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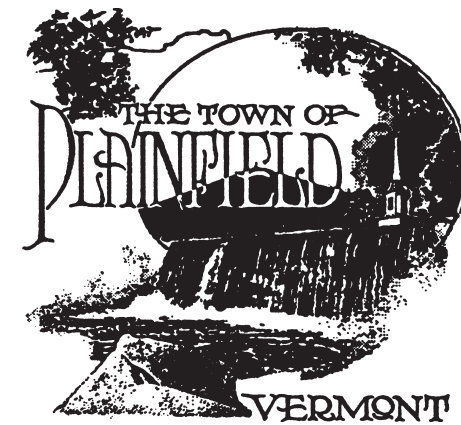
Annual Report of the Town Officers
For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018
Please bring this report to Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Please Bring To Town Meeting

Annual Report 2019

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PLAINFIELD LOGO

(Created by local artist Rick Walsh)

The Plainfield Logo is representative of the past, present and future of this active Vermont community.

The Winooski River was a well traveled waterway of the early Indians, traders and trappers, as well as for their raids on more southern towns. Early settlers coming to the town harnessed the water power for use at the "Mill Privilege" where all early industry was located.

The Church spire is indicative of the various religious societies that have been in town. Five churches were located in the village area in the late 1800s.

Spruce Mountain in the background is a reminder of "potash" the cash crop of the early settlers; later the producer of millions of board feet of lumber for the Batchelder Mill and other wood industries; today recreationists enjoy hiking to the top of the mountain.

For future it is up to us to decide what is essentially good to all in keeping the **Pride of Plainfield** alive.

CORA COPPING

January 1998

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

In accordance with V.S.A. Title 24, §1681, the Auditors have examined the accounts and records of the Town of Plainfield for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. To the best of our knowledge and belief, we find they are correct as reported herein.

Lorraine Cappetta

Mary Etta Chase

GENERAL INFORMATION

Town Clerk's Office
PO Box 217
Plainfield, VT 05667

Hours M/W/F 7:30-12:00 12:30-4:00pm
Telephone-454-8461 • Fax-454-8467

Town Website

www.plainfieldvt.us

Highway Department

Mike Nolan, Road Foreman
Garage 454-7166
Cell 802-371-8050

Water and Wastewater Depts.
454-7173

Greg Chamberlin, Chief Plant Operator

Emergency Tel# 793-0795

Tristan MacGregor-Stewart, Assistant Operator

Property Tax Policy Taxes are due and payable on the due date on your bill. Payments not hand delivered to the Town Clerk/Treasurer by 4pm or postmarked on the due date will not be accepted as on time payment. After this date, they become delinquent and will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector. You will be charged an 8% penalty fee and 1% interest per month thereafter. The only exception to the above policy is School Payment #1. This payment will be charged only the interest of 1% per month until the due date of the second School billing. The due dates of taxes are set at each annual Town meeting.

We have a drop box at the municipal building for your convenience.

Wastewater and Water Assessment Policy adopted December 12, 2016

Water Assessment Payments or Wastewater Assessment Payments not hand delivered to the Town Clerk/Treasurer by 4:00pm or postmarked on the due date will not be accepted as on time payment. The drop box at the municipal office is checked at 4:00pm on the due date. Any payments put in the drop box after 4:00pm on the due date will not be accepted as on time payment.

Town Board Meetings

All meetings are posted at the Municipal Building, Post Office, and Plainfield Co-op

Cemetery Commission

Scheduled as needed

Conservation Commission

Third Wednesday each month

DRB (Development Review Board)

Second Wednesday of each the month

Hazard Mitigation Committee

Scheduled as needed

Historical Society

Scheduled as needed

Library Trustees

Scheduled as needed at Cutler Library

GENERAL INFORMATION

Library Hours	Mon closed, Tues 2-8, Wed 10-2, Thurs 10-2, Friday 2-8, and Sat closed, and Sun 2-8.
Planning Commission	First and Third Monday evenings
Plainfield Revolving Loan Committee	Scheduled as needed
Recreation Committee	Scheduled as needed
Selectboard	Second and Fourth Monday evenings
Social Concerns Committee	As needed during October/November
Water/Wastewater Commission	Third Monday evenings

LOCAL ASSISTANCE CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS DIAL 911

Animal Control/Constable: Kate Hayes	522-4108
Cutler Library: Loona Brogan, Librarian	454-8504
Fire Warden: Andy Hebert	322-5016
Fire Chief: Greg Light	839-8878
Health Officer: Baylen Slote	310-1400

TOWN FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

Recording Fees

Warranty Deed	\$ 15.00 per page
Mortgage Deed	\$ 15.00 per page
Mortgage Discharge	\$ 15.00 per discharge
Property Transfer Return	\$ 15.00 per return
Certified Vital Record	\$ 10.00 per copy
License of Civil Marriage	\$ 60.00
Annual Dog License-ONTIME	
Neutered Dogs	\$ 9.00
Unneutered Dogs	\$ 13.00
Annual Dog License-LATE	
Neutered Dogs	\$ 11.00
Unneutered Dogs	\$ 17.00
Land Posting	\$ 5.00
Motor Vehicle Renewal Fee	\$ 3.00
Water Assessment semi-annually	\$ 223.00
Wastewater Assessment semi-annually	\$ 285.00

TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED

Moderator	Charles T. Barasch	
Town Clerk	Linda B. Wells	
Treasurer	Linda B. Wells	
Selectboard:		
Term Expires 2020	Alexandra “Sasha” Thayer	
Term Expires 2021	Tammy Farnham	
Term Expires 2022	Jim Volz	
Listers:		
Term Expires 2020	Alexandra Forbes	
Term Expires 2021	Sandra Ross	
Term Expires 2022	Frederick Pope	
Auditors:		
Term Expires 2020	Mary Etta Chase	A
Term Expires 2020	Monica Bettis	A
Term Expires 2021	Lorraine Cappetta	
Cemetery Commissioners:		
Term Expires 2020	Dave Spence	A
Term Expires 2020	Greg Light	A
Term Expires 2020	Alice Dworkin	A
Term Expires 2021	Paula Ackel	
Term Expires 2022	Ed Hutchinson, Chair	
Term Expires 2023	Vacant	
Term Expires 2024	Vacant	
School Directors:		
Term Expires 2020	Lauren Cleary	
Term Expires 2021	Jamie Spector	
Term Expires 2022	Janna Osman	
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	George Cushing	
Town Grand Juror	James Jamele	
Town Law Agent	James Jamele	

TOWN OFFICERS

Trustee of Public Funds

Selectboard

Justices of the Peace:
Term Expires 2020

Dale Bartlett
Bob Barasch
Patricia Boyle
Steven Farnham
Alice Merrill
Leatrice Potter
Peter Youngbaer

State Representative
Term Expires 2020

Janet Ancel

APPOINTMENTS

Animal Control/Constable

Kathleen Hayes

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

Carol Smith

CV Fiber formerly know as Central VT Internet
Michael Birnbaum - Town Representative
Jeremy Matt - Alternate

Cent VT Reg Planning Commission
Alternate representative
Transportation Advisory Member

Bram Towbin
Paula Emery
Bob Atchinson

Central VT Solid Waste Mgmt
Plainfield Representative
Alternate
Project Advisory Committee Rep

Betsy Ziegler
Bram Towbin
Vacant

Central VT State Police Advisory
Plainfield Representative

Kathleen Hayes

Conservation Commission
Term Expires 2020
Term Expires 2021
Term Expires 2021
Term Expires 2022
Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2023

Becky Atchinson
Sarah Albert
Julie Hackbarth
Mary Trerice
Vacant
Vacant

TOWN OFFICERS

Development Review Board

Term Expires 2020

Term Expires 2020

Term Expires 2020

Term Expires 2021

Term Expires 2022

Janice Walrafen, Chair

Sarah Albert

Elaine Parker

Jim Volz

Vacancy

E-911 Representative

Sandra Ross

Emergency Mgmt Director

Alexandra 'Sasha' Thayer

Energy Coordinator

Bob Atchinson

Fire Chief

Assistant Fire Chiefs

Greg Light

First - Johnathan Matthew

Second - Andy Hebert

Dep Chief - Gary Graves

Johnathan Matthew

EMT Captain

Fire Warden-2019

Asst Fire Warden

Andy Hebert

Dennis Blair

Hazard Mitigation Committee

Bram Towbin

Dan Gadd

Susan Grimaldi

Michael Billingsley

Amos Meacham

Alexandra 'Sasha' Thayer,

ex-officio mbr

Health Officer-2021

Deputy Health Officer-2021

Deputy Health Officer-2021

Baylen Slote

Justine Gadd

Kathleen Hayes

Planning Commission

Term Expires 2020

Term Expires 2020

Term Expires 2020

Term Expires 2020

Will Colgan, Chair

Karen Storey

Bram Towbin

Alice Dworkin

TOWN OFFICERS

Recreation Committee

Dan Gadd
Chloe Budnick
Nick Hooker

Ben Youngbaer
Jamie Spector

Registrar

Linda B. Wells

Deputy Registrars

Bruce Judd
Nicholas Whitcomb
R. Brent Whitcomb

Revolving Loan Committee

Karl Bissex
Erica DaCosta
Dave Boynton

Road Commissioner
Road Foreman
Highway Administrator

Bram Towbin
Mike Nolan
Vacant

Social Concerns Committee

Gail Falk
Mary Neibling
Sarah Albert

Tree Warden

Nicko Rubin

Water and Wastewater Commissioners

Term Expires 2020
Term Expires 2021
Term Expires 2022

Josh Pitts
Tim Phillips
Mary Lane, Chair

Zoning Administrator 2020

Karen Storey

A-Appointed
R-Resigned

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 5, 2019

Town Moderator Charlie Barasch called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

Moderator Barasch explained that Town Meeting follows Robert's Rules of Order except where State statute takes precedence, and cited other general procedures to which the meeting would adhere. He noted that there were items being sold around the room to help fundraise for various entities. He then read a poem by Mary Oliver entitled *Winter and the Nuthatch*.

Moderator Barasch recognized Glenda Bissex from the floor, who wished to acknowledge that Plainfield Town Meeting participants were meeting on the traditional lands of the Abenaki, the native people who stewarded it for many generations.

Moderator Barasch recognized State Representative Janet Ancel and, hearing no objections, invited her to address the meeting. Ancel noted that she had posted her mid-session report on Front Porch Forum, and highlighted topics that are currently in play at the State House, including: the minimum wage bill; the paid leave bill; funding for clean water; child care; the taxing and regulating of cannabis; and a bill calling for the delay of provisions under Act 46. Ancel responded to questions posed by Alexandra Thayer and David Strong regarding closing down the fish hatchery and shifting the tax burden for school funding more toward income, respectively.

Ross Sneyd invited Jon Copans, Climate Economy Model Communities program director at the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD), to speak. Hearing no objections, Moderator Barasch allowed Copans to address Town Meeting. Copans stated that VCRD will be coordinating and facilitating community conversations around the climate economy. He outlined upcoming events and meetings with the purpose of identifying some opportunities between the Towns of Plainfield and Marshfield to strengthen the local economy while also tackling climate change.

Moderator Barasch began consideration of the items on the Warning, beginning with reading aloud **ARTICLE 1**: To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectboard, Lister, Auditor, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Town Grand Juror, Town Law Agent, Cemetery Commissioner, and School Director.

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ARTICLE 2: To hear reports of Town Officers and act on same.

- **AUDITORS CERTIFICATE:** Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Auditors Certificate. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Auditors Certificate was accepted.
- **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Town Clerk's Report was accepted.
- **TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Town Treasurer's Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Town Treasurer's Report was accepted.
- **COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Collector of Delinquent Taxes Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Delinquent Tax Collector's Report was accepted.
- **LISTERS REPORT:** Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Listers Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Listers Report was accepted.
- **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Planning Commission Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. David Strong asked about the status of the revised zoning regulations. Ross Sneyd explained that the first step is to approve a new Town Plan, which, after proceeding through the required warnings and public hearings, will hopefully be completed by the end of June 2019. At that point, consideration of the new zoning regulations should follow and will also need to adhere to a similar public review process before being approved. Sneyd noted the importance of an updated Town Plan, which is key to both planning, being eligible for various grant opportunities, and to demonstrate compliance with various State laws. Jamie Spector asked for more information regarding density in the Village center. Planning Commission member Bram Towbin noted that prior to approving an updated Town Plan, the Town will be using the current 2014 version,

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which does not speak directly to density issues. Towbin noted that two new elements will be added to the updated Town Plan: an energy section and a section on Act 171, which refers to forest corridors for wildlife preservation. Towbin will be putting together a public survey where input on such issues as density will be welcomed. Betsy Ziegler asked about term limits on members of the Planning Commission and how they affect the Commission's ability to do its work. Sneyd responded that the Select Board had recently considered and decided to eliminate the term limits on various committees, and encouraged anyone interested to step up and serve on a Townboard. Moderator Barasch noted that there is a volunteer application form on the last page of the Town Report. Ziegler added that she hoped that the new Town Plan will address the Route 2 corridor so that everyone can access the Town Hall Opera House and both sides of Plainfield's Route 2 community in a safe way. **The Planning Commission Report was accepted.**

- **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Development Review Board Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Development Review Board Report was accepted.**
- **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Report was accepted.**
- **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Zoning Administrator Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Zoning Administrator Report was accepted.**
- **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Social Concerns Committee Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** George Cushing requested that the amount allocated to the Twinfield Valley Senior Center be raised from \$2,800 to \$3,500. Moderator Barasch stated that Cushing's motion was out of order because the current discussion related to accepting the report from the

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Social Concerns Committee, not debating the amounts. Consideration of the amounts will occur during Article 4. **The Social Concerns Committee report was accepted.**

- **SELECT BOARD REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Select Board report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** Ross Sneyd reported that the Select Board has been working on the problem of the Route 2/Main Street intersection. The current Select Board has built on the work of previous Select Boards and recently sent a letter regarding the intersection to the Secretary of Transportation that was copied to a list of others involved. Sneyd noted the complications involved with the various remediation options that have been put forth by VTRANS. Sneyd stated that progress is being made regarding the unsafe conditions, especially to those crossing Route 2 to access the Town Hall Opera House. He thanked the Friends of the Town Hall Opera House for its work in that area. Sneyd stated that construction of the Pedestrian Sidewalk project will hopefully begin in August 2019, and explained how that sidewalk coming up from the Village and a new crosswalk in front of the Town Hall Opera House will help to improve safety. Steven Farnham asked if there was any possibility for a bypass so that the intersection can be taken out of commission during construction. Noting that a bypass would hurt businesses in the Village, Sneyd responded that there are complications both with rebuilding the intersection and the construction season itself. Jeremy Matt asked if there was any kind of parking enforcement for the island area at the intersection and noted a recent parking situation that made the intersection difficult to get through. Road Commissioner Bram Towbin agreed that the island is a dangerous spot and noted that there are questions regarding who owns what in that area. He assured Matt that he is aware of the problem. Alexandra Thayer expressed her appreciation to Ross Sneyd for his work on the Select Board. **The Select Board Report was accepted.**
- **WATER/WASTEWATER COMMISSION REPORT: Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Water/Wastewater Commission Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Water/Wastewater Commission Report was accepted.**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING
HELD MARCH 5, 2019.**

- **TOWN CONSTABLE/ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Town Constable/Animal Control Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Constable/Animal Control Report was accepted.**
- **CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT: Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Conservation Commission Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Conservation Commission Report was accepted.**
- **HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Hazard Mitigation Committee Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** Hazard Mitigation Committee secretary Michael Billingsley provided an update to what is in the Town Report, including addressing various erosion problems; representing the Select Board in two cases before the Vermont Public Utilities Commission regarding safety at the #6 dam in Marshfield; making progress on the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan; and providing information regarding household preparedness especially with regard to flooding and landslides. Billingsley thanked former Hazard Mitigation Committee member Theresa Bienz for her many years of good service on the Committee. He stated that funds have been successfully raised to hire an outside engineering firm to redesign the Brook Road bridge. Alexandra Thayer noted that a draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is available in hard copy at the meeting and on the Town's website. She encouraged people to review and comment on the draft. Serena Matt asked if there was a summary available regarding the issues at the #6 Marshfield dam. After providing a brief summation, Thayer agreed that a summary of the case would be beneficial to the public. Hazard Mitigation Committee chair Amos Meacham noted that additional information is available in past articles in the *Hardwick Gazette* and the *Times Argus* as well as by registering on the Vermont Utility Commission website, where numerous documents related to the issue can be found. **The Hazard Mitigation Committee Report was accepted.**
- **E911 REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the E911 Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The E911 Report was accepted.**

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- **RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Recreation Committee Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Recreation Committee Report was accepted.
- **CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT:** Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Cemetery Commission Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. Karen Storey asked when the investment account would run out and the \$37,000 would need to come from the Town. Cemetery Commission member Ed Hutchinson responded that it will depend upon the market because not enough income comes from people buying lots. He estimated that depletion likely would not occur within his lifetime. Alexandra Thayer asked if the Cemetery Commission would accept endowments, to which Hutchinson replied affirmatively. The Cemetery Commission Report was accepted.
- **ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT:** Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Energy Coordinator Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. Energy Coordinator Bob Atchinson reported on the Town's progress over the past year regarding efforts to meet the State's goal of 90% use of renewable energy by 2050. Atchinson stated that Plainfield has upped the ante to using 95% renewables by 2040. He cited the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's recent report stating that in 12 years there would be a tipping point after which it will be virtually impossible to bring the planet back to life as we know it, and encouraged everyone to work toward turning this situation around. Atchinson reported that the Energy Team has partnered with Efficiency Vermont in terms of buttoning up buildings, a program he believed would be running again next year. The Plainfield-Marshfield Climate Action Team had applied for a grant to install an electric vehicle charging station at Twinfield Union school, which did not receive funding. Weatherization efforts at Twinfield Union School have been hindered due to budget restrictions and uncertainty regarding what actions it will take regarding Act 46, although a group solar plan on campus is being considered. He noted that Act 174 will give the Town substantial deference in preventing an oversized solar farm in the Town. Atchinson also reported on last year's Drawdown event regarding the climate crisis and participation with 350 Vermont. He noted available

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efficiency items at the table in the back of the room and encouraged people to contact him with questions or for more information. Brenda Lindemann commended Atchinson for his work over the years in the area of energy and asked for a round of applause. **The Energy Coordinator Report was accepted.**

- **CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** Plainfield representative to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District's Board of Supervisors Betsy Ziegler directed meeting participants to information available on the table in the back of the room regarding various solid waste-reducing strategies, resources, and programs. Brenda Lindemann asked whether mattresses can be recycled, to which Jan Lloyd responded that the issue is still being worked on with the facility that would accept the mattresses. **The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Report was accepted.**
- Moderator Barasch announced that this concluded the Reports of Town Officers in Article 2. He noted again the volunteer application form in the TownReport.
- Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells thanked outgoing Select Board chair Ross Sneyd for a job well done and presented him with several departing gifts in acknowledgement of his service. Wells also recognized Jan Waterman, who has served on the Conservation Commission for 15 years; Carol Smith, who has been with the Town for 25 years; and Charlie Barasch, who has served as Town Moderator for 40 years. Moderator Barasch noted his desire to serve as Town Moderator for 50 years and briefly described how he has approached the position.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,333.00 as its share of the ninth year cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier? This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and passenger fares.

- **Scott Stewart made a motion to approve Article 3. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** Bob Atchinson announced that due to shuffling State employees out of the National Life building and relocating them to

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Barre, Vermont, the US Route 2 commuter bus will be going to City Place in Barre starting 4/1/19. Steven Farnham asked why there are two separate entries for funding Green Mountain Transit in the Warning. Ross Sneyd explained that Article 3 pays for the US Route 2 commuter service and the other, in the Social Concerns Committee's recommendations in Article 4, pays for special rides to doctors' appointments for people who otherwise cannot get to them. **The motion to approve Article 3 was approved.**

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town voters authorize the expenditures for the following not-for-profit service agencies as recommended by the appointed Social Concerns Committee?

Central VT Adult Basic Education	\$ 400.00
Capstone (Central VT) Comm. Action	\$ 500.00
Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,300.00
Central VT Home Health Hospice	\$ 2,500.00
CIRCLE	\$ 525.00
Family Center of Wash County	\$ 500.00
Friends of the Winooski River	\$ 300.00
Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$ 300.00
Green Mountain Transit Agency	\$ 786.00
Home Share Now	\$ 325.00
Onion River Foodshelf	\$ 1,000.00
People's Health and Wellness	\$ 700.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 100.00
Twinfield Learning Center	\$ 400.00
Twinfield Together Mentoring	\$ 250.00
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 2,800.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 150.00
Washington CTY Court Diversion	\$ 350.00
Washington CTY Mental Health	\$ 600.00
Washington CTY Youth Service Bureau	\$ 400.00
Total	\$14,186.00

- **Steven Farnham made a motion to approve Article 4. Peter Youngbaer seconded the motion.** Noting that surrounding communities that use the Twin Valley Senior Center (TVSC) have allocated larger amounts while the

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majority of users come from Plainfield, **George Cushing made a motion to amend the amount allocated to the Twin Valley Senior Center from \$2,800 to \$3,500. Winona Johnson seconded the motion.** Alexandra Thayer noted that TVSC offers a lot of programs without asking people to pay for them. Greg Light asked how the Social Concerns Committee came up with the allocation amount. Ross Sneyd explained that TVSC had requested the full \$3,500 and was granted the \$2,800 based partly on both the number of Plainfield residents who are active at TVSC and previous funding levels. Social Concerns Committee member Mary Niebling noted that the amount given to TVSC has increased in the past 10 years by 400%, adding that the Committee looked at the number of people served, compared it to requests made by other organizations, and decided to fund it at last year's level. Rachel Cogbill questioned the number of 28 Plainfield residents that use TVSC. Mary Niebling noted that 28 was the number given in the application and the number on which the decision was made. Acknowledging the worthiness of TVSC and his respect for the work of the Social Concerns Committee, Amos Meacham voiced his opposition to the amendment. In response to the question about the number 28, George Cushing stated that it is the number of Meals on Wheels that TVSC serves. Hearing that there was no further discussion on the amendment, Moderator Barasch called for a vote to change the amount appropriated to TVSC from \$2,800 to \$3,500. It was unclear from the voice vote if the amendment was approved, therefore Moderator Barasch called for voters to stand and raise their hands. Moderator Barasch announced that the result was 51 in favor of the amendment and 22 opposed. **The amendment was approved.** Hearing no further discussion, Moderator Barasch called for a vote on Article 4 as amended with a new total expenditure of \$14,886. **The motion to approve Article 4 as amended was approved.**

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town voters authorize an appropriation of \$37,500 to the Cutler Memorial Library to pay for the librarian and the purchase of materials and services that the library acquires to make accessible to the community?

- **Steven Farnham made a motion to approve Article 4. Michele Clark seconded the motion.** Hearing no objection, Moderator Barasch allowed Cutler Memorial librarian Loona Brogan, who resides outside of Plainfield, to speak. Brogan thanked the Select Board, the Town office staff, and Lisa

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Ryan for help in obtaining a grant to plan an expansion/addition of the existing Library. Board of Trustees chair Marcy Hale thanked the Friends of the Cutler Library for selling primroses at Town Meeting and noted that a painting is being raffled downstairs to raise funds. She also thanked those who contributed to the Library's annual appeal. Hale recognized and thanked Treasurer Bob Rosenfeld, who is departing the Board of Trustees after five years, noting that it creates an opening on the Board of Trustees. Loona Brogan announced new hours for the Library starting the first week of April: 2pm-8pm on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; and 10am-6pm on Fridays. The motion to approve Article 5 was approved.

ARTICLE 6: To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay for Water and Wastewater departments for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

- Moderator Barasch stated that separate votes be taken for the Water and Wastewater appropriations.
- **Ross Sneyd made a motion to appropriate the amount of \$206,034 for the Water Department to be paid for by the users of the system. Josh Pitts seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion to appropriate the amount of \$206,034 for the Water Department to be paid for by the users of the system was approved.**
- **Ross Sneyd made a motion to appropriate the amount of \$272,326 for the Wastewater Department to be paid by the users of the system. George Cushing seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion to appropriate \$272,326 for the Wastewater Department to be paid by users of the system was approved.**

ARTICLE 7: To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay for highways, bridges, fire department, and administrative operations of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

- **Ross Sneyd made a motion to appropriate the amount of \$983,082 for the next fiscal year. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** Sneyd explained that the increase from the current fiscal year largely was due to the need to provide funding for road paving and repair projects. While cuts were made to various line items in the budget, there were increases that will cover the cost of new tires for the Highway Department's grader, a rise in the health

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 6, 2019.

insurance premiums for Town employees, and a cost-of-living adjustment for Town employees. He acknowledged the work that the Road Crew does every day as well as the work of Linda Wells and Carol Smith at the Town offices. **Noting an error in the budget figures, Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells made a motion to amend the total of the Select Board budget to \$982,982. Steven Farnham seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The amendment was approved.** Amos Meacham asked about the budget amount for the Town Hall Opera House, remembering it to be \$10,000. David Strong clarified that the \$10,000 Meacham was probably referring to was the Town Hall Opera House reserve fund, which does not show up as an appropriation in the budget because it is drawn out of the surplus at the end of the year. Ross Sneyd stated that any surplus beyond monies that go toward the Municipal building and the Town Hall Opera House go toward reducing the tax rate. Jeremy Matt asked about the negative \$82,892.67 variance in the paving line item for the Highway Department. Linda Wells noted that that figure refers to an over-cost in a culvert project that was left in in error and should not have been part of the budget. Peter Youngbaer requested clarification regarding which figure on page 33 of the Town Report, the reserved funds or the unreserved funds, is used when determining the amount that goes toward reducing the tax rate. Linda Wells stated that it was the unreserved fund. **The motion to appropriate \$982,982 to pay for highways, bridges, fire department, and administrative operations of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 was approved.**

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town of Plainfield authorize the Selectboard to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

- **Tim Phillips made a motion to approve Article 8. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion to approve Article 8 was approved.**

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of public statutes relating to the collection of taxes by the Town Treasurer, (VSA 32 Section 4791) and vote to collect municipal taxes thirty days from mailing and not prior to August 14, 2019 and collect school taxes on November 13, 2019 and February 12, 2020, collecting half of the total school taxes on each of those dates?

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- **John Monahan made a motion to approve Article 9. Janna Osman seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion to approve Article 9 was approved.**

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other non-binding business that may properly come before the meeting.

- Brenda Lindemann asked if there has been any activity regarding planning for affordable housing, particularly for seniors. Sneyd responded that he was not aware of any, but encouraged that the issue be raised during the upcoming Vermont Council on Rural Development community forums. Jamie Spector encouraged the Select Board and Planning Commission to start a conversation with Down Street Housing and Community Development, where she previously served on its board, regarding a project to create affordable senior housing. Brenda Lindemann offered to be part of a group to discuss the issue.
- David Strong reported that the Friends of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House (Friends) was able to negotiate with the seller to purchase the Gallison property across the street to provide needed additional parking for the Town Hall Opera House. He noted that parking is now available behind the Gallison house for events at the facility for the increased number of people attending events. The Friends currently are waging a campaign to pay off the mortgage and to take down the building, funds for which he hopes can be raised by Old Home Day. Approximately \$20,000 has been raised thus far toward the \$50,000 goal. The Friends are looking for major donors, people who can contribute more than \$500, to get to the \$40,000 point before opening it back up to all donations. Strong stated that the pie sale going on in the back of the room will also help to pay for the parking area.
- Donna Watts, who volunteers at Capstone Community Action, reminded everyone that those whose incomes are below \$55,000 can have their taxes prepared for free by calling Capstone.
- Michael Birnbaum noted that last year the Town voted to join with 12 other towns in a new communications union district called Central Vermont Internet, which has been rebranded and is now called CV Fiber. As the Select Board-appointed delegate to represent Plainfield on the CV Fiber

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board, Birnbaum reported that the plan is to try to bring either fiber or fixed wireless super high- speed internet to every location in the now 17 towns comprising the union. Noting that a \$12,500 grant to fund a feasibility study and business plan had been successfully applied for, he stated that the grant requires that matching funds be raised and requested contributions toward that goal. In response to a question from Lew Christie, Birnbaum jokingly responded that the goal was to extend connectivity even out to Bean Road. Dan Marcus asked if it included those who are off the grid, to which Birnbaum replied that it is not a guarantee, but that they would try to reach everyone within reason. Steven Farnham asked if they would be subcontracting with existing providers, to which Birnbaum responded that it would be determined by the study. Julie Hackbarth asked if property owners are putting in a conduit on their land, should they allow for the possibility that fiber optics could go in that conduit. Noting that the issue is a little premature, Birnbaum responded that fiber optics cannot go in the same conduit as a power conduit therefore the property owner should consider installing two conduits. He added that the project is going to take years, and some towns will come first. Brenda Lindemann asked if the project will include cell service, to which Birnbaum responded no, although it might have collateral benefit to some cell servers because there will be more fiber optics in place.

- Bram Towbin announced that Plainfield, Marshfield, and Cabot are working together in helping land owners to secure good water quality, and on 3/30/19 at Twinfield Union school, there will be a pancake breakfast with experts, loggers, and others who work with land.
- Cemetery Commission member Greg Light noted that the Commission has a need for volunteers to help with the work of maintaining the cemetery in the summer, which if not done by volunteers, they have to hire workers to do it. He also noted that the Cemetery Commission needs more members and encouraged those interested to join.
- Jamie Spector stated that with the goal of there being more participation at Town Meeting, there should be some group or mechanism that could assist parents in figuring out a plan for childcare during Town Meeting. She encouraged people to sign up if they are interested in working on this issue.

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- Brenda Lindemann noted that the TLC program at Twinfield Union school offers programs during holidays and vacations.
- **Peter Youngbaer made a motion to adjourn. Greg Light seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was overturned.**
- Regarding Greg Light's statement that no one volunteered to help with cemetery maintenance last summer, Ed Hutchinson noted that Dale Bartlett, who is not on the Cemetery Commission, is its most loyal volunteer. He thanked Dale Bartlett for his work.
- Sarah Albert announced that Nicko Rubin is going to be giving a talk on 3/13/19 at 7pm at the Jaquith Library regarding fruit trees, which he is doing in conjunction with the Annual Tree and Shrub sale.
- Steven Farnham asked if the Town Report could be provided electronically rather than in printed form. When asking if it could be posted online, Carol Smith and Linda Wells responded that it is on the Town's website, but probably could be posted more prominently. Michael Birnbaum noted that according to a recent VT Digger, a lot of towns are now printing a smaller number of hard copies and encouraging its citizens to read them online, which saves both postage and printing costs.
- Owen Bradley noted Cora Copping's dedication and Rick Walsh's drawing at the end of the Town Report. Bradley recognized Rick Walsh as an exceptional person, who passed away this year. Bradley stated that he wanted to embrace the diversity of this place, that we all at the end of the day take care of each other, and how much he loves living in Plainfield.

Ross Sneyd made a motion to adjourn at 12:25pm. Moderator Barasch noted that there was still chili and pie available. **Peter Youngbaer seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved.**

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town meeting is on March 3, 2020 at the Town Hall Opera House.

Don't forget to bring your town report!

The voting polls will be open from 9:00am until 7:00pm. Town meeting begins at 10:00am.

The ballot voting polls will include the Presidential Primary and Town Officers ballots.

Voter Information

- **New Online Voter Registration Tool** – allows all eligible Vermonters to submit their voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet; and
- **New “My Voter Page”** – online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter-specific web page where they can request an absentee ballot, track its status, update their voter registration record, find their polling place, view a sample ballot, and much more.

The online voter registration page can be found at: **<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters/registration.aspx>** Just click on Register to vote online. My Voter Page login can be found at <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/> If you are unable to vote personally at the voting polls, absentee ballots are available, by requesting them online or just call the town clerk's office, 454-8461, to request ballots to be mailed to you.

DMV motor vehicle renewals can be done here for your convenience. The renewal fee is \$3.00 per renewal. This year we processed 36 renewals. Registration renewals can now be done 24 hours a day. You can go online to <http://www.vermont.gov/expressrenewal> or by phone at 866-259-5368. DMV also has a second Mobile Van unit that travels around the state for your convenience. The schedule can be checked online at <http://www.aot.state.vt.us/dmv>

Since 2017, the State of VT has been working on Act 46 to enhance the security of birth and death certificates and to ensure better protection against misuse of the documents and to reduce the risk of identity theft. Effective July 1, 2019, all vital records are processed online. You can apply for certified copies at any VT Town or City Clerk's office, or at VT State Archives, VT Dept of

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Health Vital Records, or online at: secure.vermont.gov/VSARA/vitalrecords. You must provide valid identification to apply.

Green Mountain Passports can be purchased here at the clerk's office. To be eligible you must be a resident of Vermont and 62 years of age or older or, a Veteran of the uniformed services. The passport entitles you to free admission to VT State Parks (excluding overnight camping and other park fees), VT State Historic Sites, and events which are fully State sponsored.

To receive a passport, you can complete an application and pay a \$2.00 fee here at the clerk's office, proper identification is required. This year we issued 10 passports.

Homestead Declarations

The education funding system approved by the Vermont legislature continues to be time consuming for this office processing multiple corrected tax bills. **The State changed the law in 2013 so you must file YOUR HOMESTEAD every year by April 15!**

The state sends education tax rebate money directly to the schools and this is reflected on your tax bill. Late filing of your income taxes creates multiple billings to be processed by this office. If you receive an amended tax bill and your taxes are paid by your escrow company, **please notify your escrow of any corrected paperwork you may receive from this office so the correct amount is paid and paid timely. We do NOT notify your escrow company.**

Dog Licensing is required by Vermont State Law

There were 227 dogs registered in 2019. **Registering your dog is a VERMONT STATE LAW. For everyone's protection, including your dog, stop in and register your dog before APRIL 1ST, 2020.**

We have suggested to residents to register their dogs through mail and telephone calls but there are still many dogs that are not registered. **PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DOGS!**

Effective July 1, 2015, the State of VT has increased dog licensing by \$1.00 to increase the dog, cat, and wolf-hybrid spaying and neutering program. We collect these fees on the town level here and submit them to the State Treasurer.

The current dog license fees are \$9.00 for spayed/neutered and \$13.00 for unsprayed/neutered.

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We can process your dog license by mail, just give us a call and we can assist you.

If you forget to register your dog by April 1st, you are still required to register your dog. After April 1st, the registration fees are \$11.00 for spayed/neutered and \$17.00 for unsprayed/neutered.

Our Animal Control Officer is Kate Hayes. She can be reached at 802-522-4108 for any animal questions or problems that may arise.

Rabies Clinics

Hardwick Veterinary Clinic, 64 N Main Street, Hardwick, VT will be conducting its Rabies Clinics this spring Saturday March 7th, 14th, and 21st from 8:30-10am. The fee is \$20.

Marshfield will hold a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 21st, at the Marshfield Town Garage from 10-12am. Fees are \$15 for Rabies vaccine and \$30 for Distemper vaccine.

East Montpelier Rabies Clinic at their Emergency Services building March 12th from 6-7:30pm.

PACE

The town adopted a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District in 2011. This program is to assist property owners within Plainfield with the acquisition, construction, or installation of certain eligible energy efficient improvements to their homes. Eligible property owners who choose to participate in the program can apply for funds up front of installing energy improvements. Efficiency Vermont is the administrator of the program for the town. For further information, contact them at PACE@efficiencyvermont.com or 1-888-921-5990.

Fuel Assistance

In 2000, an anonymous contribution was made for a Fuel Assistance Fund. These funds are available to community members as supplemental funding and secondary to other local assistance programs. To find out more information or apply for funds call the town clerks office.

I want to express many thanks to Carol who does a great job keeping the busy front office humming along! I also want to thank our Election officials for doing an amazing job every year volunteering their time to help keep our elections running smoothly from the beginning by poll sitting to counting ballots late in the evening. You all make my job easier!

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town of Plainfield Vacancies

Cemetery Commission

The Cemetery Commission acts as stewards for maintenance and use of our five cemeteries, and approves all expenditures of the permanent funds. Volunteers are responsible for contracting services, determining policy concerning the cemeteries' use, and maintaining consistency with applicable laws.

Conservation Commission – the commission oversees the natural resources of the town by managing the town forest, the Conservation Fund, assisting with Green Up and other needs in the town.

Development Review Board (DRB) – The DRB hears all appeals of the Zoning Administrator and reviews applications for development.

Fuel Assistance Committee – We received an anonymous donation for a fuel assistance fund. The committee meets as needed when applications for fuel assistance are submitted.

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission manages planning and zoning bylaw development.

Plainfield Fire and Rescue Department

We are always looking for volunteers! Plainfield's Fire and Rescue Department needs people who enjoy serving the community—the job can be incredibly satisfying, especially when helping your neighbors. Volunteering for the Fire and Rescue Department can take many different forms depending on your available time and desire of commitment. If you would like to join a fun team and help strengthen our service, please contact Fire Chief Greg Light or any Fire and Rescue department member.

Please consider serving in one of these positions or committees. There is a volunteer form in the back of the town report to complete and return to the town office.

Linda B. Wells, *Town Clerk and Treasurer*

PLAINFIELD TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

Cash on Hand - July 1, 2018		790,185.16
REVENUE		
Current Taxes Town	762,342.35	
Current Taxes School	1,441,567.36	
Interim School Tax and Interest	48,592.49	
Delinquent Taxes	141,251.73	
Delinquent Tax Interest	7,778.18	
Delinquent Tax Penalty	11,292.15	
State Aid to Highway	94,251.04	
Highway Grants/Misc Income	9,867.39	
Zoning Permits	1,750.00	
CU Terminants and Harmless	65,209.00	
Municipal State tax credits	78,480.01	
REAPP	5,304.00	
Dog Licenses	1,078.00	
Liquor Licenses	515.00	
Marriage Licenses	50.00	
Recording and Fees	6,667.60	
Vault/Computerization Funds	3,368.00	
Judicial Income	3,170.81	
Interest Income	1,460.40	
Municipal Building Rent	16,200.00	
Fire/Rescue Grants/Misc Income	28,022.08	
Fire Dept Truck Loan	180,000.00	
Grant Income	413.94	
Green Up Grant(2yrs)	800.00	
Town Hall Donations/Rental	6,007.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue	320.45	
Recreation Dept Income	4,161.00	
Solar Charge Station	220.20	
Main St Bike/Pedestrian project grant reimbursement	17,920.08	
Subtotal		2,938,060.26
Cemetery Income	9,300.00	
Investment transfer due to Town	25,500.00	34,800.00
		2,972,860.26
TOTAL CASH ON HAND AND REVENUE		3,763,045.42

PLAINFIELD TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

Expenses	
Selectboard	290,162.24
Fire Dept	330,353.82
Highway	625,140.76
Social Concerns	59,994.00
Twinfield Union School	1,646,962.93
Cemetery	37,934.53
Total Town Expenses	2,990,548.28
 TOTAL REVENUE FROM PAGE 1	 3,763,045.42
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 (2,990,548.28)
 ON HAND JUNE 30, 2019	 772,497.14
 RESERVED FUNDS	 651,633.53
UNRESERVED FUNDS	120,863.61

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET

JULY 1 2018 - JUNE 30 2019

ASSETS:

Reserved Funds	651,633.53	
Unreserved Funds	120,863.61	
Total Current Assets		\$772,497.14

FIXED ASSETS:

	Solar Array	Highway	Mun Bldg	Fire Dept	
Purchased prior years	30,000.00	1,084,671.95	149,900.00		1,264,571.95
Purchased this year		64,215.00	-	318,000.00	382,215.00
Total Fixed Assets	30,000.00	1,148,886.95	149,900.00	318,000.00	1,646,786.95
Accumulated depreciation	(12,000.00)	(847,487.45)	(69,953.38)	-	(929,440.83)
Current year depreciation	(6,000.00)	(55,946.00)	(4,996.67)	(31,800.00)	(98,742.67)
Total Net Equipment Assets	12,000.00	245,453.50	74,949.95	286,200.00	618,603.45

Grand Total Assets **1,391,100.59**

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	20,068.28	
Notes Payable		
HWY \$80,000 Mack Truck Loan		
Payment due 6/30/20	20,000.00	
SB \$21,512.35 Revolving Loan-Town Hall		
Payment due 6/30/20	5,042.00	
SB \$20,390.38 Solar Array Loan		
Payment due 6/30/20	3,000.00	
FD \$174,000.00 Freightliner Truck		
Payment due 6/30/20	20,000.00	
Total Current Liabilities		68,110.28

LONG TERM LIABILITIES:

Notes Payable		
HWY Truck Loan-2023	60,000.00	
\$20,000 annual payment		
SB Revolving Loan-2024	16,470.35	
\$5,042 estimated annual payment		
SB Solar Array Loan-2025	17,390.38	
\$3,000 annual payment		
FD Freightliner Truck-2027		
\$20,000 annual payment	154,000.00	
Total Long Term Liabilities		247,860.73

Fund Balance 6/30/18	\$938,550.59
Interim cash flow	136,578.99

Includes collection of delinquent taxes current and past years.	
Fund Balance 6/30/19	1,075,129.58
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>1,391,100.59</u>

Equipment purchased before 1997 is not a part of this balance sheet as the equipment is fully depreciated.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET

JULY 1 2018 - JUNE 30 2019

ASSETS

Reserved Funds

Computerization Fund	21,921.96
Conservation Commission Tree CD Fund	8,766.67
Conservation Fund	21,969.53
Current Use Funds/Training Funds	132,769.48
Emergency Operation Center & Shelter	2,000.07
FD Equipment Fund/Health Grant CD Fund	61,366.01
FD Building Improvements	41,474.37
FD Personal Protection Equip	12,805.24
Fuel Assistance Fund	4,201.27
Highway Dept Equip Fund	54,073.80
CVRP Grant Ditching Proj Funds	18,000.00
Municipal Buildings Fund	8,742.03
Municipal Building Rental Fund	86,915.22
Paving Fund	34,715.13
Recreation Equipment Fund	2,887.63
Town Hall Fund	17,026.55
Vault Preservation Fees	19,264.89
Willard Perry Fund	1,867.41
Arch Batchelder fund	71,050.50
Mitigation Reserve CD	17,708.49
HRA	6,700.44
Town Forest CD	5,406.84
2% to Municipal Building reserve	
Total Reserved funds	651,633.53
Unreserved funds	120,863.61
 Total on hand June 30, 2019	 772,497.14

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

Municipal tax

1,153,609.00	X .7140	823,677.00
1,153,609.00	X .0037	4,268.00

Education tax

807,812.00	X 1.7727	1,432,186.00
348,446.00	X 1.6448	573,124.00

Total taxes billed FY 2019	2,833,255.00
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Collection of Taxes

Municipal Tax	752,805.00
Education Tax	1,489,581.00
Subtotal	2,242,386.00

Education State credits	387,781.00
Municipal State credits	87,433.00

Total credits	475,214.00
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Total Collection	2,717,600.00
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Total Collected	2,717,600.00
Amount to Coll of Delinquent Taxes	146,500.00
Subtotal	2,864,100.00
Final reconciliation credit from school	(33,329.00)
Total collected	2,830,771.00
Town .225% retained	2,350.00
Penalties collected	255.00
Final total	2,833,376.00
Errors and omissions	121.00

**SIMPLIFIED
STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES
DELINQUENT TOWN TAXES
JULY 1 2018 - JUNE 30 2019**

2016	\$	481.38
2017	\$	7,934.71
2018	\$	51,236.71
BALANCE	\$	59,652.80

TOTAL COLLECTED	\$	141,251.73
ABATED & ADJUSTED	\$	545.91
TOTAL INTEREST	\$	7,778.18
TOTAL COLLECTOR FEES	\$	11,292.15
TOTAL LEGAL/COLLECTOR COSTS	\$	35
TOTAL	\$	160,902.97

**INTERIM REPORT
REAL ESTATE
Without Current Year (2019)**

NAME	PROPERTY	YEAR	TOTAL DUE
Audet , Steven	033-1250	2018	875.47
Creative Equestrian	026-0769	2018	1492.67
Hart ,Mark	003-0345	2017 &2018	4777.76
Huttemann	005-0193	2018	907.55
King , James	033-0786	2018	2839.71
Koenig , Ben	025-0035	2018	1000.00
Leahy , Yasuko	007-4095	2018	4566.79
Maclaren , S.	001-0350/018-0399	2018	7916.83
McCullough , Kim	038-1701	2018	1251.92
Peduzzi , Lisa	033-0300	2017 & 2018	4213.04
Silveria , Anthony & Allison	033-0647	2016 – 2017 & 2018	3208.27
TOTAL (INCLUDES INTEREST & PENALTY)			\$33,050.01

This report is generated as per request of the Selectboard.
A detailed copy is available at the Town Clerks Office.

Please bear in mind this is an ongoing situation and payments may have been made to reduce these totals since 12/31/2019.

SAVE MONEY-PAY YOUR TAXES PROMPTLY!!

2019 LISTERS REPORT

There have been some interesting changes to some of the properties in town, including a new hemp farm. There are also new small scale vegetable farms. As dairy farming disappears, it is good that other agricultural ventures are using the land.

As in years past, we find that there is still confusion regarding filing homestead declarations and receiving homestead payments. The homestead payment is a direct reduction of school taxes on your property tax bill. But you must file the Homestead Declaration (HS 122) and the accompanying Homestead Payment form (HS 144) by April 15th even if you need to get an extension for your income tax return. You may be eligible for this reduction in property taxes even if you don't file an income tax return.

Everyone who owns and lives in their primary residence in Plainfield must file a homestead declaration.

You can file the homestead declaration with a paper form or online on the VT.gov website. You will need last year's tax bill. On the bill you will find your Span number, which is a specific identifying number for your property, as well as the housesite information that you will be asked for.

Remember, you cannot file for a homestead payment without filing a homestead declaration.

We would be glad to help anyone file their homestead declaration, either on the paper form or online. It really is very simple and takes only a couple of minutes.

Current Use is another area that often causes confusion, especially if a property owner wants to sell or develop a portion of the land that has been in the program. If you are in the Current Use program and are considering changes to your property, we would be glad to help you plan. The penalty for removing or developing property that has been in the program is substantial, so it is helpful to know ahead of time what to expect.

Don't forget, if you have any questions or concerns about your property assessment, we are always available to go over your record or take a look at your property. You don't have to wait until spring to contact us.

See you in the spring.

Plainfield Listers
Sandra Ross
Rick Pope
Alex Forbes

2019 PLAINFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission has been working on revising the Town Plan which has expired and needs to be updated before we can adopt the Zoning revision which has been completed in draft form.

A town needs a currently adopted Town Plan in order to have a valid zoning regulation.

We have new members that are working at becoming familiar with the process of updating the Town Plan and learning the details of the planning process. We have also have had excellent input and advice from many other town organizations such as the Conservation Commission, the Energy Committee, and the Hazard Mitigation Committee. Many individual citizens have also provided information and suggestions. We put out an online survey with some questions about how people feel about Plainfield and had an excellent number of creative and informative responses. Those results will be part of the narrative in the plan. The Town Plan is nearly complete and just needs the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission to finish the production of the required maps that are part of the Plan.

That should happen in early January. Once those are incorporated into the new Draft Town Plan we and the Selectboard will hold a series of public hearings to get more ideas and suggestions. We look forward to having an informative hearing process and adopting the Town Plan. The next step will be to work to adopt the revised zoning ordinance that will promote the ideas in the Plan.

The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Monday of each month in the town meeting room at 7 pm. We welcome public attendance and new members.

Will Colgan, Chair, *Plainfield Planning Commission*

Planning Commission Members

Bram Towbin

Baylen Slote

Jesse Cooper

2019 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The DRB meets monthly to attend to Town zoning matters and hold hearings to consider the effects on our community, such as conditional use permits, variances, subdivisions and other permit requests that are not in the Zoning Administrator's authority.

This year we attended to the following issues:

Two boundary line adjustments, one as a part of a major subdivision, a variance for setback, all in the Forest and Agricultural Land District, and one variance for a fence greater than 4' in the village.

We continue to work with the Health Center to bring their site plan amendment ZPA 2017-01CU from 2011-03 to completion.

We welcome a new member to our board in 2019, Alice Dworkin.

We are grateful to the other members serving on our board: Janice Walrafen, chair; Sarah Albert, Clerk; Elaine Parker, and Jim Volz.

We also are grateful to Cindy Wyckoff who had returned to serve as our administrative assistant, taking minutes of our meeting and keeping the DRB's records current on the Town's website.

Serving on Town boards is rewarding as we work with our neighbors, building and maintaining our community. It is an honor and our responsibility to serve. Please consider joining the DRB, or another Town board or committee to keep our Plainfield community alive and healthy. Democracy does not work unless we all participate.

2019 CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

**Regional
Commissioner**
Bram Towbin

**Transportation
Advisory Committee**
Bob Atchinson

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission provides planning, development, and project implementation assistance to communities. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners.

2019 Plainfield Activities

- ❖ Provided assistance on a VTrans Bike & Pedestrian grant application.
- ❖ Participated in meeting with VTrans and Town on the US 2/Main Street intersection redesign.
- ❖ Facilitated stormwater project to stabilize gully at Plainfield Health Center.
- ❖ Assisted with Local Emergency Management Plan and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan updates.
- ❖ Acted as Resource Team member for Marshfield/Plainfield Climate Community event.
- ❖ Initiated work in Steven's Branch Watershed to help identify and prioritize vulnerable storm damage areas.
- ❖ Assisted with draft Town Plan, including development enhanced energy plan to strengthen Town voice in the Certificate of Public Good process for renewable energy generation projects.

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ *Municipal plan and bylaw updates:* Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education, bylaw modernization, and plan updates.
- ❖ *Brownfields:* Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the community, stimulate the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- ❖ *Transportation planning:* Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee and provide

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studies, plans, data collection, and counts.

- ❖ *Emergency planning:* Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and the state on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- ❖ *Energy conservation and development:* Foster projects that support energy conservation to save energy and tax dollars and identify opportunities for renewable energy generation.
- ❖ *Natural resource planning and projects:* Implement activities to protect water resources/supplies, enhance recreational opportunities, maintain the forest products industry, and enhance environmental health.
- ❖ *Regional plans:* Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- ❖ *Geographic Information System services:* Provide municipalities, state agencies, and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.
- ❖ *Special projects:* Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
- ❖ *Grants:* Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, write applications, and manage projects.

The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding.

Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource -- please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

In 2019, 26 Zoning Permit were processed as follows:

Residence, Apartments, Temporary Dwelling, Yurts	3
Site Plans (major and minor reviews)	1
Additions to homes (room, deck, dormers and porch)	6
Accessory structures (garage, shed and pole barn)	6
Exempt Subdivisions, Boundary Line Adjustments (BLA)	4
Cottage Industry	0
Change of Use	2
Appealed	0
Reviewed by DRB (BLA, Major Subdivision, Variance, Fence)	4
Miscellaneous (sign, fence)	3
Withdrawn or Tabled	0
Still being processed	0

*Note: some permits required more than one review

Plainfield has 3 Zoning Documents: 2011 Zoning Regulations, Plainfield Inundation Regulations 2010, and Subdivision Regulations 2010. You can download these documents at plainfieldvt.us along with the Zoning Permit Application.

Please remember that all land development in Plainfield requires a zoning permit. The definition of land development is “the division of a parcel into two or more parcels, the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation, or enlargement of any building or other structure, or of any mining, excavation, or landfill, and any change in the use of any building or other structure, or land, or extension of use of land.” This includes items such as ponds, boundary line adjustments between neighbors, driveways, and pad improvements for Recreation Vehicles on undeveloped lots.

The Zoning Administrator is available to assist you with your zoning permits and development approvals. Assistance includes review of existing property zoning record, review of applicable regulations and guidance regarding other approvals that may need to be obtained.

Please contact me with any questions about your project to determine whether or not a permit or site plan is required.

Karen Storey, *Zoning Administrator*
454-7856
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SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD

The Social Concerns Committee this year consisted of Mary Niebling, Gail Falk, and Sarah Albert.

History Each year the Town of Plainfield receives requests for funds from many different non-profit organizations. These requests are voted on at town meeting. Several ago, the town decided to streamline this process in order to save time during Town Meeting. This committee's charge is to review requests sent to the town for funding and to make recommendations concerning these requests to the Select Board, using standard criteria for all the requests.

Funding Criteria In reviewing the requests, the Committee considered several factors:

- Number of Plainfield residents served in the past year
- The overall budget of the organization
- The scope of service of the organization (is it national, statewide, countywide, or local?)
- The amount of previous years' funding
- The uniqueness of the services provided by the organization to Plainfield residents
- The importance of the services for Plainfield residents
- How this request compares with requests from organizations of similar size and scope.

All requests received this year were from worthy organizations. In responding to requests, the committee attempted to balance the worthy services provided by the organizations with the financial pressures faced by Plainfield taxpayers. We were guided by the amounts approved in previous years, generally favoring consistency. The breakdown by organization is set out below:

Central VT Adult Basic Education (requested \$400, recommend \$400) CVABE provides free literacy education and instruction in reading, math, writing, or English as a second language to adults and teens in Washington, Orange, and Lamoille counties, helping them to earn a high school credential and prepare for employment or college. Last year they used 188 staff hours to provide services to four Plainfield residents.

Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) – (requested \$500, recommend \$500) Capstone offers a wide range of programs to alleviate the effects of poverty and help people attain economic self-sufficiency. Plainfield residents were supported through emergency food, housing, transportation or fuel assistance, Head

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Start, home weatherization, emergency furnace repair, financial counseling, tax preparation, and assistance to start or grow a business. Capstone served 230 Plainfield residents in 133 households last year.

Central Vermont Council on Aging (requested \$1,300, recommend \$1,300) CVCOA used case managers to work with elders in their homes to assess their needs and develop individualized care plans. CVCOA staff also provided family caregiver support and information, assistance, and referrals regarding health care and insurance, transportation, nutrition, housing, fuel, and other issues of concern. Its service area covers Washington, Lamoille, and Orange, counties and parts of Windsor County. CVCOA served 54 Plainfield residents last year, a 20% increase over the previous year.

Central Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (CVDART). (requested \$100, recommend 0) CVDART is a new volunteer-run organization with a mission of caring for family pets during natural disasters in 23 towns in Central Vermont. They have not provided any services to Plainfield animals. We did not recommend any funding based on lack of services to Plainfield residents, limited nature of the organization and their lack of a track record.

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (requested \$2,500, recommend \$2,500) CVHH&H is a full service not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association, committed to providing comprehensive, high quality home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay, geographic remoteness, or complexity of their health care needs. In addition, the agency promotes the general welfare of the citizens of central Vermont with health screenings, flu and pneumonia vaccinations, foot care clinics, bereavement support and discharge planning from skilled nursing facilities to home. It serves Washington County and the three northernmost towns of Orange County. Last year CVHH&H served 56 Plainfield residents with a total of 1502 patient visits, composed of hospice visits, long-term care visits, and maternal and child care visits.

Family Center of Washington County (requested \$500, recommend \$500) The Family Center provides child care referral, child care provider training, child care subsidy administration, infant/toddler care, preschool and after school programs, playgroups for children birth-six and their parents or caregivers, home visiting, employment training, and parent education. It serves Washington County and three towns in Orange County. Last year the Family Center benefited 94 Plainfield residents.

Good Beginnings (requested \$300, recommend \$300) Good Beginnings offers free support, education and home visits to birth and adoptive families in Central

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Vermont during the critical first weeks and months following birth, together with free goods and services such as diapers, baby carriers, winter clothing, and connection to community resources for food, housing and emergency funds. Good Beginnings served 10 Plainfield residents in 4 households last year.

Green Mountain Transit Agency (requested \$786, recommend \$786) GMTA provides transportation and meal delivery services for elderly citizens and individuals with disabilities through a combination of volunteer drivers and fixed-route services. In addition to its commuter services, in FY18 it provided ongoing individual special services such as Elderly and Disabled transportation and Medicaid-eligible transportation for Plainfield residents to senior centers, meal sites, medical treatment, adult day care, pharmacy, and shopping, equaling 1753 trips.

OUR House of Central Vermont (requested \$250, recommend \$150) is a nonprofit advocacy and special investigations unit that implements a multidisciplinary approach to child victims of sexual abuse and their non-abusing family members in a safe and supportive setting. The organization does not always have geographic information about those served, but in the last year they provided support for forensic interviews for 3 children and 2 adults from Plainfield.

People's Health and Wellness Clinic (requested \$750, recommend \$750) PHWC provides health care, dental services, medical case management and health advocacy for the uninsured and underinsured. Its basic service area is Washington County, plus the towns of Orange, Washington, and Williamstown. PHWC provided 68 service interactions (medical, dental, mental health, case management, or health insurance navigation) to Plainfield residents last year (an unduplicated count of patients from Plainfield is unavailable.)

Twinfield Learning Center (requested \$500, recommend \$400) TLC provides after school enrichment and academic activities for the students of Twinfield Union School. They offer several types of activities for students in K-6 grades. They involve high school students as assistant activity leaders. Last year about 45 residents of Plainfield and Marshfield were served (no separate count for Plainfield residents).

Twinfield Together Mentoring Program (requested \$250, recommend \$250) The Twinfield Together Mentoring Program connects community members with children and youth living in Marshfield and Plainfield through one-on-one mentoring relationships. 100 individuals were served, but the breakdown between Plainfield and Marshfield residents was not provided.

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Twin Valley Senior Center (requested \$3,500, recommend \$3,500) Designed for seniors, this program provides hot nutritional meals, exercise programs, socialization and wellness services, monthly shopping trips, foot clinics, flu clinics, and home delivery of meals for residents of Cabot, Calais, Woodbury, East Montpelier, Marshfield, and Plainfield. The Senior Center served 52 Plainfield residents last year.

Vermont Center for Independent Living (requested \$250, recommend \$100). VCIL is a statewide organization dedicated to assisting Vermonters with disabilities to achieve dignified, self-determined lives. Last year VCIL did not provide any services to Plainfield residents.

Vermont Family Network (requested \$250, recommend \$100) Vermont Family Network is a statewide organization that provides peer support services to parents of children with special needs before, during and after diagnosis. Last year the Network supported two families in Plainfield.

Washington County Mental Health Services (requested \$1,500, recommend \$600) WCMHS serves Washington County through education, support, and treatment of individuals who live with mental health challenges, substance use issues, and/or intellectual disabilities. Their mission is to advocate for the inclusion of all persons in the community and actively encourage self-determination, resilience, and recovery. Last year, they served 77 Plainfield residents.

Washington County Youth Service Bureau (requested \$500, recommend \$500) This organization's mission is to empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in Washington County through a variety of programs such as runaway youth program, substance abuse treatment, transitional living, and the teen center. Last year WCYSB served a total of 29 youths and other family members in Plainfield (of these 17 were community members who attended the Thanksgiving Dinner).

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Plainfield Social Concerns Organization	2018	2019	Request for 2020	Number Served	commendation of Selectboard
American Red Cross	\$100	\$0	no request		
Circle/BWSS	\$525	\$525	no request		
Central VT Adult Basic Education	\$400	\$400	\$400	4	\$400
Capstone (Central VT) Community Action	\$500	\$500	\$500	230	\$500
Central VT Economic Development	\$0		no request		
Central VT Council on Aging (CVCOA)	\$1,350	\$1,300	\$1,300	54	\$1,300
Central VT Disaster Animal Response Team			\$100	0	\$0
Central VT Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH)	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	56	\$2,500
Family Center of Washington County	\$500	\$500	\$500	94	\$500
Friends of the Winooski River	\$300	\$300	no request		
Good Beginnings	\$300	\$300	\$300	10	\$300
Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA)	\$786	\$786	\$786	? 1753 trips	\$786
Home Share Now	\$325	325	no request		
Montpelier Senior Activity Center	\$0	\$0	no request		
Onion River Food Shelf	\$1,000	\$1,000	no request		
OUR House	\$100		\$250	5	\$150
Peoples' Health & Wellnes	\$700	\$700	\$750	26	\$750
Sex Assault	\$50	\$100	no request		
TLC	\$400	\$400	\$500		
Twnfld mentor	\$250	\$250	\$250	22.50	\$400
Twin Valley Senior Center				50	\$250
VT Center for Independent Living	\$2,800	\$3,500	\$3,500	52	\$3,500
Vermont Family Network	\$200	\$150	\$250	0	\$100
Washington County Diversion			\$250	2	\$100
Washington County Mental Health	\$250	\$350	no request		
Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$500	\$600	\$1,500	77	\$600
	\$325	\$400	\$500	29	\$500
TOTALS	\$14,161	\$14,886	\$14,136		\$12,636

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Many, many thanks to all throughout the town who are part of making Plainfield a great town to live in. So much accomplished by so few employees, Linda and Carol in the town office, Mike, Steve, and Michael on the road crew, Greg and Tristan in our water/waste water department. And so very many splendid volunteers who help in so many different ways throughout the year. Thank you to all of you!

Going Forward

We are a town of diverse viewpoints, some passionately held. Your views, whether shared at a Select Board Meeting, by letter, at Town Meeting, or at a town board or commission meeting, are welcome and appreciated.

For some, expressing their concerns, their opinions in public setting is easy. For others doing so is intimidating and challenging and, perhaps, almost impossible. We can all play a role in helping to foster a spirit of openness which allows others to share their thoughts, even when we find ourselves disagreeing with them.

Rte 2-Main Street Intersection

Addressing the problems that the intersection of Main Street with Rte 2 poses for vehicles and pedestrians continues to be a major concern for Plainfield. Over decades many residents and many selectboard members have been involved in seeking work on this intersection to make it safer for vehicles and people traversing the intersection.

In response to the Town again asking for action on the intersection, the Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) gathered a group of townspeople together in May 2018 and made a well-attended presentation to the Selectboard and the town in September 2019. Significant unresolved challenges to going forward with the plan presented by AOT remain, which calls for the closure of the Main Street bridge for months during the Spring/Summer/Fall construction season. These challenges include fire and rescue serving residents north of the Winooski River. As Plainfield's water and sewer lines run underneath the Rte 2 pavement, a further challenge is water service to residents and businesses, including The Health Center being interrupted, and damage to sewer lines from the construction.

The Select Board has appointed an advisory committee to assist the Select Board and the Town in gathering information, weighing challenges and opportunities, and making recommendations.

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RAMP Project

Plainfield Energy Coordinator Bob Atchinson and Marshfield's Energy Committee proposed a unique two-town grant to the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Climate Economy Model Community Program. Our joint application with Marshfield was approved and the Revitalization for All Marshfield and Plainfield (RAMP) has been off and running since the Spring of 2018. Many thanks to all the community members who have been part of this effort. And many thanks for the outcomes thus far that positively affect our communities and our school. These include additional funds being made available to the Town for energy efficiency projects at the Town Hall-Opera House (see below), funds for a local "Hitching Post" ride-share program, and over \$100,000 for much-needed energy efficiency and renewable energy projects at our Twinfield School.

Town Hall/Opera House

The Friends of the Town Hall/Opera House continue to be an appreciated resource to the Town. In addition to serving as managers of the Town Hall/Opera House for rentals and coordinating needed upkeep and repairs, the Friends pursued the purchase of the Gallison House property across the street from the Town Hall/Opera House for future parking. We've all been able to see the progress in removing the house from the lot as a first step towards that goal.

The RAMP (Revitalization of All Marshfield and Plainfield) project resulted in some additional funds being made available to the Town for energy efficiency projects. As a result over \$9000 in improvements at the Town Hall/Opera House have been accomplished, including needed completion of exterior wall insulation and retrofitting windows through a fully-funded grant. We should see the results in reduced fuel costs and greater comfort in cold weather.

Recreation

"Many hands make light work" may not apply when it comes to raising a new community shelter at the Recreation Field, for doing so was challenging, hard work. But it was, indeed, the many hands of community members and our volunteer Recreation Committee which resulted in a strong, new shelter at the Rec Field. The Rec Field also has new recycling and doggie poo receptacles to keep our Rec Field welcoming for all of us. In addition, Cross Vermont Trail continues to work on connecting Plainfield with recreational trails in East Montpelier.

Plainfield Select Board

Sasha Thayer, Chair Tammy Farnham Jim Volz

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD						
SELECTBOARD'S ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET						
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED	
	2018/2019	2018/2019	(OVER)/UNDER	2019/2020	2020/2021	
REVENUE						
Del. Tax. Int. & Penalty	50,000.00	160,322.06	(110,322.06)	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Tax Sale Income						
State Aid To Highway	91,000.00	94,251.04	(3,251.04)	91,000.00	91,000.00	
Interest Income	800.00	1,460.40	(660.40)	800.00	1,000.00	
Judicial Fees	2,000.00	3,170.81	(1,170.81)	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Recordings & Fees	15,000.00	13,428.60	1,571.40	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Fire Dept Income		208,022.08	(28,022.08)			
Highway Grant/Misc Inc	1,500.00	9,867.39	(8,367.39)	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Municipal Grant Income		23,295.02	(23,295.02)			
Mun Bldg rental income	16,200.00	16,200.00	-	8,100.00	10,000.00	
SB Misc Income	5,000.00	540.65	4,459.35	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Town Hall Income	6,500.00	6,007.00	493.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	
Subtotal	188,000.00	536,565.05	(348,565.05)	179,900.00	182,000.00	
Cemetery Income		9,300.00				
Current Use/Reappraisal Income		70,513.00				
Total Revenue		616,378.05	(428,378.05)			
Refer to Treasurer's report for Revenue detail						

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DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2018/2019	ACTUAL 2018/2019	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET 2019/2020	PROPOSED 2020/2021
Selectboard Salaries	3,900.00	3,900.00	-	3,900.00	3,900.00
Auditor Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	3,000.00
Zoning Admin Salaries	5,000.00	3,861.06	1,138.94	4,500.00	4,000.00
Lister Salaries	3,200.00	897.23	2,302.77	3,200.00	2,200.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	46,500.00	46,934.05	(434.05)	48,379.00	50,500.00
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	35,400.00	35,567.85	(167.85)	36,764.00	38,500.00
Coll of Del Taxes		11,295.16	(11,295.16)		
Road Commissioner	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
SB Administrative Asst	1,950.00	1,850.00	100.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
Building Maintenance Mgr	4,000.00	1,714.59	2,285.41	3,000.00	3,000.00
DRB Admin Salaries	2,200.00	485.01	1,714.99	2,200.00	1,000.00
Health Officer	500.00	8.22	491.78	500.00	500.00
Grant Administrator	4,000.00	2,360.00	1,640.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Emergency Mgmt	3,000.00	424.97	2,575.03	1,500.00	1,500.00
SB FICA/MEDI	8,900.00	7,965.04	934.96	9,200.00	9,000.00
SB Health Insurance	10,900.00	9,222.40	1,677.60	11,500.00	12,800.00
SB Insurance HRA	2,100.00	1,027.08	1,072.92	2,250.00	2,450.00
SB Fringe/Ret	4,625.00	4,668.88	(43.88)	4,850.00	5,200.00
SB FICA/MEDI DEL TXCOLL	900.00	864.07	35.93	900.00	900.00
Lister's Supplies	300.00	42.27	257.73	350.00	300.00
Lister's Printing/Postage	100.00	245.98	(145.98)	100.00	150.00
Lister's Sem./Dues	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	50.00
Lister's GIS Maps	300.00	-	300.00	300.00	300.00
Listers Software/Disast Rec	1,250.00	1,117.67	132.33	1,275.00	1,275.00
Lister's Mileage	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	100.00
Animal Control	750.00	809.82	(59.82)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Constable	4,800.00	2,338.62	2,461.38	5,000.00	4,000.00
CVT Reg'l. Planning	1,405.00	1,404.59	0.41	1,492.00	1,575.00
Animal Shelter/Pound	700.00	60.00	640.00	700.00	300.00
*Conservation Commission	375.00	129.94	245.06	375.00	375.00
*Conservation Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
Green Up/Disposal	100.00	693.88	(593.88)	100.00	100.00
Energy Conservation	450.00	176.61	273.39	525.00	510.00

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2018/2019	ACTUAL 2018/2019	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET 2019/2020	PROPOSED 2020/2021
Hazard Mitigation	1,150.00	1,101.98	48.02	300.00	300.00
Law Enforcement	10,000.00	9,749.24	250.76	10,000.00	10,000.00
DAM Fees	-	200.00	(200.00)	200.00	200.00
Fire and Rescue Departments					
Ambulance Service	49,074.05	49,074.06	(0.01)	50,546.00	52,062.00
EMT Stipend	3,000.00	1,550.00	1,450.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Electricity	1,200.00	1,142.15	57.85	1,300.00	1,350.00
Telephone/Internet	2,500.00	2,335.16	164.84	2,400.00	1,500.00
Fuel & Furnace	3,000.00	4,481.48	(1,481.48)	3,000.00	3,500.00
*Bldg Rep & Maint	7,500.00	6,378.56	1,121.44	7,500.00	7,500.00
Disability	2,200.00	2,153.00	47.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Workers Comp	1,254.00	1,228.00	26.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Prop/Liab Insurance	5,800.00	5,350.30	449.70	5,063.00	5,000.00
Truck Repair/Fuel	2,800.00	5,401.08	(2,601.08)	2,800.00	2,800.00
Equipment Fund Reserves	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
2018 FRTLNER		190,004.81	(190,004.81)		
Safety Eq/Med Splys	3,000.00	2,936.35	63.65	3,000.00	4,000.00
Small Items/Repairs	2,500.00	10,133.02	(7,633.02)	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fire Truck Note	20,000.00	26,000.00	(6,000.00)	20,000.00	20,000.00
Interest Expense	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	6,642.00	5,953.00
Dispatch	15,000.00	19,243.11	(4,243.11)	17,200.00	18,000.00
Training	2,000.00	805.00	1,195.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Marshfield Approp. Expense*		367.00	(367.00)		
Miscellaneous	500.00	11.25	488.75	500.00	500.00
Personal Protective Equip Fund	12,500.00	893.31	11,606.69	12,500.00	12,500.00
Recognition Fund	800.00	866.18	(66.18)	800.00	800.00

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED
DESCRIPTION	2018/2019	2018/2019	(OVER)/UNDER	2019/2020	2020/2021
SB Prop/Liab Insurance	12,250.00	11,709.82	540.18	12,000.00	11,500.00
SB Workers Comp.	1,185.00	1,231.21	(46.21)	1,275.00	1,000.00
SB Unemployment Ins	600.00	498.42	101.58	500.00	350.00
Clerks Office Splys & Pstg	5,500.00	5,066.34	433.66	5,500.00	5,500.00
Clerks Computer Sprtl/Internet	2,000.00	1,836.13	163.87	2,000.00	3,880.00
Preservation Costs*	500.00	1,030.60	(530.60)	500.00	500.00
Bank Fees & Charges	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	50.00
DRB Advertising	400.00	265.81	134.19	400.00	300.00
DRB Comp/Off Splys	150.00	-	150.00	150.00	150.00
DRB Postage	100.00	16.56	83.44	100.00	50.00
DRB Training	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	200.00
PC Postage	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	50.00
PC Advertising	300.00	-	300.00	300.00	150.00
PC Computer/Printing	500.00	2.10	497.90	500.00	300.00
PC Training/Mapping	700.00	-	700.00	700.00	150.00
PC Zoning Consultant	500.00	-	500.00	-	750.00
PC/Zoning Legal/Misc Expense	1,000.00	88.33	911.67	1,000.00	1,000.00
SB Printing/Communications	4,500.00	4,503.71	(3.71)	4,500.00	4,500.00
SB Legal Fees	2,000.00	1,285.85	714.15	2,000.00	2,000.00
Park 'n Ride Electric	250.00	237.31	12.69	250.00	250.00
Park 'n Ride Solar array	3,636.00	3,619.41	16.59	3,557.00	3,479.00
Parks & Rec Bldg Maint/Equip	4,500.00	3,011.47	1,488.53	3,500.00	3,200.00
Rec Portal/Power		1,305.88	(1,305.88)	1,200.00	1,400.00
Rec Reserve Fund	2,000.00	5,258.42	(3,258.42)	250.00	250.00
Skateboard Park		799.52	(799.52)		100.00
CV Solid Waste Mgmt	1,252.00	1,252.00	-	1,252.00	1,259.00
Taxes-County	9,550.00	9,550.00	-	9,715.00	9,800.00
Historical Bldg	1,750.00	237.74	1,512.26	1,250.00	1,000.00
Streetlights-New	1,000.00	1,121.36	(121.36)	-	-
Streetlights-Electricity	4,500.00	3,430.97	1,069.03	4,500.00	4,200.00
Mun Bldg-Telephone	1,250.00	1,282.73	(32.73)	1,300.00	1,325.00
Mun Bldg-Maint/Repairs	10,000.00	9,862.50	137.50	10,000.00	10,000.00

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED
DESCRIPTION	2018/2019	2018/2019	(OVER/UNDER	2019/2020	2020/2021
Municipal Bldg Electric	1,000.00	244.72	755.28	500.00	350.00
Municipal Bldg Fuel	3,500.00	4,773.27	(1,273.27)	3,000.00	3,500.00
TH Management Svcs	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	3,000.00
TH Maint/Repairs	6,600.00	6,455.97	144.03	3,600.00	4,500.00
TH Electricity	1,000.00	720.92	279.08	700.00	750.00
TH Equipment	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	600.00	-
TH Fuel & Furnace	2,100.00	2,070.26	29.74	2,500.00	2,300.00
TH Advertising	500.00	28.99	471.01	500.00	500.00
TH Revolving Loan & Int pymt	5,600.00	5,588.28	11.72	5,600.00	5,600.00
TH Telephone/Internet	1,100.00	1,021.20	78.80	1,100.00	1,100.00
VLCCT Dues	1,650.00	1,704.00	(54.00)	1,775.00	1,837.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	2,184.99	(1,684.99)	500.00	500.00
Town Forest	-	-	-	-	-
Town property landscaping	5,200.00	2,160.00	3,040.00	4,500.00	5,000.00
Tree Warden/Tree mainince	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
Sidewalk Snow Removal	5,000.00	10,800.00	(5,800.00)	5,000.00	8,000.00
SB Seminars/Misc	500.00	344.70	155.30	500.00	500.00
Tax sale expense	-	-	-	-	-
Website	3,500.00	3,266.00	234.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
CDBG Project	12,500.00	129.18	12,370.82	-	-
Main St Bike/Walkway project	-	19,912.80	(19,912.80)	-	-
Old Home Days	1,000.00	887.26	112.74	1,000.00	900.00
Mill Street Park Electric	500.00	749.30	(249.30)	500.00	750.00
911 Signage	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	50.00
Outstanding Delinquent Taxes					
Total Selectboard	\$ 445,606.05	\$ 633,016.06	\$ (187,410.01)	\$ 428,735.00	\$ 436,680.00

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2018/2019	ACTUAL 2018/2019	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET 2019/2020	PROPOSED 2020/2021
SOCIAL CONCERNS					
CIRCLE, formerly Battered Wn	525.00	525.00	-	525.00	-
Central VT Adult Basic Ed	400.00	400.00	-	400.00	400.00
Capstone-formerly CVCAC	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Gen VT Cnd on Aging	1,350.00	1,350.00	-	1,300.00	1,300.00
Gen. VT Home Health	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fam Ctr of Wash Cty	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Friends of the Winooski Rvr	300.00	300.00	-	300.00	-
Good Beginnings	300.00	300.00	-	300.00	300.00
Green Mtn Transit	786.00	786.00	-	786.00	786.00
Home Share Now	325.00	325.00	-	325.00	
Onion Rvr Food Shelf	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	
Our House	100.00	100.00	-	-	150.00
People's Hlth & Well	700.00	700.00	-	700.00	750.00
Sexual Assault Crisis	50.00	50.00	-	100.00	
Twin Valley Seniors	2,800.00	2,800.00	-	3,500.00	3,500.00
Twinfield Learning Center	400.00	400.00	-	400.00	400.00
Twinfield Together Mentoring	250.00	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
VT Center for Independent Lvg	200.00	200.00		150.00	100.00
VT Family Network					100.00
Wash Cty Diversion	250.00	250.00	-	350.00	
Wash Cty Youth SB	325.00	325.00	-	400.00	500.00
Wash Cty Mental Health	500.00	500.00		600.00	600.00
American Red Cross	100.00	100.00		-	
Subtotal Social Concerns	14,161.00	14,161.00	-	14,886.00	12,636.00
Warned articles					
Cutler Library	37,500.00	37,500.00	-	37,500.00	37,500.00
GMTA Bus Svc	8,333.00	8,333.00	-	8,333.00	8,333.00
Total SC/warned articles	\$ 59,994.00	\$ 59,994.00	\$ -	\$ 60,719.00	\$ 58,469.00

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED
DESCRIPTION	2018/2019	2018/2019	(OVER)/UNDER	2019/2020	2020/2021
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					
Labor/Road Foreman	57,690.00	57,886.40	(196.40)	59,343.00	62,000.00
Labor/Equip Operator 1	39,016.00	39,648.24	(632.24)	40,685.00	42,500.00
Labor/Equip Operator 2	38,200.00	38,283.60	(83.60)	39,250.00	42,300.00
OT/Rd. Foreman	9,500.00	12,398.30	(2,898.30)	9,500.00	11,000.00
OT/Equip. Operator 1	5,000.00	7,412.58	(2,412.58)	5,500.00	6,200.00
OT/Equip Operator 2	5,000.00	7,014.24	(2,014.24)	5,500.00	6,100.00
HD Fringe/FICA/Medi	11,850.00	12,283.75	(433.75)	12,250.00	13,020.00
HD Health Insurance	29,000.00	27,593.14	1,406.86	29,000.00	29,000.00
HD Insurance HRA	6,500.00	2,301.80	4,198.20	7,200.00	7,800.00
HD Fringe/Retirement	7,700.00	8,094.41	(394.41)	8,200.00	8,600.00
HD Prop/Lab Insurance	8,300.00	8,780.84	(480.84)	8,500.00	8,500.00
HD Workmans Comp Ins	17,600.00	19,482.02	(1,882.02)	21,500.00	17,500.00
Equip Loan and Interest		12,943.80	(12,943.80)		-
HD Truck Loan and Interest	22,000.00	22,000.00	-	21,600.00	21,200.00
HD Tools/Splys/Radios	4,000.00	3,978.23	21.77	4,000.00	4,000.00
Fuel and Furnace	1,000.00	1,124.45	(124.45)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Culvert Thawer	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	100.00
Lawn Tractor	200.00	236.48	(36.48)	-	200.00
Loader HD	1,000.00	1,806.77	(806.77)	2,000.00	1,000.00
Grader HD	6,500.00	7,792.20	(1,292.20)	10,500.00	8,000.00
Guardrails and Signage	5,000.00	1,636.05	3,363.95	2,000.00	3,500.00
HD Garage/Repairs & Splys	5,000.00	1,016.12	3,983.88	3,000.00	2,500.00
Sander/Rake/Flows	8,000.00	6,514.07	1,485.93	8,000.00	8,000.00
Backhoe	800.00	73.17	726.83	800.00	800.00
2005 MACK TRUCK	5,000.00	2,590.15	2,409.85	3,000.00	3,000.00
2007 MACK TRUCK	6,000.00	5,789.34	210.66	6,000.00	6,000.00
2019 MACK TRUCK		65,658.63	(65,658.63)	1,200.00	1,200.00
2012 WOOD CHIPPER	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
2015 FORD TRUCK	1,500.00	3,054.28	(1,554.28)	3,000.00	3,000.00
Electricity/GMP	1,000.00	1,001.47	(1.47)	1,000.00	1,200.00
Telephone	1,800.00	2,336.23	(536.23)	1,800.00	2,000.00

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

	BUDGET 2018/2019	ACTUAL 2018/2019	VARIANCE (OVER/UNDER)	BUDGET 2019/2020	PROPOSED 2020/2021
Fuel/Oil/Grease	38,000.00	33,350.25	4,649.75	35,000.00	38,000.00
Mileage	1,500.00	1,584.87	(84.87)	1,500.00	1,500.00
Gravel/HD Trucking	94,500.00	83,478.50	11,021.50	94,500.00	94,500.00
Sand/Trucking	40,500.00	51,273.25	(10,773.25)	40,500.00	50,000.00
Contracts-Mwing/Sweeping	8,000.00	7,842.06	157.94	9,000.00	9,500.00
Culverts	6,000.00	4,355.37	1,644.63	6,000.00	6,000.00
Hot Mix	10,000.00	4,467.44	5,532.56	10,000.00	10,000.00
Salt	20,000.00	22,057.07	(2,057.07)	20,000.00	22,000.00
Chloride	24,000.00	12,533.32	11,466.68	24,000.00	24,000.00
Mulch	1,000.00	1,000.93	(0.93)	1,000.00	700.00
Equipment Fund	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	45,000.00
Uniforms	3,500.00	2,229.28	1,270.72	2,500.00	2,500.00
Tires	6,000.00	6,200.40	(200.40)	6,000.00	8,000.00
Chains	8,000.00	7,270.31	729.69	8,000.00	10,000.00
Safety Equipment	500.00	76.78	423.22	1,000.00	500.00
Sidewalk Repairs	250.00	-	250.00	750.00	500.00
Culvert Projects	18,000.00	-	18,000.00	-	-
Storm Drain Maintenance	-	145.75	(145.75)	4,000.00	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,600.00	2,844.42	(1,244.42)	1,600.00	1,600.00
Traffic Control Devices	8,000.00	3,700.00	4,300.00	4,500.00	-
Village Line Painting					4,560.00
Paving Projects				25,000.00	25,000.00
Bridge Projects				5,300.00	4,500.00
Ditching Projects					1,590.00
Mun Rds Gen Permit MRPG				2,350.00	2,350.00
Vt Act 64 Water Quality					
Total Highway Dept	\$ 624,106.00	\$ 655,140.76	\$ (31,034.76)	\$ 648,428.00	\$ 688,020.00

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

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PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL/OPERA HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT

The Plainfield Town Hall Opera House continues to be a busy place for meetings and performances. It was in use for eighty-five days this past fiscal year (July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019). Forty-five public events were held there. This included nineteen town-government related meetings – select board and committee meetings, Town Meeting, and the Old Home Day Revue– as well as nine musical programs, and fourteen days of theatrical performances.

Theater continued to be the largest single use, with twenty-nine days devoted to this activity (one-third of overall use). The Vermont Youth Theater put on two productions, “The Hero Prince of Ireland” and “Beowulf”, each of which took seven days (including rehearsals). Plainfield Little Theater booked the facility for five days for its production of “The Merchant of Venice”.

Both the seventh and the eighth grade classes at the Orchard Valley School used the Opera House for five-day theatrical productions, as well.

The Friends of the Plainfield Opera House, which manages the facility on behalf of the Town, put on six monthly programs, beginning in January with a slide show and musical presentation by Kathy and Steven Light (of the Fyre and Lightning Consort) about their experiences walking the Camino de Santiago – an ancient pilgrim route of 500 miles from France to the westernmost point of Spain – with samples of ancient and traditional music from the Camino. This was followed in February by the Stellaria Trio performing classical and contemporary music. March began with mezzo-soprano Sophie Michaux singing songs from the sixteen hundreds to the current day, followed on the last day of March by local musicians Mary Bonhag (soprano) and Evan Premo (bass) (the founders and co-directors of Scrag Mountain Music), who were joined by Annemieke Puelstra McClane (piano) and Jeremiah McClane (accordion) for an extraordinary afternoon of music and song. In April, the Will Patton Ensemble played a lively mix of sambas, choros, and gypsy jazz. The Heiland Consort, virtuoso woodwind and piano chamber musicians, concluded this popular series with a concert in May.

Other musical events at the Town Hall Opera House this past fiscal year included two appearances by Plainfield’s own Django Koenig, who hosted a Vermont Songwriter Showcase (a Soulo production) and returned later in the year for a Django Soulo album release party/concert. Local bluegrass legends Banjo Dan and Willy Lindner, performing as the Sky Blue Boys, wound up

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the season in June with a rousing show.

Other notable events at the Town Hall Opera House during this period included a well-attended Maple Hill School graduation, a milestone birthday party, and a series of five weekly “Resilience Sunday” programs aimed at making people stronger in the face of adversity. The Cutler Library sponsored a well-attended talk by Susan Morse about animal tracking, and the Plainfield Hazard Mitigation Committee hosted a standing-room-only presentation on the “State of the Climate” featuring Leslie-Ann Dupigney-Giroux, the Vermont State Climatologist.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells continues to handle all rental fees. In the 2018-2019 fiscal year, revenue from rental of the Town Hall totaled \$ 5,947. The cost of operations and repairs during this period was \$13,982. The select board is working with the Friends of the Plainfeld

Town Hall Opera House to improve marketing and signage in an effort to increase the use of the hall, particularly for private events such as weddings and retirement parties.

You can rent the hall for public and private events at reasonable rates by going to the website maintained by the Friends of the Town Hall Opera House, www.plainfieldoperahousevt.org.

The website also has information about what’s going on at the Town Hall Opera House, as well as news of the Friends of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House, and how you can become involved as a supporter and Friend of the Town Hall Opera House.

Improvements to the Town Hall Opera House during the past fiscal year included the installation of a baby-changing table in the bathroom and a dehumidifier in the kitchen. In addition, NEST thermostats were installed which can be controlled remotely, return to low heat automatically if no motion is detected, and produce monthly energy usage reports.

In March, 2018, voters at Town Meeting approved an article to purchase the property at 25 High Street (directly across from the Town Hall Opera House) in order to increase parking opportunities, but that decision was reversed in May, after a petition to reconsider. The Friends of the Town Hall Opera House was able to purchase that property in August, 2018, and is in the process of

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raising \$50,000 to pay off the mortgage it has on the property and to clear the site for additional Town Hall parking.

A dramatic improvement in access to the Town Hall Opera House should be well underway in the coming year. Because of design changes, the Main Street/US 2 pedestrian bridge and sidewalk project, which had been scheduled to be done in 2019, has been delayed to 2020. When it is completed, a new sidewalk will run between the north side of the Mill Street Park and a crosswalk opposite the Town Hall Opera House, crossing the Winooski on a five-foot wide extension added to the existing bridge. A pedestrian-activated crossing signal at the new crosswalk will ease the challenge of traversing US 2.

This improvement, combined with a doubling in dedicated parking spaces, will greatly improve the ease and safety of the 3,000-plus people who use the Town Hall Opera House annually.



GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY PLAINFIELD FY19 ANNUAL REPORT

In April of 2010, GMTA and Rural Community Transportation (RCT) began operating the US2 Commuter, providing transportation along the Route 2 Corridor during peak commuting hours between St. Johnsbury and Montpelier. Service includes intermediate stops in East Montpelier, Plainfield, Marshfield, West Danville and Danville.

In FY19, the US2 Commuter had 17,940 in total ridership. Ridership improved over FY18's performance, the route is very productive according to the standards it is held to by the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation.

This service was initially funded by a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant, which provided federal funding to cover 80% of the net cost of the service for a three-year period. The remaining net service costs are covered by passenger fares and a 20% local match from the towns served by the route.

FY13 marked the end of the CMAQ grant with FY14 transitioning the route to another state/federal funding source equaling 80% of the cost. As in previous years, GMT will continue to request the remaining 20% match from the towns served. **For FY21 local match funds, GMT will be requesting *level funding* of \$8,333 per town.**

GMT requests the following language be listed as a separate Warning Article on the Plainfield Town Meeting Ballot for March 2020 voter consideration.

“Shall the Town of Plainfield appropriate the sum of \$8,333 as its share of the ninth year cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and passenger fares.”

2019 CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

In 2019, we welcomed Craig Kerrick to the board and thanked (retiring) trustee Bev Thomas, whom we'll celebrate at the April 28th Community Supper at Grace Methodist Church for eleven years on the CML Board. Please join us! As we write this report (December 2019), we are recruiting for two new board members, as our chair's term will end in March 2020. Trustees spend approximately 4 hours a month, averaged over the year, and oversee policy and direction, and hold fiduciary responsibility for the library's budget. If you are interested, please write to info@cutlerlibrary.org or call the library at 454-8504.

Community members brought their passions to the library this past year, with workshops on Advanced Care Planning, Pop-up Card Construction, an Introduction to Broommaking, Rockets and Robotics and Recycling. We even met a man who was one of the electronic engineers that designed the system used on the infamous Apollo Eleven Moonlanding, who lives just up the road in Jericho, Vermont! The Friends of the Library's successful fundraising efforts & support continues. Many volunteers give their time and energy. The Classic Book Club meets monthly and the knitters come many Tuesday nights year-round. We thank everyone who's contributed to what makes our little library special.

In 2019, we completed the planning and design activities with the \$28,000 Vermont Community Development Program grant that the town of Plainfield assisted us in accessing in 2017. Thank you to Spruce Mountain Inn for their support while we spent down the reimbursable charges from Vermont Integrative Architecture, Northeast Archaeology Research Center, S.W. Cole Geotechnical Engineering Services, Arc & Arrow Consulting; for the surveying services of Lisa Ginett, and Historical Preservation consultation from Suzanne Jamele. We thank the town office staff and selectboard members, especially Ross Sneyd and Sasha Thayer, for their help. Thank you to community members who gave their input and helped us choose an architectural firm. In 2020, we plan to move forward with a redesigned parking lot, a sloping sidewalk instead of a wheelchair ramp and a safer entry & exit onto Route 2. We're planning the exterior new construction in Phase 2, and downstairs interiors in Phase 3. In the final phase, we'll reconfigure & renovate the upstairs apartment level for increased income. We plan to fund the projects primarily through grants and fundraising, and we will be asking community members to donate what they can. The total project is expected to double the capacity at every level: double library size, double the parking and double the income from rent upstairs. We invite public input at every stage.

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Since 2010, we've added 2 additional hours a week (while keeping staff hours the same), received 33% more in tax support, increased our total income by 32% and increased our collection budget by roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ as well. We have about 23% more titles on the shelves, are visited more than 500 additional times a year (often for longer spells), & lent twice as many items. Public computer and wi-fi use has more than tripled. And the Library Director is paid $\frac{1}{3}$ more than when she was hired in 2010, with increased benefits tied to years of service.

Report from the Cutler Memorial Library for 2019, submitted by Library Director Loona Brogan

The Library Board of Trustees are:

Marcy Shaffer Hale', Chair

Lynda Volz and Holly Kruse, Co-Treasurers

Craig Kerrick, Secretary

Jennifer Carlo

Dave Bailey

CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019

Cash on Hand July 1, 2018	\$18,983.80
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INCOME

Appropriation from Town of Plainfield	37,500.00	
Rental Income	8,000.00	
Annual Appeal	4,505.44	
Donations from the Friends of the Library	1,308.00	
Other Donations	530.95	
Grants	542.50	
Program Income	577.00	
Miscellaneous Income (Fines, copies, printing, etc.)	431.43	
Previous Year's Check Voided	150.00	
Program Income for Joint Programming	100.00	Restricted Funds
Capital Campaign	150.00	Restricted Funds
Total Income	53,795.32	

EXPENSES

Wages, Net and benefits	18,036.54
Payroll Taxes	6510.14
Worker's Compensation Insurance	632.00
Professional Development	154.00
Books/DVDs/Subscriptions	7503.03
Internet/Technology (Computers)	1249.98
Library Programs	701.31
Postage (includes Interlibrary Loan)	1220.55
Library Operation (Supplies, bank fees, etc.)	2778.47
Upkeep/Repairs/Maintenance	2379.02
Utilities (Heat, Electricity, Water/Sewer)	5269.70
Telephone	497.45
Business Insurance	1437.00
Overrun on loan to pay contractors before reimbursement	105.00
Total Expenses	48,474.19

Cash on Hand June 30, 2019	\$24,304.93
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*See second page for details of cash on hand

CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT - EXPANSION JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019

Cash on Hand June 30, 2019	
Checking Account	22,792.46
Debit Account	240.47
Interest-Free Loan Account - Restricted Funds	100.00
Capital Campaign Account - Restricted Funds	735.00
Joint events with other community groups - Restricted Funds	437.00
Total Cash on Hand June 30, 2019 *	\$24,304.93

Interest-Free Loan: Cash on Hand July 1, 2018 **	10,000.00
Payments to Independent Professional Contractors August and September 2018	11,795.00
Reimbursement from Town using Community Planning Grant funds October 2018	11,795.00

Payments to Independent Professional Contractors June 2019	10,005.00
Interest-Free Loan: Cash on Hand June 30, 2019	100.00

*These are our funds at the end of June 2019. We use them to run the library until the Town appropriation is received in early September. The spendable portion is \$23,032.93.

**As explained in last year's Report, we received \$28,000 grant from the VT Community Development Program to plan an expansion of the library building. The grant stipulates the Town hold grant funds for the library. In order to pay our contractors in a timely fashion and avoid burdening Town personnel with ongoing bills, we secured a generous, no-interest \$10,000 loan from our neighbor, Spruce Mountain Inn, Inc. This loan has allowed us to minimize the number of times we go to the Town for reimbursement. We are able to pay our architects, engineers, and other contractors and then ask the Town to release grant funds to reimburse us in lump sums. The planning grant expires December 2019. Any outstanding payments to contractors will be submitted by the end of December 2019. The loan will be repaid in full by April 2020. Our expansion plans are moving forward.

2019 WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT

As we enter into the next decade we look forward to serving the needs of the community and bringing quality water and wastewater services to all.

In 2019 we completed our Asset Management Plan and are working to achieve the objectives identified in that plan. On that list of projects we prioritized some projects that need attention now. The first and most noticeable that we will be working on in 2020 is the waterline on Brook Road. We have replaced a portion of the line due to leaks but need to replace the remainder of the line. Because the waterline is under the pavement and also has some other vulnerability the cost to replace is an addition to the waterline repair budget. The other work, identified in the plan, has been moved further in the future to allow for future budget to cover. We have replaced some pressure regulator valves and have a list of others we still need to replace that have yet to be done. The year has been busy and we are planning to replace those we have not yet done as soon as possible.

Water consumption for the year 2019 remains at about 14 million gallons. We are still working on repairing leaks. Please notify us if you notice water surfacing in places that you have not seen water previously.

Wastewater processed for the year was 29 million gallons, an increase of six million gallons over 2018. We have begun the twenty year evaluation of the wastewater system and facilities. As part of that we will be flow monitoring and doing camera work to see where any possible infiltration is coming from. That work will enable future planning for repairs to eliminate infiltration from entering our flow into the treatment plant. We would also like to remind everyone that sump pumps are prohibited from being discharged into the wastewater system.

We have been doing some testing and system modifications to help us get ready for our new wastewater permit. The new permit is due in the first quarter of 2020 and will require us to make more changes to meet compliance requirements. We have just replaced our influent grinder with a rack system that removes a greater percentage of the debris from the inflow to the treatment tanks. We still have some adjusting to the programming of the unit to achieve the best efficiency. That will be an ongoing process. This unit was installed in December 2019. In the short amount of time we have had it we have noticed the tanks are clearer. We are also disposing about sixty pounds of debris per day, most of which does not break down biologically in the tanks. We may end up increasing our solids disposal costs if everyone continues to flush debris down the system. Our goal is to meet the new permit requirements at the least increase in cost to the users.

Mary Lane, Chair

Tim Phillips, Commissioner

Josh Pitts, Commissioner

PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

Balances as of June 30, 2018

Capital Improvement	60,260.74
Equipment Fund	8,889.95
Total Reserved Funds	69,150.69
Unreserved Funds	69,782.83
Total On Hand June 30, 2018	\$ 138,933.52

INCOME DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2018/2019	ACTUAL 2018/2019	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER		BUDGET 2019/2020	PROPOSED 2020/2021
			2018/2019	2019/2020		
Water Assessments	175,947.00	154,960.10	20,986.90	184,070.00	204,335.00	
Delinquent Assess	7,000.00	21,698.93	(14,698.93)	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Del. Tax Interest	70.00	1,036.44	(966.44)	90.00	90.00	
Del. Tax Penalty	930.00	1,735.89	(805.89)	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Goddard College	8,798.00	8,798.00	-	11,596.00	13,416.00	
Impact Fees	-	630.00	(630.00)	-	-	
Interest Income	500.00	127.69	372.31	50.00	50.00	
Grant Income	-	-	-	-	-	
Asset Mgmt Income*	-	40,144.00	(40,144.00)	-	-	
Miscellaneous Income	294.00	156.88	137.12	228.00	327.00	
Total Income	\$ 193,539.00	\$ 229,287.93	\$ (35,748.93)	\$ 206,034.00	\$ 228,218.00	

*Funded by a loan

PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENSES DESCRIPTION	VARIANCE			BUDGET 2018/2019	ACTUAL 2018/2019	(OVER)/UNDER 2018/2019	BUDGET 2019/2020	PROPOSED 2020/2021
Plant Operator	28,700.00	28,879.87	(179.87)	29,000.00	29,000.00		29,000.00	31,000.00
Asst. Operator	23,000.00	24,763.07	(1,763.07)	25,000.00	25,000.00		25,000.00	26,000.00
Asst Clerk/Treasurer	3,995.00	4,013.15	(18.15)		4,110.00		4,110.00	4,325.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	3,325.00	3,333.20	(8.20)		3,425.00		3,425.00	3,600.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	600.00	1,739.39	(1,139.39)		600.00		600.00	600.00
Commissioner Stipend	2,500.00	2,500.00	-		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00
Fringe/FICA	3,950.00	4,068.15	(118.15)		4,070.00		4,070.00	4,200.00
Fringe/MEDI	925.00	951.54	(26.54)		952.00		952.00	985.00
Fringe BC/BS Insurance	18,770.00	8,386.74	10,383.26		8,400.00		8,400.00	7,400.00
HRA	3,860.00	2,372.67	1,487.33		1,575.00		1,575.00	800.00
Fringe/Retirement	3,400.00	3,430.64	(30.64)		3,550.00		3,550.00	3,800.00
Delinquent Tax	500.00	-	500.00		500.00		500.00	500.00
Office Supplies	600.00	976.24	(376.24)		600.00		600.00	600.00
Computer Office	600.00	469.92	130.08		600.00		600.00	1,390.00
Computer Plant	360.00	71.67	288.33		360.00		360.00	360.00
Property/Liability Insurance	1,200.00	1,168.96	31.04		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00
Workers Comp. Insurance	4,751.00	5,338.27	(587.27)		6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00
Unemployment Ins Trust	150.00	84.54	65.46		139.00		139.00	110.00
Supplies/System Maint.	6,000.00	14,786.00	(8,786.00)		8,000.00		8,000.00	9,000.00
Waterline Repairs	20,328.00	18,650.13	1,677.87		20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00
Fowler Loan Principal	13,046.00	13,045.53	0.47		13,437.00		13,437.00	13,840.00
Fowler Loan Interest & Fees	7,889.00	7,888.71	0.29		7,498.00		7,498.00	7,095.00
Rt 2 Project Loan Principal	9,597.00	9,675.00	(78.00)		10,072.00		10,072.00	10,402.00
Rt 2 Project Loan Interest	21,761.00	21,683.00	78.00		21,286.00		21,286.00	20,956.00
Safety Equipment	350.00	418.56	(68.56)		350.00		350.00	350.00
Asset Mgmt Expense*	-	40,144.00	(40,144.00)		-		-	-

*Reimbursed by loan

PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENSES DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2018/2019	ACTUAL 2018/2019	(OVER)/UNDER 2018/2019	BUDGET 2019/2020	PROPOSED 2020/2021
Auditors	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bank Fees	10.00	-	10.00	10.00	5.00
Legal Fees/VLCT Dues	450.00	372.00	78.00	450.00	450.00
Taxes To Marshfield	1,100.00	996.49	103.51	1,100.00	1,100.00
Mowing	1,000.00	940.00	60.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Electricity/GMP	1,000.00	738.35	261.65	1,000.00	1,000.00
Phone/Cell/Internet	1,450.00	1,469.94	(19.94)	1,450.00	1,450.00
Furnace Repairs/Fuel	1,000.00	1,642.19	(642.19)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Uniforms	350.00	150.00	200.00	350.00	350.00
Staff Training	350.00	280.00	70.00	350.00	350.00
Chemicals & Supplies	400.00	1,729.06	(1,329.06)	400.00	1,000.00
Testing	820.00	705.00	115.00	900.00	3,000.00
Truck Maintenance	600.00	448.69	151.31	600.00	800.00
State Water Flow Fees	900.00	701.52	198.48	900.00	900.00
Misc/Advts/Publications	600.00	563.70	36.30	600.00	600.00
Capital Improvement	-	-	-	13,000.00	35,000.00
Equipment Fund	2,352.00	-	2,352.00	8,700.00	2,200.00
Audit	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 193,539.00	\$ 230,575.89	\$ (37,036.89)	\$ 206,034.00	\$ 228,218.00
Funded by loan		(40,144.00)	40,144.00		
		190,431.89	3,107.11		
Capital Improvement	60,920.95				
Equipment Fund	8,894.43				
Total Reserved Funds	69,815.38				
Unreserved Funds	67,830.18				
Total On Hand June 30, 2019	137,645.56				

**SIMPLIFIED
STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT
WATER ASSESSMENTS
JULY 1 2018 TO JUNE 30 2019**

BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30 2019:

2017:	\$	754.93
2018:	\$	6773.27
BALANCE:	\$	7528.20

Total Collected:	\$	21,745.23
Total Interest:	\$	1036.44
Total Collector's Fees:	\$	1739.59
Total Legal & Coll. Costs:	\$	135.00
Total:	\$	24,656.26

PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

Balance as of June 30, 2018							
	Capital Improvement	113,905.66					
	Equipment Fund	24,344.50					
Total Reserved Funds		138,250.16					
Unreserved Funds		103,421.97					
Total On Hand June 30, 2018		\$ 241,672.13					
INCOME		BUDGET	ACTUAL	(OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET	PROPOSED	
DESCRIPTION	2018/2019	2018/2019	2018/2019	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	
Assessment	203,112.00	165,377.25	37,734.75	207,195.00	239,841.00		
Del. Assessment	7,710.00	24,934.36	(17,224.36)	8,000.00	8,000.00		
Del. Tax Interest	80.00	1,622.92	(1,542.92)	300.00	300.00		
Del. Tax Coll. Fees	600.00	1,994.76	(1,394.76)	700.00	700.00		
Recording Fees	-	-	-	-	-		
Goddard College	52,913.00	54,100.05	(1,187.05)	55,920.00	62,263.00		
Impact Fees	-	3,095.26	(3,095.26)	-	-		
Interest Income	50.00	137.98	(87.98)	111.00	111.00		
Miscellaneous Income	100.00	45.00	55.00	100.00	100.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 264,565.00	\$ 251,307.58	\$ 13,257.42	\$ 272,326.00	\$ 311,315.00		

PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENSES DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2018/2019	ACTUAL 2018/2019	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER 2018/2019	BUDGET 2019/2020	PROPOSED 2020/2021
Plant Operator	28,700.00	29,572.28	(872.28)	29,000.00	31,000.00
Asst. Operator	23,000.00	23,440.53	(440.53)	25,000.00	26,000.00
Asst. Clerk Treasurer	3,995.00	4,035.17	(40.17)	4,110.00	4,325.00
Clerk/Treasurer	3,325.00	3,333.20	(8.20)	3,425.00	3,600.00
Del. Tax Fees Paid	600.00	1,991.06	(1,391.06)	600.00	600.00
Fringe/FICA	3,760.00	3,847.52	(87.52)	4,070.00	4,200.00
Fringe/MEDI	900.00	899.97	0.03	952.00	985.00
Delinquent Tax	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
BC/BS Insurance	18,770.00	17,239.68	1,530.32	8,400.00	7,400.00
HRA	3,860.00	2,372.67	1,487.33	1,575.00	800.00
Fringe/Retirement	3,400.00	3,396.44	3.56	3,550.00	3,800.00
Office Supplies/Postage	550.00	994.91	(444.91)	800.00	700.00
Supplies & System Repairs	18,440.00	23,765.88	(5,325.88)	45,000.00	45,000.00
Computer Office	500.00	469.91	30.09	500.00	1,390.00
Computer Plant	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	300.00	300.00
Property/Liability	4,700.00	4,454.30	245.70	4,400.00	4,400.00
Workers Comp Insurance	4,751.00	5,338.26	(587.26)	6,000.00	6,000.00
Unemp Insurance Trust	170.00	84.54	85.46	139.00	110.00
Equipment Repairs/Parts	24,371.00	24,272.37	98.63	16,800.00	23,000.00
Auditors	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bank Fees	10.00	-	10.00	10.00	5.00
Legal Fees/VLCT Dues	450.00	877.19	(427.19)	450.00	450.00
Electricity/GMP	20,000.00	19,257.91	742.09	18,000.00	18,000.00
Telephone	1,450.00	1,563.45	(113.45)	1,450.00	1,450.00
Fuel/Furnace Repairs	1,400.00	1,801.77	(401.77)	1,400.00	1,400.00
Chemicals	300.00	84.39	215.61	300.00	3,950.00
Sludge Disposal	44,000.00	33,406.87	10,593.13	41,000.00	41,000.00

PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

	BUDGET 2018/2019	ACTUAL 2018/2019	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER 2018/2019	BUDGET 2019/2020	PROPOSED 2020/2021
Uniforms	350.00	187.15	162.85	350.00	350.00
Audit	-	-	-	-	-
Laboratory Services	3,000.00	2,353.00	647.00	3,000.00	6,520.00
Mowing	1,000.00	940.00	60.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Staff Training	750.00	376.00	374.00	600.00	600.00
Truck Fuel/Maintenance	500.00	367.80	132.20	500.00	500.00
Safety Equipment	200.00	336.53	(136.53)	300.00	300.00
Bond & Interest Expense	44,858.00	44,857.16	0.84	47,515.00	47,500.00
Audit Rounding Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	5.00	645.87	(640.87)	330.00	180.00
Capital Improvement	-	-	-	-	15,000.00
Equipment Fund	-	-	-	-	8,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 264,565.00	\$ 257,563.78	\$ 7,001.22	\$ 272,326.00	\$ 311,315.00

Capital Improvement	117,048.05
Equipment Fund	24,356.57
Total Reserved Funds	141,404.62
Unreserved Funds	94,011.31
Total on hand June 30, 2019	\$ 235,415.93

**SIMPLIFIED
STATEMENT OF
DELINQUENT WASTEWATER
JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019**

Balances Owed as of 6/30/19:

2016 -	\$ 798.00
2017 -	\$ 512.54
2018 -	\$ 5334.72
2019 -[WW1]	\$ 22180.50
BALANCE -	\$ 28825.76

Total Collected:	\$ 24888.06
Total Interest:	\$ 1622.92
Total Collectors Fees:	\$ 1991.06
Total Legal & Coll. Costs:	\$ 0.00
TOTAL :	\$ 28502.04

**INTERIM REPORT
DELINQUENCY BALANCES
WATER / WASTEWATER
12/31/2019**

Without Current Year 2019

NAME	YEAR	TOTAL DUE
Casey , Robert	2018	\$388.36
Hart ,Mark	2018	\$1,367.93
Koenig , Ben	2018	\$398.11
TOTAL [Includes Penalty & Interest]		\$2,154.40

**INTERIM REPORT
DELINQUENCY BALANCES
12/31/2019
WASTEWATER
Without Current Year 2019**

NAME	YEAR	TOTAL DUE
Casey , Robert	2018	\$357.51
Hart Mark	2016 & 2018	\$3,044.69
TOTAL [Includes Penalty & Interest]		\$3,402.20

As per request of Select Board Detailed copy available at Town Clerks Office;
Please bear in mind, this is an ongoing situation and payments may have been
made to reduce these totals. Overall collections have been relatively consistent.
I would like to thank everyone for their support.

Sincerely,
George C Cushing

CLOGGERS! DON'T FLUSH IT!

Our Wastewater System is designed to handle pee, poo and toilet paper. That's it! Everything else has caused EXPENSIVE problems and the cost is passed on to the user. You might even get sewage backing up into your home! Yes! It has happened here!

The leading cause of serious clogs is wipes of any kind! Do not flush them!

The following common household items should never be flushed or put down the drain:

Flushable Wipes **(Anything called flushable is not, they lie!)**

Tampons & Applicators	Cigarette butts
Sanitary Napkins	Dental floss
Paper Towels	Bandages
Disposable Diapers	Condoms
Baby wipes	Facial Tissue
Hair	Candy wrappers
Rags	Food Scraps
Dryer lint	Kitty Litter
Cleaning/disinfectant wipes	

Do not pour fats, oils or grease down the drain.

The Plainfield Waster and Wastewater System

DOG LICENSE

Required by Vermont State Law

All dogs or wolf-hybrids six months of age or over shall be licensed annually on or before April 1st of each year. Also any dog acquired after April 1st or becoming six months old during the year shall within 30 days be licensed. Before obtaining a license for a dog or wolf-hybrid six months of age or older, a person shall deliver to the municipal clerk a certificate or a certified copy thereof issued by a duly licensed veterinarian, stating that the dog or wolf-hybrid has received a current preexposure rabies vaccination with a vaccine approved by the Agency of Agriculture Secretary, and the person shall certify that the dog or wolf-hybrid described in the certificate or copy is the dog or wolf-hybrid to be licensed. The owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid shall cause it to wear a collar and attach thereto a license tag issued by the municipal clerk.

License Fees

<u>Neutered male or spayed female dogs</u>		<u>Un-neutered/spayed dogs</u>	
License	4.00	License	8.00
VT Rabies control programs	1.00	VT Rabies control programs	1.00
VT Spay/neuter program	4.00	VT Spay/neuter program	4.00
Total fee	\$9.00	Total fee	\$13.00

To be licensed, all dogs and wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All subsequent vaccinations following the initial vaccination shall be valid for 36 months.

A 50% penalty is charged for dogs owned and not licensed by April 1st each year, increasing the fee to \$11.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$17.00 for un-neutered/spayed dogs.

VSA Title 20, Section 3581

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DOGS OR WOLF-HYBRIDS

If you are unable to come into the office personally, we can process the license by mail. Just call the town clerk's office with any questions, 454-8461.

RABIES CLINICS:

In Marshfield at the highway garage on Saturday March 21, 2020, 10am-12pm.

Fees: Rabies \$15 and Distemper \$30. No appointment is necessary.

Hardwick Veterinary Clinic, 64 N Main Street, Hardwick, VT on Saturday March 7th, 14th, and 21st, 2020, 8:30am to 10am.

Rabies shots only for \$20. No appointment necessary.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT RABIES CALL THE RABIES HOTLINE
AT 1-800-472-2437

TOWN CONSTABLE AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

For 2019 the office of Constable and Animal Control Officer has again been combined.

We had a pretty quiet summer, even with the skate park and the new shelter. Litter and loose dogs continue to be a problem. Please, if you are out with your dog or your lunch, have a care for other folks. There are babies and small children using the play area near the skate park. Broken glass and toxic litter pose a real threat to them, and to big folks, too. And no one enjoys stepping in dog poop!

That is, we had a quiet summer except for a few folks that felt it was ok to shoot off fireworks late at night. Have some consideration for the people who have to get up in the morning. Or for your own wallet. You can get a fine for it.

Speeders continue to be huge problem. We are looking into better ways to enforce speed laws in the town. Keep in mind that speed limits are just that. Limits. If it's not safe to drive the limit in a given situation, say, it's icy, or you are driving a large truck on Main St. with all the parked cars crowding the street, then you must, legally, drive at slower, safer, speed. Ask yourself if you could stop if a child dashed out. Would you really want to live with that image for the rest of your life?

There have been a few problems with people parking trailers in the Park and Ride lot. It's ok to do this, but put them in parking places. Don't just leave them along the edges, sticking out into the travel lane along the cemetery side. The buses use this as part of the turnaround, especially the big red bus from St. J.

As of this writing, still pretty early in the winter, the job of keeping the roads clear of parked cars to assist the road crew's plowing has gone pretty smoothly. This is partly because we just haven't had much in the way of snow so far (and it makes me nervous even to say such a thing), but mostly because the people who park in the Village area have been great about moving their cars off the street at night, which really helps the plow drivers to do a good job. For the folks who park in the lots, especially Mill St. (opposite the church), please remember that if it snowed, or there are leftover piles of snow from previous days, that you must move your cars by 8am. This applies to the handicapped and charging station parking spots too. Thank you all for the help!

We seem to be experiencing more freeze/thaw cycles now, with a corresponding increase in icy roads. Keep in mind that the road crews need to sand that ice, same as if it was snow.

Dogs running at large have created serious disaster this year. No matter how sweet a dog is at home, you have no way of knowing what havoc they are creating when they are out of your sight. Last year our roaming dogs have bitten, threatened, and frightened humans, slaughtered beloved pets, killed over a dozen chickens, terrorized goats and other farm animals, and run deer. In every case, the owner

TOWN CONSTABLE AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

said things like [the dog], “was only out for a few minutes” and, “s/he’s so gentle, s/he wouldn’t hurt anything!” This is serious. It is also illegal. If you own, or are caring for (yes, you are the responsible party if you agree to look after someone else’s pet) a dog that causes damage, you are liable for a fine and to be sued. Any dog not under your ‘immediate control’ leaves you open to a stiff fine. Immediate control does not mean you can see them. If they are not confined or on a leash, you do not have immediate control. Any dog off the owner’s property that threatens anyone, human or animal, or is causing damage can legally be shot on sight, and that has also happened this year. Enough said. Get your dog licensed and keep them on a leash or behind a serious fence.

All dogs must to be licensed by April 1st. And those license tags (proving rabies vaccination) are legally required to be attached to their collars. There have been several cases where having a collar with a license (and preferably a phone number, too) have made the difference between lost dogs spending a miserable night in a shelter, and being home in time for supper. Keep in mind that one night in the shelter costs more than four years worth of licenses.

Cats... just because they are not licensed does not mean they don’t need to be vaccinated. They do. More cases of rabies are reported in cats than dogs. And it’s a really good idea to collar your cat. Yes, I know how hard that is! Try taking the bell off the collar and he may not ditch them so quickly. Write your phone number on the collar with permanent marker. If kitty does bite someone at least you will have a chance to produce her rabies certificate, saving everyone a nightmare. And of course, never, ever, put a dog collar on a cat. Only cat collars with safety catches that will release when the collar snags are safe for our flying felines.

Ferrets, too, legally require rabies vaccination. And given what fabulous hunters all the weasel clan are, that’s just common sense.

Keep in mind that the only way to test an animal for rabies is to kill it. Finding out this way that your pet does not have rabies will be very cold comfort. There are numerous low cost rabies clinics. Feel free to call me or Central VT Humane Society if you need help locating one.

There have only been a few suspected cases of cruelty reported this year, and mercifully, none turned out to be real. But my thanks to all those who look out for all the creatures that can’t speak for themselves. Few things bring me more pleasure in this job than checking out a possible cruelty case and finding caring owners doing their best for their animals.

Be safe, and thanks for the help,
Constable Kate Hayes

PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT FOR 2019

Our major goal is to foster community involvement and responsibility for our town's natural resources. Our work is accomplished with the invaluable help of many different partners from the community and beyond, to whom we are very grateful. Without them, very few of our projects would be possible. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, in the meeting room at the town of offices. All townspeople are welcome. Once approved, meeting minutes are available to read on the Town of Plainfield website.

If you are interested in helping with one of our current projects or proposing a new project, serving on the commission or being involved in any way, we encourage you to contact any of the commissioners listed below, the town clerk, or the Selectboard. Presently we have only 4 members who, frankly, need help to successfully accomplish our important work. Please consider becoming involved in large or small ways.

Here are some of the things we've been working on this year:

- Plainfield's **Town Forest**, accessed via Gonyeau or Maxfield roads, is overseen by the Conservation Commission in accordance with the forest management plan. It's available for snowshoeing, skiing, hiking, hunting, birding, botanical studies, and other low-impact recreation. Each year we organize hikes and work days and work on projects to improve and maintain the trails. We encourage you to come and explore the town forest with us.
- The Town Plan is being updated by the Planning Commission. The Conservation Commission has worked with them to provide updates and revisions pertaining to the natural resources section of the Plan.
- Like in previous years we coordinated a successful **Green Up Day**. Becky Atchinson headed up efforts again this year along with help by community volunteers. THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS! – What a difference you all make by helping to clean up trash along our roadsides, riverbanks, the recreation field and the village park. **The next Green Up Day will take place on May 2, 2020.** Please call Becky at 479-4326 if you'd like to help out with planning for or volunteering on Green Up Day.
- Along with the Jaquith and Cutler Libraries and the Marshfield Conservation Commission, we continued our **speaker series**. In February, Sue Morris, an expert in natural history and one of North America's top wildlife trackers, presented a very well attended and interesting evening lecture on the topic of Canids at the Plainfield Opera House. We look forward to continuing our partnership with these sponsors to host more educational presentations this coming year. We are also working on a workshop series with a forestry focus.

PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT FOR 2019

Stay tuned!

- We continue to work with the Marshfield Conservation Commission on the annual spring **Tree and Shrub Sale**. Offerings include edible landscaping plants and trees and shrubs that are native to Vermont and attract wildlife and beautify your yard. Order forms for the 2020 sale will be available at Town Meeting and at various locations around town afterwards. In past years, Plainfield's proceeds from the Tree and Shrub Sale helped fund our **Street Tree** program, which is used for the planting and maintenance of village trees in the public right of way, or other Conservation Commission projects.
- We are letting you know that JoAnne Garten of the Department of Forests and Parks has been surveying for ash trees in the right of way (ROW) along town roads for sign of the Emerald Ash Borer. She will create a map which will show approximately 2100 ash trees that are either in the ROW or could have possible impact on roads. She did not observe any obvious Emerald Ash Borer activity.
- Members attended workshops including Emerald Ash Borer Identification, the Water Wise Woodlands Breakfast and workshop at Twinfield School and the Association of Vermont Commission Commissions annual meeting.

The **Conservation Fund** (a line item in the Selectboard budget) was begun in 2001 and is designed to accumulate over a long period of time to be used to:

- Purchase resource lands or conservation easements in Plainfield in cooperation with landowners and/or nonprofit organizations,
- Provide technical assistance to Plainfield landowners seeking conservation easements on their land, and
- Provide matching funds for larger grants for significant conservation projects, in accordance with the town plan.

This year the Cross Vermont Trail Association (CVTA) submitted an application for conservation funds to assist in the purchase of a parcel off of the Recreation Field Road. The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board granted funds to CVTA and the Conservation Commission approved its request to help complete the purchase of this land. This largely wooded parcel is key to connecting the Village to a future Cross Vermont trail and there are advantages to the town for possible erosion mitigation and for immediate recreational purposes. The application was reviewed and approved by the Selectboard.

Further information about the Conservation Fund is available at the town clerk's office.

PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT FOR 2019

We are very grateful to all the partners mentioned above, and all those who work to make Plainfield a wonderful place to live. A very big THANK YOU!

Current commission members can be contacted via email links on Conservation Commission page of the Town of Plainfield Website or by phone:

Sarah Albert, Chair, Treasurer 476-0526 Mary Trerice, Secretary 454-7334

Becky Atchinson 479-4326

Julie Hackbarth 476-3200

FY2019 Conservation Commission Report

Income

FY18-19 Town Budget	375.00
Expense	
Copying	47.63
Supplies	59.49
Miscellaneous expenses	19.67
Total expenses	126.79
Balance 6/30/19 (returned to General Fund)	248.21

Street Tree Reserve Fund

Balance as of July 1, 2018 8,743.59

Total profit from 2019 Tree Sale: none

Income

Plainfield share of Tree Sale profit 0

Interest income 23.08

Balance On Hand June 30, 2019 **8,766.67**

Conservation Fund

Balance as of July 1, 2017 19,458.89

Income

Budget 2,500.00

Interest Income 10.64

Balance On Hand June 30, 2018 21,969.53

Town Woodlands Fund

Balance as of July 1, 2017 5,891.51

Income

Interest Income 15.33

Expense

Moved to general fund to pay for contractor 500.00

Balance On Hand June 30, 2018 **5,406.84**

PLAINFIELD E-911

In March, the Vermont 911 system partnered with INdigital to develop the next generation of the statewide emergency system which will go live in July 2020. This allows us to align with federal standards and better process all 911 calls and texts within Vermont.

Many newer smartphones have a quick link to reach 911. This link has been shown to be extremely effective in getting help to someone who can't make a phone call because of the situation they find themselves in. If you have a newer phone, take a minute to find this quick link. It may be important!!

If you need emergency assistance it is recommended that you call if you can. But if you can't call, you can text.

- Customers should use the texting option only when a voice call to 911 is not an option. Making a voice call is still the most efficient way to get access to emergency services.
- As with any communication to 911, the texting function should only be used for emergency situations.
 - Emergency situations require a response from:
 - Police
 - Fire Department
 - Emergency Medical Services
- It is very important to provide the location of the event and the nature of the emergency in the first message.
 - The call taker will not be able to determine the cell phone location.
 - The call taker will need to convey the information from the texter to local first responders as quickly as possible.
- Abbreviations and slang, (IDK, THX, 2day, BTW, for example), should never be used.
- If you accidentally send a text to 911, be sure to follow it up with another text or voice call to let the call-taker know it was an accident and that there is no emergency.
- Texts to 911 have the same 160 character limit as other text messages.
- Wireless customers must have mobile phones that are capable of sending text messages.
 - Usual charges will apply to texts made to 911.

PLAINFIELD E-911

I am still seeing some of the green and white reflective house numbers on mailboxes that are not at the end of the driveway. If your number sign is not where it is showing emergency personnel the entry to your house, they will drive right by and have to turn around when they realize they have gone too far. This can waste precious minutes which can be crucial in a fire or a medical emergency. Please make sure your number sign is either on your house, if it can be seen from the road, or on a mailbox or post at the end of your driveway. If you need help figuring out the best place to display your 911 number sign, please contact the town office at 454-8461 and they will contact a member of the fire department to help you.

Remember that dialing 911 is for emergencies only. If you need to contact the police, fire or ambulance for any other reason, please use the phone numbers listed below.

As usual, if you have experienced any problems using the 911 system, please let me know.

Sandra Ross

Plainfield E-911

State Police: 229-9191

Fire: 223-5555

Ambulance: 223-5555

2019 PLAINFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT

The fire department saw many changes in 2019, most notably Patrick Martin stepping down as Chief after holding this position for around 22 years. Pat's dedication to the town and the department is beyond comparison with the exception of Gary Graves who this year will have served on the department for 50 years and is a past Chief and currently serves as Deputy Chief. Pat has taken a Captain's position and is still very much involved in moving the department forward for the coming years. Another person on the department that needs mentioning is Dennis Blair. Dennis has served many years as First Assistant Chief and his role has now been changed to Captain. We are very fortunate to have a very dedicated and well trained group of men and women. I thought it would be an interesting fact to know how many years of service our members have to the town. After making some calls, looking at paperwork, we have a solid 295 years of combined service to the town of Plainfield!

The department purchased a new deluge gun or master stream this year which will give us a big advantage in fighting a large fire. It has the ability to flow up to 500 gallons of water per minute. We have also instituted background checks on all new members to help ensure the safety of our community. This coming year we hope to fix the back of the station as the sill and lower clapboards have rotted. The fire department received 80 calls for the year 2019. We've seen everything from helping stranded pets, house fires, car accidents, and alarm activations. Please remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year. We recommend that it be done when changing your clocks back in the fall and ahead in the spring! One thing we have run across on quite a few calls this year is people failing to realize that their detectors max life in most cases is ten years! We recommend writing the date on the outside of the detector with pen so people can keep better track of its age.

Johnathan Matthew has taken over the Fast Squad. Rescue had a very busy year with over 150 calls for assistance. We currently have two members taking the Advance EMT class and two members taking the EMT class.

We are always looking for new members. Some of the benefits of being on the department are the following:

1. Helping your neighbors in their time of need.
 2. Making lifelong friends on the department.
 3. Giving back to your community.
- Please remember to dial 911 for your emergencies.

Greg Light

Chief of Plainfield Fire and Rescue

2019 PLAINFIELD HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE

In January 2016, the Plainfield Select Board authorized the reforming of the Flood Advisory Committee into a Board-appointed Hazard Mitigation Committee. By resolution of the Select Board the committee will have seven members, one of whom is a non-voting representative from the Select Board.

Committee's mission is defined as: "The Hazard Mitigation Committee will assist the town by gathering information and developing long term recommendations to mitigate the impact of future flood and other hazard events on public safety and infrastructure. The goal of the Hazard Mitigation Committee is to provide the Select Board with information and suggestions to reduce or eliminate the long-term risks to human life and property in Plainfield from fluvial erosion/landslide, flash floods/floods, Marshfield dam releases or failure, winter storms, long-term electric outages, hazardous waste spills, forest fires and other identified hazards."

Each member of the committee has had his or her own areas of strong concern and during the course of each year have investigated; prepared reports for the public and the Select Board; pushed for resolution of developing harms; and in some cases has found funding or attended hearings to resolve the issues. We also have found outside expertise such as UVM's Aerial Imaging group, and Central VT Planning Commission to understand hazards; and have seen the Brook Road bridge study move into a phase of new funding and engineering design.

Good examples of member initiatives are Bram Towbin's continued vigilance about serious erosion and new gullies above Rec Field Road; Dan Gadd's spotting (and later confirming with former committee member George Springston and Bram) a serious new deep erosive gulch forming to the east of Barre Hill; Dan and Susan Grimaldi are working at the Historical Society to strengthen that riverside building so they can open it to the public.

Continued trends of more extreme weather make planning for the protection of our citizens and buildings more difficult. The Winooski and Great Brook flood more often and more intensely with the impact of stalled storms, local deluges of rainfall, road washouts and inadequate bridges. Similar storm systems in winter alternate snow dumps with quick warming and icing, and are often accompanied by high winds with power outages.

We believe strongly that in addition to having a well-trained and well-led fire and rescue department (and Plainfield has amongst the best) that all possibly hazard-endangered residents should be aware of their household's risk and plan their own safe exit from bad circumstances. To that end, in the spring of 2019 we sent out an all-household mailing to help with disaster planning and preparedness.

2019 PLAINFIELD HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE

In June of 2018 we hosted a top climate expert (who helped lead the writing of the National Climate Assessment) and a much-respected regional meteorologist for a “State of the Climate” public forum at the Opera House. Lesley-Ann Dupigny Giroux and Roger Hill made it clear that we are heading for worse weather and rocky times, and explained why.

One deep and abiding concern is that Green Mt. Power has not moved swiftly to maintain and improve their very old (1927) earthen dam on the Marshfield-Cabot line, just upstream of Marshfield and Plainfield.

To push forward with our safety concerns we started an investigation with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (PUC), which in turn led to a court docket to evaluate their construction plans. We continue this work - with Sasha Thayer and Michael Billingsley putting in long hours to file evidence, dispute GMP claims and force a review of their construction planning. So far we are having a beneficial impact and the dam renovations are being modified in response to our filings.

Lastly, our members have attended forums and trainings, and continue to be highly committed to understanding the natural forces at work which are affecting Vermont’s and our own residents’ safety. Members of the committee attended both a state-run dam safety workshop in Montpelier as well as climate and preparedness training workshops in Fairlee, VT last Fall.

We continue to solicit new members for the Committee. Please notify our Chair Amos Meacham or our Secretary Michael Billingsley if you are interested in helping with our work in Plainfield. Our next public forum in the spring of 2020 will be to better predict and address the needs of vulnerable persons with disabilities or chronic illness during times of disaster.

respectfully submitted,

Michael Billingsley, Secretary

Hazard Mitigation Committee

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Town of Plainfield has contracted with the Washington County Sheriff's Department for many years. The Sheriff's Department is glad to be able to assist with public safety within your community. With the increase in drug use and quality of life issues we are happy to be able to be a part of your community. Although the Department's main functions in statute are to transport prisoners, mental health patients and juveniles who are in custody of the State of Vermont and serve civil process, we take great pride in being able to be a part of keeping the citizens and visitors within the County safe.

The Sheriff's Department is continuing to work to enhance public safety within the County from searching out wanted persons, to patrols and motor vehicle check points, snowmobile patrols, offering hunter safety classes, and assisting with snowmobile safety classes. The Sheriff's Department also is an Identification Center, taking finger prints for people applying for employment. The Department has a Car Seat Technician, who regular inspects and installs car seats.

County wide, our patrol efforts during fiscal year 2019 generated 2670 total incidents reports, to include 786 Vermont Traffic Citations and 1625 Traffic Warnings. The Department also arrested 122 persons on arrest warrants, 2 for DUI.

In the course of our patrol efforts in Plainfield the following Vermont Traffic Complaints, Warning and Incidents were recorded by the Washington County Sheriff's Department while on patrol in your town.

Total Traffic Citation Report, by Violation

We are proud of the work we do and take pride in our efforts in making Washington County a safe place to live and work.

Professionally,

W Samuel Hill

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Total Traffic Citation Report, by Violation

Civil Other 2 0.73% of all tickets in this report

Count % of Civil Other Tickets

2 MJ1 - Possessing Marijuana/Hashish - 1st Offense (Under 21)

Traffic 87 31.64% of all tickets in this report

Count			% of Traffic Tickets
7	CEL	Using Portable Electronic Device - 1st violation	8.05%
1	CRS	Failure to use child restraint system- First offense	1.15%
2	DIS	Inspection Sticker Not Assigned To Vehicle	2.30%
1	DR	Failing To Driving To The Right	1.15%
1	FYY	Stop Sign	1.15%
1	INC	Operating without proof of financial responsibility	1.15%
3	INS	Operating Without Liability Insurance	3.45%
1	LBR	11-20 MPH over speed limit - Local	1.15%
1	NL	Operating Without A License	1.15%
5	NR	Persons Required To Register	5.75%
8	OSC	Operating After Suspension/Revocation/Refusal	9.20%
1	PER	Permitting Illegal Operation Of A Motor Vehicle	1.15%
1	PNA	Misuse Of Number Plates	1.15%
1	SL1	1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit	1.15%
30	SL2	11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	34.48%
4	SL3	21-30 MPH Over Speed Limit	4.60%
1	TXD	Texting While Operating Moving Motor Vehicle - 1st Offense	1.15%
14	VNI	Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	16.09%
4	VO	Regulations In Municipalities	4.60%

Warning 186 67.64% of all tickets in this report

Count			% of Warning Tickets
3	CEL	Using Portable Electronic Device – 1st violation	1.61%
39	DEF	Condition Of Vehicle	20.97%
1	DIS	Inspection Sticker Not Assigned To Vehicle	0.54%
13	DP	Failed To Display Front Registration Plate	6.99%
2	DP2	Failed to Display Rear Registration Plate or Failed to Display Both Registration Plates	1.08%
1	FYE	Operation On Approach Of Emergency Vehicles	0.54%

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

2	FYY	Stop Sign	1.08%
1	INS	Operating Without Liability Insurance	0.54%
1	LBR	1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit-Local	0.54%
2	LBR	11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit-Local	1.08%
4	NL	Operating Without A License	2.15%
7	NR	Persons Required To Register	3.76%
3	OWS	Obstructing Windshields	1.61%
1	PKR	Stopping; Standing; Or Parking In Restricted Areas	0.54%
1	PL	Possession Of License Certificate	0.54%
2	PNA	Misuse Of Number Plates	1.08%
1	SIG	Signals Required	0.54%
2	SL1	1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit	1.08%
44	SL2	11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	23.66%
1	SWC	Smoking Tobacco In Vehicle with Child	0.54%
55	VNI	Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	29.57%

Total Tickets 275

Total Incidents Report

Call Type	Count of Inc.	% of Total Inc.
Agency Assist	3	1.22%
Arrest on Warrant	1	0.41%
Crash - Non-Reportable	1	0.41%
Motor Vehicle Complaint	2	0.82%
Motorist Assist	1	0.41%
Property Watch	1	0.41%
Traffic Hazard	1	0.41%
Traffic Stop	223	91.02%
VIN Verification	4	1.63%

Total: 245

PLAINFIELD REVOLVING LOAN FUND ANNUAL REPORT

The Plainfield Revolving Loan Fund PRLF was initially created in 1985 through a grant from the Vermont Community Development Program. It's initial purpose was to improve the condition of historic structures, create housing and improve the vitality of the downtown areas. These funds were to be distributed as low interest loans and paid back to the Town of Plainfield. Once paid back, Plainfield had full discretion as to how to use these funds. By 1997, many of the funds were paid back and the account had over \$70,000. The Selectboard formed a committee to oversee the distribution of these funds by way of loans.

The purposes of the PRLF will be, in no particular order of importance:

- Emergency building repairs for eligible borrowers
- Job creation, job preservation and enhancement of Plainfield
- Improve community-owned facilities
- Improve the accessibility of businesses and facilities to people with disabilities
- Promote establishment or expansion of business, including agriculture
- Promote or increase affordable and safe housing, owner-occupied or rental
- Improve appearance of Town of Plainfield
- Promote preservation of historic properties

If there are a variety of applications that arrive simultaneously, priority will be given to non-town government projects.

This program is designed to serve the interests of the Town of Plainfield. Therefore, citizens of the town, businesses, non-profit organizations, town government and community organizations are eligible.

The maximum loan is currently set at \$20,000 for all applications except for those submitted by the Town of Plainfield.

Currently there are two loans outstanding

Town of Plainfield	\$21,936.91
Jan Danziger	\$ 6,038.78
Ending account balance June 30, 2019	\$157,455.46

For further information on the Plainfield Revolving Loan Fund, you may contact the Town Clerks office.

Linda B. Wells

PLAINFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

In 2019, the Plainfield Historical Society continued to advance its mission, which is “to collect, preserve, share and create materials that establish or illustrate the history of Plainfield, Vermont.”

In November, we produced our 16th annual wall calendar as a fundraiser. The calendar is now available at the Town Clerk’s office, the Plainfield Co-op, the Cutler Library, the Country Bookshop, Plainfield Hardware, and online at our website: plainfieldvthistory.org. We wish to thank our patrons and advertisers for their support of the calendar project the last 16 years.

Despite a great deal of effort over the last few years to have needed repairs done to the Old Fire Station building I am sad to report some recent developments. We have had numerous assessments done and have been informed that due to asbestos contamination and more extensive structural decay than was realized it may be cost prohibitive to have the building repaired. The collection will be moved to the upstairs of the municipal building while we decide if the Old Fire Station can be saved.

Bob Fancher has done a great deal of work to get our website up and running. Many pictures have been added, along with a very nice early history of Plainfield penned by Susan Grimaldi.

Susan Grimaldi did a lot of good work with former PHS member Richard Petit to add new photos to our collection. Susan and Bob have been working to upload these new pictures to our website for anyone to access. Many of these new photos will make it into our calendars.

The PHS is a volunteer, not for profit association that makes the decisions and carries out the work of the organization. If you would like to learn more about the PHS, our monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Cutler Library at 7 pm.

Officers of the Historical Society for 2019 are President: Dan Gadd; Vice-President: Melinda Vieux; Treasurer/Sales Coordinator: Bev Thomas; Secretary: Dave Ferland; IT coordinator: Bob Fancher. Trustee #1- Sue Jamele; Trustee #2- Dave Strong; Trustee #3- Susan Grimaldi.

OLD HOME DAY 2019



OLD HOME DAY 2019



2019 RECREATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Plainfield Recreation Field saw some changes in 2019. One of the unfortunate changes was the loss of Chloe Budnick as a member of the recreation committee. Chloe had been a great organizer for many of our projects in the last few years. She will be missed. The most notable event at the recreation field was the roofing of the new picnic shelter. A big thanks to Dave Bailey, Jean LaCroix, and Jim Bernatchy for their expertise and time in helping roof the shelter. The shelter was also wired with timed lights and three banks of outlets. Travis Hodgkins came down with his tractor to help dig up the old grills and move them close to the new shelter. Thank-you Travis. In the spring we will be looking for volunteers to help enclose the gable ends of the shelter. This is the final stage in what has been a multi-year project involving over one hundred volunteers from our nice little community. Four new picnic tables and trash/recycling bins were purchased thanks to grant writing by Alice Merrill and Chloe Budnick. The shelter was designed by local timber framer Seth Kelly of Knob Hill Joinery.

At the skate park, Nick Hooker and Ben Youngbaer were instrumental in making needed repairs to the existing ramps and installing a new ramp. The skate park is now in good shape with some minor repairs planned for the spring of 2020. The new garbage can is being used and has helped with the litter issues at the skate park and basketball court. As always, the main issue in keeping the skate park in good working order is more volunteer labor.

The tennis court, backboard, and net are all in good shape. The cracks in the court will need some attention this spring. Additional trimming around the tennis court was done, making it less of a jungle along the edges. The lights at the court are still an unresolved issue. It should be noted that the tennis court is for tennis only.

As much as we all enjoyed the early arrival of what became a long cold winter it did prohibit us from setting up the ice rink. We will do our best to take advantage of a break in the weather to set up the rink this year. As Dave Barry said “the problem with winter sports is that they generally take place in the winter.”

The basketball court is in reasonably good shape. This spring tree branches and vines will need to be trimmed back and new lines painted to make the court more usable. New nets will also be purchased and installed in the early spring.

Some of the playground equipment is holding up reasonably well. The new swings we plan to install next summer will include a toddler bucket seat. The sandbox is still in need of an overhaul that will include finer sand to accommodate the local cat population’s wishes.

2019 RECREATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

We will continue to fund the rental of a portable toilet, which is located behind the baseball diamond.

The softball/baseball field saw some use by the local youth for pickup games. Despite efforts to keep the grass from encroaching on the infield, it has definitely won. Witch grass always wins in the end.

The Recreation Field and Russell Memorial baseball diamond see a great deal of use during the year, the vast majority of which is positive and healthy for our community. Overall, the garbage and vandalism at the recreation field has greatly decreased in the last couple of years. I would attribute this to an increase in community involvement and ownership of our shared resource. The “tragedy of the commons” has become a success of the commons. The beautiful location of the Rec Field along the Winooski River and Great Brook is a real asset to our precious little town. We look forward to continuing the tradition of maintaining a safe and clean area for community members to relax and enjoy different pastimes. The recreation field committee is always looking for new members and volunteers to help out.

Recreation Committee members: Jaime Spector, Nick Hooker, Ben Youngbaer, and Dan Gadd.

2019 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

Our goal is to keep attractive cemeteries, efficiently operated, for the benefit of all. The gravestones need cleaning, mending, and setting upright after yearly frost-heaving. In winter, the trees and shrubs need pruning. In summer, the grass needs mowing and trimming. Our commission coordinates this work by volunteer labor and contracting with professionals. We welcome anyone who wants to help! We thank previous sexton Dale Bartlett for attending meetings and sharing historical perspective.

Our greatest expense is grass mowing, currently done by Kirkyard Services. The second greatest expense is the sexton, Joe Mangan, of Kirkyard Services. The sexton is in charge of burials and the primary contact for funeral directors and families of deceased.

Plainfield cemeteries Plain-Mont and Center have openings available for “casket vault” burial. We do not currently offer natural burial sites (i.e., full body burial that allows for natural decomposition), but we are actively working to make this possible. The town of Calais is now offering green burial sites, inaugurated this year by Annie McCleary. In Montpelier the Green Mount Cemetery is now also offering natural burials. You can find a description on the Plainfield town website under Government, Cemetery Commission.

As always, we thank Plainfield Hardware for providing water to Plain-Mont.

This year we are budgeting for the removal of over a hundred sick Scots Pines at Plain-Mont.

The 2019~2020 expenses will exceed out budget because of uninsured damage to the gate at Plain- Mont that needs to be repaired.

2019 CEMETERY BUDGET REPORT

PLAINFIELD CEMETERY BUDGET

Income	2020~/2021 FY
Sale of Lots	\$3,000
Cemetery Services	\$5,400
Transfer from Investments	\$30,720
Total	\$39,120

Expenses

Cemetery Mowing	\$16,000
GMP power	\$120
Liability Insurance	\$800
Maintenance	\$7,600
Sexton Contract	\$9,000
Sexton Services	\$4,300
Supplies	\$800
Treasurer	\$500
Total	\$39,120

2018-2019 PLAINFIELD ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT FROM BOB ATCHINSON

In the past year, Jan 2019 – Jan. 2020, Plainfield Energy Coordinator Bob Atchinson and team member Ed Hutchinson:

As our Planet Earth and its population and species sinks deeper into Climate Catastrophe, it is most important that we continue our efforts, individually and collectively, to conserve and use less of the energy resources available, stop the use of all fossil fuels, and replace them with clean energy. The Plainfield Energy Team is your resource to go to – whether for weatherization consultation, renewable energy installation, prospectus of grants and incentives for your project, as well as how to make best choices for transportation and planning in this time of impending climate disaster.

- Continued monitoring solar production of the Park & Ride 9.9 kW array. This year it produced 9,575 kWh of electricity. The municipal building, which is group-net-metered to the array, used 12,517kWh, leaving a remaining cost of \$247.54. Since commissioning in September of 2015 the array has produced 49,778 gross kWh of electricity, a revenue value of approximately \$9,000. As the town moves toward net-zero energy, it is now time to add some more renewables.
- Now that the school district has left the Municipal building 2nd floor vacant, our energy team would like to complete some window and door weather-stripping efforts, as well as making a decision on what to level of weatherization is appropriate for the third floor of the building, i.e., should it be weatherized to allow for living/working, or just storage space. Infrared images suggest that much can be done to the side (knee) walls on the third floor in terms of air-sealing and insulation, which would also eliminate the need for accessory, personal fans and electric heaters at each workstation – a huge past electrical load on the grid. Any major work will be performed by Shelter Construction or another Home Performance contractor.
- Monitored contributions and usage for the EV charging station at Mill St. Park. Charging is by donation for kilowatt hours used, and the donations are used to offset some of the electrical usage on the Mill St. Park meter, including the adjacent bridge lighting. This year, donations are down, and the Mill Street Park used 3,093 kWh and the total cost for the year was \$749.30.
- We received \$220.20 in donations so the Town cost is about nearly two-thirds or the overall fee.

2018-2019 PLAINFIELD ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT FROM BOB ATCHINSON

- Check it out in person, or online at: <https://www.plugshare.com/location/79683>.
- Members of the Plainfield Energy Team attended the annual October Renewable Energy VT conference in Burlington, and the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network (VECAN) conference in December.
- Plainfield participated in the Efficiency VT-sponsored Button Up Vermont campaign again this year as a “Hero” community. We partnered with Marshfield for promotion, and presented and tabled at the RAMP Modern Wood Heating Workshop, and tabled at the Plainfield Old Home Day, Marshfield Harvest Fest, and the legislature’s Climate Solutions Caucus road show. According to Becca White 42 households and small businesses signed up for free home walk-through/energy analyses by Efficiency VT staff. Both Efficiency VT and Washington Electric Coop are rewarding weatherization completions with cash incentives! There are now 30 extra energy walk-throughs available as part of our model communities grant (RAMP) participation. A DYI program is also available this year.
- Bob continued as Plainfield representative on the Central VT Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Used the new FLIR infrared camera for diagnosing building heat losses for the Municipal Building and the Plainfield Town Hall & Opera House. Our Energy Team is available upon request to scan your building to identify heat loss, cold penetration, and high moisture areas. Please take advantage of this service!
- Attended majority of the combined meetings with the Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee. The teams co-authored and applied for two separate EV charging grants for Twinfield and Marshfield OSC. Unfortunately, neither was awarded, however, we will continue to explore the possibilities for both locations.
- After co-applying with Marshfield for a VT Council on Rural Development Climate Economy Model Communities grant in January of 2019, we were very pleased to have received the award for both communities. Under the consultant guidance of Jon Copans (part of the grant) the Energy Team is providing project advice for Twinfield U.S. - weatherization of the main building, and prospectus for a solar PV project. Please read on for the more in-depth report of the success of RAMP in our communities.

RAMP - Revitalizing All Marshfield and Plainfield: Town Meeting 2020 Update

The RAMP effort (Revitalizing All Marshfield and Plainfield: RAMP - Into the Future) is the result of a collaboration with the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD). A local team in Marshfield and Plainfield applied successfully in 2019 to participate in VCRD's Climate Economy Model Communities Program. The RAMP process kicked off in the spring of 2019 and attracted great participation to a series of meetings at Twinfield. The result of these meetings was the creation of four task forces to push selected priorities forward. Here are some quick updates from each group:

- **Energy**

The energy task force designed and implemented a wood heating campaign including support and special pricing from local wood stove dealers and promotion of existing incentives. A successful workshop featured Emma Hanson of the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. This task force also has successfully connected Efficiency Vermont with Twin Valley Senior Center, Plainfield's Town Hall and Opera House, and Twinfield School. Twinfield just announced a large energy-savings project with Efficiency Vermont covering the full \$115,000 cost, and nearly \$10,000 will be invested in weatherization of the Town Hall also with support from Efficiency Vermont. Marshfield will be exploring options for town buildings in 2020. Also on the agenda for this task force in the coming months will be promoting free home energy visits provided by Efficiency Vermont, and continuing to explore the possibility of solar for Twinfield.

- **Transportation**

The transportation task force has deployed a public information campaign to promote existing and new transit resources including the new commuter buses running down Route 14 to Barre. Marketing efforts include the publication of a new information sheet listing the various resources available in the two towns. The group is also working to bring new "Hitching Post" locations to both towns to facilitate more ridesharing. Bob is working with Green Mountain Transit to facilitate better use of equipment, and how to provide more-encompassing service.

- **Farm and Food**

The farm and food task force focused successfully over the summer on making the Friday afternoon Plainfield Farmers Market more active. They have also designed and are distributing a survey with the goal of building a comprehensive list of both farmers and food producers as well as larger scale consumers in the area.

- **Village Centers and US Route 2**

The group focused on the two village centers is working across multiple categories. In Marshfield, the community has identified needed improvements to Route 2 as it passes through the Village. The select board has supported these improvements and a description has been submitted to VTrans with the hope of being incorporated in a planned upgrade in 2022/2023. Task force members from Marshfield have also reached out to owners of under-utilized commercial properties with the hopes of providing support for new businesses. In Plainfield, much discussion has focused on plans for the blinking-light intersection. Efforts have also been made to identify and address vacant or run-down residential properties in the Village Center. Different strategies are being initiated to address these properties. The Plainfield team are also going to identify other US Route 2 improvements to advocate for as part of the major re-paving coming in 2022/2023.

- Contacts for the RAMP process are below. Please reach out if you want to get involved.
- Overall Chairs – Bob Atchinson and Rich Phillips
- Energy Committee – Nick Seifert and Diana Batzel
- Transportation – Bob Atchinson, 802-505-3996 (c), 479-4326 (h) or bobattwo@gmail.com
- Food and Farm – Kagen Dewey and Elise
- Village Centers and Rte 2 – Jamie Spector (Plainfield) and Rich Baker (Marshfield)

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Atchinson, Plainfield Energy Coordinator

2019 CVFIBER REPORT

Central Vermont Internet has a new name: CVFiber. Its mission is to get fast, dependable, affordable Internet to every person in its 17 member towns. Many places in central Vermont currently have little or no access to high speed Internet. Where there is high speed Internet, it is mostly cable companies that can provide access. Even where there are multiple Internet providers, there is no reason for these companies to provide high speed Internet. This is bad for the economy, public safety, and can even hurt property values.

This past year, CVFiber has obtained \$37,500 in funds from the state and federal government. CVFiber staff have worked with the state legislature to pass a bill (H.513) which provides support for new and existing Internet service providers like CVFiber to build infrastructure where there is none. CVFiber has also applied for another \$60,000 in grant funds. All together, these funds will allow the group to complete a study and develop a business plan to help understand where the high speed Internet infrastructure should be built first. After the study is done, CVFiber plans to obtain \$4 million in state-backed loans, which will allow the group to begin bringing high speed Internet to its member towns by 2021. Hopefully soon, all residents, businesses, and other groups in the member towns will have the option to subscribe to CVFiber. Please visit for more information.

CVFiber member towns are:

Barre City
Barre Town
Berlin
Cabot
Calais
East Montpelier
Elmore
Middlesex
Marshfield
Montpelier
Northfield
Orange
Plainfield
Roxbury
Williamstown
Woodbury
Worcester

2019 TOWN HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

This year has seen a marked increase in the need for THO activities in the town of Plainfield.

Following the state mandated duties of the THO, we responded to a number of dog bite reports in order to help ensure citizens are not unknowingly exposed to rabies (which is still fatal if not addressed appropriately and promptly!). Additionally, this year we had a high profile dog report case which involved the severe mauling of a cat and required considerable community involvement and discretion regarding how to proceed in a safe and neighborly way. Also, in congruence with the state mandated duties of the THO, at the request of both tenants and landowners we performed a number of rental housing inspection for state regulated safety compliance and other issues.

There were also a number of other issues that required THO participation. This included working closely with the water and wastewater commissioners to ensure public safety, as well as helping to educate town and villagers about the effects of their actions on public health issues including air and water quality. We also dealt with some issues regarding compliance with the 'Universal Lead Law' in order to help mitigate the exposure of villagers (especially children) to lead & lead paint which is a known neurotoxin.

Finally, the THO team has been working closely with the Select Board and interested villagers in preparation for the institution of the statewide 'Universal Recycling Law'. This law mandates the diversion of food scraps from the 'trash' waste streams. While many villagers are composting their organic wastes this has contributed to providing food sources for the local rodent population which is a common problem in all cities, towns and villages. Our goal is to help town residents comply with the 'Universal Recycling Law' without feeding the rats. We are engaging town residents to think critically and creatively in order find solutions that will neither cause undue strain on the town regarding 'enforcement' nor rely on residents to purchase independent hauling services which can be costly. If you are interested in participation in this process or have thoughts and ideas, you are as ever welcome to contact the Plainfield THO at b.slote@plainfieldus.vt.

Additionally, you may want to contact the THO if you have a concern regarding town health. These include potential public health hazards like a failed septic, inappropriately disposed of wastes, or unsanctioned burning of trash. If you are a tenant or landlord in need of assistance with pests or compliance with the state 'rental housing code' you are welcome to contact your town health officer as well. More information about the duties and responsibilities of the town health officer can be found here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment/town-health-officer>

THO: Baylen Slote

Deputy THO: Kathleen Hayes

Deputy THO, past THO, mentor: Justine Gadd

CVSWMD FY 2019 REPORT FOR PLAINFIELD



The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents to reduce and manage solid waste. Betsy Ziegler represents Plainfield on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates and providing information and resources to our member communities.

In FY19, CVSWMD provided \$11,809.33 in School Zero Waste and Organizational Waste Reduction & Reuse Program Grants, and \$6,921.94 in Green Up Day Grants. The Town of Plainfield received a Green Up Day Grant in the amount of \$400.00.

Also in FY19, CVSWMD provided \$12,661.00 in Municipal Services Program grants. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual Municipal Services Program Grant.

The District continues to provide award-winning programming, including:

- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins and kitchen compost buckets to district residents. CVSWMD also offers free workshops about backyard composting, recycling, safe non-toxic cleaning, and zero waste initiatives.
- **Events Assistance:** CVSWMD offers a bin loan program providing recycling, compost, and trash bins with signs; an event kit for events under 300 people, providing reusable dishware, flatware, linens and more to help community events reduce waste; and staff assistance to larger event organizers, including downloadable templates for zero waste events on our website. cvswmd.org/zero-waste-events.
- **School Programming:** Our School Zero Waste Program works with all 26 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries and more. In FY19, we led 2 classrooms lessons at Twinfield Union School. School Program Coordinators work with maintenance staff and teachers to help schools compost on site and mentor student groups who lead initiatives toward zero waste in their schools.
- **Special Collections:** In FY19, 8 collection events were held, in which CVSWMD collected hazardous waste, paint, batteries, e-waste, and fluorescent bulbs.
 - Two household hazardous waste collection events were held, in Barre Town and Montpelier, in spring and fall.

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- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC)**: The ARCC, at 540 N. Main St. in Barre, is open M, W, F 11:30am-5:30pm and the third Saturday of each month from 9am-1pm. **Please note that ARCC hours may change in 2020.** The ARCC is a recycling drop-off for hard-to-recycle materials. *Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.* More info at cvswmd.org/arcc.
 - In FY19, 280 visitors from Plainfield recycled at the ARCC.
- **Web Site**: CVSWMD posts useful information on what can be recycled, what can be composted, how to dispose of hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste disposal, Act 148, details of our special collections, and an A to Z Guide listing disposal options for many materials. For specific questions, call 802-229-9383.

**WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING
PLAINFIELD, VERMONT
MARCH 3, 2020**

The legal voters of the Town of Plainfield are hereby notified and warned to meet at Plainfield Town Hall Opera House, 18 High Street, on Tuesday, the third day of March 2020 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business and to vote by Australian ballot. Voting polls are open from 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Article 1 will be voted by Australian ballot:

Art.1 To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectboard, Lister, Auditor, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Town Grand Juror, Town Law Agent, Cemetery Commissioner, and School Director.

Art.2 To hear reports of Town Officers and act on same.

Art.3 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,333.00 as its share of the ninth year cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier? This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and passenger fares.

Art.4 Shall the Town voters authorize the expenditures for the following not-for-profit service agencies as recommended by the appointed Social Concerns Committee?

Central VT Adult Basic Education	\$ 400.00
Capstone (Central VT) Comm. Action	\$ 500.00
Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,300.00
Central VT Home Health Hospice	\$ 2,500.00
Family Center of Wash County	\$ 500.00
Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$ 300.00
Green Mountain Transit Agency	\$ 786.00
Our House	\$ 150.00
People's Health and Wellness	\$ 750.00
Twinfield Learning Center	\$ 400.00
Twinfield Together Mentoring	\$ 250.00
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 3,500.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 100.00
VT Family Network	\$ 100.00
Washington CTY Mental Health	\$ 600.00
Washington CTY Youth Service Bureau	\$ 500.00
Total	\$12,636.00

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- Art.5 Shall the Town voters authorize an appropriation of \$37,500 to the Cutler Memorial Library to pay for the librarian and the purchase of materials and services that the library acquires to make accessible to the community?
- Art.6 Shall the Town establish a Municipal Building Maintenance Reserve Fund for future building maintenance of the municipal building?
- Art.7 Shall the Town fund the Municipal Building Maintenance Reserve Fund with any unexpended budget funds in the Municipal Building Maintenance and Repairs budget line item?
- Art. 8 To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay for the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021?
- Art. 9 To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay for the Wastewater Department for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
- Art.10 To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay for highways, bridges, fire department, and administrative operations of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
- Art.11 Shall the Town of Plainfield authorize the Selectboard to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?
- Art.12 Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of public statutes relating to the collection of taxes by the Town Treasurer, (VSA 32 Section 4791) and vote to collect municipal taxes thirty days from mailing and not prior to August 12, 2020 and collect school taxes on November 18, 2020 and February 10, 2021, collecting half of the total school taxes on each of those dates?
- Art.13 To transact any other non-binding business that may properly come before the meeting.

Alexandra “Sasha” Thayer, Chair

Tammy Farnham

Jim Volz

Plainfield Selectboard

Dated at Plainfield, Vermont

January 27, 2020

Received for recording January 27, 2020

Attest: Linda B. Wells, Town Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS FOR TOWN MEETING BEFORE ELECTION DAY

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerk's Office by February 2, 2020. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. Sample ballots will be posted by February 22, 2020.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

There is no deadline to register to vote. Plainfield citizens can register prior to Town Meeting Day by visiting the Town Clerk's office or by going online to olvr.sec.state.vt.us.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS

You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone email, or online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us. The latest you can request ballots for Town Meeting is 12 noon at the Town Clerk's office Monday, March 2, 2020. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT

You may vote in the Town Clerk's office before the deadline.

- Voter may take his or her ballots out of the Clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Town Meeting Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Town Meeting Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Town Meeting Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

The Town frequently looks for qualified individuals to serve on the Boards or Commissions of the town. Periodically, committees are appointed by the Selectboard to work on new projects. If you would like to volunteer in some capacity, please complete this form and return to the town clerks office.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

From the following list, please circle which you may be most interested in.

Conservation Commission

DRB(Development Review Board)

Emergency Management

Energy Committee

Hazard Mitigation

Historical Society

Old Home Days Committee

Planning Commission

Recreation Committee

Revolving Loan Committee

Social Concerns Committee

Water and Wastewater Commission

What previous boards or committees have you served on:

Please bring this form to the clerk's office or mail to Town Clerk, PO Box 217, Plainfield, VT 05667.

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