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TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

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*Annual Report*

*A* spring morning at dawn on French's ledges, so named for the Hezekiah French (1744-1832) family. Located in the village of Meriden, standing 1310' high, this rock outcropping has for many years provided the residents of Plainfield with an ideal destination for picnics. Long-range views of nearly 360 degrees are visible from the summit, just one example of the many spots that make Plainfield "Choice White Pines and Good Land" for calling home.

*Photo: Steve Halleran*

# TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

New Hampshire

## Annual Report 2009

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of the  
Officers and Selectmen  
and the  
School District



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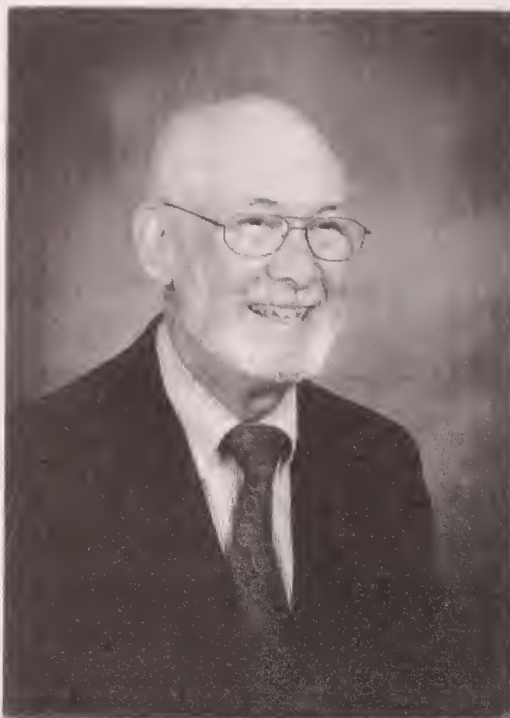
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**G. Gardiner MacLeay, Jr.**

**1926 – 2009**

The annual report of the Town of Plainfield for 2009 is dedicated to the memory of G. Gardiner MacLeay, Jr., store owner, public servant, and lover of family and community. Gardiner and Kay owned and ran MacLeay's General Store in Meriden from 1949 until 1975. His 33 years of public service included the U.S. Air Force in Germany following World War II and the United States Postal Service as clerk and then Postmaster in Meriden for 23 years. He retired from the USPS in 1985. He was a member of the NH League of Postmasters where he served as President and National Northeast Regional Coordinator.

Gardiner was a charter member of the Meriden Volunteer Fire Department where he served in several capacities including as Chief. He was President of the Meriden Fire Association and a NH Fire Warden for over 30 years. He was a charter and life member of the Plainfield Historical Society; a member of the Board of Directors of the Meriden Telephone Company; and an over 50-year member of the Meriden Grange. He was a former President of the Mill Cemetery Association in Meriden and was on the Restoration Committee for the Plainfield and Meriden Town Halls. He and Kay were instrumental in having the Meriden Town Hall placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Gardiner is survived by his wife, two children, four grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. He loved being with his family and attending as many family sporting events as possible.

## TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
<b>MODERATOR</b>	Stephen H. Taylor	2011
<b>ASSIST. MODERATOR</b>	Paul B. Franklin	2010
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	Ruth Ann Wheeler	2010
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	Judith A. Belyea, Chair	2010
	Thomas P. Williams Jr.	2011
	Robert W. Taylor	2012
<b>TREASURER</b>	Fred Sweet	2010
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>	Ruth Ann Wheeler	2010
<b>TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS</b>	Jesse Stalker	2010
	Edward Stansfield	2011
	Donald Garfield	2012
<b>TRUSTEES PR LIBRARY</b>	Anita Brown	2010
	Dennis Girouard	2011
	Bernadina Webber	2012
<b>TRUSTEES MERIDEN LIBRARY</b>	Pam Abrahamson	2010
	Mark Pensgen	2010
	Margaret H. Bonney	2011
	Rachel Stoddard	Resigned
	Joseph Crate	Resigned
<b>SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST</b>	Diane W. Rogers	2010
	Harold L. Jones Jr.	2012
	Donald Jordan	2015
<b>CEMETERY TRUSTEES</b>	Jesse Stalker	2010
	James Taylor	2012
	Bradford Atwater	2011
<b>DEP. TAX COLLECTOR</b>	Michelle Marsh	
<b>DEP. TOWN CLERK</b>	Michelle Marsh	
<b>BALLOT CLERKS</b>	Bette Stockwell	2010
	Susan Timmons	2010
	Annamay Chapman	2010
	Mary Ellen Sullivan	2010
<b>ROAD AGENT</b>	Kenneth Stocker	2010
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	Kenneth Stocker	2010
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>	A. Halton Grindle	2010
<b>ZONING ADMIN.</b>	Stephen Halleran	2010



<b>YIELD TAX AGENT</b>	Judith A. Belyea	2010
<b>WELFARE DIRECTOR</b>	A. Halton Grindle	2010
<b>EMERGENCY MGT.DIR.</b>	James McCarragher	2010
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	Gordon Gillens, Chief	
	Lawrence Dore, Sgt.	
	Paul Roberts, Cprl.	
	Anthony Swett	
	Peter Begin	
	Joshua Alden	
 <b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	Jane Stephenson, Chair	2010
	Ruth Cassedy	2010
	Mike Sutherland	2011
	Allan Ferguson	2011
	Gregory Estey	2012
	Gregory Davini, alt	2010
	Desmond Hudson, alt	2011
	Judith Belyea	Selectman
 <b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>	Richard Colburn,Chair	2010
	William McGonigle,	2011
	Margaret Cassedy	2011
	Edward Moynihan	2012
	Bradford Atwater	2012
	Stephen Sheehan, Alt	2012
 <b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	David Grobe, Chair	2010
	Judith Ptak	2010
	Jeffrey Marsh	2011
	Margaret Gibson	2011
	Judith Hallam,	2012
	Eric Brann	Resigned
	Gordon Wilder	Resigned
 <b>RECREATION</b>	Daniel Cantlin, Chair	
	Martin Morgan	
	Judith Houde-Hardy	
	Todd MacDonald	
	Pamela Lewis	
	David Dupree	
	Jason Huett	

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Scott MacLeay  
Ann Grobe  
Edward Moynihan  
Stephen Beaupre  
Sarah Brooks-Governo  
David Chellis

**UVLSRPC**

Richard Winters  
James Taylor

**MERIDEN FIRE CHIEF  
PLAINFIELD FIRE CHIEF  
FOREST FIRE WARDENS**

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

**SOLID WASTE  
COMMITTEE**

Susan Williams, Chair  
Richard Atkinson  
Hillary Sundell  
William McGonigle  
Betsy Rybeck-Lynd  
Nancy Mogielnicki  
Russell Kelley  
Richard Colburn

**KUA STUDY  
COMMITTEE**

Susan Plummer  
Gordon Defoe  
James Bonney  
Elizabeth Duany  
John Yacavonne  
Robyn Hadlock  
Rob Hewett  
Douglas Cogan-School Board  
Myra Ferguson-School Board  
Stephen Halleran

**CONNECTICUT RIVER  
JOINT COMMISSIONS**

Nancy Franklin  
Robert Kline

**MT ASCUTNEY  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Edward Moynihan  
Stephen Halleran



**TOWN HALL  
COMMITTEE**

Nancy Norwalk  
Beverly Widger  
Brad Atwater  
Pamela Abrahamson  
Nancy Scott  
David Chellis  
Ruth Cassedy

**ENERGY  
COMMITTEE**

Nancy Mogielnicki  
Thom Wolke  
Allan Ferguson  
Robin Larson  
Susan Pullen  
David Taylor  
Mike O'Leary  
Oliver Herfort  
William McGonigle  
Stephen Halleran  
Mary Boyle Cornish Resident

**WARRANT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, SS**

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Tuesday, the 9th day of March next at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

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

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose by ballot: One Treasurer for three years, one Town Clerk for three years, one Tax Collector for three years, one Selectman for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee (west side) for three years, two Library Trustees (east side) one for three years, one for one year, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, one Supervisor of the Checklist for six years and any other necessary town officers.

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

**Amendment #1.** In order to insure a defined process for handling wind powered generating systems (WPGS), the following additions to the town's zoning ordinance are proposed:

**Add** to the list of Special Exceptions in the Village Residential, Rural Residential, Rural Conservation I and Rural Conservation II Zoning Districts **#23 Wind Powered Generating Systems.**

**Add to the zoning ordinance Section 3.17 WINDPOWERED GENERATING SYSTEMS**

The town, through its policies and zoning ordinance in accordance with RSA 672:1 III & 674:62-66, supports and encourages the development of alternative energy systems. However, like telecommunication towers, wind powered generating systems (WPGS) have the potential to impact other properties, including view sheds, because of their height.

Therefore, no building permit for a WPGS shall be issued without the project first having been granted a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and, in the case of projects where a single family house is not the primary use on the property, a site plan review by the Planning Board.

For proposed projects that are governed by RSA 162 H, the town's role in the review process shall be as allowed by the statute.

Since the visual impact of WPGS can transcend town lines, communities that may be visually affected shall be formally notified of applications for WPGS as projects having regional impact.

Projects that are limited to a single generating unit that is in keeping with the established primary use on the property and whose total height is less than or equal to 100' will be granted an expedited review. By example, these applications are not required to provide engineered stamped drawings.

In the case of an application involving more than one generating unit and or a height greater than 100', engineer stamped drawings and specifications are required. In addition, an applicant-funded peer review by a WPGS expert of the town's choosing may be required. The standard used for this review will consist of current industry best management practices. As part of developing the peer review scope of services, the applicant will be provided a copy of the BMP benchmark document to be used.

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

- a. **Setback:** To insure the safety of the general public, the property line setback for any new WPGS that exceeds 35' in height (measured from ground level at the base of the tower to the tip of one of the blades when in the vertical position) shall be a distance equal to 110% of the height of the WPGS. If the fronting street for the project is a designated scenic road the setback shall be 150% of the height of the WPGS.
- b. **Height:** Regardless of the type of mount, WPGS shall not be higher than 30' above the tree canopy height measured from ground level at the base of the tower to the tip of one of the blades when in the vertical position. If an applicant demonstrates that, due to specific site characteristics additional tower height significantly improves the proposed unit(s) performance without adversely impacting the local view shed, an additional 10' of height may be approved by the zoning board.



- c. **Signs:** The tower structure may not be used for any other purpose or to display any signs or banners other than those necessary for safety without specific written approval of the Zoning Board.
- d. **Lighting:** No lighting shall be permitted on towers except as may be specifically required by another governmental agency with jurisdiction, or where deemed necessary by the Zoning Board.
- e. **Sound Level:** The WPGS shall not exceed 60 decibels using the A scale (dBA), as measured at the site property line, except during short-term events such as severe wind storms and utility outages.
- f. **Vibrations:** WPGS units must not cause vibrations through the ground that are perceptible beyond the property line of the parcel on which it is located.
- g. **Reception Interference:** WPGS units shall not cause interference with television, microwave, navigational or radio reception in neighboring areas.
- h. **Visual Analysis:** All WPGS proposals must include a written plan for minimizing the visual impact of the tower, blades and related tower fixtures. Construction materials, colors, and landscaping shall all be addressed. The units must not cause shadow flicker upon any structure on a neighboring property.
- i. **Code Compliance:** All WPGS shall be required to demonstrate that they have been designed and built to satisfy local codes and nationally accepted design standards.
- j. **Blade Clearance:** Minimum clearance from blade tip to ground is twenty (20) feet.
- k. **Guy Wires:** If used to support the tower, these wires must be covered with a high visibility material to height of at least six (6) above the ground.
- l. **Access:** All towers will be fenced, have lowering mechanisms locked, or have bottom steps removed in a manner, which prevents unauthorized access.
- m. **Connections:** When a WPGS is not immediately adjacent to the structure, all power lines, control lines or other connections between the WPGS and any other structure shall be underground.

- n. **Visual Test:** Unless specifically waived by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, all applicants for WPGS will be required to raise a three foot diameter balloon for a period of three days at the maximum height of the proposed facility within 50' of the proposed location. Dates of test will be set by mutual agreement of the applicant and zoning board. A visual simulation of how the tower will look in its surroundings may be used at the discretion of the Zoning Board in lieu of the balloon test. Temporary towers used to position wind data gathering instrumentation may be used, without review, for up to a six month period.
- o. **Decommissioning:** All proposals for WPGS will include provisions to insure that once the facility is no longer in use, it will be completely removed from the site within ninety (90) days. The Selectboard may declare any WPGS which remains unused for more than one year as abandoned and require its immediate removal. The landowner shall be responsible for and guarantee the tower removal. The zoning board may require the applicant to post a bond to cover the decommissioning of the unit(s). Approvals shall run with and place a burden upon the land, which is enforceable by the town. See "Expiration of Permit "(currently section 6.5 of the Zoning Ordinance) for more information.
- p. **Enforcement:** See RSA 676:17.

**Application Requirements:** All applications for WPGS shall include the following items:

- a. Names and addresses of the owners of the property where the WPGS is proposed.
- b. Abutter list.
- c. Written description of the project which includes the specifications of the proposed generating unit (s).
- d. Site map of the property and proposed facility including topography, elevations, access roads and accessory structures.
- e. Average height of vegetation within 100' of the proposed facility.
- f. Visual analysis.
- g. Decommissioning plan.
- h. Hazard mitigation plan, to include fire prevention and security measures to be taken.



**Add** to the Article VIII the following definitions:

**Wind Powered Generator System (WPGS):** A wind energy conversion system which converts wind energy into power. A system includes a tower, pylon, or other structure, including all accessory facilities, on which one or more of the following are mounted:

1. A wind vane, blade or series of wind vanes or blades or other devices mounted on a rotor for the purpose of converting wind into electrical or mechanical energy.
2. A shaft, gear, or belt or coupling device used to connect the rotor to a generator, alternator, or other electrical or mechanical energy-producing device.
3. A generator, alternator or other device used to convert the energy created by the rotation of the rotor into electrical or mechanical energy.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Amendment #2.**

To streamline opportunities for the creation of accessory and rental housing throughout town, the following is proposed:

**Add** to the list of permitted uses in the Rural Residential, Rural Conservation I and Rural Conservation II zones **Accessory Apartment**.

**Remove** from the Rural Residential, Rural Conservation I and Rural Conservation II zones list of possible special exception **#11 Accessory Apartment**.

A similar change was made in 1994 in the Village Residential Zone. Based on the positive experience with that change, the Planning Board is proposing this change to expand housing opportunities throughout the community.

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 \$1,885,544 to defray town charges for the 2010 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

1. Executive	\$163,325
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	8,080
3. Financial Administration	62,100
4. Revaluation of Property	10,000
5. Legal Expenses	10,100
6. Personnel Administration	10,950
7. Planning and Zoning	2,200
8. General Government Buildings	5,850
9. Cemeteries	28,000
10. Insurance	36,030
11. Regional Associations	5,100
12. Police Department	283,439
13. Ambulance Service	30,000
14. Fire Departments -Plainfield	43,000
-Meriden	38,000
15. Building Inspection	6,800
16. Emergency Management	250
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	6,900
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	18,000
19. Highway Administration	23,800
20. Highways and Streets	591,400
21. Road Projects	109,539
22. Street Lights	9,000
23. Solid Waste Collection	150,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal	52,110
25. Health Agencies	20,785
26. Animal Control	500
27. Welfare	6,250
28. Recreation Commission	18,925
29. Libraries - Plainfield	59,608
- Meriden	40,253
30. Patriotic	1,500
31. Conservation Commission	500
32. Principal Long-term debt	25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt	8,250
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,885,544</b>

This budget is exclusive of other warrant articles.  
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$137,500** 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:

\$0	Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.
\$15,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$50,000	Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.
\$60,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.
\$5,000	ADA Access Fund created in 2003

RSA 31:19a funds:

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

The Selectboard is named agents to expend for the bridge fund, the town hall repair fund, the library building repair fund, the revaluation fund and the transportation improvement fund. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$131,000** for the purchase of a new dump truck to be used by the highway department, and to authorize the selectmen to withdraw up to the sum of \$131,000 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 1994 dump truck. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,500** to be used by the town's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee which was appointed at the 2009 town meeting. Said funds to be used for the planning and implementation of the upcoming anniversary celebration. A second appropriation is likely for the 2011 annual meeting. All revenues from the celebration and grants awarded will be returned to the town's general fund to offset the appropriations for this event. The Selectboard recommends this article.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town, pursuant to RSA 41:26-c, will vote to authorize that the office of Town Treasurer be a Selectboard appointed office replacing the current procedure of electing a Town Treasurer every three years.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will, pursuant to RSA 202-A:6, vote to create, beginning in 2011, a unified library department for the town by merging the two existing boards of trustees. The resulting library department shall be administered by a library board of five members each to serve three-year terms; and further, to



authorize and instruct the Selectboard and the existing trustees to take all necessary action to achieve the purpose of this article.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,800** to upgrade the Librarian/Director's part-time position at the Philip Read Memorial Library to a full-time position. This upgrade is necessitated by the need to manage growth brought on by the increasing library services and demand. This change will allow the library to be open to the public an additional 9 hours per week. This amount represents the cost of increased salary and the addition of a benefits package from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 through December 31, 2010, after which, if approved, subsequent years will be funded through the library's regular operating budget. The cost of a full year of these additional hours and benefits at 2010 rates is \$20,565. This article is by request and is recommended by the Philip Read Memorial Library Trustees. The Selectboard does not recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 10.** 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 11.** 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 12.** 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 13.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President. Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage". Article by petition.

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

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

**A True Copy Attest:**

*Judith A. Belyea*  
*Thomas P. Williams Jr.*  
*Robert W. Taylor*  
Plainfield Selectboard

### **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

We, the undersigned Selectmen of Plainfield, so hereby certify that on the 17th day of February in the year 2010, we posted a true attested copy of the within warrant at the Plainfield School, it being the place of meeting, and a like true and attested copy of said warrant at the Meriden Town Hall and the Plainfield Town Hall, said locations being public places in the Town of Plainfield.

*Judith A. Belyea*

*Thomas P. Williams*

*Robert W. Taylor.*

**PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD**

Personally appeared before me, the above names Judith A. Belyea, Thomas P. Williams Jr. and Robert W. Taylor, the Selectmen of Plainfield and took oath the foregoing statement is true.

Before me,

*Ruth Ann Wheeler*

Notary Public

My Commission expires June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.



# BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

## Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010

EXPENDITURES Item	2009 Approved	2009 Expenditures	2010 Request	Dollar Change
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
Executive	\$146,110	\$137,045	\$163,325	\$17,215
Election/Registration	\$5,330	\$6,533	\$8,080	\$2,750
Financial Administration	\$62,800	\$60,921	\$62,100	(\$700)
Revaluation of Property	\$10,000	\$10,675	\$10,000	\$0
Legal Expense	\$10,100	\$10,875	\$10,100	\$0
Personnel Administration	\$8,500	\$14,800	\$10,950	\$2,450
Planning and Zoning	\$3,200	\$2,015	\$2,200	(\$1,000)
General Government Buildings	\$6,750	\$5,449	\$5,850	(\$900)
Cemeteries	\$31,000	\$30,039	\$28,000	(\$3,000)
Insurances	\$39,600	\$38,215	\$36,030	(\$3,570)
Regional Associations	\$6,600	\$4,761	\$5,100	(\$1,500)
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
Police	\$268,291	\$267,154	\$283,439	\$15,148
Ambulance	\$29,000	\$24,326	\$30,000	\$1,000
Fire-Plainfield	\$39,000	\$39,000	\$43,000	\$4,000
Fire-Meriden	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$0
Building Inspection	\$8,800	\$6,974	\$6,800	(\$2,000)
Emergency Management	\$250	\$5,000	\$250	\$0
Hydrant Rentals/FFT	\$6,900	\$5,686	\$6,900	\$0
Dispatch Service	\$16,500	\$17,656	\$18,000	\$1,500
<b>HIGHWAYS, STREETS &amp; BRIDGES</b>				
Highway Administration	\$20,900	\$23,105	\$23,800	\$2,900
Highway and Streets	\$600,059	\$544,008	\$591,400	(\$8,659)
Road Projects	\$104,966	\$51,607	\$109,539	\$4,573
Street Lights	\$9,000	\$8,549	\$9,000	\$0
<b>SANITATION</b>				
Solid Waste Collection	\$140,500	\$150,932	\$150,000	\$9,500
Solid Waste Disposal	\$55,610	\$55,132	\$52,110	(\$3,500)
<b>Health</b>				\$0
Health Department	\$20,785	\$19,933	\$20,785	\$0
Animal Control	\$750	\$34	\$500	(\$250)
<b>WELFARE</b>				
General Assistance	\$8,223	\$4,699	\$6,250	(\$1,973)

**BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010**

(Continued)

<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>\$Change</b>
Recreation Commission	\$21,815	\$17,424	\$18,925	(\$2,890)
Library-Plainfield	\$56,330	\$56,330	\$59,608	\$3,278
Library-Meriden	\$34,581	\$34,581	\$40,253	\$5,672
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,500	\$1,527	\$1,500	\$0
Conservation Commission	\$500	\$600	\$500	\$0
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
Principal Long-term debt	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Interest Long-term debt	\$9,250	\$9,230	\$8,250	(\$1,000)
Interest T.A.N Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$1,846,500</b>	<b>\$1,727,815</b>	<b>\$1,885,544</b>	<b>\$39,044</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Request</b>	
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>				
Hwy Transportation Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	
Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Bridge Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	
Revaluation Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	
Town Hall Repair Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Library Repair Fund	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	
ADA Access Fund	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	
Hwy Equipment Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$131,000	
Celebration Committee	\$0	\$0	\$3,500	
Philip Read Library Article	\$0	\$0	\$16,800	
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$127,500</b>	<b>\$127,500</b>	<b>\$288,800</b>	<b>\$161,300</b>
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,974,000</b>	<b>\$1,855,315</b>	<b>\$2,174,344</b>	<b>\$200,344</b>



# BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

## Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010

(Continued)

REVENUES Item	2009 Anticipated	2009 Received	2010 Anticipated
<b>TAXES</b>			
Land Use Change Tax (1/2)	\$15,790	\$15,790	\$4,825
Yield Taxes	\$12,000	\$14,891	\$12,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Interest & Penalties	\$55,000	\$47,433	\$50,000
Excavations	\$100	\$45	\$75
<b>LICENSES AND PERMITS</b>			
Licenses & Fees	\$7,500	\$9,633	\$10,000
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$432,000	\$411,984	\$432,000
Trash User Fees	\$95,000	\$89,812	\$90,000
<b>STATE REVENUE</b>			
Shared Revenue	\$108,023	\$108,023	\$108,023
Highway Block Grant	\$104,966	\$104,965	\$109,539
State Reimbursements	\$178	\$0	\$200
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICE</b>			
Income from Departments	\$30,000	\$34,076	\$40,000
Reimbursements	\$2,500	\$1,184	\$2,500
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>			
Sale of Town Property	\$10,000	\$9,260	\$21,500
Interest on Deposits	\$15,000	\$5,618	\$8,000
FEMA Ice Storm Assistance	\$0	\$15,433	\$0
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			
Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0	\$131,000
Trust Funds	\$13,000	\$12,477	\$13,000
<b>BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$902,057</b>	<b>\$881,624</b>	<b>\$1,033,662</b>
<b>NET APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,071,943</b>	<b>\$973,691</b>	<b>\$1,140,682</b>
Change in dollars from taxation:			\$68,739.00
Projected tax rate impact			\$0.25



**Town Meeting March 10, 2009  
Plainfield, New Hampshire**

The annual meeting for the Town of Plainfield was held at the Plainfield School Gymnasium on Bonner Road on March 10, 2009. Stephen H. Taylor opened the meeting at 8:05 a.m. with the reading of Article I. The balance of the warrant will be read on Saturday March 14, 2009.

Total Number on Checklist: 1682  
Total Number of ballots cast: 443  
Percentage voting: 26%

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

**Supervisor of Checklist for Six Years:**

Harold "Dewey" L. Jones Jr. had 413 votes

Write-ins:

Jesse Stalker 1  
Diane Rogers 1  
Dennis Gerard 1

**Harold "Dewey" L. Jones Jr. was declared elected.**

**Selectman for three years:**

Robert W. Taylor had 409 votes

Write-ins:

Brad Atwater 1  
Gordon Wilder 3  
Mark Wilder 2  
Diane Rogers 1

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

**Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years:**

Donald E. Garfield had 415 votes

Write-ins:

Fern Wilder 1

Debbie Beaupre 1

**Donald E. Garfield was declared elected.**

**Cemetery Trustee for Three Years:**

James L. Taylor had 407 votes

Write-ins:

The following had one vote: John Woodley, Diane Rogers, Gordon Wilder,  
Tom McNamara,

Howard Zea

**James L. Taylor was declared elected.**

**Library Trustee for Three Years-West Part of Town**

Bernadina Webber had 387 votes

Write-ins:

Diane Rogers 1

Katy Sheehan 1

Margaret Drye 2

**Bernadina Webber was declared elected.**

**Library Trustee for Three Years-East Part of Town**

Margaret "Leeli" H. Bonney had 391

The following received each vote: Holly Braswell, Amy Lappin, Susan Turner,  
Carl Strong,

Roanne Rogerson, Judy Hallam, Jim Taylor

Margaret "Leeli" H. Bonney was declared elected.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, the moderator re-opened the meeting at 10:06.

Rev. Harold "Dewey" Jones gave an invocation. The assembly saluted  
the flag and were lead in the singing of America the Beautiful led by Alice  
Jordan.

Ruth Ann Wheeler moved to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant,  
seconded by Howard Zea.



**ARTICLE 2.** A motion was made by Stephen Halleran to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,846,500 to defray town charges for the 2009 fiscal year. Judith Belyea seconded the motion.

1. Executive	\$146,110
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	5,330
3. Financial Administration	62,800
4. Revaluation of Property	10,000
5. Legal Expenses	10,100
6. Personnel Administration	8,500
7. Planning and Zoning	3,200
8. General Government Buildings	6,750
9. Cemeteries	31,000
10. Insurance	39,600
11. Regional Associations	6,600
12. Police Department	268,291
13. Ambulance Service	29,000
14. Fire Departments -Plainfield	39,000
-Meriden	38,000
15. Building Inspection	8,800
16. Emergency Management	250
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	6,900
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	16,500
19. Highway Administration	20,900
20. Highways and Streets	600,059
21. Road Projects	104,966
22. Street Lights	9,000
23. Solid Waste Collection	140,500
24. Solid Waste Disposal	55,610
25. Health Agencies	20,785
26. Animal Control	750
27. Welfare	8,223
28. Recreation Commission	21,815
29. Libraries - Plainfield	56,330
- Meriden	34,581
30. Patriotic	1,500
31. Conservation Commission	500
32. Principal Long-term debt	25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt	9,250
Total:	\$ 1,846,500

Halleran explained that this is a level funded budget and the total to be raised is the same as 2008. The Town was able to complete many projects last year

including the Service Memorial (with donated funds); the assessment update required by the State on a five year basis; Phase I of the Willow Brook project; purchase of the land on School Street; updating of the street lights resulting in more efficient lighting; and the propane generator for the town office.

The budget for 2009 will result in a 0% increase for the town. There are no wage increases for any employees.

The Selectmen had a good meeting with a delegation from Sullivan County to discuss the county deficits. The county representatives are working hard to address the budget shortfalls and to correct the mismanagement of the Sullivan County nursing home, which brought about the present problems.

The Selectmen have decided to continue working on Willow Brook Road with existing funds. Applications have been made for a second Hazardous Mitigation grant.

With the help of Chris Rollins, the town has been able for a small sum of money to connect to Internet programs and provide the Planning and Zoning boards with map data that will reflect topography, wetlands, etc.

\$274,000 in monies appropriated results in \$1.00 on the tax rate. With the present economy, the town does not anticipate any growth in the grand list.

Halleran thanked the town employees for their support and the finance committee for their input.

Sandra Stettenheim asked the impact of the State retirement fund deficits and the State budget problems.

Halleran said that we don't have that many employees that would be impacted by the retirement funds increases and that the State has reversed its plan to cut the revenues that will be coming to towns.

**A paper ballot vote was taken:**

**Yes 161**  
**No 10**

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

**ARTICLE 3.** Robert Taylor offered the following motion: that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$127,500 to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows: Seconded by Judy Belyea

RSA 35:1 funds:

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

RSA 31:19a funds:

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

\$2,500

Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

Taylor explained that the Selectmen felt the fiscal health of the town benefits by continuing to add to these funds.

**A paper ballot vote was taken:**

**Yes 156**

**No 8**

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

Paul Franklin, moderator pro-tem took the gavel for Article 4.

**ARTICLE 4. Judith Belyea offered the following:** To see if the town, pursuant to RSA 35:16-a will vote to discontinue the following capital reserve funds; any balance in said funds along with accumulated interest to be transferred to the town's general fund: Seconded by Halleran.

Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created in 1990.

Town Hall Renovations Fund created in 1994

The Selectmen choose to keep the ADA Access fund, as it will be needed as they work with the Meriden library to make it ADA accessible.

Mark Wilder asked the need for the fund for future police cruisers.

Halleran explained that this sum is now included yearly in the police budget.

**A voice vote was taken. The ayes were unanimous and it was declared a vote in the affirmative.**

The gavel returned to Moderator Taylor.

**ARTICLE 5. David Grobe offered the following resolution: That the town vote to adopt** the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property? (Article by request of the Conservation Commission) Seconded by Stephen Halleran

Grobe explained that this article and the following one were created by the State legislature to clarify the right of the Conservation Commission to expend funds when it seemed prudent.



The wording of the article and intent of the article was discussed intensively. There were concerns about the expenditure of funds for projects not contained within Plainfield; what are qualifying organizations and whether the town would have any interest after the expenditure of funds.

Many felt that the gist of the article was to enable the Commission to help with projects that would protect development rights or protect lands where the landowner might not have funds to do it alone or to contribute to an organization that was working with a landowner.

Grobe explained that no funds would ever be dispensed without a public hearing.

**A paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes 115**

**No 58**

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

**ARTICLE 6. David Grobe offered the following resolution:** That the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(a) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body? (Article by request of the Conservation Commission) Seconded by Stephen Halleran

**A paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes 118**

**No 55**

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

**ARTICLE 7.** Stephen Halleran offered the following resolution: To see if the town will vote to increase the real estate exemption on dormitories, dining rooms, and kitchens of Kimball Union Academy above the required \$150,000 as allowed in RSA 72:23, to one hundred (100) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion. Seconded by Judy Belyea.

Halleran explained the historical aspects of the motion. Passage would decrease Kimball Union taxes by approximately \$157,000 or .60 on the tax rate.

**A paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes 99**

**No 68**

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

**ARTICLE 8. Thomas P. Williams Jr. offered the following resolution:** To see if the town will direct the selectmen to appoint, within 60 days of town meeting, a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including any agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting. Seconded by Stephen Halleran.

A request was made that the committee be move evenly balanced in the future.

**A voice vote was taken and the ayes were unanimous.**

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

**ARTICLE 9. Gordon Wilder offered the following resolution and moved that it be adopted: Resolved that the Town shall vote to direct the Selectboard as follows:** “Recognizing the Town of Plainfield and Selectmen’s responsibilities and obligations of assessing property for taxation purposes and maintaining property tax and assessment information, inventories and records for real property in the Town of Plainfield, New Hampshire, shall the Town of Plainfield, its Selectmen, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors be restricted and precluded from taking, copying, utilizing, maintaining, receiving or sharing any photograph of any residence, dwelling, structure or building located within the Town of Plainfield and using, including, incorporating or allowing to be used such photograph in or when compiling, preserving and/or maintaining property tax and/or assessment information, inventories, data, records, and/or tax cards?” Seconded by Robert LaFlam

Wilder explained that he felt that the photos that the town currently maintains on its tax cards present an invasion of privacy, and create a potential security problem for homeowners. This article would direct the Selectmen to remove all photos.

Discussion of the pros and cons of the photos ensued.

**A paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes 37**  
**No 110**

**It was a vote in the negative and the resolution was declared lost.**

Gavel-Paul Franklin

**ARTICLE 10. William McGonigle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:** To see if the town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund



pursuant to RSA 31:19-a. The fund is to be called the "Town Property Beautification, Operation and Maintenance Fund" and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend for the fund. Further, to direct the Selectmen to appoint a committee to make recommendations on appropriate expenditures, to educate the town about the fund, and to coordinate activities for town fund raising. Seconded by Judith Belyea.

McGonigle explained that there are many projects within a community that could be funded with private funds rather than going to town meeting and asking that these projects be funded through taxes. This fund could accept private funds that could accumulate to pay for these projects. The purpose of the committee would be to raise funds and identify projects. A good example of a project privately funded is the Ira & Sara Townsend bridge at the school.

Any funds collected in 2009 would be approved at the 2010 town meeting.

**A voice vote was taken and the ayes were unanimous.**

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

**ARTICLE 11. Judith Belyea offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:** To see if the town will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield voters to advise the Selectmen and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town. Seconded by Halleran.

Moderator Taylor said that the finance committee was first formed in 1931.

**A voice vote was taken and the ayes were unanimous.**

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

**ARTICLE 12. Robert Taylor offered the following resolution:** To see if the town will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a committee of not more than 10 persons to make plans for the observance in 2011 of the 250th anniversary of the chartering of the town, said committee to report with recommendations at the 2010 annual meeting. Moderator Taylor said that this will be an important occasion for the town and it was important to begin planning for a great celebration.

**A voice vote was taken and the ayes were unanimous.**

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

**ARTICLE 13. Thomas P. Williams Jr. offered the following resolution:** To accept the reports of town officers as printed in the annual report subject to corrections. A certified copy to be kept on file by the Town Clerk.

**A voice was taken and the ayes were unanimous.**

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



**ARTICLE 14.** Moderator Taylor swore in the following elected officials:

Robert W. Taylor	Selectman
Harold “Dewey” Jones	Supervisor of Checklist
Margaret “Leeli” Bonney	Library Trustee-East side
Bernadina Webber	Library Trustee- West side
Donald Garfield	Trustee of Trust Funds

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth Ann Wheeler*  
Town Clerk

### **Ongoing Authorities Granted By Previous Annual Meetings**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Ongoing Authorities  
Granted By Previous Annual Meetings**  
(Continued)

Further the Selectboard is named agents to expend for seven funds:  
 The Library Building Repair Fund created in 1992.  
 The Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.  
 Town Hall Repair Fund created in 1996.  
 Town Revaluation Fund created in 1993, authority 2002.  
 Town Building ADA Access Fund created in 2003, authority 2003.  
 Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006, authority 2008  
 Townsend Bridge Fund created in 2006, authority 2006.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cash On hand, January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2009	
Cash-checking	\$ 254,737
Cash-Investments	\$2,252,978
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,507,715</b>
Receipts during the fiscal year	\$3,989,635
<b>Total available</b>	<b>\$6,497,350</b>
Less selectmen's orders	\$4,327,227
<b>Cash On Hand, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009</b>	<b>\$2,170,123</b>
Cash-Checking	\$1,400,158
Cash-Investments	\$769,965

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Fred Sweet*, Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2009**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Executive.....	\$ 146,110
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics.....	5,330
Financial Administration.....	62,800
Revaluation of Property .....	10,000
Legal Expense .....	10,100
Personnel Administration.....	8,500
Planning and Zoning .....	3,200
General Government Buildings.....	6,750
Cemeteries.....	31,000
Insurances.....	39,600
Advertising and Regional Expense .....	6,600

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Police Department.....	268,291
Ambulance .....	29,000
Fire Protection.....	77,000
Emergency Management.....	250
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense .....	23,400
Building Inspection .....	8,800

**HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES**

Highways and Streets .....	600,059
Road Projects .....	104,966
Street Lights .....	9,000

**SANITATION**

Garbage Collection.....	140,500
Solid Waste Disposal .....	55,610

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Health Department .....	20,785
Pest Control.....	750

**WELFARE**

Welfare Department.....	8,223
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**CULTURE AND RECREATION**

Recreation Commission .....	21,815
Libraries .....	90,911
Patriotic .....	1,500
Conservation Commission .....	500

**DEBT SERVICE**

Principal on Long-term debts.....	25,000
Interest on Long-term debts .....	9,250

**OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL..... \$1,846,500**

**OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT**

Article 3 Transportation Improvement Fund.....	\$50,000
Article 3 Highway Vehicle Fund .....	50,000
Article 3 Highway Bridge Fund .....	10,000
Article 3 Revaluation Fund .....	10,000



**OPERATING TRANSFERS TO TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS**

Article 3 Town Hall Repair Fund..... 5,000  
Article 3 Library Repair Fund..... 2,500

**CAPITAL OUTLAY TOTAL..... \$127,500**

**OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL..... \$1, 846,500**

**TOTAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS ..... \$1,974,000**



**Photo Melissa Longacre**

**2009 Turkey Trot  
Mindy Tabor took home the pie!**

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved .....	\$90,590,509
Buildings .....	187,458,100
Public Utilities.....	7,036,400
<b>Total value before exemptions .....</b>	<b>\$285,085,009</b>

Blind Exemption .....	0
Elderly Exemption .....	1,379,100
Total and Permanently Disabled Exemption.....	164,100
Solar Energy Exemption .....	89,500
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (town vote).....	7,131,998
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (state law).....	150,000
<b>Total exemptions allowed .....</b>	<b>\$8,914,698</b>

<b>Net value used for local tax rate.....</b>	<b>\$276,170,311</b>
<b>Net value used for state education rate .....</b>	<b>\$269,133,911</b>

### Electric Utility Property detail

Granite State Electric.....	\$2,051,400
New England Power Company .....	\$2,620,700
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative .....	\$1,453,800
Public Service of NH.....	\$900,300
TransCanada.....	\$10,200

## WAR SERVICE CREDITS

Total and Permanently Disabled Veterans .....	\$4,200
Standard Exemptions (\$150/veteran) .....	17,700
<b>Total war service credits.....</b>	<b>\$21,900</b>

## CURRENT USE REPORT

Land Categories	Acres
Farm Land .....	2,890
Forest Land.....	23,512
Unproductive Land.....	1,476
<b>Total acres in current use (includes conservation restrictions) .....</b>	<b>27,878</b>

## TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation		\$1,974,000
Total Revenues and Credits	less	902,057
Share Revenues	less	0
Overlay	add	80,000
War Service Credits	add	21,900
<b>A) Net Town Appropriation</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>1,173,843</b>
Net Local School Budget		4953011
Adequate Education Grant	less	835,638
State Education Taxes	less	588,224
<b>B) Approved Local School Assessment</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>3,528,849</b>
<b>C) Approved State Education Assessment</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>588,524</b>
<b>D) Approved County Tax Assessment</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>770,062</b>
<b>Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>\$6,061,278</b>

## TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property Taxes to be Raised	\$6,6061,278
Less War Service Credits	21,900
<b>Total Property Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$6,039,378</b>

## TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	3.80	4.24
County	2.55	2.79
Local School	13.40	12.78
State School	2.25	2.19
Combined tax rate	<b>\$22.00</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>
Net value on which local tax rates are computed	\$274,052,161	\$276,170,311
Net value on which state tax rate is computed	\$267,660,361	\$269,133,911



## TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

### CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Community Baptist Church& parsonage .....	\$635,200
First Baptist Church& parsonage .....	405,000
Meriden Congregational Church& parsonage.....	1,093,500
Connecticut Valley Christ Community Church .....	2,871,000

### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Kimball Union Academy (state law educational prop) .....	23,959,100
Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop) .....	150,000
Kimball Union Academy (town vote).....	7,131,998

### CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Grafton Pond Trust.....	308,700
New England Wildflower Association.....	241,200
Plainfield Historical Society.....	157,200
Singing Hills Conference Facility .....	2,152,600

### PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

The Nature Conservancy.....	51,400
Meriden Volunteer Fire Department.....	243,400
Meriden Village Water and Sewer District.....	820,100
Plainfield Village Water District.....	441,000
Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department .....	286,500

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Land on Stage Road .....	2,300
Land on River Road (multiple parcels) .....	68,400
Duncan State Forest .....	348,900

### GRANGES

Blow-Me-Down Grange.....	403,500
Meriden Grange .....	195,700

### LAND OWNED BY OTHER TOWNS

Cornish.....	7,500
Grantham.....	49,600

**TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTIES .....** **\$42,023,798**

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS

### DESCRIPTION and VALUATION

Town Hall -Plainfield.....	\$ 321,400
-Meriden(includes Police Dept.) .....	474,800
Libraries -Plainfield.....	1,102,800
-Meriden.....	278,800
Highway Garage.....	290,500
Plainfield Elementary School .....	3,571,700
Burnaps Island.....	53,700

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

Dump Lot .....	47,400
Gravel Pit .....	223,700
Spencer Lot .....	287,500
Whitaker Road Intersections .....	10,400
Tallow Hill Intersection.....	32,700
French's Ledges .....	68,800
Benson Donation .....	157,600
Stage Road Ball Field.....	227,900
Thompson Donation (Moulton Cemetery) .....	47,600
Farnum Lot .....	112,200
Town Pound .....	9,900
School Street Land .....	75,000
Willow Brook Land #766 .....	65,400
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$7,459,800</b>



**Think Spring!!**

**Photo Robert Taylor**



## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK-2009

We had several important changes in 2009. On the State side, we are now able to process lease and lease transfers, which saves everyone that extra trip to the State offices. The State surcharge fees went into effect in August, which has increased the cost of vehicle registration for everyone.

On the town side, Michelle Marsh joined the office as full time office manager. Michelle in the dual role of town clerk will continue the present hours for the motor vehicle registrations, etc. With Diane Rogers's help, we have also been able to add clerk ours on Friday morning starting at 7:00am.

We are now depositing all checks daily electronically to meet the State regulations of daily deposits and save the numerous trips to the bank.

It is with great confidence that I pass the town clerk baton to Michelle Marsh. As my deputy for these many years, Michelle has completed hours of town clerk training both at the town and state level.

*Ruth Ann Wheeler*

Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR-2009

Despite the economic problems of 2009, most taxpayers were able to meet the payment deadlines on schedule. I know that this was difficult for many as there have been many layoffs, pay decreases and we are not out of the woods yet.

These timely payments have meant that the town has remained solvent and has not had to borrow monies to meet its obligations. This in turn does save money for the town.

Interest is calculated to the date received. If you cannot make the full payment, pay what you can. You will pay interest on the balance but not the full amount.

If you are over 65, please look into the possibility of elderly credits which can help lower taxes. These credits are based on assets and income. There is also a State rebate based on income that may help. Thank you for your efforts. It is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth Ann Wheeler*

Tax Collector



**TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2009**

-Debits-

**Uncollected Taxes**

	2009	2008
Beginning of fiscal year		
Property taxes		\$367,303
Timber yield tax		\$0
Land use change tax		\$0
Excavations		\$0
Prior year's credit balances	(\$4,882)	
This year's new credits	(\$6,611)	

**Taxes Committed to Collector**

Property taxes	\$6,039,021	
Land use change taxes	\$9,650	
Yield taxes	\$14,891	
Excavation activities	\$45	

**Overpayments**

Property taxes	\$3,862	
Interest collected on delinquent taxes	\$4,678	\$22,767

**TOTAL DEBITS**

**\$6,060,654**                      **\$390,070**

-Credits-

**Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year**

Property taxes	\$5,702,026	\$216,253
Land use changes taxes	\$9,650	\$0
Excavation	\$45	\$0
Timber yield taxes	\$14,690	\$0
Interest on taxes	\$4,679	\$22,767
Converted to liens (principal only)	0	\$150,577
Prior year overpayments assigned	(\$4,531)	

**Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year**

Property taxes	\$901	\$473
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**Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year**

Property taxes	\$336,094	
Timber Yield Tax	201	
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$3,101)	

**TOTAL CREDITS**

**\$6,060,654**                      **\$390,070**

## TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT

December 31<sup>st</sup> 2009

-Debits-			
<b>Unredeemed Liens</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006+</b>
Beginning of year	0	\$96,505	\$40,771
New liens	\$162,408		
Interests/Penalties	\$3,316	\$7,022	\$9,694
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$165,724</b>	<b>\$103,527</b>	<b>\$50,465</b>

-Credits-			
<b>Remittance to Treasurer</b>			
Redemptions	\$49,339	\$22,867	\$38,207
Interest/Penalties	\$3,315	\$7,022	\$9,694
Abatements of unredeemed taxes			\$329
Liens deeded to municipality	\$2,033	\$2,348	\$2,236
Unredeemed liens	\$111,036	\$71,291	\$0
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$165,723</b>	<b>\$103,528</b>	<b>\$50,466</b>

## REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMEBER CUT

Year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009

Total reports filed .....	14
Total yield tax assessed .....	\$13,617
Softwood cut, MBF .....	826
Hardwood cut, MBF .....	122
Cordwood cut, cords.....	107
Pulpwood/chips, tons.....	1,443
Pulpwood, cords .....	0

Respectfully Submitted,

*Judith A. Belyea,*

Yield Tax Agent

## SELECTBOARD REPORT 2009

2009 was busy and productive year for the Plainfield Selectboard. Working closely with our various department heads, we sought to keep the town on an even keel in the difficult economic climate of the just completed fiscal year. The Board has outlined some specific priorities and areas of work from 2009 and listed them below. As always, we wish to thank our dedicated staff who has continued to perform the important roles in the governance of our Town with the utmost competency and aptitude.

### Road Department

- Our Highway crew performed extensive improvements to many gravel roads in town. Major work was done on Dodge Road, Hayward Road, Old County Road, Mill Village Road and Center of Town Road to name a few. The Selectboard decided to dedicate summer schedule time to the business of rehabbing some gravel roads. Maintenance included ditching, brush clearing, adding new gravel and re-grading.
- Working with a local gravel pit expert, we had extensive improvements made to our Town gravel pit. This work included stump disposal, sloping and overburden removal. Much of this work was meant to expose useful material. We are pleased to report a good supply on hand of "bank run" and crushed gravel. Plainfield is blessed to be in such a position. We are pleased to report that this work was completed with a zero sum impact to taxpayers. The sale of unwanted overburden material provided the funds to make possible the heavy excavation required.
- The paved section of Freeman Road was reclaimed and new drainage installed. With the addition of more/better gravel, the driving surface up this steep roadway is substantially improved. Further upgrades will continue in 2010.
- School Drive (the PES driveway) was completely topped with new blacktop. The School board used the opportunity to upgrade some other areas around the School as well
- With some support from the Plainfield School Board, the town purchased a new snow pusher to mount on the Town's loader. This new system has improved both the efficiency of snow plowing at the School and the quality of the job.

### Town Government

- Throughout 2009, the Selectboard maintained communication with our state representatives as well as County officials. The purpose of this effort was to keep the channels open between Plainfield and New Hampshire officials. We are concerned with increased burdens on our taxpayers while our returned financial support from Concord diminishes.



The County was made aware of our extreme frustrations with their skyrocketing budgets. They indicated that the painful County tax increases should subside in the future as they get their affairs in order.

- The Selectboard remains committed to keeping our facilities up to date. In 2009 we upgraded heating systems in the Plainfield Town Hall and the Meriden Library. The issue of accessibility at the Meriden Library is still in question. The Selectboard met with Library Trustees to discuss their facilities needs. We will continue to work this issue to the best of our ability. The Town Meeting's retention of our reserve fund for this purpose is a good start.
- The Selectboard completed a tax sale, by sealed bids, of a property on Willow Brook Road. By early 2010 the property will be current on taxes and privately owned.
- The Town continues to defend itself in a lawsuit brought by several residents regarding the Planning Board's approval of the Townline Equipment expansion. This court case cost the taxpayers well over \$25,000 to date and has no sign of going away. The Selectboard wishes to communicate our frustration with this issue. We will continue to defend the Town, but have little hope for a quick end to the process.
- The Selectboard continued its effort to reach out in the community with an "Outreach Night" program. This plan has the Board visit various businesses and town properties to meet with taxpayers and hear firsthand how things are going. Let the Selectboard know if you are interested in a visit to your location.
- The Town completed a review of current use eligibility for all concerned properties. The Selectboard felt strongly that only those that completely qualify for the maximum tax reduction receive it.
- The Selectboard updated the Town's longevity pay program to more fully reward those that have worked for the Town for 10+ years. It is our strong belief that the institutional knowledge and stability of operations merit some additional remuneration.
- The Selectboard and the Conservation Commission have worked together on a plan for the Rt 12A- Home Hill Trail near Puckerpod Swamp. The trail improvements will include a new trailhead parking area and improved signage as well as better trail maintenance.

The Selectboard meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month. All meetings are open to the public and all who wish to be heard will have the floor. Please feel free to contact the Town Office to schedule a more formal meeting with the Board and add your items to our meeting agenda. We always appreciate hearing from residents and will continue to do our best to serve you.

See you at Town Meeting,  
*Judy Belyea, Tom Williams Jr, Rob Taylor*

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As directed by the Selectboard in addition to the routine duties associated with the operation of our local government the town office worked on the following projects during 2009:

**Brook Road:** The town has applied for two additional FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants. The first is competing for instate funds the second is for monies that are available nationally. The applications request \$600,000 in funding, however, both are highly competitive and since our project received funding in 2007 It's not at all certain that additional monies will be forthcoming.

**Outreach Program:** The Selectboard continued this popular project in 2008, meeting with several of our local businesses. Discussions at these information sessions typically center on the topics of regulation, taxation and municipal services.

**Plainfield Town Hall Oil Tank:** As a preventative measure the single walled oil tank in the Plainfield Town Hall was replaced with a double walled tank. Given the thirty plus year age of the old tank and the tank's isolated location right in the middle of Plainfield Village this seemed like a project well worth getting done this year.

**Tax Sale:** Working with town counsel we were able to successfully complete a bid process for a Willow Brook Road residential property acquired by Tax Collector deed. The property will be returned back to its former owner and the town was able to collect the delinquent taxes that were owed. Based on the poor condition of the building the Selectboard required that the owner either renovate or remove the structure by May of 2010. If this is not done, the property will once again revert to the town and be sold to the highest bidder.

**Energy Expo:** Thanks to the efforts of our enthusiastic town energy committee we were able to offer Plainfield residents an opportunity to learn about green energy alternatives and weatherization projects that can be done to make a home more comfortable and efficient to heat. The expo was held in the Plainfield School Gym and was very well received.

**Master Plan:** The Planning Board began and is continuing into 2010 the task of updating the town's Master Plan. This key document is the foundation for all of our zoning ordinances. A current and up to date Master Plan is critical to insuring the validity of our land use regulations.

**Pandemic Planning:** We continued to refine our plans for the distribution of vaccines to residents. The initial work has been driven by the Avian Flu concerns. More recently the H1N1 virus has been the focus. Early in the year we conducted a seasonal flu clinic as a planning exercise. During the year we worked with the City of Lebanon to gain access for our residents to initial H1N1 clinics as part of a more regional effort. This was at a time when the vaccine was in very limit quantities intended for specific high risk



members of our community. Late in the year we were able to provide all residents an opportunity to receive the vaccination for H1N1 flu right in town at our designated Point of Distribution (POD), the elementary school.

Submitted,

*Stephen Halleran*

Town Administrator

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Zoning Administrator: Stephen Halleran 469-3201

Building Inspector: David Lersch 381-1929

### Permits for the following projects were issued in 2009:

3	New Single family residences	10	Renewals
2	Replacement SFH's	3	Commercial Projects
4	Garages	8	Electrical Upgrades
14	Renovations	5	Additions
7	Decks/porches	21	Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings
3	Solar Panels	01	Multi-family buildings

**Permit total= 81**



Abutter Mary Cassidy makes a point during the Zoning Board's Site Visit to the The Oaks property, case 2009-06.

Photo: Stephen Halleran



## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

**2009-01 Shawn and Laura Wilder:** Wind powered generator 158 Tallow Hill Road

**2009-02 Kimball Union Academy:** Setback Encroachment in connection with the possible future relocation of the Hall Farm.

**2009-03 Sara Burgee:** Approved combination of related uses #644Route 120 to allow for a small RV sales facility and a one bedroom apartment.

**2009-04 TK Deli LLC:** Amendment to case 2009-09 to allow for the replacement of the underground storage tank at the Meriden Deli-mart facility.

**2009-05 David Langford:** Setback encroachment for the construction of a detached garage at 268 Methodist Hill Road.

**2009-07 Kimball Union Academy:** Multi-family building at 726 Route 120. The conversion of the Duty Stickney house from a single family residence to a duplex.

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

**None**

Applications **CONTINUED** into 2010

Case 2009-06 Alma Gilbert-Smith: Parrish House Museum at 58 Freeman Road.

## PLANNING BOARD

During the year the planning board approved the following applications:

### **Subdivisions:**

Stoddard, Robert and Rachel      3 new lots on Chellis Road

### **Annexations:**

Scott, David      .07 of acre to land of the Plainfield Historical Society

Kimball Union Academy      .12 acres of land to the Meriden Fire Department.

Romkey, John      .70 acres of land to William Clerkin

### **Site Plan Reviews:**

Meriden Fire Department      Additional bay on to the fire station.

Garfield's Smokehouse      24'x24' retail space addition to the Main Street facility.

### **Scenic Road Hearings:**

Black Hill      Line maintenance National Grid.

River Road      Line maintenance National Grid.

The Planning Board also developed two zoning changes for voter consideration in 2010. The first change provides basic regulations for the construction of wind-powered generators. The second change proposes to reduce the permitting process for the construction of accessory apartments. The goal of the change is to increase the availability of lower cost housing options throughout the town.

Submitted,

*Jane Stephenson*, Chair  
Planning Board

## **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The most important message the Conservation Commission has for the residents of Plainfield is that we are here to assist you in any construction project involving wetlands. We can assess your project and suggest alternatives to help you avoid the need for permits or guide you through the application process. The vast majority of projects are permitted provided the landowner is willing to take basic precautions to protect wetland functions and water quality. It is much simpler to obtain a permit prior to construction, and some are approved ten days after notifying the state's permitting department. "After the fact" permit applications are more involved and scrutinized more closely by that department. Running further afoul of our state laws - we unfortunately have had instances of this - can have harsh consequences but is entirely avoidable.

The Conservation Commission worked on two land conservation projects in 2009. We considered using the Conservation Fund to help the Upper Valley Land Trust accomplish a preliminary task to obtain a conservation easement on a substantial piece of high-quality farmland. Although this early step in the process was supported at a public hearing, the project would not be rushed and remains in the planning stages. Later in the year, we considered assisting the Land Trust to obtain a conservation easement on a large piece of working agricultural and forest land with important wildlife habitat value. The Plainfield Cider Orchard project was supported at a public hearing and by the Conservation Commission. The people of Plainfield, through an expenditure from the Conservation Fund supplemented by private donations, will use \$73,000 to leverage an additional minimum of \$168,000 of state funding and landowner contribution to conserve this property.

We provided input to the Selectmen supporting development of trailhead parking on Route 12-A for Home Hill Trail. This important trail, open for foot traffic and horseback riding, connects Route 12-A with Freeman Road and provides access to the hilltop common area owned by the Home Hill Landowners Association. Public access rights for the trail and common land were offered during the process of subdivision approvals. We have also commissioned an update of the town's trail map, which should be available in the spring of 2010.

Since its acquisition, Victor Hewes Memorial Park had been managed by the Conservation Commission. New commissioners invariably wondered why management of this property, acquired through a funding program limiting the use to recreation, was a function of the Conservation Commission instead of the Recreation Commission. This year the administrative budget for operating Victor Hewes Memorial Park was transferred to the Recreation Commission at Town Meeting. The Conservation Commission maintains an interest in proper stewardship of this property, as we do with all town-owned property. Late in the year the Selectmen consulted us for historical background and recommendations regarding the unruly stream that crosses under Stage Road and sometime spills over onto the neighboring property.

Although two members of the Conservation Commission moved on in 2009, we gained three and our membership has never been stronger. Alternate Judy Hallam became a regular member with the resignation of Eric Brann. Joe Della Badia was appointed as an alternate and became a regular member with the resignation of Gordon “Peanut” Wilder. We welcomed year-end appointments of Shawn Lundrigan and Myra Ferguson as alternate members.

Information on the Conservation Commission’s day-to-day activities not highlighted here can be found in our meeting minutes posted on the town website [www.plainfieldnh.org](http://www.plainfieldnh.org). We have begun to upgrade our page with the goal of making it an interesting, informative source of practical conservation information.

Respectfully Submitted,

*David Grobe*, Chairman  
 Conservation Commission  
[pcc@plainfieldnh.org](mailto:pcc@plainfieldnh.org)

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS YEAR END BALANCES

		Income	Expenses	
Forestry Maintenance Fund	01/01/09			\$18,635
Interest		\$62		
<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/09</b>			<b>\$18,697</b>
		Income	Expenses	
Conservation Commission Fund	01/01/09			\$113,212
Current use penalty revenues		\$15,790		
Hewes Field Parking Lot			\$3,000	
Interest Earned		\$394		
<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/09</b>			<b>\$126,396</b>



## RECREATION COMMISSION

We began 2009 with the conclusion of our basketball season. Both the 3/4 boys and the 3/4 girls participated in the Hanover tournament as well as the Windsor tournament. If you got the chance to see any of these games you were fortunate to see some great and very exciting basketball. Both teams played very well and it was a lot of fun. Congratulations on a great season.

Our baseball and softball program started the spring out. Grades 3 and 4 baseball had a team of 11 boys and the softball had 15 girls. Practices were held at Prescott Field and Cory Taber Field. Both these teams played other area teams and home games were played on Prescott Field.

The annual fishing derby was held on June 6<sup>th</sup> this past year. Participation was down at around 50. Trophies were given to all four age groups. Hot dogs were cooked on the grill and drinks were also provided. Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm always generously helps us with this event donating some of the fish delivered. This is always a fun event for the young kids out fishing. Lets hope to have a great one this year.

T-ball had 29 participants for grades 1 and 2 and an additional 12 for a kindergarten group. They worked on basic skills and grades 1 and 2 had three teams, which had a schedule of practices as well as games played against each other.

We had 19 kids sign up for our tennis program with several skill levels. Ally and Amanda Hawkins instructed each of these groups through the summer at the KUA tennis courts. This is a great sport and the skills are so helpful in other sports as well. I hope we can grow this program and get more participation.

Unfortunately we were unable to run our swimming program this year. It is most likely that this program will either have to be cut or at the least it would be seriously reduced. This is a very important life skill and I hate to see this go. I will have more information on programs available in the area in hopes that everyone will continue to participate.

We had very good participation in soccer with 15 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys and 16 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls making up two teams. They played other area recreation teams. We had an additional 40 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders that made up four teams that worked on basic skills and played each other. We had 15 kindergartners that worked on basic skills. All received a ball to use at practice and to keep so they could practice at home. Home games for grades 3/4 were played at Hewes Field. Grades K, 1, and 2 Played at Cory Taber Field. Goals were replaced for the 1 and 2 grade.

Basketball is currently running with 13 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders working on basic skills at the KUA gym on Saturday mornings. We have an additional 24 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders making up one girls team and one boys team. They are working on skills and will play games through the season with some area teams. Home games are held at PES and practices at KUA. They will finish the season participating in a local tournament.

I look forward to the upcoming year and hope to hear from you with any ideas or

suggestions that could improve our program. We are always in need of coaches and officials and would love to have any help that you can give. From my experience, it is a very fun and rewarding commitment. There are clinics local through the year run through the Upper Valley Recreation for anyone interested in additional help and training in either coaching and officiating.

I would like to thank Plainfield School and Kimball Union Academy for the use of their facilities. Also thank you to the Meriden Garage, Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm, and Keene Medical for their donations. A huge thank you to all of the coaches, officials, and various individuals who have donated their time and helped make this program successful. To all the parents for your support in this program and all your helpful comments and suggestions. Without all of your help and support we would not be able to run this program.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daniel P. Cantlin*,  
Recreation Director

## **PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

### **Trustees Report – Calendar Year 2009**

As always, thank you for all your support in various ways to the Philip Read Memorial Library. The library is a thriving community center with circulation increasing again this year, more meetings and programs occurring during the year, and many patrons and visitors browsing through the library.

Story time for the younger children continues to be a very important part of the life of the library. Diane Rogers continues to be the main reader and shares her storytelling gifts every month. We again had a special story hour in December-- Santa came to visit and read. Currently, the Plainfield Water District holds its monthly meetings at the library. Other groups meeting regularly or occasionally are the Plainfield Energy Committee, Plainfield 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, the Town Selectmen and the Plainfield Historical Society. The library is a testing site for U.S. Census jobs.

The summer reading program “Summertime and the Reading is Easy” was spearheaded by Katie Sheehan; programs were: Frozen T-shirt Contest, Painting on Rocks, Making Windsocks, Sunflowers and Nature Crafts, in addition to reading lots of books. As part of the summer program, we also held a Plainfield Historical Scavenger Hunt jointly with the Meriden Library. The library also had visits from Harold, the iguana, and Edna, the chicken. We sponsored an O’Shi A craft workshop by Karen Gritzke. Since Halloween was on a Saturday night this year, the library trustees at the suggestion of the library director decided we would make a special effort to be open for Trick or Treaters. We had over 160 visitors!

Programs held this past year were: “Wood Stoves & Generators” with Fire Chief Frank Currier (twice by popular demand); “Maple Sugaring,” tasting contest and actual tapping of our maple tree with Chris Mabey; a job workshop



(resume writing and interviews) with Bev Widger; co-sponsored the Children's Theater programs during the summer at the Plainfield Town Hall (8 plays, attendance ranged from 65-135 at each show); and took part in the Townwide Read of Disrupting Class jointly with the Plainfield School, Meriden Library and KUA. We had two book author presentations: Steve Kelly (Plainfield native), author of "Star Trek—the Collectibles" (autographed copies are available); and D.B. Johnson and Linda Michelin (former Plainfield residents), with their newest book "Henry's Night" (autographed copies of all their books available). We continue to have a monthly book discussion group. The Connecticut River Joint Commissions presented a program on conservation.

The cleanup of Rte. 12A through the Adopt-A-Highway Program was managed again by a group of dedicated volunteers. The Plainfield and Meriden Libraries' float for the July 4 parade won 1<sup>st</sup> prize. George Adams and Teagan Atwater are working together to improve our webpage. Dennis, Corrine and Nick Girouard replaced the old tarred walkway with a new brick one, matching our other walkways, donating their time and materials.

Our library director, Nancy Norwalk, attended the New Hampshire State Library Convention, the bi-monthly Librarians of the Upper Valley (LUV) meetings, and the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) conferences. Two of the Philip Read Memorial Library trustees attended the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association's annual meeting.

Our main fundraising events were our Annual Book and Bake Sale; the Maxfield Parrish Vintage Print Sale (jointly with the Stage Set Committee); sales of Maxfield Parrish items and Sue Smith's handmade greeting cards.

Library use and number of patrons continues to increase. Computer use by patrons is very popular. We are always looking for ideas for items to be displayed in our exhibit case each month. If you have ideas or any collections, please contact Nancy Norwalk.

We added one more public computer, which was a donation. The additional morning hours have been successful. Other services available at the library are passes to the Currier Art Museum (Manchester) and the Windsor Precision Museum, trash and landfill stickers available for purchase, Fax, copier, public computers with hi-speed Internet, wireless network, interlibrary loan, and a new service—"Kill a Watt Energy Detectors" available for loan. We continue to collect food for the Plainfield Food Pantry. We also participated in the "Toys for Tots" program this past year, with plans to do so again.

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

We are striving to finish the basement level which will hold a meeting room, the junior and teen rooms; we have held meetings and interviews with



contractors and our architect consultant. A fundraising letter was mailed in the summer and donations have been coming in, albeit slowly. As promised, we have been raising the funds to finish this work and will not ask for tax dollars. Contributions are welcome to the general building fund as well as to “The Alice P. Hendrick Memorial Children’s Room.”

One last item to announce: We wish to welcome Bernadina Webber as our newest trustee and wish to thank Beth Williams for all her time, dedication and effort as trustee and volunteer.

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

Submitted by Trustees: *Anita K. Brown, Dennis Girouard, Bernadina Webber*



**Harold, the iguana, visited the Philip Read Memorial Library in September. Watching are Caroline Sheehan and Clare Falcone. Photo by Bernadina Webber**

## PHILIP READ LIBRARY PROPOSED BUDGET

	Budget 2009	Actual 2009	Proposed 2010
<b>Opening balance 1/1/10</b>			
Checking account	750.00	749.35	441.74
Encumbered purchases	1,812.00	1,812.21	3,000.00
Subtotal	<u>2,562.00</u>	<u>2,561.56</u>	<u>3,441.74</u>
<b>Income:</b>			
Town appropriation	56,330.00	56,330.00	59,608.56
Trust fund income	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
Fines and damaged books	500.00	65.60	500.00
Gifts	100.00	14.00	100.00
Books sales	725.00	735.40	725.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	218.00	0.00
Income	<u>60,855.00</u>	<u>60,563.00</u>	<u>64,133.56</u>
Total	<u><u>63,417.00</u></u>	<u><u>63,124.56</u></u>	<u><u>67,575.30</u></u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Salaries	31,356.00	30,694.15	31,356.00
Payroll Liabilities	2,399.00	2,348.12	2,399.00
Library materials	7,675.00	8,135.87	7,830.00
Audio-visual materials	1,335.00	1,261.94	1,360.00
Supplies	1,500.00	1,510.51	1,600.00
Postage	250.00	243.05	250.00
Computer tech./out services	1,100.00	1,366.87	1,600.00
Professional activities	885.00	601.01	2,675.00
Programs	400.00	519.59	600.00
Electricity	3,435.00	2,909.06	3,435.00
Telephone	1,080.00	1,046.20	1,080.00
Fuel	5,400.00	4,460.61	5,400.00
Water	290.00	217.60	290.00
Maintenance	2,700.00	3,074.61	2,700.00
Elevator	1,000.00	2,506.34	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	274.45	300.00
Furnishings & equipment	500.00	493.47	500.00
Transfer to sick pay	0.00	0.00	0.00
Encumbered funds	1,812.00	1,812.00	3,000.00
Expenses	<u>63,417.00</u>	<u>63,475.45</u>	<u>67,575.00</u>
Checking Account Dec. 31, 2009		<u>3,441.74</u>	



## MERIDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT-2009

This was an exciting year for the Meriden Library: refurbishing the old, moving swiftly into new technology, and creating several new programs. Because of these initiatives, our patron usage of the library has increased about 40% since 2007.

The staff and volunteers worked hard to provide a variety of programs for the community in 2009. For six weeks in January and February, an enthusiastic group studied a course called "Menu for the Future," learning what exactly happens to our food from the field to the table. It was both shocking and informative. Two popular book clubs continue to meet monthly: "Tuesday at Two" reading both fiction and non-fiction, and "Third Thursday Mystery" concentrating on the mystery novel. The home schoolers met regularly for their history club. Story hour was held once a month with Rachel Stoddard and Naomi Fitzgibbons as our story ladies. Recently, we have formed a genealogy club which uses the state sponsored Ancestry.com database.

The summer reading program "Summertime and the Reading is Easy" was a joint effort with the Plainfield library in June and July. Together we used this program as the theme for our float in the town's Fourth of July parade. Our group effort paid off, and the float won first prize. We also did a joint scavenger hunt with Plainfield.

We had a very active display case this year with many interesting displays coinciding with the seasons and holidays. These sparked lots of interesting feedback and discussions with our patrons. Thanks to all who contributed their collections.

We are offering many new services. We have rotating collections of DVD's through the "Libraries of the Upper Valley" cooperative. These change every two months, so there are many new titles throughout the year. This service has become a popular addition.

We now have downloadable audio books through a state run system. Kimball Union and Plainfield libraries can use the Meriden Library site to take advantage of this new technology through cooperative buying. Patrons can listen to books on their iPods or MP3 players or in their cars. Also, the library now has Wi-Fi access and 2 computer terminals available for public use.

We are in the process of automating our collection. A state database will be available for use in 2010, including our newest acquisitions (1 ½ years) and all our adult fiction. The automation project is a slow and steady one, but we are happy with what has been accomplished this year thanks to our staff and volunteers.

We have also been able to participate in the state interlibrary loan system. This enables us to loan out books from our collection, as well as borrow books we do not have from other collections. We are now able to borrow books from Dartmouth College Libraries for the first time. If we do not have the book you are looking for, we can find it for you. Having many of our books now in the state system is a good feeling, as we become good New Hampshire State Library Citizens.

Remember, we have a blog that is updated weekly with the latest news and book reviews, [www.meridenmewsings.com](http://www.meridenmewsings.com), and soon we will have a Facebook page. We invite you to be interactive with the Meriden Library.

New signage has gone up on Route 120, a cooperative project done with the Aidron Duckworth Art Museum and Meriden grange. Soon we will have a new sign on our front lawn thanks to Jim Bonney and Rob Taylor.

Staying current and informed are an important components of our librarian's and trustees' jobs. Jeanne Thompson attended the Children's Literacy Foundation conference on marketing this summer. She also attended many Librarians of the Upper Valley



(LUV) Coop meetings. Our assistant, Lori Estey, went to a genealogy workshop in Manchester. The trustees attended a conference with other local library trustees presented by the New Hampshire Trustee Association at the Howe Library.

We, the trustees and people of Meriden, are fortunate to have Jeanne Thompson as our librarian. Her knowledge of the library and new technologies, her enthusiasm, her energy, and her endless new ideas have brought us to an exciting place in our history. Library patronage is growing steadily as she continues to provide a library that is welcoming, dynamic, and fun for young and old alike.

We would like to thank all who have made 2009 such a great year of change and progress. First, there is Jeanne Thompson, our librarian, who has led the way, and Brad Thompson who has been so supportive through both the good times and the bad. Lori Estey has been a wonderful addition as assistant, filling in for Jeanne when she was away. Also, Lori's knowledge of genealogy has helped create the genealogy club. Annamay Chapman has been extremely faithful and hard working. She is always there when she is needed. Barb Wendt has been volunteering, working hard on data entry for our automation and getting the job done. We would also like to thank the Meriden Library Association for their continued support through their fund raising activities: the winter soup and bread luncheon and the spring book sale.

There are so many more of you who have generously made donations and volunteered your time to make Meriden Library a really special place to be. Thank you all!

A Long Range Planning Committee is being formed and will begin its work in 2010. Please stop in and join us at the Meriden Library. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Respectfully submitted,  
*Leeli Bonney, Pam Abrahamson and Mark Pensgen*  
Meriden Library Trustees



## Meriden Library Proposed Budget 2009

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
	\$2,009	2009	2010
Income			
Town Appropriation	\$32,674	\$33,354	\$37,788
Town Approp - FICA	\$1,907	\$1,227	\$2,465
Trust Funds	\$1,100	\$1,350	\$1,100
Gifts	\$0	\$92	\$0
Book Fines	\$100	\$57	\$100
Book Sales	\$200	\$412	\$200
Copier Income	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest-Saving	\$100	\$64	\$100
Interest-Checking	\$0	\$2	\$0
Building Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$318	\$0
Income	\$36,081	\$36,875	\$41,753
Expense			
Salaries	\$19,074	\$18,208	\$24,648
FICA	\$1,907	\$1,227	\$2,465
Library Materials	\$6,000	\$5,038	\$5,500
Telephone	\$600	\$509	\$540
Electricity	\$1,200	\$921	\$1,000
Fuel	\$4,000	\$1,644	\$3,000
Water	\$500	\$400	\$500
Supplies	\$700	\$605	\$700
Postage	\$300	\$355	\$300
Professional Activities	\$400	\$89	\$400
Programming	\$200	\$248	\$200
Maintenance	\$700	\$1,641	\$2,000
Equipment purchase	\$0	\$0	\$0
Computer	\$500	\$433	\$500
Building Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$2,628	\$0
Expense	\$36,081	\$33,947	\$ 41,753

**REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2009**

Calls for service were up slightly from 2008. Our biggest concern is the non-violent crimes, namely fraud. We have tried our best to track down where these fraudulent schemes are coming from. Most are from foreign countries and it appears there is little the federal government can do to arrest these people. The economy was also responsible for more family and domestic calls this year. Again I want to thank everyone for thier support. It is a pleasure to have the quality of professionalism and expertise that the Town of Plainfield has within the police department

Respectfully,  
*Gordon A. Gillens*  
Police Chief

**POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS**

**TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE:        1,367**

Driving while intoxicated	04	Alarms	70
Assault	02	Animals	113
Sexual assault	03	Medical emergency	48
Firing of weapons	03	Fire calls	20
Theft	23	Motor vehicle	91
Fraud	23	Admin. Relays	01
Domestic violence	05	Suspicious persons	100
Liquor Laws	00	Trespassing	12
Bad checks	03	Missing person	01
Possession stolen property	00	Public hazards	32
Drugs	03	Motorist assist	65
Disorderly conduct	29	Civil	43
Criminal mischief	02	Open doors	38
Auto theft	00	House checks	40
Criminal threats	04	Assist other PD'S	119
Arson	00	Accidents with injury	07
Burglary	05	Accidents no injury	52
Intoxication	00	E 911 calls	25
<b>TOTAL CRIMES:</b>	<b>109</b>	Unattended deaths	02
		Other complaints	347
		Juvenile complaints	06
		Fatal accidents	00
		Domestic, family	26
Defective equipment tags	19		
Motor vehicle summons	59		
Motor vehicle warnings	241		



## MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Meriden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 68 calls for help this year.

### Alarm Investigations

Motor vehicle accidents	6	Downed power lines	3
Hazardous materials	4	Downed trees	1
CO detector	2	Broken pipes	2
Burnt food	1	Alarms	26
Electrical fire	1	Chimney fire	1

### Mutual Aid Given

Plainfield	17	Cornish	3
Lebanon	1		

### Mutual Aid Received

Cornish	3	Plainfield	5
Cornish Rescue	3		

The Meriden Fire Department received a small piece of land from KUA and went through the town permitting process for an addition to the fire station. An application has been submitted for Federal Funds for the addition, but we have not heard yet if it will be approved. Keep your fingers crossed.

We have two members that are taking the State Level 1 Firefighter course of 200 plus hours. Tom Robb and Mat Tucker. We thank them for taking time from their families to do this. It's a big commitment.

If you are burning brush you need a permit.

I would like to **thank all** who support the fire department with fundraisers, their time and donations. I would also like to thank the firefighters and their wives for the family time that they give up.

On a sad note we have lost a dedicated supporter and charter member of our department G. Gardiner MacLeay.

We meet the first and third Monday night for drills. The second Monday is our business meeting. We are always happy to have people join our forces in firefighting, helping around the station or helping to run the business side of the organization.

Again, we thank you all for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

*David R. Best*, Chief

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2009 ACTUAL & 2010 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET**

RECEIPTS	2009			PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2010 BUDGET
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000	\$ -	\$ 38,000
<u>OTHER SOURCES</u>				
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	3,000	2,264	(736)	3,000
SPRING DINNER – 2009	3,500	2,250	(1,250)	3,000
SPRING DINNER - 2010	-	(250)	(250)	-
DONATIONS	5,125	6,995	1,870	5,000
HAZMAT CLEANUP PAYMENTS	-	-	-	-
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	1,000	893	(107)	1,000
MISC	-	90	90	-
SUBTOTAL	12,625	12,241	(384)	12,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 50,625	\$ 50,241	\$ (384)	\$ 50,000

DISBURSEMENTS	2009			PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2010 BUDGET
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
TELEPHONE	\$ 1,000	\$ 670	\$ 330	\$ 850
ELECTRICITY	900	823	77	900
SEWER	240	240	-	240
HEATING OIL	2,000	1,781	219	1,800
INSURANCE	7,750	7,636	114	8,100
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	12,450	9,817	2,633	13,300
COMPUTER EXPENSES	350	358	(8)	350
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	450	666	(216)	450
GAS, DIESEL	2,000	713	1,287	1,250
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	650	555	95	650
TRAINING	1,000	1,340	(340)	2,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	8,030	4,691	3,339	7,430
STATION MAINTENANCE	3,000	2,720	280	3,000
UNIFORMS	1,000	(301)	1,301	1,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	200	-	200	200
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	75	-	75	75
STATION EQUIPMENT	4,000	2,069	1,931	2,000
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
MISC	500	622	(122)	500
SUBTOTAL	46,595	35,402	11,193	45,095
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE	4,030	11,839	(7,809)	4,905
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 50,625	\$ 47,241	\$ 3,384	\$ 50,000

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2009 ACTUAL & 2010 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET  
OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

	2009 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2010 <u>BUDGET</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 4,500	\$ 7,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	50,241	50,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>47,241</u>	<u>50,000</u>
NET CHANGE	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u><u>\$ 7,500</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,500</u></u>

**CAPITAL RESERVE SUMMARY**

	2009 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2010 <u>BUDGET</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 184,471	\$ 191,097
INCREASE RESERVE	11,839	4,905
INTEREST / EARNINGS	5,039	3,500
BOILER	(10,252)	-
ENDING BALANCE	<u><u>\$ 191,097</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 199,502</u></u>



## PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE- 2009

Looking at the way 2008 ended with the ice storm we knew that 2009 had to be better for the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department. We had seventeen calls during the six days of the ice storm power outage. Early in 2009 we started looking for what it would cost to install a generator at the station and how we could fund the cost. We applied for a grant from the Mascoma Foundation in the spring and received a grant in June for the cost of a 17,000 watt generator. We can now run the station at 100% when the power is out in town. This will also give a place for people in town to go during a power outage to get warm have a meal and take a shower during long outages.

We continue to have our public dinners and greatly enjoy seeing so many people on a regular basis. This continues to be a good way to get a great meal, Support the fire department and help keep taxes down. Many thanks to all the people who regularly donate the delicious desserts for these meals.

The number and types of calls this past year were fairly consistent to past years.

### 2009 Run Breakdown

Furnace Problems-7

Auto accidents-9

Carbon Monoxide Detectors-3

Brush & forest fires-5

Structural fires-2

Fire Alarms-9

Public assists-1

Trees/Powerlines-13

Propane Problems-2

Respectfully submitted,

*Frank H. Currier*, Chief

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

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated 2010</u></b>
Accounting	\$ 200.00	\$ 200
New Equipment	\$ 6,161.69	\$ 2,000
New Fire Clothing	\$ 1,548.46	\$ 4,000
Equipment Repairs	\$ 2,951.99	\$ 3,000
Supplies	\$ 2,214.53	\$ 1,000
Electricity	\$ 1,283.63	\$ 1,200
Telephone	\$ 1,318.44	\$ 1,600
Heat	\$ 4,503.93	\$ 5,000
Gas/Diesel Fuel	\$ 626.66	\$ 1,000
Water	\$ 275.19	\$ 300
Insurance	\$ 8,716.00	\$ 9,000
Schools & Training	\$ 910.00	\$ 500
Radio & Radio Repairs	\$ (31.05)	\$ 1,000
Fees/Dues	\$ 137.00	\$ 800
Building (New)	\$ 22,406.07	\$ 17,500
Haz-mat Team	\$ -	\$ 1,000
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	\$ 53,222.54	\$ 49,100

<b>RECEIPTS</b>		<b>EST. RECEIPTS</b>
Forest Fire	\$ 983.34	\$ 300.00
Mascoma Grant	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Title 4 Funds	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Fund Raising	\$ 4,951.26	\$ 4,000.00
Town Appropriation	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 43,000.00
Sales	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Donations	\$ 1,525.75	\$ 600.00
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	\$ 49,510.35	\$ 49,100.00

Receipts	\$ 49,510.35
Expenses	\$ 53,222.54
Balance	<hr/> \$ (3,712.19)

*Jesse R. Stalker*

Treasurer

12/31/09

# REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

**Warden:** I would like to start this year's warden's report by thanking two retired wardens for their many years of service to the town and state. Peter Berry retired this spring after 35 years as warden and John Morse retired after 43 years as a deputy warden. Open burning in New Hampshire requires a permit from your local warden or one of the deputy wardens unless there is sufficient snow cover on the ground to prevent the spread of the fire. Rules for burning can be gotten from any one of the wardens or from the state web site [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org) . Even if there is snow cover we require you to notify the Hanover Dispatch center before you start the fire.

Wardens and deputies:

Frank H. Currier:	469-3624	Dave Best:	469-3350
Lester Boucher:	469- 3256	Bruce Elder:	298-0408
Dave Hollinger:	298-5815	Doug Plummer:	802-295-6367
Chris Berry:	675-2350	Doug Chapman:	469-3397
Bill Taylor:	469-3342	Peter Berry:	675 2293
Boone Rondeau:	675-6951		

**Ranger:** Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Spring fire season was unusually short this past year, with wet weather beginning the third week in April and lasting virtually all summer long. Consequently both the number of fires and the number of acres burned were below the last five year average. Due to state budget constraints, the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers was limited to class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookout towers are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented this year by contracted aircraft and the Civil Air Patrol when fire danger was especially high. Surprisingly the largest single fire this year occurred in late November during an unusual dry spell, in the northern Coos County town of Clarksville. This fire burned 17.1 acres and is presumed to have been caused by a careless hunter. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2009 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and



gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

### **NH FIRE STATISTICS**

<b><u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED-2009</u></b>		<b><u>TOTAL FIRES</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL ACRES</u></b>
		<b>2009</b>	334
Arson	2	<b>2008</b>	455
Campfire	18	<b>2007</b>	437
Children	12	<b>2006</b>	500
Smoking	15	<b>2005</b>	546
Debris	184	<b>2004</b>	482
Railroad	5		
Equipment	5		
Misc*	91 (*Misc: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

### **REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD-2009**

Cornish Rescue Squad experienced a busy year in 2009 responding to 126 calls. These calls included; medical, motor vehicle accidents, trauma, etc....Our members are certified by National Registry of EMT's and licensed by the State of New Hampshire. All levels; First Responder, EMT B, EMT I, and Paramedic levels must meet NREMT standards consisting of continuing education, including a 24 hour refresher and a practical exam every two years. These are the minimum standards that must be met in order to be recertified and licensed.

Lebanon Fire Department, Windsor Ambulance and Golden Cross Ambulance provide our towns with ambulance coverage. Ambulance coverage for Cornish and Plainfield is by contract between the two towns and the ambulance service.

We have completed a full year of being dispatched through Hanover Dispatch Center. We will continue to work with them to provide the best radio coverage possible in our communities.

Cornish Rescue Squad hosted a 2 day Auto Extrication class this past summer with members of the Cornish, Plainfield, Meriden and Canaan Fire Departments attending. This class was made possible through the financial support provided by our communities through our annual fund drive and funds appropriated at both Cornish and Plainfield Town Meeting. We thank all of you for your continued support.

Cornish Rescue Squad also sponsored an EMT class that was completed in the spring of 2009.

Your financial support also defrays the cost of the following:

- ⊗ building maintenance
- ⊗ annual maintenance/inspection of our rescue truck
- ⊗ insurance for our building/contents and rescue truck
- ⊗ updated protective clothing including new OSHA requirements
- ⊗ maintenance, repairs and replacement of our portable radios and pagers

- ⊗ maintenance of our medical equipment
- ⊗ annual dispatch fees
- ⊗ medical supplies for our members jump bags and for bags on the rescue truck
- ⊗ continuing education for our members

In January 2010, at our monthly meeting, we will have had a change in officers. I will have served the allotted time as a Trustee which will mean turning over the Presidency to another member. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community and the members of the squad for their support during the past 3 years. I will continue to serve as a member of the squad in my capacity as an EMT I.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding health concerns or information that might be useful to our members if the need arises, information for placing E911 numbers or, if you have an interest in joining our squad. We welcome new membership at any time. There are two levels of membership; 1. A **Class A** member who responds to calls as a certified and licensed First Responder or EMT and 2. A **Class B** member who does not respond to medical calls, but offers assistance with the operations of the Cornish Rescue Squad. You can reach us by calling 675-2221.

Sincerely,

*Dale H. Lawrence*  
President

### TOWN OF PLAINFIELD SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding bonds & loans as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2009	
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$212,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$212,500</b>

### RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2009	\$ 237,500
New debt during the year	\$0
Debt retirement during the year	
Library Addition	\$ 25,000
<b>Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2009</b>	<b>\$212,500</b>

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.**  
**REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2009**

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	\$ 722.97	\$ 307.52	\$ 375.00	\$ 655.49
East Plainfield Cemetery	\$ 3,666.36			\$ 3,666.36	\$ 115.74	\$ 137.78	\$ 157.98	\$ 95.54
Freeman Cemetery	\$ 2,701.53			\$ 2,701.53	\$ 85.30	\$ 101.54	\$ 153.45	\$ 33.39
Gilkey Cemetery	\$ 385.94			\$ 385.94	\$ 12.18	\$ 14.51	\$ 16.63	\$ 10.06
Gleason Cemetery	\$ 26,205.55			\$ 26,205.55	\$ 827.27	\$ 984.79	\$ 1,129.18	\$ 682.88
Methodist Hill Cemetery	\$ 385.94			\$ 385.94	\$ 12.18	\$ 14.51	\$ 16.63	\$ 10.06
Mill Cemetery	\$ 15,485.50			\$ 15,485.50	\$ 488.86	\$ 581.94	\$ 667.26	\$ 403.54
Moulton Cemetery	\$ 7,788.58			\$ 7,788.58	\$ 245.43	\$ 292.67	\$ 335.59	\$ 202.51
Penniman Cemetery	\$ 1,157.80			\$ 1,157.80	\$ 36.54	\$ 43.51	\$ 49.89	\$ 30.16
Plainfield Cemetery	\$ 56,479.85			\$ 56,479.85	\$ 1,781.63	\$ 2,122.43	\$ 2,433.62	\$ 1,470.44
Raynsford Cemetery	\$ 1,543.75			\$ 1,543.75	\$ 48.73	\$ 58.01	\$ 66.52	\$ 40.22
River Cemetery	\$ 1,157.80			\$ 1,157.80	\$ 36.54	\$ 43.51	\$ 49.89	\$ 30.16
Westgate-Peterson Cemetery	\$ 964.84			\$ 964.84	\$ 30.47	\$ 36.26	\$ 41.57	\$ 25.16
Town Cemeteries	\$ 3,859.33			\$ 3,859.33	\$ 120.13	\$ 144.95	\$ 166.22	\$ 98.86
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ 129,501.43	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 129,501.43	\$ 4,563.97	\$ 4,883.93	\$ 5,659.43	\$ 3,788.47
<b>LIBRARY TRUST FUND</b>								
Meriden Library	\$ 24,892.72			\$ 24,892.72	\$ 849.80	\$ 937.78	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 687.58
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$ 71,653.04			\$ 71,653.04	\$ 2,304.36	\$ 2,694.23	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,798.59
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ 96,545.76	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 96,545.76	\$ 3,154.16	\$ 3,632.01	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 2,486.17
<b>MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS</b>								
Ward Christmas Fund	\$ 3,859.33			\$ 3,859.33	\$ 183.62	\$ 147.28	\$ 183.00	\$ 147.90
Ward Worthy Poor Fund	\$ 5,788.99			\$ 5,788.99	\$ 11,397.55	\$ 626.10	\$ 12,023.65	\$ 12,023.65
Ward Essay Prize Fund	\$ 3,859.33			\$ 3,859.33	\$ 1,027.74	\$ 178.03	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,005.77
Elijah Burnap Poor Fund	\$ 10,615.49			\$ 10,615.49	\$ 17,519.18	\$ 1,024.93	\$ 178.20	\$ 18,365.91
Earl Mower Fund	\$ 1,592.00			\$ 1,592.00	\$ 71.50	\$ 60.60	\$ 71.50	\$ 60.60
Duncan Piano Fund	\$ 1,157.80			\$ 1,157.80	\$ 1,629.90	\$ 101.55	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,631.45
Vernon Hood Fund	\$ 385.94			\$ 385.94	\$ 164.95	\$ 20.07	\$ 185.02	\$ 185.02
Bill Hendrick Vision Fund	\$ 1,731.30			\$ 1,731.30	\$ 1,332.85	\$ 111.63	\$ 1,444.48	\$ 1,444.48
Mother's & Daughter's Fund	\$ 2,161.23			\$ 2,161.23	\$ 101.88	\$ 82.44	\$ 101.88	\$ 82.44
Beulah Pickering Fund	\$ 18,264.94			\$ 18,264.94	\$ 24,492.67	\$ 1,428.45	\$ 1,428.45	\$ 25,921.12
Ruth F Koe Brady Camp Fund	\$ 987.78			\$ 987.78	\$ 454.89	\$ 52.56	\$ 399.08	\$ 507.45
Stage Set Fund	\$ 8,635.00			\$ 8,635.00	\$ 2,320.00	\$ 399.08	\$ 399.08	\$ 2,719.08
Mericrafters Fund	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00	\$ 153.48	\$ 23.81	\$ 834.58	\$ 177.29
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ 59,539.13	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 59,539.13	\$ 60,850.21	\$ 4,256.53	\$ 834.58	\$ 64,272.16
<b>TOTAL: ALL TRUST FUNDS</b>	\$ 285,586.32	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 285,586.32	\$ 68,568.34	\$ 12,772.47	\$ 10,794.01	\$ 70,546.80



**INTEREST**

**PRINCIPLE**

**Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds**

	Principle Balance Year End	New Funds Added	Funds Expended	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Year End	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End
Revaluation Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 750.14	\$ 18.56		\$ 768.70
Town Hall Fund	\$ 14,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 15,200.00	\$ 697.16	\$ 55.47	\$ 319.71	\$ 432.92
Bridge Reserve Fund	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 94,000.00	\$ 19,516.44	\$ 1,111.89		\$ 20,628.33
Meriden Water Reserve Fund	\$ 104,500.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 106,500.00	\$ 9,561.81	\$ 1,062.67		\$ 10,624.48
School Building Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 6,302.24	\$ 332.48	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,634.72
New Equipment Fund	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 137,000.00	\$ 2,024.85	\$ 1,463.37		\$ 3,488.22
Plainfield Water Fund	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 24,000.00	\$ 152.76	\$ 73.92		\$ 226.68
Library Repair Fund	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 1,306.12	\$ 63.39	\$ 1,029.02	\$ 340.49
Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 62,000.00	\$ 4,728.69	\$ 715.14		\$ 5,443.83
Plainfield History Fund	\$ 12,000.00			\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,465.97	\$ 48.33		\$ 2,514.30
Cemetery Care Fund	\$ 42,350.00			\$ 42,350.00	\$ 3,253.72	\$ 661.90	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 2,835.62
ADA Access Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
School Spec Ed Fund	\$ 118,000.00			\$ 118,000.00	\$ 19,747.68	\$ 1,424.47		\$ 21,172.15
Transportation Imprvmnt Fund	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 65,000.00	\$ 3,688.11	\$ 289.67		\$ 3,977.78
School Benefits Payable		\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 83.34	\$ 83.34		\$ 83.34
Town Beauty Fund		\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Townsend Bridge & Trail Fund	\$ 7,963.00	\$ 445.00		\$ 8,408.00	\$ 214.26	\$ 27.81		\$ 242.07
<b>TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS</b>	\$ 654,013.00	\$ 195,095.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 791,108.00	\$ 74,409.95	\$ 7,432.41	\$ 7,428.73	\$ 74,413.63

\*The Police Cruiser and Town Hall Renovations Capital Reserve Funds wer discontinued per Article 4 on 2009 Town Warrant.

## SELECTBOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS

The Selectboard is named agents to expend for six reserve funds:

The Library Building Repair Fund created in 1992.

The Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.

Town Hall Repair Fund created in 1996.

Town Revaluation Fund created in 1993.

Town Building ADA Access Fund created in 2003.

Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.

**Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 2009 were:**

### **Library Repair Fund**

Deposits-	\$2,500
Town meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$10,029
PL-Slate Roof Maintenance	\$ 175
PL-Sign Replacement/walkway	\$ 438
PL-Storage Shed	\$ 3,000
ML-Furnace/oil tank replacement	\$ 5,416
ML-Smoke Detectors	\$ 1,000

### **Town**

#### **Bridge Fund**

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

### **Town Hall**

#### **Repair Fund**

Deposits-	\$5,000
Town meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$4,320
PTH slate roof repair	\$375
PTH oil tank replacement	\$1,750
PTH Stair/ramp painting	\$600
MTH Door closer	\$ 292
MTH Parking lot stone	\$ 700
MTH Outside light upgrade	\$ 603

### **Revaluation Fund**

Deposits-	\$10,000
Town meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$ 0

### **ADA Compliance**

Deposits-	\$ 0
Withdrawals-	\$ 0

### **Transportation Fund**

Deposits	\$50,000
Town meeting appropriation	
Withdrawals	\$0

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

## TOWN AUDIT

The firm of Plodzick and Sanderson completed the 2009 audit in January of 2010. To conserve space in this report the following are excerpts from the audit. The full document is available both in printed form and as an electronic file, from the town office.

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Major General Fund**

**Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009**

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Taxes:</b>			
Property	\$ 1,071,943	\$ 1,120,344	\$ 48,401
Yield	12,000	14,891	2,891
Excavation	100	45	(55)
Interest and penalties on taxes	55,000	47,433	(7,567)
<b>Total taxes</b>	<u>1,139,043</u>	<u>1,182,713</u>	<u>43,670</u>
<b>Licenses, permits and fees:</b>			
Motor vehicle permit fees	432,000	411,984	(20,016)
Other	7,500	9,633	2,133
<b>Total licenses, permits and fees</b>	<u>439,500</u>	<u>421,617</u>	<u>(17,883)</u>
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
State:		-	
Shared revenue block grant	108,023	108,023	-
Highway block grant	104,966	104,966	-
State and federal forest land reimbursement	178	-	(178)
Other	2,500	1,334	(1,166)
Federal:			
FEMA	-	15,433	15,433
<b>Total intergovernmental</b>	<u>215,667</u>	<u>229,756</u>	<u>14,089</u>
<b>Charges for services:</b>			
Income from departments	30,000	34,076	4,076
Refuse Charges	95,000	89,812	(5,188)
<b>Total charges for services</b>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>123,888</u>	<u>(1,112)</u>
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Sale of municipal property	10,000	9,260	(740)
Interest on investments	15,000	5,618	(9,382)
Rent of property	-	440	440
Other	4,000	12,477	8,477
<b>Total miscellaneous</b>	<u>29,000</u>	<u>27,795</u>	<u>(1,205)</u>
<b>Other financing sources:</b>			
Transfers in:			
Expendable Trusts	2,000	1,000	(1,000)
Nonmajor fund:			
Land Use Change	15,790	15,790	-
Permanent Funds	8,000	5,600	(2,400)
Transfers in	<u>25,790</u>	<u>22,390</u>	<u>(3,400)</u>
<b>Total revenues and other financing sources</b>	<u>1,974,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,008,159</u>	<u>\$ 34,159</u>



**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Major General Fund**

**Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009**

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Executive	\$ -	\$ 146,110	\$ 137,049	\$ -	\$ 9,061
Election and registration	-	5,330	6,533	-	(1,203)
Financial administration	-	62,800	60,921	-	1,879
Revaluation of property	-	10,000	10,675	-	(675)
Legal	13,500	10,100	10,876	13,500	(776)
Personnel administration	-	8,500	14,800	-	(6,300)
Planning and zoning	-	3,200	2,015	-	1,185
General government buildings	-	6,750	5,449	-	1,301
Cemeteries	5,000	31,000	30,038	-	5,962
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	39,600	38,215	-	1,385
Advertising and regional associations	-	6,600	4,762	-	1,838
Total general government	<u>18,500</u>	<u>329,990</u>	<u>321,333</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>13,657</u>
Public safety:					
Police	-	268,291	267,155	-	1,136
Ambulance	-	29,000	24,326	-	4,674
Fire	-	77,000	77,000	-	-
Building inspection	-	8,800	6,974	-	1,826
Emergency management	-	250	5,000	-	(4,750)
Hydrant Rental	-	6,900	5,686	-	1,214
Dispatching	-	16,500	17,657	-	(1,157)
Total public safety	<u>-</u>	<u>406,741</u>	<u>403,798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,943</u>
Highways and streets:					
Administration	-	20,900	23,105	-	(2,205)
Highways and streets	-	600,059	544,008	14,800	41,251
Road Projects	-	104,966	51,607	53,359	-
Street lighting	-	9,000	8,549	-	451
Total highways and streets	<u>-</u>	<u>734,925</u>	<u>627,269</u>	<u>68,159</u>	<u>39,497</u>
Sanitation:					
Solid waste collection	-	140,500	150,932	-	(10,432)
Solid waste disposal	-	55,610	55,133	-	477
Total sanitation	<u>-</u>	<u>196,110</u>	<u>206,065</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,955)</u>
Health:					
Administration and agencies	-	20,785	19,933	-	852
Animal control	-	750	34	-	716
Total health	<u>-</u>	<u>21,535</u>	<u>19,967</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,568</u>
Welfare:					
Administration	-	1,000	727	-	273
Direct assistance	-	7,223	3,972	-	3,251
Total welfare	<u>-</u>	<u>8,223</u>	<u>4,699</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,524</u>
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	-	21,815	17,424	-	4,391
Patriotic purposes	-	1,500	1,526	-	(26)
Total culture and recreation	<u>-</u>	<u>23,315</u>	<u>18,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,365</u>
Conservation	-	500	600	-	(100)

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TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Major General Fund

Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	25,000	25,000	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	-	9,250	9,230	-	20
Total debt service	-	34,250	34,230	-	20
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out:					
Major Fund:					
Expendable Trust Funds		127,500	127,500		
Nonmajor funds:					
Public Libraries		90,911	90,911		
Transfers out	-	218,411	218,411	-	-
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses and encumbrances	\$ 18,500	\$ 1,974,000	\$ 1,855,322	\$ 81,659	\$ 55,519

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

General Fund

Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

Unreserved, undesignated fund balance (budgetary basis), beginning, as restated, see Note		\$ 404,698
Changes:		
2009 Budget summary:		
Revenue shortfall (Schedule 1)	\$ 34,159	
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2)	55,519	
2009 Budget surplus		89,678
Unreserved, undesignated fund balance, ending		\$ 494,376

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET December 31st 2009**

**ASSETS:**

CASH:

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1,400,158
INVESTMENTS	\$769,965
PETTY CASH	\$250

**TOTAL CASH** **\$2,170,373**

PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE \$336,094

YIELD TAX RECEIVABLE \$201

TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE \$182,327

**TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE** **\$518,622**

DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES \$9,567

DUE FROM CONSERVATION COMMISSION \$1,430

**TOTAL ASSETS:** **\$2,699,992**

**LIABILITIES:**

DUE TO CONSERVATION FUND \$4,825

DUE TO ST OF NH \$388

PAYABLES:

SCHOOL \$2,017,373

INVOICES \$50,229

ACCRUED PAYROLL \$16,603

HEALTH INSURANCE \$614

**TOTAL PAYABLES** **\$2,084,819**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **\$2,090,032**

**FUND BALANCE** **\$609,960**

OVERPAYMENT ON 2009 TAXES (\$3,100)

RESERVE- LUCT CURRENT YEAR (\$4,825)

RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES (\$26,000)

RESERVE- LEGAL (\$13,500)

RESERVE- ROAD PROJECTS (\$65,359)

RESERVE- HIGHWAY RADIOS (\$2,800)

**UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE:** **\$494,376**

**GRAND TOTALS:** **\$2,699,992**

**UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2008** **\$404,698**

**UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2009** **\$494,376**

**CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION** **\$89,678**



**HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT 2009  
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS**

2009	Block Grant Allocation	<b>\$104,996</b>
<b>Willow Brook Road (phase one)</b>		
	Pavement Overlay wearing course	<b>\$29,605</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,605</b>
<b>Freeman Road</b>		
	Reclamation of pavement	\$4,089
	Drainage work	\$1,957
	Stone	\$762
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,808</b>
<b>School Street</b>		
	Pavement Overlay	\$15,194
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,194</b>
	<b>Reserved for 2010 Projects</b>	<b>\$53,359</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$104,966</b>

**FIVE-YEAR ROAD PROJECT PRIORITIES**

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

<b>Year</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Work</b>
'99	River Rd	phase III-prep completion and base paving. <b>Completed</b>
'00	River Rd	phase IV-topcourse paving, shoulder work. <b>Completed</b>
'01	Jenney Rd	base reconstruction/paving <b>Completed</b>
'02	Daniels Rd	base reconstruction/paving. <b>Completed</b>
'04	Bean Rd	base reconstruction/paving. <b>Completed</b>
'05	Bean Rd/Westgate Culvert/drainage work.	<b>Completed.</b>
'06	Westgate base reconstruction/paving.	<b>Completed.</b>
'07	Beauty Hill Rd	base reconstruction/paving <b>Completed.</b>
'08	Colby Hill Rd	base reconstruction/paving <b>Completed.</b>
'08	Willow Brook Road	base reconstruction/paving phase 1 <b>Completed.</b>
'09	Freeman Road	base reconstruction <b>In progress.</b>
'10	Freeman Road paving/Willow Brook Road	phase 2
'11	Willow Brook Road	base reconstruction/paving phase 3
'12	Methodist Hill Road	base reconstruction/paving.
'13	Penniman Road	resurfacing
'14	Center of Town Road	resurfacing.

## SALARIES TOWN EMPLOYEES 2009

Alden, Joshua	Patrolman	\$170
Barry, Daniel	Truck Driver	\$8,853 (includes overtime)
Begin, Peter	Patrolman	\$255
Belyea, Judith	Selectwoman	\$2,280
Blish, Keith	Truck Driver	\$33,199 (includes overtime)
Cantlin, Daniel	Recreation Director	\$5,580
Chapman, Annamay	Sub - Librarian	\$2,796
Collins III, Richard	Assistant Road Agent	\$42,630 (includes overtime)
Dore, Lawrence	Police Master Sergeant	\$57,616 (includes overtime)
Dupree, Judith	Ballot Clerk	\$84
Estey, Lori	Sub – Librarian	\$1,524
Franklin, Paul	Assistant Moderator	\$107
Gillens, Gordon	Police Chief	\$63,600
Grindle, Halton	Welfare / Health Director	\$994
Hackett, Earl	Patrolman	\$170
Halleran, Stephen	Town Administrator	\$57,750
Hawkins, Allyson	Tennis Instructor	\$1,580
Hawkins, Amanda	Tennis Assistant	\$1,280
Hollinger, R.D.	Truck Driver	\$35,157 (includes overtime)
Jones, Harold	Supervisor of Checklist	\$202
Jordan, Donald	Supervisor of Checklist	\$218
Kennett, Joshua	Truck Driver	\$32,095 (includes overtime)
LaPorte, Rene	Truck Driver	\$5,417
Lersch, David	Building Inspector	\$5,758
Marsh, Michelle	Deputy Town Clerk	\$12,693
Norwalk, Nancy	Library Director – West	\$23,974
Roberts, Paul	Police Corporal	\$48,487 (includes overtime)
Rogers, Diane	Administrative Assistant	\$6,987
Serem, Jerome	Equipment Operator	\$12,255
Smith, David	Election Staff	\$126
Smith, Sean	Truck Driver	\$33,554 (includes overtime)
Stalker, Jesse	Trustee of Trust Funds	\$1,500
Stalker, Ruth	Sub – Librarian	\$3,873
Stocker, Ken	Road Agent	\$55,620
Sullivan, Maryellen	Ballot Clerk	\$42
Sweet, Fred	Town Treasurer	\$3,400
Swett, Anthony	Patrolman	\$5,698
Taylor, Robert	Selectman	\$2,280
Taylor, Stephen	Moderator	\$240
Thompson, Jeanne	Library Director – East	\$14,014
Timmons, Susan	Ballot Clerk	\$126
West, George	Election Staff	\$139
Wheeler, Ruthann	Town Clerk / Tax Collector	\$25,676
Williams Jr, Thomas	Selectman	\$2,280
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$612,279</b>



## WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Again this year, I offer great thanks to the many individuals and businesses that make my job a lot easier and help our citizens when they are in need. Many residents each year make donations of food, clothing, heating oil, and firewood. This type of kindness for our neighbors is just one of the great benefits of living in a rural community.

The senior socials continue to be well attended we have been averaging 65-70 attendees. Thanks to donations and the help from surrounding businesses we have had a wide range of food and goodies. If you haven't attended one of our gathering, please join us. Remember these are your socials so if you would like something changed or added or just have a new idea please mention it to me and we will try to accommodate. If you need a ride please call me at 675-2646 and will try to accommodate you. We are also always looking for help with the socials, if you would like to volunteer please contact me.

Most importantly, if you or a family member are in need, call the town office at 469-3201 and a discreet appointment will be made to see what types of federal, state or local assistance might be available to you.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Al Grindle*

**A. Halton Grindle**



**PES hosting October Senior Social**

**Photo: Kathy Grindle**



## HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Residents of the Town of Plainfield continued to have access to needed social services from the following agencies during 2009:

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

**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE:** Provides counseling and support for youth and their families, available 24 hours a day; works with court ordered juveniles, maintaining Chandler House, an emergency, temporary home for these clients. PO Box 188, Newport NH 03773 tel. 863-7708.

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

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

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

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

**VNAVNH/HOSPICE:** Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire Medicare is a certified home care agency that provides home health services to Plainfield residents. 66 Benning Street, Suite 6 West Lebanon tel. 1-800-300-8853.

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

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

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

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Granted 2009</b>	<b>Requested 2010</b>	<b>Budgeted 2010</b>
Acorn	\$500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Community Alliance	\$500	\$ 500	\$ 500
GCSCC	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Headrest	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Mascoma Valley Health	\$0	\$1,680	\$ 840
Sthwst Comm Service	\$ 850	\$ 850	\$ 850
VNAVNH	\$9,875	\$9,875	\$9,875
Volunteers in Action	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
West Central Services	\$2,310	\$2,310	\$2,310
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,535</b>	<b>\$21,215</b>	<b>\$20,375</b>

**The Plainfield History Account**  
**Administered by the Philip Read Memorial Library & Meriden Library**  
**January 1, 2009-December 31, 2009**

Choice White Pines and Good Land: A History of Plainfield and Meriden, New Hampshire, published in 1991, continues to sell well. The libraries are in charge of selling, marketing, storing, and shipping the books. The cost is \$45; they are available at the town office and the Plainfield and Meriden Libraries. "Choice White Pines..." is a valuable reference on our town and its residents and is cited frequently in various publications. This is the only full-length published history of Plainfield. Purchase your copy now and read about your community.

At Town Meeting 2000, a warrant article was passed authorizing the establishment of a capital reserve fund called the Plainfield History Fund. The fund was established with money from this Plainfield History account and, periodically, funds from sales are transferred to the capital reserve. Eventually, the Plainfield History Fund will be used to underwrite the cost of writing the next volume of Plainfield's history. See the Trustee of Trust Funds report for the balance of this fund.

**Financial Report**

<b>Balance January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009</b>	\$1,159.68
<b>Income:</b>	
Sale of books & shipping	\$492.52
Bank interest	<u>5.37</u>
Total Income	<u>497.94</u>
	\$1,657.57
<b>Expenses:</b>	
None	
<b>Balance December 31<sup>st</sup> 2009</b>	<b>\$1,657.57</b>



## KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY STUDY COMMITTEE

The charge of this committee is to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, and to report its findings at annual town meeting.

### Summary of the Committee's Finding:

Based on all that your committee was able to learn and discuss, this year's committee unanimously supports the granting of the optional exemption. The relationship, as currently managed, seems to result in positive gains for the town and is consistent with the previous committee's stated goal of working with Kimball Union as a collective community to maximize all of our local resources to enhance opportunities for all and at the same time reduce or control property tax increases.

### In detail, your committee reports the following:

- **Annual Tax Abatement Vote.** As part of its work this year, your Committee met with Moderator Steve Taylor, who was a Selectman in 1974 when the first annual tax abatement vote on Kitchen, Dining Hall and Dormitory property took place. During these discussions the committee was reminded that the impetus for the tax abatement was to provide Kimball Union Academy relief equal to the amount of tuition savings to Lebanon that resulted from local students attending the private school. As the number of students and the cost of education increased, the value of the abatement increased to the maximum allowed by state law or 100% of the value of this property class.  
The decision to return the tax abatement money to local students is solely Kimball Union's and one that the town is not allowed to participate in. This view is consistent with the 1993 legal opinion on the Plainfield/KUA arrangement issued by the Concord NH law firm of Ransmeier & Spellman.
- **Kimball Union Academy remains Plainfield's largest employer.**
  - More than 30 KUA employees, making up some 27 Plainfield households, own homes in the community
- **Kimball Union Academy is the Town's largest taxpayer.**
  - In 2009 KUA paid \$56,000 in local property taxes
- **Plainfield Students**
  - Twenty-eight (exclusive of KUA faculty students) Plainfield students attend the academy
  - Seven (7) Plainfield seniors will graduate in the coming spring
  - Three to five (3-5) Plainfield eighth graders are expected to begin attending KUA for the 2010/11 school year
  - Another five (5) Plainfield students of KUA faculty families attend Kimball Union
- **Tuitions: KUA and Lebanon High School (LHS)**
  - KUA day-student tuition will be \$28,850 for the next (2010/11) academic year
  - LHS tuition for Plainfield students this year is \$13,144/per student
  - Due to twenty-five Plainfield students attending KUA, \$336,650 in tuition payment to LHS will be avoided. The town does not pay any portion of the KUA tuition for local students.
  - At the request of the committee, the KUA administration has agreed to meet with the Plainfield School Board to explore ideas for reducing some of the



uncertainty that the school board faces each year when budgeting for the number of high school students who will be attending Lebanon.

- **KUA Tax Abatement**

- KUA assets (dormitory, dining hall and kitchen) are valued at \$7,131,998, thus the discretionary exemption is \$156,900 (i.e., tax abatement)
- While recognizing that KUA has no obligation to return the tax abatement money to the community, your committee supports the continuation of a need-based distribution of local financial aid provided by the academy.
- During the 2009/10 academic year, KUA provided \$271,100 worth of financial aid to Plainfield students attending KUA. This aid exceeded the tax abated last year by \$114,200.

- **Facility Access**

- Access times and directions to KUA facilities for Plainfield residents is available on the KUA website [www.kua.org](http://www.kua.org)
- Those facilities are:
  - Skating rink
  - Cross-country ski trails
  - Tennis courts
  - Indoor swimming pool during winter school vacation
  - Athletic fields and track
  - Meeting rooms with advanced approval
  - Soccer fields where our elementary school holds its annual soccer tournament under the lights on a Sunday (the only time the field lights are used on a Sunday)

- **KUA Supports the Following Special Events**

- Annual Holiday Luncheon for Plainfield Seniors
- Meriden Fire Department wild game dinner
- Town Energy Expo
- Provides public access to theatrical performances and art exhibits
- Provides meeting spaces for various local nonprofit organizations.

- **Meriden Post Office**

- KUA has made significant progress to insure continued access to a post office in Meriden Village

Respectfully Submitted, *James Bonney, Doug Cogan-SB, Gordon DeJae, Betsy Duany, Myra Fersuson-SB, James Gray-KUA, Robyn Hadlock, Rob Hewett, Susan Plummer, Rachel Tilney-KUA and John Yacavone*, Plainfield KUA Committee 2009/10

## ENERGY COMMITTEE- 2009

The Plainfield Energy Committee was organized to encourage energy conservation and efficiency in homes, businesses, public buildings and transportation through education and community outreach. The committee met for the first time in March 2009. Thanks to the amazing talents of the committee volunteers, we had a very productive first year.

### **Community Energy Challenge**

The committee's inaugural project was to join the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Community Energy Challenge which promotes energy efficiency and renewables in New England cities and towns. The first step in the challenge process was to "benchmark" or assess the current energy use of our public buildings, including town halls, libraries, garage and school. We were fortunate to have the assistance of Jim Potter, a University of New Hampshire EPA intern, who created a formal presentation that documents the "energy intensity" of these buildings and provides a baseline from which we can measure progress. See the Energy Committee page at our Town Website <http://www.plainfieldnh.org/towncomm.html#energy> to view this information. Our buildings compare favorably to similar structures in other locations, but our goal is to meet the challenge of reducing their energy consumption by at least 10% in the next year.

### **Plainfield /Cornish Energy Expo**

A second project – energizing and exciting – was the production of the first Plainfield and Cornish Energy Expo which was held at the Plainfield Elementary School (PES) on October 24<sup>th</sup>. This daylong event featured workshops and exhibits on a range of energy issues and products and showcased PES's energy saving classroom retrofit. Dozens of volunteers worked to organize the event and provide education, entertainment, food and childcare for the estimated 175 visitors. It was a marvelous community effort and we are especially grateful to the administration, faculty, staff and students of PES for making it possible. For further detail, see Thom Wolke's lively description of the expo on the Town Website. We look forward to our second expo in January, 2011.

### **Promotion of Energy Efficiency & Innovation**

Underlying these special projects is our goal of promoting energy efficiency and innovation in all aspects of town life and in all sectors of energy use – electricity, heating fuels and transportation - thereby reducing costs to individuals, businesses and taxpayers and mitigating the emission of greenhouse gases which contribute to climate change. The opportunities are abundant in 2010 and much of the work involves bringing information to the community for individual and group action. The Town Website Energy Committee page features information on topics such as home energy assessment and audits, weatherization, renewable energy systems, rebates and tax information, Energy Star products, local and regional events and educational opportunities. The energy committee welcomes new ideas and new members at any time.

Our vision for work in 2010 includes the following topics:

- Community collaboration, education and outreach through a second Energy Expo
- Improvement in the energy "intensity" of town buildings and vehicles
- Assessment and fine tuning of town streetlights
- Assessment, audit and weatherization of existing homes



- Promotion of energy efficiency in new home construction
- Electricity conservation through behavior change, energy efficient lighting, Energy Star appliances, etc. with a town wide reporting system to provide feedback
- Installation of renewable energy systems
- Planning for “smart growth” development and energy efficient transportation systems
- Supporting other initiatives which relate to energy efficiency and sustainability; for example, promotion of local agriculture and business, enhanced solid waste and recycling programs, etc.

### **Plainfield Elementary School and Kimball Union Academy**

The energy committee is building on a solid foundation created by committees which were active before our inception. Thanks to the Plainfield Elementary School Facilities Committee working with the administration, students, faculty and staff, PES has reduced energy usage by 7,000 gallons of fuel oil /year and 39,000 kWh per year of electricity. And the KUA Energy Task Force, students, faculty and staff have reduced their energy consumption over the past six months by 14,000 gallons of oil, 183,000 kWh of electricity and 2,883 gallons of propane. The combined savings of these schools, supported by help from National Grid, results in a reduction of 405 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> being generated. Alternatively it results in a reduction of 2,205 trees being required to offset what they had been producing.

Submitted by

*Nancy Mogielnicki, Chair*



A gathering of participants in the exhibits and workshops of the first Plainfield and Cornish Energy Expo, which was held on October 24, 2009, the International Day of Climate Action.



## CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) published a major atlas of the Upper Connecticut River Watershed, *Where the Great River Rises*, and provided complimentary copies to area high schools and libraries.

In 2009, we continued our work in river assessment and conducted water quality monitoring on a section of the river thought to be affected by combined sewer overflows, including Plainfield. Bacteria counts violated state standards for swimming safety in only one sample this summer. Details are posted at [www.cesd.umass.edu/twi/index.html](http://www.cesd.umass.edu/twi/index.html).

In our bi-state meetings, we considered issues as wide-ranging as the economics of farmland conservation to the Northern Forest Center's Sustainable Economy Initiative. In October, we hosted Governors Lynch and Douglas on a bi-state tour of the northern river valley.

Through the Connecticut River Byway, CRJC works with communities, businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for heritage tourism. In 2009, we updated the Byway Map and Guide and a major exhibit. Visit the Byway at [www.ctrivertravel.net](http://www.ctrivertravel.net).

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont, the Connecticut River Joint Commissions welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site, [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org), for a calendar of events and useful information.

*Nancy Franklin, Connecticut River Commission Chair*

### ANNUAL REPORT - 2009

#### **Mount Ascutney Region River Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions**

This year the Mount Ascutney Region River Subcommittee published a new and expanded *Connecticut River Recreation Management Plan* and *Water Resources Management Plan*, and sponsored a number of presentations, including at the Philip Read Library, to acquaint the public with the findings. Each plan represents many months of deliberation and reaching consensus among people of widely different backgrounds, and includes extensive detail about the condition and health of the river.

The *Water Resources Plan* emphasizes the environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and encouraging natural vegetation along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff. We encourage towns to consider our recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances.

Landowners planning projects near water should check first with the town office to see if a state or local permit is needed. We urge all anglers and

boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading milfoil, Didymo and other invasive plants and animals.

The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan*, and much more are on the web at [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org).

*Steve Halleran and Ted Moynihan, Plainfield representatives*

## SENATOR MATTHEW HOUDE

Greetings,

The second year of the legislative session is underway in Concord, and before it gets much further along I wanted to recap some of the activity and accomplishments from 2009. Last term, the Legislature heard over 1000 bills and completed the challenging task of crafting the State budget. (New Hampshire operates under a two-year budget that is written in the first year of the session). In addition to grappling with the budget, the Legislature also:

- Fully funded education, including disparity aid
- Passed education accountability legislation – the last step laid out by the NH Supreme Court as necessary to resolve years of education lawsuits
- Put federal stimulus dollars to work on improving our infrastructure and creating good jobs
- Secured an additional \$21 million for unemployment benefits from the federal government
- Provided protection for working families by passing a bill that requires employers to give advance notice to employees of plant closings and mass layoffs
- Took further steps to secure the state retirement fund
- Passed marriage equality legislation

I am certain there will be a full plate of bills debated in Concord in 2010, and I will continue to share information as the session progresses. I expect the Legislature will be paying particular attention to job creation, the budget situation (making any adjustments that may be necessary based on revenue receipts), and addressing the continuing need to provide services to support those experiencing difficulties. Bottom line: there remains an increasing need for services in a time of declining revenue.

**Electricity Assistance:** One of the first acts of the Legislature in 2010 was to boost funding for the State's Electric Assistance Program. By redirecting a portion of the funds (\$5 million) currently directed to energy efficiency, we addressed the need of the approximately 8000 families on the waitlist. The change does not affect what anyone pays for electricity, but it was urgent to help



people in need. According to PSNH, during a typical winter's week 1,760 households are given notice that their electricity would be shut off and 31 are actually disconnected.

**School building aid:** A committee examined this issue during the past several months and issued an interim report in which it found the current situation unsustainable. State grants to communities renovating or building new schools have grown by 150 percent in the last decade, from \$18.5 million in 1999 to \$46.2 million in the latest budget. (In total, the State is obligated to pay just over \$600 million for previously approved projects with an additional cost of \$200 million for debt service.) The committee asked the Legislature to consider temporarily suspending building aid for new projects approved after June 30, 2010 so that (1) sustainable alternatives could be discussed, and (2) pending projects could still get local approval before any suspension went into effect. Again, the committee did not propose changing current grant allocations - recognizing that communities were counting on the State's contributions when building projects were approved.

**Limited liability companies:** A limited liability company ("LLC") is a common form of business organization that was established, in part, to facilitate the creation of small businesses without burdensome paperwork requirements associated with the formation of a corporation. Among the differences between LLCs and corporations is how they are taxed. In New Hampshire, for example, dividends paid by a corporation to its shareholders are taxed while distributions to holders of LLC interests have not been subject to taxation (specifically, the interest and dividends – or "I&D" – tax). Last year, the Legislature changed the tax code in order to treat distributions made by either business entity the same; in other words, it extended the I&D tax to cover the profits distributed to LLC interest holders. (Salaries paid to employees or owners of LLCs are not "profits distributed to LLC interest holders" for purposes of the expanded I&D tax; only amounts distributed over and above "reasonable compensation" would be subject to the tax.)

Several bills have been filed in the Legislature this year that would amend or clarify the law.

Please do not hesitate to contact me about these issues – or any other legislative matter – as the session progresses.

Respectfully,

Matthew Houde

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

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# PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

## 2009 Report

The Plainfield Town Hall continues to be a very well-used facility and asset to the community. It is the only town-owned building (other than the school) which can hold more than 20 people for a meeting/gathering. Many town organizations use it regularly for events and programs: the library, Grange, churches, seniors, town boards; private individuals rent it for parties. From senior socials, to dances, to meetings, to book sales, to children's theater performances and weddings, the hall is versatile and accommodating.

The Maxfield Parrish Stage Set continues to draw visitors and inquiries from around the world. The Maxfield Parrish Vintage Print Sale in the fall was very well-attended as interest in Parrish's art grows. Attendance on Sundays to view the stage set increased over last year.

The committee continues to address the upkeep and repair of the town hall. We recommend that the town further address the list of repairs outlined in the 2007 Town Report, as time and funds allow. This year the town replaced the oil tank in the basement. Recently, the town administrator asked us to inspect the foundation. Our recommendation is that the foundation be repointed. There are some gaps in the stone which need to be repaired, at least one of which is large enough for the skunk which occasionally lives under the kitchen. We also recommend that full cleaning of the hall be scheduled at least quarterly in keeping with the heavy use the building sees.

Given the festivities being planned for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Plainfield's charter, the committee recommends that the town address these repairs and maintenance in time for the celebration in 2011.

Pam Abrahamson has resigned from the committee. We thank her for her help and the excellent and detailed minutes she kept. New members are welcome.

Submitted by *Nancy Norwalk and Beverly Widger* for the committee: Nancy Norwalk, Beverly Widger, Brad Atwater, Nancy Scott, David Chellis, Ruth Cassidy

# REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

## School Budget

**General Position:** Issues this year included a 20% increase in LHS tuition, contract negotiations for Faculty and Staff contracts for the next 2 years, a rise in the costs of Special Education and changes in employee benefits resulting in higher expenditures. The economic climate is challenging all over the Upper Valley and Plainfield is no exception. The Finance Committee regrets the large amount needed to make up the budget but we commend the hard work and long hours contributed by the School Board, the Administration, teachers, staff and community members in an effort to maintain the high quality of our educational programming and our school in the face of non discretionary cost increases and decreases in sources of Federal and State funding. As taxpayers ourselves, we appreciate the spirit of effort and compromise apparent in the results of the negotiation and budgeting processes.

The Finance Committee is concerned about the fundamental change in budgeting for the correct number of eighth grade students who will attend Lebanon High School each year. In recent years the School Board has budgeted for every eighth grader to attend Lebanon High School and set aside that amount of tuition in the tuition and special education reserve fund. This practice has resulted in an annual surplus to be returned to the taxpayers. The new plan will not budget for every eighth grade student and so will not provide that surplus although it will cut costs this year. We feel that this is a riskier approach to take with a tuition budget that can be adversely affected by unexpected new students moving into town or sudden increased costs in Special Education.

**Benefits Payable Fund:** We support the addition of \$25,000 to the Benefits Payable Expendable Trust Fund. We are aware that there will be greater demands placed on this fund soon because of shortfalls in the State of NH's retirement fund and so we agree with the measures the Board recommends to prepare for this need.

**Facility Improvement Bond:** Last year, we supported the funding of a prototype classroom we hoped would increase energy efficiency in the building and reduce energy costs. Over the last year, these efforts have been enormously successful. The Finance Committee unanimously agrees with the Board, Administration and the facilities Committee that the availability of State support for capital spending projects at this time, combined with low bond interest rates and the final payment of the year 2000 bond provide a favorable climate for a Facility Improvement Bond to expand this project and increase future savings while maintaining our Facility.

**Roof Repair Bond:** The Finance Committee supports using a five year bond to pay for this vital repair and if the bond does not pass, we support funding the Building maintenance fund with an additional \$40,000 and withdrawing the necessary money for the repair from that fund.

## Town Budget

**General Position:** The 2.11% increase in the Operating budget of the town represents a strong effort made by our town Administration, Department Heads and Selectboard to maintain the level of services we have come to expect while keeping our town affordable and solvent in times of increasing financial pressure.

**Article 5 Dump truck replacement:** The Finance Committee agrees with the recommendation of the Selectmen to purchase a new Dump truck and to sell or trade the existing truck. The ready availability of funding for this purchase in the Highway vehicle reserve Fund serves to emphasize the importance of consistent funding of the reserve funds annually so as to minimize the effect on taxes when these purchases must be made. We also appreciate the common sense approach of buying the last model of a proven truck rather than the first model of a new truck. This typifies the thoughtful approach to spending reflected in our town budgets.

**Article 8 Library organization:** The Finance Committee supports the creation of a unified library department for the town by merging the two existing boards of Trustees. We believe that a thorough examination of the best way to utilize and fund the two town libraries is called for in order to maximize the taxpayer benefit and improve cost efficiency.

In relation to our feelings regarding Article 8 , the majority of the Finance Committee does not support Article 9 to upgrade the Philip Read Memorial Library Director part-time position to full -time at this time. We are fortunate to have two wonderful libraries available to all the residents of Plainfield and support the maintenance and growth of both institutions. With that said, we would like to wait for the findings of a unified board of trustees before we move forward with Library development.

**Conclusion:** We believe that all voters must examine these issues carefully and participate in public discussion when possible so that we can make informed decisions for our town , our school and our tax dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephen Beaupre, Sarah Brookes-Governo, David Chellis, Ann Grobe, Scott Macleay and Ted Moynihan*



**Meriden Village Water District  
2009 Operator's Report**

Several equipment replacement purchases were made during the year including a new refrigerator, computer, and E.coli analysis system. DSL internet access through TDS was added at the treatment plant as well. The new E.coli system was necessary due to quality control issues with the previous vendor (membrane filtration) manufacturing process. The new system is the Colilert Quantitray method which utilizes a proprietary sealer made by Idexx Corporation. The sealer alone was over \$ 4,000. The new system is much easier to use and interpret than the old system. Several areas of significant rotting of the T1-11 siding at the treatment plant were repaired and repainted during the year. The garage doors of the storage shed were replaced with new steel overhead doors. The NH DES again performed a comprehensive inspection of the treatment facility as they did in 2008. No deficiencies were found.

The new wells which received approval in 2008 were put into service in early July. Together the wells yield just over 100 gallons per minute. Two analyzers were added at the pumphouse to monitor pH and Chlorine residual. The analyzers are connected to a chart recorder that graphs both levels continuously. The NH DES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau performed a sanitary survey inspection of the water system in August. The inspection found no major deficiencies but did make several recommendations. Following the inspection spill containment equipment was purchased and installed at the pumphouse. Wellhead protection and water conservation efforts were continued during the year including the mailing of several educational and notification documents to both customers and residents. All MVWD wells were sampled for the presence of E.coli bacteria as part of the new Groundwater Rule. The wells were sampled once a month for six consecutive months and no E.coli was detected. Ten additional hydrants were cleaned and painted over the summer.

The MVWD applied for and received a credit card from the Bank of America. It had become difficult to conduct business without one the past several years. Mrs. Rybeck-Lynd and her 7<sup>th</sup> grade science classes toured the wastewater treatment facility in the late fall.

Respectfully submitted,

*William S. Taylor*, Certified Operator, Meriden Village Water District

*Donald E. Garfield*

*Jeffrey S. Albright*

*Murray Dewdney*

Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

**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 twenty third day of March 2010 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 \$208,402 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual warrant articles addressed. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

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

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

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

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

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

Given under our hands and seal this twelfth day of January, 2010.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

DONALD E. GARFIELD  
JEFFREY S. ALLBRIGHT  
MURRAY DEWDNEY

**MINUTES  
MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING  
MARCH 24, 2009**

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 twenty fourth of March 2009 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 Carin Reynolds.

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 unanimous in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

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

RESOLVED: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$265,375, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual warrant articles addressed.

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

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



RESOLVED: That the reports of District Officers be accepted as printed in the Town of Plainfield 2008 Town Report; subject to corrections, and that a corrected copy be placed on file with the District Clerk. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

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

RESOLVED: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system, pursuant to RSA35:1. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

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

RESOLVED: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of 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 VI. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

- RESOLVED:
1. That District charges for residential sewer service be reduced from \$112 per quarter to \$95 per quarter.
  2. That District charges for sewer service to Kimball Union Academy be increased from \$7,850 per month to \$8,150 per month.
  3. That District charges for sewer service to Plainfield Elementary School remain at \$500 per month.
  4. That District charges for residential water service be reduced from \$80 per quarter to \$75 per quarter.
  5. That District charges for water service to Kimball Union Academy be reduced from \$7,250 per month to \$4,800 per month.

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

ARTICLE VII. There being no further business, the meeting was voted adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

*Roberta J. Garfield*  
Clerk

**Meriden Village Water District**  
**Water Department Balance**  
**Sheet**

**As of December 31, 2009**

**Assets:**

Cash: In hands of treasurer	\$18,116.83
Reserves: Distribution upgrade fund	\$114,000.00
Accounts due district: Water charges due	\$12,080.00
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Total Assets	\$144,196.83

**Liabilities:**

Reserve Funds: Distribution upgrade fund	\$114,000.00
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Total Liabilities	\$114,000.00

Fund Balance Current Surplus	\$30,196.83
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Grand Total	\$144,196.83

**Sewer Department Balance Sheet**

**As of December 31, 2009**

**Assets:**

Cash: In hands of treasurer	\$47,628.74
Accounts due district	\$15,283.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$56,700.00
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Total Assets	\$119,611.74

**Liabilities:**

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$56,700.00
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Total Liabilities	\$56,700.00

Fund Balance - Current Surplus	\$62,911.74
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Grand Total	\$119,611.74

## Meriden Village Water District

### *Sewer Department*

Income	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009	Actual 2009	Budget 2010
Sewer Charges	\$128,100	\$114,396	\$120,300	\$134,380	\$130,832
Hook-up	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest	\$0	\$63	\$0	\$69	\$0
SRF loan	\$25,000	\$11,316	\$0	\$0	\$0
From Cptl. Rsrv.	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$0	\$5,000
From Surplus	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$153,100</b>	<b>\$128,775</b>	<b>\$139,300</b>	<b>\$144,449</b>	<b>\$135,832</b>

Expenses	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009	Actual 2009	Budget 2010
Office	\$550	\$256	\$550	\$0	\$500
Legal	\$200	\$33	\$200	\$0	\$200
Electricity	\$12,000	\$8,594	\$9,000	\$5,740	\$6,000
Insurance	\$18,000	\$18,950	\$18,500	\$21,009	\$19,000
Maintenance	\$6,000	\$9,241	\$9,000	\$12,222	\$10,000
Telephone	\$600	\$560	\$800	\$745	\$850
Wages	\$33,500	\$34,415	\$33,500	\$38,127	\$33,500
FICA, Medicare	\$5,000	\$5,008	\$5,400	\$5,684	\$5,500
Interest on Debt	\$10,000	\$9,065	\$10,600	\$10,569	\$10,032
Principal on Debt	\$17,500	\$16,979	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
Supplies	\$4,000	\$4,180	\$4,000	\$2,890	\$4,000
Effluent Testing	\$10,000	\$12,923	\$12,000	\$9,800	\$12,000
Vehicle	\$750	\$457	\$750	\$159	\$750
Capital Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Aeration/Sludge Rmvl	\$25,000	\$16,073	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ground Wtr. Mntring.	\$5,000	\$3,318	\$5,000	\$3,294	\$5,000
Blower Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$0	\$7,500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$153,100</b>	<b>\$145,052</b>	<b>\$139,300</b>	<b>\$131,337</b>	<b>\$135,832</b>

### *Water Department*

Income	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009	Actual 2009	Budget 2010
Hydrant Rentals	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Water Rents	\$113,250	\$115,700	\$75,375	\$80,904	\$74,870
Interest	\$100	\$62	\$100	\$31	\$100
From Capital Reserve	\$85,000	\$0	\$53,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$201,950</b>	<b>\$119,362</b>	<b>\$132,075</b>	<b>\$84,535</b>	<b>\$78,570</b>
MVWD-Water Dept.					



<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget 2008</b>	<b>Actual 2008</b>	<b>Budget 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Budget 2010</b>
Office	\$500	\$36	\$500	\$145	\$500
Legal	\$500	\$164	\$250	\$0	\$250
Electricity	\$6,500	\$5,834	\$6,500	\$4,729	\$5,000
Insurance	\$5,250	\$5,107	\$5,250	\$4,100	\$6,050
Maintenance	\$5,000	\$7,317	\$5,000	\$4,147	\$5,000
Water Analysis	\$1,250	\$5,067	\$2,000	\$4,915	\$2,000
Telephone	\$600	\$396	\$800	\$527	\$800
Wages	\$9,600	\$9,500	\$9,600	\$6,500	\$9,600
FICA, Medicare	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$1,800	\$900	\$2,000
Interest on debt	\$30,500	\$23,003	\$19,860	\$19,860	\$19,038
Principal on debt	\$53,750	\$53,773	\$24,515	\$24,515	\$25,332
Capital Reserve	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Supplies	\$1,100	\$2,566	\$2,000	\$731	\$2,000
SRF Project	\$85,000	\$44,661	\$53,000	\$12,020	\$0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$201,950</b>	<b>\$159,424</b>	<b>\$132,075</b>	<b>\$84,089</b>	<b>\$78,570</b>

### **Plainfield Village Water District Commissioners' Annual Report January 2009**

This year marked the completion of some long-planned work, and also the formal acceptance of the final pieces of the tank and well project by the Department of Environmental Services. The project was started in the late 1990s and went through several design changes, leadership changes and engineering firm changes. Despite all of these changes the project was completed less than five percent over the original budget and has proven to be very workable and successful.

Our 2008 two-year project to upgrade distribution on the west side of 12-A just north of the Post Office took off this summer with a directional bore under 12-A, several new valves and yet another fire hydrant. The affected customers seem to be satisfied with the changes made.

A less noticeable change was the completion of the permitting process for our backup well, which we chose to upgrade by installing a larger pump to match the main well pump. We will be reworking the pump controls at some point to operate off of both wells.

Collections remain a challenge, though several of our delinquent accounts made considerable progress this year. Our "accounts receivable" number represents about half "old debt" (more than 180 days) and about half accounts that are one billing period overdue. Despite the economy we saw a small but significant decrease in accounts receivable in 2009.

The DES grant program that has brought in about \$7200 a year for the last two years was funded for the 2009 fiscal year. Again this year we are uncertain of the status

of this program, which would normally be expected to yield about \$6300. Prudent budgeting means that we will not expect to receive it this year. On the other hand, our bond principal drops to \$20,000 annually for the remaining 10 years of the bond. Due to this we have adjusted the rates down slightly, beginning with the January bills.

The commissioners are proposing a new capital project for 2010 to replace some distribution pipes and district owned valves, as well as to add a fire hydrant on Westgate Road. The commissioners also ask that the District add \$5000 to the system maintenance fund, currently at about \$24,500. We will be tapping the fund to replace the anodes in the storage tank to prevent corrosion, a cost estimated at around \$9000.

Large scale flushing operations seem to have brought our long-time sediment problem somewhat more under control. More flushing is planned for 2010.

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

The commissioners

*Robert Drupe*

*Henry Ingham*

*Ralph Patalano*

**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 27th of March 2010 at 10:00 a.m., to act upon the following subjects.

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

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

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

**ARTICLE III.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,270** to defray district expenses, and to authorize the Commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the District Treasurer in accordance with the District's Administrative Guidelines.

Said sum does not include special warrant articles assessed. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE IV.** To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5000** to be placed in the System Maintenance Fund established in 2007 pursuant to RSA31:19-a, and to authorize funds for this purpose to come from the fund balance. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE V.** To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5000** for the purpose of reconstructing distribution piping serving twelve condominium units on Westgate Road, along with a fire hydrant. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2011, whichever is sooner, and to authorize funds for this purpose to come from the fund balance. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

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

Given under our hands and seal this 28th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

At true copy attest:

*Robert Drupe*

*Henry Ingham*

*Ralph Patalano*

**Plainfield Water District  
Proposed 2010 Budget**

	<b>2009 Proposed</b>	<b>2009 Actual</b>	<b>2010 Proposed</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Water Rent	\$67,000.00	\$63,257.37	\$60,000.00
District Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hydrant Service	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
Interest Income	\$100.00	\$29.42	\$50.00
Other Income	\$0.00	\$8,173.40	\$0.00
Transfer from Expendible	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Starting cash balance	\$62,542.79	\$62,542.79	\$54,780.41
	<u>\$130,892.79</u>	<u>\$134,002.98</u>	<u>\$116,080.41</u>



**OPERATING EXPENSES**

## Administrative

Officers Salaries	\$1,040.00	\$1,040.00	\$1,040.00
Officer Expenses	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Clerical Salaries	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$220.00
Payroll Taxes	\$760.00	\$544.68	\$760.00
Postage	\$300.00	\$382.67	\$300.00
Office Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$25.00	\$1,000.00
Administrative/Legal	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Insurance/Bonding	\$2,000.00	\$863.00	\$1,500.00
Total Administrative	\$6,050.00	\$3,080.35	\$5,570.00

## Operations

Maintenance-Labor	\$8,000.00	\$7,120.00	\$8,000.00
Maintenance-Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,233.81	\$2,500.00
Maintenance-Service	\$2,500.00	\$2,845.00	\$2,500.00
Utilities-Electricity	\$2,000.00	\$1,960.98	\$2,000.00
Utilities-Propane	\$1,500.00	\$716.24	\$1,200.00
Utilities-Telephone	\$1,000.00	\$1,078.57	\$1,000.00
Water Sample Tests	\$3,000.00	\$3,725.00	\$3,500.00
System Improvements	\$3,500.00	\$3,742.61	\$3,500.00
Total Operations	\$24,000.00	\$23,422.21	\$24,200.00

**DEBT**

Principal	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00
Interest	\$11,812.50	\$11,812.50	\$10,500.00
Tax Anticipation Notes repayment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax Anticipation Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Debt Service	\$36,812.50	\$36,812.50	\$30,500.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

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	\$66,862.50	\$63,315.06	\$60,270.00
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**Plainfield Village Water District**  
**Statement of Cash Flow for the year 2009**

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<b>Opening Cash position</b>	<b>\$62,542.79</b>
Water Rent	\$63,257.37
Other Income	\$8,202.82
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$71,460.19</b>
Admin Expenses	\$3,080.35
Operations	\$23,422.21
Bond Debt - Principal Reduction	\$25,000.00
Bond Debt - Interest	\$11,812.50
TAN notes - interest	\$0.00
<b>Total operating disbursements</b>	<b>\$63,315.06</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>	
2008 Article 5	\$10,000.00
<b>Transfers to Trust Funds</b>	
2009 Article 4	\$5,000.00
<b>Transfers from Trust Funds</b>	
Transfer from System Maintenance Fund	\$0.00
<b>Net cash flow before TAN borrowings</b>	<b>-\$6,854.87</b>
Net TAN borrowings	\$0.00
<b>Net change in cash balance</b>	<b>-\$6,854.87</b>
<b>Ending Cash position</b>	<b>\$55,687.92</b>

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2009**

**ASSETS**

Cash		55,688
Accounts receivable		22,430
Machinery and equipment	124,288	
Buildings		10,000
Land and improvements	70,000	
Tank/Well project		<u>450,000</u>
Total assets		<u>\$ 723,406</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**Liabilities**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 0	
Tax Anticipation Notes		0
Bond payable –NHMBB		<u>200,000</u>
Total liabilities		<u>200,000</u>

**Net Assets**

Unrestricted assets		<u>523,406</u>
Total liabilities and net assets		<u>\$ 723,406</u>

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**  
**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**  
**March 28, 2009**

Moderator Jeff Moore opened the meeting at 10:02am. He stated that the required warning and forms had been posted to allow for a legal meeting. A motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant was offered by Rob Drye and seconded by Henry Ingham. A voice vote was taken and the motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant passed.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article I . He then called for the election of officers as prescribed in the warrant.

Resolved, that the district elect the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year or otherwise.

A moderator for one year.



- A clerk for one year
- A commissioner for three years
- A treasurer for one year

Moderator Jeff Moore conducted each election in turn.

Robert Drye nominated Jeffrey Moore for the position of Moderator for one year, seconded by Ralph Patalano. Since there were no more nominations, Robert Drye moved that the clerk be directed to cast one ballot for Jeffrey Moore as moderator and that he be declared elected. The motion was seconded by Ralph Patalano. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Robert Drye nominated Margaret Drye for the position of Clerk for one year, seconded by Henry Ingham. Since there were no more nominations, Robert Drye moved that the clerk be directed to cast one ballot for Margaret Drye as Clerk and that she be declared elected. The motion was seconded by Henry Ingham. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ralph Patalano nominated Henry Ingham for the position of Commissioner for three years seconded by Robert Drye. Since there were no more nominations, Robert Drye moved that the clerk be directed to cast one ballot for Henry Ingham as Commissioner for three years and that he be declared elected. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Robert Drye nominated Sarah Gillens for the position of Treasurer for one year, seconded by Henry Ingham. Since there were no more nominations, Robert Drye moved that the clerk be directed to cast one ballot for Sarah Gillens as treasurer and that she be declared elected. The motion was seconded by Henry Ingham. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article II.

The following motion was offered by Ralph Patalano and seconded by Henry Ingham :

Resolved, that the District accept the reports of District officers as published in the Town of Plainfield 2008 Annual Report on pages 92 through 99, as amended and corrected.

Sarah Gillens noted that some of the columns in the report on pp.94-95 were shifted down by one position relative to the text. Robert Drye stated that the original table would be placed with the town report in the district records.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article III.

The following motion was offered by Ralph Patalano and seconded by Henry Ingham:

Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$66,863** 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.

Robert Drye noted that the District was not expecting any income from state on grant for well fund (deferred by state budget process.) Water sample test costs are expected to be somewhat higher in 2009. The commissioners are not anticipating a need to issue Tax Anticipation notes.

Motion vote: YES – 6 NO – 0 Declared passed.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article IV.

The following motion was offered by Robert Drye and seconded by Ralph Patalano :

Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5000** to be placed in the System Maintenance Fund established in 2007 pursuant to RSA31:19-a, and to authorize funds for this purpose to come from the fund balance.

Commissioner Robert Drye noted that this will not affect what we have to raise and simply redistributes our cash on hand.

Robert Drye moved to vote by show of hands seconded by Sarah Gillens. Vote on the motion was by show of hands. Passed 6 – 0.

Motion vote: YES – 6 No – 0 Declared passed.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article V.

Thanks were offered to Ben Drye for reading meters through snow banks.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Ralph Patalano and seconded by Sarah Gillens. A voice vote was taken. Moderator Jeff Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 10:17.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margaret Drye*  
District Clerk

March 28, 2009

## MARRIAGES 2009

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GROOM &amp; BRIDE</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>	<b>TOWN OF ISSUANCE</b>	<b>TOWN OF MARRIAGE</b>
03/09/2009	Hurst, Richard C Hill, Ekaterina T	Rockport, MA Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
07/04/2009	Putnam, Terry A Fuson, Lorretta A	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Hanover
08/22/2009	Sanchez, Anthony Devaux, Amanda E	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Lyme
08/22/2009	Johnson, Carl E Becklo, Clarissa C	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Richmond
10/09/2009	Harrington, Mike R Logan, Abigail E	Plainfield Plainfield	Lebanon	Plainfield
10/23/2009	Tibbits, Paul K Green, Theresa G	Plainfield Plainfield	Lebanon	Lebanon



### BIRTHS – 2009

<b>D.O.B.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>FATHER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>
01/01/2009	Cederman O'Neil, Ethan Matthew	Lebanon, NH	O'Neil, Joseph	Cederman, Melissa
01/12/2009	Rodriguez, Lucas Joel	Lebanon, NH	Rodriguez, Gedeon	Mayer, Catherine
02/06/2009	Brown Eden Carolyn	Lebanon, NH	Brown, Vadim	Brown, Jean- Anne
02/17/2009	Bohr, Payden John	Lebanon, NH	Bohr, Brandon	Bohr, Katrina
02/27/2009	Newton, Isaiah Michael	Lebanon, NH	Newton, Chad	Moore, Marcy
03/24/2004	Balch, Kayden Francis	Lebanon, NH	Molina, Daniel	Balch, Melissa
04/30/2009	Rogers, Brian Zachery	Lebanon, NH	Rogers, Justin	Rogers, Katrinia
05/07/2009	Rogers, Carter Stephen	Lebanon, NH	Rogers, Quentin	Hadlock, Aimee
05/11/2009	Noyes, Connor paul	Lebanon, NH	Noyes, Aaron	Noyes, Hilary
06/12/2009	Schultz, Kaiden Zachary	Lebanon, NH	Schultz, Zachary	Fortunato, Samantha
08/02/2009	Nelson, Brian Barry	Lebanon, NH	Nelson, Seth	Nelson, Cara
08/17/2009	Singleton, Jacob Nelson	Lebanon, NH	Singleton, David	Singleton, Marcy
09/23/2009	Doyle, Lyra Anne Debelina	Lebanon, NH	Doyle, Brian	Debelina Doyle, Marcy
10/07/2009	Wetherington, Chandler Lea	Lebanon, NH	Wetherington, Bruce	Wetherington, Shannon
10/07/2009	Wetherington, Gardell Nolan	Lebanon, NH	Wetherington, Bruce	Wetherington, Shannon
10/08/2009	Scarsilloni, Tanner Riley	Lebanon, NH	Scarsilloni, Wayne	Simino, Melissa
10/18/2009	Davies, Grayson Faye	Lebanon, NH	Davies, Nicolas	Davies, Kimberly
11/03/2009	Ahmad Kamal, Tasneem Read	Lebanon, NH	Yeop Zahari, Ahmad Kamal	Sutherland, Amanda
11/17/2009	Rendahl, John David	Lebanon, NH	Rendahl, Justin	Spencer, Suzanne

**DEATHS – 2008**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>FATHER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>
01/12/2008	Meyette, Rebecca Anne	Windsor, VT	Hoisington, Harold	Wright, Isabel

**DEATHS – 2009**

01/17/2009	Barton, Addie	Plainfield	Rogers, Wendell	Stuart, Sarah
02/07/2009	Hammond, Marjorie	Lebanon	Oakes, Lester	St John, Elizabeth
03/29/2009	Fleming, Clairette	Plainfield	Dube, Joseph	Boutain, Cordilia
04/17/2009	Caruso, Marcia	Plainfield	Alkonis, Edward	Rapczynski, Irene
06/25/2009	Lambert, Jeffrey	Plainfield	Lambert, Gordon	Gemmiti, Viola
07/16/2009	Fredette, Norman	Lebanon	Fredette, Henry	Turgeon, Elizabeth
09/27/2009	Gilson, Cora	Lebanon	Gilson, Ray	Johnson, Netta
12/07/2009	Jenks, Stanley	Plainfield	Jenks, Chester	Hanchett, Marion
12/12/2009	Macleay Jr, George Gardiner	Plainfield	Macleay Sr, George	Russell, Sarah

# PLAINFIELD WEATHER 2009

(Observations by Doug Cogan)

MONTH (Inches)	HIGH Temp(F)	LOW Temp(F)	MEAN Temp(F)	RAIN (Inches)	SNOW (Inches)	PRECIPITATION
JANUARY	42	-23	15	0.05	25.00	1.71
FEBRUARY	51	-7	24	0.42	14.75	1.31
MARCH	66	0	34	1.95	8.25	2.49
APRIL	91	25	48	2.44		2.44
MAY	90	30	56	3.55		3.55
JUNE	86	33	64	4.65		4.65
JULY	89	49	67	7.94		7.94
AUGUST	93	45	70	4.79		4.79
SEPTEMBER	82	36	59	1.66		1.66
OCTOBER	69	23	45	5.59	0.50	5.59
NOVEMBER	66	20	41	2.34		2.34
DECEMBER	61	-5	25	1.56	19.50	2.92
TOTALS	--	--	--	36.93	68.00	41.39
'09 AVG	56.5	34.9	45.7	--	--	--
10yr AVG	57.1	34.9	46.0	34.38	87.70	42.83

Daily high temperature records: April 25, 90 degrees F; Dec. 3, 61 degrees F

Daily low temperature record: Jan. 16, -23 degrees F

2009 high temp: 93 degrees, Aug. 17; low temp: -23 degrees F/Jan. 16

Wettest 24 hours: 2.69 inches/Oct. 24; snowiest 24 hours: 10.50 inches/Jan. 28

Date of last freeze: May 19, last frost: May 26; first frost: Oct. 11, first freeze: Oct. 12



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2009**



*Anna Wolke*

**ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009**

**OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MODERATOR**

Stephen Taylor

**CLERK**

Stephanie Berman

**TREASURER**

Jeffrey Moore

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

Audra Bucklin – Board Chair  
(Term expires 2010)

Doug Cogan  
(Term expires 2011)

Myra Ferguson  
(Term expires 2010)

Chris Forman  
(Term expires 2012)

Mike Sutherland  
(Term Expires 2012)

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**PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Ellen Langsner

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**CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Noelle Vitt

**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Nancy Brogden, Ph.D.

**ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR**

Beth Bierwirth

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Joan Nierenberg

**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 Saturday, the sixth day of March 6, 2010, at 10 a.m. to act on the following subjects:

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 \$275,000 for renovation of the building through improved insulation and air sealing and to authorize the issuance of \$275,000 by the issue of bonds or notes of the School District in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Ch. 33) and to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$6,233.33 for the purpose of payment for the first year interest payment on the bond. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) (2/3 ballot vote required.)

Article III.                    To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 for the partial replacement of the roof and to authorize the issuance of \$65,000 by the issue of bonds or notes of the School District in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Ch. 33) and to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$1,473.33 for the purpose of payment for the first year interest payment on the bond. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) (2/3 ballot vote required.)

Article IV.                    To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,686,833 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 2010-2011 fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article V.                    To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the two-year collective bargaining agreement reached during good faith negotiations between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increase in support staff salaries and benefits:



Year	Estimated Increase
2010-2011	<u>\$ 23,361</u>
2011-2012	<u>\$ 31,596</u>

And further to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,361 (twenty three thousand three hundred sixty one dollars) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article VI.

To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the two-year collective bargaining agreement reached during good faith negotiations between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Education Association, which calls for the following increase in support staff salaries and benefits

Year	Estimated Increase
2010-2011	<u>\$ 31,595</u>
2011-2012	<u>\$ 58,269</u>

And further to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,595 (thirty one thousand five hundred ninety five dollars) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article VII.

To see if the District will support participation in a formal Review of the A.R.E.A. agreement with Lebanon and Grantham, according to RSA 195:4. (This article is advisory only. The School Board recommends this action.)

Article VIII.

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,432 (thirty nine thousand four hundred thirty two dollars) to be placed in the Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund created in 2000 pursuant to RSA 35:1-C, for the purpose of either special education expenses or tuition expenses or both. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

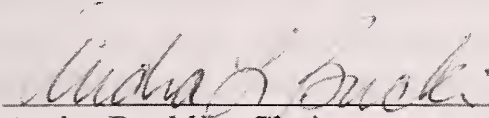
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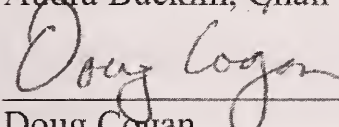
To see if the District, upon failure to pass Article II, will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) to be placed in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund created in 1997 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c, for the purpose of repairs, maintenance, and/or renovations to the Plainfield Elementary School facility. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) THIS IS A CONTINGENCY IF THE BOND FAILS IN ARTICLE III.

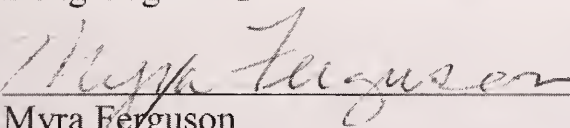
- Article X. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to be placed in the Benefits Payable expendable trust fund created in 2008 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of retirement and other employee benefits. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)
- Article XI. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for the creation of a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1,II for the construction, reconstruction, or acquisition of a type of capital improvement or the acquisition of a type of capital equipment. (The School Board recommends this action.)
- Article XII. To see if the District will vote to establish a committee to study the feasibility and advisability of withdrawing the District from the A.R.E.A. contract with the Lebanon School District as provided in RSA 195-A:14 section III, and report its findings and propose appropriate action at the next district meeting; and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the said committee to conduct investigation and analysis of the accounting and contractual bases used in the calculation of Lebanon High School tuition over the last five years. (This is a petitioned article.) (The School Board does not recommend this action.)
- Article XIII. To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

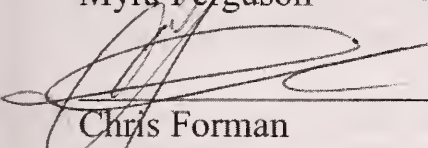
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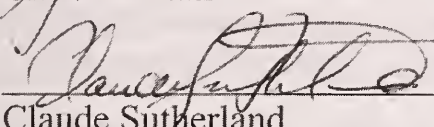
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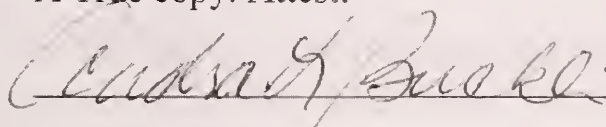
  
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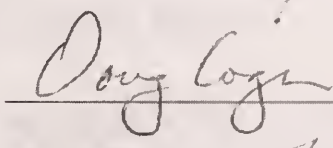
  
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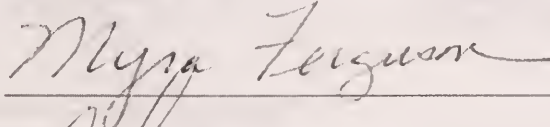
  
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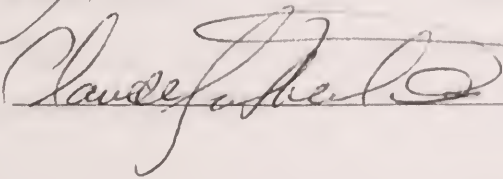
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PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WARRANT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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:

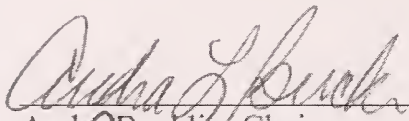
You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. to act on the following subjects:

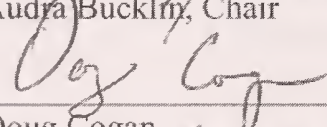
Article I. To choose by ballot a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer for a one-year term, and two School Board Members for three-year terms. (Polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.)

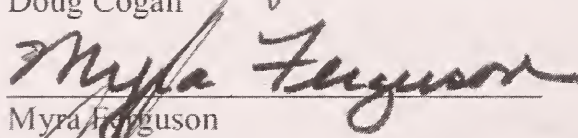
NOTE: All other school business will be considered at the School District Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 6, 2009, at 10:00 am at the Plainfield Elementary School.


Given under our hands at said Plainfield this third day of February, 2010.

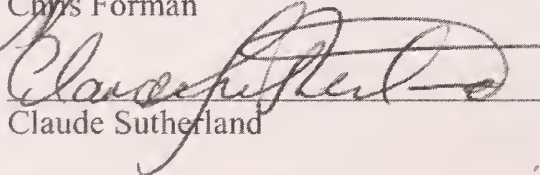
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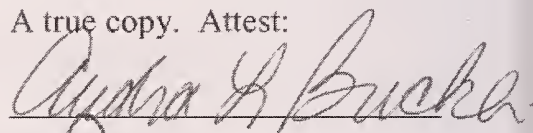
  
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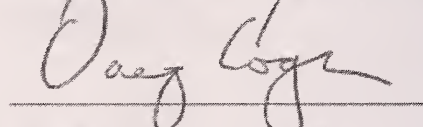
  
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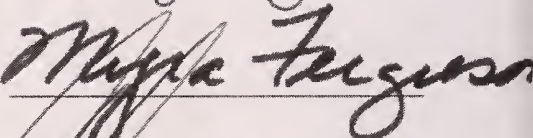
  
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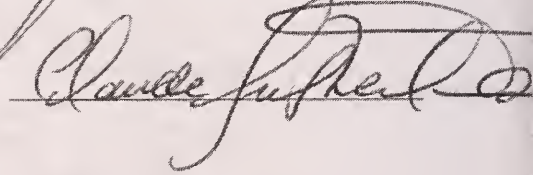
  
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Plainfield School Board

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
ANNUAL MEETING – MARCH 6, 2009**

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At a legal meeting of the voters of the School District of Plainfield, Moderator Stephen H. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:12PM on Friday, March 6, 2009, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield.

The Reverend Susan Gregory-Davis delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator introduced the Clerk, School Board, Legal Counsel (Attorney David Bradley), and Professional Staff (Superintendent Noelle Vitt, Principal Ellen Langsner, and Financial Specialist Beth Bierwirth)

The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting and read the statement by Stephanie Trout Berman, clerk of the School District of Plainfield, NH, that hereby certifies that on the 13<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2009, the posting of the true and attested copy of the within warrant at the Plainfield School, the Meriden Town Hall and the Plainfield Town Hall, said locations being public places within the district. Notarized by Beth Bierwirth, Notary Public.

The Moderator then read the Certification of Posting and Certification of the Checklist, noting that 1680 names were listed on the Checklist. Exits were pointed out for all to note.

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

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

Resolved: That the District accepts 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.

Carin Reynolds made 3 announcements:

- 1) Treasury report missed printing date so it was handed out at the School District Meeting on every chair (green paper)
- 2) The Class of 2008's Awards luncheon recognition was missed in the printing of the Annual Report. Everyone was given an orange paper with this information on it that evening.
- 3) Carin Reynolds recognized and thanked retiring Joycelyn Alves for her 20 years of hard work and dedication at Plainfield Elementary School.
- 4) Announcement by Audra Bucklin acknowledging the hard work and dedication given to the School Board by Carin Reynolds. Carin worked endlessly for 6 years on the School Board. She will be missed.

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

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,436,443 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 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Carin Reynolds presented the Summary of Financial Articles, Tough Times. Tough Decisions and the Proposed 09/10 Budget by slideshow. Discussions followed.

Dan Muchinsky offered an amendment to decrease the budget by \$475,000 to equal \$4,961,443.

A vote by secret ballot on the amendment was in the negative.

YES 140                      NO 158

The voters then had to vote on the original budget set by the PES School Board in the amount of \$5,436,443 by secret ballot.

The vote for Article II by secret ballot resulted in:

YES 181                      NO 124



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

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

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,800 (ten thousand eight hundred dollars) to be used for the additional costs associated with the purchase of a van.

After some discussion, vote by secret ballot resulted in:

**YES 257**                      **NO 39**

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 vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25, 000 (twenty five thousand dollars) for the purpose of creating a classroom prototype for improvements in heating, ventilation, building envelope and energy savings.

The Facilities Committee was introduced to include Mike Higgins, Bill Knight, Shawn Rogers, Allan Ferguson, and Marc Rosenbaum. Mike Higgins gave a slideshow presentation and Marc Rosenbaum explained in detail the prototype in question. Discussion with questions and answers followed. Carl Strong "Called the question". The meeting by voice vote chose to end discussion.

The vote by secret ballot on the motion resulted in:

**YES 212**                      **NO 58**

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 \$30,000 with such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on July 1, 2009 to be placed in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund created in the 1997 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c, for the purpose of repairs, maintenance, and/or renovations to the Plainfield Elementary School Facility.

Questions and discussion ensued.

The vote by secret ballot resulted in:

**YES 136**

**NO 36**

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

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

Resolved: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars), with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1, 2009 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 vote by secret ballot resulted in:

**YES 113**

**NO 46**

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

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

Resolved: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$15, 000 (fifteen thousand dollars) with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1, 2009 to be placed in the Benefits payable expendable trust fund created in 1998 pursuant to RSA 35:1-C for the purpose of retirement and other employee benefits.

Discussion occurred and then votes taken.

The vote by secret ballot resulted in:

**YES 103**

**NO 42**

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

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

Resolved: To see if the District will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield residents to advise the School Board in the area of School District Budget.

The unanimous vote by voice was in the affirmative.

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

**ARTICLE IX:** The following resolution was offered and discussed.

“Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Plainfield School District on the Second Tuesday of March.” (Petition Warrant Article. Requires 3/5-majority vote on March 10, 2009. )



Citizens spoke in either support or opposition to SB2. (The School Board does not support SB2.)

A vote was taken by secret ballot on March 10, 2009 (town voting day) at the polls.

YES 193

NO 244

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

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

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

No new business brought to the floor.

Moderator Stephen Taylor adjourned the meeting at 10:15PM after the “Ayes had it “ and agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Trout Berman  
Plainfield School District Clerk

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
ELECTION MEETING – MARCH 10, 2009**

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The election of School District officials took place at the same time and place as the election of Town officials on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden, in said Plainfield. Moderator Stephen H. Taylor declared the meeting open at 08:03 AM and read the School District Warrant and certification of posting provided by the School District Clerk. The ballot boxes were determined empty.

The polls closed at 7:00 PM

**ARTICLE I: Balloting results were as follows:**

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

<b>Stephen H. Taylor</b>	<b>379</b>
Paul Franklin	4
Joe Bretton	2
Jeff Moore	2

Malcolm Grobe,  
Margaret Drye,  
Jason Huett, Dan  
Lapan, Dan  
Muchinsky, all  
had one vote.

**Elected: Stephen H. Taylor**

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

<b>Stephanie Trout Berman</b>	<b>381</b>
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Fern Wilder,  
Annette Moore,  
Joe Bretton,  
Michelle Marsh,  
Diane Rogers, all  
had one vote.

**Elected: Stephanie Trout  
Berman**

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For School District Treasurer (1 Year):

**Jeffrey C. Moore** 383

Deb Beaupre, Phil  
LeBlanc and Joe  
Bretton, all had  
one vote.

**Elected: Jeffrey C. Moore**

Two For School Board (3 Years each):

<b>Claude "Mike" Sutherland</b>	<b>288</b>
<b>Chris Forman</b>	<b>275</b>
Dennis Girouard	155

Dan Rondeau, Allan  
Reetz, Gordon Wilder  
and Carin Reynolds, all  
had one vote.

**Elected: Claude "Mike" Sutherland and  
Chris Forman**

**ARTICLE II (SB2):**

**Balloting results from March 10, 2009 secret ballot were as follows:**

YES votes: 193 (for)

NO votes: 244 (against)

**The vote was in the negative and the Article was not adopted.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Trout Berman  
Plainfield School District Clerk



## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

### Superintendent's Report

This year with no changes in office personnel this year, we are all reflecting that this is a more cohesive administrative team. As part of our summer retreat, we identified several ways to *improve communication*: in our office, with the building personnel, to the School Board and with the community.

One major initiative is the website. Our new website has been a major effort to effectively communicate and represent our school and district to the public at large in timely ways. We know parents, community members and prospective families find it easy to obtain information about classes and program via the school web. We are pleased that we are able to share financial documents and meeting information in a clear way, making changes as they occur. As the year continues, we will make additions and improvements including downloading all curriculum documents, as they are ready. Please give us any feedback that would help improve our communication.

At last year's District meeting, the voters approved the \$25,000 for a *prototype classroom*, allowing the Facility Manager, Facility Committee, staff and volunteers to make significant changes in the air exchange, heating, and exterior of the classroom. This room is now the preferred room for all staff meetings. The room is quiet and has a steady temperature-never over cooled or overheated. We are grateful to both the voters who gave this prototype its opportunity but also to the amazing volunteers from the town and our Facility Committee who have made this project possible, saving the District over \$16,000 in the creation of the prototype.

Despite the challenges of a difficult economic climate, unexpected losses of revenue and major increases in tuition, the actual budget process was smoother and more transparent this year. By working early on with all administrators, and talking with the faculty, as Superintendent, I was able to give them a realistic picture of the challenges the school board was facing and what I expected might be some of the reductions to anticipate. The staff was able to hear the challenges and participate in meaningful discussions about reductions from the 2009-2010 budget; as we moved through the planning process for 2010-2011, they gave meaningful feedback on ways of adjusting to the needed changes. This is a professional staff who are completely invested in supporting quality education.

Staying current with *enrollment projections* has been a goal of the Superintendent, including monitoring housing starts, pre-school enrollments in area programs, those moving in and out of Plainfield and those planning to move in the coming year. We are appreciative of the communication with the Town Manager, Steve Halleran and Town Clerk, Michelle Marsh, for their assistance in this continuing effort. It is never a science but we are always trying to stay as current as possible with the changing demographic information.

Communicating more openly and directly with the *Lebanon School District* about Plainfield's needs and interests has been part of the Superintendent's work this year. The communication has been more open and direct. While the administration and School Board have participated in valuable, informal discussions and committee meetings, there is improvement needed. This is another major reason for participating in a formal review of the A.R.E.A. agreement.

Last year, we predicted a need to transfer funds into the *food service budget* to meet expenses. Despite the private fundraising for the dishwasher and savings on paper products, our deficit side increased this year with increased benefit costs. This Fall to try

to narrow the deficit, we recommended an increase in the cost of lunch to \$2.85 per meal. This was the first increase in over six years. For next year, we are recommending an increase of the cost of lunch to \$3.00 a meal. There is no question that the increase cost of personnel and lunch coupled with a drop in enrollment and sales mean a continuing deficit. Our free and reduced lunch count has increased; we believe that the impact of the economy is directly affecting this. We have sought other vendors for the lunch program but have no other current bidders. However, we are pleased with our vendor and believe that the food service contract is a fair one. We will continue to seek ways of narrowing the difference between expenses and revenue.

*Transportation* is critical to our district. We have a large geographic area to serve with four major bus routes. This year we worked hard to try to equalize the travel times for students so that no student is on the bus generally for longer than 45 minutes. While we succeeded in our goal, some parents registered concerns about re-routing. Although we were able to make some minor adjustments, the safety of students, the capacity of the busses and the length of the bus ride are paramount concerns. We considered shortening the bus rides by having more consolidated stops but felt that in a rural area, we were uncomfortable with students walking longer distances on roads that have high travel and blind corners. Per our contract with First Student Transportation, we are happy to report that in the last year of our bus contract for 2010, we will have new busses on all the routes.

Our neighbor, *Kimball Union Academy*, is a strong partner in education locally. We recognize that the quality of education at Plainfield Elementary is also important to the administration and faculty of KUA. We continue to find ways to involve their students in appropriate ways, to exchange resources and physical spaces, as we are able to share strategies that are mutually beneficial. This partnership is a “win/win” for Plainfield.

## **Principal’s Report**

Last year, and again this year, Plainfield School has responded to some anticipated changing circumstances. The projections for our student enrollment forecasts fewer students each year for the next three years, revenues from state and federal sources are declining, and some expenses are increasing. Even though we significantly reduced our expenses for the elementary education program in the 2009/2010 school year, we were still faced with the need to reduce costs even more. You will see this reflected in the proposed 2010/2011 budget. The school board has agonized over how to find the correct balance of reductions without negatively impacting the education of our elementary school students. This has been a difficult process for the staff, the superintendent and myself, one that has resulted in much discussion and collaboration on all levels as we plan for the future of Plainfield School.

There are so many fixed costs in running a school that there is little option but to eliminate positions when large reductions are needed. This is the case for Plainfield as well. Next year’s budget includes the reduction of two teaching positions: one in grades K-4 (which will be easier given that we have a teacher retiring at this level) and one in grades 5-8. This seems to be the best option for Plainfield at this time.

The first question everyone wants to know is; what will education at Plainfield School look like without these two positions? Next year, there will be one-second grade teacher as we have only twenty anticipated students at that level. Grades 1, 3, and 4 will continue to have two teachers per grade next year.



It is more complicated for the reduction in staff at grades 5-8 as there is a set procedure in place that determines the order in which layoffs occur. This means moving teachers around in a way that ensures highly qualified educators teaching at each grade and in each subject. Next year one of our current 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers in will move up to teach in grades 7 and 8. This will result in three combined 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade classes of approximately 18 students each. The configuration for grades 7 and 8 will be unchanged. If our future student enrollment continues to decrease as predicted, we will need to move to multi-grade classrooms. Our goal will be to provide stability for the students with reasonable class sizes while maintaining the integrity of the academic program. Next year will be one of significant learning for us as we sharpen our instructional practices so we can meet this challenge.

Budget planning is not all we have been doing. This year we have focusing much of our attention to improving our understanding of how children learn mathematics and how best to teach math so students learn. Even though our “new” math program is an updated version of the one we used for many years, it is different enough that we wanted to ensure that we are giving our students the best instruction we can. We have been lucky enough to find an excellent math coach. She has come to the school three different times this year to provide training, to model lessons in our classrooms, and to watch us teach and give us feedback. All of us now have better understanding of how to help children think mathematically.

We have also been working hard at incorporating more inquiry lessons into our science classes. This is most apparent in grades 7 and 8, but is happening at every grade level. Teachers have been reading professional literature about best practices in science instruction in a book study group. Teachers go off and practice what they have learned in their classrooms and then return to the group and talk about how it went. This is a powerful professional development experience.

Last year teachers in grades 5-8 spent many hours reading and talking about what makes a good middle school program. Everything from grading practices, homework expectations, scheduling options, behavior management techniques and more were examined, bringing us together with a deeper understanding of the needs of this age group and ideas on how to meet these needs better. This understanding was further developed when 16 of us received specialized training for a week last summer. I think for many of us the experience was transformative. It was not so much that we were learning completely new information but that we were shown ways to use the knowledge we already had in new ways. It was very exciting to have most 5-8 teachers plus unified arts teachers involved in this professional development. The result of this was the implementation of a set of common practices for students in grades 5-8. In 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade it is called an Advisory Program, in grades 5 and 6 it takes the form of a Morning Meeting.

### **Special Education Report**

Nancy Brogden, Director of Special Services, reported to the Board about services provided to Plainfield students under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) and Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act. She indicates increases in some line items of the budget because of new out of district programs, increased need for behavioral consultant services, an increase in Extended School Year programs, and a large number of referrals from preschool age children. The special education team continues to develop and implement individualized programs for children with disabilities, while being mindful of the budget constraints as a result of



team recommendations. Progress monitoring shows that these children are making very good progress because of their programs. Special educators are co-teaching with general educators in addition to individual and group work within the general education classrooms.

Following is a listing of Special Education and Section 504 services provided to students, as of January 2010.

<u>School</u>	<u>Students with IEPs</u>	<u>Students with 504 plans</u>
PES (Pre- Grade 8) (Total 53)	37	16
LHS (Grade 9-age 21) (Total 26)	13	13

- Percent of PES students on IEPs: **13.9%** (NH state avg. is 13.8%)
- Percent of PES students on 504 plans: **6.01%**
- Total percent of students at PES that receive direct individual support services from special education team: **17.66%**

*Note: This does not include students who receive support for at risk reading, math tutoring, social work (behavioral) issues or guidance services.*

**Other information:**

- Number of out of district placements : **3** (2 at ½ day programs)
- Number of students receiving individual speech services: **20**
- Number of students receiving individual occupation therapy services: **13**
- Number of students receiving individual physical therapy services: **3**

An estimated \$57,000 in Federal Funds under IDEIA and \$28,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (AARA) will supplement portions of the 2010-2011 budget.

Our administration is a highly committed, experienced group of individuals with the best interests of the District at heart. Our entire team, including Bill Knight, Joan Nierenberg, Beth Bierwirth and Lisa Gradijan, work hard with us to serve the children and families of this town.

*Noelle G. Vitt*, Superintendent

*Ellen Langsner*, Principal

*Nancy Brogden, Ph.D.*, Director of Special Education

## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Tough economic times present challenges for families, businesses, local governments, and school districts alike. The School Board continues to work very hard to address these challenges in a way that ensures quality education in a fiscally responsible manner.

In crafting this year's budget, the School Board faced three distinct issues. First, PES continues to experience declining enrollment. In the 2005/06 school year PES had 304 students. This year we have 266 enrolled and our census for 2010/11 looks to be smaller still. Second, at the beginning of the budget process the School District faced major, non-discretionary expense increases in high school tuition, special education, and health insurance totaling more than \$420K. Finally, due to a projected smaller than normal surplus from the 2009/10 operating year and lower state support for our school, the **local tax dollars** required to operate PES will increase markedly from this year to next – even if all expense items were held flat.

In this environment, the School Board has worked with PES staff and administrators to find cost savings that make sense educationally. The budget submitted for your approval includes eliminating two full-time teaching positions, tightening our belts across the board in terms of supplies and other smaller line items, forecasting significant energy savings, and changing how we budget for High School students attending Lebanon High School. At the same time that we are adjusting staffing and expenses downward to better align with actual enrollment, the Board recognizes needs in reading and science instruction. The proposed budget restores .5 Reading Specialist position and adds .125 back into the middle school science position. We are also proposing limited increases in our facilities and technology infrastructure that we feel represent mission critical investments in the operation of the school. **The result is a proposed main budget increase of \$136,797, or 2.46% -- inclusive of the non-discretionary increases above.**

Additionally, this is a contract negotiation year. The Unions representing our Teachers and Support Staff have agreed to new, two-year contracts in which there will be no increase in the salary grid for 2010-11 and increases to the grid of 1.25% (support staff) and 1.5% (teachers) in 2011-12. Pending voter approval, the contracts and wage increases for professional and support staff would add \$54,956, or 1.0%, to the 2010-11 budget -- raising the total projected spending increase to 3.46%.

While the proposed cuts will necessitate changes to how we deliver education at some grade levels, we are confident that the school community, through its unique combination of experienced administrators and personnel working together with parents and community members, will continue to deliver excellent educational opportunities for Plainfield students

**Main Budget:** The main budget request is for \$5,686,833. The Plainfield School is projecting that enrollment in Lebanon High School will increase by about 10 students next year. At the same time, the tuition rate will rise from \$11,566 to \$13,144 per pupil. This increase in tuition expenses, equal to \$187,504, is the single largest projected increase in the 2010-11 budget. This number would have been even higher. However, as mentioned above, the School Board has changed how it budgets for High School tuition resulting in a reduced projection of the number of LHS tuitions. Traditionally, PES has budgeted for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to go to Lebanon high school -- at the prevailing



tuition. This practice has created structural budget surpluses as a number of our students attend Kimball Union Academy relieving the district of the responsibility to pay Lebanon HS tuition. This practice has provided a cushion for dealing with new high school students that might move in over the summer. You have also voted over the past several years to use these surpluses to build a tuition fund to cover such unknown expenses in the future. Today the fund has over \$160K that can be used in the event of unforeseen high school or special education tuition payments.

This year, the School Board is using a new formula that assumes up to 50% of the number of KUA faculty children in the graduating class will attend KUA. In addition, the new formula incorporates an official commitment from KUA regarding a projected minimum number of PES students who will attend their institution. As part of this official commitment, KUA will reimburse the District for any Lebanon Tuition that is incurred if that base number of students does not attend KUA. This new formula allows the School Board to more accurately budget for high school tuition expense – while still mitigating risk for the taxpayer. As a result, the budget you are reviewing accounts for 5.5 students less than our full 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Finally, the education of Plainfield's high school age students is of great importance to the district and costs will continue to grow in coming years. To insure the best possible secondary education options and better manage the district's investment on behalf of Plainfield students, the School Board is recommending approval of a warrant article to review the terms of the AREA agreement with Grantham and Lebanon.

The other main increases in the operating budget are for special education (\$63,446) and employee benefits (\$87,490). The special education increase mainly reflects an increase in contracted services and tuition for students with special needs. The employee benefits increase does NOT reflect a change in provider rates—which are being held even in 2010-11—but rather an increase in the number of teachers and support staff who are electing to take two-person or family coverage. This reflects tough economic times in which spouses or partners have lost job-related benefits.

After much examination and debate, the School Board is recommending elimination of two teaching positions for 2010-11, one at the elementary school level and one at the middle school level. The School Board also recommends adding back in a half-time reading teacher position and .125 for a middle school science position. The incoming second grade of about 20 students may be combined into one class with continued support from a teacher's aide. The fifth and sixth grade classes of about 58 students may be divided into three homerooms and share some subject matter curricula in areas such as science and social studies. The incoming kindergarten class estimated at 16 to 19 students also may be consolidated into one morning session, with the kindergarten teacher available for other afternoon assignments. Decisions to eliminate teachers are never easy; in this case, one will be through attrition and the other will be through a reduction in force. Given continued declining enrollment in the Plainfield Elementary School, the School Board believes these reductions are prudent as part of a long-term strategic plan.

**Teacher warrant article:** The School Board is recommending adoption of a warrant article to approve a two-year teacher contract in which there would be no increase to the salary grid in 2010-11 and a 1.5% increase in the salary grid in 2011-2012. (About half of PES teachers are



eligible for a 3.5% annual step increase.) Voter approval of the contract would increase the main budget by an additional \$31,595 in 2010-11 and by \$58,269 in 2011-12.

**Support staff warrant article:** The School Board is recommending adoption of a warrant article to approve a two-year support staff contract in which there would be no increase to the salary grid in 2010-11 and a 1.25% increase in the salary grid in 2011-2012. (Nearly all support staff are eligible for a 4% annual step increase. Support staff at the top of the grid will receive a \$500 longevity bonus in each of the next two years.) The support staff contract also includes wage increases of 2.5% in 2010-11 and 3.5% in 2011-12 for school secretarial, custodial, food service and van driver staff who are not included in the contract's step grid. Voter approval of the contract would increase the main budget by an additional \$23,361 in 2010-11 and by \$31,596 in 2011-12.

**Tuition & Special Education payable fund:** The School Board is recommending a \$39,432 addition to the Special Education and High School Tuition Trust Fund, which would increase the size of the Trust to \$207,672.91. This amount represents the Lebanon tuition for 3 students – the number of students KUA is insuring will attend their school rather than Lebanon as part of the new tuition budgeting formula outlined above. Since this is the 1<sup>st</sup> year of this program, the School Board recommends “banking” these tuitions as a safeguard.

**Benefits payable fund:** The School Board is recommending a \$25,000 addition to the Benefits Payable Expendable Trust, which would increase the size of the Trust to \$48,898. This includes a current year withdrawal of \$11,102 to pay for self-insured unemployment compensation expenses. The School Board anticipates a substantial increase in state-mandated contributions to the New Hampshire Retirement System in coming years. This trust is being built to buffer such expenses as well as any unanticipated material increases in employee benefits.

**Building maintenance fund:** The School Board is prepared to bring forward a warrant article to add \$40,000 to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund, which would increase the size of this fund to approximately \$116,376. This includes a current year withdrawal of \$20,080 to take advantage of the opportunity to collaborate with the town for the paving of the circle in front of the school. The School Board is prepared to withdraw an additional \$65,000 from this fund for roof repairs this summer, if a related bond does not receive voter approval. (See second bond below.) The \$40,000 addition followed by a \$65,000 withdrawal for roof repairs would leave the fund with \$51,375, which the board considers a bare minimum for emergency repairs. However, the School Board will withdraw this warrant article if the \$65,000 bond request receives voter approval.

**Facility Improvement Bond:** The School Board recommends approval of a \$275,000 bond to install additional heating and ventilation equipment and make renovations throughout the 1989 addition to the Plainfield School building. This wing of the building is in decay and in need of repair. Last year, voters approved a \$25,000 warrant article to outfit a prototype classroom with a new heating and ventilation system and renovated exterior to provide energy savings and a better learning environment. The prototype has been a great success, with energy costs falling by 70% or more on a square foot basis. In addition, the classroom is quieter and has much more stable temperature and humidity control than other classrooms. If adopted school-wide, this renovation could cut our annual energy bill in half.

The School Board believes the time is right to issue this bond. The year 2000 bond for the front end of the building is about to be retired, and interest rates are low. A new 10-year bond issued this spring likely would entail annual interest payments between 2.5% and 4.5%. Also of concern is that state support for such capital spending projects such as this could dry up after this year. If approved now, the State of New Hampshire would reimburse 30% of the capital costs over five years. In addition, National Grid is currently offering a \$30,000 time-limited rebate program for lighting improvements. The Facility Committee is hard at work to find additional cost savings through donated materials and services as well as through state and federal grants. These renovations will address decay and mold issues that are becoming increasingly difficult to manage in this wing of the building, in addition to cutting heating costs and providing a quieter and more comfortable learning environment.

**Roof Repair Bond:** The School Board recommends approval of a \$65,000 bond for an urgent repair to a flat portion of the school roof that is causing moisture, decay and mold issues. This is intended as a five-year bond to defray the immediate cost of repairs. If the bond does not receive the required voter approval, the board will recommend adoption of the warrant article (referenced above) to increase the size of the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund and withdraw the necessary money from that fund.

**AREA Agreement Review:** The School Board recommends approval of an article to advise the Board to review, with Grantham and Lebanon, the current terms of our AREA Agreement. Both the rising cost of tuition and the fact that the agreement is dated in terms of the economic and educational climate in which it was originally drafted contribute to our request. All three parties have been discussing the need to revisit the agreement to find a more predictable approach to tuition payments. In addition, the Plainfield Board seeks to solidify the collaboration and partnership around educational programs and planning between the three districts. Philosophically, the Board feels that a review of the agreement among the three partners in education is the right way to go. While emphasizing collaboration and shared problem solving and solutions, the review process also still allows for withdrawal if that seems to be in our district's best interest. Most importantly, this warrant allows for us to discuss this as a community and the Board is eager to bring your perspective to the AREA discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

*Audra L. Bucklin*  
Chair



*Keira Hines*



## FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The focus of the Facilities Committee this past year was overseeing the completion of the prototype classroom project. The room chosen to receive the upgrade is part of the 1989 wing addition at the southeast corner. The heating and ventilation scope of this project included the removal of the poorly functioning, energy inefficient and very noisy ventilation unit, installation of a very quiet and efficient energy recovery ventilation unit including soft ductwork and an air source heat pump to provide heat to the room. The 64 lineal feet of of the room's exterior walls had damaged plywood and old windows replaced, six and a half inches of rigid board insulation added, extensive wall air sealing, new eastern white pine siding and foundation insulation below grade installed. The room heating and ventilation equipment has electrical meters measuring their electrical usage. We are also collecting data on outdoor and indoor air temperatures, carbon dioxide levels within the room, lighting and ventilator usage. Preliminary data collected in January looked very encouraging and we plan to present data results through the end of February at the District Meeting. We will also present school wide energy usage projections based on the energy usage projection for this classroom. This room will show significant energy savings but we will have also dealt with the overriding deferred building maintenance issue and improved the classroom's learning environment, all important parts of our integrated approach of addressing the building's issues that we presented at the District Meeting last year.

Facilities Manager Bill Knight oversaw ongoing building maintenance issues including the cleaning of a few classroom carpets to rid them of mold. The presence of mold continues to be an issue that Bill and the custodial staff are actively keeping an eye on. Bill and Allan Ferguson oversaw the installation of the new energy efficient lighting in the gymnasium and the installation of motion detector light switching throughout the school. We anticipate a further reduction in electrical usage from these energy conservation measures. We will also be receiving rebates from National Grid, the School electricity supplier, for the lighting and switching upgrades.

The Committee, through the tireless efforts of Allan Ferguson and Bill Knight, secured a \$110,000 energy rebate commitment from National Grid for the facility which will help defray the cost of the classroom heat pumps on a per classroom basis. As a classroom (or a group of class rooms) is upgraded with a heat pump system, National Grid will rebate a portion of the heating equipment cost to the District. This would amount to about \$5200 per room. If we do not upgrade all the classrooms within two years we will need to reapply for further rebates assuming the program is still in place.

The Committee, on behalf of the District, will be applying for grants through the State of NH Office of Energy and Planning as well as a matching grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. We are expecting to hear back this summer if the District has been awarded these grants.

The Committee recommended to the School Board this year for the bonding of two capital improvement projects. One is for the replacement of approximately 2000 sq. ft. of rubber roofing that is presently leaking and causing structural damage in adjacent areas. This section of roof is over twenty years old and was installed as part of the 1989 wing addition. We would also increase the roof insulation levels at the same time while ensuring that rain water drains to the roof drain pipes correctly. Professional structural engineering services would be enlisted to determine if the existing steel support structure will be able to withstand the additional snow loads on the roof due to increased insulation levels. The proceeds of this bond would also include wall repairs and a couple of window replacements at the alcove outside the seventh and eighth grade pod section of



the original 1973 building. These original building walls and windows have enough rot to support plenty of mold growth and the windows are inoperable.

The second capital improvement project involves the replacement of heating and ventilation equipment and windows, adding rigid insulation to the walls and foundation, complete air sealing and repair of exterior wall rot on the 1989 wing addition. This would also include the existing Spanish classroom, part of the original 1973 building. This would enable us to continue the work started with the prototype classroom and complete this section of the facility. With bond interest rates relatively low and expected to remain low in the near term and with state building aid for capital improvement projects uncertain beyond the end of the school fiscal year, this is an opportune time to upgrade this section of the building. State Building aid would pay for a quarter to a third of the bond over the life of the bond. Committee members and town volunteers along with hired trade contractors would complete the work under the oversight of Facilities Manager Bill Knight. By acting as our own General Contractor, the District saves on the 10-20% margin normally added to the cost of these projects. Also if this project is approved by voters, the District would receive a \$31,000 rebate from National Grid upon the completion of the project.

Meriden resident Marc Rosenbaum has generously volunteered countless hours of his valuable engineering expertise working with the Committee. His initial prototype concept, and implementation of the technical knowledge gained from years of experience working on the design of very energy efficient building projects has been invaluable to the Committee and to the District as well. Marc's genuine commitment to the maintenance and upgrade of this building extends all the way to collecting data from the prototype room in order to document how the room is performing. Surely, we would not have progressed nearly as far without his vision and expertise.

Shawn Rogers stepped down from the Committee this past fall. I'd like to thank Shawn for his contributions to the Committee's work. The Committee welcomed Tom Lappin this winter to take Shawn's place.

I would also like to thank School District Superintendent Noelle Vitt for working closely with Facilities Manager Bill Knight and the Committee as we tackle ongoing facility issues as well as the writing of grants as we search for other sources of funding.

Committee Members include Mike Higgins, Allan Ferguson, Bill Knight, Doug Cogan, Thom Wolke and Tom Lappin. Marc Rosenbaum is our resident engineer working with the Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mike Higgins*

Chair

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT – BUDGET ANALYSIS**

**2009/2010 Surplus –**

We anticipate ending the 2009/2010 school year with a surplus estimated at \$81,455. We have carried this amount over to the 2010/2011 Revenue Sheet. Estimated year end surplus may be used to fund warrants voted on by taxpayers. Any remaining funds will be returned to the taxpayers.

**2010/2011 Expenditures –**

Proposed expenditures for the 2010/2011 school year total \$5,686,833 a \$136,797 (2.46%) increase over this year’s budget of \$5,550,036. ***This budget does not include teacher or support staff negotiated salary contracts, which are presented as separate Warrant Articles.***

**Highlights of the Budget are as follows:**

<i>Voter Approved 2009/2010 Budget</i>	5,550,036
<b><i>Increases:</i></b>	
<i>Regular Instruction (LHS Tuition, Benefits)</i>	135,265
<i>Special Education (Out of District Tuition, Benefits)</i>	106,778
<i>Regular Education (Guidance, Health, Library, Principal, Professional Development)</i>	5,664
<i>Information Service (Supplies, Equipment, Software, Contracted Services)</i>	12,789
<i>Federal Grants (IDEA ARRA)</i>	28,485
<i>Food Service (Benefit)</i>	13,518
<b><i>Subtotal Increases</i></b>	<b><u>+ 302,499</u></b>
<b><i>Decreases:</i></b>	
<i>Co-Curricular Activities</i>	1,481
<i>School Board Expense</i>	2,250
<i>SAU Office Expense</i>	4,629
<i>Operation of Building (Prototype Expense removed, Energy Savings)</i>	50,342
<i>Transportation ( SPED Van)</i>	32,412
<i>Debt Service (Retirement of Front Addition Bond)</i>	6,788
<i>Transfer (Trust Funds)</i>	67,800
<b><i>Subtotal Decreases</i></b>	<b><u>&lt; 165,702 &gt;</u></b>
<b><i>Total Net Budget Increase</i></b>	<b><u>+ 136,797</u></b>
<b><i>Proposed 2010/2011 Budget</i></b>	<b><u>5,686,833</u></b>

### Tuition-

This year's LHS tuition is the single highest increase in the 2010-2011 budget. The A.R.E.A. agreement which regulates tuition rates for Plainfield Students attending LHS, calculates Plainfield and Grantham tuition utilizing a three year tuition averaging process which produced a tuition rate of \$13,144 for the 2010-2011 School Year. The Town of Plainfield will see a \$1,578 increase in the tuition cost per pupil over last year, a 13.64% increase. This budget, as presented, projects 100.5 students attending LHS in September, compared to 98 projected students in 2009/2010. The total tuition budget will increase \$187,504 over the 2009/2010 school year or 16.54% which takes into consideration a higher student count.

### 2010/2011 Revenues -

Non Tax Revenues are estimated to be \$1,140,791, which is a decrease of \$289,079 in revenue over 2009/2010. Much of the decrease is due to lower year end surplus carryover and a decrease in NH Adequacy Grant (\$40,707 less in 10/11 or 4.87% reduction).

### 2010/2011 Bottom Line -

The \$136,797 increase in spending, combined with the \$289,079 drop in revenue, will require local tax dollars to support this budget proposal to be increased \$428,669 over last year's amount. The 2010/11 estimated local tax effort of \$4,546,042 represents a 10.41% increase over the 2009/10 year's total of \$4,117,373.

The items set forth in this analysis **do not** include any of the separate warrant articles, which, if passed, will increase the tax effort necessary to fund those articles. This year's warrant articles (excluding Budget appropriations) include:

- ❖ Raise and appropriate \$6,233.33 for the purpose of first year bond interest payment on \$275,000 renovation of building bond (pending Article II passage).
- ❖ Raise and appropriate \$1,473.33 for the purpose of first years bond interest payment on \$65,000 partial roof replacement bond (pending Article III passage).
- ❖ Approve cost item \$23,361 for negotiated PSSA contract for the payment of salary and benefits for 2010-2011.
- ❖ Approve cost item \$31,595 for negotiated PEA contract for the payment of salary and benefits for 2010-2011.
- ❖ Raise and appropriate 39,432 to be placed in the Special Education/Tuition Trust Fund.
- ❖ Raise and appropriate \$40,000 to be placed in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund (this is a contingency if Article III bond fails).
- ❖ Raise and appropriate \$25,000 to be placed in the Benefits Payable Expendable Trust Fund.
- ❖ Create, raise and appropriate \$1.00 for a Capital Reserve Fund.
- ❖ Raise and appropriate \$4,000 for A.R.E.A. committee (Warrant XII) to conduct an investigation and analysis of the accounting and contractual bases used in the calculation of Lebanon High School tuition over the past five years.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Beth Bierwirth* - Finance



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

Category:	2008/09	2009/10	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11
	Audited	OFFICIAL	TOTAL YEAR	BUDGET	Increase or
	Actual Budget	BDGT (MS-24)	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	(Decrease)
<b>LOCAL SOURCES:</b>					
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	195,832	302,312	302,312	81,455	(220,857)
Interest Income	8,764	6,000	8,500	8,500	2,500
Food Service Revenues	41,960	42,000	42,000	45,000	3,000
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	-				-
Tuition Revenues	12,063	-	-	-	-
Transfer in Food Service			12,800	13,200	13,200
Transfer from Reserve Funds	50,000	75,000	75,000	-	(75,000)
Transfer from Bld Maint Reserve Fund			20,080		-
Transfer from Benefit Trust			11,102		
Deficit/Supplemental Approp	-	-		-	-
Capital Project Bond	-				-
Other	35,787	3,200	11,300	17,800	14,600
<b>Total Local</b>	<b>344,406</b>	<b>428,512</b>	<b>483,094</b>	<b>165,955</b>	<b>(262,557)</b>
<b>STATE SOURCES:</b>					
NH Adequacy Grant	820,644	835,638	835,638	794,931	(40,707)
NH Building Aid	43,917	45,967	45,967	45,967	-
Catastrophic Aid	-			-	-
Child Nutrition	728	753	753	753	-
Other					-
<b>Total State</b>	<b>865,289</b>	<b>882,358</b>	<b>882,358</b>	<b>841,651</b>	<b>(40,707)</b>
<b>FEDERAL SOURCES:</b>					
Federal Grant Programs	80,027	100,000	148,005	114,685	14,685
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	-				
Child Nutrition	9,030	9,000	8,700	8,500	(500)
Medicaid	30,030	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Other		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Federal</b>	<b>119,087</b>	<b>119,000</b>	<b>166,705</b>	<b>133,185</b>	<b>14,185</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUES</b>	<b>1,328,781</b>	<b>1,429,870</b>	<b>1,532,157</b>	<b>1,140,791</b>	<b>(289,079)</b>
<b>Property Tax Dollars Needed</b>	<b>4,274,607</b>	<b>4,117,373</b>	<b>4,117,373</b>	<b>4,546,042</b>	<b>428,669</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET</b>	<b>5,603,388</b>	<b>5,547,243</b>	<b>5,649,530</b>	<b>5,686,833</b>	<b>139,590</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>5,603,388</b>	<b>5,547,243</b>	<b>5,649,530</b>	<b>5,686,833</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>5,301,076</b>	<b>5,547,243</b>	<b>5,568,076</b>	<b>5,686,833</b>	
<b>SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>302,312</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,455</b>	<b>-</b>	

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT**

Category:	2008/09	2009/10	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11	2010/11
	TOTAL YEAR ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	TOTAL YR ESTIMATE	Proposed BUDGET	\$\$ Incr. Over 09/10 Budget	%% Incr. Over 09/10 Budget
<b>1- REGULAR INSTRUCTION</b>						
Teacher Salaries	1,241,977	1,220,208	1,200,932	1,119,370	(100,838)	-8.26%
Ed Assistant Salaries	28,038	9,870	9,870	17,969	8,099	82.05%
Tutors	630	3,500	2,000	1,500	(2,000)	-57.14%
Substitutes	23,114	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	0.00%
Employee Benefits	461,293	384,314	447,774	438,773	54,459	14.17%
Contracted Services	10,152	12,486	12,486	12,018	(468)	-3.75%
Equipment Repair	575	1,750	750	1,750	-	0.00%
Tuition	945,306	1,133,468	1,077,757	1,320,972	187,504	16.54%
Supplies	27,934	34,653	28,868	37,053	2,400	6.93%
Textbooks	7,346	21,321	11,321	6,225	(15,096)	-70.80%
Software	1,443	5,315	5,315	6,900	1,585	29.82%
New/Replacement Equipment	926	2,120	2,120	2,100	(20)	-0.94%
Furniture	4,628	4,560	4,560	2,000	(2,560)	-56.14%
Dues & Fees	16,412	12,556	10,556	14,757	2,201	17.53%
Total Regular Instruction	2,769,776	2,876,121	2,844,309	3,011,386	135,265	4.70%
<b>2- SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>						
Teacher Salaries	228,077	241,947	241,947	241,947	-	0.00%
Ed Assistant Salaries	205,393	222,898	224,563	239,844	16,946	7.60%
Substitutes	7,414	14,000	9,000	14,000	-	0.00%
Employee Benefits	268,739	218,119	236,126	261,451	43,332	19.87%
Contracted Services	63,725	66,000	66,000	73,000	7,000	10.61%
Tuition	31,333	45,000	76,875	82,000	37,000	82.22%
Legal	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	100.00%
Supplies	1,738	2,500	2,500	2,500	-	0.00%
Books	47	400	400	-	(400)	-100.00%
Software	126	400	400	400	-	0.00%
Testing	76	400	400	1,200	800	200.00%
Equipment	2,249	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%
Dues/Fees/Travel	1,072	1,500	1,500	1,600	100	6.67%
Total Special Education	809,991	814,664	861,212	921,442	106,778	13.11%

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Category:	2008/09	2009/10	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11	2010/11
	TOTAL YEAR ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	TOTAL YR ESTIMATE	Proposed BUDGET	\$\$ Incr. Over 09/10 Budget	% Incr. Over 09/10 Budget
<b>3 - CO-CURRICULAR</b>						
Advisors	9,374	10,050	10,050	8,400	(1,650)	-16.42%
Benefits	2,217	2,217	2,217	2,280	63	2.86%
Coaches	10,580	19,459	16,300	15,400	(4,059)	-20.86%
Athletic Director	16,091	16,091	16,091	16,091	(0)	0.00%
Officials	7,008	7,130	7,130	9,000	1,870	26.23%
Supply	6,511	7,860	7,860	8,100	240	3.05%
Equipment	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	100.00%
Dues & Fees	1,310	1,755	2,310	2,810	1,055	60.11%
Total Co-Curricular/Athletics	53,091	64,562	61,958	63,081	(1,481)	-2.29%
<b>4 - GUIDANCE</b>						
Salaries	59,915	63,733	63,733	63,548	(185)	-0.29%
Employee Benefits	27,653	29,565	29,565	29,957	392	1.33%
Testing	2,925	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	0.00%
Supplies	478	500	500	650	150	30.00%
Books	460	500	500	400	(100)	-20.00%
Dues	226	115	115	115	-	0.00%
Total Guidance	91,657	97,413	97,413	97,670	257	0.26%
<b>5 - HEALTH</b>						
Salaries	50,514	54,131	54,131	54,131	-	0.00%
Employee Benefits	24,433	26,246	26,246	26,541	295	1.13%
Supplies	688	1,400	1,400	1,400	-	0.00%
Furniture	189	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Health	75,824	81,777	81,777	82,072	295	0.36%



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Category:	2008/09	2009/10	2009/10	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11	2010/11
	TOTAL YEAR ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	TOTAL YR ESTIMATE	Proposed BUDGET	\$ \$ Incr. Over 09/10 Budget	% Incr. Over 09/10 Budget	
<b>6 - STAFF/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>							
Stipends	6,500	9,000	9,000	9,000	-	0.00%	
Staff Development-Teachers	12,725	10,000	10,000	11,200	1,200	12.00%	
Staff Development-Support Staff	2,934	4,600	4,600	4,300	(300)	-6.52%	
Prof. Dvlp-College Coursework	2,686	7,000	4,000	7,000	-	0.00%	
Staff Training Workshops	5,591	12,000	12,000	12,000	-	0.00%	
Supplies	1,847	2,000	1,000	2,000	-	0.00%	
Total Staff/Curric Development	32,283	44,600	40,600	45,500	900	2.02%	
<b>7 - LIBRARY</b>							
Teacher Salaries	27,178	28,487	28,487	28,487	0	0.00%	
Ed Assistant Salaries	17,634	18,245	18,974	18,974	729	4.00%	
Employee Benefits	33,493	42,396	42,477	42,773	377	0.89%	
Contracted Services	409	1,240	1,240	1,240	-	0.00%	
Supplies	1,020	900	900	900	-	0.00%	
Books	5,843	3,100	3,100	4,100	1,000	32.26%	
Software	384	700	700	900	200	28.57%	
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	100.00%	
Furniture	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	
Total Library	85,961	95,068	95,879	97,375	2,307	2.43%	
<b>8 - INFORMATION SERVICES</b>							
Supplies	1,891	850	850	850	-	0.00%	
Software	4,256	13,000	13,000	8,050	(4,950)	-38.08%	
New Equipment	5,261	1,700	1,700	-	(1,700)	-100.00%	
Replacement Equipment	14,771	17,300	17,300	16,775	(525)	-3.03%	
Contracted Services	21,345	26,379	26,379	45,043	18,664	70.75%	
Repairs & Maintenance	1,275	3,000	3,000	4,500	1,500	50.00%	
Dues/Fees	-	200	200	-	(200)	-100.00%	
Total Information Services	48,798	62,429	62,429	75,218	12,789	20.49%	

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT**

Category:	2008/09	2009/10	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11	2010/11
	TOTAL YEAR ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	TOTAL YR ESTIMATE	Proposed BUDGET	\$\$ Incr. Over 09/10 Budget	% Incr. Over 09/10 Budget
<b>9 - SCHOOL BOARD</b>						
School Board Stipends	1,550	1,550	1,550	1,550	-	0.00%
Treasurer Stipend	400	400	400	400	-	0.00%
Advertising	917	400	400	500	100	25.00%
Board Travel, Meetings, etc	1,037	2,000	2,000	2,150	150	7.50%
Criminal Records Checks	1,637	1,000	1,000	1,500	500	50.00%
Recording Secretary	780	1,350	1,350	1,350	-	0.00%
Dues	3,681	3,500	3,500	3,500	-	0.00%
Legal Services	5,224	6,000	4,000	4,000	(2,000)	-33.33%
Auditor Services	6,500	12,000	8,500	11,000	(1,000)	-8.33%
District Meeting Expenses	716	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%
Total School Board	22,441	29,200	23,700	26,950	(2,250)	-7.71%
<b>10 - SAU OFFICE</b>						
Salaries	110,418	117,474	113,474	116,029	(1,445)	-1.23%
Contracted Services	5,854	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	0.00%
Employee Benefits	17,116	22,943	23,943	23,959	1,016	4.43%
Telephone	1,102	1,200	700	1,200	-	0.00%
Supplies/Advertising	3,865	8,000	4,200	4,200	(3,800)	-47.50%
Dues, Fees, Meetings, Travel	3,405	5,000	3,000	4,000	(1,000)	-20.00%
Software/Equipment	4,952	-	-	600	600	100.00%
Total SAU Office	146,713	160,617	151,317	155,988	(4,629)	-2.88%

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Category:	2008/09	2009/10	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11	2010/11
	TOTAL YEAR ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	TOTAL YR ESTIMATE	Proposed BUDGET	\$\$ Incr. Over 09/10 Budget	% Incr. Over 09/10 Budget
<b>11 - PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE</b>						
Administrative Salaries	83,188	86,425	86,925	88,973	2,548	2.95%
Office/Secretarial Salaries	55,523	57,776	57,776	58,596	820	1.42%
Employee Benefits	72,055	71,643	71,788	72,316	673	0.94%
Contracted Services	8,373	8,400	8,400	8,400	-	0.00%
Telephone	3,828	5,200	4,700	5,200	-	0.00%
Postage	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	-	0.00%
Printing	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%
Travel	954	1,250	1,250	1,250	-	0.00%
Supplies	1,678	2,000	1,000	1,500	(500)	-25.00%
Equipment	4,004	500	500	-	(500)	-100.00%
Dues & Fees	2,505	3,136	1,750	2,000	(1,136)	-36.22%
Prior Year Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Principal's Office	234,809	239,530	237,290	241,435	1,905	0.80%
<b>12 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>						
Medical Insurance	535,707	441,105	494,524	524,075	82,970	18.81%
Dental Insurance	46,811	34,477	38,028	37,114	2,637	7.65%
Life & AD&D Insurance	6,356	7,207	7,354	7,580	373	5.18%
Disability Insurance	12,618	14,306	14,597	14,595	289	2.02%
Flex Plan Administration	(491)	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%
F.I.C.A.	172,819	166,861	170,218	168,313	1,452	0.87%
Retirement	114,446	130,759	129,468	133,385	2,626	2.01%
Workers' Comp Insurance	9,321	14,957	15,179	15,057	100	0.67%
Annuities	42,119	58,864	57,552	55,907	(2,957)	-5.02%
Unemployment Comp Insurance	5,452	-	11,102	-	-	-
Subtotal Employee Benefits	945,159	869,536	939,021	957,026	87,490	10.06%
Transfer to Other Functions	(945,159)	(869,536)	(939,021)	(957,026)	(87,490)	
Net Total Employee Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-



**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT**

Category:	2008/09	2009/10	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11	2010/11	2010/11
	TOTAL YEAR ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	TOTAL YR ESTIMATE	Proposed BUDGET	\$ \$ Incr. Over 09/10 Budget	% Incr. Over 09/10 Budget	% Incr. Over 09/10 Budget
<b>13 - FEDERAL GRANTS</b>							
IDEA (Spec Ed)	49,762	53,000	53,441	53,000	-	0.00%	0.00%
Pre School	3,767	3,500	2,460	2,500	(1,000)	-28.57%	
IDEA AARA			28,133	28,133			
Pre School AARA			1,352	1,352			
Title 1A & AARA			25,584	-			
Title 2 (Quality Teachers)	5,506	3,000	2,979	3,000	-	0.00%	0.00%
Title 5 (Innovative)		-	-	-			
Title 4 (Safe & Drug Free Schools)	1,539	700	700	700	-	0.00%	0.00%
Rural Education (REAP) Grant	30,802	26,000	33,356	26,000	-	0.00%	0.00%
Other							
Total Grants	91,376	86,200	148,005	114,685	28,485	33.05%	
<b>14 - OPERATION OF BUILDING</b>							
Custodial Salaries/Wages	87,002	93,867	93,670	89,662	(4,205)	-4.48%	
Employee Benefits	35,212	45,847	45,801	45,391	(456)	-0.99%	
Contracted Services	11,743	30,000	30,000	28,700	(1,300)	-4.33%	
Building Repairs	23,675	59,500	59,500	34,000	(25,500)	-42.86%	
Property & Liability Insurance	8,512	9,116	9,116	10,735	1,619	17.76%	
Supplies	14,020	16,000	16,000	16,000	-	0.00%	
Electricity	24,245	35,000	24,750	25,500	(9,500)	-27.14%	
Fuel Oil	73,486	63,000	45,500	52,000	(11,000)	-17.46%	
Sewer Fees	5,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	0.00%	
Equipment	27,664	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%	
Staff Travel	483	500	500	500	-	0.00%	
Dues/Fees	825	575	575	575	-	0.00%	
Total Operation of Building	311,867	364,405	336,412	314,063	(50,342)	-13.81%	
<b>15 - TRANSPORTATION</b>							
Special Edu. Transportation Salary/Wage		-		5,400	5,400	100.00%	100.00%
Transportation Benefit		-		441	441	100.00%	100.00%
Student Transportation	163,254	162,899	162,899	167,637	4,738	2.91%	2.91%
Special Ed Transportation	45,332	46,800	37,000	9,400	(37,400)	-79.91%	-79.91%
Athletic Trips	4,522	5,500	5,500	5,750	250	4.55%	4.55%
Field Trips	10,893	10,000	8,000	10,000	-	0.00%	0.00%

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE REPORT**

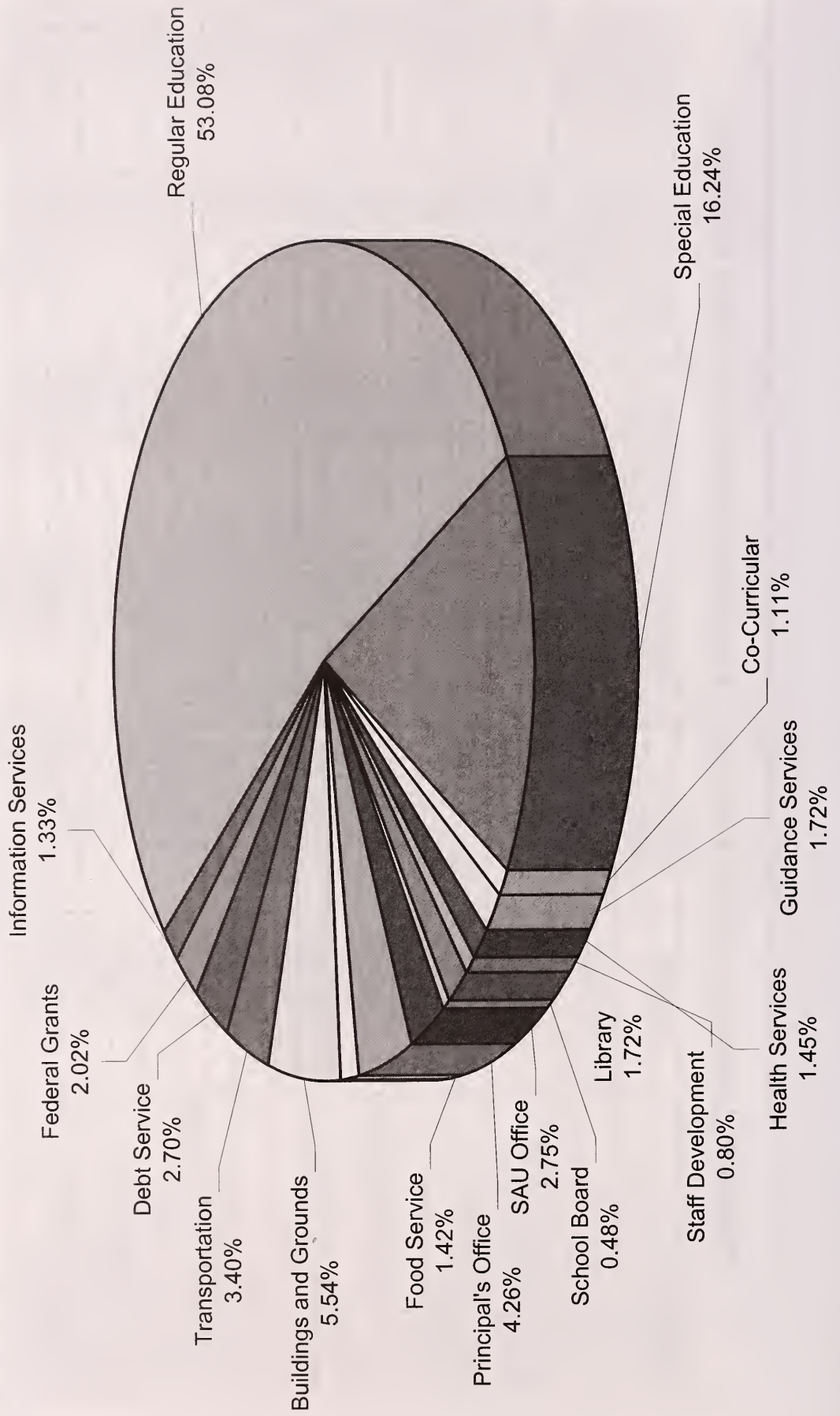
Category:	2008/09	2009/10	2009/10	2010/11	2010/11	2010/11	2010/11
	TOTAL YEAR ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	TOTAL YR ESTIMATE	Proposed BUDGET	\$ \$ Incr. Over 09/10 Budget	% Incr. Over 09/10 Budget	% Incr. Over 09/10 Budget
Total Transportation	224,002	225,199	213,399	192,787	(32,412)	-14.39%	
<b>16- FOOD SERVICES</b>							
Salaries	12,919	13,468	14,000	13,468	-	0.00%	
Employee Benefits	2,948	4,635	13,084	13,143	8,508	183.57%	
Contracted Services	37,136	40,000	40,000	44,100	4,100	10.25%	
Repairs	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%	
Transportation	4,050	1,000	4,000	4,410	3,410	341.00%	
Supplies	9,453	7,000	7,000	4,500	(2,500)	-35.71%	
Total Food Service	66,506	67,103	79,085	80,621	13,518	20.15%	
<b>17 - DEBT SERVICE</b>							
Principal	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	-	0.00%	
Interest	21,904	15,148	15,148	8,360	(6,788)	-44.81%	
Total Debt Service	166,904	160,148	160,148	153,360	(6,788)	-4.24%	
<b>18 - TRANSFERS</b>							
Capital Outlay - Building Improvement	21,730						
Trans. Maint. Trust	30,000	30,000	30,000		(30,000)	-100.00%	
Trans. Spec. Ed. Trust		30,000	30,000		(30,000)	-100.00%	
Trans. Food Service	(2,652)	6,000	12,800	13,200	7,200	120.00%	
Trans Benefit Trust	20,000	15,000	15,000		(15,000)	-100.00%	
Total Transfers	69,078	81,000	87,800	13,200	(67,800)		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	5,301,076	5,550,036	5,582,734	5,686,833	136,797	2.46%	

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE SUMMARY**

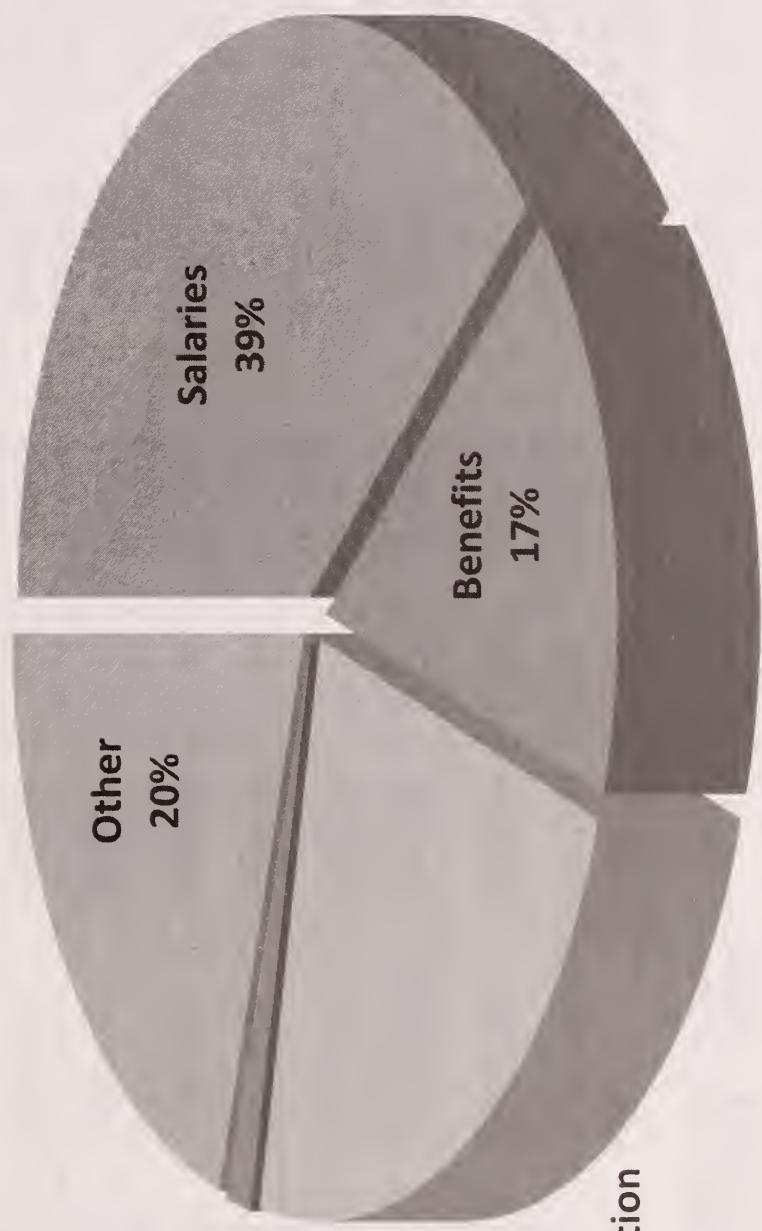
Category:	2008/09	2009/10	2009/10	2010/2011	\$ Increase	% Increase
	ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	ESTIMATED ACTUAL	PROPOSED BUDGET	or (Decrease) vs. 2008/09 Budget	or (Decrease) vs. 2008/09 Budget
REGULAR EDUCATION	2,769,776	2,876,121	2,844,309	3,011,386	135,265	4.70%
SPECIAL EDUCATION	809,991	814,664	861,212	921,442	106,778	13.11%
CO-CURRICULAR	53,091	64,562	61,958	63,081	(1,481)	-2.29%
GUIDANCE	91,657	97,413	97,413	97,670	257	0.26%
HEALTH	75,824	81,777	81,777	82,072	295	0.36%
STAFF/CURRICULUM DEV.	32,283	44,600	40,600	45,500	900	2.02%
LIBRARY	85,961	95,068	95,879	97,375	2,307	2.43%
INFORMATION SERVICES	48,798	62,429	62,429	75,218	12,789	20.49%
SCHOOL BOARD	22,441	29,200	23,700	26,950	(2,250)	-7.71%
SAU OFFICE	146,713	160,617	151,317	155,988	(4,629)	-2.88%
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	234,809	239,530	237,290	241,435	1,905	0.80%
OPERATION OF BUILDING	311,867	364,405	336,412	314,063	(50,342)	-13.81%
TRANSPORTATION	224,002	225,199	213,399	192,787	(32,412)	-14.39%
FOOD SERVICE	66,506	67,103	79,085	80,621	13,518	20.15%
DEBT SERVICE	166,904	160,148	160,148	153,360	(6,788)	-4.24%
FEDERAL GRANTS	91,376	86,200	148,005	114,685	28,485	33.05%
TRANSFERS	69,078	81,000	87,800	13,200	(67,800)	-83.70%
<b>TOTALS</b>	5,301,076	5,550,036	5,582,734	5,686,833	136,797	2.46%



# PLAINFIELD SCHOOL 2010-2011 PROPOSED EXPENSES BY FUNCTION



**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL 2010-2011 EXPENSES BY OBJECT**



Special Ed. Tuition  
1%

Regular Ed. Tuition  
23%

**10 YEAR DEBT SCHEDULE FOR PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

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



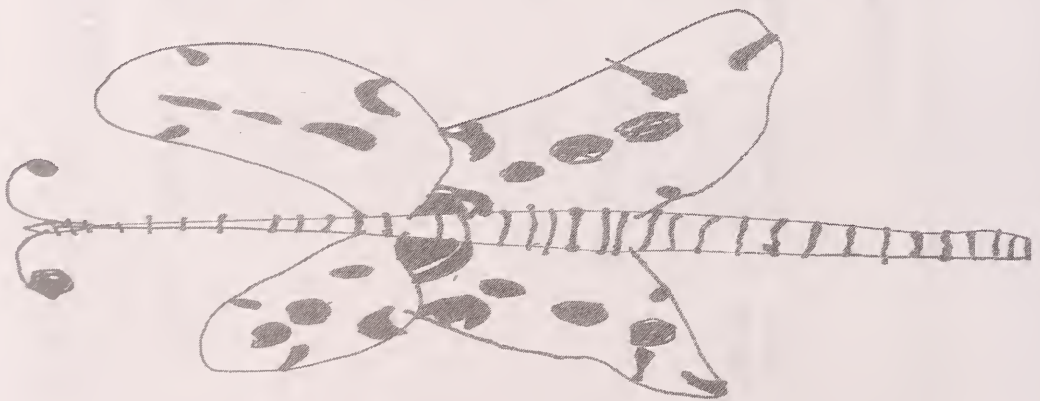
**5 YEAR DEBT SCHEDULE FOR PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2ND BOND**

DEBT YEAR	PERIOD ENDING	PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING	PRINCIPAL	RATE	INTEREST	TOTAL PAYMENT	FISCAL YEAR TOTAL PAYMENT
	2/15/2008				\$6,952.50	\$6,952.50	\$6,952.50
1	8/15/2001	\$300,000.00	\$60,000.00	4.000%	\$6,075.00	\$66,075.00	
	2/15/2009				\$4,875.00	\$4,875.00	\$70,950.00
2	8/15/2009	\$240,000.00	\$60,000.00	4.000%	\$4,875.00	\$64,875.00	
	2/15/2010				\$3,675.00	\$3,675.00	\$68,550.00
3	8/15/2010	\$180,000.00	\$60,000.00	4.000%	\$3,675.00	\$63,675.00	
	2/15/2010				\$2,475.00	\$2,475.00	\$66,150.00
4	8/15/2011	\$120,000.00	\$60,000.00	4.000%	\$2,475.00	\$62,475.00	
	2/15/2012				\$1,275.00	\$1,275.00	\$63,750.00
5	8/15/2012	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	4.250%	\$1,275.00	\$61,275.00	\$61,275.00
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>		<b>\$37,627.50</b>	<b>\$337,627.50</b>	<b>\$337,627.50</b>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR**

7/1/2008	Balance Mascoma Savings	77,245.11
7/1/2008	Balance NH Public Investment Pool	17,044.91
7/1/2008	Subtotal	94,290.02
	Total Expenditures (7/1/08 through 6/30/09)	5,301,076.00
	Total Receipts (7/1/08 through 6/30/09)	5,603,388.00
6/30/2009	Balance Mascoma Savings	94,290.02
6/30/2009	Balance NH Public Investment Pool	163,629.85
6/30/2009	Total Cash Available	257,919.87

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jeffrey Moore*  
Treasurer



*Audrey Elder*

## 2009-2010 PLAINFIELD TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE

Track                    1.034  
 Step                    1.0354  
 Base Inc.              3.50%

STEP	BA/BS	BA+15	BA+30/MA	MA+15	MA+30
1	\$33,261	\$34,392	\$35,561	\$36,770	\$38,020
2	\$34,438	\$35,609	\$36,820	\$38,072	\$39,366
3	\$35,658	\$36,870	\$38,123	\$39,420	\$40,760
4	\$36,920	\$38,175	\$39,473	\$40,815	\$42,203
5	\$38,227	\$39,527	\$40,870	\$42,260	\$43,697
6	\$39,580	\$40,926	\$42,317	\$43,756	\$45,244
7	\$40,981	\$42,375	\$43,815	\$45,305	\$46,845
8	\$42,432	\$43,875	\$45,366	\$46,909	\$48,504
9	\$43,934	\$45,428	\$46,972	\$48,569	\$50,221
10	\$45,489	\$47,036	\$48,635	\$50,289	\$51,999
11	\$47,100	\$48,701	\$50,357	\$52,069	\$53,839
12	\$48,767	\$50,425	\$52,139	\$53,912	\$55,745
13	\$50,493	\$52,210	\$53,985	\$55,821	\$57,719
14	\$52,281	\$54,058	\$55,896	\$57,797	\$59,762
15	\$54,131	\$55,972	\$57,875	\$59,843	\$61,877
16	\$56,048	\$57,953	\$59,924	\$61,961	\$64,068
17	\$58,032	\$60,005	\$62,045	\$64,155	\$66,336



*Ashlyn Taber*



**PLAINFIELD TEACHERS: 2009-2010 SALARY SCHEDULE GRID**

Track>	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
step 1		\$33,261		\$34,392	0.5	\$35,561		\$36,770		\$38,020
2		\$34,438	1.6	\$35,609		\$36,820		\$38,072		\$39,366
3	1	\$35,658		\$36,870	1	\$38,123		\$39,420		\$40,760
4	1	\$36,920		\$38,175		\$39,473		\$40,815		\$42,203
5		\$38,227		\$39,527		\$40,870		\$42,260		\$43,697
6		\$39,580		\$40,926		\$42,317	1	\$43,756		\$45,244
7		\$40,981		\$42,375		\$43,815		\$45,305		\$46,845
8		\$42,432	1	\$43,875		\$45,366		\$46,909		\$48,504
9		\$43,934		\$45,428		\$46,972		\$48,569		\$50,221
10		\$45,489		\$47,036	1	\$48,635		\$50,289		\$51,999
11		\$47,100		\$48,701	1	\$50,357		\$52,069		\$53,839
12		\$48,767		\$50,425		\$52,139		\$53,912		\$55,745
13		\$50,493	1	\$52,210		\$53,985		\$55,821		\$57,719
14		\$52,281		\$54,058	1	\$55,896	1	\$57,797		\$59,762
15	1	\$54,131		\$55,972		\$57,875		\$59,843	1.000	\$61,877
16		\$56,048	1	\$57,953		\$59,924	1	\$61,961		\$64,068
17	1	\$58,032		\$60,005	5.00	\$62,045		\$64,155	6.625	\$66,336
	4.0	\$184,741	4.6	\$211,012	9.5	\$521,017	3.0	\$163,514	7.625	\$501,353
FTE	4		4.6		9.5		3		7.625	28.725
#of Staff	4		5.0		10		3		8	30

**PLAINFIELD ENROLLMENT – OCTOBER 1, 2009**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
K	13	17	30
1	12	9	21
2	14	16	30
3	10	14	24
4	13	16	29
5	14	15	29
6	17	15	32
7	16	23	39
8	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>31</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>258</b>
Total Home Study Students	7	6	<u>13</u>

**TOTAL Enrollment with Home Study = 271**

**PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**CLASS OF 2009**

Parker Beaupre	Trevor Marsh
Sarah Berman	Galen Moynihan
Amber Blair	Evan O'Reilly
Emma Cole	Cameron Prince
Tori Constantine	Lindsay Pullen
Chris Eisener	Jasmine Rogers
James Fadden	Trina Scheie
Emily Godfrey	Will Sheehan
Alex Good	Grace Sylvia
Wyatt Goodwin	Andy Taylor
Timothy Grace	Jeff Taylor
Ian Gregory-Davis	Sean Taylor
Emily Kehoe	Ava Wehde
Morgan Keller	Josh Young
Eric L'Heureux	

PLAINFIELD RECOGNITION AWARDS – June 15, 2009

Athletics: Garipay - Beaupre Scholar - Athlete: **Lindsay Pullen ~ Grobe - Reisch Sportsmanship: Ian Gregory-Davis ~ Best Female Athlete: Trina Scheie ~ Best Male Athlete: Parker Beaupre'**

Teachers' Award: **Amber Blair**

President's Education Awards for Outstanding Academic Excellence: **Sarah Berman, Emma Cole, Tori Constantine, Ian Gregory-Davis, Wyatt Goodwin, Galen Moynihan, Lindsay Pullen, Jasmine Rogers, Trina Scheie, Will Sheehan, Grace Sylvia, Andy Taylor, Sean Taylor**

President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement: **Amber Blair, Emily Godfrey, Evan O'Reilly, Ava Wehde**

PTA Citizenship Award: **Ian Gregory - Davis**

Cory Taber Award: **James Fadden**

The Herbert E. Ward Memorial Essay Contest: **1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ian Gregory-Davis "Cliques", 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sarah Berman "The Myth: There Isn't Racism", 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jasmine Rogers "Cosmetic Testing on Animals", Honorable Mention: Lindsay Pullen "Changing a Middle School Setting: Dangers of Girl Bullying", and Trina Scheie "How Schizophrenia Affects Teens"**

Excellence in Band: **Andy Taylor, Josh Young**

Outstanding Band Leadership: **Sean Taylor, Emily Godfrey**

Excellence in Music and Chorus: **Lindsay Pullen, Ian Gregory-Davis**

Student Council Recognition: **Galen Moynihan, Evan O'Reilly, Grace Sylvia**

Math Team: **Lindsay Pullen, Tori Constantine, Evan O'Reilly, Sean Taylor, Ian Gregory-Davis, Will Sheehan, Galen Moynihan**

Subject Area by Class Awards:

<u>Math Topics:</u>	<i>Outstanding Problem Solver:</i>	<b>Will Sheehan</b>
	<i>Outstanding Mathematical Model:</i>	<b>Tori Constantine</b>
	<i>Outstanding Perseverance:</i>	<b>Ian Gregory-Davis</b>



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<u>Math:</u>	<i>Outstanding Problem Solver:</i>	<b>Cameron Prince</b>
	<i>Outstanding Mathematical Model:</i>	<b>Emma Cole</b>
	<i>Outstanding Perseverance:</i>	<b>Emily Kehoe</b>
<u>Social Studies:</u>	<i>Growth in Writing:</i>	<b>Josh Young</b>
	<i>Attention To Detail:</i>	<b>Jasmine Rogers</b>
	<i>World Knowledge:</i>	<b>Will Sheehan</b>
	<i>Class Contributor:</i>	<b>Parker Beaupre'</b>
	<i>Innate Curiosity:</i>	<b>Chris Eisener</b>
	<i>Student as Teacher:</i>	<b>James Fadden</b>
<u>Language Arts:</u>	<i>Promising Young Writer:</i>	<b>Morgan Keller</b>
	<i>Promising Young Writer:</i>	<b>Galen Moynihan</b>
	<i>Promising Young Writer:</i>	<b>Sarah Berman</b>
	<i>Promising Young Writer:</i>	<b>Parker Beaupre'</b>
	<i>Emerging Voices:</i>	<b>Jasmine Rogers</b>
	<i>Emerging Voices:</i>	<b>Emily Kehoe</b>
<u>Science:</u>	<i>Overall Excellence:</i>	<b>Amber Blair</b>
	<i>Overall Excellence:</i>	<b>Andy Taylor</b>
	<i>Overall Excellence:</i>	<b>Emily Godfrey</b>
	<i>Overall Excellence:</i>	<b>Grace Sylvia</b>
	<i>Naturalist:</i>	<b>Trevor Marsh</b>
	<i>Environmental Leadership:</i>	<b>Sean Taylor</b>
<u>Spanish:</u>	<i>Oral Proficiency:</i>	<b>Trina Scheie</b>
	<i>Oral Proficiency:</i>	<b>Grace Sylvia</b>
	<i>Cultural Curiosity:</i>	<b>Sean Taylor</b>
	<i>Creative Expression in Writing:</i>	<b>Emily Godfrey</b>
	<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>Evan O'Reilly</b>
	<i>Open Mind, Open Heart, Level Head:</i>	<b>Amber Blair</b>
	<i>Outstanding Merit Spanish Exam:</i>	<b>Lindsay Pullen</b>
	<i>Outstanding Merit Spanish Exam:</i>	<b>Tori Constantine</b>
<u>Technology:</u>	<i>Most Helpful:</i>	<b>Josh Young</b>
	<i>Most Helpful:</i>	<b>Ian Gregory-Davis</b>
	<i>Most Helpful:</i>	<b>Grace Sylvia</b>
	<i>Technology Know How:</i>	<b>Eric L'Heureux</b>
	<i>Technology Know How:</i>	<b>Wyatt Goodwin</b>
	<i>Effort &amp; Determination:</i>	<b>Amber Blair</b>

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<u>Health/Guidance</u> : <i>Health Advocate:</i>	<b>Sean Taylor</b>
<i>Health Advocate:</i>	<b>Sarah Berman</b>
<i>Excellent Effort:</i>	<b>Jasmine Rogers</b>
<i>Excellent Effort:</i>	<b>Lindsay Pullen</b>
<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>Alex Good</b>
<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>James Fadden</b>
<i>Outstanding Big Sister:</i>	<b>Morgan Keller</b>
<i>Outstanding Big Sister:</i>	<b>Emma Cole</b>
<i>Outstanding Big Brother:</i>	<b>Trevor Marsh</b>
<i>Outstanding Big Brother:</i>	<b>Jeff Taylor</b>
<i>Growth in Interpersonal Communication:</i>	<b>Tim Grace</b>
<i>Growth in Interpersonal Communication:</i>	<b>Cameron Prince</b>
<u>Art:</u>	
<i>Outstanding Merit:</i>	<b>Trina Scheie</b>
<i>Outstanding Merit:</i>	<b>Lindsay Pullen</b>
<i>Excellent Effort:</i>	<b>Amber Blair</b>
<i>Excellent Effort:</i>	<b>Sarah Berman</b>
<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>Sean Taylor</b>
<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>Ian Gregory-Davis</b>
<u>Music:</u>	
<i>Outstanding Merit:</i>	<b>Trina Scheie</b>
<i>Outstanding Merit:</i>	<b>Lindsay Pullen</b>
<i>Excellent Effort:</i>	<b>Eric L'Heureux</b>
<i>Excellent Effort:</i>	<b>Chris Eisener</b>
<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>Ava Wehde</b>
<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>Morgan Keller</b>
<u>PE:</u>	
<i>Outstanding Performance &amp; Effort</i>	<b>Andy Taylor</b>
<i>Outstanding Performance &amp; Effort</i>	<b>Emma Cole</b>
<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>Alex Good</b>
<i>Most Improved:</i>	<b>Tim Grace</b>
<u>Principal's Awards:</u> <i>Voracious Reader</i>	<b>Ava Wehde</b>
<i>Voracious Reader</i>	<b>Tori Constantine</b>
<i>Get it Done</i>	<b>Jeff Taylor</b>
<i>Ben Putnam Class Award</i>	<b>Ian Gregory-Davis</b>

**KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY- 2008-2009**

(Plainfield Residents)

**Grade 9**

Spencer Allen  
Kathleen Dessert  
Margaret Fauver

Joshua Huett  
Jacob Lenz  
Hannah Schafer

Allen Winslow  
Rebecca Young

**Grade 10**

Maria Cricco  
Molly Fontaine  
Laura Galvin  
Amelia Good

Charlotte Herbert  
Christina Kijewski  
Nicolle Moore  
Robert Nugent

Sean Plummer  
James Scott  
Sheldon Stansfield

**Grade 11**

Victoria Agel  
Nathan Braginetz  
Benjamin DeFoe  
John Galvin

Benjamin Hollander  
Ainsley MacDonald  
Sean Miller

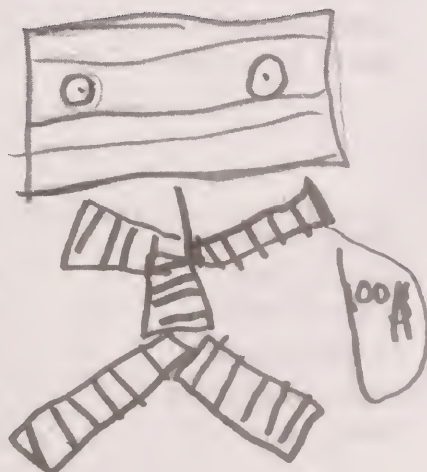
Abby Plummer  
Nyisha Sangermano  
Liv Townsend

**Grade 12**

Timothy Adams  
Alexandra Barnicle  
Ethan Creeger  
Olivia Fauver

Stephen Goodrow  
Adaline Herbert  
Gillian Herbert

Alexandra Lord  
Julia Moore  
Christopher Woodburn



*Jared Audette*



## LHS TUITION STUDENTS 2008-2009

### Grade 9

Chelsea Brann	Andrew Inman	Bree Robinson
Dayna Descoteau	Alexander Keating	Alexis Romano
Tabatha Descoteau	Dustin LaRocque	Taylor Stone
Jeremy Ellis	Jeffrey LaRocque	Tucker Swett
Clinton Goodwin	Katelyn Maynard	Melissa Talbert
Cooper Hardy	Kaylan Murphy	Anna Tassinari
Austin Hathoot	Eloise Pierson	Brooke Truman
Kyra Herbert	Christopher Powers	Cassandra Young

### Grade10

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Jonathan Aldrich	Stephanie Harding	Liam Moynihan
Micah Berman	Megan Horn	Annie Pullen
Jordan Caudel	Jordan Kelley	Stephanie Smarsik
Conner Dodge	Morgan Lawrence	Hannah Sundell
Tasha Dube	Emma Lewis	Faith Sylvia
Joel Fellows	Catherine Liebowitz	Douglas Taylor
Sophia Filiault	Travis Marsh	Kurt Wehde
Ryan Geno	Kelsey McGovern	Chris Whitcomb
Eric Gleiser		

### Grade 11

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Jennifer Anderle	Kelsey Higgens	Nils Scheie
Cody Cantlin	Katherine Minard	Molly smith
Emma Clark	Nicholas Morse	Mykel Smith
Brian Clukey	Patrick Neilan	Emily Tassinari
Therese Ellis	Burke Patterson	Denise Thorburn
Lucas Goodwin	Melvin Pierce III	Hillary Ward
Eric Hebert		

### Grade 12

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Skylar Aldrich	Samanth Harding	Amanda Milo
Mark Balch	Kelsey Hardy	Jeremy Pardoe
Heather Boutin	Joseph Harlow	Emily Patterson
Aaron Brown	Colby Higgins	Daphne Rondeau
Michael Girouard	Joshua LaRoque	Johanna Ruppertsberger
Nikolai Girouard	Hilary Lynd	Conrad Woodbury
Lauren Grobe		

## LHS UNDERGRAD HONORS NIGHT

On May 7, 2009, LHS students in grades nine, ten, and eleven were recognized for their academic achievements during 2008-2009. The following are awards presented to Plainfield students.

HONORS - student has earned at least a C+ in all courses taken and has received a G.P.A. of 3.0 - Grade 9 – **Chelsea Brann, Jeremy Ellis, Austin Hathoot, Kyra Herbert, Katelyn Maynard, Eloise Pierson, Bree Robinson, Alexis Romano, Anna Tassinari, Cassandra Young**; Grade 10 – **Micah Berman, Jordan Caudle, Tasha Dube, Stephanie Harding, Megan Horn, Morgan Lawrence, Emma Lewis, Catherine Liebowitz, Travis Marsh, Kelsey McGovern, Liam Moynihan, Annie Pullen, Kurt Wehde**; Grade 11 – **Jennifer Anderle**

HIGH HONORS - student has earned at least an A- in all courses taken and a G.P.A. of 3.67 - Grade 9 – **Cooper Hardy**; Grade 10 – **Faith Sylvia** Grade 11 – **Katharine Minard, Emily Tassinari**

ART AWARDS – **Jeremy Ellis, Jennifer Anderle**

HATFORD AREA CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER OUTSTANDING STUDENTS: Collision Repair & Refinishing – **Brian Clukey**; Finance Business Management – **Molly Smith**

WELLESLEY BOOK AWARD – for a young woman in her junior year who has made an outstanding contribution in leadership, citizenship, and achievement – **Emily Tassinari**



*Grace Godfrey*

**AWARDS CONFERRED ON THE LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS**  
**OF 2009**

The following awards were presented to Plainfield student graduates at the Lebanon High School Senior Awards Ceremony at the Opera House on Monday, June 8, 2009.

SENIOR CLASS AWARDS - given to the members of the Class of 2006 who have shown the greatest ability and achievement in the following areas: Alex McDonald Science – **Colby J. Higgins**

THE STERLING MELENDY MEMORIAL AWARD – given to the graduating senior with the highest grade average in English and some involvement in athletics – **Hilary R. Lynd**

LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL AWARD - presented to a senior who has shown consistent commitment and enthusiasm for the choral program – **Kelsey H. Hardy**

NCCT/HETTY THOMAE SCHOLARSHIP – **Skylar K. Aldrich**

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 22 PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY AWARD – given to a female pursuing a career in nursing after graduation – **Johanna C. Ruppertsberger**

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA AWARD – **Hilary R. Lynd**

LEBANON ARTS & CRAFTS ASSOCIATION IN MEMORY OF R. ALDEN BURT – given to a senior in recognition of his/her achievement in the field of arts and crafts in memory of Alden Burt, a former teacher at Lebanon High School – **Skylar K. Aldrich**

R. EDMUND LALUMIERE GESTURE AWARD – awarded to all students going into the military – **Conrad N. Woodbury**

U.S. MARINE CORP. DISTINGUISHED ATHLETE AWARD – **Kelsey H. Hardy**

U.S. MARINE CORP. SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD – **Hilary R. Lynd**

LEBANON ODD FELLOWS 160<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MERIT AWARD – presented to a deserving graduate of excellent character. The Odd Fellows are seeking to encourage scholarship and responsible citizenship, and to encourage awardees to ultimately use the fruits of their education to help others. We feel that the quality of the student's commitment to friends, school and/or community is extremely important. – **Serena M. Dodge**

FRANK & OLIVE GILMAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP – **Skylar K. Aldrich, Samantha R. Harding, Kelsey H. Hardy**



**AWARDS CONFERRED ON THE LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS**

**OF 2009**

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PEARCE JEWELERS EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP – **Skylar K. Aldrich**

SHARON ANN LINK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS – to recognize one male and one female student each year who has participated in scholastic soccer and have demonstrated achievement in scholarship, citizenship and sportsmanship – **Kelsey H. Hardy**

CHARLES R. CHAMLEY – LANGDON F. METCALF GIRLS BASKETBALL AWARD – given to a senior girl who has excelled in basketball during her high school years and has shown sportsmanship and integrity on and off the court – **Kelsey H. Hardy**

RAIDER SPIRIT ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP – **Kelsey H. Hardy**

DAVE ANDERSON MEMORIAL AWARD – given to an athlete in recognition of his/her dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to the team - **Kelsey H. Hardy**

NANCY MARIE CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – presented to a member of the graduating class by the family of Nancy Marie Clark, Class of 1984 – **Samantha R. Harding**

THE DOROTHY CUSHING REDINGTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – is presented to a graduating female student for her daily contributions to the “spirit of Lebanon High School” – **Hilary R. Lynd**

FREDERISK E. CARVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – given to a senior going on to post-secondary education – **Kelsey H. Hardy**

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

FACULTY AWARDS – given to the boy and the girl who have successfully participated in the various activities of the school, portraying those qualities essential for good citizenship – **Hilary R. Lynd**

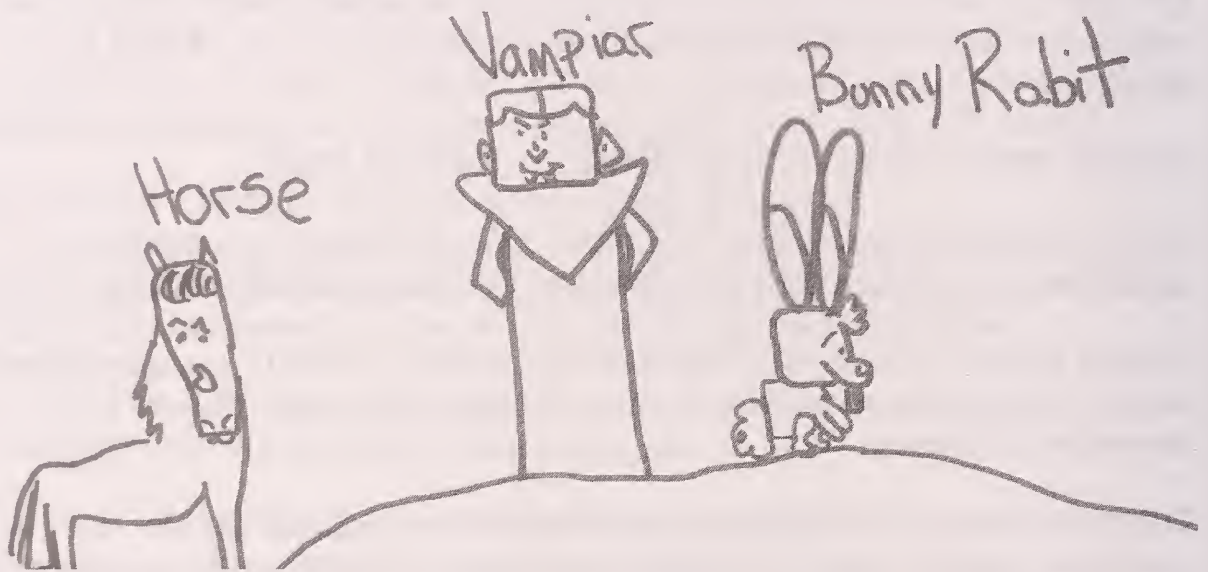
SALLY HATCH MEMORIAL AWARD – given for outstanding achievement in Child Care or Human Services program – **Sirena M. Dodge**

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP – Semi-Finalist – **Hilary R. Lynd**

PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE – in recognition of academic fitness by achieving a four year accumulative grade point average of 3.67 or higher – **Hilary R. Lynd, Samantha R. Harding**

AWARDS CONFERRED ON THE LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS  
OF 2009  
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VALEDICTORIAN – the member of the Class of 2009 with the highest four-year grade point average – **Hilary R. Lynd**



*Catherine Beaupre*

## **NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE**

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

Certain specific inquiries may be directed to the following: Title IX Coordinator, Russell Collins; Title VI, VII and 504 Coordinator, Nancy Brogden.

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

## **NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

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

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

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

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



**Plainfield School District  
2009-2010 Teachers/Professional Staff**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date of Hire</b>	<b>College</b>
Allen	Jean	Teacher-Spanish Grs. 5-8	6/22/2000	B.A. Keene State College
Brogden	Nancy	Dir. Special Services	8/25/1999	B.A. Wheaton College; M.S., PhD, Syracuse
Campbell	Debra	Speech/Lang. Pathologist	8/27/2007	B.A., Rhode Island College; M.A., Univ. of Conn.
Cantlin	Mary	Teacher/Technology Coordinator	8/23/1992	B.A., Marietta College; M.Ed., Keene State College
Carlson	Michelle	Teacher-Gr. 5	8/27/2007	B.S.El.Ed., B.A. Theater/Dance, Keene State College
Condon	Leah	Teacher - Art	8/25/2008	B.F.A. Colby Sawyer
Daley	Jill Canillas	Media Specialist	8/25/2008	B.A., VT College of Norwich Univ.
Feid	Brandon	Teacher-P.E./Ath. Coordinator	8/26/2002	B.S. Univ. of New Hampshire
Heaton	Karen	Nurse/Health Educator	8/25/1997	B.S.N., Univ. of Vermont
Heistad	Betty Ann	Teacher-Gr.1	8/26/1985	B.A., Univ. of New Hampshire; M.Ed., Antioch
Hills	Frances	Teacher-Gr.4	4/28/1980	B.A., Univ. of Vermont; M.Ed., Antioch
Johnson	Brenda	Teacher-Gr.6	2/26/1986	B.A., Syracuse University; M.Ed., Antioch
Keeney	David	Teacher - Music	8/28/2006	B.M.E., Olivet College
Knight	Laura	Teacher-Gr.1	8/6/1984	B.S., Cornell University; M.S., Wheelock College
Langsner	Ellen	Principal	7/1/2005	B.S., Lesley College; M.Ed. + C.A.G.S., Plymouth State Coll.
Lanzim	Katherine	Teacher-Special Ed.	11/1/1986	B.A., Newark State Coll.
Lincoln	Amelia	Teacher-Social St. 7/8	8/27/2007	B.A. U. Mass Amherst
Lynd	Betsy Rybeck	Teacher-Science 7/8	4/26/1983	B.S., Bates College; M.S.T., Antioch
Malsin	Gail	Guidance Counselor	8/15/2008	B.A., Univ. of Rochester; M.Ed. Plymouth State
Maslan	Kathleen	Teacher-Gr.2	11/8/1999	B.S., Keene State College
Oidtmann	Linda	Teacher-Special Ed.	5/22/2000	B.Ed., Univ. of Brit. Columbia; M.Ed., Notre Dame College, NH
Perkins	Julie	Teacher-Gr.2	1/2/1978	B.S., Castleton State College
Piano	Mary	Teacher-Math 7/8	8/26/2002	B.S., Keene State College; M.S. Plymouth State College
Pullen	Susan	Teacher-Gr.4	8/29/2005	B.A., Tufts Univ.; MSW Boston University
Sanchirico	Paul	Teacher-Gr.5	8/26/1993	B.S., Keene State College
Sheehan	James	Teacher-Gr.6	3/7/1994	B.A., Wesleyan University
Spratt	Laura	Teacher-Special Ed.	8/29/2005	B.S., Univ. of Iowa; M.S., Drake Univ.
Taber	Melinda	Teacher-Gr.3	8/25/1997	B.S., Univ. of New Hampshire; M.Ed., UNH
Thibodeau	Katherine	Teacher-Language Arts	8/24/2009	B.A., Messiah College, Grantham PA
Vitt	Noelle	Superintendent	7/1/2008	B.A., Denison Univ. M.A., Univ. of Rhode Island

Warren	Robin	Title I Math Tutor	8/24/2009	B.S.N., Alfred Univ., Alfred, NY
Wolkin	Larry	Teacher-Gr.3	8/24/1981	B.A., SUNY-Binghamton, M.A., Bank St. College
Woodcock	Mark	Teacher-Kindergarten	8/25/1987	B.A., Towson State University

Plainfield School District  
2009-2010 Support Staff

Last Name	First Name	Position	Date of Hire	College
Bierwirth	Beth	Secretary to the Principal	8/24/2004	Assoc., North Country Community College
Beloin	Linda	Educational Assistant	4/26/2005	
Chapin	Emily	Educational Assistant	9/8/1998	Pierce College for Women
Collins	Lehann	Library Aide	8/29/2001	Ocean County College, NJ
Downs	Janna	Educational Assistant	8/28/2006	
Estey	Lori	Educational Assistant	8/25/2008	B.S. Castleton College
Evans	Wayne	Spec.Ed. Van Driver	6/16/2009	
Fleming	William	Custodian	5/3/1987	
Goerke	Shelley	Educational Assistant	8/29/2005	ChildCareCert., College for Lifelong Learning
Goodrow	Fawn	Educational Assistant	9/11/1997	B.S., Merrimack College
Goodwin	Naomi	Educational Assistant	8/26/2009	B.S., Plymouth State College
Gradjian	Lisa	School Secretary	5/27/2008	Univ. of San Diego
Granter	William	Educational Assistant	8/29/2005	B.A., B.Ed., Memorial Univ. of Newfoundland
Huett	Cynthia	Lunch Program Coordinator	8/19/2003	Lebanon College
Johnson	Leni-Lyne	Educational Assistant	8/28/2004	B.A., University of Connecticut
Morse	Debra	Educational Assistant	8/29/2005	Assoc., Mount Ida College
Nierenberg	Joan	Asst. to the Superintendent	10/1/1999	B.A., Mount Holyoke College
Peters	Patricia	Educational Assistant	8/26/2009	B.S. Bridgewater State Coll., Bridgewater MA
Rullo	Dominic	Night Custodian	10/26/1998	
Springer	Michelle	Educational Assistant	8/29/2008	Assoc., NHCTC, Claremont
Whitman	Rosemary	Educational Assistant	8/26/2003	B.S., University of N. Dakota
Wolke	Evyn	Educational Assistant	8/30/2004	B.A., Wesleyan University

## Plainfield's Educational Mission

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

### Responsibilities

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

*The school* is responsible for:

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

*The home* is responsible for:

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

### Results

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

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

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

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

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







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