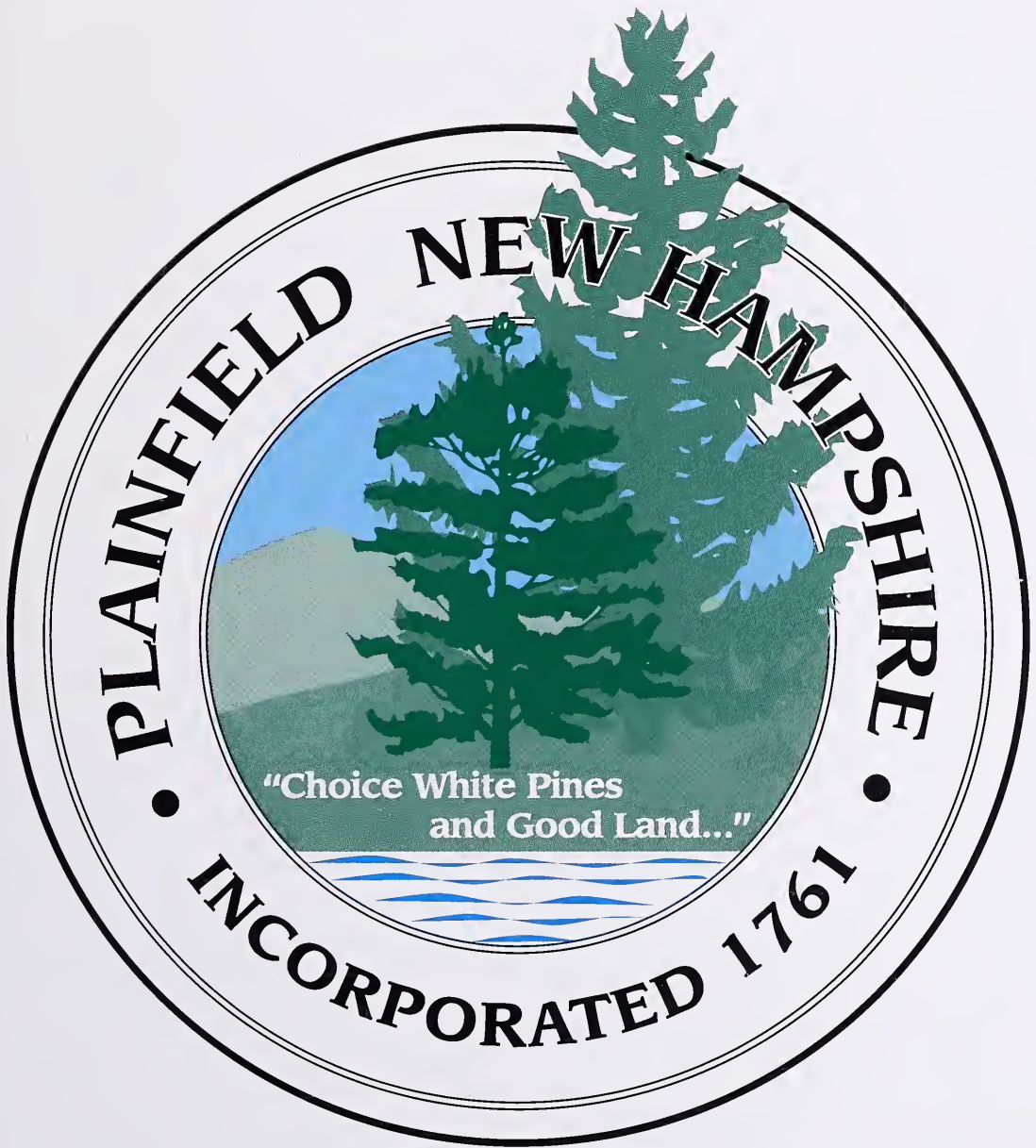


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This year's cover depicts the latest version of a town logo design. Since last town meeting, the Selectboard has continued to work with local artist David Selby Smith to include many of the suggestions made by residents. Most recently, printer Jerry Doolittle has helped take the design from a final concept to a finished form that can be reproduced electronically for many different purposes.

Specifically, the design is intended to represent a lot of what is good about Plainfield. The two pines refer to the town's settlement as depicted in our history book; the water, open land and hillside represent our agricultural roots and the value the community places on the environment and open space. The design is intended to be general enough to allow each viewer to determine the exact locations of features based on their own personal experiences and preferences.

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David W. Stockwell
1936-2002

The Board of Selectmen is dedicating the 2002 Town Report in honor of David W. Stockwell. David was a Plainfield resident who spent his life in service to his community. David served the Town of Plainfield for over 25 years as a selectman, zoning board member, supervisor of the check list, road crew worker, finance committee member and the Kimball Union Academy study committee.

He also served his community as a member of the Meriden Congregational Church, the Gold Brook 4-H Club, the local chapter of Future Farmers of America including vice-president 1954-1955 and the Westboro Grange in West Lebanon.

David retired to his farm in Meriden in 1996 after 30 years working for Granite State Electric Company. Throughout his life he maintained a great love of the outdoors and wildlife. He enjoyed raising farm animals; beekeeping; growing apples, maple sugaring; and forest management. He loved tractors old and new; local and regional history; old maps; family genealogy and history.

David touched the lives of many people. He will be greatly missed!

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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
MODERATOR	Stephen H. Taylor	2004
TOWN CLERK	Ruth Ann Wheeler	2004
SELECTMEN	Robert W. Taylor	2003
	Judy A. Belyea	2004
	Mark H. Wilder	2005
TREASURER	Fred Sweet	2004
TAX COLLECTOR	Ruth Ann Wheeler	2004
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Donald Garfield	2003
	Jesse Stalker	2004
	Edward Stansfield	2005
TRUSTEES PR MEMORIAL LIBRARY	Beth Williams	2003
	Anita Brown	2004
	Nancy Franklin	2005
TRUSTEES MERIDEN LIBRARY	Joseph Crate	2003
	Elisabeth Beck	2004
	Rachel Stoddard	2005
SUP. OF CHECK LIST	Harold L. Jones Jr.	2006
	David W. Stockwell	2008 deceased
	George W. West	2003
	Diane W. Rogers	2004
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	William C. Quimby	2003
	Jesse Stalker	2004
	Beatrice Clark	2005

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
REPRESENTATIVES	Peter Burling Constance Jones	
DEP. TAX COLLECTOR	Michelle Marsh	
DEP. TOWN CLERK	Michelle Marsh	
DEP. TREASURER	Douglas Cogan	2004
BALLOT CLERKS	Kathryn MacLeay	2004
	Bette Stockwell	2004
	Susan Timmons	2004
	Annamay Chapman	2004
CEMETERY SEXTON	Howard Zea	
ROAD AGENT	Kenneth Stocker	2003
TREE WARDEN	Kenneth Stocker	2003
HEALTH OFFICER	Patrick Cerra	2006
ZONING ADMIN.	Stephen Halleran	2003
YIELD TAX AGENT	Judith A. Belyea	2003
WELFARE DIRECTOR	Patrick J. Cerra	2003
EMERGENCY MGT.DIR.	James McCarragher	2003
DEP. EMER. MGT. DIR.		2003
POLICE DEPARTMENT	Gordon Gillens, Chief Lawrence Dore, Sgt. Anthony Swett Douglas Roberts Ryan Porter Michard J. Boutiler Paul Roberts,resigned	
DOG OFFICER	Gordon Gillens	

PLANNING BOARD	Desmond Hudson	2005
	Jane Stephenson, Chair	2004
	Lynn Freeman	2004
	Ruth Cassedy	2004
	Ron Liston	2003
	Greg Estey	2003
	Robert Taylor	2003
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	Edward Moynihan	2003
	Anne Sprague	2005
	Richard Colburn, Chair	2004
	Priscilla Eastman	2004
	Mary Cassedy	2003 resigned
	Peter Martin	2003
	Margaret Cassedy, alt	2003
	Ellen Arnold, alt	2003
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Jeff Marsh	2005
	Margaret Gibson	2005
	David Grobe, Chair	2004
	James Taylor	2004
	John Taylor	2003
	Bruce Plummer, alt	
	Jeffrey Moffitt, alt	
RECREATION	George Prescott, Chair	2003
	Martin Morgan	2003
	Winston Spencer, Jr.	2003
	Judy Ptak	2003
	Pam Lewis	2003
FINANCE COMMITTEE	James Barnicle, Chair	2003
	Kathleen Cassedy	2003
	Jeanne Woodward-Poor	2003
	Bradford Atwater	2003
	Margaret Drye	2003
	Carin Reynolds	2003
NH/VT SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REP.	Richard E. Atkinson	2003
	Stephen Halleran, alt	2003

**REPRESENTATIVE
TO UVLSRPC**

Stephen Halleran
Diane Rogers

**HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE**

Suellen Leugers
Harold Jones
John Gregory-Davis
Patrick Cerra
Stephen Halleran

**MERIDEN FIRE CHIEF
PLAIN. FIRE CHIEF
FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

David Best
Douglas Plummer
Peter Berry, Warden
Douglas Plummer, Deputy
John Conly, Deputy
Christopher Berry, Deputy
William Taylor, Deputy
David Best, Deputy
Frank Currier, Deputy

**PLAINFIELD/KUA
STUDY COMMITTEE**

William Nugent
James Barnicle
Scott MacLeay
Stephen Halleran
Greg Estey
Hugh McGraw-KUA Admin.

**PLAINFIELD PARADE
COMMITTEE**

Ruth Cassedy
Margaret Cassedy
Stephen Taylor
Anita Brown
Roger Grzegorowicz
Margaret Drye
Roberta Stormann
Sandra Tacy

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COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, SS

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Tuesday, the 11th day of March next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

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

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot: One selectman for three years; One trustee of trust funds for three years; Two library trustees for three years; One cemetery trustee for three years; One supervisor of the check list for five years; and any other necessary town officers.

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 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250,208 to defray town charges for the 2003 fiscal year. The selectmen propose the following budget:

1. Executive		\$ 97,200
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics		6,300
3. Financial Administration		33,625
4. Revaluation of Property		6,000
5. Legal Expenses		2,700
6. Personnel Administration		9,300
7. Planning and Zoning		1,500
8. General Government Buildings		6,110
9. Cemeteries		19,200
10. Insurance		23,700
11. Regional Associations		3,300
12. Police Department		133,635
13. Ambulance Service		20,290
14. Fire Departments	-Plainfield	39,000
	-Meriden	35,000
15. Building Inspection		4,100
16. Emergency Management		200

17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense		3,950
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance		10,000
19. Highway Administration		15,700
20. Highways and Streets		396,620
21. Road Projects		103,330
22. Street Lights		7,000
23. Solid Waste Collection		69,200
24. Solid Waste Disposal		85,860
25. Health Agencies		14,955
26. Animal Control		400
27. Welfare		5,000
28. Recreation Commission		13,925
29. Libraries	- Plainfield	27,994
	- Meriden	25,994
30. Patriotic		1,420
31. Conservation Commission		2,200
32. Principal Long-term debt		12,500
33. Interest Long-term debt		13,000
	Total:	\$1,250,208

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

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for the purchase of a new dump truck complete with sanding and plow equipment to be used by the highway department, and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sum of \$85,000 from the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created in 1987 pursuant to RSA 35:1 and to further authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade the town's existing 1989 dump truck. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a two year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing a police cruiser, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. Further to authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade the existing 1999 police cruiser (total cost of the vehicle is \$22,650). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purchase of a spray tank and related equipment for the application of calcium chloride to the town's gravel roads for road stabilization and dust control. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,250 for the purchase of an optical scanner to be used for the tabulation of election results. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be placed in existing town capital reserve funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1, as follows:

- | | |
|----------|---|
| \$10,000 | Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. |
| \$10,000 | Revaluation Fund created in 1993. |
| \$45,000 | Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987. |

The selectmen are named agents to expend for the bridge fund.
The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,400 to be placed in the town's general trust funds established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, as follows:

- | | |
|---------|---|
| \$5,000 | Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996. |
| \$2,500 | Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992. |
| \$ 900 | Cemetery Fund established in 1991. |

The selectmen are named agents to expend for the town hall repair fund and the library building repair fund. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract for not more than three years for the curbside collection of household rubbish and selected recyclables. The purpose being to continue the existing waste management programs that have been in place since 1991.

Note: The following two articles are related to the town's property revaluation which will be effective for year 2003 and are intended to provide a similar level of relief to qualified taxpayers as was available with the previous (1992) valuations.

ARTICLE 10. 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, \$36,800; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$55,000; for a person 80 years or older, \$73,500 . To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 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 \$18,500, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$25,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$65,000 excluding the value of the person's residence (RSA 72:39-b, requires a tabulated vote).

ARTICLE 11. Shall we modify the exemption for the disabled? The exemption, based on, assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be \$36,800. 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 \$18,500 or if married a combined net income of not more than \$25,000; and own net assets of not more than \$65,000 excluding the value of the person's residence (RSA 72:37-b, requires a tabulated vote).

ARTICLE 12. 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 13. 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 14. 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.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of continuing efforts toward compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for town owned buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend for said fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to authorize starting with fiscal year 2004 that the percentage of the revenues collected from the current use change tax penalties, pursuant to RSA 79-A, deposited into the Conservation Fund established pursuant to RSA 36A:5, be increased to one hundred percent for a period of three years. This article is requested by the Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300 to be used by the Conservation Commission for control of invasive non-native plant species at the Benson Town Forest. Further to withdraw said sum from the Forest Maintenance Fund established in 1992 pursuant to RSA 31:113. This article is requested by the Conservation Commission. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: In its first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural and historic resources and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget. This article by request of the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 19. To see what action the town will take with respect to reports of town officers.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to approve the following language as drafted by the New Hampshire for Health Care Organization:

Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost of insurance in the country; and

Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and

Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and

Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small business cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved

That we, the citizens of Plainfield, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un -- and underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

This resolution by petition and is non-binding and represents no fiscal impact.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to oppose a U.S. invasion of Iraq, supporting instead a genuinely multilateral diplomatic approach to the Iraq situation, sanctioned and directed by the United Nations; and to convey our town's position accordingly to President Bush, Senators Judd Gregg and John Sununu, and Representative Charles Bass. This article is by petition.

ARTICLE 22. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A True Copy Attest:

ROBERT W. TAYLOR

MARK H. WILDER

JUDITH A. BELYEA

SELECTMEN OF PLAINFIELD

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2003 to December 31st 2003

EXPENDITURES Item	2002 Approved	2002 Expenditures	2003 Request
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	\$89,700	\$93,115	\$97,200
Election/Registration	\$6,800	\$4,732	\$6,300
Financial Administration	\$32,375	\$37,410	\$33,625
Revaluation of Property	\$8,000	\$8,346	\$6,000
Legal Expense	\$2,700	\$1,558	\$2,700
Personnel Administration	\$9,200	\$9,538	\$9,300
Planning and Zoning	\$1,500	\$1,422	\$1,500
General Government Buildings	\$6,060	\$7,061	\$6,110
Cemeteries	\$18,600	\$20,531	\$19,200
Insurances	\$22,900	\$23,135	\$23,700
Regional Associations	\$3,300	\$3,660	\$3,300
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police	\$126,738	\$124,811	\$133,635
Ambulance	\$20,290	\$19,474	\$20,290
Fire-Plainfield	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$39,000
Fire-Meriden	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Building Inspection	\$6,600	\$1,442	\$4,100
Emergency Management	\$200	\$0	\$200
Hydrant Rentals/FFT	\$3,950	\$3,098	\$3,950
Dispatch Service	\$10,000	\$9,332	\$10,000
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES			
Highway Administration	\$16,800	\$17,308	\$15,700
Highway and Streets	\$376,200	\$369,729	\$396,620
Road Projects	\$97,388	\$93,931	\$103,330
Street Lights	\$7,500	\$6,974	\$7,000
SANITATION			
Solid Waste Collection	\$67,166	\$67,000	\$69,200
Solid Waste Disposal	\$85,860	\$90,843	\$85,860
Health			
Health Department	\$13,530	\$12,967	\$14,955
Animal Control	\$200	\$465	\$400
WELFARE			
General Assistance	\$5,000	\$7,789	\$5,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Recreation Commission	\$15,645	\$15,419	\$13,925
Library-Plainfield	\$25,714	\$25,714	\$27,994
Library-Meriden	\$25,464	\$25,464	\$25,994
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,420	\$2,065	\$1,420
Conservation Commission	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal Long-term debt	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$12,500
Interest Long-term debt	\$0	\$15	\$13,000
Interest T.A.N Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,187,000	\$1,184,548	\$1,250,208

EXPENDITURES Item	2002 Approved	2002 Expenditures	2003 Request
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Plainfield Library Expansion	\$762,019	\$762,019	\$0
Hwy Truck Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$85,000
Hwy Equipment Spray Tank	\$0	\$0	\$7,000
Hwy Backhoe Replacement	\$57,000	\$56,583	\$0
Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Police Radio Replacement	\$10,000	\$8,839	\$0
Police Cruiser Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Vote Tabulation Machine	\$0	\$0	\$6,250
Bridge Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Revaluation Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Town Hall Repair Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Library Repair Fund	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Cemetery Lot Layout	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$900	\$900	\$2,000
Forestry Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$1,300
ADA Compliance Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Sullivan County Issue	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Plainfield Library Exp. Fund	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$937,419	\$925,841	\$185,050
GROSS EXPENDITURES	\$2,124,419	\$2,110,389	\$1,435,258
REVENUES			
Item	2002 Anticipated	2002 Received	2003 Anticipated
TAXES			
Land Use Change Tax	\$15,000	\$8,725	\$15,000
Yield Taxes	\$25,000	\$10,167	\$14,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Interest & Penalties	\$35,000	\$40,199	\$40,000
Excavations	\$370	\$370	\$370
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
Licenses & Fees	\$4,500	\$5,217	\$5,500
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$375,000	\$375,541	\$390,000
Dog Licenses/Trash User Fees	\$78,000	\$80,895	\$85,000
STATE REVENUE			
Shared Revenue (town portion)	\$14,884	\$14,884	\$14,884
Rooms & Meals	\$65,730	\$65,730	\$65,730
Highway Block Grant	\$97,387	\$97,387	\$103,330
State Reimbursements (ff& wit)	\$1,508	\$1,693	\$2,500
CHARGES FOR SERVICE			
Income from Departments	\$30,000	\$31,063	\$32,000
Reimbursements	\$10,000	\$7,348	\$7,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE			
Sale of Town Property	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Interest on Deposits	\$13,000	\$10,988	\$13,000
Donations (library project)	\$250,500	\$250,500	\$0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Withdrawals from Reserves	\$193,519	\$193,519	\$86,300
Income from Trust Funds	\$12,000	\$9,672	\$12,000
Income from Bonds	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$0
BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS	\$1,598,398	\$1,581,898	\$889,614
2003 RECOMMENDED			
NET APPROPRIATION	\$526,021	\$528,491	\$545,644

**Town Meeting March 12, 2002
Plainfield, New Hampshire**

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, in the County of Sullivan, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs, held in the Plainfield School music room on Tuesday March 12, 2002 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the business of the day was disposed of in the following manner:

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Pro Tem George Prescott. After reading of Article I and II; the certification of the warrant and checklist and any other requirements for opening of town meeting, the polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by Stephen Halleran and seconded by Ruth Ann Wheeler to dispense with the full reading of the

warrant.	Total number of names on checklist	1329
	Number of names added at the meeting	1
	Total number of ballots cast	197
	Total number of absentee ballots cast	3
	Percent voting	15

ARTICLE I

Moderator for three years

Stephen H. Taylor	had	189	votes
Paul Franklin		3	
Robert Drye		2	
Judy Atwater		1	
David Lersch		1	

Stephen H. Taylor was declared elected.

Selectman for three years

Mark H. Wilder	had	153	votes
Beverly Widger		7	
Diane Rogers		2	
Gene Hewes		2	
John Woodward-Poor		2	
Nine others had a single vote.		1	

Mark H. Wilder was declared elected.

Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years

Edward Stansfield	185	votes
Gary Ward	2	
Doug Loudon	1	

Edward Stansfield was declared elected

Library Trustee for three years, west side of town

Nancy J. B. Franklin had	170	votes
Judy Atwater	2	

Five others had a single vote.

Nancy J. B. Franklin was declared elected

Library Trustee for three years, east side of town

Rachel Stoddard had	180	votes
Al Backofen	1	
Don Jordan	1	
David Chellis	1	

Rachel Stoddard was declared elected

Cemetery Trustee for three years (ballot open)

Beatrice Clark	7	
Howard Zea	5	
George Prescott	4	
James L. Taylor	2	
Gene Hewes	2	

Twenty four others had a single vote.

Bea Clark was declared elected

Supervisor of checklist for six years

David W. Stockwell had	189	votes
Peter Berry	2	
Steve Beaupre	1	

David W. Stockwell was declared elected

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

Question 1.

The purpose of this change is to regulate the long term storage use of "box style" trailer and transportation containers within the town.

To accomplish this goal the following changes to the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance are proposed:

i) Add after section 3.7 Travel Trailers, Occupancy and Storage, the following:

Section 3.8 Box Trailers: The utilization of box trailers as long-term storage devices is subject to the following:

1) To be used for storage of materials for a period longer than 30 days within a calendar year, an approved zoning permit is required for all units brought into Plainfield after January 1st 2002.

2) Approved business uses may, when included as part of a business approval, utilize box trailers for storage devices without additional land use board review. However, an approved zoning permit is still required.

3) Residential properties may also utilize box trailers as long-term storage devices subject to the following:

a) Units must satisfy the building permit site requirements.

b) If, as determined by the town's zoning administrator, the unit(s) will not be offensive to neighboring properties, up to two units are allowed per residential property without a special exception.

c) In cases where either more than two units are proposed, or if the unit(s) is/are deemed by the zoning administrator to have the potential to be offensive to neighboring properties, an approved special exception is required before the needed zoning permit may be issued.

ii) Add to Article VIII the following:

Box Trailer: Any trailer or similar container without motive power designed for carrying property wholly in its own structure and for being drawn by or placed upon some mode of transportation, including so called "sea boxes" and the like. For the purpose of this ordinance, recreational use box trailers like snowmobile carriers, horse carriers etc. maintained in condition for over the road use are not considered box trailers.

iii) Add to Schedule A for the VR, RR, RCI and RCII zones special exception #40 Box trailer storage unit.

iv) Renumber the section as needed.

YES

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NO 27

The moderator declared Article II to be in the affirmative.

A motion was made and seconded and voted in the affirmative to recess the meeting until Saturday March 16, 2002 at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Officers sworn in at end of meeting: David W. Stockwell by Ruth Ann Wheeler.

Saturday, March 16th, 2002

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Stephen H. Taylor at 10:00 a.m.

Invocation was given by the Rev. Harold L. Jones. A salute to the flag was given followed by the singing of "America " led by Beatrice Clark and Sarah Gillens.

Howard Zea offered a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant. It was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

Article III The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$762,019 for the construction and original equipping of an addition to the Philip Read Memorial Library and for the renovation of existing spaces in the Philip Read Memorial Library, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$400,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the interest rate thereon; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of the accumulated balance, as of April 1st, 2002, including accrued interest to date from the capital reserve fund, known as the Philip Read Memorial Library Expansion Fund, created for this purpose (current balance \$111,519); with the balance of \$250,500 to be funded by the Philip Read Memorial Library Building Fund and the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library.

After much discussion, a motion was made to call the vote and seconded. It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared by the Moderator.

The ballot box was opened at 11:30 a.m. and remained open until it was closed at 12:30 p.m.

Total number of ballots cast 291, necessary for passage 194.

Yes 200 No 91

The article having received the necessary two-thirds vote was passed and it was so declared by the Moderator Stephen H. Taylor.

Article IV The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded. Resolved: That the town vote to adopt displayed conceptual option #1 depicting the two town halls and white pines as the town's official logo. Final design details to be finalized by the Selectboard.

After much discussion, an amendment was made to substitute option #2 for #1. It was seconded and voted in the affirmative. After further discussion, the motion was called. It was carried in the affirmative by voice vote. The moderator declared the amendment to the resolution adopted. The Moderator did not take further action on the resolution except to return it to the Selectboard for final study.

A motion was made and seconded to take up Article VI out of order. It was unanimously supported with a voice vote.

Article VI The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded. Resolved: that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,187,000 to defray the town charges for the 2002 fiscal year.

1. Executive		\$ 89,700
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics		6,800
3. Financial Administration		32,375
4. Revaluation of Property		8,000
5. Legal Expenses		2,700
6. Personnel Administration		9,200
7. Planning and Zoning		1,500
8. General Government Buildings		6,060
9. Cemeteries		18,600
10. Insurance		22,900
11. Regional Associations		3,300
12. Police Department		126,738
13. Ambulance Service		20,290
14. Fire Departments	-Plainfield	38,000
	-Meriden	35,000
15. Building Inspection		6,600
16. Emergency Management		200
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense		3,950
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance		10,000

19. Highway Administration		16,800
20. Highways and Streets		376,200
21. Road Projects		97,388
22. Street Lights		7,500
23. Solid Waste Collection		67,166
24. Solid Waste Disposal		85,860
25. Health Agencies		13,530
26. Animal Control		200
27. Welfare		5,000
28. Recreation Commission		15,645
29. Libraries	- Plainfield	25,714
	- Meriden	25,464
30. Patriotic		1,420
31. Conservation Commission		2,200
32. Principal of Long-term debt		5,000
	Total:	\$1,187,000

Stephen Halleran amended the line items indicating a decrease for the Philip Read Memorial Library line item, the animal control fund and an increase to the Patriotic line item of \$220. These figures are reflected in the corrected line items above.

After discussion, the motion was called and voted upon by paper ballot.
Yes 206 No 27

It was a vote in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

A motion was made and seconded that Article XIV be brought forward. It was voted in the affirmative and it was so declared.

Article XIV The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town vote to increase the real estate exemption on dormitories, dining rooms, and kitchens of Kimball Union Academy above the required \$150,000 as allowed in RSA 72.23, to one hundred (100)percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion.

After discussion, the motion was called and voted upon by paper ballot.

Yes 117 No 86

It was a vote in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

The meeting returned to the order of articles.

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

Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund, created in 1997, known as the Philip Read Memorial Library Expansion Fund, pursuant to RSA 35:1.

A vote was made by paper ballot.

Yes 144 No 43

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

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

Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be placed in

existing town capital reserve funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1, as follows:

\$10,000 Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.

\$10,000 Revaluation Fund created in 1993.

\$45,000 Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.

The selectmen are named agents to expend for the bridge fund

A vote was made by paper ballot.

Yes 156 No 15

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

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

Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,400 to be placed in the town's general trust funds established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, as follows:

\$5,000 Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.

\$2,500 Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

\$ 900 Cemetery Fund established in 1991.

The selectmen are named agents to expend for the town hall repair fund and the library building repair fund.

A vote was made by paper ballot

Yes 127 No 23

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

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

Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for police radios and related equipment replacement.

It was an unanimous vote in the affirmative and so declared by the Moderator.

Article X The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of establishing the bounds of individual burial lots to be offered for sale in various cemeteries around town.

It was an unanimous vote in the affirmative and so declared by the Moderator.

Article XI The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,000

for the purchase of a backhoe to be used by the highway department, and to further authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sum of \$57,000 from the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund established in 1987 pursuant to RSA 35:1 for this purpose. Further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or trade the existing backhoe.

It was an unanimous vote in the affirmative and so declared by the Moderator.

Article XII The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of reviewing the present affiliation between the Town of Plainfield and Sullivan County, including the need for county government, and granting the Board of Selectmen permission to take action related to this review. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the associated work is completed or December 31, 2007, whichever occurs first.

A vote by paper ballot was made.

Yes 90 No 46

It was a vote in the affirmative and was so declared by the Moderator.

Article XIII The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the town vote to amend the existing exemption for the Totally and Permanently Disabled to read as follows: The exemption, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be \$25,000. 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 \$185,00 or if married a combined net income of not more than \$25,000; and own net assets of not more than \$65,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

It was an unanimous paper vote in the affirmative and so declared by the Moderator.

Article XV The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded

that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the town direct the selectmen to appoint within 60 days of town meeting a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration 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.

It was an unanimous vote in the affirmative and so declared by the Moderator.

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

Resolved: That the town vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield residents to advise the selectmen, and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town.

It was an unanimous vote in the affirmative and so declared by the Moderator.

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

Resolved: That the town approve the reports of officers as they appear in the 2001 annual report, subject to corrections. A corrected report to be placed on file with the Town Clerk.

It was an unanimous vote in the affirmative and so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XVIII The following was offered

Kathryn MacLeay wanted to thank Patrick Cerra for Senior dinner socials and breakfasts and to thank the Millar fund for its generosity.

Cherrie Torrey asked if the portion of the interest income earned by the town from taxes collected for the school could be transferred to the school. She was advised that the law did not permit such action and that any interest is used to offset taxes.

Stephen Halleran offered a thank you to Jerry Doolittle for the excellent printing job and front cover for this year's town report.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Ann Wheeler, Town Clerk

Sworn in at the meeting by Ruth Ann Wheeler

Stephen H. Taylor Moderator
Mark H. Wilder Selectmen

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 89,700
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	6,800
Financial Administration	32,375
Revaluation of Property	8,000
Legal Expense	2,700
Personnel Administration	9,200
Planning and Zoning	1,500
General Government Buildings6,060
Cemeteries	18,600
Insurances	22,900
Advertising and Regional Expense	3,300

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	126,738
Ambulance	20,290
Fire Protection	73,000
Emergency Management	200
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense	13,950
Building Inspection	6,600

HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES

Highways and Streets	376,200
Road Projects	97,388
Street Lights	7,500
School Bus Fuel	0

SANITATION

Garbage Collection	67,166
Solid Waste Disposal	85,860

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department	13,530
Pest Control	200

WELFARE

Welfare Department	5,000
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation Commission	15,645
Libraries	51,178
Patriotic	1,420
Conservation Commission	2,200

DEBT SERVICE

Principal on Long-term debts	5,000
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OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL \$1,187,000

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

CAPITAL PURCHASES

Article III Philip Read Memorial Library Expansion	\$762,019
Article XI Highway Department. Backhoe	\$57,000
Article IX Police Department Radios	\$10,000
Article X Cemetery boundaries	\$ 5,000
Article XII Review of Sullivan County Affiliation	\$ 5,000

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Article VII Highway Vehicle Fund	45,000
Article VII Highway Bridge Fund	10,000
Article VII Revaluation Fund	10,000
Article V Philip Read Memorial Building Fund	25,000

OPERATING TRANSFERS TO TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS

Article VIII Town Hall Repair Fund	5,000
Article VIII Library Repair Fund	2,500
Article VIII Cemetery Trust Fund	900

CAPITAL OUTLAY TOTAL \$937,419

OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL \$1,187,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$2,124,419



Tax Collector Ruth Wheeler addressing Steve Beaupré's class.
—S. Halleran photo

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation		\$2,124,419
Total Revenues and Credits*	less	1,610,398
Share Revenues	less	10,166
Overlay	add	4,024
War Service Credits	add	18,200
A) Net Town Appropriation	Equals	526,079
Net Local School Budget		3,721,641
Adequate Education Grant	less	745,037
State Education Taxes	less	749,937
B) Approved Local School Assessment	Equals	2,226,667
C) Approved State Education Assessment	Equals	749,937
D) Approved County Tax Assessment	Equals	621,136
 Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)	 Equals	 \$4,123,819

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property taxes to be raised	\$4,123,819
Less war service credits	18,200
Total property taxes to be raised	\$4,105,619

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	4.37	4.91
County	5.91	5.78
Local School	16.59	20.72
State School	7.88	7.09
Combined tax rate	\$34.75	\$38.50

Net value on which local tax rates are computed	\$107,452,775
Net value on which state tax rate is computed	\$105,754,930

*reflects \$12,000 used from the community's unreserved fund balance to reduce the overall tax rate.

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved	\$30,317,726
Buildings	90,307,854
Public Utilities	1,697,845

Total Value Before Exemptions Allowed \$122,323,425

Blind Exemptions	\$30,000
Elderly Exemptions	537,500
Totally and Permanently Disabled	118,500
School/Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption (state law)	3,008,250
Education Exemption (state law)	11,176,400
Total Exemptions Allowed	\$14,870,650

Net Value Used For Local Tax Rates \$107,452,775

Net Value Used For State Education Tax Rate \$105,754,930

(Local value less utility property value)

Electric Utility Property

Connecticut Valley Electric	\$241,051
Granite State Electric	790,111
New England Power Co.	223,226
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative	443,457

Total \$1,697,845

Elderly Exemptions

Applied For	Granted	Dollar Total
3 @ 25,000	3@ 25,000	75,000
3@ 37,500	3@ 37,500	112,500
7@ 50,000	7 @ 50,000	350,000
	Totals	\$537,500

WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS

Totally and Permanently Disabled Veterans	5 totaling	\$7,000
Standard exemption	112 totaling	\$11,200
Total Amount		\$18,200

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND
AND BUILDINGS**
as of December 31, 2001

DESCRIPTION and VALUATION

Town hall -Plainfield	\$ 111,500
-Meriden	243,000
Libraries -Plainfield	107,800
-Meriden	147,900
Highway Garage	155,200
Police Department	95,000
Plainfield Elementary School	1,708,750

Property Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:

Burnaps Island	8,100
Other Properties	
Dump Lot	23,600
Gravel Pit	46,600
Spencer Lot	57,200
Whitaker Road Intersections	5,100
Tallow Hill Intersection	6,900
Benson Donation	23,600
French's Ledges	7,900
Cram Hill Lot	6,700
Stage Road Ball Field	68,800
Thompson Donation (Moulton Cemetery)	23,000
Farnum Lot	53,000

TOTAL **\$2,899,650**

CURRENT USE REPORT

Land Categories	acres
Farm Land	2,910
Forest Land	23,920
Unproductive Land	1,536
Total Number of Acres	
In Current Use 2002	28,366
In Current Use 2001	28,387

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

Valuation

CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Community Baptist Church& parsonage	\$344,000
First Baptist Church& parsonage	190,600
Meriden Congregational Church& parsonage	569,700
Singing Hills Christian Fellowship	1,233,150
Plainfield Christ Community Church	1,578,300

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Kimball Union Academy (state law educational prop)	11,176,400
Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop) .	150,000
Kimball Union Academy (town vote)	2,858,250

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Grafton Pond Trust	163,000
New England Wildflower Assoc.	78,400
Plainfield Historical Society	59,400

PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

The Nature Conservancy	8,200
Meriden Volunteer Fire Dept	96,700
Meriden Village Water and Sewer District.	396,300
Plainfield Village Water District	17,500
Plainfield Volunteer Fire Dept	248,900

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Land on Stage Road	8,400
Land on River Road	3,300
Duncan State Forest	83,600

GRANGES

Blow-Me-Down Grange	124,100
Meriden Grange	82,900

LAND OWNED BY OTHER TOWNS

Cornish	2,500
Grantham	5,000

TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTIES	\$19,478,600
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TOWN CLERK REPORT - 2002

The shelves in the vault are full with binders holding documents from the planning board, pole licenses, road right of ways and miscellaneous papers such as Fire protection agreements. Right now, Howard Zea has been helping me file a collection of old deeds. Often these are old tax collector deeds and the properties have long since been sold to other people or back to the original owners. Howard dug out an old map made by Vernon Hood in 1956. By comparing the old system of numbering versus the new map numbers, he has helped to locate the current owner.

One document turned out to be a will leaving monies to the Mary Hitchcock Hospital to help residents of Plainfield and Cornish. We could find no record of any mention of this fund and turned to Jane Stephenson. Jane through her Dartmouth Hitchcock resources, was able to locate the fund and its present balance. It isn't a large sum in terms of today's medical expenses but it might provide some small respite to either Towns' residents.

The state has made several changes including an increase of plate fees. Construction plates can now be done locally and the renewal stickers/plates will be available at motor vehicle substations.

There will be legislation proposed to increase the fees for dog licenses and other motor vehicle fees. Information on these increases will be placed in the Plainfacts if the new laws pass. Dog tags are available and to date, the fees are the same as last year.

For year 2002, the following fees were collected and remitted to the treasurer:

Motor Vehicles	\$	375,541
Licenses & Fees	\$	5,217
Total	\$	380,758

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Wheeler, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 2002

-Debits-

Uncollected Taxes

	2002	2001
Beginning of fiscal year		
Property taxes		\$264,839.70
Land Use Change Tax		\$1,600.00
Timber Yield Taxes		\$13,286.98
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property taxes	\$4,108,925.00	
Land use change taxes	\$19,000.00	
Yield taxes	\$12,971.55	
Excavation activities	\$370.00	
Overpayments		
Property taxes	\$1,620.47	
Interest collected on delinquent taxes	\$5,041.91	\$15,455.82
TOTAL DEBITS	\$4,147,928.93	\$295,182.50

-Credits-

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year

Property taxes	\$3,830,004.24	\$264,798.58
Land use changes taxes	\$15,850.00	1,600.00
Yield taxes	\$12,971.55	\$10,482.12
Excavation	\$370.00	
Interest on taxes	\$5,041.91	\$15,455.82

Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year

Property taxes	\$278,816.89	
Land Use Change	\$3,150.00	

TOTAL CREDITS	\$4,147,928.93	\$295,182.50
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SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

December 31, 2002

-Debits-

Unredeemed Liens	2002	2001	Prior
Beginning of year		\$50,457.43	\$29,986.33
New Liens	\$96,443.48		
Interests/Penalties	\$2,771.59	\$7,054.54	\$9,869.66
TOTAL DEBITS	\$99,215.07	\$57,511.97	\$39,855.99

-Credits-

Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$45,508.17	\$26,527.67	\$28,435.29
Interest/Penalties	\$2,771.59	\$7,054.54	\$9,869.66
Unredeemed Liens	\$50,935.31	\$23,929.76	\$1,551.04
TOTAL CREDITS	\$99,215.07	\$57,511.97	\$39,855.99

Total amount of funds remitted to treasurer by tax collector \$4,276,741.14

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2002

Our new tax program made it through the two billings with no major problems. Now that you are used to the mailer envelope, we probably will switch to a laser bill for next year. We will do this to see if it will speed up the printing process. Right now, it takes over thirty hours to print the bills. The laser bills should be faster to print and will also enable us to enclose notices.

The first bill for 2003 will be based on the present assessments and will be half of 2002 taxes. The second bill will have the new assessment and new rates (based on what is set for 2003 and the adjustment for increase to the grand list).

Exemptions and credits are applied fully to the first bill. This is different than the old system which split the amount between two bills. Please check your first bill if you are entitled to a credit.

Our thanks go out to everyone this year who paid their taxes timely. With county taxes and high school tuition due simultaneously and the usual end of the year bills; it meant that we had enough monies available. The treasurer made all the payments and did not have to borrow.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Ann Wheeler

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash On Hand, January 1st, 2002

Cash-checking	\$ 5,916
Cash-Investments	\$1,403,000
Total	\$1,408,916

Receipts During the Fiscal year

Total Available \$3,668,312

Less Selectmen's Orders \$2,246,143

Cash On Hand, December 31st, 2002 \$1,422,169

Cash-Checking	\$23,770
Cash-Investments	\$1,398,399

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Bonds & Loans as of 12/31/02

Philip Read Memorial Library	\$375,000
Total	\$375,000

RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2002	\$5,000
New Debt during the year -Library expansion	\$375,000
Debt retirement during the year	
Highway Garage	\$ 5,000
Outstanding long-term debt as of Dec. 31, 2002	\$375,000

HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT 2002 EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

2002	Block Grant Appropriation	\$97,388
2001	Block Grant/Budget encumbered funds	\$36,734
	Total	\$ 134,122
Chellis Road	Pavement	\$16,065
	(1" wearing course)	
	Total	\$16,065
High Street	Pavement	
	(1" wearing course)	\$12,850
	Total	\$12,850
Jenney Road	Pavement	
	(1" wearing course)	
	Total	\$19,400
Brook Road	Grader Shim	\$11,445
	(total cost \$23,445)	
	Total	\$11,445
Tallow Hill Road	Culverts	108
	Seed	73
	Pavement	\$12,500
	(2" base 1" wear course)	
	Total	\$12,681
Daniels Road	Culverts	\$ 3,406
	Equipment rental	\$ 1,762
	Erosion stone	\$ 560
	Mulch	\$ 285
	Guardrail	\$ 668
	Pavement	\$55,000
	Total	\$61,681
TOTAL		\$134,122

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.

Year	Road	Work
'99	River Rd	phase III-prep completion and base paving. Completed
'00	River Rd	phase IV-topcourse paving, shoulder work. Completed
'01	Jenney Rd	base reconstruction/paving Completed
'02	Daniels Rd	base reconstruction/paving. Completed
'03	Bean Rd	base reconstruction/paving.
'04	Hayward	base reconstruction/paving.
'04	Westgate	base reconstruction/paving.
'05	Beauty Hill	base reconstruction/paving.
'06	Willow Brook Road	base reconstruction/paving.

Salaries

Belyea, Judith A.	Selectmen	\$ 2,000.00
Berry, Christopher	Truck Driver	\$28,515.12
Boutilier, Michael J.	Patrolman	\$ 799.75
Cerra, Patrick J.	Welfare Director/Health Off	\$ 1,370.00
Chapman, Annamay	Library Aide	\$ 2,453.26
Collins III, Richard L.	Truck Driver	\$26,978.21
Dole, Bettyann	Librarian	\$13,684.00
Dore, Lawrence M.	Police Sergeant	\$36,602.14
Drye, Melissa	Library Aide	\$ 28.00
Gilbert, Roger L.	Mechanic -	\$12,662.65
Gillens, Gordon A.	Police Chief	\$41,700.00
Grobe, Malcolm J.	Recreation	\$ 1,580.04
Hackett, Earl D.	Patrolman	\$ 214.50
Halleran, Stephen L.	Town Administrator	\$41,200.00
Hollinger, R. David	Truck Driver	\$26,480.85
Jones, Harold L.	Sup. of Check list	\$ 245.00
MacLeay, Kathryn	Ballot Clerk	\$ 233.64
Marsh, Michelle	Dep. Town Clerk/Tax C.	\$ 808.00
Martin, Kristin G.	Recreation	\$ 1,500.00
Martin, Lindsey	Recreation	\$ 1,100.04
Nemkovich, Stephen J	Truck Driver	\$26,144.31
Norwalk, Nancy A.	Librarian	\$14,585.05
Poissant, Rebekah Mae	Recreation	\$ 1249.98
Prescott, George M.	Recreation Director/Sub-Mod.	\$ 5,300.50
Roberts, Douglas Allen	Patrolman	\$ 2,807.50
Roberts, Paul M.	Patrolman	\$12,412.00
Rogers, Diane P.	Sup. of Check list	\$ 509.10
Serem, Jerome	Equipment Operator	\$22,880.00
Stalker, Jesse R.	Trustee of Trust Funds	\$ 600.00
Stalker, Ruth A.	Sub-Librarian	\$ 1,477.00
Stocker, Kenneth C.	Road Agent	\$40,500.00
Stockwell, Bette	Ballot Clerk	\$ 233.64
Stockwell, David	Sup. of Checklist	\$ 208.13
Sweet, Fred	Treasurer	\$ 2,400.00
Swett, Anthony D.	Patrolman	\$ 2,826.50
Taylor, Robert W.	Selectman	\$ 2,000.00
Taylor, Stephen H.	Moderator	\$ 50.00
Timmons, Susan J.	Ballot Clerk	\$ 236.26
West, George W.	Ballot Clerk	\$ 337.88
Wheeler, Ruth Ann	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$26,741.08
Wilder, Mark H.	Selectman	\$ 2,000.00
Zea, Howard W.	Town Archivist	\$ 1,200.00
	Total	\$408,514.47

SELECTMEN'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS

The selectmen are named agents to expend for four 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.

Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 2002 were:

Library

Repair Fund

Deposits-	\$2,500
Town Meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$0.00

Town

Bridge Fund

Deposits-	\$10,000
Town Meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$36,795
Daniels Road bridge replacement.	

Town Hall

Repair Fund

Deposits-	\$5,000
Town Meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$1,151
Meriden Town Hall siding repair.	

Revaluation Fund

Deposits-	\$10,000
Town Meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$55,510
Revaluation payments	

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

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2002**

NAME OF TRUST FUND	Principle Balance Begin Year	New Funds Created	Gains or Losses From Sale	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Begin Year	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS								
Danils Cemetery	\$7,590.15		\$128.51	\$7,718.66	\$859.01	\$408.10	\$500.00	\$767.11
East Plainfield Cemetery	\$3,605.31		\$61.05	\$3,666.36	\$131.51	\$180.50	\$231.13	\$80.88
Freeman Cemetery	\$2,656.54		\$44.99	\$2,701.53	\$96.90	\$133.00	\$170.30	\$59.60
Gilkey Cemetery	\$379.51		\$6.43	\$385.94	\$13.84	\$19.00	\$24.33	\$8.51
Gleason Cemetery	\$25,769.18		\$436.37	\$26,205.55	\$939.58	\$1,290.08	\$1,651.68	\$577.98
Methodist Hill Cemetery	\$379.51		\$6.43	\$385.94	\$13.84	\$19.00	\$24.33	\$8.51
Mill Cemetery	\$15,227.64		\$257.86	\$15,485.50	\$555.26	\$762.34	\$976.05	\$341.55
Moulton Cemetery	\$7,167.21		\$121.37	\$7,288.58	\$261.45	\$358.82	\$459.48	\$160.79
Penniman Cemetery	\$1,138.52		\$19.28	\$1,157.80	\$40.64	\$56.96	\$72.30	\$25.30
Plainfield Cemetery	\$55,539.36		\$940.49	\$56,479.85	\$1,903.89	\$2,774.61	\$3,465.73	\$1,212.77
Raynsford Cemetery	\$1,518.04		\$25.71	\$1,543.75	\$55.37	\$76.00	\$97.32	\$34.05
River Cemetery	\$1,138.52		\$19.28	\$1,157.80	\$41.53	\$57.00	\$72.99	\$25.54
Westgate-Peterson Cemetery	\$948.77		\$16.07	\$964.84	\$34.61	\$47.50	\$60.82	\$21.29
Town Cemeteries	\$3,795.07		\$64.26	\$3,859.33	\$177.38	\$191.88	\$273.54	\$95.72
TOTALS	\$126,853.33	\$0.00	\$2,148.10	\$129,001.43	\$5,124.81	\$6,374.79	\$8,080.00	\$3,419.60

LIBRARY TRUST FUND								
Meriden Library	\$24,478.21		\$414.51	\$24,892.72	\$1,774.39	\$1,268.05	\$1,570.00	\$1,472.44
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$70,459.89		\$1,193.15	\$71,653.04	\$5,137.41	\$3,651.49	\$4,520.00	\$4,268.90
TOTALS	\$94,938.10	\$0.00	\$1,607.66	\$96,545.76	\$6,911.80	\$4,919.54	\$6,090.00	\$5,741.34

NAME OF TRUST FUND	Principle Balance Begin Year	New Funds Created	Gains or Losses From Sale	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Begin Year	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End
MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS								
Ward Christmas Fund	\$3,795.07		\$64.26	\$3,859.33	\$250.65	\$195.42	\$249.00	\$197.07
Ward Worthy Poor Fund	\$5,692.59		\$96.40	\$5,788.99	\$7,060.29	\$615.99	\$7,676.28	\$7,676.28
Ward Essay Prize Fund	\$3,795.07		\$64.26	\$3,859.33	\$987.34	\$231.00	\$200.00	\$1,018.34
Elijah Burnap Poor Fund	\$10,438.72		\$176.77	\$10,615.49	\$12,336.31	\$1,100.08	\$13,436.39	\$13,436.39
Earl Mower Fund	\$1,565.49		\$26.51	\$1,592.00	\$0.00	\$75.62	\$75.62	\$0.00
Duncan Piano Fund	\$1,138.52		\$19.28	\$1,157.80	\$1,109.01	\$108.56	\$1,217.57	\$1,217.57
Vernon Hood Fund	\$379.51		\$6.43	\$385.94	\$26.12	\$19.59	\$45.71	\$45.71
Bill Hendrick Vision Fund	\$1,702.47		\$28.83	\$1,731.30	\$856.25	\$123.59	\$979.84	\$979.84
Mother's & Daughter's Fund	\$2,125.24		\$35.99	\$2,161.23	\$139.58	\$109.39	\$109.39	\$109.39
Beulah Pickering Fund	\$18,264.94		\$0.00	\$18,264.94	\$13,691.95	\$1,543.58	\$15,235.53	\$15,235.53
Ruth F Koe Brady Camp Fund	\$755.00	\$ 105.00	\$12.78	\$872.78	\$97.91	\$46.27	\$144.18	\$144.18
Stage Set Fund	\$0.00	\$ 6,635.00	\$0.00	\$6,635.00	\$0.00	\$158.78	\$158.78	\$158.78
Mericrofters Fund	\$0.00	\$ 500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$11.94	\$11.94	\$11.94
TOTALS	\$49,652.62	\$7,240.00	\$531.51	\$57,424.13	\$36,555.41	\$4,339.81	\$664.20	\$40,231.02
TOTAL: ALL TRUST FUNDS	\$271,444.05	\$7,240.00	\$4,287.27	\$282,971.32	\$48,592.02	\$15,634.14	\$14,834.20	\$49,391.96

Stage Set Fund established to maintain stage set and related equipment in Plainfield Town Hall.
Mericrofters Fund established for Environmental Studies at Plainfield School.

INTEREST

PRINCIPLE

Capital Reserve/Expenditure Funds

Revaluation Fund	\$80,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$17,357.03	\$3,579.12	\$10,510.31	\$10,425.84
Town Hall Fund	\$6,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$213.90	\$128.33	\$151.21	\$191.02
Bridge Reserve Fund	\$79,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$11,155.74	\$1,400.35	\$6,794.54	\$5,761.55
Meriden Water Reserve Fund	\$41,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$5,467.05	\$696.00		\$6,163.05
School Building Fund	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,490.65	\$337.77	\$2,000.00	\$828.42
New Equipment Fund	\$140,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$3,736.38	\$1,842.63	\$1,583.00	\$3,996.01
Library Repair Fund	\$11,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$1,233.81	\$197.26		\$1,431.07
Philip Read Lib Expansion Fund	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$11,218.53	\$1,787.44	\$1,000.00	\$12,005.97
Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund	\$25,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$35,500.00	\$1,472.80	\$403.80		\$1,876.60
Plainfield History Fund	\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00	\$479.99	\$112.04		\$592.03
Cemetery Care	\$31,450.00	\$900.00	\$32,350.00	\$9.28	\$571.97	\$ 420.00	\$161.25
School Spec Ed Fund	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$246.99	\$266.85		\$513.84
TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS	\$566,450.00	\$163,400.00	\$244,000.00	\$55,082.15	\$11,323.56	\$22,459.06	\$43,946.65

BALANCE SHEET
(General Fund)
December 31st, 2002

ASSETS:

CASH:

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$23,770
INVESTMENTS	\$1,398,399
PETTY CASH	\$250

TOTAL CASH	\$1,422,419
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PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE	\$278,818
CURRENT USE RECEIVABLE	\$3,150
YIELD TAX RECEIVABLE	\$0
TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE	\$76,415

TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE	\$358,383
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-Dumpster Charge	\$11,974
-Insurance Reim.	\$674
DUE FROM FORESTRY MAINTENANCE	\$125

TOTAL ASSETS:	\$1,793,575
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LIABILITIES:

DUE OTHER FUNDS	\$8,725
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PAYABLES:

SCHOOL	\$1,404,003
INVOICES	\$7,238
ACCRUED PAYROLL	\$8,496

TOTAL PAYABLES	\$1,419,737
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,428,462
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FUND BALANCE	\$365,113
RESERVED ENCUMBRANCES	(\$23,302)
RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES	(\$10,500)
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE:	\$331,311

GRAND TOTALS:	\$1,793,575
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UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2001	\$356,700
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2002	\$331,311
CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION	(\$25,389)

Audit excerpt, full audit
is available at the Town Office



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Plainfield
Plainfield, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Plainfield, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Plainfield as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

January 20, 2003

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types
December 31, 2002

<u>ASSETS</u>	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Trust and Agency	
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 24,020	\$ 12,063	\$ 626	\$ 59,609	\$ 96,318
Investments	1,398,399	115,388		798,843	2,312,630
<u>Receivables (Net of Allowance For Uncollectible)</u>					
Taxes	347,883				347,883
Accounts	12,648				12,648
Note		2,535			2,535
Interfund Receivable	125	8,725		1,404,003	1,412,853
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,783,075	\$ 138,711	\$ 626	\$ 2,262,455	\$ 4,184,867
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>					
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,238	\$	\$	\$	\$ 7,238
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	8,496				8,496
Retainage Payable			1,802		1,802
Intergovernmental Payable				1,506,885	1,506,885
Interfund Payable	1,412,728	125			1,412,853
Total Liabilities	1,428,462	125	1,802	1,506,885	2,937,274
<u>Equity</u>					
<u>Fund Balances</u>					
Reserved For Encumbrances	23,302				23,302
Reserved For Endowments				279,264	279,264
Reserved For Special Purposes				476,306	476,306
<u>Unreserved</u>					
Designated For Special Purposes		138,586			138,586
Undesignated (Deficit)	331,311		(1,176)		330,135
Total Equity	354,613	138,586	(1,176)	755,570	1,247,593
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,783,075	\$ 138,711	\$ 626	\$ 2,262,455	\$ 4,184,867

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SCHEDULE A-1
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Estimate</u>
<u>Taxes</u>			
Property	\$ 503,855	\$ 508,977	\$ 5,122
Land Use Change	15,000	10,275	(4,725)
Timber	25,000	10,167	(14,833)
Excavation	370	370	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,000	1,000	
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	<u>35,000</u>	<u>40,199</u>	<u>5,199</u>
Total Taxes	<u>580,225</u>	<u>570,988</u>	<u>(9,237)</u>
<u>Licenses, Permits and Fees</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	375,000	375,541	541
Other	<u>2,500</u>	<u>5,217</u>	<u>2,717</u>
Total Licenses, Permits and Fees	<u>377,500</u>	<u>380,758</u>	<u>3,258</u>
<u>Intergovernmental</u>			
<u>State</u>			
Shared Revenue	90,780	90,780	
Highway Block Grant	97,387	97,387	
State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	208	978	770
Other	<u>1,300</u>	<u>715</u>	<u>(585)</u>
Total Intergovernmental	<u>189,675</u>	<u>189,860</u>	<u>185</u>
<u>Charges For Services</u>			
Income From Departments	<u>110,000</u>	<u>111,958</u>	<u>1,958</u>
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Sale of Municipal Property	1,000	2,000	1,000
Interest on Investments	13,000	10,988	(2,012)
Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements	10,000	4,955	(5,045)
Other	<u>3,985</u>	<u>3,985</u>	<u>3,985</u>
Total Miscellaneous	<u>24,000</u>	<u>21,928</u>	<u>(2,072)</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
<u>Operating Transfers In</u>			
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>			
<u>Trust Funds</u>			
Expendable	57,000	56,583	(417)
Nonexpendable	<u>12,000</u>	<u>8,080</u>	<u>(3,920)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>69,000</u>	<u>64,663</u>	<u>(4,337)</u>
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>1,350,400</u>	<u>\$ 1,340,155</u>	<u>\$ (10,245)</u>
<u>Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce Tax Rate</u>	<u>12,000</u>		
<u>Total Revenues, Other Financing Sources and Use of Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$ 1,362,400</u>		

See Independent Auditor's Report, page 1.

SCHEDULE A-2
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Encumbered From 2001	Appropriations 2002	Expenditures Net of Refunds	Encumbered To 2003	(Over) Under Budget
<u>Current</u>					
<u>General Government</u>					
Executive	\$	\$ 89,700	\$ 93,115	\$	\$ (3,415)
Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	5,902	6,800	4,732	7,402	568
Financial Administration	2,000	32,375	37,410		(3,035)
Revaluation of Property		8,000	8,346		(346)
Legal		2,700	1,558		1,142
Personnel Administration		9,200	9,538		(338)
Planning and Zoning		1,500	1,422		78
General Government Buildings		6,060	7,061		(1,001)
Cemeteries		18,600	20,531		(1,931)
Insurance, not otherwise allocated		22,900	23,135		(235)
Advertising and Regional Associations		3,300	3,660		(360)
Other		<u>10,000</u>		<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total General Government	<u>7,902</u>	<u>211,135</u>	<u>210,508</u>	<u>12,402</u>	<u>(3,873)</u>
<u>Public Safety</u>					
Police Department		126,738	124,811		1,927
Ambulance		20,290	19,474		816
Fire Department		73,000	73,000		
Building Inspection		6,600	1,442		5,158
Emergency Management		200			200
Other		<u>13,950</u>	<u>12,430</u>		<u>1,520</u>
Total Public Safety		<u>240,778</u>	<u>231,157</u>		<u>9,621</u>
<u>Highways and Streets</u>					
Administration		16,800	17,308		(508)
Highways and Streets	28,973	376,200	400,475		4,698
Street Lighting		7,500	6,974		526
Other	<u>22,027</u>	<u>97,388</u>	<u>115,959</u>	<u>10,900</u>	<u>(7,444)</u>
Total Highways and Streets	<u>51,000</u>	<u>497,888</u>	<u>540,716</u>	<u>10,900</u>	<u>(2,728)</u>
<u>Sanitation</u>					
Solid Waste Collection		67,166	67,000		166
Solid Waste Disposal		77,360	81,408		(4,048)
Recycling		<u>8,500</u>	<u>9,435</u>		<u>(935)</u>
Total Sanitation		<u>153,026</u>	<u>157,843</u>		<u>(4,817)</u>
<u>Health</u>					
Administration		13,530	12,967		563
Animal Control		<u>200</u>	<u>465</u>		<u>(265)</u>
Total Health		<u>13,730</u>	<u>13,432</u>		<u>298</u>

SCHEDULE A-2 (Continued)
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Encumbered From 2001	Appropriations 2002	Expenditures Net of Refunds	Encumbered To 2003	(Over) Under Budget
<u>Welfare</u>					
Direct Assistance		5,000	7,789		(2,789)
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>					
Parks and Recreation		15,645	15,419		226
Patriotic Purposes		1,420	2,065		(645)
Total Culture and Recreation		17,065	17,484		(419)
Conservation		2,200	2,200		
<u>Debt Service</u>					
Principal - Long-Term Debt		5,000	5,000		
Interest - Long-Term Debt			15		(15)
Total Debt Service		5,000	5,015		(15)
<u>Capital Outlay</u>					
Police Equipment		10,000	8,839		1,161
Backhoe		57,000	56,583		417
Total Capital Outlay		67,000	65,422		1,578
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>					
<u>Operating Transfers Out</u>					
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>					
Special Revenue Funds		51,178	51,178		
<u>Trust Funds</u>					
Expendable		98,400	98,400		
Total Operating Transfers Out		149,578	149,578		
<u>Total Appropriations</u>					
Expenditures and Encumbrances	\$ 58,902	\$ 1,362,400	\$ 1,401,144	\$ 23,302	\$ (3,144)

See Independent Auditor's Report, page 1.

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Expendable Trust	
<u>Revenues</u>					
Taxes	\$ 570,988	\$ 8,725	\$	\$	\$ 579,713
Licenses and Permits	380,758				380,758
Intergovernmental	192,155				192,155
Charges for Services	111,958				111,958
Miscellaneous	21,928	6,565	100	9,619	38,212
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>					
Operating Transfers In	64,663	57,268	31,000	98,400	251,331
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>					
	1,342,450	72,558	31,100	108,019	1,554,127
<u>Expenditures</u>					
<u>Current</u>					
General Government	210,508			59,106	269,614
Public Safety	233,452				233,452
Highways and Streets	540,716			36,795	577,511
Sanitation	157,843				157,843
Health	13,432				13,432
Welfare	7,789				7,789
Culture and Recreation	17,484	63,500			80,984
Conservation	2,200	630			2,830
Debt Service	5,015				5,015
Capital Outlay	65,422		32,276		97,698
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>					
Operating Transfers Out	149,578			87,583	237,161
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>					
	1,403,439	64,130	32,276	183,484	1,683,329
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>					
	(60,989)	8,428	(1,176)	(75,465)	(129,202)
<u>Fund Balances - January 1</u>					
	415,602	130,158		502,379	1,048,139
<u>Fund Balances (Deficit) - December 31</u>					
	\$ 354,613	\$ 138,586	\$ (1,176)	\$ 426,914	\$ 918,937

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis)
General and Special Revenue Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$ 580,225	\$ 570,988	\$ (9,237)
Licenses and Permits	377,500	380,758	3,258
Intergovernmental	189,675	189,860	185
Charges for Services	110,000	111,958	1,958
Miscellaneous	24,000	21,928	(2,072)
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Operating Transfers In	69,000	64,663	(4,337)
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	1,350,400	1,340,155	(10,245)
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	211,135	215,008	(3,873)
Public Safety	240,778	231,157	9,621
Highways and Streets	497,888	500,616	(2,728)
Sanitation	153,026	157,843	(4,817)
Health	13,730	13,432	298
Welfare	5,000	7,789	(2,789)
Culture and Recreation	17,065	17,484	(419)
Conservation	2,200	2,200	
Debt Service	5,000	5,015	(15)
Capital Outlay	67,000	65,422	1,578
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
Operating Transfers Out	149,578	149,578	_____
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	1,362,400	1,365,544	(3,144)
<u>Deficiency of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Under Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	\$ (12,000)	(25,389)	\$ (13,389)
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances - January 1</u>		356,700	
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances - December 31</u>		\$ 331,311	

SELECTBOARD REPORT

2002 was a busy and productive year for the Plainfield Selectboard. While many major projects were completed or started during the year (some mentioned below), it was the individual contributions of all our town employees, board and committee members and active townspeople that continued to make the difference for Plainfield. As for the Selectboard, we remained committed to smart and reasonable government services, as well as focused and disciplined fiscal policies.

Day to day operations at the Town Office continued to run smoothly, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our Town Administrator and Town Clerk. With their help, a massive Townwide revaluation has commenced through our contractor, Avitar. This project will see every property in town getting updated inventories and tax values. It is important to note that while this work will certainly result in significant increase in the grand list value, the tax rate will be adjusted accordingly. Any questions, comments or concerns should be directed to the Selectboard or Town Office Staff.

During 2002, the Highway Department performed many, many hours of work on our roads. From the plowing and sanding, to grading and road building, our townspeople enjoyed some vastly improved driving conditions to what our predecessors experienced. The purchase of a new backhoe, as approved at the 2002 town meeting, helped to make short order of some big jobs. Other miscellaneous improvements were made during the year to equipment and facility at the highway garage. Hopefully everyone in town has had a chance to cruise the new and smooth Daniels Road (and bridge) that was completed during the summer. A paving project up the steep part of Tallow Hill has already paid dividends in terms of the required maintenance. The completion of previous projects on Jenny Road, Chellis Road and High Street (with top coats of pavement) have left these roads in their best condition ever. The highway crew has proven themselves to be reliable and efficient in all aspects of their work. We are also grateful for our Road Agent, who rises above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis. If you see him or any of our road crew about town, be sure to appreciate the hard work that they do for all of us.

The Selectmen would also like to thank our police Chief and his staff for the hard work and dedication they have demonstrated in law enforcement and public safety. Our town is much like other small towns in that it has become too difficult to attract and retain part time police officers. This has created a lot of long hours for our full time officers. Many thanks to them and our other emergency services (fire and rescue) for keeping Plainfield safe and secure.

The Board also maintained the effort to keep Plainfield a beautiful and safe place to live and work. Various issues were dealt with in 2002 along these lines, including junk car removal, property clean up and the hazardous waste removal on the former Berwick property on Rt. 12A. As for the latter, the Selectboard held a meeting in October with representatives from the EPA, the

NH Department of Environmental Services, the general public, and the current owner of the contaminated property to discuss why the clean up, started last spring, remains uncompleted. The Selectboard has increased pressure on all parties involved and has asked other elected officials, at all levels of government, for their help in finishing the job of cleaning up this site.

With regard to the Plainfield Village Water District, the Selectboard remained committed to helping with all issues in any way possible. As the water district is a separate governing body, we have consistently urged residents of the district to participate and to attend all public meetings. The board held numerous discussions with residents and also acted to revise the boundaries of the district. A new "test" for inclusion in the district is to determine what properties that have road frontage where there is an underground/ understreet water main. This was deemed the most simple and fair way of making the "in district or out of district" determination.

In September, the Selectboard adopted a new ordinance intended to regulate the use of roadside signs. The board decided that a "less is best" approach to the use of signs seemed prudent. This will maximize the effectiveness of signs that are placed around town and allow for signs in those cases where a clear need can be demonstrated.

Finally, we urge you to stop by a Selectboard meeting to discuss any issue. We always appreciate townspeople that are involved in our discussions. Without any input from residents, the job of the Selectboard can be difficult and downright boring. We look forward to seeing new faces and to creative problem solving. Again, we urge you to thank your town officials and volunteers, as well as our town employees for their work in making Plainfield a great place to live.

Robert Taylor, Chairman
Mark Wilder
Judy Belyea



Selectboard and Road Agent meeting with the public prior to the Daniels Road project.—*S.Halleran photo*

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

At the direction of the board of selectmen, town time and resources were spent on the following special projects during the year 2002:

- * The town's disabled tax exemption requirements were amended to provide a like amount of relief when compared to the town's initial elderly tax exemption.
- * Field work began and continues on the 2003 revaluation. The project is to be completed in time for the establishment of the new tax rate.
- * Continued efforts were made to gain compliance with state statutes limiting the amount of junk and debris that maybe stored on a residential property without required permits from the zoning board of adjustment.
- * The Selectboard continued to work to assist the Plainfield Village Water District commissioners and district membership with reaching a satisfactory resolution to meeting the organization's financial obligations.
- * The Selectboard started discussions with Adelphia Cable concerning the renewal of the town's franchise agreement. As part of this work the Selectboard is trying to provide residents with an option for cable modem internet access. Adelphia's bankruptcy filing has complicated the negotiations.
- * In conformance with the town's stated road improvement priorities, the highway department was able to complete a reconstruction of Daniels Road including the replacement of the existing bridge.
- * The Selectboard adopted a new road sign ordinance for the town. In an effort to insure that necessary signs are visible, the ordinance is intended to keep nonessential highway directional signs to a minimum.
- * The Selectboard held a public forum and continues to do all that it can to have the hazardous waste found at the former B&S Leasing site removed. Most recently the board has sought assistance from our congressional delegation.

In closing, I wish to also point out the contribution to town government made by David Stockwell, in whose memory this year's annual report is dedicated. David's regular presence in the town office, most recently serving as a supervisor of the check list, has and will continue to be missed for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Halleran

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Zoning Administrator: Stephen Halleran, hours M-F 8:00am-4:00pm

Permits for the following projects were issued in 2002:

15	Single family residences	8	Renewals
1	Private Schools	8	Barns
7	Garages	19	Renovations
10	Additions	11	Decks/porches
4	Pools	20	Sheds/outbuildings
1	Accessory apartments.		

Permit total= 104

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Halleran
Zoning Administrator

SUMMARY OF REPORTS OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2002

Total Reports Filed	18
Total Yield Tax Assessed	\$12,004
Softwood cut, BF	599,257
Hardwood cut, BF	189,354
Cordwood cut, cords	195
Pulpwood/chips, tons	5,520
Pulpwood, cords	168

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. Belyea, Yield Tax Agent

PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

During 2002 the Plainfield Planning Board approved the following applications:

SUBDIVISIONS:

Simon, Robert	reworking of four lots into six, Rte 12A.
Chase, Pauline	two lots, Rte 12A.
Noda, Lafayette	two lots, Bean Road.

ANNEXATIONS:

Milton, Stephen & Amy	.25 acres to land of B & L Atwater
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VOLUNTARY LOT MERGERS

Varnese, John	Merging 3 lots (11/4750,4700,4755) on Porter Road into one lot.
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SITE PLAN REVIEW:

Smith, William Inc	'50x50 addition to auction gallery 1064 Rte 12A.
Taylor Farm	Commercial sugar house at 166 Main St.
Duckworth Trust	Art Museum and gallery, 21 Bean Rd.
Runnemedede School	K-12 private school, temp. buildings 1050 Rte 12A
Ellen Ryan	Antique Shop, 137 Westgate Road.
Runnemedede School	K-12 private school, permanent buildings 1050 Route 12A.
Plainfield Library	Building expansion, 1088 Rte 12A.

SCENIC ROAD HEARINGS:

Daniels Road	Concerned the town's reconstruction project.
Chellis Road	Granite State Electric, line maintenance.
Harriman Road	Granite State Electric, line maintenance.

APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN:

Singing Hills	Site plan review, bathhouse & pavilion, 378 Stage Road.
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In addition to the above, the planning board worked to keep the town's master plan current. Public hearings on the revised plan are scheduled for January 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

PLAINFIELD PLANNING BOARD



Planning Board Chairwoman Jane Stephenson accepting a volunteer of the year award from the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

—R. Wheeler photo

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

During the year the board GRANTED the following five appeals:

2002-01 Ellen Ryan Antique shop at 137 Westgate Road.

2002-02 Duckworth Trust: Art gallery/museum at 21 Bean Road.

2002-03 Runnemedede School: Private K-12 school, temp trailers, at 1050 Route 12A.

2002-05 Joe Waters: Setback encroachment for detached garage 14 Farm Road.

2002-07 Runnemedede School: Private K-12 school, permanent building, 1050 Rte 12A.

The following application was withdrawn.

2002-04 Independent Wireless One: Cellular tower, '95 Beauty Hill Road.

The following application was not accepted as it was not different than a previously denied case on the same parcel.

2002-06 Karl Klinges: Removal of Natural Material Special Exception 67 Ferry Hill Rd.

Respectfully submitted

PLAINFIELD ZONING BOARD



Zoning Board considering the Runnemedede School proposal at the Plainfield Town Hall. —S. Halleran photo

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission had a fairly productive year. At times we spun our wheels, but usually gained traction enough to move forward with our projects. Our sole regret was accepting the resignation of Diane Rogers, who earned a rest after years of demonstrating heartfelt concern for our town and its natural resources.

Much of the year was spent considering how to protect our most important undeveloped open space. We surveyed residents at the polls, town meeting, and school meeting to identify and spark discussion about our town's special places. We considered how to prioritize which properties might provide the most public benefit if they could be protected from future development. When we learned the Thompson field near the corner of Stage Road and Route 120 was for sale, we looked for ways that the owner might be able to conserve the field's scenic, agricultural, and public water supply protection values. All these efforts are ongoing.

A preferred method for protecting open space is the use of conservation easements. There are over two dozen parcels in town that are protected from development by some form of easement. The large majority of these are privately owned. The Conservation Commission fulfilled our responsibility for monitoring four of these properties to assure the owners' compliance with the terms of their particular easement.

There were exciting developments on two town-owned properties under our stewardship. We formally changed the name of the Stage Road ballfield property to Victor Hewes Memorial Park, reflecting the additional recreational and natural opportunities beyond the field itself. A granite bench in memory Dana Meadows was placed at the outlook over the Blow-Me-Down Brook and adjacent wetlands on and nearby property she conserved. Volunteers from the Runnemedede School assisted with trail maintenance and clearing at the outlook. Dan Rondeau organized material donations and volunteer labor to build a brick barbecue grill, earning his Eagle Scout badge in the process. Two new picnic tables round out the improvements at the park.

The cause for excitement at the Benson Town Forest was the discovery of an uncommon wild flower. Virginia Waterleaf is listed as "threatened" in our state's Natural Heritage Inventory. Fewer than twenty occurrences have been confirmed in New Hampshire, which is at the northern edge of its range. The presence of this rare wild flower will be a consideration in future forest management activity.

The review of permitting, and the occasional absence of permitting, for projects which may impact the town's natural resources is a perennial task undertaken by the Conservation Commission. This year we reviewed nine "Intent to Cut" notifications that a landowner intended to harvest timber. As often as not, wetland impacts expected as part of the timber harvest additionally require the harvester to notify the Department of Environmental Services and the Conservation Commission. We

received three notification permits of this type detailing the scope of the wetland impact and acknowledging that the impacts will be addressed using standards known as "best management practices." These issues are discussed more fully in our newly-revised Timber Harvest Fact Sheet.

We expedited two permit applications for Minimum Impact projects to the Wetlands Bureau by signing and providing comments on the application in advance of their submittal. One was approved promptly, but the other was held up for additional information. We also loosely monitored Standard Dredge and Fill Applications during the permitting and construction phases for NH DOT's major culvert extension and the Berwick site clean-up, both on Route 12-A.

The Conservation Commission continues to have respectable fund balances available for undertaking special projects. The Forest Maintenance Fund was created using income from a timber harvest at the Benson Town Forest and has a balance of approximately \$21,000. We are considering several projects that would use a portion of this fund if our plans are approved at town meeting. The Conservation Fund, which we intend to use for projects that conserve or enhance critical open space and natural resources, is financed primarily with one-half of the current use change tax proceeds paid each year. It's estimated that this financing mechanism will have added \$8,700 in 2002, bringing the total for this fund to a little under \$65,000. We intend to use a substantial portion of this fund to prepare for and carry out extensive natural resource inventory work that will guide development and open space planning for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Grobe, Chair



Outdoor fireplace constructed at the Hewes Field by resident Dan Rondeau as part of an Eagle Scout project. —R. Wheeler photo

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REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

2002

Plainfield still enjoys a low crime rate with few serious crimes. A lot of this is due to the police department's proactive approach to community policing. The police department received a second Automatic External Defibrillator this year from a grant made possible by Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital. We look forward to serving the residents of Plainfield in 2003.

POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE:

1,173

Driving while intoxicated	03	Alarms	84
Assault	11	Animals	107
Sexual assault	01	Medical emergency	24
Weapons	05	Fire calls	14
Theft	26	Motor vehicle	69
Fraud	00	Admin. Relays	02
Domestic violence	04	Suspicious persons	59
Bad checks	08	Trespassing	07
Possession stolen property	00	Missing person	03
Drugs	01	Public hazards	28
Disorderly conduct	40	Motorist assist	81
Criminal mischief	14	Civil	35
Auto theft	02	Open doors	37
Criminal threats	02	House checks	85
		Assist other PD'S	98
TOTAL CRIMES	117	Domestic offenses	28
		Juvenile offenses	09
Arrest / clearance	91	Accidents no injury	68
		Accidents with injury	21
Motor vehicle summons	74	OHRV accident, injury	02
Motor vehicle warnings	329	Fatal accidents	00
Motor vehicle Misdemeanors	03	E 911 calls	27
		Unattended deaths	04
		Other complaints	164
Total other activities	406	Total complaints	1,056

PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the last year, the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Dept. has responded to 45 calls. They were as follows:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	7	Chimney Fires	1
Mutual Aid	7	Public Assist	5
Power Lines	5	Alarm Activations	11
Structure Fires	2	Medical Assists	1
Brush Fires	3	Odor Investigations	2
Car Fires	1		

I would, once again, like to thank the very devoted membership of the PVFD for their strong support. These members attend 1 business meeting and 2 drills per month. They also attend training outside the department, many at a state level, to help improve their skills. I would also like to thank the firefighters' families and employers for their support to the people that must respond 24 hours per day to protect the life and property in our town.

We moved into the new firehouse last spring, and had an open house on October 13th. I'd like to thank all the townspeople that showed up to wish us well, and also to thank C&L Catering for their expertise in cooking the food, and Don MacLeay and his band for supplying the music.

Lastly, I'd like to say thanks, from everyone on the department, to those of you that have donated your time, equipment, and offered us your generous money donations to help this project through. We really appreciate the support that many of you have shown throughout the project.

To all those who didn't have a chance to make the open house, and would like a tour of the new fire station, please give one of us a call, and we'll be proud to show you around ... better yet, we meet the 1st Sunday of every month, and you're encouraged to stop by and fill out an application for membership.

Please remember **SMOKE DETECTORS, SAVE LIVES!** If you don't have smoke detectors, you should install them soon. If you do have them, please take a moment to make sure you have fresh batteries in them. Remember to "Change your clock, change your batteries."

Please also remember, that it is illegal in NH to burn trash and/or painted wood products outdoors, and that you need a written permit to burn brush.

If you have any questions regarding outside burning, or to request a permit to burn brush, please call any of the following people:

Peter Berry, Warden	675-2293	Douglas Plummer	298-6839
John Conly	675-2411	Chris Berry	675-2293
David Best	469-3350	Bill Taylor	469-3342

Also, don't forget that we are dispatched out of Hanover, NH. Their phone number is 643-2222 for any "non-emergency" related calls. Be sure to use 911 for any emergencies.

Respectfully Submitted,
Douglas R. Plummer, Chief

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

EXPENSES	Actual-2002	Estimated 2003
New Equipment	\$1,08.41	\$4,000.00
Equipment Repairs	826.65	2,000.00
Supplies	493.08	1,000.00
Electricity	1,825.75	1,650.00
Telephone	1,130.20	1,075.00
Heat	2,962.32	2,700.00
Diesel Fuel	202.00	500.00
Insurance	8,439.00	8,500.00
Schools & Training	55.00	1,000.00
Radio & Radio Repairs	105.23	1,000.00
Accounting & Fees	463.00	500.00
Building (New)	<u>19334.16</u>	19,334.16
Hazmat Team		<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$36,917.00	\$44,259.16
RECEIPTS		
Fund Raising	\$1,296.06	
Town	38,311.64	
Town Reports	325.00	
Return	852.82	
Donations	<u>\$ 275.00</u>	
	\$41,060.52	
Receipts	\$41,060.52	
Expenses	<u>\$36,917.00</u>	
Balance	\$ 4,143.52	
12/31/2002	<i>David W. Scott</i>	
	Treasurer	

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Meriden Fire Department received 83 calls for service in the year 2002

Alarm Investigations.

Structure fires	2	KUA	16
Chimney fires	1	Singing Hills	5
Private alarms	9	Plainfield School	1
Smoke investigation	2	Forest/grass fire	1
Propane leak	1	Illegal burn	2
Downed powerlines	6	Disaster drill	1
Auto accidents	15	Auto fires	2
TV cable down	1	Snowmobile accident	1
Report fire unfound	1	Highway Garage	1
Power lines down	3	Wastewater Treatment	1

Mutual aid given to:

Cornish Fire Dept.	6	Lebanon Fire Dept.	1
Plainfield Fire Dept.	11		

Mutual aid received from:

Cornish Fire Dept.	9	Cornish Rescue Squad	10
Plainfield Fire Dept.	10	Lebanon Fire Department	3

Meriden Fire Department had a new well drilled this summer because water in the spring could no longer be used to drink or wash trucks. We also repaved the front ramp, put hard pack on the parking lots at both ends of the station, and painted the station floor as events for our 50th Anniversary in 2003 start to unfold.

Meriden Fire Department purchased a semi-automatic defibrillator with donations from citizens who were generous in their support of the department.

We are pleased to announce that Meriden Fire Department has been selected to receive a federal fire grant of \$20,700. The fire department plans to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera that will assist fire fighters in finding hot spots and persons trapped in buildings. The grant also funded the purchase of an accountability system that helps keep track of our firefighters at a fire.

The Wild Game supper, the annual yard sale and the Cornish Fair ticket sales were very successful thanks to all the volunteers who make these events happen and run smoothly.

Firefighters continue to train. Some members finished their Level I training and others took driving classes offered by the N.H. Municipal Association. At completion of the driving classes, a state test was given so drivers could receive their commercial licenses (CDLs). Several new firefighters have joined this fall. If you are interested in joining, please come by on Monday nights and talk to us.

I want to take this time to thank all of our firefighters, families and citizens who support the Meriden Fire Department.

Members and dates they joined

Steve Beaupre	1965	David Best	1970	Lester Bouchier	1970
David Chellis	1970	Bill Taylor	1984	Brian Bouchier	1982
Andy Forbes	1992	David Lemere	1997	John Woodward-Poor	1979
Doug Illsley	1999	Debra Lemere	1999	Edwin Van Dijk	2000
Bill Gefell	2001	John Bannister	2001	Jonathan Kunz	2002
Kyle Hanford	2002	Craig Belyea	2002	Corey Grant	2002
Josh Lemere	2002	Harrison Currier	2002		

KUA Brigade: Corey Hayes, Garret Heaton, Carl Ellis, Julia Logan, Allison Morgan, Than Walker

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Best

**Meriden Volunteer Fire Department
2002 Operating Report**

Receipts	2002 Budge	2002 Actual	Fav (Unfav) Varianc	Proposed 2003 Budget
Town Appropriation	35,000	35,000	0	35,000
Other Sources				
Yard Sales	2,000	2,029	29	2,000
Raffle	300	657	357	400
Cornish Fair Ticket Sales	2,500	3,016	516	2,500
Spring Dinner	2,000	3,243	1,243	2,500
Delivery of Town Reports	325	325	0	0
Donations	1,000	1,870	870	1,000
Checking Account Interest	80	36	(44)	35
Hazmat Cleanup Payments	0	0	0	0
Forest Fire Payments	300	1,023	723	300
Misc	0	0	0	
Subtotal	8,505	12,199	3,694	8,735
Grand Total	43,505	47,199	3,694	43,735

Disbursements	2002 Budge	2002 Actual	Fav (Unfav) Varianc	Proposed 2003 Budget
Operating Expenses				
Telephone	1,030	1,093	(63)	1,100
Electricity	550	593	(43)	550
Sewer	240	260	(20)	240
Heating Oil	650	569	81	650
Insurance	8,602	9,270	(668)	10,100
Equipment Maintenance	6,100	4,829	1,271	4,310
Office Supplies + Publications	650	379	271	400
Gas + Diesel	500	358	142	500
Dues / Permits / Fees	350	289	61	350
Training	2,000	50	1,950	500
Firefighting Equipment	9,005	6,692	2,313	6,530
Forest Fire Equipment	50	0	50	0
Station Maintenance	2,400	2,101	299	1,700
Vaccinations / Physicals	300	0	300	300
Hazmat Association	0	0	0	1,000
Misc	400	163	237	900
Subtotal	32,827	26,647	6,180	29,130
Capital Reserve	13,203	23,077	(9,874)	14,605
Grand Total	46,030	49,724	(3,694)	43,735

**Meriden Volunteer Fire Department
2002 Operating Report**

	2002 Actual	Proposed 2003 Budget
Beginning Cash Balance	7,025	4,500
Total Receipts	47,199	43,735
Total Disbursements	49,724	43,735
Net Change	(2,525)	0
Ending Cash Balance	4,500	4,500

Capital Reserve Summary

	2002 Actual	Proposed 2003 Budget
Beginning Reserve Balance	80,235	90,944
Increase Reserves	31,077	18,605
Interest Earnings	4,498	1,300
Expenditures	18,250	38,000
Loan Payments	6,616	6,616
Ending Reserve Balance	90,944	66,233

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

Next year, 2004, the Cornish Rescue Squad will be 30 years old. Many things have changed in emergency medicine since the first members took their basic instruction in 1974. Today in many areas, especially areas away from major cities, volunteer services have trouble attracting and retaining staff, raising funds, and maintaining skills. I'm happy to report that the Cornish Rescue Squad nears the end of its third decade with over 20 members in the towns of Cornish and Plainfield, with adequate funds for operation and equipment, and with a continuing commitment to training, much of it provided by our own members. We continue to work well with our ambulance services, provided by the Windsor and Lebanon Fire Departments and Golden Cross ambulance, as well as with the Plainfield, Meriden and Cornish Fire Departments and those of neighboring towns. Our call volume remains steady, including house calls, motor vehicle and other accidents, and first-aid standby and lighting at fire scenes.

After several years of planning for replacing our Rescue Truck, the Squad has stepped back to take a look at the equipment we carry. Our 1980's vintage "Jaws of Life", while still functional, no longer meets the challenge of new car design. We are looking into new rescue equipment so we can provide better service with better safety. Thanks to an always generous response to our fund-raising letters, we expect to upgrade our equipment while continuing with our truck plans. The support we receive from the towns of Plainfield and Cornish continues to cover the cost of operations and dispatching.

2002 President Jeff Ballard has decided not to seek office this year. After serving with him for a year as Vice President, I was elected President at this year's meeting, along with Vice President Gary Chilton, Treasurer Fred Schad, and co-secretaries Deb Foltyn and Chantelle Orlen. Jeff Ballard continues to serve as trustee along with Jenny Schad and Steve Jamison.

The shift by all agencies to 911 dispatching over the last few years has not always made our jobs easier. While it is now easier to find the general neighborhood of a call, finding the actual house is still sometimes a problem. Making street numbers visible from the road in both directions, and placing them where they are not obscured by snow, goes a long way to helping us and other agencies find you when you call for help. If you have special health concerns at your house, please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

Sincerely,

Rob Drye, President

COMMUNITY FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

Your local forest fire warden, fire department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local forest fire warden or fire department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for any open burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression cost.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800)498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information..

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdf.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2002 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2002)

<u>Fires Reported by County</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Causes of Fires Reported</u>	
Belknap	52	13.5	Illegal	7
Carroll	80	10.5	Arson/Suspicious	43
Cheshire	39	17	Smoking	32
Coos	3	2.5	Children	32
Grafton	53	21	Campfire	31
Hillsborough	108	54.5	Rekindle of Permit	3
Merrimack	94	13.5	Lightning	36
Rockingham	60	25.5	Miscellaneous	356
Sullivan	31	23		
Strafford	20	6		

*Miscellaneous (power lines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment,)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

*Douglas Miner, Forest Ranger
Peter A. Berry, Warden*

PLAINFIELD RECYCLING

January 2003

Plainfield's recycling rate is 23% in 2002. The cost savings to the town from recycling efforts grew to \$21,386 up from \$21,000 in 2001.

	2000	2001	2002
Total tonnage	1,089	1,156	1,165
Tons incinerated	843 (77.4%)	862 (74.6%)	895 (76.8%)
Tons recycled curbside	168 (15.4%)	179 (15.5%)	162 (13.9%)
Tons recycled at shed	78 (7.2 %)	115 (9.9%)	108 (9.2%)

Curbside recycling: Cost savings to the town totaled \$14,094. The town spent a net \$564 to process its curbside recyclables but avoided spending \$23,490 by not sending curbside recyclables to the incinerator.

Drop-off shed: Cost savings to the town totaled \$7,292. The town avoided spending more than \$9396 by not sending material to the incinerator. (Items below, except for the tires, oil, propane tanks and 2/3's of the metal, could have been put in curbside trash.) After using revenues from the shed's recyclables to offset operating costs and processing fees, the shed cost \$2,104 to operate.

Material Collected at Shed	Est. Amount Collected (in tons)
Magazines, boxboard, junk mail	26.0
Metal	53.0
Corrugated cardboard, brown grocery bags	25.0
Office paper (white)	.75
Textiles	1.0
Tires	1.96
Household batteries (NiCad, rechargeables, etc.)	35 lbs.
Fluorescent tubes 6' in length	not available
Oil	325 gallons
Propane tanks	128 tanks
TOTAL	107.71

In the spring and fall, Plainfield sponsors a tire-recycling day at the shed and funds the town's participation in a hazardous waste collection day in Hartland. This year we also collected old style valve propane tanks. Many thanks to the recycling volunteers, Steve Halleran for the used motor oil program and also to Ken Stocker and the highway crew for transporting recycled office paper and generously giving their continued support!

Hillary Sundell, Recycling Shed Coordinator

PLAINFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

The soccer program for grades kindergarten to four had a good turn out. The kindergarteners learned the basics of soccer. Grades one through four played in an in-town league.

The basketball program for grades one to four met for eight weeks at the Kimball Union Academy gym. Basic skills were taught to first and second grades with a focus on advanced skills for grades three and four.

Prep baseball for grades three and four consisted of two teams. These teams played games with Claremont teams.

Midget "B" baseball also had two teams. The Midget "B" teams played in the Upper Valley League.

The tennis program was as popular as ever with a large turn out. Matches were played with Hartford, Vermont teams.

The "Famous Fishing Derby" was held in June with a very large turnout. Wyatt MacDonald hooked "the catch of the day!"

The season ended with our "Ice-Cream Party". Attendees were regaled with a great story narrated by Malcolm Grobe.

Thanks are given to the coaches, instructors and referees for a job well done. We also want to thank all of the people who helped with the Fishing Derby and the ice-cream party.

Thank you to the Meriden Deli Mart, Meriden Garage, Meriden Telephone Company, Kimball Union Academy, Plainfield Community Church and the Town of Plainfield for their support.

Special thanks are given to Hy-On-A-Hill trout farm for their generous donation of fish for the fishing derby.

Submitted by

George Prescott, Director



Recreation Director George Prescott presenting the fishing derby trophy to Wyatt MacDonald.



Participants in the 2002 fishing derby at the Meriden Deli.
—S. Halleran photo

PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Trustees Report--2002

The Philip Read Memorial Library had a very good year. Thanks to the voters who supported our bond request, we had a groundbreaking ceremony on November 18 with construction on the much-needed addition beginning two weeks later.

A generous grant from the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities allowed us to hold a book discussion series again. The series consisted of five programs on "Consider the Source: Old Tales Retold" and was held in the spring. Story time for the younger children continues to be a fun part of the life of the library. Volunteers share their storytelling gifts every month on the third Wednesday at 3:30 PM.

The summer again was busy with the summer reading program "Lions, Tigers, and Books, Oh My!" with 33 children participating and reading 400 books. Teagan Atwater designed and made (with the help of Diane Rogers) our lion and tiger figures that welcomed library visitors during the summer and early fall. D.B. Johnson, children's book author/illustrator, read his latest book "Henry Builds a Cabin" to a delighted audience on the Fourth of July. A slide show and talk on "Among the Bears" was presented by Ben Kilham, known as the "Bear Man." The Library continues to sponsor the Women's Investment Club, which meets monthly. Author Barbara Dimmick gave a talk and reading of her new book Heartside Up.

The cleanup of Rt. 12A through the Adopt-A-Highway Program was managed again by a group of dedicated volunteers. For the July 4 parade this year, the Plainfield Library surprised everyone with a Bookcart Drill Team, whose precision and enthusiasm delighted the spectators. We sponsored an Open House during National Library week, and co-sponsored with Meriden Library a play entitled "Little Night in the Big West." The library director attended an e-book workshop, the annual state library conference, Ebsco DataBase training and training for the new state computerized interlibrary loan system. As in past years, the trustees attended the annual New Hampshire Library Trustees Association meeting.

The library now offers several new services. Through the state library, several new data bases are available to patrons through the Internet. These are Ebsco, a magazine and newspaper database; encyclopedias and other reference works; and Ancestry Plus, a genealogy database. Come in and use the public computer and try them out. Also new are four passes to the Currier Art Museum in Manchester. These can be borrowed and used for any of the Currier exhibits and programs that are available during their regular operating hours.

The Friends of the Library and other volunteers held several successful fundraising--some old, some new--events. Events included our annual Walk-a-Thon, the annual book and bake sale, a week-long silent auction of artist-designed handmade books, Maxfield Parrish Vintage Print Sale (jointly with the Stage Set Committee), a swing dance, quilt and painting raffles, mail solicitations and grant applications. Grants were received for the construction project from the Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation, The James Tasker Covered Bridge Fund, the Lane and Elizabeth Dwinell Charitable Trust, and the Stettenheim Foundation.

Space for meetings, programs and the library collection continues to be a problem; but we are managing in very tight quarters during the construction phase of

the addition. Circulation increased again this year, with 10,791 items being loaned, and many more items being used in the library.

Ruth Stalker was hired in January as our new library aide, working four hours a week.

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 and magazines, as well as other needed items. As part of their Community Service Day, the KUA kids helped with site work clean up for the addition.

Our usual volunteers put in 48 hours each month, some of that time in the library and some at home doing tasks such as typing catalog cards. We rely heavily on our volunteers; in fact, we will be looking for more volunteers in the coming year. The Friends of the Library are always willing to assist us and new members are welcome.

Shortly after town meeting last year, final details for the first phase of the library addition were accomplished. Clearing the site began in earnest as soon as the snow and mud seasons ended; preparations for the bidding process continued until mid-September when a contractor was selected; details were worked out; and groundbreaking took place in mid-November after a snowy weekend! Even with the early snow and a cold spell to boot, construction continues and progress can be seen. You can even take a peek out a back window in the library!

Although the first phase of the project is progressing, we are not losing sight of completing the full addition (the basement level) in the future. Contributions are always welcome to the general building fund as well as to "The Alice P. Hendrick Memorial Children's Room."

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

Nancy Franklin

Beth Williams



The Philip Read Memorial Library Bookcart Drill Team makes it debut in the 4th of July parade. Clockwise from right: Nancy Norwalk, Ruth Stalker, Annette Moore, Diane Rogers, Luann Collins, Beth Williams. —R. Wheeler photo

**FINANCIAL REPORT
PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY
FISCAL YEAR 2002**

	BUDGET 2002	ACTUAL 2002	PROPOSED 2003
On hand Jan. 1			
CHECKING ACCOUNT	980.00	980.00	375.16
ENCUMBERED PURCHASES	1097.00	1097.00	337.00
	=====	=====	=====
SUBTOTAL:	2077.30	2077.30	712.16
INCOME:			
TOWN APPROPRIATION	25713.13	25714.13	27993.56
TRUST FUND INCOME	4520.00	4520.00	4600.00
FINES & DAMAGED BOOKS	270.00	378.10	270.00
GIFTS	100.00	80.00	100.00
BOOK SALES	500.00	689.65	725.00
GRANTS -NH Humanities Council	0	644.20	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	137.22	0
	=====	=====	=====
INCOME:	31103.13	32163.17	33688.56
	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL:	33180.43	34240.47	34400.72
EXPENDITURES:			
SALARIES	16439.00	16137.89	17154.40
LIBRARY PAYROLL LIAB.	1258.00	1234.62	1312.32
LIBRARY MATERIALS	6425.00	7406.88	6585.00
AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS	900.00	1032.84	1000.00
SUPPLIES	1400.00	925.26	1400.00
POSTAGE	250.00	198.94	250.00
ELECTRICITY	650.00	607.46	980.00
TELEPHONE	1300.00	1054.91	1400.00
COMPUTER TECH./OUT SERVICES	500.00	391.64	500.00
FUEL	960.00	1004.85	1330.00
MAINTENANCE	700.00	750.47	800.00
FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT	300.00	0	300.00
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	450.00	531.02	500.00
PROGRAMS (includes grant exp.)	150.00	694.20	150.00
WATER	240.00	275.05	240.00
MISCELLANEOUS	150.00	151.25	150.00
TRANSFER TO SICK PAY ACCT	11.43	11.43	12.00
ENCUMBERED PURCHASES	1097.00	1119.60	337.00
	=====	=====	=====
EXPENSES	33180.43	33528.31	34400.72
CHECKING ACCOUNT DEC.31		712.16	
	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL:	33180.43	34240.47	34400.72

BALANCE IN SICK PAY ACCOUNT Dec. 31, 2002 \$488.43



Library Director Nancy Norwalk and trustee Anita Brown 'breaking ground' at the start of the Philip Read Memorial Library expansion.

—S. Gillens photo



Library expansion: foundation footings being poured as project supervisor David Grobe looks on. —Nancy Norwalk photo

MERIDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

Another year as usual at Meriden Library. New books, programs for everyone plus another weeding and moving of books to keep enough shelf space for all the collection. Another weeding in 2003 should give the collection and new acquisitions room on the shelves for another year or two. Bettyann has replaced some non-fiction and obtained some good reference sources making a few titles available for discard. The State Library has provided a program to us for obtaining copies of articles published in periodicals and journals. This has let Bettyann weed the magazine collection and since they are stored in the children's room this has allowed some shelf space there to become free.

Memorial gifts received in memory of David Benson went towards the purchase of a rack for our collection of books-on tape, and the small collection of musical cds we have received as gifts. This rack will not take up much room and will make it easier for patrons to find their choices as well as freeing up more shelf space.

A rug, in good condition, was passed on to the library from the Chellis family for the area around the desk and a rug purchased with a gift from the Meriden Grange covers an area where the table and chairs are located. There may not be a lot of room but what there is is comfortable.

In May, Nancy Chapman Elliott produced a great show featuring all local talent as she and they presented "Little Night in the Big West". Nancy had written many poems about her life while living out west and told her story by reciting them. A mini melodrama and lots of characters and critters made for an enjoyable evening. The admission charge went to benefit the Meriden Library and the Philip Read Memorial Library. Thank you again Nancy for that appreciated gift.

Bettyann reports that fourteen children signed up for summer reading and read a total of approximately 200 books. The weekly programs were attended by 8 - 16 parents and children each of the two days they were held. The first program of the summer reading was a slide program on butterflies followed by decorating a t-shirt with paint and items the children found out doors; flowers, weeds, leaves and the like. They turned out really nice. 50 children and parents enjoyed that program presented by Jerry Schneider from Hardwick, Vt. The month long program ended with an ice cream sundae party for all who participated.

Old Home Day for the town was held in July with 140 plus attending even though it did rain off and on most of the afternoon. The Meriden Library and the Meriden Library Association with participation from the Meriden Grange and a grant from the James Tasker Covered Bridges Fund sponsored and presented the event on the grounds of the library and Grange. Despite the rain Dan Grady and his "Marvelous Marionette Medley" troupe performed for over an hour to the delight of everyone in attendance.

Open House was held in March to celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of Dr. Seuss and in April and October for National Library Week and Children's Library Week. The Annual Cookie Swap was held in December. It has been suggested that this event be held on a Sunday afternoon so that more will be able to attend.

Thank you from us and Bettyann to all the volunteers, especially Pam Abrahamson who volunteers on Monday nights and represents the Meriden Library on the Plainfield Town Safety Committee. Thank you also to Rachel, our Story Hour Lady. And, thank you to those who gave monetary gifts and gifts of books for our collection and book sale and

to Jim Ingerson for the slide projector (can be borrowed by our patrons) and Hilary Platt for the lighter and quieter typewriter. All these gifts and the volunteer time is much appreciated.

The library is in violation of ADA regulations by not having an easier access into the building. To rectify this situation, the Board of Trustees asked for volunteers to form a committee to study the future needs of the Meriden Library especially the access. Thank you to this group of dedicated volunteer patrons as they pursue this study and make their recommendations to the Board.

Until a solution has been found to solve the easier access problem, those patrons who cannot get into the building are encouraged to call the library and the trustee will see that the materials you require or need from the collection are delivered to your home.

We will continue to work with Bettyann and Annamay as they continue to provide the best in library service possible and offer programs of interest to everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Crate, Betsy Beck and Rachel Stoddard,
Meriden Library Trustee Board

2002 FINANCIAL REPORT - MERIDEN LIBRARY

	BUDGET 2002	ACTUAL 2002	PROPOSED 2003
On Hand - Jan 1, 2002			
Checking Account	928.02	928.02	551.93
Encumbered Funds	4,999.08	4,999.08	6,810.69
Petty Cash	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	5,952.10	5,952.10	7,387.62
Income			
Town Appropriation	24,232.00	24,232.00	24,717.00
Town Appropriation - FICA	1,232.00	1,232.00	1,277.00
Trust Funds	1,200.00	1,574.06	1,500.00
Gifts - Memorial	0.00	1,140.00	0.00
Gifts - Miscellaneous	600.00	750.00	600.00
Book Fines	100.00	169.67	100.00
Book Sales	150.00	333.93	150.00
Interest	75.00	86.61	75.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>	<u>162.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
INCOME	<u>27,589.00</u>	<u>29,680.27</u>	<u>28,419.00</u>
TOTAL	33,541.10	35,632.37	35,806.62
Expenses			
Salaries	16,107.00	15,990.25	16,692.00
FICA	1,232.00	1,080.48	1,277.00
Library Materials	6,000.00	6,327.10	6,000.00
Telephone	500.00	574.47	1,000.00
Electricity	600.00	484.65	500.00
Fuel	1,000.00	790.33	800.00
Water	100.00	100.00	100.00
Supplies	550.00	670.03	550.00
Postage	500.00	421.02	500.00
Professional Activities	100.00	43.75	100.00
Programming	200.00	226.67	200.00
Maintenance	500.00	422.00	500.00
Computer Services	200.00	120.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	900.00	0.00
Building Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>94.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
EXPENSES	27,589.00	28,244.75	28,419.00
Cash on Hand - Dec 31, 2002			
Checking Account		551.93	
Encumbered Funds		6,810.69	
Petty Cash		<u>25.00</u>	
TOTAL	27,589.00	35,632.37	28,419.00
Building Fund Balance		38,561.94	
Encumbered Funds - Savings			
Memorial Fund		1,580.74	
MacNamara Fund		345.00	
Sick Pay Account		325.00	
Computer Fund		1,500.00	
Reference Material Replacement		3,059.95	

WELFARE REPORT

The welfare office had an allocated budget of \$5,000 for the year 2002. This year, as a result of the special needs within the town, the welfare office spent approximately \$7,800, assisting the residents of Plainfield. The following needs were met in 2002:

- Relocation expense assistance
- Heating/Fuel assistance
- Rent assistance
- Food assistance
- Homelessness assistance
- Prescription drug assistance

Thank you to the Meriden Congregational Church and Singing Hills for providing prescription assistance, support with the Food Pantry, emergency shelter and Christmas gifts.

Monthly Senior Socials were held at the Plainfield Town Hall, the Meriden Grange and the Blow-Me-Down Grange. Thank you to the Meriden Grange members for hosting the Autumn Social. Many thanks to the Millar Fund for providing financial assistance for the events held at the Town Hall and the Blow-Me-Down Grange. Thank you to the Meriden Good Cheer for the donation to be used for the Senior Socials.

Special thanks to Diane Rogers for the help she provided with the summer Senior Socials.

Any Plainfield Resident requiring assistance from the Town is eligible to apply to the welfare office. The welfare office can assist with:

- Social Security Issues, Medicaid, Child Care, Dental Care, Medical Care
- Food Stamps, Fuel Assistance, Senior Assistance, Temporary
- Financial Aid, Prescription Assistance, Emergency Food Assistance
- Emergency Shelter, Meals on Wheels

Please call the Town Offices at 469-3201 and a discreet meeting will be arranged.

Patrick Cerra
Welfare Officer

HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Residents of the Town of Plainfield continued to have access to needed social services from the following agencies during 2002:

ACORN: AIDS Community Resource Network, which exists to support and assist those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS. 85 Mechanic Street, Lebanon, NH. tel. 603-448-8885.

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

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

HEADREST: Provides information and referrals for human services in the Upper Valley. 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 services 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. 46 S. Main St. White River Jct. Vt 05001 tel. 802-295-2604

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. **2 Wipple Place, Suite 202, Lebanon, NH 03766 tel. 448-0126.**

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

Organization	Granted 2002	Requested 2003	Recommended 2003
Acorn	\$ 250	\$ 500	\$ 250
Community Alliance	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
GCSCC	\$1430	\$1430	\$1430
Headrest	\$1800	\$1800	\$1800
Sthwst Comm Serv	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
VNAVNH	\$8450	\$8875	\$8875
Volunteers in Action	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
West Central Services*		\$2200	\$1000
Total	\$13,130	\$16,005	\$14,555

*new request for 2003.

The Plainfield History Account
(administered by the Plainfield and Meriden Libraries)
January 1, 2002-December 31, 2002

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 11 years since the history was published, and the number of copies sold to date is 1,006. 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 transferred from this Plainfield History account. It is the intention to periodically transfer money from this fund 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 1st	\$2,118.02
Income:	
Sale of books	\$ 675.15
Bank interest	<u>27.70</u>
Total income	<u>702.85</u>
	\$2,820.87
Expenses:	
None	
Balance December 31st	\$2,820.87

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The charge to the Finance Committee is to advise the Selectboard and other officers in the prudential affairs of the Town.

Town of Plainfield

The Finance Committee met with the Plainfield Selectboard and the Town Administrator several times from November 2002 through February 2003. As has been the case for many years, the Selectboard and Town Administrator have worked diligently to provide close and careful management of the town's finances. While the recommended town operating expenditures are increasing 5.33%, the net appropriation will only increase 3.73% a total of \$19,623.

The Finance Committee supports the proposed Town operating budget and commends this group for its hard work.

Items of note include the purchase of a vote tabulation machine and a calcium chloride spray tank, establishing a reserve fund for ADA compliance for town buildings, particularly the Meriden Library, and a Plainfield Conservation Commission proposal to increase the percentage of current use change tax that it receives for a period of three years in order to fund projects. A leading proposal under consideration by the Conservation Commission is a town wide digital tax-mapping project.

Finally, the county portion of the tax rate is expected to remain at last year's level. Nevertheless, because the county tax rate continues to exceed the cost of the town portion of the tax rate and a solution to the Sullivan County fiscal crisis is nowhere in sight, the Finance Committee remains concerned about the county fiscal situation and its effect on the town.

Plainfield School District

The Plainfield Finance Committee met with the Plainfield School Board, school administrators, and Principal Mellow several times during the period from November 2002 through January 2003. The Committee commends this group for its hard work, and for its decision to hire a Finance/Budget Specialist for the school. Based on this action, the Committee is reasonably confident that the accounting mistakes that have plagued us in the past are over.

Unlike last year, there are no discretionary changes in the budget. No additional staffing or program requests are being made. Rather, the increase is largely attributable to two factors: unanticipated high school tuition and slight

increases based on the two year negotiated agreements with both faculty and support staff. Other than costs, the school has kept controllable spending level.

In addition to the 2003-2004 school budget, the school board is also requesting approval of a proposed warrant in the amount of approximately \$70,000 to cover a shortfall in the 2002-2003 budget. Over the past summer, ten high school aged children unexpectedly moved to town resulting in an unbudgeted expense of approximately \$91,000 in high school tuition. By reducing discretionary spending, and with the assistance of some unanticipated revenue, the school board has been able to keep the deficit appropriation request to a lesser amount.

The Finance Committee supports the proposed budget and warrant article. The Committee believes that it is a fair representation of the direction the Plainfield community has indicated that the school should take. Although some Committee members expressed concern about the overall dollar amount of school spending, the Committee believes that it is beyond the scope of the Finance Committee to recommend specific program cuts or changes. Given the limited public direction during the budgeting process, the Finance Committee and the School Board can only conclude that the budget reflects the consensus of the town regarding the direction that the school and school spending should take. If this is not true, then it is the task of each community member to become involved in the budgeting process early on in order to help shape the budget in a meaningful way.

A Message to the Community

As we worked with the two boards, we became keenly aware of the lack of public participation in the formative stages of budget planning. It is in these stages that public input often results in creative, well thought out direction. We seem to have lost the public part of the process. In the absence of such input, are we missing opportunities to practice fiscal responsibility while still improving the quality of life for all Plainfield residents?

Respectfully submitted,

Town of Plainfield Finance Committee

James Barnicle, Chair

Brad Atwater

Kathleen Cassedy

Margaret Drye

Carin Reynolds

Jeanne Woodward-Poor

REPORT OF THE KUA STUDY COMMITTEE

Your committee met two times during the year. As part of these meetings, the following was discussed:

Exclusive of students of KUA faculty, there are currently 23 students from Plainfield attending the academy (2-9th graders, 5-10th graders, 8-11th graders, and 8-12th graders). The school anticipates approximately the same number of local students will be attending the academy in the 2003/4 year.

The KUA day student tuition will be \$20,000 for the upcoming year ('03/'04). The corresponding Plainfield grant will be \$4,500 per student an increase of \$1,000 over the current grant. The Lebanon high tuition is \$9,008 for 2002/3 and is expected to be \$9,452 for 2003/4.

Based on the academy's dormitory, dining hall and kitchen assets valued for tax purposes at \$2,858,250, the value of the exemption granted for 2002 was approximately \$110,000.

While it is difficult to calculate the exemption's effect on the town's New Hampshire educational adequacy grant, last year the committee was able to determine the following:

In absence of the exemption, the New Hampshire adequacy grant is reduced by at least \$22,000.

In absence of the exemption, Plainfield's share of the Sullivan County costs would increase by approximately \$17,000.

Kimball Union continues to support the Plainfield Recreation Department and local residents by making numerous athletic facilities available. In particular, the skating rink and cross country ski trails are very popular with residents. Events at the Flickinger Arts Center, including the KUA Cultural Event Series which is open free to the public continue to be well attended by local residents. The Plainfield School continues to utilize academy facilities including the theater for graduation. The Planning Board has recently begun to use the school's meeting facilities for local projects with high community interest. The Academy has continues to provide financial support to the Meriden Fire Department for the purchase of their ladder truck.

The committee is recommending that the Selectboard place an article on the warrant for voter consideration that, if approved, would exempt from property taxation 100% of the kitchen, dormitory, and dining hall property owned by the school. After considering among other things the on going revaluation and the statewide education funding issues, your committee unanimously recommends approval of this exemption.

Regardless of the taxation issue, the committee feels strongly that both the community and the academy enjoy numerous benefits from maintaining a positive working relationship.

RUA STUDY COMMITTEE

MAXFIELD PARRISH STAGE SET COMMITTEE
PLAINFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT - 2002

Hardly a month goes by without someone calling to learn more about Parrish in Plainfield or the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set.

For the eighth summer, volunteers kept the town hall open on Sunday afternoons for visits from tourists and Parrish fans. Approximately 800 tourists visited the town hall through the year. The Stage Set Committee also sponsored the Annual Art Show during the 4th of July festivities.

While many people have used the Plainfield Town Hall for their wedding receptions, this year brought a marriage that took place in front of the Stage Set. Plainfield residents Jessie Zabski and Amanda Hendrick were married on September 21 by Justice of the Peace Shannon Reed. What a beautiful background for a wedding!

The very successful, fifth annual Parrish Vintage Print and Collectible Sale was held at the Plainfield Town Hall in October. This event brought 400 Parrish collectors to Plainfield from throughout the United States on the very busy Columbus Day weekend.

Tourists and fans were very appreciative that the New Hampshire Legislature (spearheaded by Steve Taylor) passed a bill naming Rt. 12A the Maxfield Parrish Highway. Signs were installed along the highway, from the Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge to the West Lebanon line.

New Hampshire's Channel 9, WMUR, came to Plainfield to film a segment on the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set, as well as segments on Winston Churchill and the Mothers' and Daughters' Club. Fritz Wetherbee was the commentator for these programs, and he provided very lively and informative segments. The colors of the stage set and the light show transferred to the television scene very well.

Please stop by one Sunday in July or August with family and friends to share the legendary stage set with them. In 1916, artist and illustrator Maxfield Parrish painted a scene with Mt. Ascutney in the background and the Connecticut River flowing in front with stately white birches and colorful oak trees. Parrish designed the stage set at the request of his good friend, William Howard Hart, a stage designer and artist. Hart donated the stage at the Plainfield Town Hall, once known as the "most beautiful stage North of Boston," to the Town of Plainfield. The stage set consists of a backdrop, six wings, three overhead drapes, original professional lighting with more than 300 light bulbs, and complex weights, pulleys, and rigging. The linen material used for the set was made at the Indian Head Mills in Nashua, NH. This set is believed to be the only stage set ever designed by Parrish and that it has survived for 85 years is truly remarkable. Few stage sets complete with original lighting and rigging still exist today completely intact.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the efforts to preserve the Plainfield Town Hall and the stage set so that it can be enjoyed for generations.

Beverly Widger, Co-chair
Diane Rogers
Alice Jordan

Nancy Norwalk, Co-chair
Cheyenne Chellis
Bill Jordan

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CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have looked at issues as wide-ranging as management of wild trout in the river's headwaters to recreational trails on abandoned rail lines. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river and its valley.

This year we hosted public presentations by the states and EPA on a major study of contamination in the river's sediments. Following up on widespread public concern for riverbank erosion, we have restored two priority sites identified by our technical team and the county conservation districts on the mainstem. A third will be completed next summer. We have assisted the Army Corps of Engineers with a reconnaissance of other major erosion sites.

With the support of the four US Senators from NH and VT, we were able to provide \$145,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including grants for citizen water quality monitoring on Mill Brook in VT and the Ashuelot River in NH, a bi-state Milk Marketing Study Group, and the Connecticut River Birding Trail guide.

We continue to work to bring the attention of federal and state agencies to *the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, to give local people new influence in the decisions of their government when it comes to their river. For example, our local subcommittees called for better local protection of shoreland, valley farms, and floodplains. We encourage towns to adopt the *River Plan* into their town's master plan.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard natural, agricultural, and historic assets of the valley, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through visitor centers in ten "waypoint communities" along the Connecticut River Byway. This year we created exhibits for each of them, and provided staff and coordination for the Byway effort. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

Our five local river subcommittees are an active voice for river issues in their regions. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site at www.crjc.org for a calendar of meetings, useful information and links, or see our newsletter, *River Valley News*.

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Mt. Ascutney Region River Subcommittee
Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year, the Subcommittee continued to provide information, advice and assistance to the states, towns, and to local landowners on projects on or near the river, including transportation and development projects near the river, and riverbank stabilization.

We distributed the Connecticut River Joint Commissions' guide to "Boating on the Connecticut River," as well as the new "Explorations Along the Connecticut River Byway of VT and NH" map & guide. These are free and available to the public.

Towns in our region are reviewing the many tools and recommendations in our *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*. Several communities are actively moving to incorporate them as they update their existing town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly to improve shoreland protection.

Citizens interested in representing the Town are encouraged to contact the Selectmen. The public is welcome to join in our meetings, at the Windsor House on the second Tuesday evening of every other month. More information, including a calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, is on the web at www.crjc.org.

Ted Moynihan, Plainfield representative
Nancy Franklin, Connecticut River Commissioner

REPRESENTATIVE JONES

Sullivan County District 3-Cornish, Grantham, Plainfield, Springfield and Sunapee

The second year of the session passed very quickly and regrettably the education funding issue eluded a solution. Unfortunately in an election year, tough decisions are not made, especially, if they might be unpopular. Something I have never worried about.

The BROAD BASE STATE WIDE PROPERTY TAX is still in place and there are those of us who have, and will continue to fight until we rid ourselves of this onerous tax. I am very concerned that the property tax will bear an even greater burden as more costs are passed down from state government. The property tax cannot withstand all the demands that are and will be placed on it. Never forget that this tax message was loud and clear in November that the citizens do not want a sales or income tax, and I agree. However, I say that the BROAD BASE STATE WIDE PROPERTY TAX should enjoy the same status. It is enough that this tax must fund our municipal and county governments.

I look forward to a productive session with a new Captain at the helm of this grand Ship of State. We were given a mandate from the people to solve the education crisis and I am confident that if we stay the course, we will be well on our way to reaching our goals. This will take an unanimous effort by the entire Legislature, Republican and Democrat and all factions in between.

Once again, I am sitting on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee and House Rules. Criminal Justice has over 90 bills and each one must have a public hearing. This is a very busy and interesting committee. The word is that the Legislature will have well over one thousand bills to deal with the term.

My new District 19, which I share with Representative Burling, takes in the towns of Grantham, Plainfield and Cornish. To the citizens of District 19, as before I pledge to do my best to support my constituents and their needs.

As always, I welcome your input on any issue which is of interest and concern to you. Please feel free to call or write me at 863-8395 or PO Box 975, Grantham 03753.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Connie Jones

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Water District faced some new challenges in 2002. The drought left us with a severe water supply shortage, forcing us to truck in water for a period of weeks to make up for the shortfall in production at our Blow-Me-Down well field. After several years of asking for advice on the matter from the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, the commissioners verified that the district had a general fund deficit, a condition masked by having cash on hand from the Water Tank and Source project. Despite the cash shortage faced in the latter half of the year, the Commissioners were able to get NH Department of Environmental Services approval to place a well originally drilled as a test on line, and to drill a permanent well at the new site.

As the commissioners have known since April, the district has a general fund deficit that arose from not raising the water rates soon enough. Here are the numbers:

Year	Appropriated	Raised	Deficit
1999	\$23610	\$20266	\$3344
2000	\$64241	\$28468	\$35772
2001	\$62458	\$60704	<u>\$1754</u>
Total			\$40850

We did not add to this number in 2002. Our plan as outlined in Article III is to borrow \$40850 over five years to spread the cost out over that period. We are hoping that a combination of decreased cost of operation of the new well system and the eventual sale of some district assets at the Hayward Road site (addressed in Article VI) will allow us to do this with only a small impact on water rates. Passage of Article III will allow us to complete the new well field, which should end the annual water supply problems the district has faced since the system was first installed.

The storage tank once again proved its worth not only in carrying us through the first part of the drought by allowing us to pump during times of low or no usage, but in making it possible to haul water in the first place by giving us some place to store it. Here the commissioners want to express their thanks to the Gordon Wilder family, for donating the use of their tank truck to haul 18 loads of water totaling around 50,000 gallons from West Lebanon. The few additional trips requiring a commercial hauler cost around \$30 per thousand gallons.

The Department of Environmental Services has given us conditional approval to use the 4" well behind Moores' ("Moore Well B") while we drill a new 6" well ("Moore Well A") on the same site for permanent production. We will have to drill a 6" well within three years to replace "Moore Well B" to meet NHDES

requirements. The commissioners have obtained easements to all of the properties necessary to get permanent approval of the well site. Even with the undersized 4" casing and small pump, Moore Well B is producing almost twice as much water as the district requires for daily operation. Passing Article III will ensure that we will be able to complete this work and meet our bond payments.

If Article III fails, the district may have trouble meeting the bond payment due in August. Article V would grant the commissioners the ability to do short term borrowing against the October billing period to meet cash flow requirements.

Because we only have a couple of months' data on operating costs for Moore Well B, and none on the planned Moore Well A, we have not made significant changes in the budget for operating costs. As always, our bond payments make up the largest part of the budget.

The commissioners

George Adams, Daniel Nelson, Robert Drye

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2002**

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 1,828
Accounts receivable	5,747
Machinery and equipment	124,288
Buildings	10,000
Land and improvements	70,000
Tank/Well project	<u>416,068</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 627,931</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 12,472
Bond payable -NHMBB	<u>375,000</u>
Total liabilities	<u>387,472</u>

Net Assets

Unrestricted assets	. <u>240,459</u>
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Total liabilities and net assets	\$ <u>627,931</u>
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**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
2003 Proposed Budget**

	2002 Budget	2002 Actual	2003 Proposed
INCOME			
Water Rent, Interest	61,650.00	65,366.23	62,475.00
District Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hydrant Service	2,000.00	0.00	1,250.00
Interest Income	100.00	23.39	25.00
Other Income	0.00	7,603.95	0.00
Transfer From Expendable	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unencumbered Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$63,750.00	\$72,993.57	\$63,750.00
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Administrative			
Officers Salaries	510.00	520.00	520.00
Officer Expenses	1,250.00	1,526.00	1,500.00
Clerical Salaries	430.00	520.00	550.00
Payroll Taxes	175.00	69.00	75.00
Postage	500.00	275.08	350.00
Office Expenses	100.00	2,824.46	1,250.00
Insurance/Bonding	1,500.00	2,279.00	2,300.00
Total Administrative	\$4,465.00	\$8,013.54	\$6,545.00
Operations			
Maintenance-Labor	2,500.00	4,643.82	2,500.00
Maintenance-Supplies	1,700.00	2,500.24	2,000.00
Maintenance-Service	1,800.00	2,646.50	900.00
Utilities-Electricity	2,300.00	3,048.92	2,400.00
Utilities-Propane	250.00	100.00	50.00
Water Sample Tests	2,500.00	528.00	1,500.00
System Improvements	2,500.00	4,784.28	3,500.00
Total Operations	\$13,550.00	\$18,251.76	\$12,850.00
DEBT			
Principal	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Interest	20,562.50	20,562.50	19,312.50
Total Debt Service	\$45,562.50	\$45,562.50	\$44,312.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$63,577.50	\$71,827.80	\$63,707.50
NET	\$172.50	\$1,165.77	\$42.50

WARRANT
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 Tuesday the 18th of March 2003 at 7:30 p.m., to act upon the following subjects.

ARTICLE I. To choose the necessary district officers for the ensuing year or otherwise as the by-laws direct.

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

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

ARTICLE III. To see if the district will vote to raise the amount of \$40,850 for the purpose of reducing the existing general fund deficit, and to further authorize the commissioners to issue bonds or notes for this purpose in this amount pursuant to RSA 33:8 for a period not to exceed 5 years. (2/3 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 \$63,750 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 V. Shall the district accept the provisions of RSA 33:7 providing that any district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific recission of such authority, the commissioners to issue tax anticipation notes? (Majority vote required for passage.)

ARTICLE VI. To see if the district will vote to authorize the commissioners to sell or dispose of district assets, including real property, at the Blow-Me-Down well site.

ARTICLE VII. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of engaging an attorney to review and draft ordinances and by-laws appropriate for the district under the current statutes. (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Legislative Body of the Plainfield Village Water District shall vote to direct the Commissioners to not use property taxes as a means to raise money for the District.

(A "Yes" vote would prohibit the use of property taxes for raising money. A "No" vote would allow the use of property taxes).

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

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of January in the year of our Lord, two thousand and three.

A true copy attest:

George Adams

Daniel Nelson

Robert Drye

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 25, 2002

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Plainfield Village Water District in the town of Plainfield, County of Sullivan, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs held in the Plainfield Town Hall on Monday, March 25, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. The business was disposed of in the following manner.

Plainfield Village Water District received Margaret Drye's resignation for moderator prior to the 2002 annual meeting. The Commissioners appointed Jeff Moore to serve as moderator pro tem. A checklist for PVWD was established by Plainfield Town Supervisors of the Check List and implemented for the 2002 annual meeting.

Jeff Moore, after giving instructions for the procedure to be used in voting, called the PVWD annual meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Steve Taylor was present by invitation to act as parliamentarian. The warrant was read by the moderator (copy enclosed).

A motion was made and seconded to delay article I and II and move to article III. A voice vote was taken in the affirmative.

Article III was moved and seconded by the commissioners as presented in the warrant.

A motion was made to amend Article III to read:

Resolved, that the Plainfield Village Water District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,750 which represents the operating budget, that sum to come from usage fees and user surcharges and to authorize the Commissioners to direct the disbursements of funds by the District Treasurer in accordance with the District's Administrative Guidelines. Said sum does not include special warrant articles addressed.

The motion was seconded and a vote was taken: 64 yes, 13 no, 2 spoiled. The motion replaced the original article.

The article was voted on: 66 yes, 13 no. The amended article was adopted.

Article I was acted on next. The officers elected are:

Moderator for one year:	Jeff Moore
Clerk for one year	Margaret Drye
Commissioner for three years	Robert Drye
Treasurer for one year	Marcia Nelson

Article II was moved and seconded as presented in the warrant.

A voice vote was taken in the affirmative.

Article IV was moved and seconded. A hand vote was taken: 23 yes, 48 no. The article did not pass.

There being no further business, the meeting was voted to adjourn.

Marcia Nelson, Clerk

Meriden Village Water District Operator's Report 2002

Water System

With the assistance of Pathway's Consulting of Hanover the Meriden Village Water District applied for a State Revolving Fund loan to finance upgrades to the district facilities. Applications were ranked and the Meriden Village Water District proposal ranked high enough to be funded in 2003. Upgrades include the replacement of water mains along Main St., Bean Rd., Rte. 120, and Camp Rd. The development of a second source is also part of the planned upgrades. The need for additional source capacity has become even more important lately with the drought conditions experienced during the summer and the proposed development of the Holdaway property in Meriden village. The installation of water meters and back-flow prevention devices is also included in the proposed upgrade. The district has been approved to borrow up to \$ 675,000 at an interest rate of 3.976 % for 20 years. A vote to authorize the district to borrow the funds is expected at the annual meeting. Regular water sampling results continue to be favorable.

Wastewater Treatment Facility

As expected, the NPDES discharge permit was reissued by the EPA in June. The new permit has dramatically increased both the time necessary to operate the wastewater treatment plant and the cost. The frequency of monitoring effluent parameters has more than doubled in many areas and the requirement for effluent toxicity testing will cost the district more than \$ 8,000 per year. Effluent toxicity testing is done by an outside firm certified to perform the testing. A quality assurance and control manual was created during the year as required by the EPA as well as an Emergency Response Guide to assist the district in dealing with emergencies that may occur. The new NPDES permit also requires effluent dechlorination. Dufresne-Henry Engineering has designed facilities for dechlorination and construction will be completed by July 2003. Insurance premiums for the district will be reduced significantly for 2003. This was possible through the changing of insurance carriers from A.B. Gile to the NH Municipal Assn. Property Liability Trust. Two projects involving upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility are included in the 2003 budget. The first involves the removal of accumulated sludge from the lagoons. The second is the future replacement of the lagoon aeration system that supplies dissolved oxygen for the treatment process. Dufresne-Henry will study both projects and make recommendations to the commissioners.

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

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

Meriden Village Water District

Sewer Department

Income	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Budget 2003
Sewer Charges	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 66,720.00	\$ 96,110.00
Hook-up			
Interest	\$ 150.00	\$ 103.00	\$ 100.00
Surplus	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 14,458.00	
Capital Reserve			\$ 35,000.00
Refund		\$ 42.00	\$ 900.00
Total Income	\$ 81,550.00	\$ 81,323.00	\$ 132,110.00

Expenses

Office	\$ 700.00	\$ 558.00	\$ 500.00
Legal	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Electricity	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,048.00	\$ 7,500.00
Insurance	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 19,466.00	\$ 15,900.00
Maintenance	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 14,059.00	\$ 8,000.00
Telephone	\$ 350.00	\$ 352.00	\$ 350.00
Wages	\$ 18,200.00	\$ 19,902.00	\$ 28,700.00
FICA, Medicare	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,264.00	\$ 2,400.00
Interest on Debt	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 510.00
Principal on Debt	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,723.00	\$ 4,000.00
Effluent Testing			\$ 8,900.00
Vehicle	\$ 750.00	\$ 101.00	\$ 750.00
Dechlorination Project			\$ 44,400.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 81,550.00	\$ 81,323.00	\$ 132,110.00

Water Department

Income	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Budget 2003
Hydrant Rentals	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Water Rents	\$ 81,800.00	\$ 75,844.00	\$ 80,035.00
Interest	\$ 600.00	\$ 337.00	\$ 300.00
Other			\$ 675,000.00
Surplus	\$ 8,012.00	\$ 1,301.00	\$ 8,500.00
Total Income	\$ 91,612.00	\$ 78,682.00	\$ 765,035.00

Expenses

Office	\$ 600.00	\$ 468.00	\$ 600.00
Legal	\$ 200.00		\$ 750.00
Electricity	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 4,451.00	\$ 5,000.00
Insurance	\$ 500.00	\$ 127.00	\$ 250.00
Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,324.00	\$ 10,000.00
Water Analysis	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 434.00	\$ 1,500.00
Telephone	\$ 300.00	\$ 288.00	\$ 325.00
Wages	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 5,150.00
FICA, Medicare	\$ 400.00	\$ 304.00	\$ 460.00
Interest on Debt	\$ 16,212.00	\$ 16,212.00	\$ 14,000.00
Principal on Debt	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,574.00	\$ 2,000.00
Special Project	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 675,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 91,612.00	\$ 78,682.00	\$ 765,035.00

**Water Department Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2002**

Assets:

Cash: In hands of treasurer	\$ 40,367.00
Reserves: Distribution upgrade fund	\$ 56,000.00
Accounts due district: Water charges due	\$ 14,942.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 111,309.00</u>

Liabilities:

Reserve Funds: Distribution upgrade fund	<u>\$ 56,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 56,000.00
Fund Balance Current Surplus	<u>\$ 55,309.00</u>
Grand Total	\$ 111,309.00

**Sewer Department Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2002**

Assets:

Cash: In hands of treasurer	\$ 3,928.00
Accounts due district	\$ 13,636.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 35,500.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 53,064.00</u>

Liabilities:

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	<u>\$ 35,500.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 35,500.00
Fund Balance - Current Surplus	<u>\$ 17,564.00</u>
Grand Total	\$ 53,064.00

pursuant to RSA35:1. The commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE VI. To see if the cistrict will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading equipment on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1. The commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

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

ARTICLE VIII. To see what action the district will take with regard to water and sewer hook-up fees.

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

Giiven under our hands and seal this fourteenth day of January, 2003.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Donald Garfield

Jeffery Albright

Murray Dewdney

Commissioners of the Meriden Village Water District.

MINUTES
MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 19, 2002

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Meriden Village Water District, in the town of Plainfield, County of Sullivan, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs, held at the Plainfield School on Tuesday the nineteenth of March 2002 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:	Donald Garfield
Treasurer for one year:	Gretchen Taylor

It was voted in the affirmative and so declared.

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

RESOLVED: That the district raise and appropriate the sum of \$153,812.00 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special warrant articles addressed.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and so declared.

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

RESOLVED: That the reports of district officers be accepted as printed in the Town of Plainfield 2001 Town Report; subject to corrections, and that a corrected copy be placed on file with the district clerk.

It was voted in the affirmative and so declared.

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

RESOLVED: That the district vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) 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 so declared.

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 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) 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 so declared.

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

RESOLVED: 1. That district charges for residential sewer service be increased from \$70.00 per quarter to \$80.00 per quarter.

2. That district charges for sewer service to Kimball Union Academy be increased from \$4,700 per month to \$5,200 per month

3. That district charges for residential water service be increased from \$40.00 per quarter to \$50.00 per quarter.

4. That district charges for water service to Kimball Union Academy be reduced from \$6,000 per month to \$5,900 per month.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE VII. There was discussion of plans for upgrading the water distribution system, developing a second water source, and needs for sewer system improvements. There being no further business under this Article, the meeting was voted adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Roberta I. Garfield
Clerk

MARRIAGES 2002 TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Groom & Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Town of Issuance</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
01/12/2002	Weeks, Kenneth L Hanson, Victoria M.	Plainfield Plainfield	Hanover	Lebanon
02/24/2002	O'Leary, Michael S Cherington, Margaret E.	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
06/08/2002	Hill, Bud J Briggs, Sarah E	Plainfield Plainfield	Lebanon	Canterbury
06/15/2002	Besaw, Dennis P. Ellis, Linda M.	Charlestown Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
06/21/2002	Eberhardt, Ronnie C Nintzel, Alice	Norwich, VT Plainfield	Hanover	Plainfield
06/22/2002	Illsley, Douglas W Lebrun, Sarah A	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Lebanon
07/20/2002	Cameron, Clifford W Colwell, Sally J	Newport Plainfield	Newport	Enfield
07/27/2002	Wainwright, Larry E Liang, Tammy C	Plainfield Plainfield	Lebanon	Plainfield
07/27/2002	Halleran, Stephen L Longacre, Melissa A	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Laconia

08/30/2002	Poulin, Yanik S Murray, Catherine	Plainfield Unknown	Lebanon	Enfield
09/21/2002	Zabski, Jesse A Hendrick, Amanda G	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield

BIRTHS 2002 TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
05/01/2002	Armstrong, Sawyer Dorsey	Lebanon, NH	Armstrong, Scott	Armstrong, Beth
05/11/2002	Birkmeyer, John Meyer	Lebanon, NH	Birkmeyer, John	Birkmeyer, Nancy
06/14/2002	Brady, Emily Parker	Lebanon, NH	Brady, David	Brady, Amy
06/28/2002	Cloud, Jonathan Glenn	Lebanon, NH	Cloud, Timothy	Cloud, Alicia
06/01/2002	Falcone, Ella Grace	Lebanon, NH	Falcone, Daniel	Falcone, Megan
04/12/2002	Feltquate, Ethan Elijah	Lebanon, NH	Feltquate, David	Feltquate, Anne
04/12/2002	Frederick, Elizabeth Suzanne	Lebanon, NH	Frederick, Thomas	Frederick, Jennifer
05/04/2002	Garfield, Maia Mary	Lebanon, NH	Garfield, Brian	Garfield, Beth
06/01/2002	Hartnett, Harrison Quinn Rollin	Lebanon, NH	Hartnett, Matthew	Hartnett, Erin
11/08/2002	Hewett, Preston Hall	Lebanon, NH	Hewett, Roger	Hall Hewett, Nicole
01/25/2002	Lemere, Taylor Roseanne	Lebanon, NH	Lemere, Brandon	Lemere, Lynn
05/10/2002	Magari, Nathan Patrick	Lebanon, NH	Magari, Patrick	Silverman, Elaine
11/01/2002	McKim, Killian Corrigan	Lebanon, NH	McKim, Clark	McKim, Christine
04/16/2002	Miles, Luke William	Lebanon, NH	Miles, Clifford	Miles, Ann
09/10/2002	Pallatroni, Henry Francis	Lebanon, NH	Pallatroni, Henry	Pallatroni, Justine
06/07/2002	Paquette, Cade William	Lebanon, NH	Paquette, Kenneth	Paquette, Mindy
03/17/2002	Perotti, Audrey Rebecca	Lebanon, NH	Perotti, Frank	Hart, Maura
08/18/2002	Pope, Emma Kristine	Lebanon, NH	Pope, George	Pope, Sarah
12/18/2002	Roseth, Noah Alexander	Lebanon, NH	Roseth, Cary	Roseth, Jolene
07/27/2002	Troshko, Artur Andreevich Lugo	Lebanon, NH	Troshko, Andrey	Troshko, Cruz
03/20/2002	Twarog, Collin James	Lebanon, NH	Twarog, Peter	Twarog, Emily
06/19/2002	Van Dijk, Max Jacobus	Lebanon, NH	Van Dijk, Edwin	Van Dijk, Debrah
07/16/2002	Weeks, Michael Lawrence	Lebanon, NH	Weeks, Kenneth	Weeks, Victoria
06/28/2002	Wilder, Nicholas Peter	Lebanon, NH	Wilder, Brad	Wilder, Jennifer

DEATHS 2002 TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>
02/17/2002	Kahn, Jacob J	Windsor, VT	Kahn, Jacob	Fischer, Julianne
05/31/2002	Stockwell, David W	Lebanon, NH	Stockwell, Wallace	Pringle, Hildred
06/08/2002	Moeller, William A	Greenwich, CT	Moeller, William A	Keilty, Lauren
06/26/2002	Barkalow, Eleanor A	Lebanon, NH	Salterberger, William	Henchel, Jessie
08/26/2002	Macie, Norman W	Lebanon, NH	Macie, Norman	Bouchier, Marion
09/08/2002	Mulherin, Laura B	Lebanon, NH	Myette, Louis	Boulerice, Rose
09/10/2002	Koehler, Leonard D	Plainfield, NH	Koehler, George	Lindsay, Janet
11/20/2002	Grevatt, Walter E	Lebanon, NH	Grevatt, Walter	Clarke, Fanny Mae
12/06/2002	Swett, Wendell L	Lebanon, NH	Swett, Elmer	Labombard, Bernice

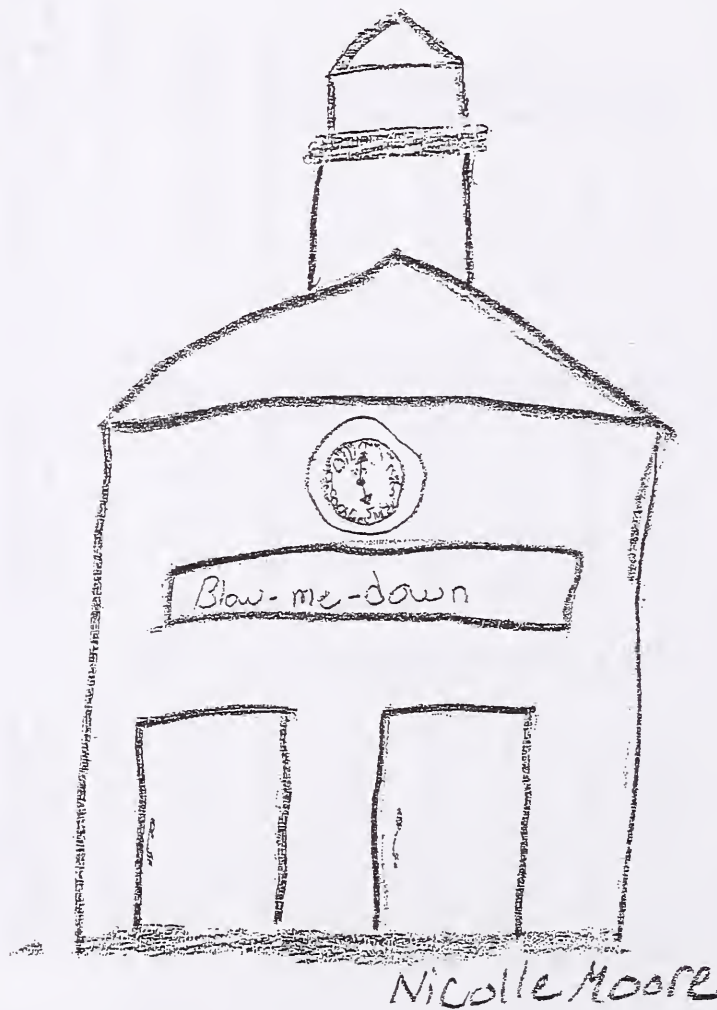
PLAINFIELD WEATHER 2002
 [Observations by Doug Cogan and Richard Langill]

MONTH	HIGH Temp(F)	LOW Temp(F)	MEAN Temp(F)	RAIN (Inches)	SNOW (Inches)	PRECIPITATION (Inches)
JANUARY	50	02	21	.39	26.50	2.80
FEBRUARY	54	-2	23	1.86	9.00	3.40
MARCH	65	09	31	3.49	15.25	6.52
APRIL	91	17	44	2.33	2.50	2.63
MAY	85	26	59	4.17		4.43
JUNE	90	33	68	4.56		4.56
JULY	97	43	67	1.55		1.55
AUGUST*	98	47	73	1.80		1.80
SEPTEMBER	95	38	61	3.38		3.38
OCTOBER	80	18	49	3.28	4.25	3.88
NOVEMBER	70	10	40	2.98	13.25	4.74
DECEMBER	43	-5	32	0.78	37.25	4.18
TOTALS	--	--	--	30.57	109.50	43.87
'01 AVG	58.7	35.8	47.2	---	---	---
10yr AVG	57.2	33.9	45.5	32.23	94.68	43.59

Records: *:Average daily high of 86.3 degrees was the warmest on record (dating back to at least 1969).
 Daily high temperature records: April 16,89 degrees; April 17, 91 degrees; April 18, 89 degrees; Sept. 8, 92 degrees;
 Sept. 9, 95degrees; Sept.10, 93 degrees; Nov. 11, 70 degrees. Daily low temperatures records: none.

2002 high temperature: 98 degrees F/Aug. 14; low temperature: -5 degrees F/Dec. 9th.
 Wettest 24 hours: 2.11 inches/March 26-27; snowiest 24 hours: 20.250 inches/Dec. 25-26.
 Date of last freeze: May 26, last frost: June 4th; first frost: Oct. 8, first freeze: October 15.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
2002



**ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2002

OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR

Stephen Taylor

CLERK

Kelly Taylor

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Judy Houde Hardy
(Term expires 2003)

William Nugent
(Term expires 2004)

Michael Higgins
(Term expires 2005)

Cherrie Torrey
(Term expires 2003)

Jo Ella McCarragher - Board Chair
(Term Expires 2004)

PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Andrew Mellow

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Joseph Della Badia, Ed.D.

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Nancy Brogden, Ph.D.

FINANCE / BUDGET SPECIALIST

William Moorman

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Joan Nierenberg

ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR

Bonnie Hutchins

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

Sullivan, ss:

School District of Plainfield

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield, New Hampshire, on Friday, the seventh day of March, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. to act on the following subject:

- Article I. To see what action the District will take with respect to reports of District officers.
- Article II. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$70,000 to cover the general fund deficit at the end of the 2002-2003 fiscal year which resulted from an unanticipated increase in the number of high school students tuitioned to Lebanon High School. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)
- Article III. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,087,703 for the support of schools, for payment of salaries to school district officials and agents, and for the payments of the statutory obligations of the District for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

NOTE: The appropriation in this article includes the sum necessary to fund the second year of a two year collective bargaining agreement between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Education Association which calls for an estimated increase in teacher salaries and benefits of \$89,560 and the sum necessary to fund the second year of a two year collective bargaining agreement between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Support Staff Association which calls for an estimated increase in support staff salaries and benefits of \$14,920.

- Article IV. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, to be placed in the Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund created in 2000 pursuant to RSA 35:1-C, for the purpose of either special education expenses or tuition expenses or both, and to name the School Board as agents to expend from this fund for these purposes. (The School Board recommends this action.)
- Article V. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, to be placed in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund created in 1997 pursuant to RSA 35:1-C, for the purpose of repairs, maintenance, and/or renovations to the Plainfield Elementary School facility, and to name the School Board as agents to expend from this fund for these purposes. (The School Board recommends this action.)
- Article VI. To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

(NOTE: Election of School District officials will take place at the same time and place as election of town officials on Tuesday, March 11, 2001).

Given under our hands at said Plainfield this 3rd day of February, 2003.

JoElla McCarragher
JoElla McCarragher, Chair

Michael M Higgins
Michael Higgins

Judith Houde Hardy
Judy Houde Hardy

William Nugent
William Nugent

Cherrie Torrey
Cherrie Torrey

A true copy. Attest:

JoElla McCarragher

Michael M Higgins

Judith Houde Hardy

William Nugent

Cherrie Torrey

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following subject:

Article I. To choose by ballot a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer for a one-year term, and two School Board Members for a three-year term. (Polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.)

NOTE: All other school business will be considered at the School District Meeting to be held on Friday, March 7, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. at the Plainfield Elementary School.

Given under our hands at said Plainfield this 3RD day of February, 2003.

Joella McCarragher
Joella McCarragher, Chair

Michael M. Higgins
Michael Higgins

Judith Houde Hardy
Judy Houde Hardy

William Nugent
William Nugent

Cherrie Torrey
Cherrie Torrey

A true copy. Attest:

Joella McCarragher
William Nugent
Judith Houde Hardy
Michael M. Higgins
Cherrie Torrey
Plainfield School Board

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes

Annual Meeting – March 8, 2002

At a legal meeting of the voters of the School District of Plainfield, Moderator Stephen H. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2002, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield.

An invocation was delivered by the Rev. Susan Gregory-Davis. The crowd then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator then summarized the rules and procedures that would be followed during the night's meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant. The vote by voice to dispense with the reading of the warrant was in the affirmative.

Ballot boxes were determined to be empty.

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

Resolved: That the District accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and other officers as printed in the annual report.

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

A motion was made by Steve Halleran and seconded to take up Articles III and IV out of order and then return to Article II.

The vote by show of hands resulted in:

Yes	148	No	36
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The vote was in the affirmative and it was so declared.

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

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,488 to cover the general fund deficit at the end of the 2000-2001 fiscal year which resulted primarily from unanticipated and necessary over-budget expenditures on the school building addition and renovation project.

After much discussion on the article, Steve Halleran offered the following amendment to Article III and it was seconded:

That we amend Article III by reducing the request from \$70,488 to \$30,000 and further to direct the school board to utilize appropriate and available reserve funds over which they have discretion to eliminate the remaining deficit, \$40,488.

The vote by secret written ballot on the amendment resulted in:

Yes	158	No	72
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The vote on the amendment was in affirmative and it was so declared.

The amended article was as follows:

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to cover the general fund deficit at the end of the 2000-2001 fiscal year which resulted primarily from unanticipated and necessary over-budget expenditures on the school building addition and renovation project and to direct the school board to utilize appropriate and available reserve funds over which they have discretion to eliminate the remaining deficit, \$40,488.

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

Yes	178	No	50
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The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted and it was so declared.

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

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 as supplemental appropriation to the 2001-2002 school year general fund for unbudgeted year-end expenses.

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes
Election Meeting – March 12, 2002

The election of School District officials took place at the same time and place as the election of Town officials on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden, in said Plainfield. Moderator George Prescott declared the meeting open at 10:00 a.m. and read the School District Warrant and certification of posting.

The polls closed at 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE I: Balloting results were as follows:

For School Board (3 Years):

Michael M. Higgins
Stephen Halleran
Paul Franklin
Gene Hewes
Rob Drye
Gordon LaPan
Carin Reynolds
Betty Ann Dole
George Prescott
Richard Rogers
David Lersch
Margaret Gibson
Sue Reetz
Rachel Stoddard
Bill Taylor

Elected: Michael M. Higgins

For School District Treasurer (1 Year):

Nick Anderle
Edward Brown
Fred Sweet

Elected: Nick Anderle

For School District Moderator (1 Year):

Stephen H. Taylor	185
Paul Franklin	3
David Lersch	1
Brad Thompson	1
Judy Atwater	1
Robert Drye	1

Elected: Stephen H. Taylor

For School District Clerk (1 Year):

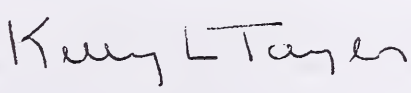
Kelly L. Taylor	181
David Lillie	1
Kylie Witty	1
Diane Rogers	1

Elected: Kelly L. Taylor

Kelly Taylor was sworn in by Ruth Ann Wheeler during open meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly L. Taylor
Plainfield School District Clerk

(Nick Anderle was sworn in by Kelly Taylor on March 16, Stephen Taylor was sworn in by Ruth Ann Wheeler on March 16, and Michael Higgins was sworn in by Kelly Taylor on March 17.)

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

IDEA entitlement and preschool funds are based on the actual number of special needs students in the districts. It is expected that Plainfield will qualify for a total grant of \$40,000 in FY 2004. These funds must be used to supplement our local expenditures. They cannot be used to reduce an amount spent by local funds in a prior fiscal year. During the current fiscal year these funds were used to pay for such services as student evaluations, speech and language services, and special education assistants. Some of the funds are used to help us actively seek out, find and evaluate children who may be eligible for special education services. Federal law requires that we do this. The specific manner in which we propose to spend these funds is outlined in a grant application which was submitted in June of 2002. Delivery of the services proposed is contingent upon the approval of the application and the actual receipt of funds.



PLODZIK & SANDERSON

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Plainfield School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Plainfield School District as of June 30, 2002, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

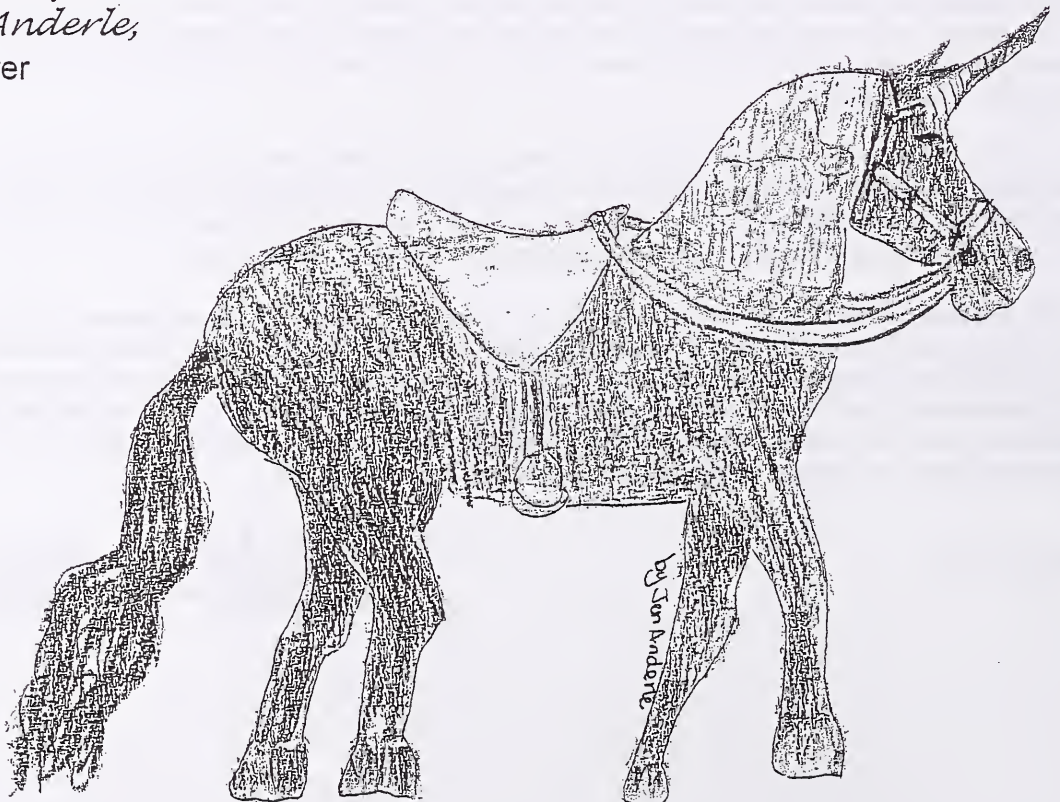
October 17, 2002

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TREASURER'S REPORT
2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR

7/1/01	Balance Mascoma Savings	-35,594.46
7/1/01	Balance NH Public Investment Pool	10,950.44
7/1/01	Subtotal	-24,644.02
	Total Expenitures	3,728,612.88
	Total Receipts	3,764,322.62
6/30/02	Balance Mascoma Savings	115.26
6/30/02	Balance NH Public Investment Pool	1,168.05
6/30/02	Total Cash Available	1,283.31

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Anderle,
Treasurer



PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT – BUDGET ANALYSIS

1 – Deficit – During the 2002/03 year, the school district was faced with an unexpected increase in tuition students attending Lebanon High School, causing the tuition line item to be overspent by more than \$90,000. In addition, as of June 30, 2002, the district had an accumulated deficit from the 1999/00 through 2001/02 years of \$48,474 (caused by overspending on the building project, plus some accounting adjustments). **That total prior accumulated deficit, plus a substantial portion of the 2002/03 overspending in high school tuition, was covered during the 2002/03 year by a combination of additional revenues and savings in several expenditure areas.** However, it has been impossible to cover all of the tuition overspending. Consequently, the School Board is asking the Town for a \$70,000 deficit appropriation, so that by June 30, 2003, the District will be deficit free.

2 – Expenditures – Proposed expenditures for the 2003/04 school year total \$4,127,703, (which includes both reserve funds) or \$370,196 (9.85%) more than the current year's total budget. As shown by the following summary, there are three major factors that explain virtually all of the change:

Total Increase	\$370,196
Increase in High School Tuition	\$312,791
Increase in Salaries & Benefits	\$115,737
Decrease in Special Ed Tuition	(\$57,400)
All Other Net Changes	(\$932)

The following assumptions were used in preparing the proposed spending plan:

a - **118** high school students will be tuitioned next year to Lebanon at \$9,500 each (this year's budget was for **89** students; this year's actual is **99** students); next year's budget also assumes that all 31 current 8th grade students will attend Lebanon High School next year (none to KUA)

b - **28** full time equivalent teachers and other professional staff (no change from this year); **13** special ed assistants (up **1.5** from this year)

c - Professional salaries will increase by **3.0%** on the base, plus step and track advancements; all other salaries will increase by **4.0%**.

d - Medical insurance rates will increase about **7.5%** next year; dental insurance rates will be up **5.2%**; property & liability insurance rates are budgeted to increase **25%**

3 - Revenues --

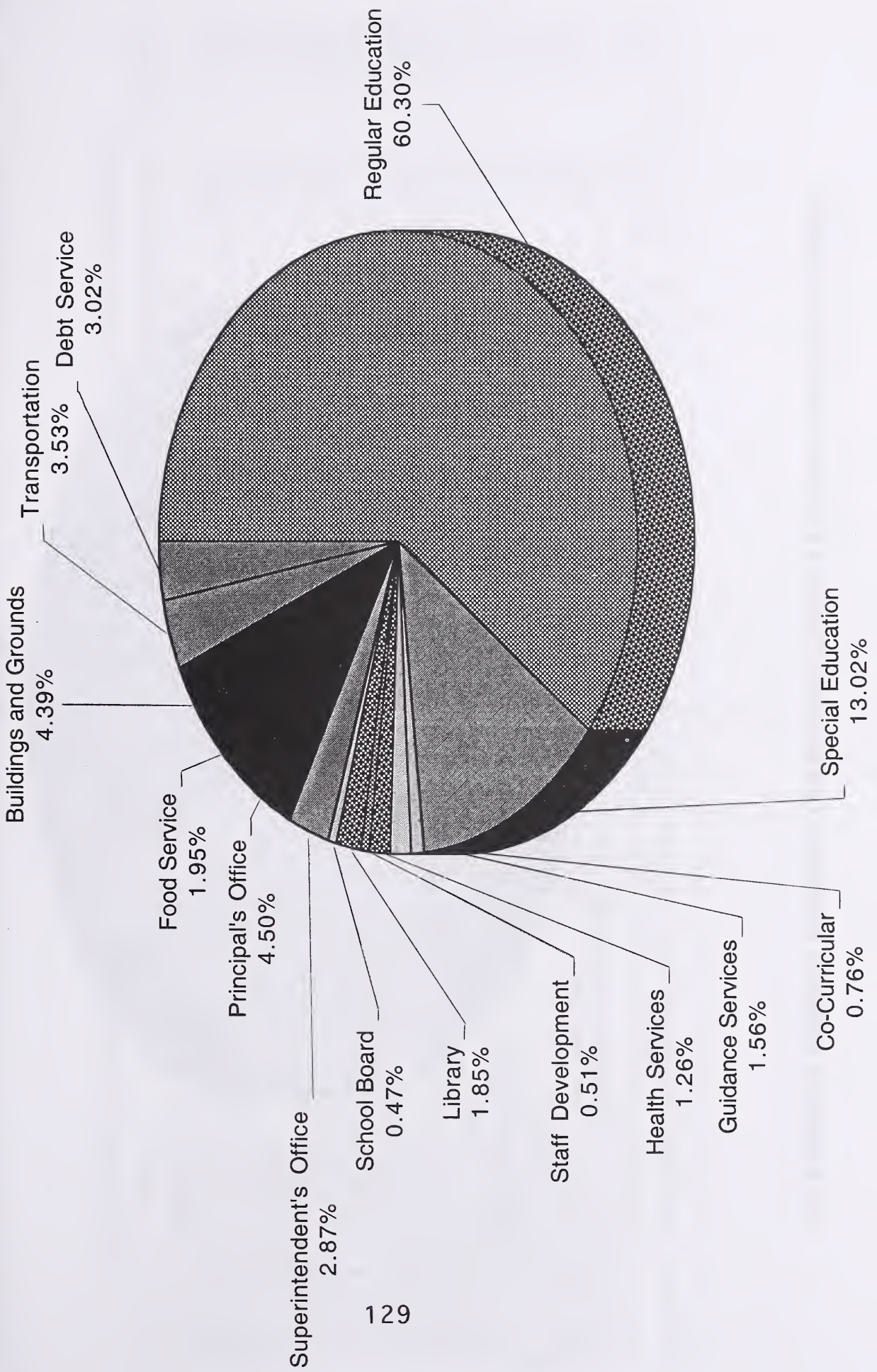
The most significant change in expected revenues for next year is the New Hampshire state adequacy funding. Plainfield is expected to receive only \$682,301 next year, or \$62,736 less than this year's funding of \$745,037.

The local tax rate needed to support this budget proposal is estimated to increase to \$30.48 next year, an increase of \$2.66 (9.57%) over this year's rate of \$27.81. These estimates assume a 2% increase in Plainfield's tax base, and ignore the potential effect of the ongoing revaluation. They also assume no changes to any state funding formulas.

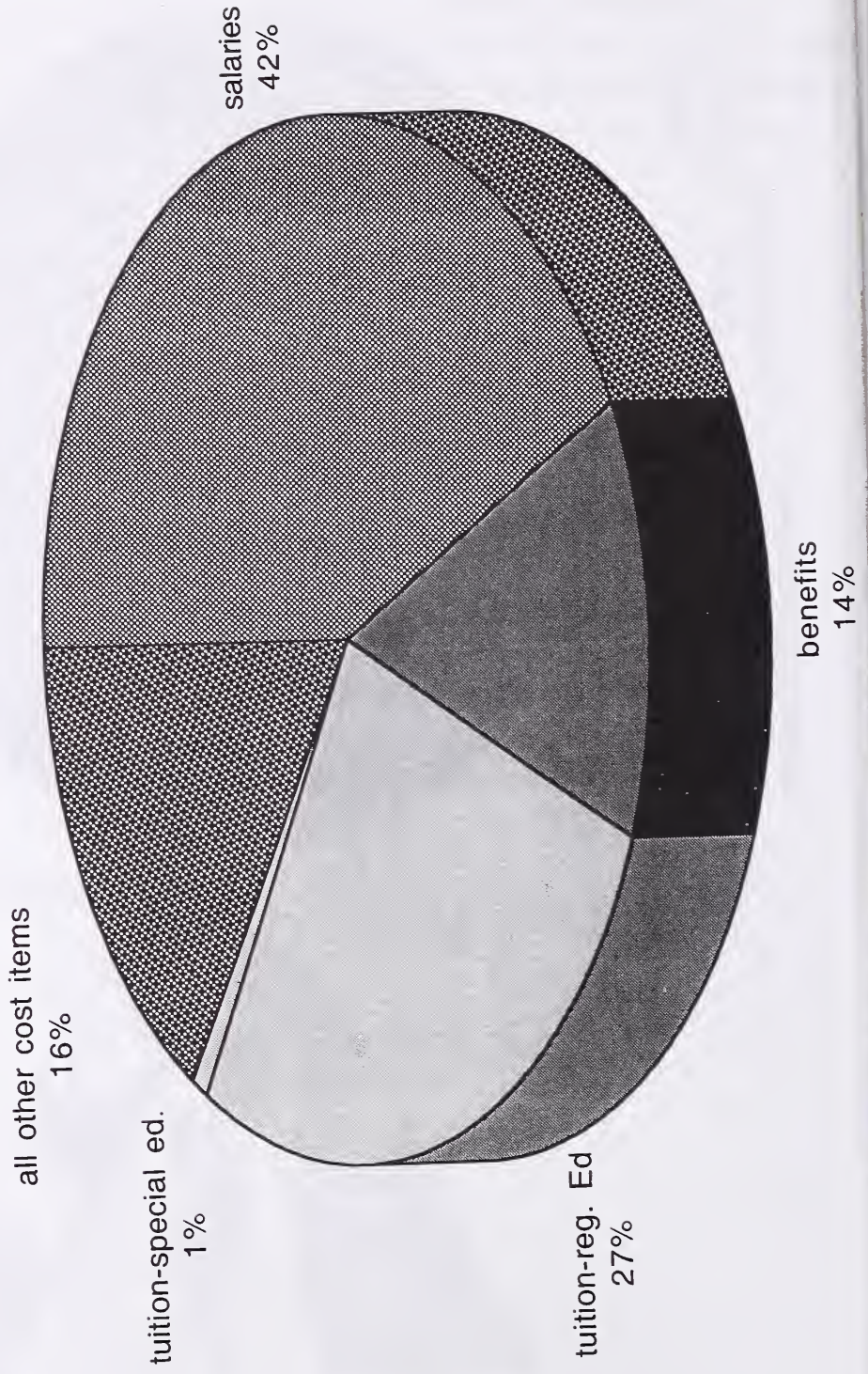
Respectfully Submitted,

William Moorman
Finance / Budget Specialist





PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT



PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2003-2004 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE SUMMARY

Description	01-02		02-03		02-03		03-04		02-03 Budget to proposed	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proj. Actual	Proposed	\$	%			
1100 REGULAR INSTRUCTION	1,967,921	1,965,718	2,122,245	2,201,453	2,464,690	342,445	16.14%			
1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION	446,595	516,473	539,868	569,303	532,324	-7,544	-1.40%			
1400 CO-CURRICULAR	27,900	25,234	30,850	28,272	31,150	300	0.97%			
2120 GUIDANCE SERVICES	58,471	58,610	60,521	61,377	63,945	3,424	5.66%			
2130 HEALTH SERVICES	43,252	44,545	47,166	48,132	51,632	4,466	9.47%			
2210 STAFF/CURR. DEVELOPMENT	17,525	15,744	20,900	20,508	20,900	0	0.00%			
2220 LIBRARY SERVICES	68,780	67,431	71,570	73,660	75,491	3,921	5.48%			
2310 SCHOOL BOARD	17,900	14,222	17,650	17,905	19,350	1,700	9.63%			
2320 SUPERINTENDENT SERVICES	103,000	99,435	104,000	109,936	117,325	13,325	12.81%			
2400 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	164,731	161,838	175,933	177,369	183,774	7,841	4.46%			
2620 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	159,772	142,118	170,454	179,567	179,611	9,157	5.37%			
2700 TRANSPORTATION	149,997	139,417	151,933	142,818	144,252	-7,681	-5.06%			
3100 FOOD SERVICE	45,472	70,853	76,428	77,139	79,883	3,455	4.52%			
DEBT SERVICE	90,000	132,601	127,989	127,989	123,376	-4,613	-3.60%			
TOTALS	3,361,316	3,454,239	3,717,507	3,835,428	4,087,703	370,196	9.96%			

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2003-2004 PROPOSED BUDGET

1	A	B	C	D	E		F	G	H
					01-02	02-03			
2	Description	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proj. Actual	Proposed	\$	%	
3									
4	REGULAR INSTRUCTION-1100								
5	Teacher Salaries	915,813	927,981	935,555	928,916	952,486	16,931	1.81%	
6	Ed. Assistants	13,000	9,031	2,000	4,034	2,000	0	0.00%	
7	Tutors		1,500	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
8	Employee Benefits	241,260	248,876	274,181	270,957	286,654	12,473	4.55%	
9	Substitutes	10,000	16,407	12,500	16,165	16,500	4,000	32.00%	
10	Contracted Services		150	1,000	1,000	8,000	7,000	700.00%	
11	Equipment Repair	5,500	3,138	5,500	4,720	3,500	-2,000	-36.36%	
12	Tuition	703,648	701,779	808,209	899,309	1,121,000	312,791	38.70%	
13	Supplies	20,000	17,438	21,500	21,492	20,000	-1,500	-6.98%	
14	Textbooks	19,000	12,249	18,000	16,824	26,000	8,000	44.44%	
15	Software	7,900	4,065	7,500	6,578	5,050	-2,450	-32.67%	
16	New Equipment	19,500	12,347	21,600	19,418	12,000	-9,600	-44.44%	
17	Furniture	2,300	1,830	2,100	1,125	1,500	-600	-28.57%	
18	Dues and Fees	10,000	8,927	12,600	10,915	10,000	-2,600	-20.63%	
19	REGULAR INSTRUCTION	1,967,921	1,965,718	2,122,245	2,201,453	2,464,690	342,445	16.14%	
20									

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2003-2004 PROPOSED BUDGET

	A	B	C		D	E		F	G	H
			01-02	01-02		02-03	02-03			
1		01-02	Actual	Budget	Proj. Actual	Proposed	\$	%		
2	Description	Budget								
21	SPECIAL EDUCATION-1200									
22	Teacher Salaries	135,603	135,603	142,984	161,085	151,524	8,540	5.97%		
23	Ed. Assistant Salaries	78,776	109,785	129,358	138,244	156,663	27,305	21.11%		
24	Employee Benefits	67,848	96,083	118,451	120,167	127,512	9,061	7.65%		
25	Contracted Services	66,040	52,522	61,450	66,990	65,200	3,750	6.10%		
26	Tuition	92,903	118,851	83,400	78,538	26,000	-57,400	-68.82%		
27	Other Expenses:	5,425	3,629	4,225	4,279	5,425	1,200	28.40%		
28	Software, Supplies,									
29	Books, Equipment									
30	SPECIAL EDUCATION	446,595	516,473	539,868	569,303	532,324	-7,544	-1.40%		
31										
32	CO-CURRICULAR-1400									
33	Advisors	7,100	6,850	7,100	7,100	7,500	400	5.63%		
34	Coaches	10,150	9,800	13,100	11,250	12,750	-350	-2.67%		
35	Employee Benefits	0	1,228	0	0	1,000	1,000	N/A		
36	Officials	3,900	3,310	4,200	3,985	4,200	0	0.00%		
37	Supplies	3,500	3,016	4,750	4,228	4,000	-750	-15.79%		
38	Equipment	1,250	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%		
39	Dues and Fees	2,000	1,030	1,700	1,709	1,700	0	0.00%		
40	CO-CURRICULAR	27,900	25,234	30,850	28,272	31,150	300	0.97%		
41										

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2								
42	GUIDANCE SERVICES-2120							
43	Salaries	46,268	46,268	47,768	47,768	49,418	1,650	3.45%
44	Employee Benefits	9,603	9,802	10,553	10,913	11,827	1,274	12.07%
45	Testing	1,600	2,145	1,700	2,209	2,200	500	29.41%
46	Supplies	800	366	500	487	500	0	0.00%
47	Books	200	29	0	0	0	0	0.00%
48	GUIDANCE SERVICES	58,471	58,610	60,521	61,377	63,945	3,424	5.66%
49								
50	HEALTH SERVICES-2130							
51	Salaries	30,246	30,246	32,237	32,237	34,426	2,189	6.79%
52	Employee Benefits	12,386	13,840	14,429	15,140	16,556	2,127	14.74%
53	Supplies	620	459	500	755	650	150	30.00%
54	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
55	HEALTH SERVICES	43,252	44,545	47,166	48,132	51,632	4,466	9.47%
56								
57	STAFF/CURR. DEV.-2210							
58	Salaries	5,000	3,550	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0.00%
59	Staff Development	8,525	11,422	10,900	10,908	10,900	0	0.00%
60	Workshops	4,000	772	4,000	3,600	4,000	0	0.00%
61	STAFF/CURR. DEVELOPMENT	17,525	15,744	20,900	20,508	20,900	0	0.00%
62								

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1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
2								
63	LIBRARY SERVICES-2220							
64	Salaries	41,667	41,688	43,759	44,801	46,429	2,670	6.10%
65	Employee Benefits	15,843	16,029	17,586	18,612	19,412	1,826	10.38%
66	Contracted Services	1,500	619	1,250	1,249	1,000	-250	-20.00%
67	Supplies	720	788	720	716	800	80	11.11%
68	Books	6,000	5,583	6,000	6,023	6,000	0	0.00%
69	Software	1,300	1,491	855	859	850	-5	-0.58%
70	Equipment	1,750	1,233	1,400	1,400	1,000	-400	-28.57%
71	Furniture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
72	LIBRARY SERVICES	68,780	67,431	71,570	73,660	75,491	3,921	5.48%
73								
74	SCHOOL BOARD-2310							
75	School Board Stipends	2,400	1,550	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0.00%
76	Treasurer Stipend	0	300	300	300	300	0	0.00%
77	Recording Secretary	0	0	0	240	1,200	1,200	N/A
78	Advertising	2,500	2,556	2,000	2,755	2,500	500	25.00%
79	Dues and Fees	4,000	2,970	4,250	4,164	4,250	0	0.00%
80	Board Travel, Meetings, Supplies, et	500	360	500	828	500	0	0.00%
81	Legal Services	3,000	3,446	3,000	3,043	3,500	500	16.67%
82	Auditor Services	4,000	2,300	4,000	2,975	4,000	0	0.00%
83	District Meeting Expenses	1,500	740	1,500	1,500	1,000	-500	-33.33%
84	SCHOOL BOARD	17,900	14,222	17,650	17,905	19,350	1,700	9.63%
85								

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	A	B	C	D	E		F	G	H
					01-02	02-03			
1	Description	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proj. Actual	Proposed	\$	%	
2	SUPT. SERVICES-2320								
86	Salaries/Contracted Services	95,000	91,318	95,000	97,200	104,600	9,600	10.11%	
88	Employee Benefits	5,000	5,664	5,000	8,120	8,525	3,525	70.50%	
89	Telephone	1,400	1,374	1,500	1,505	1,500	0	0.00%	
90	Supplies	1,600	1,079	1,500	1,445	1,200	-300	-20.00%	
91	Dues, Fees, Meetings, Travel	0	0	1,000	1,666	1,500	500	50.00%	
92	SUPERINTENDENT SERVICES	103,000	99,435	104,000	109,936	117,325	13,325	12.81%	
93									
94	PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE-2400								
95	Salaries - Principal, Secretaries	113,360	115,011	120,600	120,925	124,476	3,876	3.21%	
96	Employee Benefits	28,071	29,093	34,283	36,234	37,948	3,665	10.69%	
97	Contracted Services	8,000	5,304	7,000	6,448	9,000	2,000	28.57%	
98	Phone	7,300	5,366	6,000	5,770	6,000	0	0.00%	
99	Postage	750	699	900	889	900	0	0.00%	
100	Printing	1,500	454	1,500	1,490	1,500	0	0.00%	
101	Travel	750	754	750	724	750	0	0.00%	
102	Supplies/Subscriptions	2,500	2,436	3,000	3,019	1,200	-1,800	-60.00%	
103	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
104	Dues and Fees	2,500	2,721	1,900	1,870	2,000	100	5.26%	
105	PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	164,731	161,838	175,933	177,369	183,774	7,841	4.46%	
106									

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107	FOOD SERVICE-3100							
108	Salaries	12,500	13,909	14,513	14,743	15,338	825	5.68%
109	Employee Benefits	8,372	12,296	13,600	13,695	14,545	945	6.95%
110	Contracted Service/Supplies	24,600	40,828	44,315	47,801	48,000	3,685	8.32%
111	Repairs	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	N/A
112	Transportation	0	3,820	4,000	900	1,000	-3,000	-75.00%
113	FOOD SERVICE	45,472	70,853	76,428	77,139	79,883	3,455	4.52%
114								
115	BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS-2620							
116	Salaries	59,859	60,088	62,023	62,028	64,428	2,405	3.88%
117	Employee Benefits	21,943	22,202	24,261	26,216	29,383	5,122	21.11%
118	Repairs	12,000	628	14,000	21,240	14,000	0	0.00%
119	Contracted Services	12,000	10,678	10,600	10,622	10,600	0	0.00%
120	Supplies	11,600	7,322	11,600	11,118	12,000	400	3.45%
121	Electric	19,470	17,857	19,470	18,880	19,500	30	0.15%
122	Oil	9,000	5,800	11,000	16,200	14,000	3,000	27.27%
123	Equipment	3,400	3,400	2,500	2,531	2,300	-200	-8.00%
124	Property Insurance	10,500	14,143	15,000	10,732	13,400	-1,600	-10.67%
125	BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	159,772	142,118	170,454	179,567	179,611	9,157	5.37%
126								

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1	A Description	B 01-02 Budget	C 01-02 Actual	D 02-03 Budget	E 02-03 Proj.Actual	F 03-04 Proposed	G		H
							Difference, 02-03 Budget to Proposed \$ %		
2	TRANSPORTATION-2700								
127	Contracted Services (reg. ed.)	128,997	126,965	130,933	127,115	126,252	-4,681	-3.58%	
128	Special Ed.	5,000	2,132	5,000	1,025	2,000	-3,000	-60.00%	
129	Co-Curricular Trips	6,000	3,496	6,000	5,417	6,000	0	0.00%	
130	Field Trips	10,000	6,824	10,000	9,261	10,000	0	0.00%	
131	TRANSPORTATION	149,997	139,417	151,933	142,818	144,252	-7,681	-5.06%	
132									
133	DEBT SERVICE								
134	Bond Payment - Principal	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	0	0.00%	
135	Bond Payment - Interest	0	42,601	37,989	37,989	33,376	-4,613	-12.14%	
136	DEBT SERVICE	90,000	132,601	127,989	127,989	123,376	-4,613	-3.60%	
137									
138									
139									
140									
141	GRAND TOTALS	3,361,316	3,454,239	3,717,507	3,835,428	4,087,703	370,196	9.96%	
142									

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2003-2004 PROPOSED BUDGET

REVENUE SUMMARY

Description	02-03	02-03	03-04	Difference,	
	Budget	Proj. Actual	Proposed	02-03 Budget to Proposed	%
				\$	%
LOCAL					
Prior Year Deficit	0	-48,474	0	0	0.00%
Interest Income	1,000	1,936	1,500	500	50.00%
Food Service Revenues	25,000	45,107	47,250	22,250	89.00%
Tuition Revenues	6,000	11,254	0	-6,000	-100.00%
Transfer from Reserve Funds	0	20,000	0	0	0.00%
Deficit/Supplemental Approp.	0	70,000	0	0	0.00%
Other Sources	1,000	1,120	2,000	1,000	100.00%
TOTAL LOCAL	33,000	100,943	50,750	17,750	53.79%
STATE					
NH Adequacy Grant	745,037	745,037	682,301	-62,736	-8.42%
NH Building Aid	29,467	29,467	29,467	0	0.00%
Catastrophic Aid	0	28,192	30,000	30,000	N/A
Child Nutrition	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL STATE	775,504	803,696	742,768	-32,736	-4.22%

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2003-2004 PROPOSED BUDGET

REVENUE SUMMARY

Description	02-03		03-04 Proposed	Difference, 02-03 Budget to Proposed	
	Budget	Proj. Actual		\$	%
FEDERAL					
Federal Programs	30,000	30,000	37,240	7,240	24.13%
Rural Ed. Grant	0	24,000	0	0	0.00%
Child Nutrition	9,000	9,000	9,000	0	0.00%
Medicaid	6,000	9,809	10,000	4,000	66.67%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL FEDERAL	45,000	72,809	56,240	11,240	24.98%
TOTAL REVENUE	853,504	977,448	849,758	-3,746	-0.44%
SUMMARY:					
TOTAL REVENUE	853,504	977,448	849,758	-3,746	-0.44%
TOTAL GEN.FUND EXPENSES	3,717,507	3,835,428	4,087,703	370,196	9.96%
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	2,864,003	2,857,980	3,237,945	373,942	13.06%

10 YEAR DEBT SCHEDULE FOR PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

INTEREST START DATE: 205 DAYS 7/20/2000
 FIRST INTEREST PAYMENT: 2/15/2001
 NET INTEREST COST: 5.1400%

DEBT YEAR	PERIOD ENDING	PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING	PRINCIPAL	RATE	INTEREST	TOTAL PAYMENT	FISCAL YEAR TOTAL PAYMENT	
	2/15/2001				\$ 25,572.33	\$ 25,572.33	\$ 25,572.33	
1	8/15/2001	\$ 875,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	5.125%	\$ 22,453.00	\$ 112,453.75		
	2/15/2002				\$ 20,147.50	\$ 20,147.50	\$ 132,601.25	
2	8/15/2002	\$ 785,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	5.125%	\$ 20,147.50	\$ 110,147.50		
	2/15/2003				\$ 17,841.25	\$ 17,841.25	\$ 127,988.75	
3	8/15/2003	\$ 695,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	5.125%	\$ 17,841.25	\$ 107,841.25		
	2/15/2004				\$ 15,535.00	\$ 15,535.00	\$ 123,376.25	
4	8/15/2004	\$ 605,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	5.125%	\$ 15,535.00	\$ 105,535.00		
	2/15/2005				\$ 13,228.75	\$ 13,228.75	\$ 118,763.75	
5	8/15/2005	\$ 515,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	5.125%	\$ 13,228.75	\$ 103,228.75		
	2/15/2006				\$ 10,922.50	\$ 10,922.50	\$ 114,151.25	
6	8/15/2006	\$ 425,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	5.125%	\$ 10,922.50	\$ 95,922.50		
	2/15/2007				\$ 8,744.38	\$ 8,744.38	\$ 104,666.88	
7	8/15/2007	\$ 340,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	5.125%	\$ 8,744.38	\$ 93,744.38		
	2/15/2008				\$ 6,566.25	\$ 6,566.25	\$ 100,310.63	
8	8/15/2008	\$ 255,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	5.125%	\$ 6,566.25	\$ 91,566.25		
	2/15/2009				\$ 4,388.13	\$ 4,388.13	\$ 95,954.38	
9	8/15/2009	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	5.125%	\$ 4,388.13	\$ 89,388.13		
	2/15/2010				\$ 2,210.00	\$ 2,210.00	\$ 91,598.13	
10	8/15/2010	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	5.200%	\$ 2,210.00	\$ 87,210.00	\$ 87,210.00	
TOTALS							\$ 875,000.00	\$ 1,122,193.60
							\$ 247,193.60	\$ 1,122,193.60

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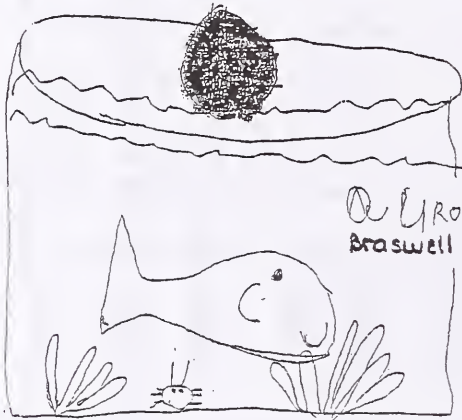
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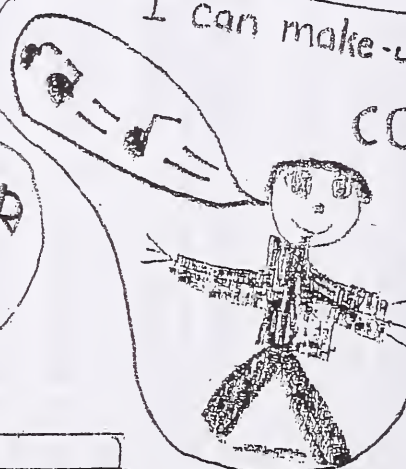
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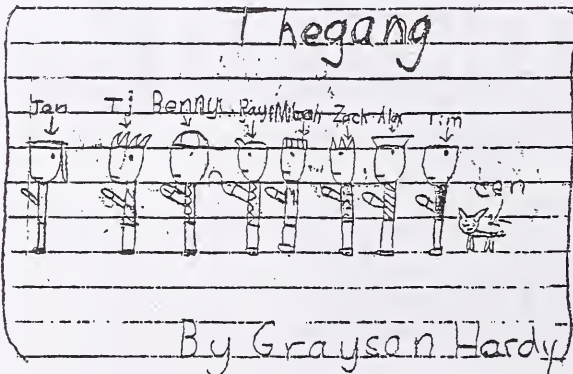
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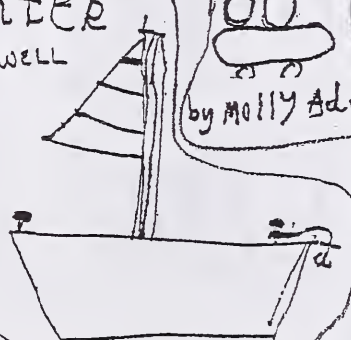


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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On July 1, 1999, by action of the School District of Lebanon and with approval of the New Hampshire State Board of Education, Lebanon withdrew from SAU#32, with the result that Plainfield became a separate and independent school district, retaining the designation as "SAU#32." Since that date, Plainfield has operated with its own administration; I served as its Superintendent from that date until December 31, 2002.

During these three and one-half years, Plainfield has made much progress as an entity unto itself: a new central office administrative organization has been formed, a new school principal hired, a major construction and renovation project was completed, and significant revisions to the educational program have been introduced and are continuing. At the same time, financial issues arose and remain as difficult problems to be faced and overcome by the school board, the administration, and the district.

The attraction of the community of Plainfield as a good place to live and to raise and educate children is self-evident. In that regard, Plainfield has been "discovered;" that discovery has brought with it both the joy of having new families and the responsibility of all residents to bear the attendant costs of education. The most striking (though not the only) example of rising costs at present is the increasing number of high school age students who, for the most part, are tuitioned to Lebanon High School. This year (2002-2003), for example, unanticipated (and unpredictable) enrollments of Plainfield students at Lebanon High School will result in costs for high school tuition that will exceed the budgeted amount by perhaps as much as \$100,000. Further, our financial condition will be compounded in the next (03-04) year by a significant reduction in the amount of state aid we are scheduled to receive.

At the same time, the very qualities and characteristics driving our costs are testimony to the attractiveness of the town. We have an excellent reputation as a community: a top-notch school with a dynamic and committed teaching and support staff, and outstanding leadership provided by our school's Principal. We have thrived as a single-school district, with local control, a deeply involved group of parents, and, despite recent financial difficulties, a supportive community.

That's what makes Plainfield a great place.

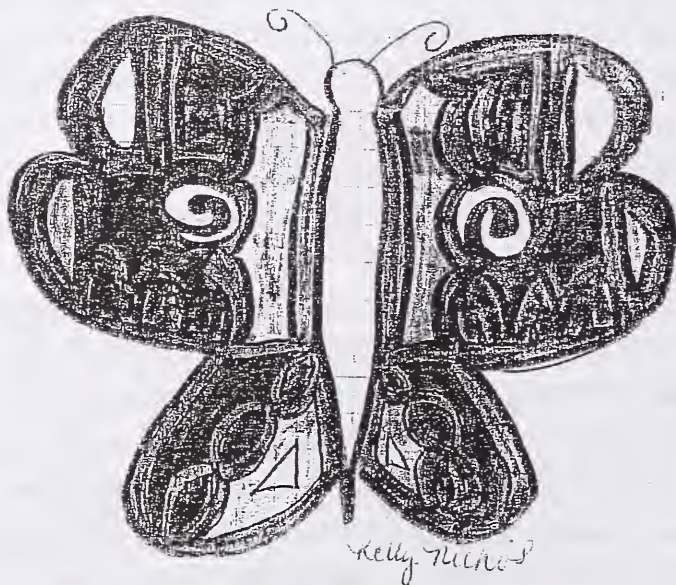
Under Principal Mellow's leadership, the Plainfield School continues to move forward in providing the very best of 21st century elementary school education for our children. In addition to formalizing and upgrading the curriculum in core areas, the school provides outstanding programs in music and the arts, interscholastic athletic activities, and an increasingly broad-based introduction to the now-considered-basic-skill of computer technology.

Further, for those of us who need to measure quantitative achievement, our students do quite well in comparison to state peers on standardized testing required by the State of New Hampshire.

By any measure, the Plainfield School is exemplary in terms of meeting its primary mission: providing quality education—and educational opportunity—for each and every student. Yes, there are cost issues that must be resolved, both locally and at the state level. The school stands ready to take all responsible steps to contain the costs of education (those that are containable) and will act accordingly, as the district directs. At the same time, the school and its staff will remain committed to ensuring that every child—underscore “every”—gets the best that can be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Della Badia, Ed. D.,
Superintendent, Plainfield School District
December 13, 2002



School Board Report

Twice each year, during our annual retreat and when writing for the Town Report, the Board is able to take a few moments to reflect on its goals and accomplishments as I have in this report. The Board emerged from last year's District Meeting recognizing and accepting responsibility for our financial management issues and vowing to take whatever actions we needed to restore public confidence in us. We have done the best we could and it was good to hear the public at several of our recent budget meetings validate our belief that we have made good progress in this regard.

Our first order of business following last years District Meeting was to recognize the need and begin the search for a budget / financial specialist in the SAU office. Mr. Bill Moorman was hired for this position, and because he had spent considerable time and energy becoming familiar with the District prior to his official start date of July 1st, he has been effective in this role from day one. Accepting the need for this type of expertise, the Central Office personnel graciously accepted the adjustments necessary (in their FTE status, responsibilities and salaries) to implement this role and remain within the proposed SAU salary budget.

Although budget management is only one of many of the Board's responsibilities, it is a significant and very public issue that we have devoted a great deal of time and effort to and therefore deserves a few more detailed comments again this year. As Bill Moorman has explained in his enclosed Budget Analysis, the Lebanon High School (LHS) tuition is not the only reason we are in need of a deficit appropriation, but it is the most significant financially. Unfortunately, and embarrassingly, we continue to be plagued with an accumulated deficit dating as far back as the 1999 - 2002 school year. Passing the requested deficit appropriation will allow us to end this year debit free, balance our books and correct budgeting and accounting errors that were uncovered by our auditors and Bill Moorman when we asked him to review the books for the last three years.

As you will recall, the wishes of the voters last year were to limit the deficit appropriation; appropriate conservative amounts to the reserve funds; direct the Board / Administration to control discretionary spending as much as possible and to take a 'wait-and-see attitude' toward the

Board's concern that our "rainy day reserve funds may not see us through our next rainy day." Unfortunately, one of our greatest fears in this regard was realized when ten high school aged students moved into Plainfield over the summer. Our anticipated expenses for this 2002 -2003 school year were over budget by ten high school tuitions before the school year even began!

Not wanting to bring another deficit appropriation before the town again this year, the Board and the Administration investigated and deliberated over every conceivable means to avoid a deficit. Following numerous discussions, including significant public input, we have decided that it would not be educationally sound, equitable or even ethical to cut programming for our Plainfield K - 8th Grade students so that we could afford to pay the tuition to send our Grade 9 - 12 students to LHS where they would be afforded the very same programming we would be depriving our elementary students of.

Plainfield is an attractive, growing town, due in part no doubt to the success of our elementary school. As flattering as this may be, this will continue to challenge us as a town and as taxpayers for while growth (i.e. the number of high school students who reside in Plainfield whom we are obliged to educate) is beyond our control, our financial obligations will increase as state funding, in the current form of the Adequacy Grant, continues to dwindle away.

In December, having finally reconciled ourselves to the fact that we are little more than the ways and means through which the town meets its financial and social responsibility of educating our 9 - 12th graders, we turned our focus to the K - 8 program budget. Principal Andy Mellow and Financial Specialist Bill Moorman were able to hold their proposed budget below the maximum impact we had requested once contractual and legal obligations such as high school tuition, special education, negotiated contracts and transportation costs were excluded. The main warrant article reflects both their effort and the salaries and benefit agreements negotiated with the Plainfield Educational Association and the Plainfield Support Staff Association last year.

Having accepted Superintendent Joe Della Badia's resignation in October, the Board spent the better part of November and December planning and

interviewing for an Interim Superintendent. We are very pleased to have secured the services of Mr. Russell Collins, M.A. in this interim position effective January 2, 2003. Despite having only worked a few days thus far, Russell Collins has been an integral part of our final budget and District Meeting preparations. In addition, he has already begun to address our charge to him as an Interim Superintendent - to assist the Board in evaluating the appropriateness and effectiveness of our current SAU structure. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Collins and supporting him through this charge.

I would like to that this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Joe Della Badia, Ph.D., for his service and contributions to our school, district and community during his tenure as Superintendent here in Plainfield. His vast professional experience and quiet, reflective, personable demeanor were but a few of the assets he brought to this position. His guidance was greatly appreciated as he gave much more of himself and his time than we ever expected before deciding, for the third time in his career, that it was time to retire. Thank you, Joe, for all that you did with us and for us!

Last but not least, I would also like to acknowledge and thank Cherrie Torrey for her service to the Board and the community over the last three years. As expected, Cherrie was a consistently thoughtful and questioning contributor who always reminded us of our role within and responsibility to the Plainfield community. She diligently kept us focused on our priorities and on task in our meeting. I truly believe we are a better Board because of your contributions, Cherrie. Thank you!

May I remind you that we, the Board, are here to serve and represent you and therefore are always interested in hearing from you and welcome you join us on a regular basis. In closing, I would like to thank all of you for taking the time and energy to review these reports, ask questions and participate in our District Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
JoElla McCarragher, Chair



MORGAN WILLIS HOWEDENHEY

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Plainfield School community has been very busy over the past year. Everyone, staff, parents, and community members, continue to strive to provide an exciting, dynamic and stimulating education for our children. The commitment I see every day by teachers, parents, custodians, educational assistants, school board members and others is unique and special. Like squares in a quilt, all members of the school community are woven together to create a culture of learning that meets the diverse learning needs of our population. Below I will highlight some of what makes Plainfield a beautiful quilt filled with rich colors and intricate patterns.

After many years of work by the school's language arts and math curriculum committees, the School Board adopted revised language arts and math curriculums. Both curriculums have been aligned with the State of New Hampshire's frameworks. This year work on revising and aligning the science and social studies curriculums will be completed. The effects of this work have already been felt in the reassigning of units to different grade levels and the elimination of units to reduce redundancy. The curriculum and analysis work done by the staff has resulted in continued strong results by our students on the New Hampshire State Assessment and the Terra Nova standardized test. In addition to the curriculum work completed in the core subject areas, a concerted effort was made in establishing a technology curriculum for all grade levels. A curriculum committee headed by Mary Cantlin, the school's technology coordinator, put together a comprehensive curriculum last year. It is being piloted successfully this year by Mary and classroom teachers.

The ELF program became a permanent part of the school program last Spring. ELF stands for Environmental Learning for the Future. It is an environmental program taught entirely by volunteers once a month to all classes in grades K through 4. Units include topics on areas such as rotting logs and the forest floor. The lessons include a combination of puppet shows, hands-on specimens and out-of-doors experiences. The Plainfield School is fortunate to have over eighteen parents and community members involved in the program. It has been very well received by students and teachers. Funding for the program has come from the PTA, Plainfield Conservation Commission and James Tasker Covered Bridges Fund. Special thanks goes to Kathleen Maslan for

introducing ELF to our school and Carin Reynolds for assisting us in finding volunteers and financial support.

Last spring the school was selected to become part of the Best Schools Leadership Institute (BSLI). BSLI is a nationally funded project administered through the State Department of Education that involves schools and communities in the process of improving New Hampshire schools. Each school accepted into the program focuses on a specific aspect within its school. Our 12 member school team is comprised of administrators, teachers, school board members, community members and parents. The team attended a week long institute last summer and holds regular monthly meetings. The team's work is centered around effective teaching practices, professional development, evaluating teacher performance and excellence in teaching. The main focus of the work is to improve student achievement.

Enrichment activities that support and strengthen the core program continue to be an integral part of school, providing contrasting color to our quilt. Some of the programs are funded through the school budget, but many are the result of donations of money and time. Last spring, for the first time, the school participated in the Junior Solar Sprint, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. The Sprint is a competition for sixth through eighth grade students. The students are given a set of parameters, some basic parts and a solar panel to design and make a solar car. The students from area schools meet to race their cars on a sunny day in May. Plainfield resident Jim Cragin worked with the students. In January the students in the fifth through eighth grades worked with artists in residence Inca Son. Inca Son is a group of professional musicians and dancers from the Andes of Peru. They taught the students about their culture, music and dance. The residence culminated in a concert for the community. This event was funded through grants from the Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation, Saint Gaudens Charity, the Stettenheim Foundation, the Plainfield PTA and private donations. These were just two of the many activities that were offered throughout the school year. In addition, a high percentage of students participate in our sports programs. Band and chorus are offered to students in grades three through eight. Two plays are presented each year with many students in all grade levels participating.

The Plainfield PTA is another piece of the patchwork that makes our school so special. Along with the activities already mentioned, the PTA

provides a parental presence welcomed by all. This year, under the supervision of Stephanie Berman, the PTA created a list of volunteers for the many activities and needs around the school. This service has been invaluable any time we have needed some help. In addition, the PTA has been prominent in planning and providing various activities like parent programs that help parents better understand their children, running a baby sitting course for students, putting on family events like a contradance, funding a two day science-fair from the Montshire Museum, beautifying the school grounds by purchasing granite benches and contracting with author Natalie Kinsey Warnock, to speak to our younger students about writing. The PTA is a dominant fabric in our multicolored quilt.

Last year at the District Meeting there was a request in the budget for an educational assistant who could be a consistent presence in the school's computer lab. A community member and parent, Jason Huett, stood up at the meeting and suggested that the position could be supported by local volunteers instead of a paid employee. The position was not funded. Very soon after the March meeting Jason began to organize a group of interested community members. The group organized under the name of the Plainfield Technology Group and established regular meeting times at the school. From its inception the volunteers have looked for ways to support the technology efforts in our school. They have donated their time to supervise the computer lab during seventh and eighth grade study halls, assisted Mary Cantlin in fixing computer problems, researched cost effective ways to provide Internet service and researched software systems that will help the school run more efficiently. Using their experience and expertise, they have saved us money and time.

Now, what holds this beautiful quilt together? The stitching, executed by our dedicated and caring staff of teachers, administrators and support personnel. This year we were lucky to find and hire some experts in their fields. Brandon Feid took over the Physical Education program after many years in the Hartford, Vermont system. He also is co-administering the athletic program with veteran teacher and community member, Malcom Grobe. Michelle Carlson replaced Brenda Johnson, who is on a one-year leave. Michelle brings much enthusiasm and spirit to the sixth grade. Cynthia Gowan brought her many years of elementary experience to the fourth grade to fill in for Nancy Robes who took a medical leave. After many years of manning the telephones in the front office, Connie Adams-Brady moved on to the private world. We did not have to look far for her replacement, Bonnie Hutchins. Bonnie has been the District's bookkeeper

for several years. We were also fortunate to find outstanding educational assistants with experience working with children.

Each year our quilt assumes a slightly different pattern, but the parts remain constant. It is a pleasure to work in such a supportive community. Thank you, Plainfield.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew J. Mellow
Principal



2003-2004 PLAINFIELD TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE

STEP	BA/BS	BA+15	BA+30/MA	MA+15	MA+30
1	\$ 26,732	\$ 27,640	\$ 28,580	\$ 29,551	\$ 30,556
2	\$ 26,732	\$ 27,640	\$ 28,580	\$ 29,551	\$ 30,556
3	\$ 27,715	\$ 28,657	\$ 29,632	\$ 30,638	\$ 31,680
4	\$ 28,735	\$ 29,712	\$ 30,732	\$ 31,766	\$ 32,846
5	\$ 29,793	\$ 30,805	\$ 31,853	\$ 32,935	\$ 34,055
6	\$ 30,889	\$ 31,939	\$ 33,025	\$ 34,147	\$ 35,308
7	\$ 32,026	\$ 33,114	\$ 34,241	\$ 35,403	\$ 36,608
8	\$ 33,204	\$ 34,333	\$ 35,501	\$ 36,706	\$ 37,955
9	\$ 34,426	\$ 35,596	\$ 36,807	\$ 38,057	\$ 39,351
10	\$ 35,693	\$ 36,906	\$ 38,162	\$ 39,457	\$ 40,800
11	\$ 37,007	\$ 38,264	\$ 39,566	\$ 40,909	\$ 42,301
12	\$ 38,368	\$ 39,672	\$ 41,022	\$ 42,415	\$ 43,858
13	\$ 39,780	\$ 41,132	\$ 42,532	\$ 43,976	\$ 45,472
14	\$ 41,244	\$ 42,646	\$ 44,097	\$ 45,594	\$ 47,145
15	\$ 42,762	\$ 44,215	\$ 45,720	\$ 47,272	\$ 48,880
LA	\$ 44,336	\$ 45,843	\$ 47,402	\$ 49,011	\$ 50,679
LB	\$ 46,500	\$ 47,925	\$ 49,418	\$ 50,989	\$ 52,613

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Plainfield School District

01-02 Teachers and Other Professional Staff

Last Name	First Name	Position	Date of Hire	College
Adams-Brady	Connie	Secretary to Principal/Co-Ath. Coord.	12-Aug-96	Plymouth State College
Allen	Jean	Teacher - Spanish Grs. 5-8	22-May-00	B.A., Keene State College
Alves	Joyceelyn	Teacher - Remedial Reading	23-Aug-89	Practical Nursing, NH Tech. College; B.A., VT College
Beaupre	Donna	Media Generalist	01-Sep-78	B.Ed., Plymouth State College
Beaupre	Stephen	Teacher - Grs. 7/8	01-Sep-62	B.Ed., M.Ed., Plymouth State College
Berry	Ann	Teacher - Sp. Ed.	17-July-00	B.A., Skidmore College; M.S.Ed., So. Illinois Univ.
Birch	Rose Marie	Teacher - Grs. 7/8	20-Aug-01	B.A., Lyndon State College; M.Ed., Antioch
Cantlin	Mary	Teacher/Technology Coordinator	23-Aug-92	B.A., Marietta College; M.Ed., Keene State College
Foltyn	Deborah	Speech/Language Pathologist	22-May-00	B.A., Wellesley College; M.A., Univ. of Denver
Heaton	Karen	School Nurse	25-Aug-97	B.S.N., Univ. of Vermont, Health Educator Certification
Heistad	Betty Ann	Teacher - Gr. 1	26-Aug-85	B.A., Univ. of New Hampshire; M.Ed., Antioch
Hills	Frances	Teacher - Gr. 4	28-Apr-80	B.A., Univ. of Vermont; M.Ed., Antioch
Johnson	Brenda	Teacher - Gr. 6	26-Feb-86	B.A., Syracuse University; M.Ed., Antioch
Knight	Laura	Teacher - Gr. 1	06-Aug-84	B.S., Cornell University; M.S., Wheelock College
Lanzim	Katherine	Teacher - Sp. Ed.	01-Nov-86	B.A., Newark State College
Lillie	Tori	Teacher - Music	07-May-01	B.A., Ithaca College of Music, NY
Lynd	Betsy Rybeck	Teacher - Gr. 2	26-Apr-83	B.S., Bates College; M.S.T., Antioch
Maslan	Kathleen	Teacher - Gr. 2, Arts Enrich. Coord.	08-Nov-99	B.S., Keene State College
McGee	Susan	Teacher - English Grs. 7/8	22-May-78	B.A., Univ. of Connecticut
McGuire	Jeffrey	Teacher - P.E., Co-Ath. Coord.	11-Jun-01	B.S., Springfield College, M.Ed., Plymouth State College
Mellow	Andrew	Principal	30-Aug-99	B.S., M.Ed., Univ. of Maine/Orono
Mortimer	Kathryn	Teacher - Art	02-Aug-99	B.A., Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
Nichols	Jonni	Teacher - Gr. 5	06-Dec-99	B.S., Keene State College
Oidtmann	Linda	Teacher - Sp. Ed.	22-May-00	B.Ed., U. of British Columbia; M.Ed., Notre Dame Coll., NH
Perkins	Julie	Teacher - Gr. 2	02-Jan-78	B.S., Castleton State College
Reiseh	Denis	Teacher - Gr. 7/8	27-May-68	B.A., Univ. of New Hampshire
Robes	Nancy	Teacher - Gr. 4	21-Jun-82	B.S., Iowa State University; M.Ed., Antioch

Plainfield School District 01-02 Teachers and Other Professional Staff

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Last Name	First Name	Position	Date of Hire	College
Sanchirico	Paul	Teacher – Gr. 5	26-Aug-93	B.S., Keene State College
Sheehan	James	Teacher – Gr. 6	07-Mar-94	B.A., Wesleyan University
Taber	Melinda	Teacher – Gr. 3	25-Aug-97	B.S., Univ. of New Hampshire, M.Ed., UNH
Taylor	William	Facilities Manager	01-Dec-96	B.S., Resource Economics, Univ. of New Hampshire
Wetmore	Phyllis	Guidance Counselor	03-Sep-91	B.A., Morehead State College; M.A., Western Michigan Univ.
Wolkin	Larry	Teacher – Gr. 3	24-Aug-81	B.A., SUNY-Binghamton; M.A., Bank St. College
Woodcock	Mark	Teacher – Kindergarten	25-Aug-87	B.A., Towson State University

Plainfield School District

01-02 Support Staff

Last Name	First Name	Position	Date of Hire	College
Chapin	Emily	Educational Assistant	08-Sep-98	Pierce College for Women
Collins	Lehann	Educational Assistant	29-Aug-01	Ocean County College, NJ
Daley	Jill Canillas	Educational Assistant	25-Aug-98	B.A., Psychology, VT College of Norwich University
Ditchfield	Christine	Educational Assistant	15-Oct-01	Wardley H.S., England
Domoracki	Beth	Educational Assistant	20-Aug-01	B.A., Vassar, NY; M.Ed., Rivier College, NH
Eisener	Linda	Educational Assistant	20-Aug-01	
Fleming	William	Custodian/Bus Driver	03-May-87	
Goodrow	Fawn	Library Aide	11-Sep-97	B.S., Computer Science, Merrimack College
Haskell	Deborah	Educational Assistant	20-Aug-01	
Lenz	Elaine	Educational Assistant	28-Nov-00	University System of New Hampshire
Milo	Kathy	Educational Assistant	29-Aug-97	NH Technical College, Claremont, NH
Moore	Annette	School Secretary	17-Aug-97	B.A., Admin. Science, Colby College, Waterville, ME
Mortillaro	Sandy	Lunch Program Coordinator	30-Aug-99	Pace University, New York City, NY
Overman	Stephen	Educational Assistant	12-Oct-00	B.A., Wheaton College, MA
Rullo	Dominic	Night Custodian	26-Oct-98	



Plainfield Remembers...

Nancy Robes and her family moved from the Midwest to Meriden in 1981. She began her teaching career in Plainfield in 1982 as a fourth grade teacher. She was respected as a dedicated teacher and an advocate for her students. She had a way of making her students and friends feel loved and special.

She participated in a number of Meriden Players productions, including Music Man and A Christmas Carol. She also was active in the Cornish Rescue Squad for many years. She had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed the challenge of facts and figures. She loved travel, reading, trivia, bridge and cribbage, sports, and teddy bears.

Although Nancy faced many challenges in her life, she rarely complained and encouraged others to make the best of every situation. Nancy's determined, independent spirit was legendary. Her cheerful nature and beautiful smile brightened many people's lives.

The legacy she leaves is deep and true. She touched the lives of Plainfield's youth with her positive spirit and "can do" attitude.

LHS TUITION STUDENTS 2001-2002

Grade 9

Mark Adams	Gavin Estey	Daniel Lott
Alisha Balch	Lindsay Fegan	Donald Lott
Nicole Barrow	Lindsay Hebert	Nickole Milo
Matthew Braginetz	Taisha Heimberg	Alison Moynihan
Charlotte Brown	Martin Higgens	Connor Quimby
Hilary Constant	Daniel Hohmann	Amanda Sams
Kyle Cragin	Erika Knight	Alan Spydell
Stacy Davis	Jared Lewis	Cedric Woodward-
Crystal Dussault	Jeffrey Lewis	Poor

Grade 10

Ryan Adams-Brady	Jonathan Lata	Katrinia Smith
Cynthia Angelillo	Jennifer Livingstone	Winston Spencer
Amanda Bolduc	Emily Longacre	Shelby Stormann
Harrison Currier	Geordie Lynd	Devin Swett
Grant Gordon	Todd Milo	Amber Torrey
Kelly Henderson	Cortney Nichols	Sean VanderVliet
Joshua Higgins	Justin Osgood	Courtney Walker
Sean Houston	Christopher Pelletier	Craigory Wilbur
James Johnson	Roger Roberts	Natasha Wright
Nathan Ladd		

Grade 11

Sara Barton	Troy Heath	Casey Moore
Richard Cunningham	Brooke Kubiak	Travis Robinson
Heather Fegan	Eric Lavoie	Jacqueline Shibles
Carol Fleming	Patrick Lundrigan	Sara Wuebben
Aaron Franklin	Pennington Marchael	Stephen Yeaton

Grade 12

Megan Adams	Marc Gattie	Brian McAllister
Laura Angelillo	Kathy Gobin	Daniel Rondeau
Jennifer Bliven	John Henderson	Trey Tyler
Aricka Chapman	Joshua Johnson	Shayla VanderVliet
Katrina Clark	Stephen Kelley	Eric Vigneault
Christopher Dozier	Benjamin Ladd	Justin Walker
Heather Dubeau	Hannah Mathewson	Tiffany Williams
Adam Gage		

**PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2002**

Ethan Archambeault
Adam Bolduc
Ryan Boutin
Justin Bradstreet
Corey Cantlin
Amanda Clark
Ryan Collins
Francis Colson, III
Kristin Gallagher
Brian Gattie

Danielle Girouard
Ariel Grald
Aimee Hadlock
Erik Heaton
Emily Hegel
Ryan Higgins
Kaitlyn Johnson
Bethany Ladd
Rebecca Lanzim
Megan Lemere

Travis Lemere
Erik Livingstone
Barbara McCarragher
Nathan McNamara
Danielle Milo
Scott Moses
Kimberly Pierce
Bryan Tibbals
Dylan Wood

**KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY
CLASS OF 2002**

Anthony Bragg

John Mogielnicki

Elizabeth Sheehan

KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY – 2002-2003

Grade 9

Eric Heaton

Nathan McNamara

Grade 10

Thomas Demasi
Meredith Forbes

Jeffrey McNamara
Jarrett Morgan

Alexander Noelle
Katheryn Thompson

Grade 11

Marissa Ambrosi
Erin Barnicle
Nicole Bradstreet

Emily Dewey
Bryant Harris
James LeClair

Patrick Moeller
Ian O'Reilly

Grade 12

Troy Beaver
Samuel Colburn
Garret Heaton

Ben Hegel
Alexis Liston
Robert Marrazzo

Matthew Mills
Melissa Morgan
Philip Mortillaro

PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
8TH GRADE GRADUATION AWARDS – JUNE 18, 2002

Academic Awards

Mathematics	Barbara McCarragher
Social Studies	Barbara McCarragher
English	Barbara McCarragher
Spanish	Barbara McCarragher
Science	Barbara McCarragher

<u>Garipay - Beaupre Scholar - Athlete Award</u>	Dylan Wood
<u>Grobe - Reisch Sportsmanship Award</u>	Danielle Milo
<u>Best Female Athlete Award</u>	Kaitlyn Johnson
<u>Best Male Athlete Award</u>	Ryan Higgins & Brian Gattie
<u>Citizenship Award (PTA)</u>	Rebecca Lanzim
<u>Cory Taber Award</u>	Brian Gattie
<u>Teachers' Award</u>	Ryan Higgins
<u>Plainfield Education Association Scholarship Award</u>	Barbara McCarragher

President's Education Awards for Outstanding Academic Excellence

Adam Bolduc, Brian Gattie, Ariel Grald, Erik Heaton, Emily Hegel
Ryan Higgins, Bethany Ladd, Barbara McCarragher, Dylan Wood

President's Education Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Ryan Collins, Danielle Girouard

The Herbert E. Ward Memorial Essay Contest:

- 1st – Barbara McCarragher – “Women in Combat”
- 2nd – Bethany Ladd – “The Importance of Computer Recycling”
- 3rd – Dylan Wood – “Oil: Petroleum as a Weapon”
- 4th – Ryan Higgins – “Homelessness and Poverty in the United States”
- 5th – Ryan Collins – “Hidden Truth – The Dark Side of the Pulpit”
- Hon. Mention: Kaitlyn Johnson – “Illiteracy”

8TH GRADE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON – JUNE 17, 2002

Presidential Physical Fitness Awards

Ryan Boutin, Justin Bradstreet, Emily Hegel, Bethany Ladd, Dylan Wood

National Physical Fitness Awards

Adam Bolduc, Brian Gattie,
Kaitlyn Johnson, Erik Livingstone, Barbara McCarragher, Scott Moses

Art Award

Megan Lemere

Art Elective Recognition Awards

Amanda Clark, Brian Gattie,
Kristin Gallagher, Danielle Girouard, Ariel Grald, Erik Heaton,
Kaitlyn Johnson, Rebecca Lanzim, Megan Lemere, Scott Moses

Music Awards

Excellence in Music Class

Ryan Collins

Band

Band Director's Award: Barbara McCarragher

Band Participation Recognition: Brian Gattie, Ariel Grald,
Emily Hegel, Kaitlyn Johnson, Bethany Ladd, Barbara McCarragher,
Kim Pierce, Dylan Wood

Chorus

Participation Recognition: Megan Lemere

Student Council Award

Emily Hegel, Dylan Wood, Brian Gattie

Math Team

Barbara McCarragher, Ethan Archambeault,
Adam Bolduc, Erik Heaton, Emily Hegel,
Kaitlyn Johnson, Bethany Ladd, Dylan Wood

Drama Achievement in "Cactus Pass:

Amanda Clark

Class Awards by Subject:

Math Topics

Excellent Effort:

Bethany Ladd

Outstanding Merit:

Barbara McCarragher

Most Improved:

Dylan Wood

Pre-Algebra

Excellent Effort:

Justin Bradstreet

Outstanding Merit:

Corey Cantlin

Most Improved:

Becky Lanzim

Math 8

Outstanding Student:

Erik Livingstone

Social Studies

Excellent Effort:

8M – Dylan Wood, 8R – Ryan Collins

Outstanding Merit: 8M – Barbara McCarragher, 8R – Adam Bolduc

Most Improved:

8M – Ryan Higgins, 8R – Megan Lemere

English

Excellent Effort:

8M – Bryan Tibbals, 8R – Brian Gattie

Outstanding Merit:

8M – Bethany Ladd, 8R – Ryan Collins

Most Improved:

8M – Amanda Clark, 8R – Corey Cantlin

Spanish

Excellent Effort:

8M – Ryan Higgins, 8R – Danielle Girouard

Outstanding Merit: 8M – Bethany Ladd, 8R – Kaitlyn Johnson
Most Improved: 8M – Nathan McNamara, 8R – Ryan Collins

Science

Excellent Effort: 8M – Dylan Wood, 8R – Ryan Collins
Outstanding Merit: 8M – Barbara McCarragher,
8R – Brian Gattie
Most Improved: 8M – Ryan Higgins, 8R – Ariel Grald

Health

Excellent Effort: 8M – Ryan Higgins, 8R – Ryan Collins
Outstanding Merit: 8M – Barbara McCarragher,
8R – Becky Lanzim
Most Improved: 8M – Amanda Clark, 8R – Corey Cantlin

Art

Excellent Effort: 8M – Barbara McCarragher,
8R – Megan Lemere
Outstanding Merit: 8M – Bethany Ladd, 8R – Ryan Collins
Most Improved: 8M – Nathan McNamara, 8R – Brian Gattie

Principal's Awards Francis Colson, Danielle Milo, Travis Lemere, Kim Pierce

Sportsmanship & Coach's Awards

Girls Soccer:	Sportsmanship:	Danielle Milo
	Coach's:	Emily Hegel, Kaitlyn Johnson, Bethany Ladd, Barbara McCarragher
Boys Soccer:	Sportsmanship:	Brian Gattie
	Coach's:	James Drye
Girls Basketball:	Sportsmanship:	Kim Pierce
	Coach's:	Danielle Milo, Megan Lemere
Boys Basketball:	Sportsmanship:	Nathan McNamara, Ryan Boutin
	Coach's:	Ryan Higgins, Eric Livingstone
Softball:	Sportsmanship:	Megan Lemere
	Coach's:	Danielle Girouard
Baseball:	Sportsmanship:	James Drye
	Coach's:	Nathan McNamara
Track:	Sportsmanship:	Danielle Milo
	Coach's:	Emily Hegel



AWARDS CONFERRED ON THE LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2002

The following are the awards that were presented to Plainfield student graduates at the Lebanon High School Senior Awards Ceremony at the Opera House on Monday, June 10, 2002.

HARTFORD AREA CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER SENIOR CLASS AWARDS – **Justin Walker** – Auto Tech and Outstanding Students of the Year

CLARKE DISTRIBUTORS SCHOLARSHIP – given to a worthy and deserving student pursuing a two or four year college education – **Benjamin O. Ladd**

CAROL LYNN GOETCHEUS MEMORIAL AWARD – presented to a senior who plans to major in the humanities at college, and who possesses qualities of open-mindedness and responsiveness to cultural and human issues – **Megan E. Adams**

N.H. HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR/ATHLETE AWARD – **Benjamin O. Ladd, Marc R. Gattie**

U.S. ARMY RESERVE SCHOLAR/ATHLETE AWARD – **Marc R. Gattie**

U.S. MARINE CORPS COLLEGE FUND – **Shayla D. Vander Vliet**

WILFRED & “JAKE” GAUDREAU MEMORIAL ICE HOCKEY AWARD – presented to the most valuable senior ice hockey player – **Marc R. Gattie**

LEBANON ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP – presented to deserving student(s) pursuing secondary degrees – **Marc R. Gattie**

FREDERICK E. CARVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – given to a senior going on to post-secondary education – **Benjamin O. Ladd**

PLAINFIELD P.T.A. AWARD – given to a senior from Plainfield who is going on to post-secondary education – **Brian P. McAllister**

KENNETH H. FLEWELLING SCHOLARSHIP – given to a senior who wishes to pursue study in Forestry, Conservation, Natural Resources or Outdoor Recreation Management – **Daniel B. Rondeau Jr.**

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION – commended – **Benjamin O. Ladd**

PRESIDENT’S EDUCATION AWARDS PROGRAM – in recognition of academic fitness by achieving a four year accumulative grade point average of 3.67 or higher – **Benjamin O. Ladd, Marc R. Gattie**

SALUTATORIAN – the member of the Class of 2002 with the second highest four-year grade point average – **Benjamin O. Ladd**

LHS HONORS NIGHT

On May 7, 2002, LHS students in grades nine, ten, and eleven were recognized for their academic achievements during 2001-2002. The following are awards presented to Plainfield students.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE - Grade 9 - Martin Higgins, Nickole Milo; Grade 10 - Harrison Currier

HONORS - student has earned at least a C+ in all courses taken and has received a G.P.A. of 3.0 - Grade 9 - Mark Adams, Kyle Cragin, Stacy Davis, Jared Lewis, Jeffrey Lewis, Daniel Lott, Nickole Milo, Alison Moynihan, Alan Spydell; Grade 10 - Cynthia Angelillo, Amanda Bolduc, Nathan Ladd, Devin Swett, Amber Torrey, Sean Vander Vliet; Grade 11 - Megan Chapman

HIGH HONORS - student has earned at least an A- in all courses taken and a G.P.A. of 3.67 - Grade 9 Erika Knight, Alison Moynihan

MATH TEAM AWARDS - Intermediate Division - Nathan Ladd, Alan Spydell, Erika Knight

ART AWARDS - Highest averages/Outstanding effort: Painting - Megan Chapman; Ceramics - Alison Moynihan, Stacy Davis, Jackie Shibles, Courtney Walker, Lindsay Hebert; Advanced Ceramics - Sean Vander Vliet

POETRY RECITATION - Foreign Language - Alison Moynihan

LATIN EXAMINATION - Summa cum Laude - Erika Knight



Plainfield's Educational Mission

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

Responsibilities

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

The school is responsible for:

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

The home is responsible for:

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

Results

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

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

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

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

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

INFORMATION DIRECTORY

Police, Fire, Medical Emergencies, Dial 911

POLICE non-emergency 643-2222
FIRE non-emergency 643-2222
CORNISH RESCUE 675-2221
AMBULANCE 675-2221

TOWN OFFICE 469-3201
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL 469-3250
PLAINFIELD HIGHWAY GARAGE 469-3240

TOWN OFFICE HOURS TIMES OF BOARD MEETINGS MERIDEN TOWN HALL FACILITY

Phone 469-3201
Fax 469-3642
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Town Clerk & Tax Collector Hours
Monday thru Thursday 8:00am-4:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 6:30pm-8:00pm

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE 8:00am-4:00pm Daily
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS Wednesdays 6:30pm
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2nd Monday each month 7:30pm
PLANNING BOARD 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7:00pm
CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2nd Thursday each month 7:30pm

Plainfield Library Hours
675-6866
Mondays 1:00-5:00/7:00-9:00pm
Wednesdays 1:00-5:00/7:00-9:00pm
Fridays 1:00-5:00pm
Saturdays 9:00-noon

e-mail: plfdlib@cyberportal.net

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

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