for the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department. We had 59 calls for service, down 3 from the record high of 62 in 2006. The severity of calls ranged from false alarms to triple fatal auto accident. We saw growth in the department both in equipment and in personnel. The department took delivery of the last of the equipment from the fire act grant we were awarded in 2006. The included some SCBA's (air tanks), fire clothing and flashlights. In October we purchased a rescue truck from the Town of Lyme. We converted this Ford 350 one tone duel wheel all wheel drive truck into a utility vehicle. The truck is equipped with a 150 gallon water tank and 150 gpm pump. The truck is further equipped with our forestry gear, spare SCBA's, fire extinguishers and other support equipment. This versatile vehicle has already proven to be very useful.

We have three members who are now going to a state run level 1 firefighter course. The course takes approximately six months to complete. When completed, all of our membership will have earned at least level 1 trained status.

The department continues to have our spaghetti dinners on the third Saturday in January, March, May, July, September and November. The dinners are great opportunities to see old friends and make new ones. Cost is by donation.

Our members spent approximately 500 hours at emergency calls this past year and another 200 hours at drills (this does not include the level 1 training). So you can see there is a large time commitment by the people who protect you and your family and your property.

Anytime you see vehicles at the station, please feel free to stop in and tour the facility. We are proud of the station and equipment. Thanks to all of you for your continued support of our efforts at the PVFD.

#### **Statistics**

Chimney Fires	10	Vehicle Accidents	08	Tree/Powerlines	16
Boiler failure	01	Brush fires	04	Forest Fires	01
Appliance Fire	01	Structure Fire	06	Rescue Asst	02
Hot air balloon	01	Electrical Fire	01	Clothing Fire	01
Alarm Activation	07				

Mutual aid given: Meriden 9, Cornish 2, Lebanon 3, Claremont 1. Mutual aid received: 19

Respectfully submitted  
Frank H. Currier, Chief

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**PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OPERATING EXPENSES & BUDGET**

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Actual 2007</b>	<b>Estimated 2008</b>
Accounting	\$ 200.00	\$ 200
New Equipment	\$ 63,011.40	\$ 4,000
Equipment Repairs	\$ 2,540.01	\$ 2,000
Supplies	\$ 2,396.67	\$ 2,000
Electricity	\$ 1,204.52	\$ 1,200
Telephone	\$ 1,649.00	\$ 1,600
Heat	\$ 4,796.30	\$ 5,000
Diesel Fuel	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000
Water	\$ 253.72	\$ 300
Insurance	\$ 6,352.22	\$ 8,000
Schools & Training	\$ 114.46	\$ 500
Radio & Radio Repairs	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,000
Fees/Dues	\$ 1,594.79	\$ 800
Building (New)	\$ 24,778.80	\$ 29,000
Haz-mat Team	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000
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	\$ 110,911.89	\$ 57,600

**RECEIPTS**

French's Ledge Fire	\$ 670.20
Warden Fire Training	\$ 365.52
Title 4 Funds	\$ 1,201.64
Fund Raising	\$ 2,266.34
Town Appropriation	\$ 39,000.00
Sales	\$ 13,200.00
Federal Grant	\$ 56,525.00
Donations	\$ 570.25
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	\$ 113,798.95

Receipts	\$ 113,798.95
Expenses	<hr/>
Balance	\$ 2,887.06

12/31/07

Jesse R. Stalker  
Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local forest fire warden, fire department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local forest fire warden or fire department to determine if a permit is required before ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forest & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdfl.org](http://www.nhdfl.org).

Fire activity was very high during the spring of 2007 fire season, particularly in late April and early May. As the forests and fields greened up in late May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September with the fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent wildland 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 and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's forest rangers by being fire wise and fire safe.

### NH FIRE STATISTICS

<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED-2007</u>			<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
Arson	5	<b>2007</b>	437	212
Campfire	38	<b>2006</b>	500	473
Children	22	<b>2005</b>	546	174
Smoking	41	<b>2004</b>	482	247
Debris	197	<b>2003</b>	374	100
Railroad	5			
Equipment	3			
Lightning	7			
Misc*	119	(*Misc: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE**

## **REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD**

Members of the Cornish Rescue Squad with the support of the two communities continue to answer calls 24/7. Our members are certified and NH licensed First Responders, EMT B's, EMT I's and Paramedics. Why do we get up in the middle of the night? Go out in the cold? Leave dinners on the table? Because our neighbors called for help, that's why.

Our call volume for 2007 remained about the same as 2006. The trend for calls also mirrored 2006 with several calls in a row, followed by few or no calls for a period of time. Our calls varied from MV crashes to medical calls to supporting local fire departments at fire scenes.

The financial support we receive annually from the towns of Plainfield and Cornish continues to cover the cost of operations and dispatching. We were notified by Windsor Dispatch center in December that they will no longer be providing dispatch services for area departments. We are working with the members of the Repeater Association to move to another dispatch center that will best fit our needs.

Once again, your generous donations given during our recent fund drive have allowed us to upgrade equipment, purchase protective clothing for our members, supplies, and provide funds for training. As always, we are most appreciative of your support.

As my first year as president comes to an end, I thank the officers and trustees for their support. Rob Drye, Vice President; Fred Schad, Treasurer; Paul Merchant, Secretary and Trustees, Steve Jameson and Jeff Katchen. Their help has been most valuable, in learning the "ropes", and moving our squad forward. I also thank all members for volunteering their time to respond to calls, continue with training, etc...

We encourage residents to make their 911 house number visible from the road. Placing it on a mailbox, or on the front of the house makes it easier to find you in case of an emergency.

Please feel free to call us if you have any questions regarding health concerns at your house, placing 911 numbers or, if you have an interest in joining our Squad. You can reach us by calling 675-2221.

Sincerely,

**Dale H. Lawrence**  
President

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## SELECTBOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS

The Selectboard use named agents to expend for five 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.

**Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 2007 were:**

**Library Repair Fund**

Deposits-	\$2,500	
	Town meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-		\$0

**Town  
Bridge Fund**

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

**Town Hall  
Repair Fund**

Deposits-	\$5,000	
	Town meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-		\$2,493
PTH water heater hook up	\$444	
PTH propane tank project	\$783	
PTH miscellaneous repairs	\$ 84	
MTH slate roof repairs	\$275	
MTH furnace repair	\$544	
MTH lock repairs	\$363	

**Revaluation Fund**

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

**ADA Compliance**

Deposits-	\$ 0	
Withdrawals-	\$ 0	

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 Plodzick and Sanderson completed the 2007 audit in January of 2008. 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.

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**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD  
BALANCE SHEET  
December 31st, 2007**

**ASSETS:**

CASH:

CHECKING ACCOUNT \$39,503

INVESTMENTS \$2,478,943

PETTY CASH \$250

**TOTAL CASH \$2,518,696**

PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE \$378,306

CURRENT USE RECEIVABLE \$0

YIELD TAX RECEIVABLE \$455

TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE \$118,478

**TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE \$497,239**

DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES \$15,500

**TOTAL ASSETS: \$3,031,435**

**LIABILITIES:**

DUE CONSERVATION FUND \$25,965

DUE TO TRUST FUNDS \$5,800

DUE TO STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE \$498

PAYABLES:

SCHOOL \$2,287,332

INVOICES \$41,072

ACCRUED PAYROLL \$19,758

PERFORMANCE BOND \$7,658

**TOTAL PAYABLES \$2,355,820**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES \$2,388,083**

**FUND BALANCE \$643,352**

RESERVED- LAND USE CHANGE TAX (\$14,465)

RESERVED-WILLOW BROOK RD FEMA (\$77,812)

RESERVED-RIVER ROAD FEMA (\$27,013)

RESERVED-SERVICE MEMORIAL (\$10,665)

RESERVED-POLICE/CORNISH RESCUE (\$5,476)

RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES (\$20,775)

**UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE: \$487,146**

**GRAND TOTALS: \$3,031,435**

**UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2006 \$433,717**

**UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2007 \$487,146**

**CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION \$53,429**

### SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Bonds & Loans as of 12/31/07

Philip Read Memorial Library	\$262,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$262,500</b>

### RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2007	\$ 287,500
New debt during the year	\$0
Debt retirement during the year	
Library Addition	\$ 25,000
<b>Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2007</b>	<b>\$262,500</b>

### HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT 2007 EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

2007	Block Grant Appropriation	\$100,761
	<b>FEMA River Road</b>	<b>\$35,445</b>
	<b>FEMA Willow Brook Road (1<sup>st</sup> payment)</b>	<b>79,875</b>
	<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$216,081</b>
	<b>Willow Brook Road</b>	
	Engineering FEMA Application	<b>\$2,063</b>
	<b>River Road</b>	
	Wetland permitting	\$432
	Gravel Crushing	\$8,000
		<b>\$8,432</b>
	<b>Beauty Hill Road</b>	
	Pavement Reclamation	\$18,850
	Culverts	\$5,866
	Underdrain/stone	\$12,509
	Equipment Rental	\$12,175
	Paving	\$57,720
	<b>Total Beauty Hill Rd</b>	<b>\$107,120</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$117,615</b>
	Encumbered for 2008 Work	<b>\$98,466</b>
	(River Road \$27,013, WBR \$77,812)	
		<b>\$216,081</b>

## FIVE-YEAR ROAD PROJECT PRIORITIES

As required by the passage of article ten at the 1998 Annual Meeting, the following represents the selectmen'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.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Work</b>
'99	River Rd	phase III-prep completion and base paving. <b>Completed</b>
'00	River Rd	phase IV-topcourse paving, shoulder work. <b>Completed</b>
'01	Jenney Rd	base reconstruction/paving <b>Completed</b>
'02	Daniels Rd	base reconstruction/paving. <b>Completed</b>
'04	Bean Rd	base reconstruction/paving. <b>Completed</b>
'05	Bean Rd/Westgate Culvert/drainage work.	<b>Completed.</b>
'06	Westgate base reconstruction/paving.	<b>Completed.</b>
'07	Beauty Hill Rd	base reconstruction/paving <b>Completed.</b>
'08	Colby Hill Rd/Freeman Rd	base reconstruction/paving
'08	Willow Brook Road	base reconstruction/paving.
'09	Willow Brook Road	base reconstruction/paving.
'10	Willow Brook Road	base reconstruction/paving.
'11	Methodist Hill Road	base reconstruction/paving.
'12	Penniman Road	resurfacing



Selectboard members Rob Taylor and Mark Wilder consulting with Road Agent Ken Stocker and Assistant Road Agent Richard Collins on the Willow Brook Road slide project.

Photo Credit: Stephen Halleran

### TOWN EMPLOYEES SALARIES

Alden, Joshua M	Patrolman	\$ 252.00
Begin, Peter E	Patrolman	112.00
Belyea, Judith A	Selectman	2280.00
Bulman, Michael J	Truck Driver	22944.22
	Overtime	4385.56
Cantlin, Daniel	Recreation Director	5580.00
Chapman, Annamay	Sub-Librarian	2260.05
Collins III, Richard L	Assistant Road Agent	34532.00
	Overtime	10885.74
Dearborn, James M	Summer Road Crew	12878.00
Dore, Lawrence M	Police Sergeant	45906.00
	Overtime	5691.80
Franklin, Paul	Assistant Moderator	120.00
Gillens, Gordon A	Police Chief	56080.00
Grindle, Halton T	Welfare Director/Health Officer	539.00
Halleran, Stephen L	Town Administrator	52580.00
Hawkins, Allyson E	Tennis Instructor	1580.04
Hawkins, Amanda	Tennis Assistant	1280.10
Hollinger, R. D.	Truck Driver	29384.00
	Overtime	6191.80
Hunnewell, Nathan M	Swimming Instructor	1280.04
Jones, Harold L	Supervisor of Checklist	439.81
Jordan, Donald R	Supervisor of Checklist	137.25
Kennett, Joshua A	Truck Driver	4636.00
	Overtime	1446.00
King, Steven A	Truck Driver	10246.62
	Overtime	3631.08
Lappin, Thomas J.	Building Inspector	1314.00
Lersch, David H	Building Inspector	6435.33
Marsh, Michelle	Deputy Town Clerk	1373.10
Martin, Lindsey	Swimming Instructor	1580.04
Norwalk, Nancy E	Library Director-West	21400.84
Roberts, Paul M	Police Corporal	39570.00
	Overtime	6922.32
Rogers, Diane P	Supervisor of Checklist	884.86
Serem, Jerome	Equipment Operator	14505.80
Smith, Sean A	Truck Driver	4220.00
	Overtime	1665.75
Stalker, Jesse R	Trustee of Trust Funds	1200.00
Stalker, Ruth A	Sub-Librarian	3557.65
Stocker, Kenneth	Road Agent	51340.00
Stockwell, Bette	Ballot Clerk	110.70
Sullivan, Maryellen	Ballot Clerk	110.70
Sweet, Fred	Treasurer	3200.00
Swett, Anthony	Patrolman	8477.75
Taylor, Robert W	Selectman	2280.00
Taylor, Stephen H	Moderator	240.00

Thomason, Sheila	Library Director-East	15223.00
Timmons, Susan J	Ballot Clerk	328.55
Walker, Gregory M	Truck Driver	28820.00
	Overtime	6785.01
West, George W	Supervisor of Checklist	310.75
Wheeler, Ruth Ann	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	36190.00
	Overtime	378.77
Wilder, Mark H	Selectman	2280.00
Zea, Howard W	Town Archivist	1200.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 600,036.71</b>

## WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The health/welfare office continued to be available to assist people who hit that bump in the road, which we all hate to see. The residents of Plainfield and Meriden received aid from the following services:

Assistance to homeless	Relocation aid
Rent assistance	Heat/fuel aid
Food assistance	Prescription drug aid

It is with great thanks to the many individuals and businesses that make my job a lot easier and help our citizens when they are in need. If assistance is needed please call 469-3201 and a discreet appointment will be made so that possible help may be afforded to you.

The almost monthly senior socials have appeared to catch on as we have been averaging 65-70 seniors. Thanks to donations and the help from surrounding businesses we have had a wide range of food and goodies. The Millar fund has been there to subsidize us as we needed it. We are always looking for people to help make our delectable dishes. If you haven't tried one yet please join us and do so. Door prizes are given at all of our socials. Remember these are your socials so if you would like something changed or added please mention it to me and we will try to accommodate. If you wish to attend a social but need a ride please call 675-2646.

Thank you for a fruitful year,  
**Al Grindle**

## HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Residents of the Town of Plainfield continued to have access to needed social services from the following agencies during 2007:

**ACORN:** AIDS Community Resource Network, which exists to support and assist those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS. 2 Blacksmith Street, Lebanon, NH. **tel. 603-448-8887.**

**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. PO Box 188, Newport NH 03773 **tel. 863-7708.**

**GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER:** Provides services to senior citizens: meals, including deliveries of meals, transportation, adult day care, recreation, health screening and social services. PO Box 433 / Lebanon, NH 03766-0433 **tel. 448-4897**

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

**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.**

**VNAVNH/HOSPICE:** Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire Medicare is a certified home care agency that provides home health services to Plainfield residents. **331 Olcott Drive, Suite U1, White River Jct. Vt. 05001-9263 tel. 1-800-858-1696**

**VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION:** A program from Mt. Ascutney Hospital that provides caring volunteers of all ages who assist neighbors in need of a helping hand. Most frequently used services are: transportation, visitation, food shopping. PO Box 707 Windsor, Vt. 05089 **tel. 802-674-5971.**

**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.**

After expressing their gratitude for past support these agencies are again looking for funding from our community:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Granted 2007</b>	<b>Requested 2008</b>	<b>Budgeted 2008</b>
Acorn	\$300	\$ 500	\$ 300
Community Alliance	\$500	\$ 850	\$ 500
GCSCC	\$1,750	\$3,000	\$3,000
Headrest	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Sthwst Comm Serv	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
VNAVNH	\$9,590	\$9,590	\$9,590
Volunteers in Action	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
West Central Services	\$2,310	\$2,310	\$2,310
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,950</b>	<b>\$18,750</b>	<b>\$18,200</b>

**The Plainfield History Account**  
**(administered by the Plainfield and Meriden Libraries)**  
**January 1, 2007-December 31, 2007**

Choice White Pines and Good Land: A History of Plainfield and Meriden, New Hampshire has continued to sell steadily. The Plainfield and Meriden Libraries are in charge of selling, marketing, storing, and shipping the books. It has been 16 years since the history was published, and the number of copies sold to date is 1,078. The cost is \$45, and they are available at the town office and the Plainfield and Meriden Libraries. Our town is an interesting place and quite unique in many ways. Many researchers use this history as a reference for their books and magazine articles. "Choice White Pines..." is cited in many bibliographies. Purchase your copy now and read about **your** community.

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 will be 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	\$2,454.38
Income:	
Sale of books	\$ 540.00
Bank interest	<u>10.66</u>
Total income	<u>550.66</u>
	\$3,005.04
Expenses:	
None	
Balance December 31	\$3,005.04

**KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY STUDY COMMITTEE**

The charge of this committee is "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." Over the last few years the committee has held its discussions with the stated goal of "working as a collective community to maximize all of our local resources to enhance opportunities for all and at the same time reduce or control property tax increases."

**Based on our work this year, your committee reports the following:**

**Local Students:** Exclusive of students of KUA faculty, there are currently 32 students from Plainfield attending the academy. This is up from the 31 students that were reported last year, and 24 reported two years ago. A total of 6 seniors will graduate in the coming spring and based on early applications as many as an additional 9 or 10 new students from Plainfield will begin attending the academy in the fall bringing the number of local students for next year to as many as 35.

In the 2007/08 academic year, day student tuition was \$25,500. The property tax funded tuition at Lebanon High, the town's designated high school for Plainfield students, was \$11,043.

Based on the academy's dormitory, dining hall and kitchen assets valued for tax purposes at \$5,143,500, the discretionary exemption granted for 2007 had a value \$132,500. In return, Kimball Union provided to local students \$130,800 in "Plainfield Grant Assistance." In addition, the school informed the committee that another \$104,000 in financial aid from the school was awarded to local students.

The town and Kimball Union continues to explore the concept of expanding the Putnam Scholarship Fund as another local funding option.

The committee continues to support a need-based distribution of the Plainfield Grant. In 2007 the allocation formula remained 70% based on demonstrated financial need with the other 30% being divided evenly among the non-faculty Plainfield students attending the school. Again this year this resulted in all students receiving at least \$1,300 in tuition relief with the maximum Plainfield Grant award being just over \$9,000. This year's committee recommends that this same formula be used for the 2008/9 year.

**Facility Access:** Plainfield residents have continued to have access to KUA facilities and events. The skating rink, cross-country ski trails, tennis courts, athletic fields and track remain some of the most heavily used facilities. Local attendance at theatre productions and music recitals also remains strong. The school's active website provides up to date current information on open facilities times and upcoming events, [www.kua.org](http://www.kua.org)

Again this year the academy hosted a Plainfield Elementary School soccer tournament on the new-lighted artificial turf field. This experience is highly valued by our elementary school soccer players.

Kimball Union's use of the field lights has resulted in tension between the town's Planning Board and the school's administration. In follow up to the previous year's approval of the field, the two sides met three times over the year. As a result, the school plans to come forward in the early spring of 2008 and request a modification of the existing approval for the use of the field lights. It is not expected that there will be a request to expand the use of the lights past 9pm or to significantly increase the number of game nights that the lights are used for each year. It is likely, however that the school will request additional use of the lights during weekday afternoon/evening twilight periods for athletic team practices.

KUA students again this year hosted the holiday luncheon for Plainfield Seniors. This annual event features a holiday meal from the school's dining hall coupled with performances from KUA music students.

**Post Office:** While no certain plans are in place, both the school and your local town government have committed doing all that is possible to keep a US Post Office in Meriden Village within walking distance of the village compact. Kimball Union is actively investigating the process that is involved in relocating the facility to some other part of the campus. The school has indicated that renewing the existing agreement at the current location, which expires in 2009, is very unlikely. Research on the process used for siting a post office facility has revealed that if the US Post Office process requires going out to a formal bid there will be strong participation from the private sector to provide a new facility. However, the resulting location will be much less certain. In all cases, any new Post Office will be required to go through the town's site plan review process. In the end, the town's biggest impact may be making sure that the Postal Service is keenly aware of the importance of this facility to all of Meriden Village.

**Traffic Safety Improvements:** Over the past year Kimball Union has invested significant funds in reducing traffic on Main Street. Newly painted crosswalks and chain fencing have been used to define crossing locations. Starting in late March day student drop offs will be relocated to the new campus center further reducing vehicle traffic and pedestrian crossings on Main Street during peak school hours.

Due to the overall positive state of the town/school relationship, the committee, again this year, supports the approval of the KUA tax exemption.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bartles, Susan Plummer, Douglas Cogdon, Stephen Halleran, Rachel Tilney and Hugh McGraw  
**Kimball Union Academy Study Committee**



## PLAINFIELD RECYCLING January 2008

Plainfield's recycling rate is 22% versus everything going into the landfill in 2007. The cost savings to the town from recycling efforts went from \$ 23,487 in 2006 to \$12,696.00 in 2007. We had overall less tonnage and less recycled. The biggest difference was in the scrap metal collection.

	2005	2006	2007
Total tonnage	1,176.11	1,143.1	1036
Tons <a href="#">incinerated@\$91</a> per ton	910	885	417.0
Tons to Lebanon Landfill @ \$69. per ton			435.0
Tons recycled curbside	153	126.4	104.0
Tons recycled at Shed	113.11	131.7	80.0

**Curbside Recycling:** Cost savings to the town totaled \$7176.00 This is down \$4326.40 from last year. We made overall cost savings by not sending curbside recyclables to the incinerator/landfill, and a lower tipping fee at the Lebanon Landfill.

**Drop-Off Shed:** Cost savings to the town totaled \$ 5520.00. Items below, except for the tires and oil, and 2/3's of the metal could have been put in curbside trash. After using revenues from the Shed's recyclables to offset costs and processing fees, NRRA fees, the Shed cost \$1,737. including \$1,000 in Used Oil Grant to replace the old used oil tank.

**Father's Day Clean-up Extravaganza** generated \$2,787 in revenue. We collected household junk, tires, electronics/computers, and the usual items. The cost to haul and for containers, etc. was \$2,882 for a minor expense of \$95. This cost is down from last year's \$356. The Selectmen arranged for 2 days a year for hazardous waste collection. This year they were held at Lebanon Landfill. Plainfield resident's participation with 81 cars, cost approx. \$2,882. Up from last year's \$2,600.

<b>Material Collected at Shed</b>	<b>Est. Amount collected (in tons)</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Magazines, boxboard, junk mail	21.19	15.93
Scrap Metal	70.88	31.0
Corrugated cardboard, grocery bags	26.0	27.0
Office paper (white)	.75	.75
Tires (collected 2 times per year)	3.72	7.48
Tires recycled from Plainfield Elem. 2007		11.0
Household rechargeable batteries	N/A	N/A
Fluorescent tubes 6' in length or less	\$360	\$250
Oil – used @7.3lbs per gal. 630 gal	2.0tns	2.29tns
Printer cartridges	N/A	N/A
Cell Phones	N/A	N/A
Father's Day Junk		3.4

**Items left at The Shed that are not accepted but have to be recycled properly and legally at the cost to the Town.**

Propane tanks - approx. 50 tanks left off @ \$5 per tank to destem apprx. <\$550.>  
 Refrigerators - \$30 to remove freon, approx. 75 units approx. <\$2,250.>  
 Electronics – Monitors, humidifiers, computers, microwaves, etc; must be legally disposed of. <\$172.5>

In June the Solid Waste Committee will be sponsoring the third annual "Father's Day Clean-up Extravaganza", and there is a tire collection day in the autumn, funding the town's participation in 2 hazardous waste collection days (spring & fall). Many thanks to the recycling volunteers, Steve Halleran (for facts, figures & guidance), The Solid Waste Committee and especially to Ken Stocker and the highway crew for all of their efforts including and not least "the Metal Bin" and surrounding areas.

Hillary Sundell, Recycling Shed Coordinator

## Solid Waste Committee Update

Have you seen the recycling posters around town, done by Plainfield's sixth graders? Any questions you might have about recycling can probably be answered by one of these posters, or by going to our link on the Plainfield web page: [www.plainfieldrecycles.org](http://www.plainfieldrecycles.org)

Students at PES spent time in November weighing the waste generated by the school, learning how to reduce, reuse and recycle, and thinking of ways to help us meet our solid waste challenges. We had success at the school in waste reduction, and now we'd like to build on that success by challenging the entire town to reduce waste. The Solid Waste Committee has expanded our role in informing citizens about proper solid waste disposal through the school, website and PlainFacts. Join us at the Recycling Shed in June for our Pre-Father's Day Clean Up.

Susan Williams/Betsy Lynd for the SWC



**2nd Annual Father's Day weekend clean up day sponsored by the Solid Waste Management Committee. Photo: Stephen Halleran**

### **ANNUAL REPORT - 2007**

#### **Mt. Ascutney Region River Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions**

This year the Mt. Ascutney Subcommittee completed a new and expanded water resources chapter of the *Connecticut River Management Plan*, focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and vegetated riparian buffers along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river, including at Plainfield's River Road. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances. We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo, the newly discovered invasive alga in the Connecticut River.

Citizens who wish to represent the town should contact the selectmen. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome at our

meetings on the second Tuesday evening of every other month at the Windsor Resource Center. A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan* and much more are on the web at [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org).

***Ted Moynihan and Steve Halleran, Plainfield representatives  
to the Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee***

## **CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS**

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) issued a new Riverwide Overview for water resources in the watershed. Look for a presentation in your area in 2008. We won a major grant from EPA that will fund water quality monitoring at Sumner Falls, among other projects. We cooperated with Vermont and New Hampshire agencies in responding to the discovery of Didymo in the river, and hosted Governor Jim Douglas for Vermont's Clean and Clear Water Action Day. We also helped guide the new conservation plan for the Conte Refuge, supporting the public's original vision.

In 2007 CRJC considered issues as wide-ranging as the operation of hydro dams on the Connecticut River, silver maple floodplain forest health, mercury emissions, and Important Bird Areas.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard the valley's natural, agricultural, and historic assets, and is working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. In 2007 we worked with Hartford, Claremont, and other towns on a signage plan for the Byway. Look for signs in 2008 and visit the Byway at [www.ctrivertravel.net](http://www.ctrivertravel.net).

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, CRJC is advisory and has no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site for a calendar of events, useful information and links, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *River Byway News*.

***Nancy Franklin, Connecticut River Commissioner***

## **Senator Peter H. Burling District 5**

I am so pleased to serve you as your State Senator, and I write to report from the New Hampshire Senate on important state issues affecting you, as residents of Plainfield.

Last session, I concentrated on several key issues important to the citizens of New Hampshire: among them were helping New Hampshire's working families by increasing the minimum wage; protecting New Hampshire citizens' health by implementing a smoking ban in restaurants and bars, increasing access to health care by supporting expanded eligibility to health insurance, protecting New Hampshire's special places and open spaces by increasing funding of the Land and Heritage Investment Program,

adopting foreclosure protections for consumers, and reducing the high school dropout rate by ensuring attendance to age 18.

Below is a detailed account of the state aid for Plainfield:

FY 2007 State Aid to Plainfield	
Type of Aid	Amount
School Building Aid	\$ 27,054
School Lunch	\$ 753
Adequate Education	\$ 1,397,297
Retirement Contribution – Teachers	\$ 29,979
Public Water System Grants	\$ 63,176
Meals & Rooms Distribution	\$ 93,662
Revenue Sharing	\$ 30,039
Retirement Contribution – Police & Fire	\$ 7,377
Highway Block Grant	\$ 102,372
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,751,709</b>

As a member of Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee, Transportation and Interstate Cooperation Committee, and Chairman of both Election Law and Internal Affairs Committee, and the Executive Departments and Administration Committee, I will be very busy. I would be happy to hear from you on any issues of concern you may have. This session, I will continue to concentrate on issues important to the citizens of New Hampshire: costing an adequate education, implementing kindergarten in the communities that don't yet offer it, strengthening our laws to improve internet safety for our children, protecting the future of the New Hampshire Retirement System and revisiting highway funding and our statewide highway infrastructure. I have also been elected chair of the newly formed New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority which is committed to beginning the process of ensuring commuter rail to connect Boston to Nashua to Manchester with the hopes of extending it further.

If you wish to contact me about these or any other matters I might help you with, please call me at (603) 271-2642, or e-mail me at [peter.burling@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:peter.burling@leg.state.nh.us).

**Representative Matthew Houde Sullivan I  
Plainfield, Cornish and Grantham**

Before discussing the 2008 legislative session, which is well underway, I wanted to briefly review some highlights from the 2007 session:

**Health Care**

- Expanded access making it possible for another 10,000 children to enroll in New Hampshire's Children's Health Insurance Program
- Required insurance coverage for children's early intervention therapy sessions

**Economy**

- First raise in New Hampshire's minimum wage in 10 years
- Research and development tax credit to help attract innovative new businesses

- Renewable Energy Act passed, which will help New Hampshire meet its goal of ensuring we get 25% of our energy from renewable sources by 2025

**Environment**

- Dedicated funding for the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)
- including LCHIP funds that will be going to the Upper Valley Land Trust for preservation of 165 acres in Cornish

**Education**

- Passed a definition of an adequate education, which includes kindergarten

**Other**

- Eliminated straight ticket voting
- Banned smoking in restaurants and bars
- Passed Civil Unions

So far in 2008, the House has been active addressing bills that were “retained” (or kept over from the 2007 session to be worked on in more detail). One such bill, which recently passed the House, was to limit interest rates on short term lending (such as “payday” lending and “title” lending). As discussed in a previous newsletter, payday lenders provide cash for a short term (such as two weeks) against a borrower's upcoming paycheck. Title lenders lend against the value of borrower's vehicle. New Hampshire does not currently have a cap on interest rates, so these lenders can charge high interest rates (\$15 - 20 per each \$100 borrowed, which can result in interest rates of more than 350% when annualized - annual percentage rate or APR). This type of borrowing can result in a negative debt cycle if, for example, a borrower “rolls-over” a payday loan, only paying back a portion of the amount borrowed previously and creating another loan - with yet more interest. The bill capped the APR at 36% - as the federal government had done for lending to military personnel (at the request of the Department of Defense) since service men and women were finding themselves in financial trouble as a result of such borrowing. The bill now goes to the Senate.

Other topics on the agenda for the 2008 session include determining the cost of an adequate education - as defined in the 2007 session - and creating a responsible plan to fund it. I anticipate having a discussion about Constitutional amendments to allow targeted aid again this session. Other bills of note include a speed limit for boats and the creation of a “Do Not Mail” registry. Additionally, there are several property tax relief bills, including the one that I submitted. As many may recall, a warrant was passed at the Plainfield town meeting last year asking legislative representatives to propose legislation that would enable a town to provide property tax relief. The bill I proposed would allow (though not require) a town to provide relief from the property tax based on income and asset levels of the taxpayer. Currently, towns may provide relief based on income and asset levels, but only for residents over a certain age. This bill would allow relief based on income and assets - regardless of the age of the property tax payer.

I look forward to another productive year at the State House, and as always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

Matthew Houde

**Matthew Houde**, PO Box 66 Meriden, NH 03770

## **PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Town Hall Committee met several times during 2007. This year the committee focused on moving the gas tanks away from the building. The clapboards by the tanks are discolored and deteriorated from the exhaust of the furnace and water/condensation. There are still, however, many pending issues. The committee is also working on a long-term maintenance plan.

### **Finished Projects:**

1. The gas tanks were moved. After much study and discussion, it was determined that the best solution was to bury the tanks. The Highway Department crew was able to do most of the work, thus keeping the cost down.

2. The Knox Box was installed by the Fire Department.

**Recommendations:** (These recommendations, are ongoing, and have been forwarded to the selectmen):

1. Additional outside lighting should be installed to ensure the safety of people attending evening functions. This lighting would be on a timer and would be used only during the functions. This would be a good time to address the needed lighting as the selectboard is planning to change the lighting in the village.

2. A timer should be re-installed on the current outside above-door light.

3. The slate in front of the steps should be repaired.

4. Crushed stone should be placed along the foundation perimeter to protect the building from the effects of moisture/mold and to facilitate maintenance, etc. Regular weeding should be done. The contractor recommended this.

5. Windows should be washed. This has not been done since 1995. Glass in two of the storm windows broke and should be replaced.

6. The front threshold, which split, continues to deteriorate and should be replaced.

7. Several ceiling tiles, damaged by the water leak, should be replaced.

8. The committee has recommended some small changes in the rental policies; i.e., some wording related to the kitchen and a slight reduction in the hourly meeting charge, to bring it in line with the rate that the Grange charges.

9. The discolored and rotted clapboards on the north side should be repaired and painted.

10. A member of the Town Hall Committee or another individual should be on call during rentals for questions, information or problem-solving. This person would also be responsible for checking the hall and stage set after rentals to be sure lights, heat, etc. are off and the hall is locked, clean and left in good condition.

### **Long Term Maintenance Plan with Time Frame and Other Issues:**

1. Painting—separate estimates have been obtained for painting the outside stairs and ramp, the bathrooms, kitchen and main hall.

2. Plaster repair—an estimate has been obtained for repairing the plaster cracks in the main hall, which are not extensive. We have also received an

estimate for some preservation work on the original plaster and wallpaper in the stage area, which has not had any work done. Grants may be available for preservation work.

3. Discussions are ongoing about a user-friendly sign that could be used by organizations to advertise their event and which could be put out in front of the hall.

The Town Hall continues to be heavily used by private renters and town organizations. Plainfield is fortunate to have a large hall, which can be so diversely used. Functions held include the monthly Senior Luncheon and Social, the library book sale, the church rummage sale, dances and dance recitals, private parties, the library Artist-Designed Handmade Book Auction, the Maxfield Parrish Vintage Print Sale, the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Art Show, the Newcomers Breakfast, the Bonebuilders exercise class, the fencing class, municipal meetings and many more.

The Maxfield Parrish stage set continues to be a strong draw. Attendance at the Vintage Print Sale increased again this year. The stage set committee receives many inquiries and requests for special viewings of the set. All visitors are very appreciative of the effort made by the residents of Plainfield to preserve and protect this valuable and unusual piece of American art history.

Respectfully submitted by the Plainfield Town Hall Operations Committee: Nancy Norwalk, Beverly Widger, Brad Atwater, Pam Abrahamson, Nancy Scott, David Chellis, Ruth Cassedy

#### **VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

The capital campaign for this important project started in October of this year and was timed so as to allow for the inclusion into the effort of the newly updated Vernon Hood map. Our goal is to be able to start construction in the summer of 2008. As of the end of the year, the National Service Memorial has received \$10,665 in cash donations along with in kind equipment donations from local contractors to assist with the construction of the project. To insure that the project moves forward in 2008 the effort needs to raise another \$5,000 to \$10,000. If you are considering making a gift to this important local project please do so. Once completed, this memorial will be make a strong statement about our community's support for all those that have served our nation.

Submitted, Carl Strong, James Longacre, Hardd Jones, Stephen Taylor and Stephen Halleran, **Service Memorial Committee**



## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The charge of the finance is to advise the select board and other officers in the prudential affairs of the town.

### **Town Budget**

**General Position:** Once again the town administration, department heads, and select board have done an excellent job at preparing a fair and fiscally prudent budget. There is an increase in spending of almost \$100,000, but most of this is due to wage and insurance increases and skyrocketing fuel prices. A handful of items came to the table for consideration, but were scrapped in order to keep the budget as pared as possible.

**Highway Department:** A new truck is being purchased to replace the eight year old vehicle driven by the road agent. The truck being replaced has been repaired by the highway department on many occasions and the return on time and parts is no longer financially sound. The finance committee agrees it is time to purchase a new vehicle.

**Highway Equipment Reserve Fund:** As usual, the above highway vehicle will be purchased out of money from this reserve fund. This reserve fund, as most reserve funds, has been an important financial tool used to both make funds available when necessary and to lessen the impact on the tax payer by spreading the costs over a period of time. In order to perpetuate this fund and keep up with increases in equipment it is important to increase the amount of funding. A recommendation of a \$5000.00 increase has been agreed upon.

**Library:** Due to demand for more library hours, the increase in the number of patrons and computer users, and regular wage increases, salaries are up \$3600.00. The jump in fuel prices to heat the building is the other contributing factor in a total increase of \$5000.00. The committee continues to support the increase in expenditures of this community gem.

**Fuel:** As fuel price increases have driven up many of the budget increases, the finance committee agrees it is important that the town seek fuel cooperatives or price lock-in plans to at least guarantee prices for the up coming year. Plans are being considered at this time.

### **School Budget**

**General Position:** The school board, SAU, and the administration put countless hours into the production of a final budget. The majority of the line items in the budget are predetermined by contracts, state education rules, or federal mandates. This leaves a much smaller portion that is under the discretion of the budget

process. The board had the foresight to contract a fuel price for the year which saved the school a considerable amount. This group should be commended in its ability to bring in a budget with a modest 3.9% increase.

**Article III:** (Assistant Principal) The finance committee concurs that an assistant principal could greatly benefit the productivity of the school but is concerned that the administrative portion of the budget has become too large. It has been suggested by the committee in the past that the school board and administration investigate ways to reorganize the principal and SAU offices to make the position of assistant principal less of a financial burden to the community.

**Article IV:** (Tractor Purchase) The committee recommends the purchase of a new tractor for the maintenance of school paths, bus parking, and general maintenance of the school grounds.

**Article V:** (Building Maintenance Reserve) The committee believes, as always, it is fiscally prudent to keep reserve funds on hand for ongoing maintenance of the school building. We recommend the appropriation of \$30,000 for this reserve.

**Article VI:** (Benefits Payable Expendable Trust Fund ) The committee approves of this article. This fund will be used to pay for upcoming shortfalls in the state's retirement plan.

The finance committee consists of six community members that are truly concerned about the budgeting and financial soundness of our town government and school system. The committee is only an advisory group and though we feel it is an important conduit between the members of the community and the budgeting process, we believe the community should be the real force behind the financial decisions in their community. It is because of this, we ask the people of this community to voice their opinions and concerns at town and school board meetings, to question spending during budget hearings and to speak out at annual meetings to support or reject items. Please take the time to see your tax dollars spent wisely.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Lappin, Stephen Beaupre Sarah Brook Governo, Scott MacLeay,  
Rob Hewitt, David Chellis

## **Meriden Village Water District 2007 Operator's Report**

The first major upgrade to the wastewater treatment facility took place during 2007. The project was postponed in 2006 due to the bids coming in substantially higher than anticipated. The commissioners decided to bid the project prior to the annual meeting in order to have actual numbers for the meeting. The low bidder was Infrastructure Construction Corporation of Bow, NH. Additional funding was approved at the annual meeting and the contract was signed in June. New underground air pipes were installed from the blower room to each of the three lagoons. The lagoons were pumped out and P & H Senesac from Burlington, VT pumped out and dewatered twenty five years worth of accumulated sludge. New aeration diffusers were installed in all three lagoons. The new diffusers are suspended from floating lateral air lines. This new system allows for future maintenance or replacement without taking the lagoons out of service. The project was completed on time and under budget.

Work continued on the new wells during the year with the installation of the underground electrical and controls for the new wells. The engineer has been slow to complete the State approval process. Several state requirements remain to be completed. It is hoped that the wells will receive state approval during 2008. Two new sprinkler connections were completed, one at the Plainfield School, and the other at the Kilton Dormitory at Kimball Union Academy.

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

Donald E. Garfield  
Jeffrey S. Allbright  
Murray Dewdney  
Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District



**MINUTES**  
**MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING**  
**MARCH 20, 2007**

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 twentieth of March 2007 at 7:30 p.m., the business was disposed of in the following manner:

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

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

RESOLVED: That the following slate of officers be elected:

Moderator for one year:	Stephen Taylor
Clerk for one year:	Roberta Garfield
Commissioner for three years:	Murray Dewdney
Treasurer for one year:	Gretchen Taylor

The vote was 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 \$125,000 (gross budget) for upgrading the wastewater treatment system off Bonner Road, for removing and disposing of accumulated sludge in the lagoons and other wastewater system upgrades, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$125,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Commissioners are further authorized to accept any grants available from state or federal sources.

It was explained that this bond issue was to supplement the bond approved in 2004, since original bids were higher than anticipated. However, the project was recently bid again, and we only require \$125,000, instead of \$155,000 as posted in the Warrant. After further discussion, the motion was voted on by paper ballot, and the polls remained open for one hour (7:40 p.m. to 8:40 p.m.) while the rest of the meeting business was conducted. Nine votes were cast: 9-Yes, 0-No. The article received more than the two-thirds majority and was declared passed by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE III.** 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 \$230,872 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 IV.** The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the reports of District Officers be accepted as printed in the Town of Plainfield 2006 Town Report; subject to corrections, and that a corrected copy be placed on file with the District Clerk.

It was voted in the affirmative and 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 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.

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: That the District 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 equipment on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it

After voting on Article VI, the meeting was recessed until the voting on Article II closed at 8:40 p.m. After the Article II vote was tallied, the meeting continued.

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

RESOLVED: 1. That District charges for residential sewer service be increased from \$110.00 per quarter to \$112.00 per quarter.

2. That District charges for sewer service to Kimball Union Academy be increased from \$7,000 per month to \$7,850 per month.

3. That District charges for residential water service be increased from \$70.00 per quarter to \$80.00 per quarter.

4. That District charges for water service to Kimball Union Academy be increased from \$7,000 per month to \$7,250 per month.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

**ARTICLE VIII.** William Taylor, Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment System Operator, was commended for his work for the District. Most notably, he was cited for saving the District over \$50,000 by personally supervising the installation of new pumps and construction of a pump-house building. There being no further business, the meeting was voted adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Roberta I. Garfield  
Clerk

**Water Department Balance  
Sheet**

**As of December 31, 2007**

**Assets:**

Cash: In hands of treasurer	\$57,786.00
Reserves: Distribution upgrade fund	\$108,000.00
Accounts due district: Water charges due	\$15,275.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$181,061.00</b>

**Liabilities:**

Reserve Funds: Distribution upgrade fund	\$108,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$108,000.00</b>

Fund Balance Current Surplus	\$73,061.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$181,061.00</b>

**Sewer Department Balance Sheet**

**As of December 31, 2007**

**Assets:**

Cash: In hands of treasurer	\$73,029.00
Accounts due district	\$15,091.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$46,250.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$134,370.00</b>

**Liabilities:**

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$46,250.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$46,250.00</b>

Fund Balance - Current Surplus	\$88,120.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$134,370.00</b>

**Sewer Department**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Actual 2007</b>	<b>Budget 2008</b>
Sewer Charges	\$112,122.00	\$112,353.00	\$128,100.00
Hook-up	\$0.00	\$12,750.00	\$0.00
From Surplus	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$52.00	\$0.00
SRF loan	\$356,700.00	\$288,491.00	\$25,000.00
From Cptl. Rsrv.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

State of NH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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<b>Total Income</b>	\$468,822.00	\$413,646.00	\$153,100.00
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<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Actual 2007</b>	<b>Budget 2008</b>
Office	\$550.00	\$227.00	\$550.00
Legal	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Electricity	\$11,500.00	\$10,524.00	\$12,000.00
Insurance	\$17,022.00	\$16,628.00	\$18,000.00
Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$2,705.00	\$6,000.00
Telephone	\$600.00	\$513.00	\$600.00
Wages	\$32,500.00	\$32,515.00	\$33,500.00
FICA, Medicare	\$5,000.00	\$4,670.00	\$5,000.00
Interest on Debt	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Principal on Debt	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$17,500.00
Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$2,952.00	\$4,000.00
Effluent Testing	\$9,000.00	\$9,586.00	\$10,000.00
Vehicle	\$750.00	\$311.00	\$750.00
Capital Reserve	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Aeration/Sludge Rmvl	\$356,700.00	\$278,811.00	\$25,000.00
Ground Wtr. Mntring.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00

<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$468,822.00	\$364,442.00	\$153,100.00
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#### Water Department

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Actual 2007</b>	<b>Budget 2008</b>
Hydrant Rentals	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
Water Rents	\$100,950.00	\$102,268.00	\$113,250.00
Interest	\$200.00	\$95.00	\$100.00
SRF Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
From Capital Reserve	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$85,000.00
Fund Balance	\$20,000.00	\$21,066.00	\$0.00
Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$394.00	\$0.00
Hook Ups	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00

<b>Total Income</b>	\$224,750.00	\$130,423.00	\$201,950.00
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<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Actual 2007</b>	<b>Budget 2008</b>
Office	\$500.00	\$348.00	\$500.00
Legal	\$500.00	\$78.00	\$500.00
Electricity	\$5,000.00	\$5,967.00	\$6,500.00
Insurance	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00
Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$2,256.00	\$5,000.00
Water Analysis	\$1,250.00	\$1,746.00	\$1,250.00
Telephone	\$600.00	\$491.00	\$600.00
Wages	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00
FICA, Medicare	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Interest on Dbt.	\$39,900.00	\$34,591.00	\$30,500.00
Principal on Dbt	\$53,750.00	\$53,750.00	\$53,750.00
Capital Reserve	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,051.00	\$1,100.00
SRF Project	\$100,000.00	\$12,895.00	\$85,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$224,750.00</b>	<b>\$130,423.00</b>	<b>\$201,950.00</b>

### **PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT Commissioners' Annual Report January 2008**

This year presented the commissioners with the opportunity to finish some things left undone in previous years. While some of the things got done, some remain as challenges as we head into 2007. The commissioners were able to complete most of the project authorized in 2005 to add a fire hydrant and two flush points. The fire hydrant now stands on Whiney Rd., near the intersection of Stage Rd. and Route 12-A. We did purchase the parts to add the flush points and expect to do so this year, under our general system improvements budget. After considerable research and discussion of various options, we plan to complete the 2006 project to fix distribution on the west side of 12-A in the village, where four units share a single, undersized feed. Even with these projects, we are proposing a smaller budget than last year.

Completion of the well portion of the project allowed us to apply for the state grant to offset the cost of replacing gallery well systems (our old well off Hayward Road was a gallery well). This program funds up to 30% of the capital costs of replacing the well. Because our system design required the use of a large storage tank to allow the use of relatively low-yield wells (though the new wells yield far more, and far better water than the old gallery), the state certified 99% of our \$450,000 bond issue as eligible for reimbursement. This will give us a significant cash infusion over the next two years as the state makes up for the years between 2000 and 2006 when we were making bond payments but could not apply for reimbursement. We expect the annual payments toward the bond to begin this year as well. To this end, we are asking to set aside some of the money in capital reserve funds at the annual meeting, and at the same time reducing rates to reflect the reimbursement.

More maintenance was completed this year. We were able to add a valve that “should have been there” on Westgate Rd. while the town was working on the road, so that we did not have to tear up (and restore) any pavement. We have located all of the system valves, and operated all that were accessible (One is under the pavement on Peterson Rd.) We plan to repair one fire hydrant and raise the height of another this year as we continue to bring our system up to a state of good repair. We also plan to convert the pump controls to fully automatic operation.

Collections remain a challenge. Our “accounts receivable” number represents about half “old debt” (more than 180 days) and about half accounts that are one billing period overdue. We have seen some payment on all but a very few of the “old debt” accounts this year.

Large scale flushing operations seem to have brought our long-time sediment problem somewhat more under control. More flushing is planned for 2007.

There is plenty of work for anyone interested in helping. Please contact one of the commissioners if you’re looking for opportunities.

The commissioners, **Robert Drye, Henry Ingham, Ralph Patalano**

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2008 at 10:00 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

**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 **\$69,563** to defray district expenses, and to authorize the commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the District treasurer in accordance with the District’s Administrative Guidelines. Said sum does not include special warrant articles 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 **\$25,000** to be placed in the System Maintenance Fund established in 2007 pursuant to RSA31:19-a, and to authorize funds for this purpose

to come from the fund balance. (Majority vote required for passage.)  
(The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE V.** To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** for the purpose of constructing new distribution piping serving four houses on the west side of NH route 12-A, along with a fire hydrant. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2009, whichever is sooner, and to authorize funds for this purpose to come from the fund balance. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

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

Given under our hands and seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

At true copy attest: Robert Drye, Henry Ingham, Ralph Patalano

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT March 24, 2007**

Moderator Jeff Moore opened the meeting at 10:07 AM. Moderator Moore affirmed that the required notice of the meeting had been legally posted.

Rob Drye moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. Sarah Gillens seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE I.** Under Article I, officers were elected as follows: Robert Drye nominated Jeff Moore for the position of moderator for one year. Ralph Patalano seconded. Moderator Jeff Moore called for more nominations.  
Robert Drye moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for Jeff Moore and that he be declared elected. Ralph Patalano seconded this motion. Moderator Moore called for a voice vote, where no nay votes were entered. Moderator Moore declared Jeff Moore elected.  
Robert Drye nominated Margaret Drye for the position of clerk for one year. Ralph Patalano seconded. Moderator Jeff Moore called for more nominations.  
Robert Drye moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for Margaret Drye and that she be declared elected. Ralph Patalano seconded this motion. Moderator Moore called for a voice vote, where no nay votes were entered. Moderator Moore declared Margaret Drye elected.  
Robert Drye nominated Ralph Patalano for the position of commissioner for three years. Henry Ingham seconded. Moderator Jeff Moore called for more nominations.  
Robert Drye moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for Ralph Patalano and that he be declared elected. Henry Ingham seconded this motion. Moderator Moore called for a voice vote, where no nay votes were entered. Moderator Moore declared Ralph Patalano elected.  
Robert Drye nominated Sarah Gillens for the position of treasurer for one year. Henry Ingham seconded. Moderator Jeff Moore called for more nominations.

Robert Drye moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for Sarah Gillens and that she be declared elected. Henry Ingham seconded this motion. Moderator Moore called for a voice vote, where no nay votes were entered. Moderator Moore declared Sarah Gillens elected.

**ARTICLE II.** Ralph Patalano offered the following motion:  
Resolved, that the district accept the reports published in the 2006 Plainfield Town report on pages 91 to 96, as amended, a certified copy to be filed with District records.  
Seconded by Robert Drye  
Adopted by voice vote.

**ARTICLE III.** Robert Drye offered the following motion:  
Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$71,043** to defray district expenses, and to authorize the Commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the District Treasurer in accordance with the District's Administrative Guidelines.  
Seconded by Henry Ingham  
Voted by show of hands  
Voting Aye 8  
Voting Nay 0  
Moderator Moore declared the motion adopted

**ARTICLE IV.** Ralph Patalano offered the following motion:  
Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for the purpose of establishing an expendable trust fund pursuant to RSA31:19-a to be known as the System Maintenance Fund to be used for maintenance and repairs on the source, treatment, storage and distribution system owned by the district, with the commissioners named as agents to expend.  
Seconded by Henry Ingham Adopted by show of hands  
Voting Aye 8 Voting Nay 0  
Moderator Moore declared the motion adopted

**ARTICLE V.** Robert Drye offered a motion to thank Henry Ingham for his years of service, noting that his planned retirement might make him absent from the next district meeting. Ralph Patalano seconded, and a round of applause followed. Ralph Patalano offered a motion to thank Daniel Drye, who has been doing the meter reading. Seconded by Henry Ingham.

Moderator Moore then entertained a motion to adjourn.  
Sarah Gillens moved to adjourn, seconded by Brad Mighill. Motion adopted by voice vote.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:41AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Drye Clerk

**Plainfield Water District  
Proposed 2008 Budget**

	<b>2007 Proposed</b>	<b>2007 Actual</b>	<b>2008 Proposed</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Water Rent	72,000.00	76,436.68	72,000.00
District Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hydrant Service	1,750.00	0.00	1,800.00
Interest Income	50.00	112.96	100.00
Other Income	8,000.00	76,436.68	0.00
Transfer from Expendible			
Starting cash balance	10,212.63	10,212.63	77,432.45
	<u>92,012.63</u>	<u>163,198.95</u>	<u>151,332.45</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Administrative			
Officers' Salaries	520.00	550.00	1,040.00
Officer Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00
Clerical Salaries	450.00	195.00	200.00
Payroll Taxes	760.00	291.61	760.00
Postage	300.00	220.00	300.00
Office Expenses	1,500.00	750.78	1,000.00
Administrative/Legal	500.00	0.00	500.00
Insurance/Bonding	4,000.00	1,579.00	4,000.00
Total Administrative	<u>8,530.00</u>	<u>3,586.39</u>	<u>8,300.00</u>
Operations			
Maintenance-Labor	8,000.00	5,660.00	8,000.00
Maintenance-Supplies	2,500.00	424.50	2,500.00
Maintenance-Service	2,500.00	2,465.00	2,500.00
Utilities-Electricity	2,000.00	1,492.28	2,000.00
Utilities-Propane	1,200.00	981.63	1,200.00
Utilities-Telephone	1,000.00	865.68	1,000.00
Water Sample Tests	2,500.00	1,115.00	2,500.00
System Improvements	3,500.00	1,036.61	3,500.00
Total Operations	<u>23,200.00</u>	<u>14,040.70</u>	<u>23,200.00</u>

**DEBT**

Principal	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Interest	14,312.50	14,312.50	13,062.50
Tax Anticipation Notes repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Anticipation Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Debt Service	39,312.50	39,312.50	38,062.50

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

	71,042.50	56,939.59	69,562.50
<b>Article IV (2006 Warrant)</b>	5,000.00	353.36	0.00
<b>Article IV (2007 Warrant)</b>	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
<b>Article IV (2008 Warrant)</b>	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
<b>Article V (2008 Warrant)</b>	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
	81,042.50	62,292.95	104,562.50

**Plainfield Village Water District**  
**Statement of Cash Flow for the year 2007**

<b>Opening Cash position</b>	<b>10,212.63</b>
Water Rent	76,436.68
Other Income	63,288.72
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>139,725.40</b>
Admin Expenses	3,586.39
Operations	14,040.70
Bond Debt - Principal Reduction	25,000.00
Bond Debt - Interest	14,312.50
TAN notes -Interest	0.00
<b>Total operating disbursements</b>	<b>56,939.59</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>	
2006 Article 4	353.36
2007 Article 4	5,000.00
<b>Net cash flow before TAN borrowings</b>	<b>77,432.45</b>
Net TAN borrowings	0.00
<b>Net change in cash balance</b>	<b>77,432.45</b>
<b>Ending Cash position</b>	<b>87,645.08</b>

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2007**

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash		87,645
Accounts receivable		22,719
Machinery and equipment		124,288
Buildings		10,000
Land and improvements		70,000
Tank/Well project		<u>450,000</u>
Total assets		<u>\$ 764,652</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	0
Tax Anticipation Notes		0
Bond payable –NHMBB		<u>250,000</u>
Total liabilities		250,000
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted assets		<u>514,652</u>
Total liabilities and net assets		<u>\$ 764,652</u>

### MARRIAGES 2007 TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

Date	Groom & Bride	Residence	Issuance	Marriage (place)
1/20/07	Gonthier, Mark A Lundrigan, Tara A	Franklin Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
8/25/07	Rediker, Keith A Powers, Crystal M.	Quechee, Vt Plainfield	Lebanon	Lebanon
8/25/07	Labonte, Matthew P Sams, Amanda J.	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Cornish
9/02/07	Cedeno, Jeffrey A Grzenkiewicz, Emilia E	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
10/31/07	McBride, David J. Churchill, Carol E	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield

### BIRTHS 2007 TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

DOB	Name	Place	Father	Mother
01/12/07	Conklin, Sarah Marie	Lebanon	Conklin, Jeffrey	Conklin, Christina
01/19/07	Barton, Maciah Kimberly	Lebanon	Barton, Todd	Barton, Sherry
02/04/07	Patch, Gavin Thomas	Lebanon	Patch, Keith	Patch, Cynthia
03/10/07	Ellingson, Nina Rose	Lebanon	Ellingson, Eric	Ellingson, Elizabeth
03/13/07	Wallace, Taylor Lee	Lebanon	Wallace, Tracy	Wallace, Lisa
04/19/07	Delisle, Ainslee Claire	Lebanon	Delisle, Jeremy	Delisle, Ashlee
05/21/07	Billingham, Katelyn Elizabeth	Lebanon	Billingham, Zachariah	Billingham, Jennifer
05/25/07	Long, Grace Margaret	Lebanon	Long, Eric	Long, Nicole
07/18/07	Hamilton, Reese Quinn	Claremont	Hamilton, Alan	Poulin, Viki
08/01/07	Singleton, Andrew David	Lebanon	Singleton, David	Singleton, Marcy
08/17/07	Bean, Aiden Charles	Lebanon	Bean, Mark	Audette, Mary
08/22/07	Shields, Finola Adelaide	Lebanon	Shields, Charles	Shields, Aimee
08/27/07	Surgenor, Ian Comai	Lebanon	Surgenor, Stephen	Surgenor, Gina
09/04/07	Keen, Sebastian Jacob	Lebanon	Keen, Rangi	Keen, Andrea
10/09/07	Lambert, G, Christopher	Lebanon	Lambert, Matthew	Lambert, Micky
10/16/07	Lundrigan, Ryan Thomas	Lebanon	Lundrigan, Patrick	Lundrigan, Alisha
11/07/07	Bacon, Thatcher James	Lebanon	Bacon, Scott	Smith, Erika
11/15/07	Garfield, Zachary Turner	Lebanon	Garfield, Brian	Garfield, Beth

### DEATHS 2006 TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

Date	Name	Place	Father	Mother
03/23/07	Johnstone, Sondra	Lebanon	Wells, Frank	Manor, Vesta
03/29/07	Chapman, Arnold	Plainfield	Beckwith, Archie	Unknown, Pauline
6/21/07	Benoit, Vernon	Plainfield	Auer, Charles	Benoit, Ida
07/07/07	Barton, Richard	Plainfield	Barton, Verne	Brassor, Avis
07/12/07	Oakes, Lester	Lebanon	Oakes, Frank	Hanley, Catherine
08/02/07	Warner, John	Plainfield	Warner, Frederick	Harrington, Anna
08/23/07	Therrien, Barbara	Plainfield	Slayton, Hayden	Barup, Bernice
10/19/07	Clark Sr, Richard	Lebanon		Morrisan, Sarah
11/13/07	Carter Jr, George	Plainfield	Carter Sr, George	Blumlein, Doris
12/07/07	MacLeay, Vera	Plainfield	Hill, Charles	Westgate, Bessie

# INSIDE FRONT COVER VERBAGE

## **Vernon Hood Map Project Service Memorial Project**

The Selectboard was pleased in 2007 to make available to the community a refurbished map of the Town of Plainfield based on the original created by Vernon Hood of Plainfield Village. Many of you have owned or used a version of this map, which has previously been updated twice by the conservation commission with support from the Huntly N. Spaulding Charitable Trust. This latest version represents an entire re-creation of the map by local artist David Smith and includes the numerous road name changes that went into effect as part of the 1995 street addressing project. In addition, several new features have been added to the map.

The selectboard has decided to earmark all proceeds from the sale of the new map toward the service memorial project. The selectboard feels strongly that Plainfield should have a place to honor all those that have provided service to our nation. The site for the memorial has been chosen. The memorial will be located in Plainfield Village adjacent to the Plain Cemetery. The design details are completed thanks to the efforts of the town's veterans memorial committee. Please visit [www.painfieldnh.org](http://www.painfieldnh.org) for more details about the memorial.

Any person or organization who donates \$1,000 or more to the project will receive a signed, numbered framed print of the map measuring 21" X 32". The largest donor will receive print number #1.

All donors of \$500 to \$999 to the memorial will be entered into a raffle for an 18" X 24" framed copy of the map. Six maps will be awarded for the raffle with all donors at this level receiving a small copy suitable for framing.

Donors of \$100 or more will each receive a copy of the map suitable for framing.

If you have not already done so, please consider participating in this important capital campaign. We sincerely hope to be able to construct the memorial in the summer of 2008.

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Town of Plainfield-General Fund

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Adjusted Trial Balance

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Account # / Description	Prior Period (Adjusted) 12/31/2006	Unadjusted Balance Dr (Cr)	Ref #	Adjustments Dr (Cr)	Adjusted Balance Dr (Cr)	Workpaper Reference
1010-10 Cash-Checking	48,499.82	39,503.20			39,503.20	A#1.2
1010-20 Investments-NHPDIP	2,106,805.46	2,540,395.56	AJE-9	(61,452.11)	2,478,943.45	A#2.1
1010-21 Pooled Cash-Conserv.Comm.	(38,365.01)					
1010-22 Pooled Cash-LUCTfund	(5,330.00)	(5,330.00)	AJE-10	(9,135.00)	(14,465.00)	B/7#1
1010-30 Cash in Hands of Officials	250.00	250.00			250.00	A#1.6
1010-50 Petty Cash						
1080-10 Property taxes receivable	335,276.36	335,276.36	AJE-13	43,029.95	378,306.31	A#3.1(1)
1080-20 Land Use Change Taxes rec.						
1080-50 Yield taxes receivable			AJE-13	455.35	455.35	A#3.1(1)
1080-60 Excavation Activity Tax Rec						
1080-90 Allowance for Uncoll. Taxes	(20,000.00)	(20,000.00)			(20,000.00)	A#3.1(2)
1110-10 Tax Liens Receivable	115,695.77	115,695.77	AJE-6	116,002.47	118,478.48	A#3.1(1)
			AJE-13	(113,219.76)		
1150-10 Accounts Receivable	15,860.70	15,860.70	AJE-15	(360.71)	15,499.99	A#3.4
1150-20 Allow. for Uncollected	(793.03)	(793.03)	AJE-15	18.03	(775.00)	A#3.4
1260-10 Due from Conservation Comm.						
1310-21 Due from Library						
1310-60 Due from Other Governments	20,400.00	20,400.00	AJE-3	(20,400.00)		
1410-00 Prepaid Expenses						
2020-20 Accounts Payable	(21,625.05)	(29,028.01)	AJE-8	(8,236.23)	(37,264.24)	A#6.1
2025-07 Health Insurance						
2025-10 Payroll benefits payable	(28.34)	113.27	AJE-18	(1,531.88)	(1,418.61)	A#6.3(b)
2026-10 Accrued Payroll and benefits	(10,245.36)	(10,245.36)	AJE-16	10,245.36	(18,339.47)	A#6.3(b)
			AJE-17	(18,339.47)		
2028-08 Performance Bond	(9,471.56)	(9,471.56)	AJE-1	1,813.66	(7,657.90)	A#7
2075-10 Due to Others	(19,250.00)					
2075-20 Due to School District	(2,069,497.00)	(2,069,497.00)	AJE-4	(217,835.00)	(2,287,332.00)	A#6.4(1)
2075-30 Due to State-Fees	(562.50)	(562.50)	AJE-7	65.00	(497.50)	A#6.4(2)
2080-08 Due to Philip Read Library Fund			AJE-8	(2,089.89)	(2,089.89)	AF#3.6(2)
2080-09 Due to Meriden Library fund			AJE-8	(1,717.87)	(1,717.87)	AF#3.6(2)
2080-10 Due to Cons.Com.Operating Fund		(19,250.00)	AJE-11	(6,715.00)	(25,965.00)	AF#3.6(4)
2160-10 Due to Expendable Trust funds			AJE-2	(5,800.00)	(5,800.00)	AF#3.6(1)
2210-10 Escrow Deposit						
2210-20 Deferred Revenue						
2440-10 Reserve for Encumbrances	(1,075.51)	(1,075.51)	AJE-14	(119,890.67)	(120,966.18)	A#10.1
2440-11 Reserve for Contingency	(12,828.00)	(12,828.00)	AJE-14	12,828.00		
2530-10 Unreserved Fund Balance	(423,712.94)	(433,716.75)	AJE-14	107,062.67	(326,654.08)	(1)
(Profit) Loss	(10,003.81)	(455,697.14)		295,203.10	(160,494.04)	(1)
	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	

Fund Balance - Beg of Year (433,717)  
 Used to Reduce Taxes 21,063  
 Revenue Surplus (71,506)  
 Overdraft of Clipping 9,842  
 Decrease in Res for Contingency (12,828)  
 (487,146)

(1) Unreserved (487,148.12)

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Adjusted Trial Balance  
for the period ended December 31, 2007

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Account # / Description	Prior Period (Adjusted) 12/31/2006	Unadjusted Balance Dr (Cr)	Ref #	Adjustments Dr (Cr)	Adjusted Balance Dr (Cr)	Workpaper Reference
3110-10 Property Taxes	(872,314.70)	(5,608,471.92)	AJE-4	4,681,981.00	(970,986.44)	
			AJE-13	(39,505.52)		
			AJE-19	(4,990.00)		
3110-20 Overlay	17,478.30	11,421.41	AJE-1	(184.36)	5,110.60	
			AJE-5	123.55		
			AJE-11	(6,250.00)		
3120-10 Land Use Change Tax		(28,930.00)	AJE-10	14,465.00		
			AJE-11	14,465.00		
3185-10 Yield Taxes	(15,274.54)	(12,563.94)	AJE-13	(455.35)	(13,019.29)	
3186-10 PILT Taxpayer		(1,000.00)			(1,000.00)	
3189-10 Excavation Activity Tax	(84.00)	(85.00)			(85.00)	
3190-10 Interest & Penalties on Taxes	(37,211.21)	(34,855.31)			(34,855.31)	
3190-11 Tax Redemptions		(109,695.33)	AJE-13	109,695.33		
3210-10 Licenses, Permits & Fees		(5,602.50)	AJE-7	(65.00)	(3,773.00)	
			AJE-12	1,894.50		
3220-10 Motor Vehicle Fees	(431,074.00)	(436,146.50)			(436,146.50)	
3290-90 Other Licenses	(5,039.50)					
3310-00 Federal Sources		(139,072.93)			(139,072.93)	
3351-00 Shared Revenue	(118,711.29)	(132,140.00)	AJE-19	4,990.00	(127,150.00)	
3353-00 Highway Block Grant	(105,213.12)	(100,671.33)			(100,671.33)	
3356-00 State-Federal Forests	(161.84)	(424.40)			(424.40)	
3357-00 Flood Control						
3359-10 Other State Revenue	(274.93)	(532.82)			(532.82)	
3401-10 Income from Departments	(52,027.86)	(28,238.08)			(28,238.08)	
3409-10 Refuse charges	(124,465.19)	(119,096.01)	AJE-15	342.68	(118,753.33)	
3501-10 Sale of Town Property	(3,412.50)	(2,525.00)			(2,525.00)	
3502-10 Interest on Investments	(50,026.69)	(61,452.11)			(61,452.11)	
3503-10 Rental Income	(290.00)	(265.00)			(265.00)	
3504-10 Fines and Forfeits						
3506-10 Insurance Dividends & Reimb.	(2,212.72)	481.60	AJE-20	(481.60)		
3508-10 Donations	(16,179.50)	(17,581.50)			(17,581.50)	
3509-01 Other	(1,086.00)	(25,400.00)	AJE-3	20,400.00	(5,000.00)	
3509-09 Other Misc.		(61,452.11)	AJE-9	61,452.11		
3509-10 Prior year Accounts Receivable						
3509-11 Transfer from Special Rev. Funds			AJE-10	(5,330.00)	(6,830.00)	
			AJE-11	(1,500.00)		
3915-10 Transfer from Expendable Trust		(96,750.00)			(96,750.00)	
3916-10 Transfer from Non-expendable tr.	(5,200.00)	(5,500.00)			(5,500.00)	
3939-90 Use of Fund Balance						
4130-10 Executive	124,426.96	131,618.82	AJE-16	(1,743.93)	132,347.48	
			AJE-17	2,472.59		
4140-00 Election & Registration	9,018.31	7,306.95			7,306.95	
4150-10 Financial Administration	52,489.36	51,744.54			51,744.54	
4152-10 Revaluation	12,242.00	8,687.00			8,687.00	
4153-10 Legal Expenses	11,246.84	10,520.64			10,520.64	
4155-10 Personnel Administration	13,846.39	12,121.14	AJE-18	1,531.88	14,134.62	
			AJE-20	481.60		
4191-10 Planning & Zoning	2,305.98	3,567.52			3,567.52	
4194-10 Government Buildings	6,485.77	10,545.12			10,545.12	
4195-10 Cemeteries	26,305.22	28,749.52			28,749.52	
4196-10 Insurance	41,102.48	37,975.50			37,975.50	
4197-10 Advertising & Regional Assoc.	4,244.89	7,840.80			7,840.80	
4199-10 Other General Government	2,000.00					

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Adjusted Trial Balance  
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Account # / Description	Prior Period (Adjusted) 12/31/2006	Unadjusted Balance Dr (Cr)	Ref #	Adjustments Dr (Cr)	Adjusted Balance Dr (Cr)	Workpaper Reference
4210-00 Police	213,423.53	246,254.67	AJE-16 AJE-17	(2,795.90) 4,063.59	247,522.36	
4215-00 Ambulance	32,770.00	22,410.00			22,410.00	
4220-00 Fire	76,000.00	76,000.00			76,000.00	
4240-10 Building Inspections	6,257.24	9,460.36	AJE-17	1,579.73	11,040.09	
4290-10 Emergency Management						
4295-10 Other	18,325.05	22,939.24			22,939.24	
4299-10 Dispatching						
4311-10 Highway Administration	19,061.79	22,175.28	AJE-16	(940.00)	21,235.28	
4312-10 Highways and Streets	502,492.15	533,541.95	AJE-16 AJE-17	(4,765.53) 10,223.56	538,999.98	
4315-10 Road Projects	123,657.60	117,615.33			117,615.33	
4316-10 Street Lighting	7,811.39	8,719.13			8,719.13	
4320-10 Recycling Expenses	2,471.94	1,642.97			1,642.97	
4323-10 Solid Waste Collection	135,000.51	125,456.33	AJE-8	12,043.99	137,500.32	
4324-11 Solid Waste Disposal	85,762.54	72,777.74			72,777.74	
4411-10 Health Administration	151.14	65.93			65.93	
4414-10 Animal Control	1,112.00	240.25			240.25	
4415-20 Health Agencies/Hospitals	16,014.00	14,550.00			14,550.00	
4441-10 Welfare Administration	473.11	602.62			602.62	
4442-10 Welfare Direct Assistance	1,754.76	3,471.64			3,471.64	
4520-10 Parks and Recreation	15,679.23	18,132.33			18,132.33	
4583-10 Patriotic Purposes	3,319.48	3,112.79			3,112.79	
4589-10 Service Memorial						
4611-00 Conservation Commission	2,500.00	2,500.00			2,500.00	
4711-10 Principal of Debt	25,000.00	25,000.00			25,000.00	
4721-10 Interest on Debt	12,249.32	11,257.53			11,257.53	
4723-00 Interest on TAN						
4902-10 Police Cruiser-Lease Payment	9,801.50	10,849.02			10,849.02	
4902-11 New Highway Truck		92,078.00			92,078.00	
4909-10 Signs		3,890.16			3,890.16	
4912-10 Transfer to Plainfield Library	46,412.00	49,537.00			49,537.00	
4912-11 Transfer to Meriden Library	32,063.00	32,035.00			32,035.00	
4914-20 Transfer to Capital Reserve Funds		140,063.00	AJE-2	5,800.00	145,863.00	
4914-21 Transfer to Other Expend.Trusts	117,500.00					
4915-21 Forest Maint-Special Revenue						
4931-00 County Taxes		594,649.00	AJE-4	(594,649.00)		
4932-00 Payments to state		1,894.50	AJE-12	(1,894.50)		
4933-00 School Taxes		3,869,497.00	AJE-4	(3,869,497.00)		
4934-00 Tax Liens bought by Town		116,002.47	AJE-6	(116,002.47)		
4935-00 Reserve for Contingency						
4936-00 Abatements and refunds						
6100-17 Bike Safety Program						
6100-18 Professional Reviews		1,629.30	AJE-1	(1,629.30)		
9999-99 Trial balance variance		123.55	AJE-5	(123.55)		
(Profit) Loss	(10,003.81)	(455,697.14)		295,203.10	(160,494.04)	

# Town of Plainfield-General Fund Revenues

Account Name	Account #	Budget Amount	Ending Amount	\$ Variance
<b>1 Taxes</b>				
Property Taxes	3110-10	(972,823)	(970,986)	1,837
Overlay	3110-20	85,959	5,111	(80,848)
Yield Taxes	3185-10	(12,000)	(13,019)	(1,019)
PILT Taxpayer	3186-10	(1,000)	(1,000)	0
Excavation Activity Tax	3189-10	(200)	(85)	115
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	3190-10	(38,000)	(34,855)	3,145
		(938,064)	(1,014,834)	(76,770)
<b>2 Licenses and Permits</b>				
Licenses, Permits & Fees	3210-10	(7,000)	(3,773)	3,227
Motor Vehicle Fees	3220-10	(435,000)	(436,147)	(1,147)
		(442,000)	(439,920)	2,080
<b>3 Intergovernmental Revenues</b>				
Federal Sources	3310-00	(139,073)	(139,073)	0
Shared Revenue	3351-00	(127,150)	(127,150)	0
Highway Block Grant	3353-00	(100,671)	(100,671)	0
State-Federal Forests	3356-00	(151)	(424)	(273)
Other State Revenue	3359-10	0	(533)	(533)
		(367,045)	(367,851)	(806)
<b>4 Charges for Services</b>				
Income from Departments	3401-10	(35,000)	(28,238)	6,762
Refuse charges	3409-10	(128,000)	(118,753)	9,247
		(163,000)	(146,991)	16,009
<b>5 Miscellaneous Revenues</b>				
Sale of Town Property	3501-10	(3,500)	(2,525)	975
Interest on Investments	3502-10	(50,000)	(61,452)	(11,452)
Rental Income	3503-10	0	(265)	(265)
Donations	3508-10	(16,215)	(17,582)	(1,367)
Other	3509-01	(5,000)	(5,000)	0
		(74,715)	(86,824)	(12,109)
<b>6 Other Financing Sources</b>				
Transfer from Special Rev. Funds	3509-11	(6,920)	(6,830)	90
Transfer from Expendable Trust	3915-10	(96,750)	(96,750)	0
Transfer from Non-expendable tr.	3916-10	(5,500)	(5,500)	0
		(109,170)	(109,080)	90
<b>7 Use of Fund Balance</b>				
Use of Fund Balance	3939-90	(21,063)	0	21,063
		(21,063)	0	21,063
<b>Grand Total</b>		(2,115,057)	(2,165,500)	(50,443)

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Town of Plainfield-General Fund  
Expenditures

Account Name	Account #	Budget Amount	Ending Amount	\$ Variance
<b>1 General Government</b>				
Executive	4130-10	126,610	132,347	5,737
Election & Registration	4140-00	5,980	7,307	1,327
Financial Administration	4150-10	51,182	51,745	563
Revaluation	4152-10	13,000	8,687	(4,313)
Legal Expenses	4153-10	8,100	10,521	2,421
Personnel Administration	4155-10	25,100	14,135	(10,965)
Planning & Zoning	4191-10	7,500	3,568	(3,932)
Government Buildings	4194-10	5,950	10,545	4,595
Cemeteries	4195-10	26,960	28,750	1,790
Insurance	4196-10	36,700	37,976	1,276
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	4197-10	8,000	7,841	(159)
		<u>315,082</u>	<u>313,422 ✓</u>	<u>(1,660)</u>
<b>2 Public Safety</b>				
Police	4210-00	235,028	247,522	12,494
Ambulance	4215-00	31,000	22,410	(8,590)
Fire	4220-00	76,000	76,000	0
Building Inspections	4240-10	8,800	11,040	2,240
Emergency Management	4290-10	1,000	0	(1,000)
Other	4295-10	20,350	22,939	2,589
		<u>372,178</u>	<u>379,911 ✓</u>	<u>7,733</u>
<b>3 Highways &amp; Streets</b>				
Highway Administration	4311-10	19,350	21,235	1,885
Highways and Streets	4312-10	536,014	539,000	2,986
Road Projects	4315-10	216,082	117,615	(98,467)
Street Lighting	4316-10	8,000	8,719	719
		<u>779,446</u>	<u>686,569 ✓</u>	<u>(92,877)</u>
<b>4 Sanitation</b>				
Recycling Expenses	4320-10	3,000	1,643	(1,357)
Solid Waste Collection	4323-10	135,000	137,500	2,500
Solid Waste Disposal	4324-11	77,610	72,778	(4,832)
		<u>215,610</u>	<u>211,921 ✓</u>	<u>(3,689)</u>
<b>5 Health</b>				
Health Administration	4411-10	1,250	66	(1,184)
Animal Control	4414-10	1,500	240	(1,260)
Health Agencies/Hospitals	4415-20	16,650	14,550	(2,100)
		<u>19,400</u>	<u>14,856 ✓</u>	<u>(4,544)</u>
<b>6 Welfare</b>				
Welfare Administration	4441-10	1,250	603	(647)
Welfare Direct Assistance	4442-10	5,500	3,472	(2,028)
		<u>6,750</u>	<u>4,075 ✓</u>	<u>(2,675)</u>
<b>7 Culture &amp; Recreation</b>				
Parks and Recreation	4520-10	18,240	18,132	(108)
Patriotic Purposes	4583-10	1,500	3,113	1,613
Service Memorial	4589-10	10,665	0	(10,665)
		<u>30,405</u>	<u>21,245</u>	<u>(9,160)</u>

Town of Plainfield-General Fund  
Expenditures

Account Name	Account #	Budget Amount	Ending Amount	\$ Variance
8 Conservation				
Conservation Commission	4611-00	2,500	2,500	0
		2,500	2,500	0
9 Debt Service				
Principal of Debt	4711-10	25,000	25,000	0
Interest on Debt	4721-10	11,251	11,258	7
		36,251	36,258 ✓	7
10 Capital Outlay				
Police Cruiser-Lease Payment	4902-10	11,000	10,849	(151)
New Highway Truck	4902-11	95,000	92,078	(2,922)
Signs	4909-10	4,000	3,890	(110)
		110,000	106,817	(3,183)
11 Other Financing Uses				
Transfer to Plainfield Library	4912-10	49,537	49,537	0
Transfer to Meriden Library	4912-11	32,035	32,035	0
Transfer to Capital Reserve Funds	4914-20	145,863	145,863	0
		227,435	227,435	0
Grand Total		2,115,057.00	(2,005,009.00)	(110,048.00)

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*Overdraft* (120,966)  
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## Town of Plainfield-General Fund

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Adjusting Journal Entries  
for the period ended December 31, 2007

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Account #	Account Name / Description	Debits	Credits
12/31/2007	<u>AJE 1</u>		
2028-08	Performance Bond	1,813.66	
6100-18	Professional Reviews		1,629.30
3110-20	Overlay		184.36
To reclassify performance bond expense			
12/31/2007	<u>AJE 2</u>		
4914-20	Transfer to Capital Reserve Funds	5,800.00	
2160-10	Due to Expendable Trust funds		5,800.00
To record balance due to expendable trust funds			
12/31/2007	<u>AJE 3</u>		
3509-01	Other	20,400.00	
1310-60	Due from Other Governments		20,400.00
To reclassify receipt which was a prior year receivable			
12/31/2007	<u>AJE 4</u>		
3110-10	Property Taxes	4,681,981.00	
2075-20	Due to School District		217,835.00
4931-00	County Taxes		594,649.00
4933-00	School Taxes		3,869,497.00
To adjust tax liability to actual per clients trial balance			
12/31/2007	<u>AJE 5</u>		
3110-20	Overlay	123.55	
9999-99	Trial balance variance		123.55
To remove immaterial variance			
12/31/2007	<u>AJE 6</u>		
1110-10	Tax Liens Receivable	116,002.47	
4934-00	Tax Liens bought by Town		116,002.47
To reclassify payment of tax lien check to treasurer			

Account #	Account Name / Description	Debits	Credits
12/31/2007	AJE 7		
3210-10	Licenses, Permits & Fees		65.00
2075-30	Due to State-Fees	65.00	
To adjust amount due to state to actual			
12/31/2007	AJE 8		
4323-10	Solid Waste Collection	12,043.99	
2080-08	Due to Philip Read Library Fund		2,089.89
2080-09	Due to Meriden Library fund		1,717.87
2020-20	Accounts Payable		8,236.23
To record additional payable and reclassify amounts due to library funds			
12/31/2007	AJE 9		
3509-09	Other Misc.	61,452.11	
1010-20	Investments-NHPDIP		61,452.11
To reclassify posting to other miscellaneous			
12/31/2007	AJE 10		
3120-10	Land Use Change Tax	14,465.00	
1010-22	Pooled Cash-LUCTfund		9,135.00
3509-11	Transfer from Special Rev. Funds		5,330.00
To record the tranfer of fund from the special revenue fund and pooled cash			
12/31/2007	AJE 11		
3120-10	Land Use Change Tax	14,465.00	
2080-10	Due to Cons.Com.Operating Fund		6,715.00
3509-11	Transfer from Special Rev. Funds		1,500.00
3110-20	Overlay		6,250.00
To record amount due conservation commission fund and transfer from fund			
12/31/2007	AJE 12		
3210-10	Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,894.50	
4932-00	Payments to state		1,894.50
To reclassify payments to state for marriage licenses and dog fees			

Account #	Account Name / Description	Debits	Credits
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12/31/2007	AJE 13		
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1080-10	Property taxes receivable	43,029.95	
1080-50	Yield taxes receivable	455.35	
1110-10	Tax Liens Receivable		113,219.76
3185-10	Yield Taxes		455.35
3110-10	Property Taxes		39,505.52
3190-11	Tax Redemptions	109,695.33	
To adjust tax receivable and revenue to actual			
12/31/2007	AJE 14		
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2530-10	Unreserved Fund Balance	107,062.67	
2440-10	Reserve for Encumbrances		119,890.67
2440-11	Reserve for Contingency	12,828.00	
To adjust reserve for encumbrances to actual and remove reserve for contingency			
12/31/2007	AJE 15		
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3409-10	Refuse charges	342.68	
1150-20	Allow. for Uncollected	18.03	
1150-10	Accounts Receivable		360.71
To adjust receivable to actual			
12/31/2007	AJE 16		
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2026-10	Accrued Payroll and benefits	10,245.36	
4130-10	Executive		1,743.93
4210-00	Police		2,795.90
4311-10	Highway Administration		940.00
4312-10	Highways and Streets		4,765.53
To reverse prior year accrual			
12/31/2007	AJE 17		
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4130-10	Executive	2,472.59	
4210-00	Police	4,063.59	
4312-10	Highways and Streets	10,223.56	
4240-10	Building Inspections	1,579.73	
2026-10	Accrued Payroll and benefits		18,339.47
To record accrued payroll			

Account #	Account Name / Description	Debits	Credits
12/31/2007	AJE 18		
4155-10	Personnel Administration	1,531.88	
2025-10	Payroll benefits payable		1,531.88
To record retirement expense on accrued payroll			
12/31/2007	AJE 19		
3351-00	Shared Revenue	4,990.00	
3110-10	Property Taxes		4,990.00
To reclassify county portion of state shared revenue			
12/31/2007	AJE 20		
4155-10	Personnel Administration	481.60	
3506-10	Insurance Dividends & Reimb.		481.60
To close debit balance in account 3506-10			
Totals		5,239,526.60	5,239,526.60

Schedule 1  
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
General Fund  
Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues  
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Taxes:</b>			
Property	\$ 886,864	\$ 965,875	\$ 79,011
Timber	12,000	13,019	1,019
Payment in lieu of taxes	1,000	1,000	-
Excavation activity	200	85	(115)
Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	38,000	34,855	(3,145)
Total taxes	938,064	1,014,834	76,770
<b>Licenses, permits and fees:</b>			
Motor vehicle permit fees	435,000	436,147	1,147
Other	7,000	3,773	(3,227)
Total licenses, permits and fees	442,000	439,920	(2,080)
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
State:			
Shared revenue	127,150	127,150	-
Highway block grant	100,671	100,671	-
State and federal forest land reimbursement	151	424	273
Other	-	533	533
Federal	139,073	139,073	-
Total intergovernmental	367,045	367,851	806
<b>Charges for services:</b>			
Income from departments	35,000	28,238	(6,762)
Garbage - refuse charges	128,000	118,753	(9,247)
Total charges for services	163,000	146,991	(16,009)
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Sale of municipal property	3,500	2,525	(975)
Interest on investments	50,000	61,452	11,452
Rents of property	-	265	265
Other	21,215	22,582	1,367
Total miscellaneous	74,715	86,824	12,109
<b>Other financing sources:</b>			
Interfund transfers in:			
Special revenue funds	6,920	6,830	(90)
Trust funds:			
Expendable	96,750	96,750	-
Nonexpendable	5,500	5,500	-
Total transfers in	109,170	109,080	(90)
Total revenues and other financing sources	2,093,994	\$ 2,165,500	\$ 71,506
Unreserved fund balance used to reduce tax rate	21,063		
Total revenues, other financing sources and use of fund balance	\$ 2,115,057		

Schedule 2  
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
General Fund  
Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances  
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Executive	\$ -	\$ 126,610	\$ 132,347	\$ -	\$ (5,737)
Election and registration	-	5,980	7,307	-	(1,327)
Financial administration	-	51,182	51,745	-	(563)
Revaluation of property	-	13,000	8,687	-	4,313
Legal	-	8,100	10,521	-	(2,421)
Personnel administration	-	25,100	14,135	-	10,965
Planning and zoning	-	7,500	3,568	-	3,932
General government buildings	-	5,950	10,545	-	(4,595)
Cemeteries	-	26,960	28,750	-	(1,790)
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	36,700	37,976	-	(1,276)
Advertising and regional associations	-	8,000	7,841	-	159
Total general government	-	315,082	313,422	-	1,660
Public safety:					
Police department	1,076	235,028	247,522	1,075	(12,493)
Ambulance	-	31,000	22,410	4,400	4,190
Fire department	-	76,000	76,000	-	-
Building inspection	-	8,800	11,040	-	(2,240)
Emergency management	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Other	-	20,350	22,939	-	(2,589)
Total public safety	1,076	372,178	379,911	5,475	(12,132)
Highways and streets	-	-	-	-	-
Administration	-	19,350	21,235	-	(1,885)
Highways and streets	-	536,014	539,000	-	(2,986)
Street lighting	-	8,000	8,719	-	(719)
Road Projects	-	216,082	117,615	104,826	(6,359)
Total highways and streets	-	779,446	686,569	104,826	(11,949)
Sanitation:					
Solid waste collection	-	135,000	137,500	-	(2,500)
Solid waste disposal	-	77,610	72,778	-	4,832
Recycling	-	3,000	1,643	-	1,357
Total sanitation	-	215,610	211,921	-	3,689
Health:					
Administration	-	1,250	66	-	1,184
Animal control	-	1,500	240	-	1,260
Health agencies and hospitals	-	16,650	14,550	-	2,100
Total health	-	19,400	14,856	-	4,544
Welfare:					
Administration	-	1,250	603	-	647
Direct assistance	-	5,500	3,472	-	2,028
Total welfare	-	6,750	4,075	-	2,675
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	-	18,240	18,132	-	108
Patriotic purposes	-	1,500	3,113	-	(1,613)
Service Memorial	-	10,665	-	10,665	-
Total culture and recreation	-	30,405	21,245	10,665	(1,505)
Conservation	-	2,500	2,500	-	-

Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	25,000	25,000	-	-
Interest expense on long-term debt	-	11,251	11,258	-	(7)
Total debt service	-	<u>36,251</u>	<u>36,258</u>	-	<u>(7)</u>
Capital outlay:					
Police Cruiser Lease	-	11,000	10,849	-	151
New Highway Truck	-	95,000	92,078	-	2,922
Signs	-	4,000	3,890	-	110
Total capital outlay	-	<u>110,000</u>	<u>106,817</u>	-	<u>3,183</u>
Other financing uses:					
Interfund transfers out:	-	-	-	-	-
Special revenue funds	-	81,572	81,572	-	-
Trust funds:					
Capital reserve	-	145,863	145,863	-	-
Total other financing uses	-	<u>227,435</u>	<u>227,435</u>	-	<u>-</u>
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses and encumbrances	<u>\$ 1,076</u>	<u>\$ 2,115,057</u>	<u>\$ 2,005,009</u>	<u>\$ 120,966</u>	<u>\$ (9,842)</u>

*Schedule 3*  
*TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE*  
*General Fund*  
*Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007*

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Unreserved, undesignated fund balance, beginning		\$	433,717
Changes:			
Unreserved fund balance used to reduce 2007 tax rate			(21,063)
2007 Budget summary:			
Revenue surplus (Schedule 1)	\$	71,506	
(Overdraft) of appropriations (Schedule 2)		<u>(9,842)</u>	
2007 Budget surplus			61,664
Increase in fund balance:			
Reduction in reserve for contingency			<u>12,828</u>
Unreserved, undesignated fund balance, ending		\$	<u><u>487,146</u></u>