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2003 Annual Report

*Annual Reports of the Officers and Selectmen and the School District*

## **Philip Read Memorial Library**

In 1920, Edmund S. Read, a native of Plainfield and resident of Washington, DC, wished to honor his father. He purchased land, constructed the library building and offered it to the town. At Town Meeting, in 1921, residents voted to accept the building.

After many years of fundraising and planning, residents voted at Town Meeting 2002 to construct an addition to the library building. The architect is Weller and Michal, Keene, NH; the construction firm is Wesfield Construction, Chesterfield, NH. Groundbreaking for the addition was in November 2002 and construction of Phase 1 was completed in February 2004. As planned, fundraising continues for Phase 2. Libraries are cornerstones of a community and Plainfield residents will benefit greatly from their support of this expanded facility.

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# TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

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## TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
MODERATOR	Stephen H. Taylor	2005
ASSIST. MODERATOR	Paul B. Franklin	2004
TOWN CLERK	Ruth Ann Wheeler	2004
SELECTMEN	Judy A. Belyea	2004
	Mark H. Wilder	2005
	Robert W. Taylor	2006
TREASURER	Fred Sweet	2004
TAX COLLECTOR	Ruth Ann Wheeler	2004
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Jesse Stalker	2004
	Ed Stansfield	2005
	Donald Garfield	2006
TRUSTEES PR MEMORIAL LIBRARY	Ann Leger	2004
	Anita Brown	2004
	Nancy Franklin	2005 Resigned
	Beth Williams	2006
TRUSTEES MERIDEN LIBRARY	Elisabeth Beck	2004
	Rachel Stoddard	2005
	Joseph Crate	2006
SUP. OF CHECK LIST	Diane W. Rogers	2004
	Harold L. Jones Jr.	2006
	George W. West	2008

CEMETERY TRUSTEES	Jesse Stalker	2004
	Beatrice Clark	2005
	Howard Zea	2006
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	2004
TREE WARDEN	Kenneth Stocker	2004
HEALTH OFFICER	Patrick Cerra	2006
ZONING ADMIN.	Stephen Halleran	2004
YIELD TAX AGENT	Judith A. Belyea	2004
WELFARE DIRECTOR	Patrick J. Cerra	2004
EMERGENCY MGT.DIR.	James McCarragher	2004
DEP. EMER. MGT. DIR.		2004
POLICE DEPARTMENT	Gordon Gillens, Chief	
	Lawrence Dore, Sgt.	
	Anthony Swett	
	Ryan Porter	
	Peter Begin	
DOG OFFICER	Gordon Gillens	
PLANNING BOARD	Jane Stephenson, Chair	2004
	Desmond Hudson	2005
	Lynn Freeman	2004
	Ruth Cassedy	2004
	Ron Liston	2006
	Greg Estey	2006
	Robert Taylor	2006

<b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>	Richard Colburn, Chair	2004
	Edward Moynihan	2006
	Anne Sprague	2005
	Priscilla Eastman	2004
	Peter Martin	2006
	Margaret Cassedy, alt	2004
	Ellen Arnold, alt	2004

<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	Jeff Marsh	2005
	Margaret Gibson	2005
	David Grobe, Chair	2004
	James Taylor	2004
	John Taylor	2006
	Bruce Plummer, alt	
	Jeffrey Moffitt, alt	

<b>RECREATION</b>	George Prescott, Chair	2004
	Martin Morgan	2004
	Winston Spencer, Jr.	2004
	Judy Ptak	2004
	Pam Lewis	2004
	Dan Cantlin	2004

<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	Margaret Drye, Chair	2004
	Rob Hewett	2004
	Myra Ferguson	2004
	Bradford Atwater	2004
	Charles Wira	2004
	Edward Stansfield	2004

<b>NH/VT SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REP.</b>	Richard E. Atkinson	2004
	Stephen Halleran, alt	2004

<b>REPRESENTATIVE TO UVLSRPC</b>	Stephen Halleran	
	Diane Rogers	

HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE

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

MERIDEN FIRE CHIEF  
PLAIN. FIRE CHIEF

David Best  
Douglas Plummer

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

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  
Diane Rogers  
Marty Morgan  
Stephen Halleran  
Brad Atwater  
Robert Bartles  
Mike Schafter-KUA  
Hugh McGraw-KUA

PLAINFIELD PARADE  
COMMITTEE

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

JOINT RIVER  
COMMISSION

Nancy Franklin

MT ASCUTNEY  
SUBCOMMITTEE

Edward Moynihan  
Stephen Halleran



Aerial view of Plainfield Village, Fall, 2003.  
-Photo by Ira Townsend



Aerial view of Meriden Village, Fall, 2003.

-Photo by Ira Townsend

**WARRANT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**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 9th 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; A Tax Collector for three years; A Town Clerk for three years; A Treasurer for three years; Two library trustees for three years; One library trustee for one; One cemetery trustee for three years; One supervisor of the check list for six years; and any other necessary town officers.

**ARTICLE 2** 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 encourage the development of elderly housing projects by eliminating potential barriers that have been identified within the Zoning Ordinance:

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

**Add 36. Approved Elderly Housing Project** to the list of special exceptions in VR and RR Zones.

**Add** the following definition to Article VIII Definitions:.

Elderly: As used in this Ordinance is as defined by the regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 24 CFR891.505.

**Add** Section 3.18 as follows:

**3.18 ELDERLY HOUSING:**

Providing **Elderly Housing** is in the public interest and general welfare of the Town of Plainfield. In addition to the general conditions for granting of special exceptions, all elderly housing projects must satisfy the following conditions:

- a. The review of any site proposed for elderly housing shall recognize the desirability of locating such developments as close as possible to those areas of the community where support services for the elderly are usually available. These services include shopping, especially food stores, medical facilities and supplies, places of worship, public transportation, and library.
- b. Any site proposed for elderly housing under this subsection shall be used only in conformity with the regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. No elderly housing unit shall have a total livable floor area that is less than the minimum floor area required by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for elderly housing units. All new elderly housing developments must meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for handicap access.
- c. Single and two story facilities are permitted. Any “building” in an elderly housing project shall be separated from any other “building” in that project by at least twenty (20) feet. Single-story “building” that are part of an elderly housing project shall not contain more than eight (8) dwelling units. Two (2) story buildings that are part of any elderly housing project shall contain no more than twenty (20) dwelling units.
- d. No elderly housing project shall contain more than twenty (20) dwelling units. A community building or room is not considered a dwelling unit and may be attached to, or incorporated in, a building containing dwelling units.
- e. A minimum of one (1) parking space per dwelling unit shall be provided. All parking spaces shall be off the street right-of-way, but with direct access thereto, except that no parking spaces shall be located within the front yard setback from the street.
- f. A vehicular drop-off area to a building may be permitted within the required setback or front yard area of the project to facilitate the needs of the elderly.
- g. Each elderly housing project shall conform to the following density limitation requirement:
- i. not more than two persons shall reside in a dwelling unit.
  - ii. in an elderly housing development the maximum number of dwelling units shall not exceed 5 dwelling units per acre unless the proposed site is served by both public water and waste water system in which case the density may be increased to up to 10 dwelling units per acre.
- h. The architectural design of buildings shall be of such character as to harmonize with the neighborhood.
- i. The site plan and arrangement of buildings including landscaping, grading, storm drainage, sanitary sewers, outdoor illumination, vehicular access, and

parking spaces shall be of such character as to harmonize with the neighborhood. To accomplish a transition between areas of unlike character, screening/hedges/buffers may be required to protect property values in the neighborhood, to preserve the appearance and beauty of the community.

j. If a “subdivision”, as defined in the Town of Plainfield Subdivision Regulations, is involved, the applicant must obtain subdivision approval from the Plainfield Planning Board.

[ ] Yes [ ] No

## Question 2.

In order to encourage land developers to consider cluster housing, the following changes to the town’s existing Planned Residential Development ordinance are proposed:

1) **Delete** Section A of 3.15 Planned Residential Development and replace Section A with the following:

### **Section 3.15 PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT/CONSERVATION DESIGN**

A. In accordance with RSA 674:21, Innovative Land Use Controls the purposes of this section of the ordinance are to:

To conserve open land, including those areas containing unique and sensitive natural features such as woodlands, steep slopes, streams, floodplains and wetlands, by setting them aside from development;

To provide greater design flexibility and efficiency in the siting of services and infrastructure, including the opportunity to reduce length of roads, utility runs, and the amount of paving required for residential development;

To reduce erosion and sedimentation by the retention of existing vegetation, and the minimization of development on steep slopes;

To provide for a diversity of lot sizes, building densities, and housing choices to accommodate a variety of age and income groups, and residential preferences, so that the community’s population diversity may be maintained;

To implement adopted town policies to conserve a variety of irreplaceable and environmentally sensitive resource lands as set forth in the Town’s Master Plan, including provisions for reasonable incentives to create a green way system for the benefit of present and future resi-

dents;

To protect areas of the Town with productive agricultural soils for continued or future agricultural use, by conserving blocks of land large enough to allow for efficient farm operations,

To create neighborhoods with direct visual access to open land, with amenities in the form of neighborhood open space, and with a strong neighborhood identity.

To provide for the conservation and maintenance of open land within the Town to achieve the above-mentioned goals and for active or passive recreational use by residents;

To provide multiple options for landowners in order to minimize impacts on environmental resources (sensitive lands such as wetlands, flood plain, and steep slopes) and disturbance of natural or cultural features (such as mature woodlands, hedgerows and tree lines, critical wildlife habitats, historic buildings, and fieldstone walls);

To provide standards reflecting the varying circumstances and interests of individual landowners, and the individual characteristics of their properties; and

To conserve scenic views and elements of the Town's rural character, and to minimize perceived density, by minimizing views of new development from existing roads.

**Process:** To achieve the above objectives an owner or owners of a tract of land or the duly authorized agent of an owner or owners may, in connection with the submission of a subdivision plan for planning board approval, develop the tract on a Planned Residential Development/Conservation Design (PRD/CD) basis if the plan meets the general intent of the zoning ordinance and complies with the following requirements: only residential uses shall be permitted in the PRD/CD. Accessory uses shall be permitted only on the same lot with and customarily incidental to any permitted use and not conducted as an independent principal use and shall be subject to ZBA review/approval. Units shall include single-family, or multiple family type dwellings, whether of traditional construction, of manufactured housing, or of modular construction. Each PRD/CD shall be dedicated exclusively to use and occupancy by either manufactured housing units or site-built dwelling units. Developers of PRD/CD shall submit as part of their plan for development, a proposed declaration of restrictions and covenants which shall so dedicate the use of the lots within the development. Upon approval of the PRD/CD, including the proposed declaration of restrictions and covenants, said declaration shall be recorded in the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds.

2) **Replace** for the remainder of the Zoning Ordinance, all references to Planned Residential Development with Planned Residential Development/Conservation Design or PRD/CD.

3) **Delete** for all zones -Planned Residential Developments from list of Special Exceptions and in its place **Add** Planned Residential Development/Conservation Design to the list of Permitted Uses.

4) **Add item #4** to Special Requirements for all applicable zones:

#4 All PRD's/Conservation Design Developments shall be subject to Sub-division Review, and if applicable to Site Plan Review.

5) **Add** the following to the end of Section 4.11 of the Zoning Ordinance to specify when Site Reviews are applicable:

Site Plan Review is required for the development, change or expansion of use of tracts for non-residential developments and all multifamily developments.

6) Since PRD/CD projects will no longer require Zoning Board review, **delete** letter J from section 3.15, re-lettering the section as needed.

7) Since PRD/CD projects will no longer require Zoning Board review, change remaining references of "the Board of Adjustment" to read "the Planning Board."

[ ] Yes [ ] No

### Question 3.

In order to provide the Zoning Board of Adjustment with an enhanced ability to work with telecommunication applicants and the characteristics of particular sites, the following change is proposed:

**Amend section 3.16 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES (INCLUDING PUBLIC TELEVISION BROADCASTING, Standards to be Met letter a) which reads:**

b) **Height-** Regardless of the type of mount, WCFs shall not be higher than 10' above the average tree canopy height measured from ground level. Towers and tower related fixtures may not exceed 10' above the average height of the tree line within 100 feet of the base of the tower.

to read:

b) **Height-** Regardless of the type of mount, WCFs shall not be

higher than 10' above the tree canopy height measured from ground level at the base of the tower. If an applicant demonstrates that, due to specific site characteristics/location, additional tower height significantly improves the potential for co-location, thus reducing the overall number of towers needed in the area, without violating the spirit of the ordinance, an additional 10' of tower height may be approved by the zoning board.

[ ] Yes [ ] No

**You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 13th of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:**

**ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,363,416 to defray town charges for the 2004 fiscal year. The selectmen propose the following budget:**

<b>1. Executive</b>		<b>\$ 106,970</b>
<b>2. Election/Registration/Vital Statisti</b>		<b>8,280</b>
<b>3. Financial Administration</b>		<b>34,700</b>
<b>4. Revaluation of Property</b>		<b>6,000</b>
<b>5. Legal Expenses</b>		<b>16,100</b>
<b>6. Personnel Administration</b>		<b>10,100</b>
<b>7. Planning and Zoning</b>		<b>1,500</b>
<b>8. General Government Buildings</b>		<b>5,525</b>
<b>9. Cemeteries</b>		<b>20,750</b>
<b>10. Insurance</b>		<b>34,700</b>
<b>11. Regional Associations</b>		<b>3,300</b>
<b>12. Police Department</b>		<b>154,492</b>
<b>13. Ambulance Service</b>		<b>21,765</b>
<b>14. Fire Departments</b>	<b>-Plainfield</b>	<b>39,000</b>
	<b>-Meriden</b>	<b>35,000</b>
<b>15. Building Inspection</b>		<b>3,200</b>
<b>16. Emergency Management</b>		<b>200</b>
<b>17. Hydrant &amp; Forest Fire Expense</b>		<b>3,950</b>
<b>18. Dispatching for Fire, Police &amp; Ambulance</b>		<b>10,000</b>
<b>19. Highway Administration</b>		<b>15,700</b>
<b>20. Highways and Streets</b>		<b>403,465</b>
<b>21. Road Projects</b>		<b>101,932</b>
<b>22. Street Lights</b>		<b>7,000</b>
<b>23. Solid Waste Collection</b>		<b>90,650</b>
<b>24. Solid Waste Disposal</b>		<b>85,610</b>
<b>25. Health Agencies</b>		<b>15,105</b>
<b>26. Animal Control</b>		<b>400</b>

27. Welfare		7,000
28. Recreation Commission		14,675
29. Libraries	- Plainfield	31,987
	- Meriden	27,940
30. Patriotic		1,420
31. Conservation Commission		2,200
32. Principal Long-term debt		25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt		17,800

**Total:** **\$1,363,416**

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

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the second year's payment on the two year police cruiser lease approved under article 4 of the 2003 annual meeting. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,500 to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows:

RSA 35:1 funds:

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

RSA 31:19a funds:

- \$5,000 Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
- \$2,500 Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.
- \$8,000 Cemetery Fund established in 1991.

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

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to 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 7.** 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 8.** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining \$25,000 of

borrowing authority granted under Article III of the 2002 Town Meeting. This article at the request of our auditing firm, is intended to make it clear that no additional funds will be borrowed for the library expansion project under the authority granted by article III of the 2002 annual meeting.

**ARTICLE 9.** 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, \$50,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$72,000; for a person 80 years or older, \$110,000. 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 10.** 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 11.** To see if the town will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a committee to investigate creation of a suitable memorial to town veterans, said committee to report no later than the 2005 annual meeting.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see what action the town will take with respect to reports of town officers.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Plainfield and Meriden Fire Departments to go to the aid of another city, town or fire district within or without the state, for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, rendering other emergency assistance, or performing any detail requested in accordance with NH RSA 154:24. This article by the request of the town's fire departments.

**ARTICLE 14.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A True Copy Attest:

**JUDITH A. BELYEA**

**ROBERT W. TAYLOR**

**MARK H. WILDER**

**SELECTMEN OF PLAINFIELD**

**BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**  
**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue**  
**January 1st 2004 to December 31st 2004**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b> Item	<b>2003</b> Approved	<b>2003</b> Expenditures	<b>2004</b> Request
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
Executive	\$101,270	\$102,542	\$106,970
Election/Registration	\$6,280	\$2,617	\$8,280
Financial Administration	\$33,675	\$38,118	\$34,700
Revaluation of Property	\$6,000	\$5,735	\$6,000
Legal Expense	\$2,700	\$12,797	\$16,100
Personnel Administration	\$9,300	\$8,451	\$10,100
Planning and Zoning	\$1,500	\$1,417	\$1,500
General Government Buildings	\$6,110	\$5,493	\$5,525
Cemeteries	\$19,200	\$20,944	\$20,750
Insurances	\$23,700	\$24,802	\$34,700
Regional Associations	\$3,300	\$3,656	\$3,300
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
Police	\$136,822	\$136,484	\$154,492
Ambulance	\$20,290	\$19,474	\$21,765
Fire-Plainfield	\$39,000	\$39,000	\$39,000
Fire-Meriden	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Building Inspection	\$4,100	\$3,338	\$3,200
Emergency Management	\$200	\$0	\$200
Hydrant Rentals/FFT	\$3,950	\$4,045	\$3,950
Dispatch Service	\$10,000	\$10,229	\$10,000
<b>HIGHWAYS, STREETS &amp; BRIDGES</b>			
Highway Administration	\$15,700	\$17,663	\$15,700
Highway and Streets	\$404,875	\$390,971	\$403,465
Road Projects	\$103,330	\$33,100	\$101,932
Street Lights	\$7,000	\$6,965	\$7,000
<b>SANITATION</b>			
Solid Waste Collection	\$69,200	\$73,500	\$90,650
Solid Waste Disposal	\$85,860	\$90,117	\$85,610
<b>Health</b>			
Health Department	\$14,955	\$15,189	\$15,105
Animal Control	\$400	\$545	\$400
<b>WELFARE</b>			
General Assistance	\$5,000	\$7,820	\$7,000
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>			
Recreation Commission	\$14,675	\$14,506	\$14,675
Library-Plainfield	\$28,694	\$28,694	\$31,987
Library-Meriden	\$27,002	\$27,002	\$27,940
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,420	\$1,219	\$1,420
Conservation Commission	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
Principal Long-term debt	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$25,000
Interest Long-term debt	\$13,000	\$1,458	\$17,800
Interest T.A.N Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$1,268,208</b>	<b>\$1,197,591</b>	<b>\$1,363,416</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Request</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			
Hwy Truck Replacement	\$85,000	\$84,910	\$0
Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Police Cruiser Replacement	\$10,000	\$9,839	\$10,000
Bridge Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Revaluation Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
Town Hall Repair Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Library Repair Fund	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$8,000
Forestry Maintenance	\$1,300	\$0	\$0
ADA Compliance Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$171,800</b>	<b>\$170,249</b>	<b>\$85,500</b>
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,440,008</b>	<b>\$1,367,840</b>	<b>\$1,448,916</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>
<b>TAXES</b>			
Land Use Change Tax (1/2)	\$15,000	\$10,575	\$12,000
Yield Taxes	\$14,000	\$11,934	\$14,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Interest & Penalties	\$40,000	\$33,220	\$35,000
Excavations	\$370	\$297	\$370
<b>LICENSES AND PERMITS</b>			
Licenses & Fees	\$5,500	\$5,843	\$6,000
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$390,000	\$398,665	\$410,000
Trash User Fees	\$85,000	\$85,829	\$105,000
<b>STATE REVENUE</b>			
Shared Revenue (town portion)	\$14,884	\$15,020	\$14,884
Rooms & Meals	\$68,888	\$68,888	\$68,888
Highway Block Grant	\$103,329	\$103,328	\$101,932
State Reimbursements (ff& wit)	\$2,394	\$726	\$1,000
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICE</b>			
Income from Departments	\$32,000	\$22,467	\$25,000
Reimbursements	\$4,000	\$3,485	\$4,000
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>			
Sale of Town Property	\$2,000	\$8,225	\$6,000
Interest on Deposits	\$13,000	\$6,928	\$7,000
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			
Withdrawals from Reserves	\$86,300	\$84,911	\$0
Income from Trust Funds	\$12,000	\$11,212	\$11,000
<b>BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$889,665</b>	<b>\$872,553</b>	<b>\$823,074</b>
<b>2004 RECOMMENDED</b>			
<b>NET APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$550,343</b>	<b>\$495,287</b>	<b>\$625,842</b>

**Town Meeting March 11, 2003  
Plainfield, New Hampshire**

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Plainfield, New Hampshire, in the County of Sullivan, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs, held in the Plainfield School gymnasium on Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at ten o'clock in the morning, the business of the day was disposed of as follows:

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Stephen H. Taylor. After the reading of Article 1; the certification of the warrant and checklist and any other requirements for the opening of the meeting, the polls were opened at 10:00 a.m.

Total number of names on checklist	1362
Number of names added at the meeting	1
Total number of ballots cast	183
Percentage voting	14

**Article 1:**

**Selectman for three years**

Robert W. Taylor	had	176 votes
Howard Zea		1
Bev Widger		1
Gary Ward		1

**Robert W. Taylor was declared elected.**

**Cemetery Trustee for three years**

Howard W. Zea	had	180 votes
Robert Hewett		1
Ruthann Wheeler		1

**Howard W. Zea was declared elected**

**Library Trustee for three years, west side of town**

Beth L. Williams	had	179 votes
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**Beth L. Williams was declared elected.**

**Library Trustee for three years, east side of town**

Joseph H. Crate	had	171 votes
Nancy Norwalk		1

**Joseph H. Crate was declared elected.**

**Trustee of Trust Funds for three years**

Donald E. Garfield	had	179 votes
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**Donald E. Garfield was declared elected**

**Supervisor of the Checklist for five years**

George W. West had	176 votes
Gene Hewes	1

**George W. West was declared elected.**

Officers sworn in at open meeting: George W. West by Stephen H. Taylor.  
The meeting was recessed to Saturday, March 15, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

**Saturday, March 15, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Stephen H. Taylor at 10:12 a.m. Invocation was given by the Rev. Harold L. Jones. A salute was made followed by the singing of My Country 'Tis of Thee led by Betsy Rybeck Lynd.

The officers were introduced by the Moderator.

A motion was made by Howard Zea and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

It was so voted by the meeting.

**ARTICLE 2.** The following resolution was offered by Stephen Halleran, moved and seconded by Robert Taylor. Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250,208 to defray town charges for the 2003 fiscal year.

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

An amendment was offered by Michael Hammond. Resolved: To see if the town will direct the Selectmen to give the Town employees a 7% pay increase and add necessary funds to the budget to accomplish this. This figure to be in the amount of \$18,000 increasing the total to \$1,268,208.

After a brief discussion, a vote on the amendment was taken by paper ballot.

Yes 181                  No 79

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

There was no further discussion on the adjusted main budget and a vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 181                  No 36

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

During the counting of the ballots, Moderator Taylor administered the oath of office to the

following: :     Robert Taylor     Selectman  
                            Donald Garfield     Trustee of Trust Funds  
                            Beth Williams     Library Trustee     West side of Town  
                            Joseph Crate     Library Trustee-     East side of Town  
                            Howard Zea     Cemetery Trustee

**ARTICLE 3.** The following resolution was offered by Robert Taylor, moved and seconded: Resolved that the town 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.

Taylor explained that truck #5 was up for replacement. This is a 1989 vehicle which is showing much wear and signs of significant rust.

A vote was taken by paper ballot.

Yes 211                      No 15

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

**ARTICLE 4.** The following resolution was offered by Judy Belyea, moved and seconded: Resolved: that the town vote to authorize the Select board 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 new vehicle is \$22,650.)

A vote was taken by paper ballot.

Yes 207                      No 15

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

**ARTICLE 5.** The following resolution was offered by Mark Wilder, moved and seconded: Resolved 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.

After a lengthy discussion, Armand Rondeau asked to move the question and it was affirmed by more than seven voters. A voice vote was taken as to whether the meeting wished to vote or continue discussion.

**Moderator Taylor ruled that the vote was in the favor of the ayes and so declared it in the affirmative.**

A vote on the article was taken by paper ballot.

Yes 113                      No 128

**The resolution was lost and so declared.**

Robert LaFlam asked that the Selectmen continue to study the effects of calcium

chloride.

**ARTICLE 6.** The following resolution was made by Robert Taylor, moved and seconded:

Resolved: that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,250 for the purchase of an optical scanner to be used for the tabulation of election results.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to call the vote and affirmed by more than seven voters. A voice vote was taken as to whether the meeting wished to vote or continue discussion.

**Moderator Taylor ruled that the vote was in the favor of the ayes and so declared it in the affirmative**

A vote on the article was taken by paper ballot.

Yes 98                      No 134

**The resolution was lost and so declared.**

A brief lunch break was declared by Moderator Stephen Taylor at 12:17 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Two drawings were made for school raffles to benefit the eighth grade class. A jelly cabinet was won by Richard Pullen and a quilt by Elaine Lenz.

**ARTICLE 7.** The following resolution was made by Mark Wilder, moved and seconded. Resolved: that 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.

A vote was taken by paper ballot.

Yes 137                      No 26

**The vote was in the affirmative and it was so declared.**

**ARTICLE 8.** The following resolution was made by Judy Belyea, moved and seconded. Resolved: that the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 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.
\$2,000	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 taken by paper ballot.

Yes 169

No 24

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

During the interval between collecting ballots and counting. Representative Peter Burling spoke to the meeting about the state of affairs in Concord.

At this point in the meeting, the Moderator announced that there is a need for an assistant moderator who would be available to fill in if necessary and who also would be in training for the future. He has appointed Paul Franklin to this position and yielded the gavel to Franklin for the next three articles.

**ARTICLE 9.** The following resolution was made by Robert Taylor, moved and seconded resolved: that 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.

A voice vote was taken and was unanimous.

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared by assistant moderator Paul Franklin.**

**ARTICLE 10.** The following resolution was made by Mark Wilder, moved and seconded: Resolved that the town vote to 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.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared by assistant moderator Paul Franklin.**

**ARTICLE 11.** The following resolution was made by Judy Belyea, moved and seconded: Resolved: that the town vote to 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.

After discussion, a vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 200

No 7

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared by assistant moderator Paul Franklin.**

At this point, Franklin yielded the gavel back to Moderator Taylor.

**ARTICLE 12.** The following resolution was made by James Barnicle, moved and seconded: Resolved: that 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.

After a brief discussion, a vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 139

No 70

While the ballots were being collected and tabulated. Moderator Taylor expressed thanks to Doolittle's Print Service and Jerry Doolittle for their fine work on the town report.

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

**ARTICLE 13.** The following resolution was made by Stephen Halleran, moved and seconded: Resolved: That the town vote to 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.

A voice vote was taken and it was unanimous.

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

**ARTICLE 14.** The following resolution was offered by Mark Wilder, moved and seconded: Resolved: that the town 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.

A voice vote was taken and it was unanimous.

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

**ARTICLE 15.** The following resolution was made by Judy Belyea, moved and seconded: Resolved: that the town 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 Select board as agents to expend for said fund.

A vote was taken by a show of hand (voter cards).

Yes 134                  No 1

**The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.**

**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. David Grobe, chairman of the Conservation Commission asked that this article be tabled. A voice vote was taken and it was unanimous.

**The article was declared tabled by Moderator Taylor.**

**ARTICLE 17.** The following resolution was made by David Grobe, moved and seconded: Resolved: that the town 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.

After a brief discussion, a vote was taken by show of hands (voter cards).

Yes 143                  No 6

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

**ARTICLE 18.** The following resolution was made by Jane Stephenson, moved and seconded: Resolved: that the town 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.

A voice vote was taken and it was unanimous.

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

**ARTICLE 19.** The following resolution was made by Judy Belyea, moved and seconded: Resolved: that the town vote to accept the reports of town officers as printed in the 2002 annual report, subject to any corrections. A certified copy to be kept on file with the town clerk.

Belyea thanked David Selby Smith for his work on the proposed Town Seal. Sandra Stettenheim asked that names of committee members be printed in the Town report so that their contributions could be recognized. There were no corrections offered. A voice vote was taken and it was unanimous.

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

**ARTICLE 20.** Stephen Halleran asked the meeting to accept the presentation of this article as it was received by petition. It was moved and seconded. 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 under

insured, 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.

The moderator recognized Stephanie Stone from Lebanon who gave a brief explanation.

A voice vote was taken and was unanimous.

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

**ARTICLE 21.** The following resolution was offered by Betsy Rybeck Lynd, moved and seconded. 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.

Betsy Rybeck Lynd offered an explanation of the article.

John Drye made a motion to indefinitely postpone this article. It was seconded.

After several minutes of discussion, John Drye asked that his motion to "indefinitely postpone" be withdrawn and that the article be tabled.

The moderator ruled that this was possible and he would accept the new motion. A paper ballot was taken on the question of whether the article should be tabled.

Yes 110                  No 55

**The vote was in the affirmative to table and so declared by the Moderator Taylor.**

**ARTICLE 22.** The following was offered by Robert Taylor.

A formal recognition of Mary Cassedy by the Select board for her years of service.

A recognition of the Municipal volunteer award won by Jane Stephenson in November 2002.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Ann Wheeler, Town Clerk

# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive .....	\$ 101,270
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	6,280
Financial Administration .....	33,675
Revaluation of Property .....	6,000
Legal Expense .....	2,700
Personnel Administration .....	9,300
Planning and Zoning .....	1,500
General Government Buildings .....	.6,110
Cemeteries .....	19,200
Insurances .....	23,700
Advertising and Regional Expense .....	3,300

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department .....	136,822
Ambulance .....	20,290
Fire Protection .....	74,000
Emergency Management .....	200
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense .....	13,950
Building Inspection .....	4,100

## HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES

Highways and Streets .....	420,575
Road Projects .....	103,330
Street Lights .....	7,000

## SANITATION

Garbage Collection .....	69,200
Solid Waste Disposal .....	85,860

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department .....	14,955
Pest Control .....	400

## WELFARE

Welfare Department .....	5,000
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## CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation Commission .....	14,675
Libraries .....	55,696
Patriotic .....	1,420
Conservation Commission .....	2,200

## DEBT SERVICE

Principal on Long-term debts .....	12,500
Interest on Long-term debts .....	13,000

<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,268,208</b>
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# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

## CAPITAL PURCHASES

Article 3 Highway Department Truck .....	\$85,000
Article 4 Police Cruiser .....	\$10,000
Article 17 Invasive Plant Control .....	1,300

## OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Article 7 Highway Vehicle Fund .....	45,000
Article 7 Highway Bridge Fund .....	10,000
Article 7 Revaluation Fund .....	10,000
Article 15 ADA Compliance Fund .....	1,000

## OPERATING TRANSFERS TO TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS

Article 8 Town Hall Repair Fund .....	5,000
Article 8 Library Repair Fund .....	2,500
Article 8 Cemetery Trust Fund .....	2,000

<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$171,800</b>
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,268,208</b>

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>\$1,440,008</b>
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New 2003 International dump truck. Unit includes a new plow, wing, and sander. Purchase price \$84,910 and the trade in of a 1989 International dump truck.

*-Photo by Stephen Halleran*

## TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation		\$1,440,008
Total Revenues and Credits	less	889,665
Share Revenues	less	10,166
Overlay*	add	52,000
War Service Credits	add	16,800
A) Net Town Appropriation	<b>Equals</b>	<b>608,977</b>
Net Local School Budget		3,982,580
Adequate Education Grant	less	765,746
State Education Taxes	less	771,444
B) Approved Local School Assessment	<b>Equals</b>	<b>2,445,390</b>
C) Approved State Education Assessment	<b>Equals</b>	<b>771,444</b>
D) Approved County Tax Assessment	<b>Equals</b>	<b>579,214</b>
 Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)	 <b>Equals</b>	 <b>\$4,405,025</b>

## TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property Taxes to be Raised	\$4,405,025
Less War Service Credits	16,800
<b>Total Property Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$4,388,225</b>

## TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	4.91	3.01
County	5.78	2.86
Local School	20.72	12.07
State School	7.09	3.91
Combined tax rate	\$38.50	\$21.85

Net value on which local tax rates are computed	\$202,537,222
Net value on which state tax rate is computed	\$197,365,422

\* reflects \$42,000 set aside for abatements and refunds as part of the new valuation pro

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved . . . . .	\$71,667,600
Buildings . . . . .	132,168,543
Public Utilities . . . . .	5,171,800

**Total Value Before Exemptions Allowed . . . . . \$209,007,943**

Blind Exemptions . . . . .	\$30,000
Elderly Exemptions . . . . .	782,800
Totally and Permanently Disabled . . . . .	207,000
School/Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption (town vote) . . . . .	5,300,921
School/Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption (state law) . . . . .	150,000
Total Local Exemptions Allowed . . . . .	\$6,320,721

**Net Value Used For Local Tax Rates . . . . . \$202,537,222**

**Net Value Used For State Education Tax Rate . . . . . \$197,365,422**

**(Local value less utility property value)**

**Electric Utility Property**

Connecticut Valley Electric . . . . .	\$620,300
Granite State Electric . . . . .	1,847,300
New England Power Co. . . . .	1,522,700
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative . . . . .	1,181,500

**Total . . . . . \$5,171,800**

### Elderly Exemptions

Granted	
5 @ 36,800	184,000
3 @ 55,000 *	157,800
6 @ 73,500	441,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$782,800</b>

\*7,200 not able to be applied

### WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS

Totally and Permanently Disabled Veterans	4 totaling	\$5,600
Standard Exemption	112 totaling	\$11,200
<b>Total Amount</b>		<b>\$16,800</b>

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND  
AND BUILDINGS**

as of December 31, 2003

**DESCRIPTION and VALUATION**

Town hall -Plainfield .....	\$ 247,200
-Meriden(includes Police Dept.) .....	323,100
Libraries -Plainfield .....	157,700
-Meriden .....	167,600
Highway Garage .....	201,200
Plainfield Elementary School .....	2,398,400

**Property Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:**

Burnaps Island .....	41,100
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**Other Properties**

Dump Lot .....	34,700
Gravel Pit .....	149,300
Spencer Lot .....	175,100
Whitaker Road Intersections .....	10,300
Tallow Hill Intersection .....	43,800
Benson Donation .....	72,300
French's Ledges .....	34,800
Cram Hill Lot .....	29,500
Stage Road Ball Field .....	187,900
Thompson Donation (Moulton Cemetery) .....	47,600
Farnum Lot .....	72,400
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$4,394,000</b>

**CURRENT USE REPORT**

<b>Land Categories</b>	<b>acres</b>
Farm Land .....	2,926
Forest Land .....	22,970
Unproductive Land .....	1,410
<b>Total Number of Acres</b>	
<b>In Current Use 2003 .....</b>	<b>27,304</b>
<b>(revaluation adjusted)</b>	

# TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

## Valuation

### CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Community Baptist Church& parsonage . . . . .	\$455,900
First Baptist Church& parsonage . . . . .	490,300
Meriden Congregational Church& parsonage . . . . .	905,500
Singing Hills Christian Fellowship . . . . .	2,028,600
Plainfield Christ Community Church . . . . .	2,078,300

### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Kimball Union Academy (state law educational prop) . . . . .	17,757,164
Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop) .	150,000
Kimball Union Academy (town vote) . . . . .	5,300,921

### CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Grafton Pond Trust . . . . .	311,800
New England Wildflower Assoc. . . . .	237,600
Plainfield Historical Society . . . . .	157,300

### PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

The Nature Conservancy . . . . .	20,800
Meriden Volunteer Fire Dept . . . . .	205,700
Meriden Village Water and Sewer District. . . . .	908,500
Plainfield Village Water District . . . . .	439,400
Plainfield Volunteer Fire Dept . . . . .	387,900

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Land on Stage Road . . . . .	13,500
Land on River Road . . . . .	11,400
Duncan State Forest . . . . .	228,400

### GRANGES

Blow-Me-Down Grange . . . . .	332,300
Meriden Grange . . . . .	157,600

### LAND OWNED BY OTHER TOWNS

Cornish . . . . .	4,000
Grantham . . . . .	31,600

<b>TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTIES . . . . .</b>	<b>\$32,614,485</b>
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## TOWN CLERK REPORT 2003

There were not a lot of changes in the clerk's office this year. The state does not anticipate having its new on-line system for car registrations until mid-summer. Plainfield has signed up but will probably not be eligible until late 2004 or 2005. We cannot increase services such as offering metal plates until that time.

In response to some of the car registration problems that we commonly see, the following are suggested:

- 1) Bring all the correct paperwork: title or title applications for new vehicles, bill of sale, and especially the old registration if you wish to transfer plates from an existing vehicle.
- 2) The names on the title application must match the old registration if you want to transfer and receive credit. This is extremely important on leases!
- 3) If both parties are on the title both parties must sign the title application.
- 4) Whether you buy from a dealer or a personal sale, you must have the title before you can register the vehicle. Take care that the title is correctly signed over to you.

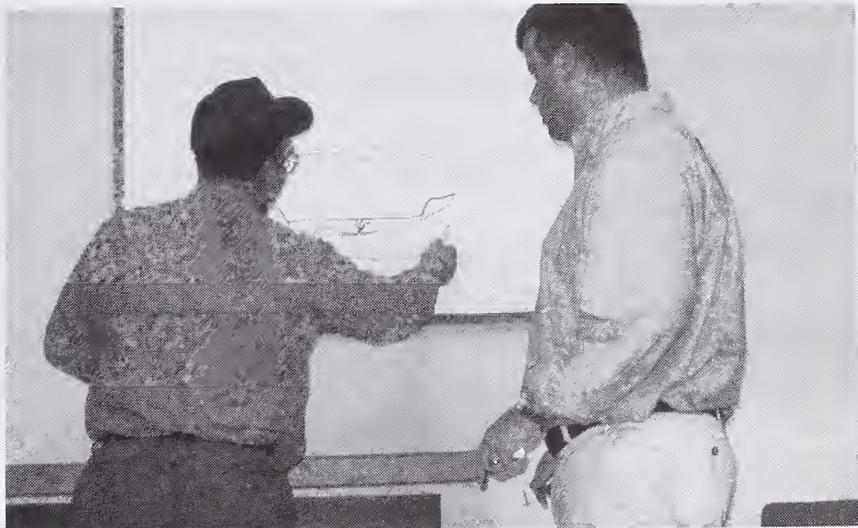
If you aren't sure what you need, please call ahead.

With Howard Zea's help, we are continuing the protect/preserve old town records. We are also protecting current records as we go. If we could look ahead two hundred years, it would be interesting to know what format records will be in. Paper has existed for centuries but will computer discs? Will the discs of today work in the technology of the future? All we can do is use what we have at the present time.

For the year 200, the following fees were collected and remitted to the treasurer:

Motor Vehicles	\$398,665
Licenses & Fees	\$ 5,843

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ruth Ann Wheeler,*  
*Town Clerk*



Road Agent Stocker explaining the planned Methodist Hill culvert replacement to the selectboard. Summer 2003. Selectman Robert Taylor, right, Ken Stocker, left.

*-Photo by Stephen Halleran*

## TAX COLLECTOR REPORT 2003

As promised we converted to the new laser printed tax bills. Not only did this new bill type make the printing faster but it enabled us to get the fall bills out only four days later than usual when the tax rate was received so late. We also have converted to the latest version of the tax program which matches the assessing program. The new conversion will make property and names changes match more consistently.

We often get calls asking about notification of mortgage holders for those with escrow accounts. By state law, bills must be sent to the "owner of record". Many of the mortgage companies send in lists of clients and ask for the current bill amounts. We do respond to these requests but cannot guarantee that your company knows about your bill. To insure that your taxes are paid timely, you should notify your mortgage holder.

All monies are deposited weekly. Any payments should show on your next statement or the one thereafter (if payment is at the end of the month). If the payments do not show, please call. Unfortunately, on occasion we will have checks that get lost either in the mail or in the office.

The first bill for 2004 will be fifty percent of the total for 2003. If you have a new home or major renovations or construction, the new assessment may not be available for the first bill.

If you have any questions, please let us know. Every time we change our systems, it makes it harder to see credits and payments.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ruth Ann Wheeler,*  
Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 2003**

-Debits-

**Uncollected Taxes**

Beginning of fiscal year	2003	2002
Property taxes		\$278,816.89
Land Use Change Tax		\$3,150

**Taxes Committed to Collector**

Property taxes	\$4,399,108.00
Land use change taxes	\$24,500.00
Yield taxes	\$11,934.60
Excavation activities	\$376.00

**Overpayments**

Property taxes	\$6,358.76	
Interest collected on delinquent taxes	\$4,714.44	\$14,053.54

<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	\$4,446,991.80	\$296,020.43
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-Credits-

**Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year**

Property taxes	\$4,061,776.50	\$277,847.89
Land use changes taxes	\$21,150.00	3,150.00
Yield taxes	\$11,934.00	
Excavation	\$376.00	
Interest on taxes	\$4,714.44	\$14,053.54

**Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year**

Property Taxes	\$9,128.24	\$969.00
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**Overpayments Collected During Fiscal Year**

Property taxes	\$6,358.76
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**Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year**

Property taxes	\$328,203.26
Land Use Change	\$3,350.00

<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	\$4,446,991.80	\$296,020.43
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# LIENS REPORT

## December 31, 2003

	-Debits-		
	2002	2001	Prior
Unredeemed Liens			
Beginning of year		\$50,935.31	\$25,480.80
New Liens	\$94,128.83		
Interests/Penalties	\$2,131.29	\$4,067.50	\$8,090.32
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$96,260.12</b>	<b>\$55,002.81</b>	<b>\$33,571.12</b>

	-Credits-		
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$32,588.79	\$10,329.76	\$24,715.79
Interest/Penalties	\$2,131.29	\$4,067.50	\$8,090.32
Abatements		11.08	765.01
Unredeemed Liens	\$61,540.04	\$40,594.47	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$96,260.12</b>	<b>\$55,002.81</b>	<b>\$33,571.12</b>

Total amount of funds remitted to treasurer by tax collector \$4,483,285.18



Meriden Corn Roast, fall of 2003, the Stoddard property on Chellis Road.

-Photo by Peter Stettenheim

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash On hand, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003

Cash-checking	\$ 23,770
Cash-Investments	\$1,398,399
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,422,169</b>

Receipts during the fiscal year

**Total available** **\$3,621,120**

Less selectmen's orders **\$1,931,132**

Cash On Hand, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003 **\$1,689,988**

Cash-Checking	\$66,192
Cash-Investments	\$1,623,796

## SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Bonds & Loans as of 12/31/03

Philip Read Memorial Library	\$362,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$362,500</b>

## RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2003	\$ 375,000
New Debt during the year	0
Debt retirement during the year	
Library Addition	\$ 12,500
Outstanding long-term debt as of Dec. 31, 2002	\$ 362,500

## HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT 2003 EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

2003	Block Grant Appropriation	\$103,330
	<b>Daniels Road</b>	
	Pavement 1" overlay	\$21,000
	<b>Bean Road</b>	
	Tree removal	\$ 1,200
	<b>Willow Brook Road</b>	
	Drainage Work	\$ 3,500
		<b>\$25,700</b>
	<b>Funds Encumbered for 2004 work</b>	
	Hayward Road	\$12,632
	Roberts Road	\$ 3,200
	Sugar Hill Road	\$ 1,800
	Peterson Road	\$ 4,500
	Chellis Rd/R120 Int.	\$ 4,000
	Old County/Rte12A Intersection	\$ 3,150
	Grantham Mt./Rte 120 Intersection	\$11,500
	Bean Road	\$36,848
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$77,630</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,330</b>

### FIVE YEAR ROAD PROJECT PRIORITIES

As required by the passage of article ten at the 1998 Annual Meeting, the following represents the selectmen's road reconstruction priorities for the next five years. Note: order of work and timing is subject to change as new information, time and available funds dictate.

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

## SALARIES

Begin, Peter E.	Patrolman	\$ 273.00
Belyea, Judith A.	Selectmen	\$ 2,150.00
Berry, Christopher	Truck Driver	\$ 9,790.82
Cerra, Patrick J.	Welfare Director/Health Off	\$ 1,782.20
Chapman, Annamay	Library Aide/Ballot Clerk	\$ 1,766.50
Collins III, Richard L.	Assistant Road Agent	\$32,076.65
Dole, Bettyann	Librarian	\$14,486.40
Dore, Lawrence M.	Police Sergeant	\$39,928.80
Freeland, Barbara	Ballot Clerk	\$ 84.00
Gilbert, Roger L.	Truck Driver	\$29,515.60
Gillens, Gordon A.	Police Chief	\$44,870.00
Grobe, Malcolm J.	Recreation	\$ 1,580.04
Halleran, Stephen L.	Town Administrator	\$44,405.00
Hollinger, R. David	Truck Driver	\$27,874.80
Jones, Harold L.	Checklist Supervisor	\$ 87.25
King, Stephen	Truck Driver	\$ 5,360.00
Knight, Erica	Recreation	\$ 1,080.00
Marsh, Michelle	Dep. Town Clerk/Tax C.	\$ 868.25
Martin, Kristin G.	Recreation	\$ 1,540.02
Martin, Lindsey	Recreation	\$ 1,140.06
Nemkovich, Stephen J	Truck Driver	\$27,990.30
Norwalk, Nancy A.	Librarian	\$15,831.41
Porter, Ryan	Patrolman	\$15,174.50
Prescott, George M.	Recreation Director/Sub-Mod.	\$ 5,518.50
Roberts, Douglas Allen	Patrolman	\$ 2,692.50
Roberts, Paul M.	Patrolman	\$ 1,410.00
Rogers, Diane P.	Checklist Supervisor	\$ 274.06
Serem, Jerome	Equipment Operator	\$24,920.00
Stalker, Jesse R.	Trustee of Trust Funds	\$ 650.00
Stalker, Ruth A.	Library aide	\$ 1,837.80
Stocker, Kenneth C.	Road Agent	\$43,675.00
Stockwell, Bette	Ballot Clerk	\$ 84.00
Sweet, Fred	Treasurer	\$ 2,650.00
Swett, Anthony D.	Patrolman	\$ 4,659.00
Maurice Taylor	Truck Driver	\$ 8,981.50

Taylor, Robert W.	Selectman	\$ 2,150.00
Taylor, Stephen H.	Moderator	\$ 107.00
Timmons, Susan J.	Ballot Clerk/Lib. Asst.	\$ 565.50
West, George W.	Checklist Supervisor	\$ 183.00
Wheeler, Ruth Ann	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$29,149.92
Wilder, Mark H.	Selectman	\$ 2,150.00
Zea, Howard W.	Town Archivist	\$ 1,200.00

**Total**                    **\$425,513.38**



Road crew installing a new culvert on Croydon Turnpike, July 2003.

*-Photo by Peter Stettenheim*

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS

The selectmen are named agents to expend for five reserve funds:  
 The Library Building Repair Fund created in 1992.  
 The Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.  
 Town Hall Repair Fund created in 1996.  
 Town Revaluation Fund created in 1993.  
 Town Building ADA Access Fund created in 2003.

**Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 2003 were:**

**Library**

<b>Repair Fund</b>	Deposits-	\$2,500
	Town meeting appropriation.	
	Withdrawals-	\$1,094
	PL oil tank pump repair	\$1,019
	PL slate roof repair	\$75

**Town**

<b>Bridge Fund</b>	Deposits-	\$10,000
	Town meeting appropriation.	
	Withdrawals-	\$0

**Town Hall**

<b>Repair Fund</b>	Deposits-	\$5,000
	Town meeting appropriation.	
	Withdrawals-	\$7,821
	PTH Crawlspace insulation	\$2,730
	PTH Waterline repairs	\$400
	PTH Slate roof repairs	\$250
	PTH Alarm repairs	\$520
	MTH Furnace repair	\$890
	MTH Alarm replacement	\$2,945
	MTH Misc.	\$86

<b>Revaluation Fund</b>	Deposits-	\$10,000
	Town meeting appropriation.	
	Withdrawals-	\$40,858
	Revaluation payments	

<b>ADA Compliance</b>	Deposits-	\$ 1,000
	Withdrawals-	\$ 0

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 - 2003

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
<b>CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS</b>								
Daniels Cemetery	\$7,718.66			\$7,718.66	\$767.11	\$344.80	\$400.00	\$711.91
East Plainfield Cemetery	\$3,666.36			\$3,666.36	\$80.88	\$152.26	\$169.37	\$63.77
Freeman Cemetery	\$2,701.53			\$2,701.53	\$59.60	\$112.19	\$124.80	\$46.99
Gilkey Cemetery	\$385.94			\$385.94	\$8.51	\$16.03	\$17.83	\$6.71
Gleason Cemetery	\$26,205.55			\$26,205.55	\$577.98	\$1,088.29	\$1,210.47	\$455.79
Methodist Hill Cemetery	\$385.94			\$385.94	\$8.51	\$16.03	\$17.83	\$6.71
Mill Cemetery	\$15,485.50			\$15,485.50	\$341.55	\$643.10	\$715.30	\$269.34
Moulton Cemetery	\$7,288.58	\$ 500.00		\$7,788.58	\$160.79	\$323.00	\$351.46	\$132.34
Penniman Cemetery	\$1,157.80			\$1,157.80	\$25.30	\$48.07	\$53.30	\$20.07
Plainfield Cemetery	\$56,479.85			\$56,479.85	\$1,212.77	\$2,344.21	\$2,584.00	\$972.98
Raynsford Cemetery	\$1,543.75			\$1,543.75	\$34.05	\$64.11	\$71.31	\$26.85
River Cemetery	\$1,157.80			\$1,157.80	\$25.54	\$48.08	\$53.48	\$20.14
Westgate-Peterson Cemetery	\$964.84			\$964.84	\$21.29	\$40.07	\$44.57	\$16.78
Town Cemeteries	\$3,859.33			\$3,859.33	\$95.72	\$160.70	\$201.33	\$55.10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$129,001.43</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$129,501.43</b>	<b>\$3,419.60</b>	<b>\$5,400.95</b>	<b>\$6,015.05</b>	<b>\$2,805.50</b>
<b>LIBRARY TRUST FUND</b>								
Meriden Library	\$24,892.72			\$24,892.72	\$1,472.44	\$1,071.29	\$1,600.00	\$943.73
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$71,653.04			\$71,653.04	\$4,268.90	\$3,084.92	\$4,600.00	\$2,753.82
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$96,545.76</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$96,545.76</b>	<b>\$5,741.34</b>	<b>\$4,156.21</b>	<b>\$6,200.00</b>	<b>\$3,697.55</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS</b>								
Ward Christmas Fund	\$3,859.33			\$3,859.33	\$197.07	\$164.82	\$195.00	\$166.89
Ward Worthy Poor Fund	\$5,788.99			\$5,788.99	\$7,676.28	\$547.13	\$195.00	\$8,223.41
Ward Essay Prize Fund	\$3,859.33			\$3,859.33	\$1,018.34	\$198.19	\$200.00	\$1,016.53
Elijah Burnap Poor Fund	\$10,615.49			\$10,615.49	\$13,436.39	\$977.29	\$200.22	\$14,213.46
Earl Mower Fund	\$1,592.00			\$1,592.00	\$0.00	\$64.69	\$64.69	\$0.00
Duncan Piano Fund	\$1,157.80			\$1,157.80	\$1,217.57	\$96.52	\$195.00	\$1,314.09
Vernon Hood Fund	\$385.94			\$385.94	\$45.71	\$17.54	\$63.25	\$63.25
Bill Hendrick Vision Fund	\$1,731.30			\$1,731.30	\$979.84	\$110.16	\$189.95	\$900.05
Mother's & Daughter's Fund	\$2,161.23			\$2,161.23	\$109.39	\$92.26	\$109.39	\$92.26
Beulah Pickering Fund	\$18,264.94			\$18,264.94	\$15,235.53	\$1,361.22	\$109.39	\$16,596.75
Ruth F Koe Brady Camp Fund	\$872.78	\$ 75.00		\$947.78	\$144.18	\$44.37	\$109.39	\$188.55
Stage Set Fund	\$6,635.00			\$6,635.00	\$158.78	\$276.05	\$109.39	\$434.83
Mericrafters Fund	\$500.00			\$500.00	\$11.94	\$20.80	\$109.39	\$32.74
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$57,424.13</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$57,499.13</b>	<b>\$40,231.02</b>	<b>\$3,971.05</b>	<b>\$959.25</b>	<b>\$43,242.82</b>
<b>TOTAL: ALL TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$282,971.32</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$283,546.32</b>	<b>\$49,391.96</b>	<b>\$13,528.20</b>	<b>\$13,174.30</b>	<b>\$49,745.87</b>

**INTEREST**

**PRINCIPLE**

**Capital Reserve/Expenditure Funds**

	Principle Balance Begin Year	New Funds Added	Funds Expended	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Begin Year	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End
Revaluation Fund	\$45,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$10,425.84	\$700.77	\$9,857.75	\$1,268.86
Town Hall Fund	\$10,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,800.00	\$7,700.00	\$191.02	\$130.14	\$21.48	\$299.68
Bridge Reserve Fund	\$59,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$69,000.00	\$5,761.55	\$811.29		\$6,572.84
Meriden Water Reserve Fund	\$56,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$71,000.00	\$6,163.05	\$515.12	\$5,000.00	\$1,678.17
School Building Fund	\$2,000.00	\$40,000.00		\$42,000.00	\$828.42	\$128.58		\$957.00
New Equipment Fund	\$130,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$3,996.01	\$1,859.15	\$4,910.72	\$944.44
Library Repair Fund	\$13,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	\$15,500.00	\$1,431.07	\$143.34	\$593.80	\$980.61
Philip Read Lib Expansion Fund	\$95,000.00		\$95,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,005.97	\$65.43	\$12,071.40	\$0.00
Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund	\$35,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$14,500.00	\$1,876.60	\$132.77	\$1,500.00	\$509.37
Plainfield History Fund	\$7,000.00			\$7,000.00	\$592.03	\$61.41		\$653.44
Cemetery Care	\$32,350.00	\$2,000.00		\$34,350.00	\$161.25	\$370.48		\$531.73
School Spec Ed Fund	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$513.84	\$16.85		\$530.69
ADA Access Fund	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$9.18		\$9.18
<b>TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS</b>	<b>\$485,850.00</b>	<b>\$210,500.00</b>	<b>\$295,300.00</b>	<b>\$401,050.00</b>	<b>\$43,946.65</b>	<b>\$4,944.51</b>	<b>\$33,955.15</b>	<b>\$14,936.01</b>

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**(General Fund)**  
**December 31st, 2003**

**ASSETS:**

CASH:

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$66,192
INVESTMENTS	\$1,623,796
PETTY CASH	\$250

TOTAL CASH	\$1,690,238
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PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE	\$328,203
CURRENT USE RECEIVABLE	\$3,350
YIELD TAX RECEIVABLE	\$0
TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE	\$102,135

TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE	\$433,688
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-WASTE DISP.	\$11,333
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$2,135,259</b>
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**LIABILITIES:**

DUE OTHER FUNDS	\$12,150
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PAYABLES:

SCHOOL	\$1,646,834
INVOICES	\$8,705
ACCRUED PAYROLL	\$4,129
STATE OF NH	\$846

TOTAL PAYABLES	\$1,660,514
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$1,672,664</b>
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FUND BALANCE	\$462,595
RESERVED- ENCUMBRANCES	(\$88,532)
RESERVED-REVALUATION ABATEMENT	(\$34,000)
RESERVED-UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES/FEE	(\$11,000)
<b>UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$329,063</b>

<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$2,135,259</b>
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UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2002	\$331,311
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2003	\$329,063
CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION	(\$2,248)

Excerpt, full  
audit 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, 2003 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, 2003, 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.

*Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association*

January 26, 2004

**EXHIBIT A**  
**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Combined Balance Sheet**  
**All Fund Types and Account Group**  
**December 31, 2003**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account Group	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Fund Types Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	
<b>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</b>						
<u>Assets</u>						
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 66,441	\$ 48,706	\$ 74,380	\$ 15,670	\$	\$ 205,197
Investments	1,623,796	65,532		755,459		2,444,787
Receivables (Net of Allowance For Uncollectible)						
Taxes	423,188					423,188
Accounts Note	10,833	1,600				10,833 1,600
Interfund Receivable		12,150		1,646,834		1,658,984
<u>Other Debits</u>						
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt					371,555	371,555
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 2,124,258</b>	<b>\$ 127,988</b>	<b>\$ 74,380</b>	<b>\$ 2,417,963</b>	<b>\$ 371,555</b>	<b>\$ 5,116,144</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>						
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,705	\$	\$ 224	\$	\$	\$ 8,929
Accrued Interest Payable	4,129					4,129
Contracts Payable			30,185			30,185
Retainage Payable			36,493			36,493
Intergovernmental Payable	845			1,798,009		1,798,854
Interfund Payable	1,658,984					1,658,984
General Obligation Bonds Payable					362,500	362,500
Capital Lease Payable					9,055	9,055
Total Liabilities	<u>1,672,663</u>	<u></u>	<u>66,902</u>	<u>1,798,009</u>	<u>371,555</u>	<u>3,909,129</u>
<u>Equity</u>						
<u>Fund Balances</u>						
Reserved For Encumbrances	88,532	25,108	49,560			163,200
Reserved For Endowments				305,397		305,397
Reserved For Special Purposes				314,557		314,557
<u>Unreserved</u>						
Designated For Contingency	34,000					34,000
Designated For Special Purposes		102,880				102,880
Undesignated (Deficit)	<u>329,063</u>	<u></u>	<u>(42,082)</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>286,981</u>
Total Equity	<u>451,595</u>	<u>127,988</u>	<u>7,478</u>	<u>619,954</u>	<u></u>	<u>1,207,015</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 2,124,258</b>	<b>\$ 127,988</b>	<b>\$ 74,380</b>	<b>\$ 2,417,963</b>	<b>\$ 371,555</b>	<b>\$ 5,116,144</b>

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, 2003*

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Estimate</u>
<u>Taxes</u>			
Property	\$ 540,177	\$ 586,859	\$ 46,682
Land Use Change	15,000	12,350	(2,650)
Timber	14,000	11,935	(2,065)
Excavation	370	297	(73)
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,000		(1,000)
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	40,000	33,220	(6,780)
Total Taxes	<u>610,547</u>	<u>644,661</u>	<u>34,114</u>
<u>Licenses, Permits and Fees</u>			
Business Licenses, Permits and Fees	5,500	1,869	(3,631)
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	390,000	398,665	8,665
Other	5,000	1,859	(3,141)
Total Licenses, Permits and Fees	<u>400,500</u>	<u>402,393</u>	<u>1,893</u>
<u>Intergovernmental</u>			
<u>State</u>			
Shared Revenue	93,938	93,938	
Highway Block Grant	103,329	103,329	
State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	194	173	(21)
Other	2,200	554	(1,646)
Total Intergovernmental	<u>199,661</u>	<u>197,994</u>	<u>(1,667)</u>
<u>Charges For Services</u>			
Income From Departments	32,000	22,468	(9,532)
Garbage - Refuse Charges	80,000	85,829	5,829
Total Charges For Services	<u>112,000</u>	<u>108,297</u>	<u>(3,703)</u>
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Sale of Municipal Property	2,000	8,225	6,225
Interest on Investments	13,000	6,928	(6,072)
Rent of Property		400	400
Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements	4,000	3,485	(515)
Other	6,000	6,538	538
Total Miscellaneous	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,576</u>	<u>576</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>			
<u>Trust Funds</u>			
Expendable	85,000	84,911	(89)
Nonexpendable	6,000	6,000	
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>91,000</u>	<u>90,911</u>	<u>(89)</u>
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>\$ 1,438,708</u>	<u>\$ 1,469,832</u>	<u>\$ 31,124</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, 2003**

	Encumbered From 2002	Appropriations 2003	Expenditures Net of Refunds	Encumbered To 2004	(Over) Under Budget
<b>Current</b>					
<b>General Government</b>					
Executive	\$	\$ 101,270	\$ 102,543	\$	\$ (1,273)
Election and Registration	7,402	6,280	2,618	7,402	3,662
Financial Administration		33,675	38,118	1,000	(5,443)
Revaluation of Property		6,000	5,735		265
Legal		2,700	12,798		(10,098)
Personnel Administration		9,300	8,451		849
Planning and Zoning		1,500	1,417		83
General Government Buildings		6,110	5,493		617
Cemeteries		19,200	20,944		(1,744)
Insurance, not otherwise allocated		23,700	24,803		(1,103)
Advertising and Regional Associations		3,300	3,657		(357)
Other	5,000		5,000		
Total General Government	<u>12,402</u>	<u>213,035</u>	<u>231,577</u>	<u>8,402</u>	<u>(14,542)</u>
<b>Public Safety</b>					
Police Department		136,822	136,484		338
Ambulance		20,290	19,474		816
Fire Department		74,000	74,000		
Building Inspection		4,100	3,338		762
Emergency Management		200			200
Other		13,950	14,275		(325)
Total Public Safety		<u>249,362</u>	<u>247,571</u>		<u>1,791</u>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>					
Administration		15,700	17,663		(1,963)
Highways and Streets		404,875	390,971	2,500	11,404
Street Lighting		7,000	6,965		35
Other	10,900	103,330	33,100	77,630	3,500
Total Highways and Streets	<u>10,900</u>	<u>530,905</u>	<u>448,699</u>	<u>80,130</u>	<u>12,976</u>
<b>Sanitation</b>					
Solid Waste Collection		69,200	73,500		(4,300)
Solid Waste Disposal		77,360	85,877		(8,517)
Other		8,500	4,240		4,260
Total Sanitation		<u>155,060</u>	<u>163,617</u>		<u>(8,557)</u>
<b>Health</b>					
Administration		14,955	15,189		(234)
Animal Control		400	545		(145)
Total Health		<u>15,355</u>	<u>15,734</u>		<u>(379)</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, 2003

	Encumbered From 2002	Appropriations 2003	Expenditures Net of Refunds	Encumbered To 2004	(Over) Under Budget
<u>Welfare</u>					
Direct Assistance		5,000	7,820		(2,820)
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>					
Parks and Recreation		14,675	14,506		169
Patriotic Purposes		1,420	1,220		200
Total Culture and Recreation		16,095	15,726		369
<u>Conservation</u>					
Administration		2,200	2,200		
<u>Debt Service</u>					
Principal - Long-Term Debt		12,500	12,500		
Interest - Long-Term Debt		13,000	1,459		11,541
Total Debt Service		25,500	13,959		11,541
<u>Capital Outlay</u>					
Police Cruiser		10,000	9,840		160
Highway Truck		85,000	84,911		89
Total Capital Outlay		95,000	94,751		249
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>					
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>					
Special Revenue Funds		55,696	55,696		
<u>Trust Funds</u>					
Expendable		75,500	75,500		
Total Other Financing Uses		131,196	131,196		
<u>Total Appropriations</u>					
Expenditures and Encumbrances	\$ 23,302	\$ 1,438,708	\$ 1,372,850	\$ 88,532	\$ 628

**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, 2003**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Expendable Trust	
<b>Revenues</b>					
Taxes	\$ 644,661	\$ 12,150	\$	\$	\$ 656,811
Licenses and Permits	402,393				402,393
Intergovernmental	201,037				201,037
Charges for Services	108,297				108,297
Miscellaneous	<u>25,576</u>	<u>7,042</u>	<u>303,672</u>	<u>4,151</u>	<u>340,441</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>1,381,964</u>	<u>19,192</u>	<u>303,672</u>	<u>4,151</u>	<u>1,708,979</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
<b>Current</b>					
General Government	231,577			48,679	280,256
Public Safety	250,614				250,614
Highways and Streets	448,699				448,699
Sanitation	163,617				163,617
Health	15,734				15,734
Welfare	7,820				7,820
Culture and Recreation	15,726	63,751		1,093	80,570
Conservation	2,200	28,000			30,200
Debt Service	13,959				13,959
Capital Outlay	<u>113,346</u>		<u>777,089</u>		<u>890,435</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>1,263,292</u>	<u>91,751</u>	<u>777,089</u>	<u>49,772</u>	<u>2,181,904</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>					
	<u>118,672</u>	<u>(72,559)</u>	<u>(473,417)</u>	<u>(45,621)</u>	<u>(472,925)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
Proceeds of General Obligation Debt	18,595		375,000		393,595
Interfund Transfers In	90,911	61,961	107,071	75,500	335,443
Interfund Transfers Out	<u>(131,196)</u>			<u>(191,982)</u>	<u>(323,178)</u>
<b>Total Other Financing Sources and Uses</b>	<u>(21,690)</u>	<u>61,961</u>	<u>482,071</u>	<u>(116,482)</u>	<u>405,860</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	96,982	(10,598)	8,654	(162,103)	(67,065)
<b>Fund Balances (Deficit) - January 1</b>	<u>354,613</u>	<u>138,586</u>	<u>(1,176)</u>	<u>426,914</u>	<u>918,937</u>
<b>Fund Balances - December 31</b>	<u>\$ 451,595</u>	<u>\$127,988</u>	<u>\$ 7,478</u>	<u>\$ 264,811</u>	<u>\$ 851,872</u>

**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, 2003*

	General Fund		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Budget	Actual	
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$ 610,547	\$ 644,661	\$ 34,114
Licenses and Permits	400,500	402,393	1,893
Intergovernmental	199,661	197,994	(1,667)
Charges for Services	112,000	108,297	(3,703)
Miscellaneous	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,576</u>	<u>576</u>
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>1,347,708</u>	<u>1,378,921</u>	<u>31,213</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	213,035	227,577	(14,542)
Public Safety	249,362	247,571	1,791
Highways and Streets	530,905	517,929	12,976
Sanitation	155,060	163,617	(8,557)
Health	15,355	15,734	(379)
Welfare	5,000	7,820	(2,820)
Culture and Recreation	16,095	15,726	369
Conservation	2,200	2,200	
Debt Service	25,500	13,959	11,541
Capital Outlay	<u>95,000</u>	<u>94,751</u>	<u>249</u>
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>1,307,512</u>	<u>1,306,884</u>	<u>628</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues</u>			
<u>Over (Under) Expenditures</u>	<u>40,196</u>	<u>72,037</u>	<u>31,841</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>			
Interfund Transfers In	91,000	90,911	(89)
Interfund Transfers Out	<u>(131,196)</u>	<u>(131,196)</u>	<u></u>
<u>Total Other Financing Sources and Uses</u>	<u>(40,196)</u>	<u>(40,285)</u>	<u>(89)</u>
<u>Net Change in Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	31,752	<u>\$ 31,752</u>
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances - January 1</u>		<u>331,311</u>	
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances - December 31</u>		<u>\$ 363,063</u>	

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

2003 was a very busy year for the Plainfield Selectboard. Along with our standard business, many important projects and tasks were completed with success. Foremost among our activities was the first townwide property revaluation in over 10 years. Our contract with Avitar Inc. saw to it that every property on the town's grand list was valued according to the latest sales data. This meant that many homes and properties had to be visited and re-evaluated to determine their most accurate property value. The Selectboard would like to thank all residents and property owners for their cooperation and participation in this important yet difficult project. As always, it is important that all data and all values remain as fair and accurate as possible. If you have an issue or dispute with your (or anyone's) assessment, please bring it to our attention.

Also in 2003 the Selectboard finished work on a Historic Barn Preservation program. This program is in place to provide tax relief as an incentive to preserve barns and buildings that meet a determined set of criteria. Already, we have placed preservation easements on two separate barns that will stand protected for many years to come. If you have a barn/building that will qualify and would like to take advantage of this program, please call the town office for details. The Selectboard feels very strongly that the preservation of our town barns is an important undertaking.

During the year the board met with both our state representatives to discuss state, town and local issues. First among our discussion topics was the property tax burden on Plainfield residents that is rising at an alarming rate. Plainfield will face many tough issues in the years to come, but none tougher than the ballooning property tax rates that threaten our elderly, disabled, and lower income residents.

Another project of note is the restructuring of the town's highway department. We now have a designated deputy road agent who can and has assumed leadership responsibilities within the department. The board felt strongly that such a position required a qualified candidate to assume control in the absence of our road agent. The formulation of an organization chart was included in this process and all other positions were aligned according to a standard "chain of command" structure.

The Selectboard has been working with Adelpia Cable on a renewal of the town's cable franchise agreement. It was stipulated that no contract be signed until cable access is broadened and digital/internet service is made

available. This issue was made more difficult due to problems within Adelpia Inc. but the Selectboard is continuing to negotiate the best possible deal for Plainfield.

Our new dump truck has been placed in service at the highway garage. You may notice it out and about, or more likely hear it roll by in wee hours of the morning on a plow route. Our road agent, Ken Stocker, reports that the new rig makes his department a little better and a little faster with regard to moving material (especially snow).

In the summer the board re-negotiated a contract for the removal of trash and recyclables. The realities of the trash business, coupled with the rising cost, made it clear that the issue of trash needs to be reassessed by the community as a whole. With this in mind, a survey was mailed to all residents in December to try and gauge the general attitude of Plainfield with respect to getting rid of our refuse. We wish to thank all that participated in the survey and welcome any help in getting a better value/program for our money. This will no doubt be a focus of the board in 2004.

The Selectboard decided to take the "show on the road" in October. With Selectboard Chair Judy Belyea's RV and her husband Max at the wheel, the board went around town for some on scene inspections and visits. It was found to be a great way for a governing body to get business done. The board also used this occasion to meet Mike Schafer, the new head of school at KUA. Building the best possible relationship between KUA and the town is and will always be a priority.

The board would like to thank all town employees for their hard work during the year. In particular our gratitude goes to our town departments who manage to keep our town safe and functioning well on a daily basis. Thanks also to the many volunteers who give their time to keep Plainfield moving forward. The Board would like to invite you to come to a Selectboard meeting and participate in the process of running your town. It was Thomas Jefferson who said "determine never to be idle...it is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing".

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

## 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 2003:

- \* The revaluation project was completed on time and under budget projects. There remains work to do on first year abatement requests; however, overall the project seems to have been well done. Plainfield's taxable property list grew from \$105,000,000 to just over \$202,000,000.
- \* The town's elderly and disabled tax exemption amounts were amended to keep pace with the new valuations. Due to the required timing of these changes (town meeting vote) some additional changes may be required at the 2004 town meeting, now that more complete information is available..
- \* 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. This year's work involved the use of the Claremont District Court as a means of gaining compliance.
- \* The Selectboard was able to reach a one year extension of the existing cable franchise agreement. As a result of these negotiations, Adelphia was provided a contractual incentive to complete and activate the high speed internet service. Powerlink was activated in September and has been well received by the community.
- \*Thanks to a gift, from Kimball Union Academy, of a large hot air furnace and the assistance of the Highway Department we were able to replace the worn out furnace in the Plainfield Town Hall. The project conservatively saved the town \$6,000.
- \*The initially proposed, but later withdrawn 35 house development project by Robert Dunning took a lot of the Planning and Zoning allocated time this year. It is expected that a scaled back version of this complex project will be back before the town's various land use boards in 2004.
- \*Increased collection costs for our garbage and recyclables has forced the town to take a very hard look at our current system curbside collection. This work is ongoing and is expected to result in several choices for voter consideration at the 2004 town meeting.
- \*Plainfield Village resident Mark Gray took over for Jack Clegg as the town's building inspector. Jack worked for the town from 1999 to 2003 bringing an enhanced level of inspection services to the community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Stephen Halleran*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Zoning Administrator: Stephen Halleran 469-3201

Building Inspector: Mark Gray 675-6294

Permits for the following projects were issued in 2003:

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 = 77

Respectfully Submitted,

*Stephen Halleran*  
Zoning Administrator

SUMMARY OF REPORTS OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT  
YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2003

Total reports filed . . . . .	16
Total yield tax assessed . . . . .	\$12,902
Softwood cut, BF . . . . .	595,285
Hardwood cut, BF . . . . .	260,257
Cordwood cut, cords . . . . .	193
Pulpwood/chips, tons . . . . .	3549
Pulpwood, cords . . . . .	12.5

Respectfully Submitted,

*Judith A. Belyea*, Yield Tax Agent

## PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

During 2003 the Plainfield Planning Board approved the following applications:

### SUBDIVISIONS:

Gillens, Sarah	two lots, Route 12A.
Wilder, Gordon & Fern	two lots, Reed's Mill Road.
Romkey, John	two lots, Bean Road.
Holdaway	three lots, Main St.

### ANNEXATIONS:

KUA	Main Street .06 of an acre to land of K & G MacLeay.
Franklin, Doris	Underhill Rd, 81 acres to land of SPNHF
Sharkey, Roger	Hayward Road, 8 acres to land of Elizabeth Church.

Like the zoning board of adjustment, the planning board spent a great deal of time this year working with applicant Robert Dunning and the Meriden Village Community on understanding the possible impacts of Mr. Dunning's 30 unit PRD.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jane Stephenson, Chair*

PLAINFIELD PLANNING BOARD

# REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

During the year the board GRANTED the following appeals:

- 2003-01 Independent Wireless One: Cellular tower, '95 Beauty Hill Road.
- 2003-03 Kevin McNamara: Property Maintenance Business, 886 Bean Rd
- 2003-04 Singing Hills: Expand outdoor recreational use, 71 King Drive
- 2003-05 David Guarino: Practical difficulty test RSA674:41, garage, 141 True Rd
- 2003-07 Kathleen Marshall: Accessory apartment, 258 Ladieu Rd.
- 2003-08 Bradford & Laurie Atwater: Two apartments, 1110 Route 12A

The following application was withdrawn:

- 2003-02 Robert Dunning: PRD, Meriden Village-Holdaway property.  
Much of the year was spent with preliminary work on this complex application.

The following application was DENIED:

- 2003-01 Independent Wireless One: Variance portion of this case.  
note: case #2003-06 was unused.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Richard Colburn, Chair*

PLAINFIELD ZONING BOARD



Zoning Board of Adjustment conducting a site visit to the Singing Hills  
"Hilltop Campsite, summer 2003      *-Photo by Stephen Halleran*

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission has undertaken our most significant project in years by commissioning a new set of digital tax maps. The contractor has already created the most accurate base map of our town's geographic features available from aerial photographs taken at the end of last winter. Parcel boundaries determined by deed research, surveys, and interviews with property owners will be added in 2004. The use of this computerized mapping technology will enable the town to take full advantage of a wide variety of geographic information currently available in digital format, establish an accurate foundation for adding new features, and provide a means for efficiently updating the maps.

We will use the maps to display the location of our natural resources, encompassing land features important for agriculture, wildlife, recreation, and more. The maps will become a very useful analytical tool for making recommendations that will help conserve the most important of these open space values as the town becomes more developed. Similarly, the maps will greatly assist the Planning Board in evaluating subdivision proposals, analyzing land use and making revisions to the Master Plan, and performing "build-out analyses" that demonstrate the long range effect of our current zoning ordinances or proposed changes to those ordinances. The Meriden Village Water District has already used one product of this project in planning upgrades to their system.

The mapping project was not without substantial cost, a little over \$51,000, and will consume about 80% of the town's Conservation Fund balance. After lengthy discussions over many weeks, at times including the Selectmen, Finance Committee, and members of the Planning Board and public, we decided to move ahead with the project. The Conservation Commission recognized that the primary purpose of the fund is to conserve open space, but the benefits all around and the opportunity to have a big impact on our Town's planning process led to our decision.

The Conservation Commission's most visible work is our operation of the Victor Hewes Memorial Park at the end of Stage Road. Keeping the ball field, picnic area, and nature trail functioning typically consumes a little over half of our annual operating budget. The lilac hedge along the property's west boundary commemorates folks whose public lives enriched our community. This year, two lilacs were planted in memory of Dave Stockwell and Dave Benson. Dave Stockwell's public service was highlighted in the dedication of last year's Annual town report to his life. Dave Benson was likewise involved in many community affairs. His donation of the Benson Town Forest allows us to carry on his land stewardship example.

Tradition is becoming history with regard to the Conservation Commission's sponsorship of students attending summer conservation camps. It has been years since we've found young people with the interest and time to attend one of these camps, held by either UNH Cooperative Extension's 4-H program or NH Fish and Game. We are keeping this option open, but have found other ways to bring environmental education opportunities to our youth. In 2003, we helped bring Project ELF (Environmental Learning for the Future) to the Plainfield School. At the end of the year, we also made a contribution to the Meriden Bird Club for a winter program for all ages featuring a prominent wildlife tracking expert.

Construction, forestry, farming, landscaping, and even recreational activities can have a significant impact on our natural resources. The Conservation Commission continued to review Intent to Cut forms and applications to the State Wetlands Bureau for permits to impact wetlands. Encouraging the protection of the environment is perhaps our most important responsibility, although we are almost completely dependant on the cooperation of our residents and contractors. We appreciate everyone's efforts to keep our water clean and our wildlife habitat vital, and are looking forward to helping people protect these resources for the future.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*David Grobe Chair*  
Conservation Commission

# REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

2003

The world and our own community experienced a lot of changes in 2003. The police department adapted to these changes and was still able to provide a high quality of service to the citizens of Plainfield. I would like to express my appreciation to the officers of this department for their commitment and professionalism. For the second year in a row we have not had a full staff of part-time officers. We work with a great core group of 3 part-time and 2 full time officers. Again we look forward to working for you in 2004.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS

<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE:</b>		<b>1,170</b>	
Driving while intoxicated	05	Alarms	46
Assault	03	Animals	100
Sexual assault	00	Medical emergency	44
Weapons	04	Fire calls	13
Theft	13	Motor vehicle	124
Fraud	05	Admin. Relays	01
Domestic violence	05	Suspicious persons	76
Liquor Laws	03	Trespassing	06
Bad checks	06	Missing person	06
Possession stolen property	00	Public hazards	36
Drugs	06	Motorist assist	77
Disorderly conduct	31	Civil	38
Criminal mischief	15	Open doors	38
Auto theft	00	House checks	65
Criminal threats	04	Assist other PD'S	109
		Domestic offenses	21
<b>TOTAL CRIMES</b>	<b>100</b>	Accidents no injury	75
		Accidents with injury	15
Arrest / clearance	77	OHRV accident, injury	01
Defective equipment tags	43	Fatal accidents	01
Motor vehicle summons	106	E 911 calls	22
Motor vehicle warnings	327	Unattended deaths	03
		Other complaints	153
<b>Total other activities</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>Total complaints</b>	<b>1,070</b>

# PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the people of Plainfield, for their years of support, as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, of service, this year.

In the last year, the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Dept. has responded to 30 calls. They were as follows:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	7	Mutual Aid to Meriden	8
Public Assist	3	to Cornish	2
Power Lines	2	to W. Weathersfield	1
Medical Assists	1	to Lebanon	1
Smoke Investigations	1	to Claremont	1
Alarm Activations	3		

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 firefighter's 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. THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL!!!

We are still getting requests, to visit the new Fire House, on 12-A in Plainfield. If you're one of the people still wishing you could come visit, please give one of us a call, and we'll be proud to show you around ... better yet, we meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month, and you're encouraged to stop by and fill out an application for membership.

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, Fire 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**

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Actual-2003</b>	<b>Estimated 2004</b>
New Equipment	\$607.70	\$4,000.00
Equipment Repairs	875.22	2,000.00
Supplies	299.71	1,000.00
Electricity	2,346.68	1,650.00
Telephone	1,020.33	1,075.00
Heat	3,504.22	2,700.00
Diesel Fuel	137.00	500.00
Insurance	8,824.00	8,500.00
Schools & Training	110.00	1,000.00
Radio & Radio Repairs	246.97	1,000.00
Accounting & Fees	615.05	500.00
Building (New)	19,334.16	19,334.16
Haz-mat Team	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<b>\$38,921.04</b>	<b>\$44,259.16</b>
 <b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Fund Raising	\$1,008.64	
Town	38,500.00	
Grant	2,400.00	
Return	298.00	
Donations	<u>\$ 220.00</u>	
	<b>\$42,426.64</b>	
	 Receipts	 \$42,426.64
	Expenses	\$38,921.04
	Balance	\$ 3,505.60

12/31/2003

*David W. Scott*  
Treasurer

# MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Meriden Fire Department received 61 calls for service in the year 2003.

## Alarm Investigations:

Power lines down	4	Dryer Fire	1
KUA	6	Disaster drill	1
Singing Hills	8	Fire on Wood stove	1
Auto accidents	18	Private alarm	1
Chimney fires	6	Smoke Investigations	2
Car fire	1	Grass fire	1
Gas leak	1	Ambulance assist	1

## Mutual aid given to:

Lebanon Fire Dept.	2	Plainfield Fire Dept.	2
Cornish Fire Dept.	4	Claremont Fire Dept.	1

## Mutual aid received from:

Lebanon Fire Dept.	2	Plainfield Fire Dept.	12
Cornish Fire Dept.	9	Cornish Rescue Squad	21

The Meriden Volunteer Fire Department celebrated FIFTY YEARS of service this year. Thanks to the community members for making this a nice day ("a job very well done"). We started the day with Bill Taylor as our M.C. gathered around our new flagpole. The flagpole in memory, of Frank Chapman, dedicated to the past, present and future firefighters had its flag raised to bagpipe music by past firefighter David Fielder. It was raised by firefighter Doug Chapman, his firefighter cousins and friends. Words of dedication were offered by pastors John Gregory-Davis and Harold Jones Jr. After this, we moved into the station to honor our four living charter members: G. Gardiner MacLeay Jr, Ira Townsend, Ted Sullivan, and Dan Westgate. Robert Taylor, representing the board of selectmen offered words of thanks on behalf of the Town. Presentations were made by representative Peter Burling on behalf of Governor Craig Benson and by Pam Lewis from the Meriden post office to the department for its years of service. A dessert bar was enjoyed by all afterwards. WOW, the support of the public was fantastic with over 200 present. Thank you for your support. We could not continue to give you good service without it. The day ended with past and present firefighters and wives enjoying a banquet dinner at Singing Hills. It was a "Wonderful Day".

The Meriden Volunteer Fire Department was selected to receive a \$35,082 fire grant for 2003 to replace our 15 year old air packs with new NFPA compliant air packs.

Our yearly fund raisers were very successful thanks to the efforts of firefighters, wives, families, friends and committee support.

I want to thank everyone for making this such a nice 50<sup>th</sup> year. Especially the firefighters who have put so much time into the department. THANK YOU!

Respectfully submitted,

*David R. Best*, Chief

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**2004 OPERATING BUDGET**

	2003		FAV (UNFAV)	PROPOSED 2004
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
TOWN APPROPRIATION	35,000	35,000	0	35,000
FLEA MARKET / YARD SALE	2,000	2,072	72	2,000
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	2,500	2,805	305	2,500
SPRING DINNER	2,900	3,577	677	3,000
DONATIONS	1,000	4,002	3,002	1,500
ACCOUNT INTEREST	35	20	(15)	20
HAZMAT PAYMENTS	0	0	0	0
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	300	0	(300)	300
SUBTOTAL	8,735	12,476	3,741	9,320
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>43,735</b>	<b>47,476</b>	<b>3,741</b>	<b>44,320</b>

	2003		FAV (UNFAV)	PROPOSED 2004
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
TELEPHONE	1,100	815	285	1,000
ELECTRICITY	550	561	(11)	600
SEWER	240	240	0	240
HEATING OIL	650	834	(184)	750
INSURANCE	10,100	6,594	3,506	7,500
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANC	4,310	3,212	1,098	5,520
COMPUTER EXPENSES	0	179	(179)	350
OFFICE SUPPLIES	400	134	266	400
GAS, DIESEL	500	369	131	500
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	350	360	(10)	350
TRAINING	500	0	500	500
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	6,530	2,490	4,040	9,530
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIO	0	3,119	(3,119)	1,500
STATION MAINTENANCE	1,700	0	1,700	2,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	300	0	300	300
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
MISC	900	454	446	500
SUBTOTAL	29,130	20,361	8,769	32,540
CAPITAL RESERVE	14,605	24,115	(9,510)	14,780
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>43,735</b>	<b>44,476</b>	<b>(741)</b>	<b>47,320</b>

2004 BUDGET

OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	2003	2004
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
BEGIN CASH BALANCE	4,500	7,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	47,476	44,320
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	44,476	47,320
NET CHANGE	3,000	(3,000)
ENDING CASH BALANCE	7,500	4,500

CAPITAL RESERVE SUMMARY

	2003	2004
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
BEGIN BALANCE	90,944	112,090
INCREASE RESERVE	48,815	49,880
INTEREST / EARNINGS	1,852	1,300
Thermal Imaging	19,900	--
Accountability System	3,000	--
Service Charge	5	--
REPLACE AIR PACKS	0	39,000
LOAN PAYMENTS	6,616	6,616
ENDING BALANCE	112,090	117,653



Dedication ceremony of the Meriden Fire Department Flag Pole for past, present and future firefighters. The pole honors the memory of Frank Chapman. *-Photo by Jerry Doolittle*

## CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

This year, 2004, the Cornish Rescue Squad celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 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 arrives at the beginning of its fourth 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.

Call volume for 2003 was higher than in past years, with some new patterns emerging. Changes in car design have reduced the number of injuries and fatalities while creating new challenges for rescuers. Crush-resistant passenger compartments and cars with multiple air bags require rescue techniques that are very different from those which were standard when the Squad was founded. The Squad is in the process of making upgrades to our tools and techniques to meet these new challenges.

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.

The Squad has started the process of replacing our 1986 Rescue Truck with a new vehicle. Generous contributions to our annual fund drive should make this possible during 2004. As I write this, we are evaluating bids on a new vehicle. We are planning the necessary upgrades to our extrication equipment, happily at a modest cost. We have provided new equipment to our members who are licensed at the Intermediate and Paramedic levels to permit them to practice their advanced skills.

The support we receive annually from the towns of Plainfield and Cornish continues to cover the cost of operations and dispatching.

My first year as President has been a very satisfying one for me. A special pleasure for me has been working with the officers and Trustees - vice President Gary Chilton, Treasurer Fred Schad, Secretary Chantelle Orlen and Trustees Jenny Schad, Steve Jameson and Deb Foltyn.

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 will not be 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 Drape*, 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 to reduce the 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 ANY outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding area) is completely covered with snow. Violations of 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, in addition to the cost of suppressing the fire.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning. Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800)498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://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 making 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](http://www.nhdf.org) or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

## 2003 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 03, 2003)

<u>TOTALS BY COUNTY</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
Belknap	40	4.86	Arson	10
Carroll	46	13.99	Campfire	25
Cheshire	8	.68	Children	13
Coos	7	17.40	Smoking	20
Grafton	22	12.60	Debris	226
Hillsborough	60	11.34	Railroad	3
Merrimack	98	10.45	Lightning	2
Rockingham	56	18.54	Equipment	8
Strafford	34	7.94	Misc*	67
Sullivan	3	2.03		

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

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

*Douglas Miner, Forest Ranger*

*Peter A. Berry, Warden*

# PLAINFIELD RECYCLING

January 2004

Plainfield's recycling rate was 21% in 2003. The cost savings to the town from recycling efforts grew to \$24,116 up from \$21,386 in 2002.

	2001	2002	2003
Total tonnage	1,156	1,165	1,195
Tons incinerated	862 (74.6%)	895 (76.8%)	943 (78.8%)
Tons recycled curbside	179 (15.5%)	162 (13.9%)	146 (12.2%)
Tons recycled at shed	115 (9.9%)	108 (9.2%)	106.81 (8%)

**Curbside recycling:** Cost savings to the town totaled \$15,141. The town spent \$2,607 to process its curbside recyclables, but the revenue was \$2,439, difference being \$168. We avoided spending \$12,702 by not sending curbside recyclables to the incinerator.

**Drop-off shed:** Cost savings to the town totaled \$8,975. The town avoided spending more than \$9,048 by not sending material to the incinerator. (Items below, except for the tires, oil, and 2/3's of the metal, could have been put in curbside trash.) After using revenues from the shed's recyclables to offset operating costs and processing fees, the shed cost \$1,318 to operate.

## Material Collected at Shed Est. Amount Collected (in tons)

Magazines, boxboard, junk mail	28.0
Metal	49.0
Corrugated cardboard, brown grocery bags	27.0
Office paper (white)	.75
Textiles	No longer collecting
Tires	2.0
Household batteries (NiCad, rechargeables, etc.)	Not available
Fluorescent tubes 6" in length	Not available
Oil	300 gallons
Propane tanks	Not Accepted
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>106.75</b>

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. Many thanks to the recycling volunteers, and 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 REPORT

The basketball program for grades one to four was a great success under the guiding hands of Kevin O'Reilly and Marty Morgan.

The soccer program for kindergarten to grade four had a large turnout. We had four teams in grades 1&2 that played in an in-town league. We also had four teams for grades 3&4 to play in an in-town league.

T-ball for grades 1 & 2 also showed a heavy participation

Prep baseball for grades 3 to 4 had two teams. Games were played with Claremont. Midget "B" baseball had a team playing in the Upper Valley League.

The tennis program held matches with Hartford and St. Johnsbury, Vermont. This was Malcolm Grobe's last year. Many thanks to Malcolm for a great job all of these years.

The swimming program participants had a great time. Kris Martin is leaving us after three years. We want to thank Kris for her great job.

The "Famous Fishing Derby" was well attended with happy fishers smiling with their "catch".

We would like to thank the coaches, instructors and referees for the great job they did. We also would like to thank Hy-On-A-Hill trout farm, Meriden Deli, TDS Telecom, Kimball Union Academy, Plainfield Community Church, Meriden Grange and the Town of Plainfield for their support and contributions.

Submitted by:

*George Prescott, Director*

## PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY Trustees Report—2003

For all your support in various ways to the Philip Read Memorial Library, thank you. Construction on the first phase of the library addition is coming to an end (or will have been completed by town meeting). An open house is planned—or will have taken place—and all will be able to view and enjoy the beautiful, expanded building.

Story time for the younger children continues to be a fun part of the life of the library. Diane Rogers shares her storytelling gifts every month on the third Wednesday at 3:30 PM. We had several interesting programs with local authors, David Liebowitz, Sarah Taylor and Stephen C. King. The library continues to sponsor the Women's Investment Club, which meets monthly.

The summer was busy with the summer reading program "Reading Rocks the Granite State" with 40 children participating. The Dinosaur Story Hour participants were treated to a dinosaur cake. Some of the other programs were "Make a Pet Rock" with Alice Jordan; "Something Older than Your Parents" (a rock geology event); "Romper Rhythm and Puppets" and ending with a party that included a dinosaur pinata. The puppet show was funded with a grant from the NH State Library and the NH State Council on the Arts. Thanks to Diane Rogers and Teagan Atwater for making the dinosaurs.

The cleanup of Rte. 12A through the Adopt-A-Highway Program was managed again by a group of dedicated volunteers. For the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, the Plainfield Library Book Cart Drill Team delighted the spectators again this year. Our library director, Nancy Norwalk, attended the annual state library conference; Anita Brown attended a performance evaluation workshop; and as in past years, the trustees attended the annual NH Library Trustees Association meeting.

Our main fundraising events were our annual walk-a-thon; the annual book & bake sale; the Maxfield Parrish Vintage Print Sale (jointly with the Stage Set Committee); mail solicitations and grant applications.

Space for meetings, programs and the library collection was a definite problem this year as the construction progressed; but we managed. Circulation (items loaned out) was 9,818 this year, a slight drop as we expected, due to the construction commotion. For most of the year, many of the junior books were packed in boxes and many adult books were tucked away in inaccessible corners.

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.

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.

Although the first phase of the project is coming to an end, we are not losing sight of completing the full addition 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,

Anita K. Brown

Ann Leger

Beth Williams

PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY

	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Proposed 2004
<b>On hand Jan. 1</b>			
Encumbered Purchases	337.00	337.00	837.00
Checking Account	375.16	375.16	577.59
<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>712.16</u>	<u>712.16</u>	<u>1,414.59</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Town Appropriation	28,693.56	28,693.56	31,986.45
Trust Funds Income	4,600.00	4,679.00	4,200.00
Fines	270.00	427.40	270.00
Gifts	100.00	61.00	100.00
Book Sales	725.00	775.00	725.00
Grants	0.00	250.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	12.09	0.00
Income	<u>34,388.56</u>	<u>34,898.05</u>	<u>37,281.45</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>35,100.72</u>	<u>35,610.21</u>	<u>38,696.04</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries	17,804.66	17,735.89	19,080.35
Payroll Liabilities	1,362.06	1,356.30	1,459.71
Books	6,585.00	6,737.77	6,750.00
Audio-Visual Materials	1,000.00	1,103.46	1,000.00
Supplies	1,400.00	1,385.75	1,400.00
Postage	250.00	254.97	250.00
Electricity	980.00	640.00	1,300.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,105.42	1,900.00
Computer/Tech. Services	500.00	529.04	500.00
Fuel	1,330.00	1,684.33	1,800.00
Maintenance	800.00	421.33	900.00
Furnishings	300.00	527.48	400.00
Prof. Activities	500.00	485.82	500.00
Programs	150.00	409.57	150.00
Water	240.00	302.50	350.00
Miscellaneous	150.00	3.99	150.00
Transfer to Sick Pay	12.00	12.00	(31.02)
Catalog Cards (Encumbered)	337.00	337.00	837.00
Expenses	<u>35,100.72</u>	<u>35,032.62</u>	<u>38,696.04</u>
Checking account Dec. 31, 2003		577.59	
<b>Total</b>	<u>35,100.72</u>	<u>35,610.21</u>	<u>38,696.04</u>
Balance in Sick Pay Account Dec. 31, 2003			500.43
Balance in Sick Pay Account Dec. 31, 2004			472.48

## MERIDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

Another great year at Meriden Library and 2004 is looking good. Thanks to an earlier agreement with the town by Adelpia Cable we will be able to drop a telephone line and save dollars on our budget and we will be receiving the internet connection for free and will save there yearly also.

Another expense is to add on to the Meriden sewer system, which will be done when the Meriden Water and Sewer is having work done this summer and the road crew will be doing work on Bean Road. The cost will come from the Library Repair Fund and no added tax dollars are needed. This fund was set up for this purpose for the town to maintain the two town library buildings; back in the early 90's it was used to put a new roof on the Meriden building and again when the interior and out side was painted for the first time since being built in 1965.

The committee to study making this building accessible to everyone is continuing to exploring ways we can make that happen. They have been meeting each month; we appreciate their volunteer time and efforts. Thank you Jane, Kevin, Dave, Linda and others who have worked with them during the year. Thanks to Jessie and Walt and Erich.

Joe is checking into the possibility to use the parking area at the phone company for our patrons now that TDS Telecom will be closing the office here in Meriden. With the work on the road scheduled for this summer even temporary use of their parking space will be appreciated.

Bettyann had another successful summer reading program in 2003 and is already planning the program for 2004 titled "Check Out A Hero". The last program "Reading Rocks - The Granite State had twenty-two children participating and over 200 books were read. The parents and grandparents of these children are to be commended for reading to the younger children that made up the larger number of the participants. Bettyann held a craft time each Tuesday of the five week program and they made rock people, studied rocks, made paperweights and the rocks each child brought to the library for each book read were made into the image of the "Old Man Of The Mountain". These rocks were glued to a backing and will hang in the library once framed.

Rachel once again did a wonderful job with her monthly story hour programs and we thank her for her volunteer time and energy.

Thanks to our generous patrons we collected many books during the years of 2002-2003 and had a book sale in May of 2003. Thank you Henry Beck and crew for taking care of this fundraiser that added \$250 to our book budget. Thanks to Sue, Jeanne, Marnie, Drew, Dolly, Sara, Betsy and Tony for the moving, sorting and selling. Thank you to the members of the Meriden Grange who again allowed us the use of their hall for the book sale.

A few years ago the Grange gave us a donation towards the purchase of a rug for the main library room. Finally after some moving around of things we

have the rug down in the area where we have the table and chairs and beverage table. Coffee, tea or hot chocolate is always available October through April and sometimes there is a tin of baked goods to sample thanks to the librarian.

During the year Annamay and Bettyann weeded the fiction and the non-fiction shelves to make room for newer titles in fiction and newer replacement titles in some sections of the non-fiction along with new selections. A couple of extra shelves were added thanks to the return of those loaned to Mericrafters long ago. These had been in storage at the grange hall since Mericrafters retired.

As in years past the Chellis Showcase held many displays of interesting collections owned and exhibited by residents. We used the case these past few months for the display of turnings in wood by Stan Dole and the colorful and useful pottery by Evy Wolke. They each gave the library 10% of their total sales and Betsy now has \$60 to add to the building fund. Thank you Stan and Evy and to the shoppers who came to the library to do their Christmas shopping.

As in the past, anyone who can't get into the building because we can't offer an easy access is asked to call the library and the trustees or librarian will see to delivering items requested to their home.

We invite you to visit the Meriden Library for you reading, listening and viewing pleasure and hope you and your family will plan to participate in the programs presented during this next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joe Crate, Betsy Beck and Rachel Stoddard,*

Meriden Library Trustee Board

2003 FINANCIAL REPORT - MERIDEN LIBRARY

	2003	2003	2004
On Hand - Jan 1, 2003			
Checking Account	551.93	551.93	1,213.01
Encumbered Funds	6,810.69	6,810.69	6,649.41
Petty Cash	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	7,387.62	7,387.62	7,887.42
Income			
Town Appropriation	25,725.00	25,725.00	26,556.00
Town Appropriation - FICA	1,277.00	1,277.00	1,384.00
Trust Funds	1,500.00	1,611.11	1,460.00
Gifts - Memorial	0.00	70.00	0.00
Gifts - Miscellaneous	600.00	690.00	600.00
Book Fines	100.00	106.28	100.00
Book Sales	150.00	427.07	150.00
Interest	75.00	38.72	30.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>	<u>120.46</u>	<u>0.00</u>
INCOME	<u>29,427.00</u>	<u>30,065.64</u>	<u>30,280.00</u>
TOTAL	36,814.62	37,453.26	38,167.42
Expenses			
Salaries	17,700.00	16,681.90	18,096.00
FICA	1,277.00	1,157.40	1,384.00
Library Materials	6,000.00	6,730.18	6,000.00
Telephone	1,000.00	1,138.46	600.00
Electricity	500.00	500.64	500.00
Fuel	800.00	898.47	1,100.00
Water	100.00	97.50	500.00
Supplies	550.00	748.39	700.00
Postage	500.00	495.92	500.00
Professional Activities	100.00	55.00	100.00
Programming	200.00	67.33	200.00
Maintenance	500.00	444.23	600.00
Computer Services	200.00	120.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	430.42	0.00
Building Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
EXPENSES	<u>29,427.00</u>	<u>29,565.84</u>	<u>30,280.00</u>
Cash on Hand - Dec 31, 2003			
Checking Account		1,213.01	
Encumbered Funds		6,649.41	
Petty Cash		<u>25.00</u>	
TOTAL	29,427.00	37,453.26	30,280.00
Building Fund Balance		40,458.95	
Encumbered Funds - Savings			
Memorial Fund		1,400.74	
MacNamara Fund		345.00	
Sick Pay Account		325.00	
Computer Fund		1,500.00	
Reference Material Replacement		3,078.67	

**The Plainfield History Account**  
**(administered by the Plainfield and Meriden Libraries)**  
**January 1, 2003-December 31, 2003**

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 12 years since the history was published, and the number of copies sold to date is 1,027. 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. In early 2004, \$3,000 will be transferred from this account to the trust fund. 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

<b>Balance January 1, 2003</b>		\$2,820.87
Income:		
Sale of books	\$ 811.00	
Bank interest	<u>16.47</u>	
Total income	<u>827.47</u>	
		\$3,648.34
Expenses:		
None		
<b>Balance December 31, 2003</b>		<b>\$3,648.34</b>

## WELFARE REPORT

The welfare office had an allocated budget of \$5,000 for the year 2003. This year, as a result of the special needs within the town, the welfare office spent approximately \$7,600 assisting the residents of Plainfield. The following needs were met in the year 2003:

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

Thank you to the Meriden Congregational Church for providing prescription assistance & support with the food pantry and to Singing Hills for providing temporary emergency shelter.

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 socials. Many thanks to the Millar Fund for providing financial assistance for the events held at the town hall and the Blow-Me-Down Grange.

Any Plainfield resident requiring assistance from the town is eligible to apply to the welfare office. The Welfare Office can assist with:

- SSI    SSDI    MedicAid    Child Care    Dental Care    Medical Care
- Food Stamps    Fuel Assistance    Senior Assistance    Meals on Wheels
- Temporary Financial Aid    Prescription Assistance    Emergency Shelter
- Emergency Food Assistance

Please call the town offices at 603-469-3201 and a discrete 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 2003:

**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:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Granted 2003</b>	<b>Requested 2004</b>	<b>Recommended 2004</b>
Acorn	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 250
Community All.	\$500	\$500	\$ 500
GCSCC	\$1430	\$1600	\$ 1430
Headrest	\$1800	\$1800	\$ 1800
Sthwst Comm Serv	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
VNAVNH	\$8875	\$9325	\$ 8875
Volunteers in Action	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
West Central Services	\$1000	\$2200	\$ 1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,555</b>	<b>\$16,425</b>	<b>\$14,555</b>

# 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.

We would like to thank all the officials, administrators, committee members and volunteers who work so hard to keep this a thriving, vital community.

The Finance Committee met with the Selectboard and the School Board several times in December and January. Below are some of our observations and recommendations:

## Town of Plainfield

### ◆ Curbside Garbage and Recycling Service

The results of the curbside garbage/recycling survey show that the community wants to keep the current level of service. An increase in the price of the sticker, rather than an increase in the tax rate, is the manner in which the town wishes to meet the increased cost of the service. The Finance Committee suggests that this is a short-term solution to the inevitable rise in cost of the current curbside service. A committee should be convened to investigate other ways to meet future increased costs.

### ◆ Maintenance of Town Roads

An analysis-driven master plan should be developed for the programmed repair of town roads, e.g., using traffic counts, safety, water and soil analysis, and ranking of main arterial roads. The Finance Committee suggests the expansion of the scope of the Highway Department to include such analysis. Funding road maintenance using a bond is only useful when the value of the asset lasts longer than the payback period on the bond. We need more information and personnel to create a long-range master plan.

### ◆ Police Department

As our town continues to grow, the Finance Committee is concerned about the future needs of the Police Department. The addition of police officers interested in managing the department should be considered at this time to plan for the continued exemplary protection afforded our community by our current officers. If a third officer can be added via grant money, we feel the community would benefit. Our town should be prepared to add that third position permanently at the end of the grant period.

### ◆ Legal Defense Fund

The Finance Committee agrees with the Selectboard that we are currently in a time of excessive and unusual legal costs. The amount of monies earmarked in this budget for the current legal costs should be sufficient.

### ◆ Plainfield Library

The payment of the loan for the Plainfield Library is as anticipated. Because this is a loan, the Finance Committee suggests examining refinancing when prudent. We encourage the Selectboard to pursue refinancing at their discretion.

◆Health Insurance

At present the rising cost of health insurance is a serious concern. We would like to have more choices for our health insurance provider in the future. There are several strategies that could be considered: e.g., combine this town's health insurance with other surrounding towns, explore self-insurance, or a combination of these two options.

◆Conservation Commission

The geographic information system (GIS) is a valuable tool for the community. Because it has wide-ranging application beyond the scope of the Conservation Commission, we suggest that a steering committee be convened to maximize the return to the community for this significant investment.

## **Plainfield School District**

◆Addition of Instructional Aides to First and Second Grade Classrooms

Based on the suggestion of the Finance Committee, the School Board moved that the proposal for two aides to the first and second grade classrooms become a separate warrant article. A program change of this significance should be considered on its own merit. For the community to evaluate significant changes effectively, two things need to be presented: 1) solid justification for the change and 2) a reasonable plan to evaluate the effectiveness of such a change over time.

◆Instructional Staff Salary Negotiations

The Finance Committee suggests that negotiations between the instructional staff and the School Board begin significantly earlier than they did this year to allow time for analysis and effective community input.

◆Maintenance of the Plant

The maintenance of the school building, its day-to-day operation, and planning for major repairs takes up a considerable amount of School Board time that might be better used on curriculum and staff issues. The Finance Committee suggests that the Town of Plainfield consider taking over the maintenance of the school as another town-owned building. Furthermore, we suggest a better-developed timeline for replacing and repairing major elements of the physical plant (i.e. septic system, boiler, sprinkler system, etc.)

◆Salary for Administrative Staff

We support the current administration's need to reward quality employees. The Finance Committee advises the development and adoption of job descriptions and job evaluations plus the establishment of a structured goal and performance review process for the school's administrative staff. At this time a structured review process does not exist.

◆Purpose of Reserve Funds

We agree that there is a need for reserve funds to protect against unpredictable expenses. Until we come up with a better way to accommodate changes in class size, we favor the idea of budgeting for each student to attend Lebanon High School. We also favor the idea of exploring formulae, e.g., “moving average,” to even out the fluctuation of tuition costs from year to year.

#### Dispersal of Budget Surplus

We support the School Board's plan to place roughly half of the surplus in reserve funds and to use the other half to reduce the tax rate.

### A Message to the Community

The Finance Committee encourages more strategic planning in all of the various governing bodies within the town. Almost every issue we have looked at recently would benefit from a strategic analysis—a data-informed thought process and projection for the future, coupled with a reasonable and logical system for evaluation of effectiveness.

As our town grows and changes, we would like to see the Selectboard investigate the feasibility of establishing a Public Works Department. Just as the Town of Plainfield added a Town Administrator to deal with the growing complexity of town business, a Public Works Department would make strategic plans (i.e., structure and maintenance) for all buildings and roads within the community (including school property).

As a committee, we had the unique opportunity to consider the proposed budgets not only as separate entities but also as smaller parts of a larger picture. What emerged was a pattern of inequity between town, school and county issues. For example, it bothered us to see that different sets of employees within the town received different sets of raises. While we realize that the results come from different budget processes and negotiations, in reality, all are employees of the town. Likewise, the salaries of town employees are easily determined by dollar amount in the Town Report, but teacher and school staff salaries are not. Regardless of what sort of salary disclosure the town ultimately decides it wants, it should be the same for all employees. Our community will benefit from thinking of all business as Town business.

Finally, we would like to encourage more people to participate in the many processes that make this town function very well. Our report has suggested many areas where community members with valuable experience could add their expertise to help find solutions to the challenges that we face. We look forward to your help—find something in this community that you enjoy and volunteer!

*Margaret Drupe*, Chair  
Finance Committee

## KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY STUDY

From the passage of article 13 at the 2002 Annual Meeting, the charge of this committee is "to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including any agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting." In accomplishing this task, the committee met three times during the year. As hoped, this year's committee was comprised of community members representing a wide variety of viewpoints. This resulted in some very productive dialogues. To provide consistency with past reports, the following statistical information was ascertained:

Exclusive of students of KUA faculty, there are currently 23 students from Plainfield attending the academy. The school anticipates approximately the same number of local students will be attending the academy in the 2004/5 year. The KUA day student tuition will be \$21,500 for the upcoming year ('04/'05). Based on the academy's dormitory, dining hall and kitchen assets valued for tax purposes at \$5,300,921 the value of the discretionary exemption granted for 2003 was \$115,825. In return, Kimball Union provided to local students \$103,500 in "Plainfield Grant Assistance." Over the last thirteen years the town has exempted \$979,000 in taxes and Plainfield Students have received \$959,000 in Plainfield Grants. In addition, for the first time, the academy was willing to disclose in aggregate the amount of additional financial aid, over and above the grant, that was provided to students from Plainfield. For last year, this amount was \$123,000, when combined with the grant, \$226,500 was made available to local students during the last school year.

While it is difficult to calculate the exemption's effect on the town's New Hampshire educational adequacy grant, in absence of the exemption, the New Hampshire adequacy grant is reduced by at least \$22,000 and Plainfield's share of the Sullivan County costs would increase by approximately \$17,000.

To this committee, by far the most important outcome of this year's work as been the extremely productive dialogue that developed from the very first meeting of the committee and the new Kimball Union Administration. This improved atmosphere immediately allowed for the formation of the following broad committee goal:

**How can we, as a collective community, maximize all of our local resources to enhance opportunities for all and at the same time reduce or control property tax increases?**

Toward achievement of this goal, Kimball Union Academy, is currently planning specific actions, developed in the course of our meetings, aimed at improving access to the school for qualified Plainfield Students and increasing service to the entire community by students/staff and faculty.

While separate from the decision to exempt the discretionary school property from property taxation, the committee fully supports any and all efforts to make the private school more accessible to our local students. We believe that from increased awareness about the academy and its programs will come increased opportunities for our local kids and reduced tuition bills to Lebanon High for our community. These enhanced efforts may include increased local promotion of the school to parents, the elimination of application fees, and increased awareness of financial aid opportunities. In addition, and perhaps more importantly the school is taking a very hard look at offering 1) a reduced tuition for local students, and 2) a standard "Plainfield Grant" for all students, part of which will be a need based component. As envisioned, this new system would provide increased level of grant aid for those qualified local students who have demonstrated financial need. If possible to accomplish, your committee feels that a grant system with a need-based component will encourage all students to take a close look at the unique local opportunity, which the academy represents. This increase in choice will be individually good for students and collectively good for the town through probable reductions in the number of tuition students that attend Lebanon High School.

Other evolving concepts include increased community access to school facilities, sharing of physical resources, Kimball Union Students assisting with the senior lunches in town, a school work group to help with community projects, and where desired increased involvement in the activities of the Plainfield School.

While admittedly still early in this new expanding relationship and with the recognition that many of the past arguments against the granting of the tax exemption remain valid, this committee, as a body for the first time in many years is actively advocating for the approval of the exemption. The committee feels that approving the exemption, while in no way a requirement for receiving these enhanced benefits, does send the correct message to the school about Plainfield's commitment to what appears to be an improving relationship with the school in all areas. From this improved relationship, both social and economic gains seem likely for all.

Submitted,

**Kimball Union Academy Study Committee**

The following is a letter, to the community, from Kimball Union that resulted from this year's committee meetings.



# KIMBALL UNION

A C A D E M Y

For nearly two hundred years Kimball Union has valued and benefited from the talents and strengths Plainfield students have brought to our school. We continue to appreciate our local students and are committed to offering Kimball Union Academy as an educational option to Plainfield students who meet our admissions requirements. Our goal, with the assistance of the Town Grant and our needs-based financial aid program, is to provide students who are residents of Plainfield and Meriden with a consistent and predictable tuition program during their tenure at KUA.

With this goal in mind, we are prepared to enhance our efforts to make Kimball Union an affordable option to Plainfield students. Our Board of Trustees has approved significant changes to the way we administer the Plainfield Grant. It is our intent to allocate roughly 50% of Plainfield Grant dollars to all Plainfield students attending Kimball Union on an equal basis, with the remaining money available to be awarded on a need basis. The total money available will be determined by our Board of Trustees annually based upon the prior year's tax exemption. We are also establishing a reduced Plainfield Tuition for all students attending Kimball Union from the town. We will determine eligibility for the grant based on residency criteria. We have eliminated the application fee for Plainfield residents. In general, we think it is important to establish a reliable fee structure for tuition that is predictable.

We value our place in the town and hope that we are viewed as both an educational option and a community asset.

Kimball Union appreciates and respects our place in our town. As members of this community, we are pleased to make many of our facilities and services available. Indoor ice skating, Chellis Pond Ice Skating, swimming, cross country ski trails and nature paths, the outdoor track, the Taylor Gallery and Flickinger Art Center, the use of the Coffin Meeting room and Dining Facilities for various town meetings and our daycare center are just a few of the things we have been able to offer to our town and its residents.

We are committed to exploring other ways in which we can contribute to our town and its residents in the future and look forward to working together to do so.

Sincerely,

Hugh McGraw  
Chief Financial Officer

Michael J. Schafer  
Head of School

## MAXFIELD PARRISH STAGE SET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Committee was open on Sundays in July and August for tourists and visitors to Plainfield. It continues to be a destination and visitors comment on the beauty of the stage set and the fact that the residents of Plainfield value its historic significance and are willing to volunteer to share the history of the town of Plainfield and Parrish with others.

In addition to the summer openings, the stage set committee sponsored the Annual Fourth of July Art Show featuring local artists from Plainfield, Meriden and Cornish. For Columbus Day weekend, we had the Sixth Annual Maxfield Parrish Vintage Print and Collectibles Sale. Parrish fans and collectors from around the country continue to attend these events, with some coming from as far as Ohio and Michigan for this year's sale.

Whether you are new to town or have lived here for years, please stop by one Sunday in July or August with family and friends and watch the lights go from dawn to dusk and all stages in-between. 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 88 years is truly remarkable. Few stage sets complete with original lighting and rigging still exist today completely intact.

All money raised through the stage set committee's activities supports the care and preservation of the stage set. Each year, some of these funds are transferred to the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Trust Fund, for this purpose.

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

Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Committee:

Beverly Widger, Co-Chair Nancy Norwalk, Co-Chair

Diane Rogers Alice Jordan, Cheyenne Chellis, Otis Jordan

David Scott, Nancy Scott

## CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have looked at issues as wide-ranging as the status of municipal wastewater treatment plants in the watershed to the hazards of development on the varved clays left by glacial Lake Hitchcock. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisor and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river and its valley.

In 2003, the Commissions completed a major riverbank restoration demonstration project at the Fort No. 4 in Charlestown, which protected both a key Contact Period archeological site at the fort and a population of federally endangered mussels just offshore. We continue to work to bring the attention of federal and state agencies to the *Connecticut Corridor Management Plant*, to give local people new influence in the decisions of their government when it comes to their river. Our five local river subcommittees are an active voice for river issues in their regions.

With the support of the four US Senators from NH and VT, the Commissions were able to provide \$85,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including grants for a major conference on storm water management, equipment for citizen water quality monitoring on the Cold River in NH, a bi-state Milk Marketing Study Group, several historic restoration projects, and the Connecticut Riving Birding Trail.

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 worked to provide signage for each of them, and provided staff and coordination for the Byway effort. Our Byway Council held its annual meeting at the Blow-Me-Down Grange in Plainfield, to showcase this successful restoration project. Visit the Byway at [www.ctrivertravel.net](http://www.ctrivertravel.net).

We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site at [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org) for a calendar of meetings, useful information and links, and our newsletter, *River Valley News*.

*Nancy Franklin & Robert Kline, Connecticut River Commissioners*

**Mt. Ascutney Region River Subcommittee  
Connecticut River Joint Commissions**

This year the Mt. Ascutney Subcommittee began to update our *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan* with a close look at water quality and water-related issues in our region, particularly the need for more complete information on the safety of the river for swimming, fishing and boating. The Town of Plainfield has sent a new representative to the Subcommittee, as have the towns of Windsor, Cornish, and Rockingham, bringing new ideas and interests to ensure that discussions continue to be well-balanced.

The Subcommittee has continued to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river, advising the two states on a proposed major project at Hoyt's Landing, and informing ourselves of issues involved with locating landfills and other intensive development close to the river.

We have encouraged all towns in our region to review our current *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection. The heavy rains of last August demonstrated the critical importance of giving rivers and streams enough room. All riverfront landowners should be aware that the NH Shoreland Protection Act now applies to the Connecticut River. Contact the town office for more information.

The Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, on the second Tuesday evening of every other month, at Windsor House. 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/localaction.htm](http://www.crjc.org/localaction.htm).

Ted Moynihan and Stephen Halleran, Plainfield representatives

## State Representative-Constance A. Jones

Another year has passed in the legislature and as far as education funding is concerned we are still at square one. No one is happy. Donors feel they are giving too much and receivers are upset because they are afraid of losing ground. Unfortunately no one wants to accept the fact that the State Wide Property Tax is not the "end all and be all" savior of the State Education Fund.

As the State budget gets tighter more monetary obligations are being passed down to the counties which in turn elevates the local property tax. The poor property tax is stretched to the limit and this affects all tax payers in the State of New Hampshire. I shall continue fighting to eliminate the broad base, state wide property tax. The SWPT should be relegated to the same status as is presently held by the income and sales tax until such time as an equitable solution is found.

There is a very controversial Constitutional Amendment coming up for a vote this session (CACR2). In order to pass in the House and Senate a 60% majority vote is needed. If it were to pass both houses it would appear on the November ballot and the voters would decide the fate of CACR2. To amend the State Constitution requires a 66 2/3 popular vote. This constitutional amendment basically says that the legislature and not the court shall set the state school funding policy. In the Claremont decision the court said that it was up to the legislature to find a fair and equitable solution to funding of the state's obligation for education. The legislature feels that the court overstepped its bounds in that decision. For the past six years this issue has been debated ad nauseam with no consensus being reached. I feel strongly that it is time to let the voters decide the question since it appears we are unable to do so. There have been constitutional amendments proposed before...some passed and others did not. Certainly the people should be able to have their say on this very important issue.

My committee, Criminal Justice and Public Safety will be hearing 32 bills this session. Some of the topics being covered are: ratifying the national crime prevention and privacy compact, domestic violence protection orders, classification of consumer and display fireworks, increasing the penalty assessment on fines imposed by the counts, drug free senior housing zones, sexual assault cases, and driving under the influence with a minor in the vehicle.

As always, I welcome any questions you may have on any legislation coming before us this session. If there is any way that I can be of help please let me know. I can be reached at (603)863-8395 or Post Office Box 975, Grantham 03753.

Respectfully submitted,

*Connie Jones*

## State Representative Peter Burling

The 2003 legislative session was a contentious one, with most of the sharpest debate focused on Governor Benson's first state budget, a document that caused great concern almost from the moment it was delivered to the legislature. Some of the governor's proposals for spending reductions included cutting funding for the university system by 5%; cutting more than \$70 million from the Department of Health and Human Services, for services such as wheel chair vans for seniors and persons with disabilities; eliminating 29 state trooper positions; cutting the state Department of Environmental Services budget by 5% virtually eliminating the Land and Community Heritage Program, the state's major historic and land conservation program; and eliminating the Department of Agriculture entirely. The governor also sought to use \$32 million from the state's retirement fund to pay for general fund obligations, an idea that was quickly scrapped in the face of strong opposition from police chiefs and other public employees.

The House and Senate Finance Committees were left to start almost from scratch to put together an alternative budget. That budget was ultimately vetoed by the governor, leaving the state without a spending plan until September—when finally, after more than three months of negotiations, the House and Senate passed a version of the budget that was virtually identical to the one vetoed by Governor Benson, except that it included an additional \$300,000 for the governor's own office.

The governor did get his way on one of the biggest cuts, when the House and Senate passed House Bill 608, dramatically reducing state aid to public education. As a result of the new formula, education aid was reduced statewide by more than \$240 million over the next two years. The three towns in my district, Cornish, Grantham, and Plainfield, all see substantial losses in state support for public education. Aid to Cornish this year has been reduced by \$55,000; Grantham, as a donor town, is paying \$80,000 more to the state; and Plainfield is also receiving \$55,000 less in state education aid. And unless the legislature makes changes in the formula in the 2004 session, there will be even bigger losses in 2005. All of this translates into higher local property taxes for the people of all three towns. Needless to say, I opposed the governor on these budget reductions every way I knew how.

The outlook for school and property taxpayers is even more bleak due to two proposed constitutional amendments that are on the agenda this session. The first, CACR2 would give the legislature exclusive authority to determine the cost of an adequate education without any oversight from the courts. If this were to become law, the Claremont decisions would be gone, and so would the state's obligation to pay anything to educate New Hampshire's children. We would very quickly see a return to the days when the local property tax paid for more

than 94 percent of school budgets. The other constitutional amendment that is being pushed by Governor Benson is the so-called "Taxpayer's Bill of Rights." This measure would cap all state spending at the rate of inflation, and require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to raise or pass new taxes. While this may sound like a good idea on its face, the reality is very different. In Colorado, the first state to adopt such an amendment, the Republican state treasurer has said that the Taxpayers Bill of Rights has been a disaster.

Just as happened in Colorado, local property taxes will skyrocket as the state pushes more and more responsibilities onto the cities and towns.

Clearly this is an important time for your elected officials to hear from you. If you are concerned about the direction in which our state is headed, make sure you make your opinion known. As always, I welcome your feedback and will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the many challenges facing our community and our state.

Sincerely,

*Rep. Peter Burling*

Sullivan County District 19-Cornish, Grantham, Plainfield

## Meriden Village Water District 2003 Operator's Report

Voters approved borrowing \$640,000 from the State of NH drinking water revolving loan fund at the annual meeting in March. The proceeds from the loan will be used to develop a new well and to replace water mains along Main St., Bean Rd. Camp Rd. and Rt.120. Pathways Consulting of Hanover, NH. was selected as the project engineer. Preliminary engineering has been completed and test well drilling began the first week of January 2004. It is expected that the project will go out to bid for the water main replacement portion in the spring with construction beginning in the early summer. Once a favorable site for a new well has been identified, pump testing and water quality testing will be performed. Once completed, this project will correct deficiencies sited by the NH Department of Environmental Services water supply engineers.

In June of 2002 the Meriden Village Water District received a new discharge permit for the wastewater treatment facility. The new permit required dechlorination of the final plant effluent. Dufresne- Henry of Springfield, VT. was selected to be the project engineer and designed modifications to the plant to comply with the new discharge permit. In June the Penta Corporation of Moultonboro, NH. made the necessary modifications to the plant. Sodium bisulfite is now injected at the plant outfall to neutralize all residual chlorine in the effluent. The commissioners have retained Dufresne Henry as project engineer for facility upgrades expected to be completed in 2004. A significant sludge accumulation needs to be removed from the lagoons and the aeration systems in the lagoons needs to be replaced. The Commisioners are applying to the State of NH wastewater revolving loan fund to finance these upgrades. This revolving loan fund has a very low annual percentage rate and if approved will reimburse the district 20% of the total project cost in the form of a grant.

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

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

**WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**SULLIVAN, SS.**

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School in said Meriden Village Water District on Tuesday the sixteenth day of March 2004 at 7:30 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

**ARTICLE I.**

To choose the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year, or otherwise as the by-laws direct:

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

**ARTICLE II.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 (gross budget) for upgrading the wastewater treatment system off Bonner Road, for removing and disposing of accumulated sludge in the lagoons and other wastewater system upgrades, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$200,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Commissioners are further authorized to accept any grants available from state or federal sources. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required).

**ARTICLE III.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$188,195 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual warrant articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE IV.** To see what action the District will take with regard to the reports of the District officers.

**ARTICLE V.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system, pursuant to RSA35:1. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

**ARTICLE VI.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading 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 enact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this thirteenth day of January, 2004.

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

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

# Meriden Village Water District

## Sewer Department

Income	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004
Sewer Charges	\$ 96,110.00	\$ 104,002.81	\$ 99,170.00
Hook-up	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ 100.00	\$ 58.44	\$ 50.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ -
Refund	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 132,110.00</b>	<b>\$ 136,561.25</b>	<b>\$ 99,220.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Office	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
Legal	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Electricity	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,671.57	\$ 9,000.00
Insurance	\$ 15,900.00	\$ 16,686.62	\$ 14,000.00
Maintenance	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,210.97	\$ 8,000.00
Telephone	\$ 350.00	\$ 438.63	\$ 600.00
Wages	\$ 28,700.00	\$ 26,825.52	\$ 28,700.00
FICA, Medicare	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,246.27	\$ 2,400.00
Interest on Debt	\$ 510.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 170.00
Principal on Debt	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,525.44	\$ 4,000.00
Effluent Testing	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 12,633.71	\$ 8,900.00
Vehicle	\$ 750.00	\$ 318.70	\$ 750.00
Decoloration Project	\$ 44,400.00	\$ 35,853.00	\$ -
Capital Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Engineering	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 132,110.00</b>	<b>\$ 128,220.43</b>	<b>\$ 99,220.00</b>

## Water Department

Income	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004
Hydrant Rentals	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Water Rents	\$ 80,035.00	\$ 87,563.53	\$ 87,525.00
Interest	\$ 300.00	\$ 279.88	\$ 250.00
Other	\$ 675,000.00	\$ -	\$ 675,000.00
Surplus	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 765,035.00</b>	<b>\$ 87,843.41</b>	<b>\$ 763,975.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Office	\$ 600.00	\$ 686.89	\$ 600.00
Legal	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Electricity	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,382.53	\$ 4,500.00
Insurance	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,550.00
Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,947.29	\$ 10,000.00
Water Analysis	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 1,000.00
Telephone	\$ 325.00	\$ 323.53	\$ 325.00
Wages	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 5,147.80	\$ 5,150.00
FICA, Medicare	\$ 460.00	\$ 407.97	\$ 460.00
Interest on Debt	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 13,926.00	\$ 11,640.00
Principal on Debt	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 887.62	\$ 2,000.00
SRF Project	\$ 675,000.00	\$ 12,616.42	\$ 675,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 765,035.00</b>	<b>\$ 85,606.05</b>	<b>\$ 763,975.00</b>

**Water Department Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2003**

<b>Assets:</b>	
Cash: In hands of treasurer	\$ 42,447.04
Reserves: Distribution upgrade fund	\$ 66,000.00
Accounts due district: Water charges due	\$ 10,677.20
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 119,124.24</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Reserve Funds: Distribution upgrade fund	\$ 66,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 66,000.00</b>
Fund Balance Current Surplus	\$ 53,124.24
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 119,124.24</b>

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

<b>Assets:</b>	
Cash: In hands of treasurer	\$ 12,303.68
Accounts due district	\$ 13,955.71
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 13,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 39,259.39</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$ 13,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 13,000.00</b>
Fund Balance - Current Surplus	\$ 26,259.39
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 39,259.39</b>

**MINUTES  
MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2003**

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Meriden Village Water District, in the town of Plainfield, County of Sullivan, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs, held at the Plainfield School on Tuesday the eighteenth of March 2003 at 7:30 p.m., the business was disposed of in the following manner:

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That the following slate of officers be elected:

Moderator for one year:	Stephen Taylor
Clerk for one year:	Roberta Garfield
Commissioner for three years:	Jeffrey Allbright
Treasurer for one year:	Gretchen Taylor

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$675,000 (gross budget) for (1) upgrading the water distribution system on Main Street, Bean and Camp Roads, and Route 120; (2) for developing a new secondary water source, and (3) other water system upgrades; and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$640,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$35,000 from the Meriden Water Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. Be it further resolved that the Commissioners be directed to consider the installation of water meters as the lowest priority of the proposed water system upgrades.

After discussion, the motion was voted on by paper ballot, and the polls remained open for one hour (8:04 p.m. to 9:04 p.m.) while the rest of the meeting business was conducted. Thirteen votes were cast: 11-Yes, 2-No. The article received more than the two-thirds majority and was declared passed by the Moderator.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$197,145, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special warrant articles addressed.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That the reports of District Officers be accepted as printed in the Town of Plainfield 2002 Town Report; subject to corrections, and that a corrected copy be placed on file with the District Clerk.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system, pursuant to RSA35:1.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading equipment on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1

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

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

**RESOLVED:** 1. That District charges for residential sewer service be increased from \$80.00 per quarter to \$110.00 per quarter.

2. That District charges for sewer service to Kimball Union Academy be increased from \$5,200 per month to \$7,450 per month.

3. That District charges for residential water service be increased from \$50.00 per quarter to \$65.00 per quarter.

4. That District charges for water service to Kimball Union Academy be reduced from \$5,900 per month to \$5,500 per month.

The voice vote was too close to call, so the Moderator called for a show of hands. The vote was 7-Yes, 6-No. It was voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the District charges for water hook-up fees for commercial, and institutional facilities and individual residences be increased to \$750 per hook-up. Further, that sewer hook-up fees for individual residences, and institutional facilities be increased to \$750 per bedroom, with a maximum fee of \$2,250 per facility, and fees for commercial facilities be \$1,000 per hook-up.

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

**ARTICLE IX.** William Taylor, Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment System Operator, was commended for his work for the District. There being no further business under this Article, the meeting was recessed until the voting on Article II closed at 9:04 p.m. After the vote was tallied, the meeting was voted adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**Roberta I. Garfield**  
Clerk

## Plainfield Village Water District Commissioners' Annual Report January 2004

This year presented the commissioners with some serious challenges. We were able to meet some of them, but some remain as challenges as we head into 2004. Our newest commissioner Henry Ingham jumped in, sometimes literally, getting a much-needed flush point installed in Spruce Park, as well as getting involved in the site work required at the new treatment house.

The most formidable challenge financially was the general fund deficit, brought about as a result of having failed to raise rates immediately after passing the bond issue in 1999. The commissioners attempted to deal with the deficit over a period of several years by borrowing, but the article in the 2003 warrant which would have allowed that to happen was defeated. Our attorney and the Department of Revenue Administration advised the commissioners to raise the amount required during 2003. While a large amount was raised, it was not sufficient to erase the deficit. Therefore the district enters 2004 with a remaining deficit of \$14,907. Arriving at this number is straightforward. The district was obligated to raise \$63,750 for the operating budget, including bond payments, \$5000 to cover the article on getting legal advice on ordinances and structure (Article V), and \$40,850 to cover the deficit, bringing a total of \$109,600. Water bills brought in \$93,423, and other sources \$1,270 for a total income of \$94,693 leaving a deficit of \$14,907. The income number was low for several reasons. First, we had a very wet summer, normally our most demanding time. Second, what conservation notices couldn't do, price did, and many folks conserved water. Third, the rate calculations were based on the first quarter billing which included a higher than normal portion of delinquent charges, which should not have been used in the rate calculation. The commissioners have placed an article in the warrant to deal with the deficit directly this year. I am pleased to note that while our accounts receivable number does not seem to change much from quarter to quarter, some of our older delinquencies were cleaned up in 2003, and we have good hopes for 2004. To meet our cash flow requirements, the commissioners borrowed \$25,000 as revenue anticipation notes in August. Since we did not meet our revenue requirements, these will be partially paid down this month, with rates remaining up for the January and April billing cycles. The rates will be reviewed after the April billing cycle.

Operation involved a major change, with the retirement of longtime operator George Adams at the end of May. Carl Colburn took over, working through several issues such as the recurrent discoloration of the water in the system pipes, due to old sediments in the pipes working loose. The treatment house for the new well field went online in mid-December, ending both the annual threat of freeze-up and the cramped working conditions in the temporary structure. Expenses for the structure, while higher than we had hoped for, did not exhaust the project budget entirely, leaving enough for the

permanent wells which should be drilled this winter. Costs for piping and trenching and other permanent fixtures involved in bringing the temporary well online in 2002 were charged to the project, with charges for temporary setups charged to system improvements.

There are two major changes, and one minor change, in the budget this year. After years of paying the system operator less than \$5 a day we were compelled to raise the operator's salary to a more reasonable \$20 a day. This is reflected in a \$5,400 increase in the salary portion of the budget including the district's share of payroll taxes.

Over the last thirteen years the town has exempted \$979,000 in taxes and Plainfield Students have received \$959,000 in Plainfield Grants.

Changes in the insurance industry resulted in our long-time carrier exiting the municipal insurance business. By joining the New Hampshire municipal pool, Primex, we have obtained coverage for 2004 but at a cost increase of about \$700 per year.

The final change involves budgeting for interest on revenue anticipation notes, necessary to cover our cash-flow requirements as we finish the project and resolve the deficit. This involves an increase of \$900. This is offset by a reduction in the bond interest payments due this year.

The commissioners *Daniel Nelson, Robert Druye Henry Ingham*

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

**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**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 12,472
Bond payable -NHMBB	<u>375000</u>
Total liabilities	<u>387472</u>

**Net Assets**

Unrestricted assets	240459
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 627,931</u>

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 Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2004 at 10:00 a.m., to act upon the following subjects.

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

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 pursuant to RSA 52:3,III to raise the amount of \$14,907 for the purpose of reducing the existing general fund deficit. (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE IV. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,550 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 rescission 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 transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and four.

At true copy attest:

Daniel Nelson

Robert Drye

Henry Ingham

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**  
1999 Bond Issue Statement  
DECEMBER 31, 2003

**AUTHORIZATION**

Tank/Well project 450,000

Total Authorization \$ 450,000

**Bond Issue Expenditures**

Through December 31, 2002 416,068

Pathways Consulting - Engineering 5,957

David Legacy - contractor 9,000

Carroll Concrete 132

Red Hed Supply - pipe and fittings 451

F W Webb - valves 2,218

Central Supply - electrical and heating parts 1,564

Miscellaneous parts 365

Expenses January 1 - December 31, 2003 19,687

Expenditures through December 31, 2003 435,755

Remaining Authorization \$14,245

**Plainfield Village Water District  
Proposed 2004 Budget**

	2003 Proposed	2003 Actual	2004 Proposed
<b>INCOME</b>			
Water Rent	108,325.00	88,922.87	85,059.50
District Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hydrant Service	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Interest Income	25.00	24.45	25.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income from TAN NOTES	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Transfer From Expendable	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unencumbered Balance	0.00	1,828.11	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$109,600.00</b>	<b>\$117,025.43</b>	<b>111,334.50</b>
<b>General Fund Deficit</b>	<b>\$40,850.00</b>	<b>\$40,850.00</b>	<b>\$14,907.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Administrative			
Officers Salaries	520.00	510.00	520.00
Officer Expenses	1,500.00	524.34	1,000.00
Clerical Salaries	550.00	0.00	600.00
Payroll Taxes	75.00	1,327.47	1,500.00
Postage	350.00	180.61	350.00
Office Expenses	1,250.00	2,548.48	500.00
Insurance/Bonding	2,300.00	1,662.00	3,075.00
Total Administrative	<u>\$6,545.00</u>	<u>\$6,752.90</u>	<u>\$7,545.00</u>
Operations			
Maintenance-Labor	2,500.00	5,015.00	7,320.00
Maintenance-Supplies	2,000.00	1,315.22	1,500.00
Maintenance-Service	900.00	3,116.31	900.00
Utilities-Electricity	2,400.00	2,429.32	2,400.00
Utilities-Propane	50.00	110.00	600.00
Water Sample Tests	1,500.00	1,172.37	1,500.00
System Improvements	3,500.00	8,765.96	3,500.00
Total Operations	<u>\$12,850.00</u>	<u>\$21,924.18</u>	<u>17,720.00</u>
<b>DEBT</b>			
Principal	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Interest	19,312.50	19,312.50	18,062.50
Tax Anticipation Principal		25,000.00	25,000.00
Tax Anticipation Interest			900.00
Total Debt Service	\$44,312.50	\$69,312.50	\$68,962.50
<b>Article V (2003 Warrant)</b>			
Legal Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$1,005.15	2,200.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$68,707.50</b>	<b>\$98,994.73</b>	<b>\$96,427.50</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$42.50</b>	<b>-\$22,819.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Plainfield Village Water District  
Annual Meeting  
March 18, 2003**

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 Tuesday, March 18, 2003, the business was disposed of in the following manner:

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

A checklist for the PVWD was established by the Plainfield Town Supervisors of the Checklist and implemented for the 2003 annual meeting.

Moderator Jeff Moore, after introducing officers and giving instructions on the procedures for voting and for amendments, passed an attendance sign-up sheet around the room.

The warrant printed in the Town Report lacked some articles because several articles were added by petition after publication. A corrected version of the warrant was distributed.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with a reading of the warrant. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Article I**

Rob Drye offered the following motion and it was seconded:

Resolved, that the District choose the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year or otherwise as following:

1. A moderator for one year.
2. A clerk for one year.
3. A commissioner for three years.
4. A treasurer for one year.

The following votes were taken:

Moderator:	Jeff Moore	30
	Brad Atwater	18

Jeff Moore was declared elected.

Clerk:	Pat Cerra	23
	Margaret Drye	28

Margaret Drye was declared elected.

Commissioner:	Henry Ingham	27
	George Adams	24

Henry Ingham was declared elected.

Treasurer:	Laraine Pedrero	22
	Sarah Gillens	28

Sarah Gillens was declared elected.

## **Article II.**

Robert Drye made the following motion and it was seconded:

Resolved, that the district accept the reports of district officers as printed in the 2002 Plainfield, New Hampshire, Town Report, along with the additional financial statements made available at this meeting.

A voice vote was inconclusive. The motion passed by a show of hands, 27 Yes, 22 No.

## **Article III .**

Robert Drye moved the following and it was seconded:

Resolved, that the District raise the amount of \$40,850 for the purpose of reducing the existing general fund deficit, and 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.

Rick Skarinka from the Department of Environmental Services spoke to the article.

The vote was as follows: 27 Yes, 21 No, 1 spoiled ballot. Because it did not receive the required 2/3 votes, the motion failed.

## **Article IV.**

Daniel Nelson moved the following and it was seconded:

Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,750 to defray district expenses, and authorize the commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the district treasurer. Said sum does not include special warrant articles assessed.

The vote was as follows: 43 Yes, 6 No. The motion passed.

## **Article V.**

Robert Drye moved the following:

Resolved, that 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 recession of such authority, the commissioners to issue tax anticipation notes.

Seconded by Daniel Nelson.

Judy Atwater offered the following amendment:

That the Commissioners be allowed for one year to incur revenue anticipation notes not to exceed \$25,000.

Laraine Pedrero seconded the amendment

The Commissioners took a brief recess to discuss the validity of the amendment. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken: 26 Yes, 21 No, 1 spoiled ballot. The amendment was adopted as the new motion for Article V.

A vote on the motion was 38 Yes, 10 No. The article was adopted as amended.

#### **Article VI.**

Robert Drye moved the following:

Resolved, that the District authorize the Commissioners to sell or dispose of district assets, including real property, at the Blow-Me-Down well site.

Seconded by Daniel Nelson.

Brad Atwater offered the following amendment and it was seconded:

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, with the restrictions that the Commissioners proceed with an evaluation of assets and report to the district any and all offers received. Further that the Commissioners without majority approval of the district take no action on this issue.

The amendment was adopted by a vote of 27 Yes, 22 No.

A vote on amended Article VI was: 37 Yes, 12 No. The article was adopted as amended.

#### **Article VII.**

Robert Drye made the following motion:

Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000 for the purpose of engaging an attorney to review and draft ordinances and by-laws appropriate for the district under the current statutes.

Seconded by Daniel Nelson

Attorney Adele Fulton spoke to the article.

The motion passed: 26 Yes, 23 No.

#### **Article VIII.**

Judy Atwater made the following motion:

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.

Seconded by Brad Atwater.

The motion passed: 33 Yes, 14 No, 1 spoiled ballot.

### **Article IX**

Rob Drye offered the following motion:

Resolved, that the district instruct the commissioners to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of five members to advise the commissioners on the prudential affairs of the district.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

Rob Drye made a motion to table Article X and Article XI. It was seconded. The motion failed 19 Yes, 25 No on a show of hands.

### **Article X**

Judy Atwater offered a motion to change Article X to read as follows:

That the district will instruct the moderator to appoint 5 members to a By-Laws Committee for the purpose of maintaining and revising the by-laws.

The motion was seconded.

The motion passed: 29 Yes, 14 No, 1 spoiled ballot.

### **Article XI**

Rob Drye made the motion to table the article and Daniel Nelson seconded it. The motion passed by a voice vote and Article XI was tabled.

### **Article XII**

Rob Drye noted the passing of former commissioner Leonard Kohler.

Mr. Drye also thanked the Wilder family for their generous donation of their truck and time for hauling water during the 2002 drought. Mr. Drye then thanked Carl Colburn for his time and help during the 2002 drought. Beverly Widger asked those present to thank George Adams for his years of service to the district.

Shirley Shockor made the following motion and it was seconded:

To require the secretary to present written minutes of the previous meeting at the subsequent meeting and to publish meeting minutes in Plain Facts. And

further, to require the treasurer's report, including a balance sheet and line-itemed income and expenditure statement at each monthly meeting.

The motion was withdrawn and revised to the following:

That the Commissioners present written minutes of the previous meeting at the subsequent meeting and to publish meeting minutes in Plain Facts. And further, to require the Commissioners to present a full treasurer's report, including a balance sheet and line-iteme income and expenditure statement at each monthly meeting.

It was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

The moderator then entertained a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and passed by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 pm.

*Margaret Drupe, Clerk*

MARRIAGES 2003 TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Groom &amp; Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Town of Issuance</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
03/08/03	Donovan, Francis K	Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
04/05/03	Jokinen, Elizabeth A. Day, John R.	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Woodsville
05/31/03	Stahlecker, Amy E Kendall, Scott D	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Lebanon
06/14/03	Weeks, Alexandria-Marie Grald, Eric W	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
06/21/03	Messier, Michelle M. Perron, Chad L.	Plainfield Claremont	Claremont	Claremont
06/21/03	Varnese, Vanessa A. Mardanes, Louis A.	Plainfield Claremont	Hanover	Plainfield
07/20/03	Bolton, Barbara J. Drew, Daniel V.	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
08/02/03	Palmer, Lisa I. Legare, Peter L.	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
08/16/03	Garfield, Catherine I. Danen, Peter T.	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
08/23/03	Lucier, Christine M. Rosolen, Mark D.	Plainfield Plainfield	Chesterfield	Bethlehem
09/06/03	Grogan, Joanne Allen, Dennis A. Scouras, Debra L.	Plainfield Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield

BIRTHS 2003 TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

Date of Birth	Name	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
04/06/02	Cassedy, David A. W.	Lebanon, NH	Not Stated	Cassedy Ruth Ellen
04/06/02	Cassedy, Carlton, L. F.	Lebanon, NH	Not Stated	Cassedy, Ruth Ellen
01/17/03	Duany, Andrew Ross	Lebanon, NH	Duany, Patrick	Duany, Elizabeth
01/18/03	Budner, Michael Cameron	Lebanon, NH	Budner, John	Budner, Candace
01/24/03	Taylor, Olivia Grace	Lebanon, NH	Taylor, Robert	Taylor, Lucinda
01/30/03	Elder, Audrey Elizabeth	Lebanon, NH	Elder, Bruce	Elder, Lisa
02/05/03	Hines, Keira Marie	Lebanon, NH	Hines, Ricky	Hines, Jean
03/16/03	Perotti, Grace Marie	Lebanon, NH	Perotti, Frank	Hart, Maura
05/16/03	Langendoen, Nicolaas M	Lebanon, NH	Langendoen, Ronald	Langendoen, Carla
07/06/03	McGonigle, Emma Elizabeth	Lebanon, NH	McGonigle, William	McGonigle, Julianna
07/21/03	Schell, Ian Thomas	Lebanon, NH	Schell, Thomas	Schell, Stephanie
07/25/03	Barton, Aubrianna Marlene	Lebanon, NH	Barton, Todd	Barton, Sherry
07/27/03	Clifton, Eleri Elizabeth	Lebanon, NH	Clifton, David	Clifton, Elizabeth
08/30/03	Gilland, Joshua Richard	Lebanon, NH	Gilland, Daniel	Gilland, Breena
10/16/03	Rice, Curtis David	Lebanon, NH	Rice, Robert	Rice, Jane
10/21/03	Greene, Luke Owen	Lebanon, NH	Greene, Philip	Greene, Karen
11/05/03	Illsley, Anna Katherine	Lebanon, NH	Illsley, Douglas	Illsley, Sara
11/13/03	Taber, Kayla Anne	Lebanon, NH	Taber, Brecken	Taber, Melinda
12/15/03	Sinnamon, Natalie Rose	Lebanon, NH	Sinnamon, James	Sinnamon, Amanda

DEATHS 2003 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>
01/22/03	Raymond, Shawn P.	Lebanon, NH	Raymond, Larry	Fredette, Darlene
01/30/03	Robes, Nancy F.	Meriden, NH	Foringer, John	Montlaw, Mary
03/23/03	Marchael, Robert B.	Lebanon, NH	Unknown	Unknown
05/21/03	Moore, Yolande S.	Lebanon, NH	Morin, Alfred	O'Bready, Annie
05/23/03	McNamara, Doris B.	Lebanon, NH	Ferland, Ovilla	LeMieux, Rosalba
09/18/03	MacDonald, Douglas B	Newbury, NH	MacDonald, William	Sweeney, Margaret
10/13/03	Manacek, Elizabeth	Lebanon, NH	Manacek, Stephen	Fusek, Elizabeth
12/27/03	Torrey, Gloria J	Lebanon, NH	Kendall, Festus	Riley, Georgiana

**PLAINFIELD WEATHER 2003**  
(Observations by Doug Cogan and Richard Langill)

MONTH	HIGH Temp(F)	LOW Temp(F)	MEAN Temp(F)	RAIN (Inches)	SNOW (Inches)	PRECIPITATION (Inches)
JANUARY	35	-23	14	0.04	29.25	2.38
FEBRUARY	49	-22	19	0.82	13.00	1.91
MARCH	66	-12	31	1.87	6.00	2.85
APRIL	83	10	43	1.16	17.25	2.98
MAY	82	28	59	3.97		3.97
JUNE	96	34	67	2.77		2.77
JULY	93	50	71	3.31		3.31
AUGUST	88	43	70	4.89		4.89
SEPTEMBER	79	39	56	4.74		4.74
OCTOBER	76	21	45	4.52	1.25	4.62
NOVEMBER	68	12	37	3.08	1.00	3.16
DECEMBER	52	-10	22	2.26	35.50	4.44
TOTALS	--	--	--	33.43	103.25	42.02
'03 AVG	56.1	32.8	44.5	--	--	--
10yr AVG	57.6	34.3	45.9	32.09	94.38	43.24

Daily high temperature record: June 26, 96 degrees.

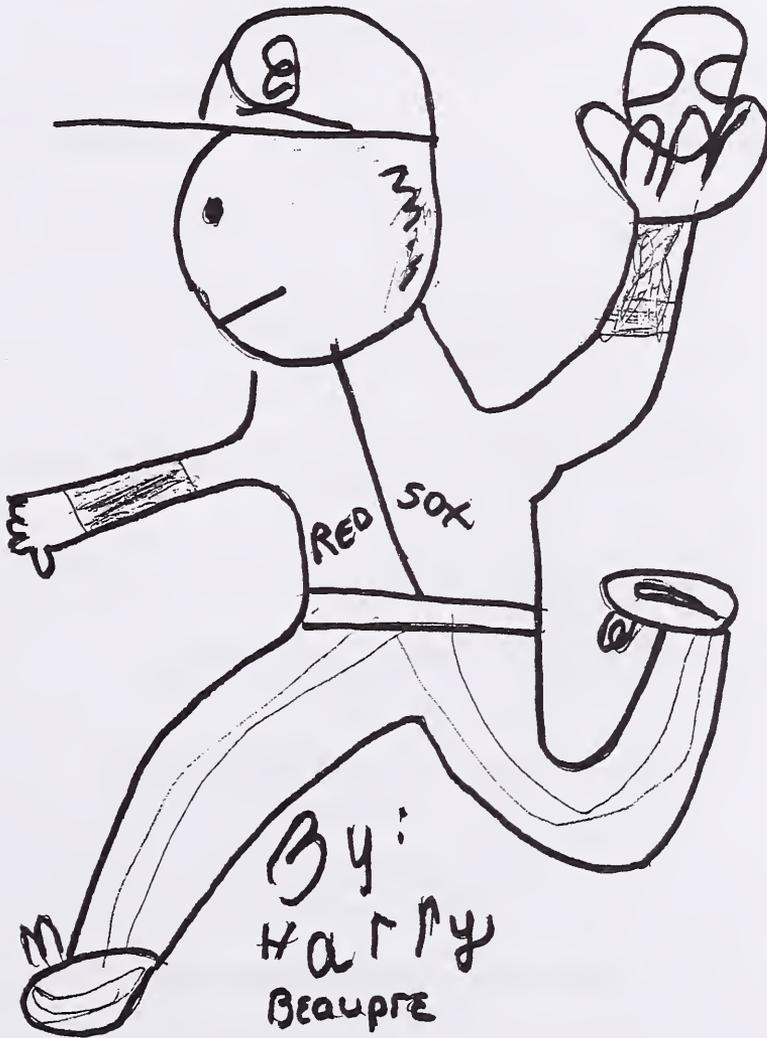
Daily low temperature records: Jan. 28, -23 degrees; Feb. 14, -22 degrees.

2003 high temp: 96 degrees F/June 26; low temp.: -23 degrees F/Jan. 18 & Jan. 28.

Wettest 24 hours: 2.12 inches/Aug. 1; snowiest 24 hours: 19.00 inches/Jan. 3-4 & Dec. 5-6

Date of last freeze: April 25, last frost: May 17; first frost: Oct. 3, first freeze: Oct. 20.

ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2003





**ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003**

**OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MODERATOR**  
Stephen Taylor

**CLERK**  
Kelly Taylor

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

Judy Houde Hardy  
(Term expires 2006)

William Nugent  
(Term expires 2004)

Michael Higgins  
(Term expires 2005)

Carin Reynolds  
(Term expires 2006)

Jo Ella McCarragher - Board Chair  
(Term Expires 2004)

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**PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**  
Andrew Mellow

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**CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
Russell Collins

**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**  
Nancy Brogden, Ph.D.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR**  
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 fifth day of March, 2004, 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 the sum of \$4,315,790 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 2004-2005 fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

NOTE: The appropriation in this article includes the sum necessary to fund the one year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Education Association which calls for an estimated increase in teacher salaries and benefits of \$86,029 (5.3%) and the sum necessary to fund the one year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Support Staff Association which calls for an estimated increase in support staff salaries and benefits of \$18,580 (4.7%). A favorable vote on this article shall be considered not only the approval of the operation budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, but also the approval of the cost items in both collective bargaining agreements.

Article III. To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,300 for salary and benefits to hire two (2) Educational Assistants for the regular education program for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article IV. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$80,000 in the 2004-2005 fiscal year (with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1) to be placed in the Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund created in 2000 pursuant to RSA 35:1-C, for the purpose of either special education expenses or tuition expenses or both. (The School Board recommends this action.)

Article V. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$20,000 in the 2004-2005 fiscal year (with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1) 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. (The School Board recommends this action.)

Article VI.

Shall the school district accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any school district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the school board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the school district, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? (The School Board recommends this action.)

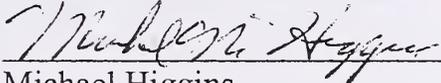
Article VII.

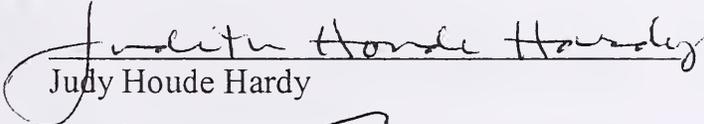
To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

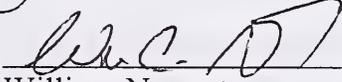
(NOTE: Election of School District officials will take place at the same time and place as election of town officials on Tuesday, March 9, 2004).

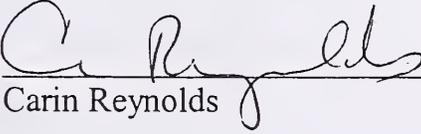
Given under our hands at said Plainfield this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2004.

  
JoElla McCarragher, Chair

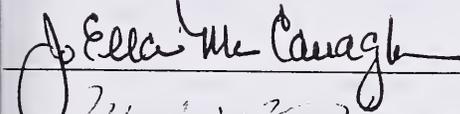
  
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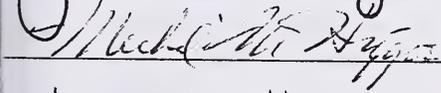
  
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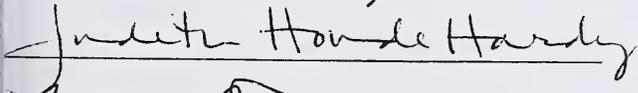
  
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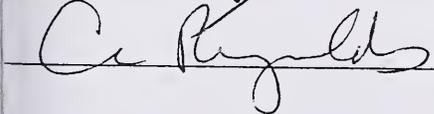
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PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WARRANT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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:

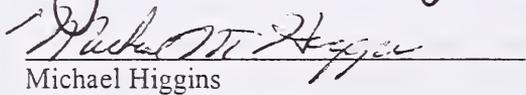
You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following subject:

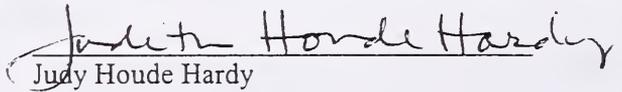
Article I. To choose by ballot a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer for a one-year term, and two School Board Members for a three-year term. (Polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.)

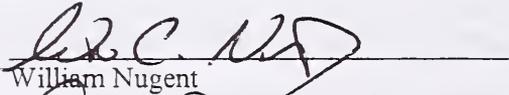
NOTE: All other school business will be considered at the School District Meeting to be held on Friday, March 5, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at the Plainfield Elementary School.

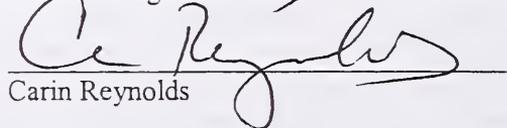
Given under our hands at said Plainfield this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2004.

  
Joella McCarragher, Chair

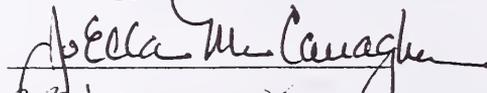
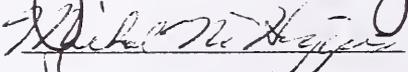
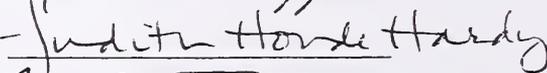
  
Michael Higgins

  
Judy Houde Hardy

  
William Nugent

  
Carin Reynolds

A true copy. Attest:

  
  
  
  
  
Plainfield School Board

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Minutes**

**Annual Meeting – March 7, 2003**

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 7, 2003, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield.

Moderator Stephen Taylor introduced the Clerk, School Board, Professional Staff and Legal Counsel.

An invocation was delivered by the Rev. Susan Gregory-Davis in which she remembered the late Nancy Robes.

The crowd then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator 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.

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

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$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 vote by secret written ballot on Article III resulted in:

Yes 148 No 115

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 \$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 vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

Yes 138 No 117

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

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

Resolved: That the District 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 vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

Yes 158 No 86

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

ARTICLE VI: Other Business

Jo Ella McCarragher acknowledged and thanked Joe Della Badia for his service as superintendent. Della Badia made the decision to retire in December 2002. McCarragher expressed the Board's appreciation of Della Badia's experienced guidance.

Board Member Bill Nugent recognized Cherrie Torrey for her dedicated service to the school. Torrey decided against running for another term on the School Board.

Board Member Judith Houde Hardy thanked Nick Anderle for his service and professionalism as School District Treasurer. Anderle also has decided to not seek re-election.

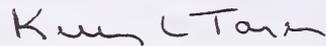
Board Member Mike Higgins thanked Facilities Manager, Bill Taylor, for his work over the last several years in the position—especially during the building expansion project. [Taylor recently resigned from the position.]

Moderator Stephen Taylor reminded the crowd that the Town and School District Elections would take place on Tuesday, March 11. Taylor urged the crowd to write in Jeff Moore for School District Treasurer.

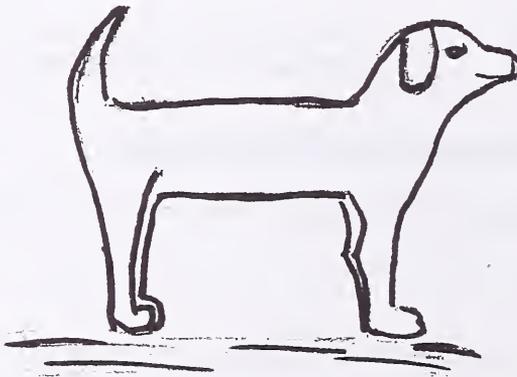
Susan Gregory-Davis gave a special thanks to the Board and Principal for their dedication to the education of Plainfield students.

A motion was made, moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The vote by voice was in the affirmative and it was so declared at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly L. Taylor  
School District Clerk



Molly Fontaine  
Age 11

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Minutes**

**Election Meeting – March 11, 2003**

The election of School District officials took place at the same time and place as the election of Town officials on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden, in said Plainfield. Moderator Stephen Taylor 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):**

Carin Reynolds	149
Judith Houde Hardy	148
Paul Franklin	3
Margaret Drye	2
Rob Drye	2
Sue Liebowitz	2
Daniel Mochinsky	2
Annette Moore	2
Al Backofen	1
Bea Clark	1
Dewey Jones	1
Janice Smarsik	1
Winston Spencer	1
Steve Taylor	1
Brad Thompson	1
Howard Zea	1

**Elected: Carin Reynolds  
Judith Houde Hardy**

**For School District Treasurer (1 Year):**

Jeff Moore	86
Jim Barnicle	2
Carin Reynolds	2
Fred Sweet	2
Bea Clark	1
Jack Clegg	1
Doug Cogan	1

Margaret Drye	1
Don Garfield	1
Stephen Halleran	1
Joyce Lundrigan	1
Diane Rogers	1
Richard Rogers	1
Kelly Taylor	1
Beth Williams	1

**Elected: Jeff Moore**

**For School District Moderator (1 Year):**

Stephen H. Taylor	180
Paul Franklin	1
Brad Thompson	1
Robert Drye	1

**Elected: Stephen H. Taylor**

**For School District Clerk (1 Year):**

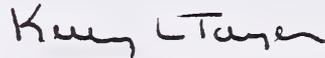
Kelly L. Taylor	178
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**Elected: Kelly L. Taylor**

Kelly Taylor was sworn in by Stephen Taylor during open meeting.  
 Stephen Taylor was sworn in by Kelly Taylor during open meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly L. Taylor  
 Plainfield School District Clerk

Carin Reynolds was sworn in by Stephen Taylor on March 11 after the meeting.  
 Judith Houde Hardy and Jeff Moore were sworn in by Kelly Taylor on March 13.



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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, 2003 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 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 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, 2003, 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.

August 28, 2003

The auditor's report in its entirety is available for viewing in the Superintendent's office.

*Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association*



A		D	G	J	K	L	Q	R
1	Category:	2002/03 AUDITED ACTUAL	2003/04 BUDGET	2003/04 ESTIMATED ACTUAL	2003/04 VARIANCE GOOD/(BAD)	2004/05 PROPOSED	\$\$ Increase or (Decrease) vs. 2003/04	% Increase or (Decrease) vs. 2003/04
39	<b>3 - CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS</b>							
40								
41	Advisors	3,500	7,500	7,500	0	7,800	300	4.00%
42	Coaches	13,500	12,750	12,750	0	13,000	250	1.96%
43	Employee Benefits	0	1,000	1,000	0	1,591	591	59.10%
44	Officials	2,845	4,200	4,160	40	3,500	(700)	(16.67%)
45	Supplies	3,716	4,000	3,929	71	4,000	0	0.00%
46	Dues & Fees	1,179	1,700	1,660	40	1,500	(200)	(11.76%)
47	<b>Total Co-Curricular/Athletics</b>	<b>24,740</b>	<b>31,150</b>	<b>30,999</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>31,391</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>0.77%</b>
48								
49	<b>4 - GUIDANCE</b>							
50								
51	Salaries	47,768	49,418	49,418	0	51,113	1,695	3.43%
52	Employee Benefits	10,690	11,827	11,671	156	12,520	693	5.86%
53	Testing	2,877	2,200	1,996	204	3,000	800	36.36%
54	Supplies	237	500	455	45	500	0	0.00%
55	Books	0	0	0	0	250	250	100.00%
56	<b>Total Guidance</b>	<b>61,572</b>	<b>63,945</b>	<b>63,540</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>67,383</b>	<b>3,438</b>	<b>5.38%</b>
57								
58	<b>5 - HEALTH</b>							
59								
60	Salaries	32,237	34,426	34,426	0	37,831	3,405	9.89%
61	Employee Benefits	14,895	16,556	16,448	108	18,480	1,924	11.62%
62	Supplies	600	650	739	(89)	650	0	0.00%
63	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
64	<b>Total Health</b>	<b>47,732</b>	<b>51,632</b>	<b>51,613</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>56,961</b>	<b>5,329</b>	<b>10.32%</b>
65								
66	<b>6 - STAFF/CURRICULUM DEVEL.</b>							
67								
68	Salaries	3,817	6,000	6,025	(25)	6,000	0	0.00%
69	Staff Development	5,990	10,900	10,873	27	12,075	1,175	10.78%
70	Workshops	3,775	4,000	3,999	1	4,000	0	0.00%
71	<b>Total Staff/Curric Development</b>	<b>13,582</b>	<b>20,900</b>	<b>20,897</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22,075</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>5.62%</b>
72								

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT

	A	D	G	J	K	L	Q	R
1	Category:	2002/03 AUDITED ACTUAL	2003/04 BUDGET	2003/04 ESTIMATED ACTUAL	2003/04 VARIANCE GOOD/(BAD)	2004/05 PROPOSED	\$ Increase or (Decrease) vs. 2003/04	% Increase or (Decrease) vs. 2003/04
2								
3								
73	<b>7 - LIBRARY</b>							
74								
75	Teacher Salaries	30,562	31,628	31,628	0	32,712	1,084	3.43%
76	Ed Assistant Salaries	13,525	14,801	14,257	544	15,335	534	3.61%
77	Employee Benefits	18,391	19,412	19,217	195	21,392	1,980	10.20%
78	Contracted Services	1,018	1,000	969	31	1,260	260	26.00%
79	Supplies	723	800	705	95	800	0	0.00%
80	Books	5,975	6,000	6,019	(19)	6,000	0	0.00%
81	Software	837	850	862	(12)	850	0	0.00%
82	Equipment	1,400	1,000	0	1,000	0	(1,000)	(100.00%)
83	Furniture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
84	<b>Total Library</b>	<b>72,431</b>	<b>75,491</b>	<b>73,657</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>78,349</b>	<b>2,858</b>	<b>3.79%</b>
85								
86	<b>8 - SCHOOL BOARD</b>							
87								
88	School Board Stipends	1,550	2,100	2,100	0	2,100	0	0.00%
89	Treasurer Stipend	300	300	300	0	400	100	33.33%
90	Advertising	2,886	2,500	2,894	(394)	2,750	250	10.00%
91	Board Travel, Meetings, etc	1,744	500	3,088	(2,588)	2,000	1,500	300.00%
92	Criminal Records Checks	0	0	0	0	500	500	100.00%
93	Recording Secretary	360	1,200	1,200	0	1,200	0	0.00%
94	Dues	3,043	4,250	3,884	366	3,500	(750)	(17.65%)
95	Legal Services	3,333	3,500	9,881	(6,381)	3,500	0	0.00%
96	Auditor Services	2,975	4,000	3,000	1,000	4,000	0	0.00%
97	District Meeting Expenses	700	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0	0.00%
98	<b>Total School Board</b>	<b>16,891</b>	<b>19,350</b>	<b>27,347</b>	<b>(7,997)</b>	<b>20,950</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>8.27%</b>
99								
100	<b>9 - SAU OFFICE</b>							
101								
102	Salaries	97,502	104,600	104,150	450	108,458	3,858	3.69%
103	Employee Benefits	7,753	8,525	8,228	297	8,564	39	0.45%
104	Telephone	1,211	1,500	1,334	166	1,500	0	0.00%
105	Supplies	3,601	1,200	1,727	(527)	2,000	800	66.67%
106	Dues, Fees, Meetings, Travel	1,926	1,500	2,145	(645)	2,000	500	33.33%
107	Software	0	0	0	0	4,000	4,000	100.00%
108	<b>Total SAU Office</b>	<b>111,993</b>	<b>117,325</b>	<b>117,584</b>	<b>(259)</b>	<b>126,521</b>	<b>9,196</b>	<b>7.84%</b>
109								

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT**

	A	D	G	J	K	L	Q	R
1	Category:	2002/03	2003/04	2003/04	2003/04	2004/05	\$ Increase or (Decrease) vs. 2003/04	% Increase or (Decrease) vs. 2003/04
2		AUDITED	BUDGET	ESTIMATED	VARIANCE	PROPOSED		
3		ACTUAL		ACTUAL	GOOD/(BAD)			
110	<b>10 - PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE</b>							
111								
112	Administrative Salaries	75,609	78,210	76,980	1,230	79,675	1,465	1.87%
113	Office/Secretarial Salaries	45,537	46,266	45,924	342	48,680	2,414	5.22%
114	Employee Benefits	35,538	37,948	37,329	619	40,990	3,042	8.02%
115	Contracted Services	5,793	9,000	9,456	(456)	7,000	(2,000)	(22.22%)
116	Telephone	4,907	6,000	5,747	253	5,500	(500)	(8.33%)
117	Postage	1,325	900	1,333	(433)	1,500	600	66.67%
118	Printing	1,385	1,500	1,555	(55)	1,500	0	0.00%
119	Travel	740	750	750	0	750	0	0.00%
120	Supplies	2,879	1,200	1,131	69	1,500	300	25.00%
121	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
122	Dues & Fees	1,639	2,000	2,007	(7)	1,800	(200)	(10.00%)
123	<b>Total Principal's Office</b>	<b>175,352</b>	<b>183,774</b>	<b>182,213</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>188,895</b>	<b>5,121</b>	<b>2.79%</b>
124								
125	<b>11 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>							
126								
127	Medical Insurance	278,341	300,677	316,113	(15,436)	350,687	50,010	16.63%
128	Dental Insurance	24,765	23,148	24,768	(1,620)	27,400	4,252	18.37%
129	Life & AD&D Insurance	2,013	2,285	2,876	(591)	3,119	834	36.52%
130	Disability Insurance	8,052	9,234	7,508	1,726	8,145	(1,089)	(11.79%)
131	F.I.C.A.	121,489	129,795	130,711	(916)	140,896	11,101	8.55%
132	Retirement	36,639	37,635	37,604	31	39,879	2,244	5.96%
133	Workers' Comp Insurance	8,938	10,773	5,227	5,546	5,615	(5,158)	(47.88%)
134	Annuities	23,551	34,934	32,124	2,810	40,661	5,727	16.39%
135	Unemployment Comp Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
136	<b>Subtotal Employee Benefits</b>	<b>503,788</b>	<b>548,481</b>	<b>556,930</b>	<b>(8,449)</b>	<b>616,403</b>	<b>67,922</b>	<b>12.38%</b>
137	Transfer to Other Functions	(503,788)	(548,481)	(556,930)	8,449	(616,403)	(67,922)	12.38%
138	Net Total Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
139								

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT**

1	A	D	G	J	K	L	Q	R
2	Category:	2002/03 AUDITED ACTUAL	2003/04 BUDGET	2003/04 ESTIMATED ACTUAL	2003/04 VARIANCE GOOD/(BAD)	2004/05 PROPOSED	\$ Increase or (Decrease) vs. 2003/04	% Increase or (Decrease) vs. 2003/04
3								
140	<b>12 - FEDERAL GRANTS</b>							
141								
142	IDEA (Spec Ed)	37,679	34,460	46,460	(12,000)	34,700	240	0.70%
143	Pre School	2,540	2,540	2,540	0	2,540	0	0.00%
144	Title 2 (Quality Teachers)	8,250	0	4,661	(4,661)	4,600	4,600	100.00%
145	Title 5 (Innovative)	3,859	0	2,139	(2,139)	2,000	2,000	100.00%
146	Title 6 (Safe & Drug Free Schools)	1,366	0	1,901	(1,901)	2,000	2,000	100.00%
147	BEST Schools	3,795	0	5,000	(5,000)	0	0	0.00%
148	Rural Education (REAP) Grant	24,851	0	36,697	(36,697)	35,000	35,000	100.00%
149	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
150	<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>82,350</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>99,398</b>	<b>(62,398)</b>	<b>80,840</b>	<b>43,840</b>	<b>118.49%</b>
151								
152	<b>13 - OPERATION OF BUILDING</b>							
153								
154	Custodial Salaries/Wages	61,915	64,428	64,428	0	67,381	2,953	4.58%
155	Employee Benefits	25,896	29,383	27,890	1,493	31,156	1,773	6.03%
156	Contracted Services	11,012	10,600	10,170	430	14,000	3,400	32.08%
157	Building Repairs	27,378	14,000	14,420	(420)	14,125	125	0.89%
158	Property & Liability Insurance	10,729	13,400	9,903	3,497	11,500	(1,900)	(14.18%)
159	Supplies	10,666	12,000	12,224	(224)	12,500	500	4.17%
160	Electricity	18,037	19,500	18,270	1,230	21,000	1,500	7.69%
161	Fuel Oil	26,899	14,000	15,191	(1,191)	16,000	2,000	14.29%
162	Equipment	2,376	2,300	3,002	(702)	1,200	(1,100)	(47.83%)
163	<b>Total Operation of Building</b>	<b>194,908</b>	<b>179,611</b>	<b>175,497</b>	<b>4,114</b>	<b>188,862</b>	<b>9,251</b>	<b>5.15%</b>
164								
165	<b>14 - TRANSPORTATION</b>							
166								
167	Student Transportation	125,436	126,252	129,767	(3,515)	131,150	4,898	3.88%
168	Special Ed Transportation	543	2,000	2,620	(620)	0	(2,000)	(100.00%)
169	Athletic Trips	3,511	6,000	6,008	(8)	5,000	(1,000)	(16.67%)
170	Field Trips	7,620	10,000	9,930	70	9,000	(1,000)	(10.00%)
171	<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>137,110</b>	<b>144,252</b>	<b>148,325</b>	<b>(4,073)</b>	<b>145,150</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>0.62%</b>
172								

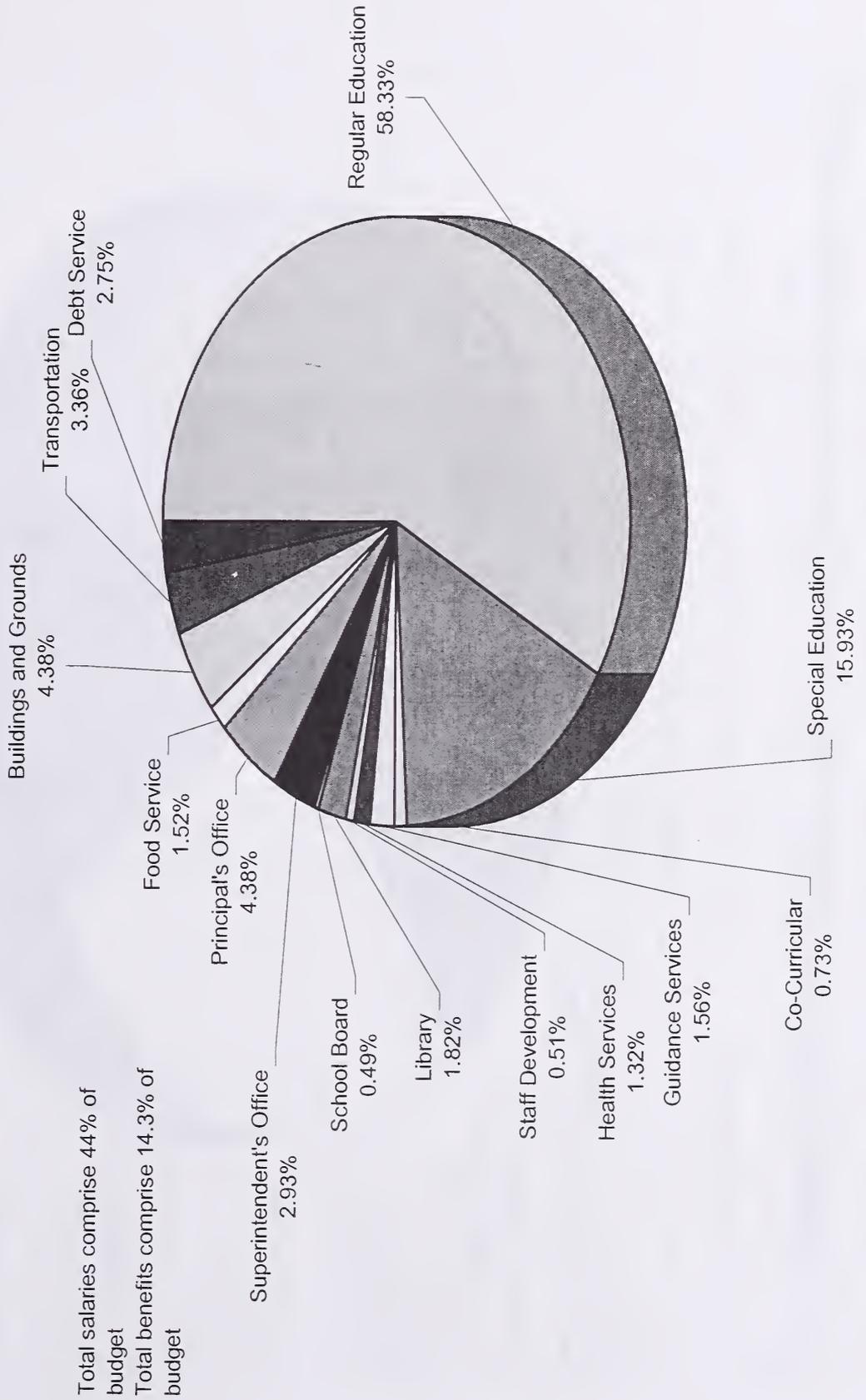
**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT**

	A	D	G	J	K	L	Q	R
1	Category:	2002/03	2003/04	2003/04	2003/04	2004/05	2003/04	% Increase
2		AUDITED	BUDGET	ESTIMATED	VARIANCE	PROPOSED	or (Decrease)	or (Decrease)
3		ACTUAL		ACTUAL	GOOD/(BAD)		vs. 2003/04	vs. 2003/04
173	<b>15- FOOD SERVICES</b>							
174								
175	Salaries	14,743	15,338	13,554	1,784	14,227	(1,111)	(7.24%)
176	Employee Benefits	13,511	14,545	3,926	10,619	1,874	(12,671)	(87.11%)
177	Contracted Services	34,097	40,000	37,575	2,425	40,000	0	0.00%
178	Repairs	0	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0	0.00%
179	Transportation	900	1,000	1,098	(98)	1,000	0	0.00%
180	Supplies	4,915	8,000	6,851	1,149	7,500	(500)	(6.25%)
181	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
182	<b>Total Food Service</b>	<b>68,166</b>	<b>79,883</b>	<b>64,004</b>	<b>15,879</b>	<b>65,601</b>	<b>(14,282)</b>	<b>(17.88%)</b>
183								
184	<b>16 - DEBT SERVICE</b>							
185								
186	Principal	90,000	90,000	90,000	0	90,000	0	0.00%
187	Interest	37,989	33,376	33,376	0	28,764	(4,612)	(13.82%)
188	<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>127,989</b>	<b>123,376</b>	<b>123,376</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>118,764</b>	<b>(4,612)</b>	<b>(3.74%)</b>
189								
190	<b>17 - TRANSFERS</b>							
191								
192	Transfer to Maintenance Trust Fund	20,000	20,000	20,000	0	0	(20,000)	(100.00%)
193	Transfer to Spec Ed/Tuit Trust Fund	20,000	20,000	20,000	0	0	(20,000)	(100.00%)
194	Total Transfers	40,000	40,000	40,000	0	0	(40,000)	(100.00%)
195								
196	<b>SUBTOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,840,209</b>	<b>4,127,703</b>	<b>4,018,327</b>	<b>109,376</b>	<b>4,315,790</b>	<b>188,087</b>	<b>4.56%</b>
197								
198	Plus-Special Warrant Article	0	0	0	0	44,300	44,300	100.00%
203	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES,all Articles</b>	<b>3,840,209</b>	<b>4,127,703</b>	<b>4,018,327</b>	<b>109,376</b>	<b>4,360,090</b>	<b>232,387</b>	<b>5.63%</b>

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE SUMMARY

Description	02-03		03-04		03-04		04-05		03-04 Budget to proposed	
	Actual	Budget	Est. Actual	Budget	Proposed	Est. Actual	Proposed	\$	%	
1100 REGULAR INSTRUCTION	2,179,086	2,464,690	2,291,212	2,464,690	2,517,576	2,291,212	2,517,576	52,886	2.15%	
1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION	486,307	495,324	508,665	495,324	606,471	508,665	606,471	111,147	22.44%	
1400 CO-CURRICULAR	24,740	31,150	30,999	31,150	31,391	30,999	31,391	241	0.77%	
2120 GUIDANCE SERVICES	61,572	63,945	63,540	63,945	67,383	63,540	67,383	3,438	5.38%	
2130 HEALTH SERVICES	47,732	51,632	51,613	51,632	56,961	51,613	56,961	5,329	10.32%	
2210 STAFF/CURR. DEVELOPMENT	13,582	20,900	20,897	20,900	22,075	20,897	22,075	1,175	5.62%	
2220 LIBRARY SERVICES	72,431	75,491	73,657	75,491	78,349	73,657	78,349	2,858	3.79%	
2310 SCHOOL BOARD	16,891	19,350	27,347	19,350	20,950	27,347	20,950	1,600	8.27%	
2320 SUPERINTENDENT SERVICES	111,993	117,325	117,584	117,325	126,521	117,584	126,521	9,196	7.84%	
2400 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	175,352	183,774	182,213	183,774	188,895	182,213	188,895	5,121	2.79%	
2620 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	194,908	179,611	175,497	179,611	188,862	175,497	188,862	9,251	5.15%	
2700 TRANSPORTATION	137,110	144,252	148,325	144,252	145,150	148,325	145,150	898	0.62%	
3100 FOOD SERVICE	68,166	79,883	64,004	79,883	65,601	64,004	65,601	-14,282	-17.88%	
FEDERAL GRANTS	82,350	37,000	99,398	37,000	80,840	99,398	80,840	43,840	118.49%	
DEBT SERVICE	127,989	123,376	123,376	123,376	118,764	123,376	118,764	-4,612	-3.74%	
<b>SUB-TOTALS</b>	<b>3,800,209</b>	<b>4,087,703</b>	<b>3,978,327</b>	<b>4,087,703</b>	<b>4,315,789</b>	<b>3,978,327</b>	<b>4,315,789</b>	<b>228,086</b>	<b>5.58%</b>	
Transfers to Trust Funds	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	0	40,000	0	-40,000	-100.00%	
Special Warrant Article					44,300		44,300			
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,840,209</b>	<b>4,127,703</b>	<b>4,018,327</b>	<b>4,127,703</b>	<b>4,360,090</b>	<b>4,018,327</b>	<b>4,360,090</b>	<b>232,387</b>	<b>5.63%</b>	

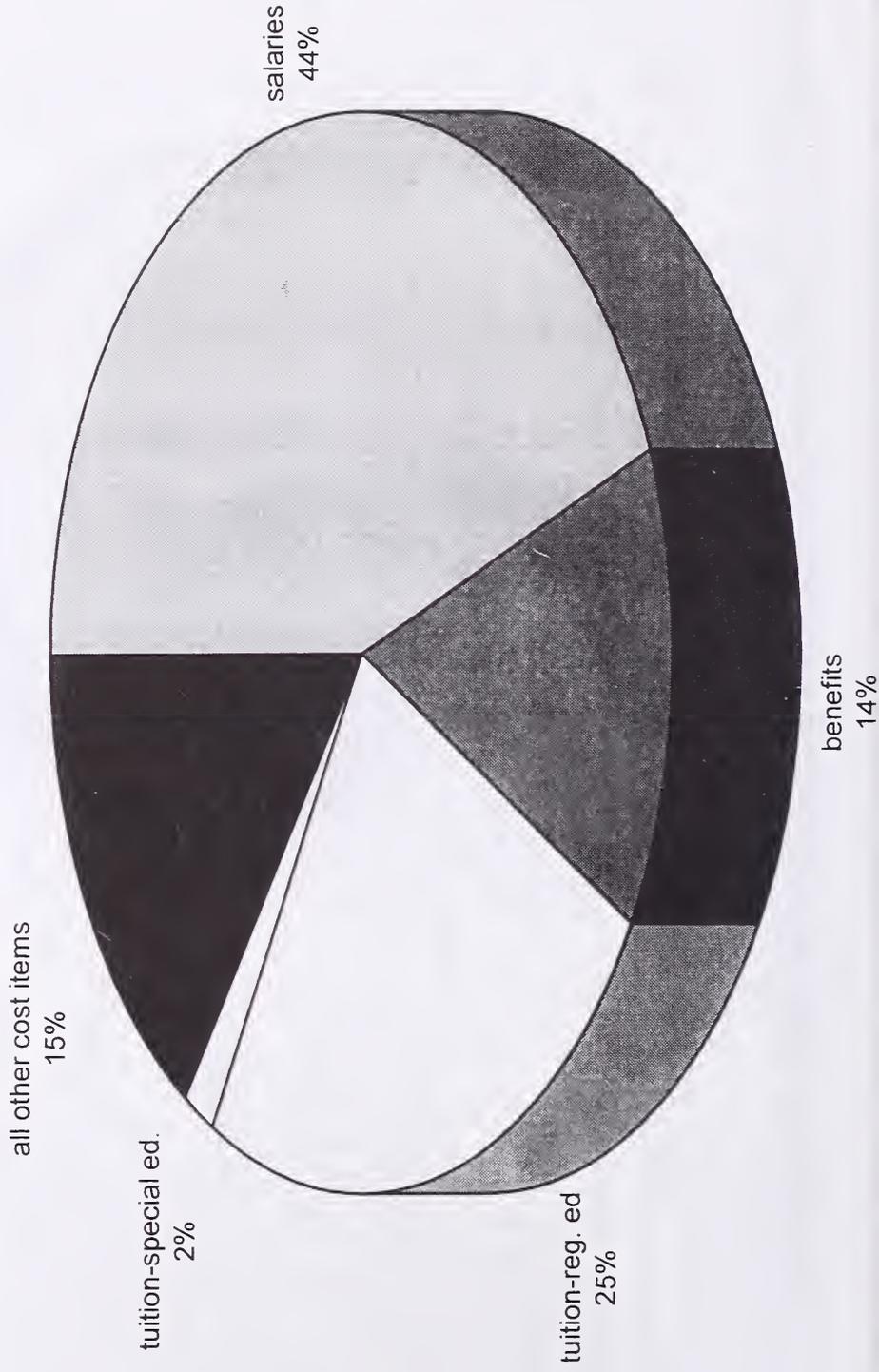
# PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION



Total salaries comprise 44% of budget

Total benefits comprise 14.3% of budget

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT



**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUE REPORT AND OVERALL SUMMARY**

Category:	2002/03 AUDITED ACTUAL	2003/04 REVISED' BUDGET (MS-24)	2003/04 ESTIMATED ACTUAL	2003/04 VARIANCE GOOD/(BAD)	2004/05 PROPOSED
<b>LOCAL SOURCES:</b>					
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	(48,474)	76,156	76,156	0	90,000
Interest Income	1,953	1,000	1,186	186	1,500
Food Service Revenues	39,117	35,000	42,844	7,844	45,000
Tuition Revenues	11,207	0	0	0	0
Transfer from Reserve Funds	20,000	0	0	0	0
Deficit/Supplemental Approp	70,000	0	0	0	0
Other	6,901	0	3,612	3,612	1,000
Total Local	100,704	112,156	123,798	11,642	137,500
<b>STATE SOURCES:</b>					
NH Adequacy Grant	745,037	765,068	765,068	0	633,628
NH Building Aid	29,467	29,467	29,467	0	29,467
Catastrophic Aid	28,192	20,000	20,000	0	16,000
Child Nutrition	1,321	500	503	3	500
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total State	804,017	815,035	815,038	3	679,595
<b>FEDERAL SOURCES:</b>					
Federal Grant Programs	82,350	37,000	99,267	62,267	80,840
Child Nutrition	8,375	8,000	7,698	(302)	8,000
Medicaid	16,916	8,000	9,576	1,576	10,000
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total Federal	107,641	53,000	116,541	63,541	98,840
<b>TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUES</b>	<b>1,012,362</b>	<b>980,191</b>	<b>1,055,377</b>	<b>75,186</b>	<b>915,935</b>
District Assessment - for Operations	2,864,003	3,107,512	3,107,512	0	3,399,855
District Assessment - for Reserve Funds	40,000	40,000	40,000	0	0
Total Property Tax Dollars	2,904,003	3,147,512	3,147,512	0	3,399,855
<b>SUBTOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>3,916,365</b>	<b>4,127,703</b>	<b>4,202,889</b>	<b>75,186</b>	<b>4,315,790</b>
					8.02%
					4.56%

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUE REPORT AND OVERALL SUMMARY**

**NOTE:** These numbers include **only** the main budget warrant article. If the separate spending article for \$44,300 is approved, the estimated District assessment will increase to \$3,444,155 (an increase of 9.42 %).

**SUMMARY:**

TOTAL REVENUES	3,916,365	4,127,703	4,202,889	75,186	4,315,790
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,840,209	4,127,703	4,018,327	109,376	4,315,790
SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)	76,156	0	184,562	184,562	0



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**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL SUMMARY BY FUND**

	GENERAL FUND		SPEC REV FUND		FOOD SVC FUND		TRUST FUNDS		TOTAL	
	03/04 Budget	04/05 Proposed	03/04 Budget	04/05 Proposed	03/04 Budget	04/05 Proposed	03/04 Budget	04/05 Proposed	03/04 Budget	04/05 Proposed
<b>REVENUES:</b>										
Prior Year Surplus Used to Reduce Taxes	76,156	90,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	76,156	90,000
Assessment for Operations	3,107,512	3,399,855	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,107,512	3,399,855
Assessment for Trust Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,000	0	40,000	0
Food Service Sales	0	0	0	0	35,000	45,000	0	0	35,000	45,000
Other	1,000	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
<b>Total Local Sources</b>	<b>3,108,512</b>	<b>3,402,355</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,183,512</b>	<b>3,447,355</b>
Adequacy Aid - (Grant)	765,068	633,628	0	0	0	0	0	0	765,068	633,628
Building Aid	29,467	29,467	0	0	0	0	0	0	29,467	29,467
Food Service Aid	0	0	0	0	500	500	0	0	500	500
Catastrophic Aid	20,000	16,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,000	16,000
<b>Total State</b>	<b>814,535</b>	<b>679,095</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>815,035</b>	<b>679,595</b>
Federal/State Grants	0	0	37,000	80,840	0	0	0	0	37,000	80,840
Food Service Aid	0	0	0	0	8,000	8,000	0	0	8,000	8,000
Medicaid Distribution	8,000	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,000	10,000
<b>Total Federal</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>80,840</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53,000</b>	<b>98,840</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,007,203</b>	<b>4,181,450</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>80,840</b>	<b>43,500</b>	<b>53,500</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,127,703</b>	<b>4,315,790</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>										
Total Instruction	2,991,164	3,155,437	37,000	80,840	0	0	0	0	3,028,164	3,236,277
Total Support	856,280	895,147	0	0	79,883	65,601	0	0	936,163	960,749
Total Debt Service	123,376	118,764	0	0	0	0	0	0	123,376	118,764
Transfer to Food Service	36,383	12,101	0	0	(36,383)	(12,101)	0	0	0	0
Transfer to Trust Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,000	0	40,000	0
	36,383	12,101	0	0	(36,383)	(12,101)	40,000	0	40,000	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,007,203</b>	<b>4,181,450</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>80,840</b>	<b>43,500</b>	<b>53,500</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,127,703</b>	<b>4,315,790</b>

Prior Year Surplus Used to Reduce Taxes

Assessment for Operations

Assessment for Trust Funds

Food Service Sales

Other

**Total Local Sources**

Adequacy Aid - (Grant)

Building Aid

Food Service Aid

Catastrophic Aid

**Total State**

Federal/State Grants

Food Service Aid

Medicaid Distribution

**Total Federal**

**Total Revenues**

**EXPENDITURES:**

Total Instruction

Total Support

Total Debt Service

Transfer to Food Service

Transfer to Trust Funds

**Total Expenditures**

**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		RATE	INTEREST	TOTAL	
		OUTSTANDING	PRINCIPAL			PAYMENT	FISCAL YEAR TOTAL PAYMENT
	2/15/2001				\$ 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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
10	8/15/2010	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	5.200%	\$ 2,210.00	\$	\$ 87,210.00
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$ 875,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 247,193.60</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 1,122,193.60</b>
							<b>\$ 1,122,193.60</b>

TREASURER'S REPORT  
2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR

7/1/02	Balance Mascoma Savings	115.28
7/1/02	Balance NH Public Investment Pool	1,168.05
7/1/02	Subtotal	1,283.33
	Total Expenditures	3,850,809.08
	Total Receipts	3,982,234.15
6/30/03	Balance Mascoma Savings	148.42
6/30/03	Balance NH Public Investment Pool	132,559.98
6/30/03	Total Cash Available	132,708.40

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jeffrey Moore,*  
Treasurer

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 TEACHERS -- 2003/04 SALARY SCHEDULE GRID

Track> Step	Bachelor		Bachelor+15		Bachelor+30/ Masters		Masters+15		Masters+30	
	FTE's	salary	FTE's	salary	FTE's	salary	FTE's	salary	FTE's	salary
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	1.000	28,657		29,632		30,638		31,680
4	1.000	28,735		29,712		30,732		31,766		32,846
5		29,793	0.550	30,805	1.000	31,853		32,935		34,055
6		30,889		31,939		33,025		34,147		35,308
7	1.554	32,026		33,114		34,241		35,403		36,608
8		33,204		34,333	1.000	35,501		36,706		37,955
9	1.000	34,426		35,596	0.600	36,807		38,057		39,351
10		35,693	1.000	36,906	0.550	38,162	1.000	39,457		40,800
11		37,007		38,264		39,566		40,909		42,301
12		38,368		39,672		41,022	1.043	42,415		43,858
13		39,780		41,132	1.000	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
16(LA)	1.000	44,336		45,843	1.000	47,402		49,011	0.631	50,679
17(LB)		46,500	2.000	47,925	5.140	49,418		50,989	6.000	52,613
FTE	4.554		4.550		10.290		2.043		6.631	
#of Staff	5.000		5.000		12.000		2.000		7.000	

28.068 = Total FTE(full time equivalent)

31 = Total Number of Staff (if everyone worked fulltime, this would equal 31 FTE)

## Plainfield School District 2003-2004 Teachers/Professional Staff

Last Name	First Name	Position	Date of Hire	College
Allen	Jean	Teacher-Spanish Grs. 5-8	6/22/00	B.A. Keene State College
Alves	Joycelyn	Teacher, Remedial Reading	8/23/89	Practical Nursing., NH Tech. College; B.A. Vt. College
Beaupre	Donna	Media Generalist	9/1/78	B.Ed. Plymouth State College
Beaupre	Stephen	Teacher-Grs. 7/8	9/1/62	B., Ed., M. Ed., Plymouth State College
Berry	Ann	Teacher-Special Ed.	7/17/00	B.A., Skidmore College; M.S. Ed., So. Illinois Univ.
Cantlin	Mary	Teacher/Technology Coordinator	8/23/92	B.A., Marietta College; M. Ed., Keene State College
Carlson	Michelle	Teacher-Gr.5	8/26/02	B.S., Keene State College
Feid	Brandon	Teacher-P.E./Ath. Coordinator	8/26/02	B.S. Univ. of New Hampshire
Foltyn	Deborah	Speech/Language Pathologist	5/22/00	B.A., Wellesley College; M.A. Univ. of Denver
Heaton	Karen	Nurse/Health Educator	8/25/97	B.S.N., Univ. of Vermont, Health Educator Certification
Heistad	Betty Ann	Teacher-Gr.1	8/26/85	B.A., Univ. of New Hampshire; M. Ed., Antioch
Hills	Frances	Teacher-Gr.4	4/28/80	B.A., Univ. of Vermont; M. Ed., Antioch
Johnson	Brenda	Teacher-Gr.6	2/26/86	B.A., Syracuse University; M. Ed., Antioch
Knight	Laura	Teacher-Gr.1	8/6/84	B.S., Cornell University; M.S., Wheelock College
Lanzim	Katherine	Teacher-Special Ed.	11/1/86	B.A., Newark State College
Lillie	Tori	Teacher-Music	5/7/01	B.A., Ithaca College of Music, NY
Lynd	Betsy Rybeck	Teacher-Gr.2	4/26/83	B.S., Bates College; M.S.T., Antioch
Maslan	Kathleen	Teacher-Gr.2	11/8/99	B.S., Keene State College
McGee	Susan	Teacher-English Grs.7/8	5/22/78	B.A., Univ. of Connecticut
McKernan	Mary	Teacher-Science/Math 7/8	8/26/02	B.S., Keene State College
Mellow	Andrew	Principal	8/30/99	B.S., M. Ed., Univ. of Maine/Orono
Mortimer	Kathryn	Teacher-Art	8/2/99	B.A., Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque
Nichols	Jonni	Teacher-Gr.4	12/6/99	B.S., Keene State College
Oidtmann	Linda	Teacher-Special Ed.	5/22/00	B.Ed., Univ. of British Columbia; M. Ed., Notre Dame College, NH
Perkins	Julie	Teacher-Gr.2	1/2/78	B.S., Castleton State College
Reisch	Denis	Teacher-Gr.7/8	5/27/68	B.A., Univ. of New Hampshire
Sanchirico	Paul	Teacher-Gr.5	8/26/93	B.S., Keene State College
Sheehan	James	Teacher-Gr.6	3/7/94	B.A., Wesleyan College

## Plainfield School District 2003-2004 Teachers/Professional Staff

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Last Name	First Name	Position	Date of Hire	College
Taber	Melinda	Teacher-Gr.3	8/25/97	B.S., Univ. of New Hampshire; M.Ed., UNH
Wetmore	Phyllis	Guidance Counselor	9/3/91	B.A., Morehead State College; M.A., Western Michigan Univ.
Wolkin	Larry	Teacher-Gr.3	8/24/81	B.A., SUNY-Binghamton; M.A., Bank St. College
Woodcock	Mark	Teacher-Kindergarten	8/25/87	B.A., Towson State University

## Plainfield School District

### 2003-2004 Support Staff

Last Name	First Name	Position	Date of Hire	College
Buchholz	Julianne	Educational Assistant	8/26/02	B.A., Hanover College, IN
Chapin	Emily	Educational Assistant	9/8/98	Pierce College for Women
Collins	Lehann	Educational Assistant	8/29/01	Ocean County College, NJ
Daley	Jill Canillas	Educational Assistant	8/25/98	B.A., VT College of Norwich Univ.
Ditchfield	Christine	Educational Assistant	10/15/01	Wardley HS, England
Eaton	Andrea	Educational Assistant	8/26/03	Community College of Vermont
Eleftherakis	Rebecca	Educational Assistant	9/16/02	B.A., Middlebury College
Erdei	Mary	Educational Assistant	11/3/03	B.S., Iowa State University
Fleming	William	Custodian/Bus Driver/Facility Mng	5/3/87	
Goodrow	Fawn	Library Aide	9/11/97	B.S., Merrimack College
Hall	Laurel	Educational Assistant	12/11/02	B.S., Keene State College
Huett	Cynthia	Lunch Program Coordinator	8/19/03	
Hutchins	Bonnie	Secretary to Principal	9/23/02	
Marsh	Michelle	Educational Assistant	8/28/03	Plymouth State College
Milo	Kathy	Educational Assistant	8/29/97	NH Technical College, Claremont, NH
Moore	Annette	School Secretary	8/17/97	B.A., Colby College
Mortillaro	Sandy	Luch Program Coordinator	8/30/99	Pace University, NY
Pitkin	Kristy	Educational Assistant	8/26/03	B.A., Keene State College
Rullo	Dominic	Night Custodian	10/26/98	
Victorino	Richard	Educational Assistant	8/26/03	B.A., Southern NH University
Whitman	Rosemary	Educational Assistant	8/26/03	B.S., University of N. Dakota

# SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

As I sit to write this annual report, I realize what a very busy, challenging and productive year this has been. The scope and diversity of the issues the Board has dealt with over this past year has exceeded those of the past five years. We have worked diligently to responsibly represent you to the best of our ability with regard to issues that come before us, to negotiate two collective bargaining agreements, and to develop a budget and slate of warrant articles which you as a community can support.

Following a retreat and tutorial on strategic planning in September, the Board spent time in October reviewing our Mission Statement, our 2002-2003 School Board goals, and our Best Schools Leadership Institute (BSLI) Action Plan. The Board felt that although we had made progress on a number of our goals, they remain worthwhile goals and renewed the following for 2003 - 2004:

- Review and adopt curriculum as they are completed and presented
- Continue to improve communication with the community
- Initiate and coordinate a strategic planning process
- Support the school's implementation of the BSLI initiative
- Support the school's efforts to improve student outcomes as measured by comprehensive student assessments

In addition, the Board created a list of "needs" which we hoped to address and use to define future Board goals. These included:

- Refine and update the school's Mission Statement
- Give consideration to our facility needs (i.e. the septic system)
- Continue to explore means to communicate with the public
- Improve communication with Lebanon High School

## **Accomplishments toward these goals and needs**

Over the last year, the Board has had the pleasure of adopting a revised Science Curriculum; hearing a presentation on the work that is being done on the Social Studies Curriculum; and reviewing the NHEIAP (mandatory state test) results and our upcoming Special Education Case Study Compliance Review.

Hopefully, most of you are aware of the Community Forum we held in January. The forum was well attended and in many ways, was both the culmination and beginning of an ongoing strategic planning process - a culmination in the sense that our dream of holding such a forum had finally come to fruition, but only the beginning of what we hope will be an ongoing process of engaging the community in long range planning.

In addition to our ongoing responsibilities such as policy review and development; review of our SAU office functions; and the budget process; over the last year Board members have served on the KUA Study Committee, the

Lebanon High School Principal Search Committee and the BSLI Committee.

## **Negotiations**

Through mediation, the Board successfully negotiated an agreement with the Plainfield Educational Association (teachers' union) that achieved several School Board goals and contained its impact on the proposed budget. Raising the base salary, decreasing the step increment and converting the longevity clause for the most senior staff to an indexed step enabled the Board to address issues that have plagued us in negotiations over the last few years in a manner that also keeps our salary scale more in line with other districts in the Upper Valley. Rising insurance premiums pose a significant budgetary challenge for all of us. In an attempt to contain the District's current and long-term cost of this benefit, we negotiated an agreement whereby teachers who choose to remain with a point of service (POS) health insurance coverage - rather than converting to HMO coverage - will be required to assume a greater percentage of their insurance premium.

Likewise, we were able to successfully negotiate an agreement with the Plainfield Support Staff Association (para-professional's union) that addresses our need to keep these salaries competitive and develop a salary scale that recognizes their years of service in our school.

## **AREA Agreement with the Lebanon School District**

Recognizing the impact any fluctuation in the number of students Plainfield tuitioned to Lebanon High School has on our budget (10 unexpected new high school tuitions were the cause of last year's deficit) has encouraged the Board to once again examine the AREA agreement. This remains a work in progress. All districts involved in the agreement have decided to examine possible alternative billing and payment options that would minimize the fluctuations we have experienced in high school tuition costs recently.

## **Budget**

Although we refer to the months of December and January as the time of the year in which we focus on the budget process, the fact of the matter is that monitoring the budget has truly become a year round focus of the Board.

Once again, very few increases have been proposed in next year's budget. Most line item increases are a reflection of inflation (i.e. the cost of heating oil) and our sincere attempt to more accurately project unpredictable expenditures (i.e. use of long term substitutes).

The Board has proposed what it believes is a well-founded initiative to add two paraprofessional to the regular educational programming in the primary grades. While the Board has been supportive of this concept since its inception three years ago, the Board had decided to cut this initiative from the last two budget proposals solely because of the financial burden it would have posed in already

very difficult times. After considerable debate, the Board has decided to bring the proposal forth as separate warrant article this year for two reasons. Previously, increases in other positions (School Nurse and Guidance Counselor) were presented in this manner and it will enable the community to demonstrate its support for this initiative.

The Board would like to acknowledge and thank Dr. William Nugent for his service to the Board and community over the last three year. Bill will be remembered by those of us who had the opportunity to work with him for the reflective and probative manner in which he encouraged us to approach all of our work. I have no doubt that what the Board and Administration has learned from Bill will serve us well in the years to come.

May I remind you that we, the Board, are here to serve and represent you. We are always interested in hearing from you and invite you to all our meetings. In closing, I would like to thank all of you for taking the interest and time to review our reports, ask questions and participate in our District Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
JoElla McCarragher  
Chair

## FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**1 – Surplus** - We expect to end the 2003/04 year with a surplus of about \$190,000, due almost exclusively to savings in the high school tuition account. This is a dramatic reversal from the 2002/03 year, where we were faced with a substantial deficit caused by the arrival of ten unexpected (and unbudgeted) high school students. In budgeting for 2003/04, we assumed that all of last year's 8th graders would be tuitioned to Lebanon High School this year. But a relatively high number of 8th graders enrolled at KUA, and a high number of students moved, or otherwise departed, from Lebanon High School.

**2 – Expenditures** – Proposed expenditures for the 2004/05 year total \$4,315,790, vs. this year's budget of \$4,127,703. In addition, the Board is asking for approval of a separate warrant article totaling \$44,300, for salaries and benefits for two additional educational assistants in the 1st and 2nd grade classrooms. If both articles are approved, total spending next year would be \$4,360,090, or 5.63% more than this year.

HOWEVER, it is important to note that we will now be required to include total estimated federal grant spending in our budget, a requirement that will force us to include \$43,840 more in spending than we included in the current year's budget. Without that change in our accounting/budgeting procedures, the increase in spending would be 4.57% and not the 5.63% mentioned above.

<b>Approved 2003/04 Budget</b>	<b>4,127,703</b>
<i>Increases:</i>	
<i>salary &amp; benefit increases</i>	112,850
<i>2 additional ed ass'ts</i>	44,300
<i>medical insurance inflation</i>	50,010
<i>federal grants (new acctg method)</i>	43,840
<i>special ed tuition</i>	49,000
<i>special ed contracted services</i>	22,060
<i>bus contract</i>	4,900
<i>all other net increases</i>	428
<i>Subtotal increases</i>	327,388
<i>Decreases:</i>	
<i>high school tuition</i>	(55,000)
<i>reserve funds</i>	(40,000)
<i>Subtotal Decreases</i>	(95,000)
<i>Total net increase</i>	232,388
<b>Proposed 2004/05 Budget</b>	<b>4,360,090</b>

### 3 - Revenues --

The most significant change in expected revenues for next year is the NH adequacy funding. Although the NH legislature has not yet finalized any adequacy aid numbers, estimates as of January 30 indicate that Plainfield will receive only \$633,628 next year, or \$131,440 less than this year's funding of \$765,068.

The local tax rate needed to support this budget proposal is estimated to increase to \$17.10 next year, an increase of \$1.12 (7.00%) over this year's rate of \$15.98. IF NH adequacy aid were to remain at the current year's amount, however, we estimate that the tax rate would be only \$16.45, an increase of \$0.47 (2.94%).

Respectfully submitted,  
William Moorman, Finance Director



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Following Dr. Della Badia's retirement, I started on January 2, 2003 as part time Interim Superintendent. As the School Board was in the middle of developing the budget, I focused on that process and the 2003 Annual Meeting, after which I turned my attention to other areas in planning for the 2003-04 school year. This report highlights these areas.

One of the areas of focus was policy development. Reviewing the N.H. School Board Association list of required policies and new state and federal rules and legislation, policies were developed, which we now have adopted, on Student Absences and Excuses, Admission of Homeless Students, Admission of Resident Students, Tobacco Products Ban, Board Meetings and Agenda Preparation and Dissemination. We continue with policy work as we address other issues in the operations of the school.

One of the areas the School Board wished to pursue was a Strategic Plan. I started the planning process with the Board with a retreat facilitated by Dr. Henry LaBranche, Supt. of SAU 57, in Salem, who has worked with the planning process. The Board then followed with two sessions to discuss goals and the next steps. A public forum was held this Jan.24 with over fifty participants. We reflected on the school's mission statement and brought forth ideas for the vision of the school. At this time the results of the forum are being compiled for the Board to consider.

The Special Education Department has been focusing on preparing for a compliance review scheduled for this March. In compliance with state and federal special education laws, a team of visitors representing the NH Department of Education will be working with staff at the Plainfield School to review the services and practices provided to Plainfield students with disabilities. For two days in March this team will collaborate with Plainfield staff to review student's cases, interview parents, students and administrators and observe our practices in action. The resulting report will approve our special education services and make recommendations for improved services.

The Professional Development Committee has been continuing work on a school wide professional development plan. This process will continue through this spring. Federal grants under the new No Child Left Behind Act have provided money to train staff this year in our school. Among

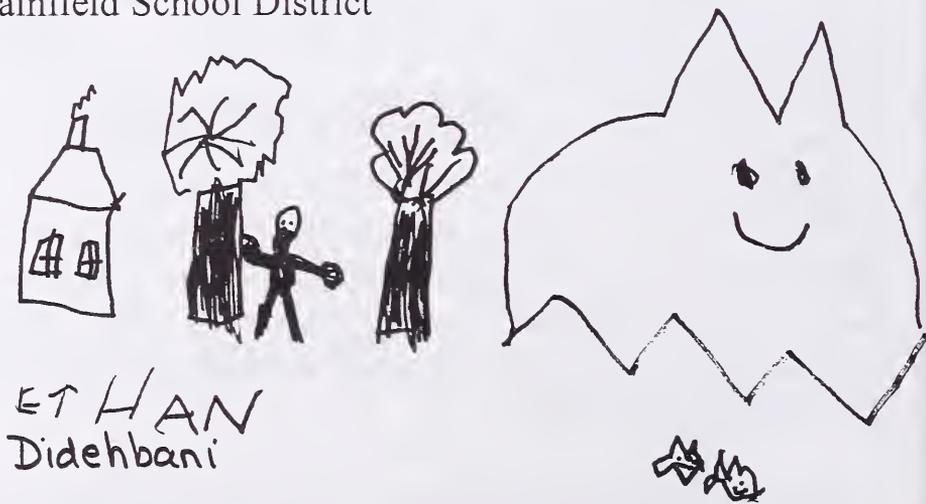
those benefiting from this grant will be our paraeducators who will receive ten hours of training (5 sessions) in various aspects of general and special education. Topics will include understanding various disabilities, individual education plans, behavior issues, and inclusion of children with disabilities in regular classrooms.

From my observation during the year I have been at Plainfield, I believe that the school provides a quality education to the students. This is evident by how well the students do on the State wide testing program and the number of students who are on the high school honor roll. The 2004-05 budget being presented continues to provide for the resources necessary to maintain the quality education that the students and parents have come to expect from their school. You can read about the budget under The Budget Analysis prepared by William Moorman, Finance Director.

To make a school successful it takes the ideas and work of many in various roles. Realizing this I wish to thank parents and community members for their support, which I have seen by the work of the PTA and the many volunteers assisting with classroom and school wide activities. This, along with the work of Principal Mellow and the dedicated Plainfield staff, truly makes for an excellent educational opportunity for the students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell W. Collins  
Superintendent, Plainfield School District  
January 27, 2004



## PRINCIPAL'S STATE OF THE SCHOOL REPORT

This is the time of the year when Americans hear many reports from our National and State leaders. Using the same model I am pleased to report that the State of the Plainfield School is strong. In the following paragraphs I will highlight some of what I see as indications that the Plainfield School is working towards its established mission, and I will identify some of the challenges facing the school in the upcoming months and years.

The foundation of the school has been and continues to be the staff. This past year we had very little turnover in the teaching ranks. Brenda Johnson returned to the sixth grade after taking a one year leave to study and teach in India. Michelle Carlson moved from the sixth grade to teach in the fifth and Jonni Nichols moved from the fifth to fourth grade. Jonni is now in the position that Nancy Robes held for many years. Nancy's presence is still felt in the school and as a way to remember her a memorial garden is being established outside her classroom this year.

The academic success of our students is due in part to a talented group of educational assistants employed at Plainfield. With the increased focus on standards and every student's progress in meeting those standards, the support of paraprofessionals in the classroom is essential. We were fortunate to hire several excellent people last summer. Each of the new people came with teaching experience and/or a bachelor's degree. All have an interest in teaching.

Effective professional development is essential to improving student learning and to continuous improvement in a school. The school has been working with the State to revise their plan for professional development. The Best School leadership team has been working on a performance plan that will combine professional development and evaluation. By the end of this school year a draft of the new combined plan will be complete. The plan will be piloted next school year. As the discussion and work goes on for the new plan, staff continue to pursue professional activities for personal improvement. Activities vary according to each teacher's plan. Activities over the last year included: coursework in using art to foster literacy; a week long seminar on using visual, structural approaches to writing; a conference about how to promote wellness in the school community; and several in depth trips to countries to learn about their culture, geography and way of life. Professional development was not limited to the teachers. With the increased role of the paraprofessional in the classroom, our support staff have begun to attend workshops to learn

strategies and techniques that will support the teachers and students.

Another vital ingredient to an effective school is the curriculum. It needs to be dynamic, up to date, and aligned with State and National standards. Over the past year under the leadership of Ann Berry and a committed team of teachers the science curriculum has been revised and completed. The school's social studies curriculum has been revised and is now in topical form as the result of hard work by Steve Beaupre and his team. Mary Cantlin has worked with her committee and is in the second year of piloting the technology curriculum. With the implementation of the language arts curriculum last year, a new reading program has been implemented in the third and fourth grades. Although a formal evaluation of the program will be done later this year, early indications are that it is comprehensive and easily adaptable for all students. An integral part of a curriculum is evaluation. It is done using a variety of methods. Included are the results of the New Hampshire assessments and the Terra Nova standardized test. Both indicate that our students on average are performing at or above the State and National averages. Our present seventh grade class's mean scaled scores in math, English/language arts, science and social studies were in the top five percent of schools in the state. For the first time we received a breakdown of the State scores for our students at Lebanon High School. We were pleased to see that the mean scaled scores of the students in this year's junior class were above the State average and the average for Lebanon High School. Curriculum work is ongoing and we are in hopes that the unified arts areas (physical education, art and Spanish) will have completed curriculums this year.

Another important facet of a strong school is its connection to the community. The Plainfield School has experienced another year of active community involvement. Last year a parent volunteer coordinator was established. Since the beginning of this school year our coordinator, Stephanie Berman, has signed up over half of the parents in our school of 300 students to assist in some manner. The PTA has been active promoting and supporting programs including babysitting, bike safety, parent-child communication techniques and reading. The PTA has also provided activities to bring families together with a Winter Fest, end of the year barbecue and contra dance. With the help of PTA member, Elizabeth Lurie, the school now proudly displays banners on the front of the school announcing different themes each month. The Plainfield Technology Group is still an important part of the school. This group, made up of parents and community members, are professionals who work in the technology field or have a special interest in computers. The PTG has become our advisers, consultants, technicians and teachers. With their

assistance and guidance we now have high speed INTERNET access throughout the school and the ability to save and back up all files. The school's relationship with Kimball Union Academy remains close. KUA allows our school to use their skating rink and pool. Last spring they worked with us to stage an evacuation to their school grounds. KUA students have volunteered their time in our classrooms. Giving back to the community is a value that we want to instill in all of our students and to that end this year our student council and fifth grade class organized several events to raise money and elicit food items to donate to the needy of our community and neighboring towns. The school's media generalist, Donna Beaupre, organized a special fund raiser that coupled reading with raising money to purchase animals for needy families in Rwanda through the Heifer International organization. Students earned money according to the number of pages they read. The school raised over \$2,000.

A school program is not complete without activities that round out the interests of the students. Our music program continues to grow in the younger grades. This year almost 60 percent of the students in grades four and five are playing an instrument. Our grade three-five chorus has 45 percent of the students participating. Two drama productions are performed each year that involve a large number of students. Our enrichment coordinator, Kathleen Maslan, does a great job of aligning grade levels with special shows at area theaters. The athletic team membership remains strong and our math team is now two teams. Staff, like Jill Daley, have volunteered their time to run special activities like Jill's book club. Parents have also stepped up to run special projects like Allen Reetz who is working with a group of seventh graders on a video production that will show the life at the Plainfield School. Established themes are still used to bring the school together as a community. "Fruits and vegetables week" is popular and "milk week" is always fun.

The strength of our school can also be seen in the planning for the unseen. Schools must plan for the future. In January a forum was held where representatives from all corners of the community came together to look at the school's strengths and areas for growth. As this process develops I am certain a plan will be established that will give us direction. Some of the immediate challenges facing our school are the ever changing learners entering the school, increased enrollment and the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act better known as NCLB. NCLB presents our school with a number of challenges. One is making successful progress called Average Yearly Progress (AYP). This year we met the requirements, but as the law becomes practice, we will be looking more specifically at the amount of progress made by regular education students and at students

with learning disabilities. Another challenge that NCLB gives us is for all of our staff to meet the "highly qualified" designation. In past years teachers were allowed to teach some classes outside their certification areas, but with this law they are not allowed to do that unless they have met the requirements to be "highly qualified." The law allows several ways to meet the designation and gives teachers until the end of the 2005-2006 school year to do so. Over the next year we will be looking at the options and deciding how to fulfill the requirements. It may mean changes in grade level structure or increases in professional development requirements. In September we welcomed over twenty new students to our school. Fortunately we did not experience a large increase at one grade level but we do not know what the future holds and how our student-teacher ratio will be affected. Each year we see children who require new and diverse methods of teaching. Their needs coupled with the pressure that all students will make significant academic progress have made the art of teaching more complicated and stressful. This year I have proposed adding two regular educational aides to assist in the grades that are the most crucial, one and two. I believe that these are the years that are most important and where, with intensive teaching and good assessment, we can make the most difference for future years.

In summation, I again write that the Plainfield School is strong. Thanks to everyone who works so hard to make this a great place for children.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Mellow  
Principal



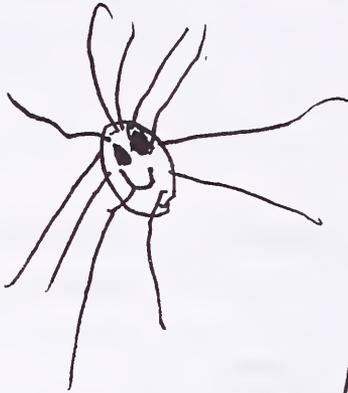
**IDEA & Preschool Entitlement Funds: Application for Plainfield School District.**

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 2005. These funds must be used to supplement our local expenditures. They cannot be used to reduce an amount spent by local funds in a prior fiscal year. During the current fiscal year these funds were used to pay for such services as speech and language services, special education assistants, and training highly qualified staff. 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 2003. Delivery of the services proposed is contingent upon the approval of the application and the actual receipt of funds.



**ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2003**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
K	19	11	30
1	16	18	34
2	21	14	35
3	24	12	36
4	18	18	36
5	15	20	35
6	17	13	30
7	14	14	28
8	<u>22</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>40</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>304</b>
 Total Home Study Students	 1	 4	 <u>5</u>
<b>TOTAL Enrollment with Home Study</b>			<b>309</b>



COLEIN  
PRINCE Age 5 1/2

## LHS TUITION STUDENTS 2002-2003

### Grade 9

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Ethan Archambeault	Brian Gattie	Megan Lemere
Adam Bolduc	Danielle Girouard	Travis Lemere
Ryan Boutin	Ariel Grald	Erik Livingstone
Justin Bradstreet	Aimee Hadlock	Barbara McCarragher
Felicia Campbell	Emily Hegel	Danielle Milo
Corey Cantlin	Ryan Higgins	Scott Moses
Amanda Clark	Kaitlyn Johnson	Kimberly Pierce
Ryan Collins	Bethany Ladd	Bryan Tibbals
Kristin Gallagher	Rebecca Lanzim	Dylan Wood

### Grade 10

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

### Grade 11

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Ryan Adams-Brady	James Johnson	Roger Roberts
Cynthia Angelillo	Jessica Jordan	Katrina Smith
Andrew Banas	Nathan Ladd	Winston Spencer III
Amanda Bolduc	Jonathan Lata	Shelby Stormann
Alyssa Clark	Jennifer Livingstone	Devin Swett
Harrison Currier	Emily Longacre	Amber Torrey
Grant Gordon	Geordie Lynd	Sean Vander Vliet
Kelly Henderson	Cortney Nichols	Courtney Walker
Pamelia Hendrick	Justin Osgood	Craigory Wilbur
Joshua Higgins	Christopher Pelletier	Natasha Wright
Sean Houston	Marissa Raymond	

### Grade 12

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

**PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 2003**

Casey Athanas  
Melissa Balch  
Matthew Cricco  
Richard Dubeau  
Samantha Goodrow  
Rachel Gordon  
Peter Grippi  
Allyson Hawkins  
John Henahan  
Skylar Herbert  
Emily Hohmann

Ryan Houston  
Tarah Kelley  
Noah Rybeck Lynd  
Brian Macie  
Molly McAllister  
Tucker McCarthy  
Trevor McGraw  
Jason McNamara  
Russell Moore  
Kelly Nichols

Jeffrey Patterson, Jr.  
Caitlin Pelletier  
Nathaniel Plummer  
Natalie Ruppertsberger  
Emily Sheehan  
Samantha Smarsik  
Brittany Smith  
Samantha Swett  
Chandra Wolfe  
Isaac Yeaton

**KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY  
CLASS OF 2003**

Troy Beaver  
Samuel Colburn  
Garret Heaton

Benjamin Hegel  
Alexis Liston  
Robert Marrazzo

Matthew Mills  
Melissa Morgan  
Rachael Ouellette

**KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY – 2003-2004**

**Grade 9**

Matthew Cricco  
Samantha Goodrow  
Rachel Gordon

Skylar Herbert  
Trevor McGraw  
Jason McNamara

Allison Moehrke  
Nathaniel Plummer  
Emily Sheehan

**Grade 10**

Tyler Dewdney  
Jeffrey Galvin

Erik Heaton

Nathan McNamara

**Grade 11**

Nicholas Custer  
Thomas DeMasi  
Meredith Forbes

Jeffrey McNamara  
Jarrett Morgan

Alexander Noelle  
Jennifer Woodburn

**Grade 12**

Marissa Ambrosi  
Erin Barnicle  
Nicole Bradstreet

Emily Dewey  
Bryant Harris  
James LeClair

Dylan McGraw  
Patrick Moeller  
Ian O'Reilly

**PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATION AWARDS – JUNE 13, 2003**

Academic Awards

Mathematics  
Social Studies  
English  
Spanish  
Science

Jason McNamara  
Noah Lynd  
Natalie Ruppertsberger  
Natalie Ruppertsberger  
Isaac Yeaton

Garipay – Beaupre Scholar – Athlete Award

Tucker McCarthy

Grobe – Reisch Sportsmanship Award

Samantha Goodrow

Best Female Athlete Award

Allyson Hawkins

Best Male Athlete Award

Nathan Plummer

Citizenship Award (PTA)

Trevor McGraw, Samantha Goodrow

Cory Taber Award

Noah Lynd

Teachers' Award

Caitlin Pelletier

Plainfield Education Association Scholarship Award

Natalie Ruppertsberger

President's Education Awards for Outstanding Academic Excellence

Allyson Hawkins, Noah Lynd, Tucker McCarthy, Trevor McGraw, Jason McNamara,  
Kelly Nichols, Natalie Ruppertsberger, Emily Sheehan, Isaac Yeaton

President's Education Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Caitlin Pelletier, Ryan Houston

The Herbert E. Ward Memorial Essay Contest:

1<sup>st</sup> – Allyson Hawkins – “Social Tolerance”

2<sup>nd</sup> – Natalie Ruppertsberger – “Animal Rights”

3<sup>rd</sup> – Russell Moore – “Protesting the War and Media Control”

4<sup>th</sup> – Emily Sheehan – “Keep Alaska Wild”

5<sup>th</sup> – Noah Lynd – “A Different Kind of American Aggression”

6<sup>th</sup> – Matthew Cricco – “Prostate Cancer”

Hon. Mention: Skylar Herbert – “Colonizing Mars”

Hon. Mention: Tucker McCarthy – “Steroids”

Hon. Mention: Jason McNamara – “Milk Prices”

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON – JUNE 11, 2003**

Presidential Physical Fitness Awards

Allyson Hawkins, Trevor McGraw, Natalie Ruppertsberger

National Physical Fitness Awards

Richard Dubeau, Russell Moore, Nathan Plummer, Emily Sheehan, Samantha Swett

### Art Elective Recognition Awards

Melissa Balch, Rachel Gordon, Peter Grippi, Trevor McCarthy, Jeffrey Patterson, Brittany Smith, Isaac Yeaton

### Music Awards

#### Band Director's Award

Skylar Herbert

#### Band Participation Recognition

Skylar Herbert, Noah Lynd,  
Tucker McCarthy, Caitlin Pelletier

#### Southwest District Festival

Allyson Hawkins, Noah Lynd,  
Russell Moore

### Student Council Award

Matthew Cricco, Trevor McGraw, Isaac Yeaton

### Math Team

Jack Henahan, Noah Lynd, Jason McNamara, Natalie Ruppertsberger, Isaac Yeaton

### Drama Awards

#### Director's Award

Samantha Swett

#### Drama Award in "Snow White"

Molly McAllister, Kelly Nichols

### Solar Car Award

David Dubeau

### Class Awards by Subject:

#### Math Topics

Excellent Effort:

Emily Sheehan

Outstanding Merit:

Jason McNamara

Most Improved:

Tucker McCarthy

#### Pre-Algebra

Excellent Effort:

Ryan Houston

Outstanding Merit:

Kelly Nichols

Most Improved:

Skylar Herbert

#### Math 8

Outstanding Student:

Brian Macie, Caitlin Pelletier,  
Samantha Smarsik

#### Social Studies

Excellent Effort:

8M – Allyson Hawkins, 8R – Isaac Yeaton

Outstanding Merit:

8M – Natalie Ruppertsberger, 8R – Noah Lynd

Most Improved:

8M – Caitlin Pelletier, 8R – Brian Macie

#### English

Excellent Effort:

8M – Tucker McCarthy, 8R – Jason McNamara

Outstanding Merit:

8M – Allyson Hawkins, 8R – Emily Sheehan

Most Improved:

8M – Samantha Smarsik, 8R – Chandra Wolfe

#### Science

Excellent Effort:

8M – Tarrah Kelley, 8R – Kelly Nichols

Outstanding Merit:

8M – Natalie Ruppertsberger, 8R – Isaac Yeaton

Most Improved:

8M – Emily Hohmann, 8R – Samantha Goodrow

<u>Health</u>	Excellent Effort:	8M – Caitlin Pelletier, 8R – Emily Sheehan & Kelly Nichols
	Outstanding Merit:	8M – Natalie Ruppertsberger, 8R – Jason McNamara
	Most Improved:	8M – Jack Henahan, 8R – Brian Macie
<u>Art</u>	Extraordinary Effort:	8M – Jeffrey Patterson, 8R – Isaac Yeaton
	Special Merit:	8M – Natalie Ruppertsberger, 8R – Samantha Swett
	Most Progress:	8M – Caitlin Pelletier, 8R – Richard Dubeau
<u>Spanish</u>	Excellent Effort:	8M – Caitlin Pelletier, 8R – Casey Athanas
	Outstanding Merit:	8M – Tucker McCarthy, 8R – Isaac Yeaton
	Most Improved:	8M – Emily Hohmann, 8R – Brian Macie
<u>PE</u>	Sportsmanship:	8M – Peter Grippi, 8R – Richard Dubeau
	Sportsmanship:	8M – Rachel Gordon, 8R – Casey Athanas
	Best Overall:	8M – Trevor McGraw, 8R – Nathan Plummer
	Best Overall:	8M – Natalie Ruppertsberger, 8R – Emily Sheehan

Most Improved in All Subject Areas: Melissa Balch

Principal's Awards

Casey Athanas, Matthew Cricco, Richard Dubeau, Skylar Herbert, Ryan Houston, Noah Lynd, Trevor McGraw, Tucker McCarthy, Jason McNamara, Russell Moore, Nathan Plummer

High Honor Roll (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimesters): Natalie Ruppertsberger, Isaac Yeaton  
Honor Roll (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimesters): Samantha Goodrow, Jason McNamara, Kelly Nichols, Caitlin Pelletier, Emily Sheehan, Samantha Swett



## LHS HONORS NIGHT

On May 8, 2003, LHS students in grades nine, ten, and eleven were recognized for their academic achievements during 2002-2003. The following are awards presented to Plainfield students.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE - Grade 9 – Corey Cantlin, Danielle Milo; Grade 10 – Kyle Cragin, Nickole Milo; Grade 11 - Grant Gordon

HONORS - student has earned at least a C+ in all courses taken and has received a G.P.A. of 3.0 - Grade 9 – Brian Gattie, Ariel Grald, Emily Hegel, Ryan Higgins, Kaitlyn Johnson, Bryan Tibbals, Dylan Wood; Grade 10 – Mark Adams, Kyle Cragin, Stacy Davis, Jared Lewis, Jeffrey Lewis, Alison Moynihan, Alan Spydell; Grade 11 – Cynthia Angelillo, Amanda Bolduc, Nathan Ladd, Emily Longacre, Geordie Lynd, Shelby Stormann, Amber Torrey, Sean VanderVliet

HIGH HONORS - student has earned at least an A- in all courses taken and a G.P.A. of 3.67 - Grade 9 Bethany Ladd, Barbara McCarragher; Grade 10 - Erika Knight

MATH TEAM AWARDS - Senior Division - Nathan Ladd; Intermediate Division – Erika Knight, Alan Spydell, Dylan Wood, Bethany Ladd, Barbara McCarragher

ART AWARDS – Jen Livingston

LATIN EXAMINATION – Cum Laude – Cynthia Angelillo, Emily Longacre

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP TEST - Top 4% US Juniors - Geordie Lynd



**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 19, 2003.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN RECOGNITION given in recognition of outstanding performance as scholar-athletes– **Megan C. Chapman**

THE ALTON BROWN MEMORIAL AWARD – given to a senior boy or girl selected in recognition of his/her dedicated service to the school – **Jacqueline D. Shibles**

ROBOTICS SCHOLARSHIP –**Richard Cunningham**

R. ALDEN BURT ART AWARD – given to a senior in recognition of his/her achievement in the field of arts and crafts - **Jacqueline D. Shibles**

LEBANON LIONS CLUB AWARD – annual Lions Club scholarship to recognize deserving high school graduates - **Megan C. Chapman**

NANCY MARIE CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – presented to a member of the graduation class by the family of Nancy Marie Clark, Class of 1984 -**Sara J. Wuebben**

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

YOUTH IN ACTION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – given to one or more seniors who best exemplify the spirit of Youth-In-Action by volunteering in their community – **Megan C. Chapman**

SHORES FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FOR CREATIVE ARTS - given to a student pursuing further education in the arts – **Jacqueline D. Shibles**

BEATRICE DOWNS PIERCE SCHOLARSHIPS - **Megan C. Chapman**

## 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.*

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FIRE non-emergency	643-2222
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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
e-mail	plainfield.ofc@valley.net plainfield.ta@valley.net

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

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

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

email: [plfdlib@cyberportal.net](mailto:plfdlib@cyberportal.net)

Meriden Library Hours	Mondays 2:00-8:00 pm
469-3252	Tuesdays 10:00-noon / 2:00-6:00 pm
	Thursdays 10:00-noon / 2:00-6:00 pm
e-mail: <a href="mailto:meriden.library@valley.net">meriden.library@valley.net</a>	Saturdays 10:00-1:00 pm



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