

TOWN OF  
PLAINFIELD, VERMONT

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220<sup>th</sup> Annual Report

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**2017**

**Annual Report of the Town Officers  
For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017  
Please bring this report to Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

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## 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, 2016 to June 30, 2017. 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	Hours M/W/F 7:30-12:00 12:30-4:00pm
PO Box 217, Plainfield, VT 05667	Telephone-454-8461 Fax-454-8467
Town Website	<a href="http://www.plainfieldvt.us">www.plainfieldvt.us</a>
Highway Department	Mike Nolan, Road Foreman- 454-7166
Water and Wastewater Depts.	Greg Chamberlin, Chief Plant Operator- 454-7173

**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
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

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Water/Wastewater Commission

Second Monday evenings

### LOCAL ASSISTANCE CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

#### ALL EMERGENCY CALLS

#### DIAL 911

Animal Control-Karla Haas-Moskowitz	454-1273
Cutler Library: Loona Brogan, Librarian	454-8504
Constable: Kathleen Hayes	522-4108
Fire Warden: Andy Hebert	322-5016
Fire Chief: Pat Martin	839-6302
Health Officer: Justine Gadd	454-1102

#### TOWN FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

##### Recording Fees

Warranty Deed	\$ 10.00 per page
Mortgage Deed	\$ 10.00 per page
Mortgage Discharge	\$ 10.00 per discharge
Property Transfer Return	\$ 10.00 per return
Certified Vital Record	\$ 10.00 per copy

License of Civil Marriage	\$ 60.00
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##### 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
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Motor Vehicle Renewal Fee	\$ 3.00
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Water Assessment semi-annually	\$ 223.00
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Wastewater Assessment semi-annually	\$ 279.00
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## TOWN OFFICERS

### ELECTED

Moderator	Charles T. Barasch	
Town Clerk	Linda B. Wells	
Treasurer	Linda B. Wells	
Selectboard:		
Term Expires 2018	Betsy Ziegler	
Term Expires 2019	Ross Sneyd	
Term Expires 2020	Alexandra “Sasha” Thayer	
Listers:		
Term Expires 2018	Sandra Ross	
Term Expires 2019	Frederick Pope	
Term Expires 2020	Alex Forbes	
Auditors:		
Term Expires 2018	Mary Etta Chase	A
Term Expires 2018	Lorraine Cappetta	
Term Expires 2019	Vacant	
Term Expires 2020	Vacant	
Cemetery Commissioners:		
Term Expires 2018	Dave Spence	
Term Expires 2018	Ed Hutchinson, Chair	
Term Expires 2018	Paula Ackel	
Term Expires 2019	Greg Light	
Term Expires 2020	Vacant	
Term Expires 2021	Vacant	
School Directors:		
Term Expires 2018	Stephen Harris	
Term Expires 2019	Chandra Miller	
Term Expires 2020	Lauren Cleary	

## TOWN OFFICERS

Collector of Delinquent Taxes	George Cushing
Town Grand Juror	James Jamele
Town Law Agent	James Jamele
Trustee of Public Funds	Selectboard
Justices of the Peace: Term Expires 2018	Dale Bartlett Bob Barasch Patricia Boyle Steven Farnham Alice Merrill Leatrice Potter Peter Youngbaer
State Representative Term Expires 2018	Janet Ancel

## APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	Carol Smith
Cent VT Reg Planning Commis- sion	Bram Towbin
Alternate representative	Jim Volz
Transportation Advisory Member	Bob Atchinson
Central VT Solid Waste Mgmt Plainfield Representative	Laura Zeisel
Alternate	Bram Towbin
Project Advisory Committee Rep	Betsy Ziegler

Central VT State Police Advisory

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Plainfield Representative		George Cushing	
Conservation Commission			
Term Expires 2018		Mary Trerice	
Term Expires 2019		Charles Cogbill	
Term Expires 2019		Jan Waterman, Co-Chair	
Term Expires 2020		Becky Buchanan	
Term Expires 2021		Sarah Albert, Co-Chair	
Term Expires 2021		Julie Hackbarth	
Term Expires 2021		Kim Sudol	
		Vacancy	
Development Review Board			
Term Expires 2018		Janice Walrafen, Chair	
Term Expires 2019		Sarah Albert	
Term Expires 2020		Elaine Parker	
		Vacancy	
E-911 Representative		Sandra Ross	
Emergency Mgmt Director		Michael Billingsley	
Energy Coordinator		Bob Atchinson	
Fire Chief		Patrick Martin	
Assistant Fire Chiefs	First	Dennis Blair	
	Second	Andy Hebert	
	Dep Chief	Gary Graves	
EMT Captain		Greg Light	
Fire Warden-2019		Andy Hebert	
Asst Fire Warden		Dennis Blair	
First Constable		George Cushing	R



## TOWN OFFICERS

Appointed 7/1/17

Kathleen Hayes

### Hazard Mitigation Committee

Bram Towbin

George Springston

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Dan Gadd

Michael Billingsley

Theresa Bienz

Amos Meacham

Susan Grimaldi

### Health Officer-2019

Justine Gadd

### Planning Commission

Term Expires 2018

Will Colgan, Chair

Term Expires 2018

Karen Storey

Term Expires 2019

Cito Hardy

Term Expires 2019

Jean Hamilton

Vacancy

### Recreation Committee

Dan Gadd

Nicholas Hooker

Chloe Budnick

### Registrar

Linda B. Wells

### Deputy Registrars

Bruce Judd

Nicholas Whitcomb

R. Brent Whitcomb

### Revolving Loan Committee

Karl Bissex

Erica DaCosta

Dave Boynton

### Road Commissioner

Bram Towbin

Road Foreman

Mike Nolan

## TOWN OFFICERS

Highway Administrator	Vacant
Social Concerns Committee	Gail Falk Mary Niebling Sarah Albert
Tree Warden	Nicko Rubin
Water and Wastewater Commissioners	
Term Expires 2018	Tim Phillips
Term Expires 2019	Mary Lane, Chair
Term Expires 2020	Josh Pitts
Zoning Administrator 2020	Karen Storey

A-Appointed  
R-Resigned

## **APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 7, 2017.**

**Town Moderator Charlie Barasch called the meeting to order at 10:07am.**

Moderator Barasch began by reviewing Robert's Rules of Order and noting guidelines regarding voting eligibility and instructions for those wishing to speak. He announced the sale of pies to raise funds to purchase padded chairs for the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House, the Fireman's Club chili sale, coffee and donuts, and primroses for sale to benefit the Friends of the Cutler Library. He then read aloud a David Budbill poem entitled, "The Woodcutter Changes His Mind." State Representative Janet Ancel was present to speak to those in attendance. She stated that she had brought copies of Senator William Doyle's questionnaire, her Town Meeting report, and noted her new email address. Ancel provided an overview of opportunities and challenges with regard to new leadership in both Washington and the State. Before taking questions, she thanked everyone for keeping in touch with her and for giving her a few minutes to speak at today's meeting. Ancel responded to questions about the status of various bills currently under consideration in the State legislature.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells noted her appreciation for the six years that Select Board chair Bram Towbin, who is stepping down, has served the community. She presented him with a canvas bag. Select Board member Ross Sneyd gave a tribute to Towbin, thanking him for his many contributions to the Town during his tenure. Select Board member Betsy Ziegler presented Towbin with a pen and small "soapbox," noting that she knows this is not his last political venture. Towbin thanked everyone, and read aloud a tribute to Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells and Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer Carol Smith. He presented them with "Sons of Anarchy"-style vests in tribute to their "Daughters of Civility" manner in managing the Town's business.

Wells presented certificates of appreciation and boutonnieres to the following people who are stepping down after serving on various community boards: Bill Benko (Listers); Rob Bridges (Development Review Board and Emergency Management Director); Neil Hogan (Development Review Board); Jim Jamele (Water/Wastewater Commission); Kate Harper (Conservation Commission); Dave Strong (Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission); Laura Zeisel (Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District, and her oversight of donations to the Food Shelf); and Dan Towner (School Board). Wells also presented boutonnieres to volunteers who have served on boards for more than 10 years: Lorraine Cappetta (Auditor, 26 years); Mary Etta Chase (Auditor, 32 years); Sarah Albert (Conservation Commission, 20 years); Charlie Cogbill (Conservation Commission, 18 years); Julie Hackbarth (Conservation Commission, 20 years); Jan Waterman (Conservation Commission, 14 years); Becky Atchinson (Conservation Commission, 12 years); Sandy Ross (Lister, 26 years); Fred Pope (Lister, 10 years);

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Dale Bartlett (Justice of the Peace, 27 years); Pat Boyle (Justice of the Peace, 29 years); Steve Farnham (Justice of the Peace, 19 years); Alice Merrill (Justice of the Peace, 11 years); Peter Youngbaer (Justice of the Peace, 17 years); Will Colgan (Planning Commission, 27 years); Karen Storey (Planning 2 Commission, 14 years); Mary Lane (Water/Wastewater Commission, 13 years); Carol Smith (Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, 23 years); and Charlie Barasch (Town Moderator, 38 years).

### Remarks Honoring Plainfield Town Clerk's Office

*I want to go back two decades... into the last century... the last millennium. An event occurred... I'm not talking about the formation of Ebay or the birth of Kendell Jenner (ask your kids who that is). The citizens of Plainfield were blessed with the formation of a partnership with the impact not seen since a Vermonter named Henry Wells joined forces with William Fargo. Wells Fargo is a storied institution - but the quiet strength of Wells Smith finally deserves to come out from the cloak of anonymity. Carol Smith, as assistant Town Clerk, and Linda Wells' as her boss - have stealthily made their mark.*

*Selectboards are the topsoil of a town... needing an amendment every year to remain vibrant. (Note I said amendment not fertilizer). Selectpeople come and go with the season, re-forming in the Spring. Linda and Carol have seen 22 variants over the years. The Clerk's office is the granite underneath. It holds Plainfield in place. It is akin to the foundation of a building. Vital, but under-appreciated. It would be strange for someone to step outside their home after two decades and start singing it's praises of the cornerstone; "hey it's been over 20 years and I want to thank you for keeping our humble abode fixed in one spot, despite all the elements". That person would be declared insane. But I would like to indulge in the same sort of madness. It is only fair that Linda & Carol are praised for keeping us all on the mark. To paraphrase an old proverb, "We all may work from sun to sun, but Municipal Business is never done".*

*Plainfield town government rests on their shoulders. Often the only attention they receive is when something goes wrong.... a tax problem, a miscommunication about zoning, a water bill issue, a funding request miscue, a stray animal, a strange car, a broken pipe, speeders on the backroad, a vandalized Stop Sign.... You get the picture.... But now we all must put down are town reports, our dog license requests, our tax bills, our infrastructure complaints... and give praise to the people, hiding in plain site, who make Plainfield possible. Of course 'we the people' set policy. 'We the people' are the town... but Wells Smith is the conduit that makes our way of government possible. They quietly show up to work early, and do the peoples' bidding...*

*This decades-long unrecognized ritual makes Plainfield the place we all call home.*

*To illustrate their characters I call upon a few baby boomer television references. Carol is a latter day Radar O'Reilly from MASH (younger audience members - ask your parents).*

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*A constant presence keeping the swirl of papers, forms and people in order. She has a delicate way of being vigilant. I have heard one or two taxpayers over the years share their candid views about government, either over the phone or in person. It is usually on the occasion of collecting a tax. Carol thanks them for their 'input' by saying "I'll pass your thoughts on to Linda..." she pauses, and with an even gentler voice says, "I can give you the exact amount for your check". Linda is Joe Friday from Dragnet... (younger audience members should ask your grandparents) I remember the first time I met Linda. My spouse and I had purchased land and I came to vote. She dutifully asked for my name... and it wasn't on the list. I was annoyed... I pressed her. She carefully explained the rule in a VERY convincing manner - to a point where this native born New Yorker folded his tent and said, in a meek tone, something to the effect of "yes ma'am I'll make sure to fill out that form...". To this day when I go to vote, despite having worked together for over half a decade, Linda will ask my name... and if I'm not on the list... she won't let me vote... and when I hear her clear explanation, I will follow her directive.*

*This brings to mind the more current TV show "Sons of Anarchy" (once again, ask your kids) It's about an extremely crazy biker gang that has a strong code of conduct - well Linda & Carol are the mirror image, the "Daughters of Civility" - Their credo is to defend civic virtue.... The law is key. But even more important is a fair application of the rules. We are all in this together and will be treated, THE SAME. That should be the motto of the Plainfield Town Clerks' Office: No favorites. So after all this time the Selectboard would like to, in a small way, recognize that you have both been our favorites. You've earned your stripes, or should I say "patches".*

*Before I present the gifts I want everyone to know that this has not cost the taxpayer a nickel. Linda would never let the Selectboard authorize tapping the general fund for such folly. So in the spirit of putting the citizen first the Selectboard has the honor of absorbing the cost. It will probably end up being a significant percentage of our stipend :) Another note - when you put the SB chair in charge of a project.... Mistakes were made.*

*Carol's vest will be ready... soon.*

### **Wear Plainfield with pride.**

**ARTICLE 2:** Shall the Town of Plainfield bond an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to be used for the purchase of a new fire truck?

- Moderator Barasch noted that he recently learned that Australian ballot issues can be discussed at Town Meeting, but this does not include the election of officers. Plainfield Fire Chief Pat Martin asked for permission to speak as a non-resident of Plainfield. Hearing no objection from the floor, Moderator Barasch granted permission. Martin offered to provide information on what the Fire Department is requesting. He explained that this vote is not a vote on the truck itself, but merely means that the Town will bond the requested

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amount should the Australian ballot item pass. He noted that the current fire truck is 17 years old, and by the time a new truck is built and arrives, which takes about one year, it will be 18-19 years old. Steve Farnham asked if a new truck was needed. Select Board Chair Bram Towbin noted that once a front-line pumper truck reaches 15 years in age, insurance companies classify the town as having no truck at all and rates are adjusted accordingly. Martin added that as trucks age, the number of needed repairs increases. In response to Michael Billingsley's question regarding what would be done with the old truck, Martin stated that if a new truck were to be purchased, they could not keep it due to space limitations at the Fire Station, but rather sell it on the open market. He noted that used fire trucks are often purchased by used fire truck sales people or other communities that might want one as a secondary back-up truck.

**ARTICLE 3:** To hear reports of Town Officers and act on same.

- **AUDITORS CERTIFICATE:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Auditors Certificate. Mary Lane seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Auditors Certificate was accepted.
- **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** Mary Lane 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:** George Cushing 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.
- **DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Delinquent Tax Collector's Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Delinquent Tax Collector's Report was accepted.
- **LISTERS REPORT:** Mary Lane made a motion to accept the Listers Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Listers Report was accepted.
- **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Mary Lane made a motion to accept the Planning Commission Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Planning Commission Report was accepted.
- **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT:** Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Development Review Board Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. Development Review Board Chair Janice Walrafen

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stated the need for two or three new members due to the resignation of two members. She asked anyone interested to contact either her or the Select Board. Moderator Barasch noted that there is a volunteer form in the back of the Town Report for use if someone would like to volunteer for one of the boards. **The Development Review Board Report was accepted.**

- **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: George Cushing made a motion to accept the Zoning Administrator's Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** Zoning Administrator Karen Storey reminded those who wish to do something this summer to submit their permit requests. **The Zoning Administrator Report was accepted.**
- **SELECT BOARD REPORT: Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Select Board report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.**

Bram Towbin recognized the Twinfield Basketball team for its achievement as State champions. Referring to a recent article in the *Times Argus*, Towbin briefly explained the issue regarding the house on Cameron Road that is about to fall into the Great Brook. He noted that funding to purchase the house will come from outside and that the Town's involvement is both to save the municipal taxpayer money and prevent endangering the lives of first responders if it were to fall into the stream. Towbin also noted that the website is not listed correctly in the Select Board report, and that the correct address ends in "dot us" not "dot com." Janice Walrafen stated that there are a number of empty buildings on Creamery Street and asked if the Town can do anything to move the process forward in order to reduce blight. Towbin explained that the limbo-like process of foreclosure does not serve the local community and that he is working with the State legislature to try to change the rules and speed up the process. Noting that the building at 13 Creamery Street has been sold, the property at 96 Creamery remains unsold and that he will continue to work to improve the process. Rick Pope asked a question regarding the difference in cost for hot mix. Moderator Barasch responded that the question would be considered during discussion of the budget. **The Select Board Report was accepted.**

- **PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL OPERA HOUSE REPORT: George Cushing made a motion to accept the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** Noting that the event coordinators' contract is expiring, Brenda Lindemann asked if there was a plan for marketing events once they are gone. Dave Strong explained that Event Coordinators Sarah Lowry and Jade Walker initially were hired to get the Town Hall Opera House back on its feet after being closed for years and to develop systems

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to manage it efficiently. The formation of the Friends of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House and existence of a new website will make the management of the space less labor intensive. Strong thanked those who donated money to purchase a concert-quality grand piano and noted that a fund drive will begin this spring to build an addition on the back of the building, which is needed if they continue to grow the Opera House as a performance space. Chloe Budnick expressed her appreciation for the diversity of events held there. Steve Farnham noted that the venue is not only for public events, but also can be used for private events. **The Plainfield Town Hall Opera House Report was accepted.**

- **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Social Concerns Committee Report. Mary Lane seconded the motion. Andy Robinson thanked the Social Concerns Committee for its work to filter the applications. **The Social Concerns Committee 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.**
- **CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT:** Mary Lane made a motion to accept the Conservation Commission Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.

Conservation Commission member Jan Waterman noted that brochures were available for the current plant sale. She stated that it is not necessary to be a member of the Conservation Commission to participate in its efforts and mentioned the need for help with media and posting information about Conservation Commission activities to the Town website. Waterman announced that Green Up Day is coming, which the Conservation Commission helps to organize, stating that people should not put out their old tires for pick up. She noted that next to the copy of the Plainfield Ecological Inventory on the Conservation Commission's table were slips of paper showing where copies of it can be found online. **The Conservation Commission Report was accepted.**

- **HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE REPORT:** Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Hazard Mitigation Committee Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. Hazard Mitigation Committee member Michael Billingsley spoke for Committee Chair Dan Gadd, who was not present. He asked for continued public input and noted the Committee's work in studying the behavior of the Great Brook, its impact on the Brook Road bridge, and



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hazards presented by woody debris in the stream bed. Billingsley thanked former committee members Charlie Cogbill and Scottie Harrison for their years of service. Discussion followed regarding the expected time frame for replacement of the Brook Street bridge and concern about sediment formation areas in the stream bed. Bob Atchinson, who serves on the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, noted that in the Washington County area, the priority for concern of the two bridges on the Great Brook in Plainfield was number four out of ten for the Brook Road bridge and number seven out of ten for the other. **The Hazard Mitigation Committee Report was accepted.**

- **FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT: Steve Farnham made a motion to accept the Fire and Rescue Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** Alice Merrill asked about the plan for the pipes that go into the Winooski River from the Mill Street Park. Fire Chief Pat Martin stated that they are not in use due to freezing and cracking resulting from being incorrectly reinstalled. While grant money is currently not available to fix them, hopes are to replace them in the future further downstream. **The Fire and Rescue Report was accepted.**
- **E911 REPORT: George Cushing made a motion to accept the E911 Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The E911 Report was accepted.**
- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR REPORT: Mary Lane made a motion to accept the Emergency Management Director Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** Emergency Management Director Michael Billingsley stated that he had taken Rob Bridges' place and thanked Bridges for his work and the training he had given Billingsley over the past year. He urged people to take a brochure about dealing with emergency situations and offered to consult individually with anyone with concerns about their specific household. **The Emergency Management Director Report was accepted.**
- **RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: George Cushing made a motion to accept the Recreation Committee Report. Bob Atchinson seconded the motion.** Lisa Ryan asked if there was a plan to replace the picnic structure at the Recreation Field. Dave Strong stated that a grant that was applied for was not funded due to the Town not having the required matching funds, but they hope to reapply this year. He noted that the new structure would be built farther away from the river and include a concrete floor as well as a few other amenities. **The Recreation Committee Report was accepted.**
- **CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT: Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Cemetery Commission Report. Michele Clark seconded the**

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**motion.** There was no discussion. **The Cemetery Commission Report was accepted.**

- **ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT:** Mary Lane made a motion to accept the Energy Coordinator Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. Energy Coordinator Bob Atchinson reported that the solar array at the Park and Ride has produced 12,450 kilowatt hours of electricity in the year and four months since it was put into service in 2015. He stated that two panels in the array had been stolen, which slowed down the output. The municipal building will be audited for its electrical load.

Atchinson noted that people are being honest with the honor system in use at the electric vehicle (EV) charging station at the Mill Street park. Select Board Chair Bram Towbin addressed the concern of some people in the Town regarding the money spent to install the EV charging station, noting that only grant funding and volunteer effort had been used for it, that the electricity usage is being made up in donations by people using the station, and that Plainfield is now on electronic maps as having an EV charging station. Bob Barasch asked about the possibility of installing a surveillance camera by the solar array. Atchinson responded that he was open to suggestions on it. He noted that the 324 hours of electricity at the EV charging station is equivalent to 1,500 miles of fossil-fuel driving. He urged everyone to educate themselves about global warming and climate change, and have the topic foremost in everyone's minds and actions in terms of using less energy. He noted a new online resource, the Community Energy Dashboard, and other available literature. **The Energy Coordinator Report was accepted.**

- Sasha Thayer noted the immense amount of volunteer effort and great municipal employees that make Plainfield a great place. • Steve Farnham asked if the Town Officers' reports were available online, to which Linda Wells responded the Town Report should be on the Town website.

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town establish a Personal Protection Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase equipment and gear for our volunteer firefighters?

- **John Monahan made a motion to approve Article 4. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** Plainfield Fire Chief Pat Martin explained that Article 4 was to create a fund and Article 5 was to put money into that fund.

He noted that the money being proposed to put into the fund was not new money, but rather from defunded line items in the previous budget as well as other monies that were in the Fire Department budget in the past. The rationale is that some of the equipment that they hope to replace is so expensive that it cannot be purchased within one budget year. If they are able to build up

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the fund, the equipment can be bought as a whole. He noted that some of the live-saving equipment they would like to replace is close to 20 years old. Jan Waterman expressed her support for Fire Department personnel that put themselves in harm's way to protect the community and urged others to support the motion. **The motion to accept Article 4 was approved.**

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Town appropriate \$12,500 annually to the Personal Protection Equipment Reserve Fund?

- **Steve Farnham made a motion to approve Article 5. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.**

Peter Youngbaer asked if the wording of the motion binds the Town to contributing annually or would it have to be voted on every year. Select Board Chair Bram Towbin stated that it would become an automatic allocation every year. Towbin noted certification requirements that depend upon having the proper equipment, thus the need to furnish the fund with monies due to the rising cost of this equipment. Charlie Cogbill raised a point of order to Moderator Barasch as to whether the town can vote on this article with this wording requesting funding in future years. Moderator Barasch stated that he believed they could commit to annual allocations. Pat Boyle stated her view that if they vote to allocate it annually, then it is taken off the table and becomes a line item in next year's budget.

Discussion continued on the annual nature of the allocation, and **Select Board member Ross Sneyd made a motion to amend the article by deleting the word "annually" so as to determine each year what amount should go into the fund. George Cushing seconded the motion.** Discussion followed with several people opposing the amendment. Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells clarified that this is a reserve fund that is being proposed, which would be funded every year similar to how reserve funds for other entities such as the Conservation Commission and Highway Department are funded with monies to be used only for that purpose. If it were to be a budget line item that is funded every year, monies not used in one year would go back into the general fund. **Bram Towbin moved to call the question. There was no second to the motion.**

Discussion continued on the amendment, both in support and against deleting the word "annually." Ross Sneyd reiterated that deleting the word "annually" would merely allow for varying appropriation amounts as recommended by the needs of the Fire Department rather than fixing the amount at \$12,500 each year. Fire Chief Pat Martin voiced his support for the amendment. **Tim Phillips moved to call the question and stop debate on the amendment.**

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**Scott Stewart seconded the motion. The motion to call the question and stop debate on the amendment was approved.** Moderator Barasch called for a vote on the amendment to drop the word “annually.” **The amendment to drop the word “annually” was approved.** Moderator Barasch said that debate on the amended motion would now continue, but as there was no further discussion he called for a vote on Article 5 as amended.

**The motion to accept Article 5 as amended was approved.** Moderator Barasch congratulated the Town of Plainfield for reaching the conclusion that everyone wanted without any acrimony.

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,333.00 as its share of the eighth 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 rider fares.

- **John Monahan made a motion to accept Article 6. Mary Lane seconded the motion.**

Brenda Lindemann asked if it was correct to assume that the service means round-trip. Tim Phillips noted that he rides the commuter bus four or five days a week and can assure it is round trip. He added that the service goes out beyond Plainfield to as far as Saint Johnsbury. **The motion to accept Article 6 was approved.**

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town voters authorize the expenditures for the following not-for-profit service agencies as recommended by the appointed Social Concerns Committee?

American Red Cross	\$ 100.00
Central VT Adult Basic Education	\$ 400.00
Capstone (Central VT) Comm. Action	\$ 500.00
Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,500.00
Central VT Home Health Hospice	\$ 2,500.00
Family Center of Wash County	\$ 475.00
Friends of the Winooski River	\$ 300.00
Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$ 300.00
Green Mountain Transit Agency	\$ 786.00
Home Share Now	\$ 350.00
Onion River Foodshelf	\$ 1,000.00
People’s Health and Wellness	\$ 650.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 50.00
Twinfield Learning Center	\$ 400.00

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Twinfield Together Mentoring	\$ 250.00
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 2,200.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 225.00
Washington CTY Court Diversion	\$ 250.00
Washington CTY Mental Health	\$ 500.00
Washington CTY Youth Service Bureau	\$ 325.00
Total	\$13,061.00

- **John Monahan made a motion to approve Article 7. Mary Lane seconded the motion.**

George Cushing stated that Central Vermont Home Health Hospice, with a proposed \$2,500 donation, is not a non-profit, whereas the Twin Valley Senior Center, which serves hundreds of people in the community, including the Meals on Wheels program, has an appropriation of \$2,200. Cushing voiced that he thought this was unfair. Select Board Chair Bram Towbin noted that one of the criteria used by the Social Concerns Committee is the amount of people that are served in the community. Towbin has suggested that the means of the organization itself be considered. Bob Barasch noted that Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice is a non-profit with a large endowment; however, with its tremendous annual budget, if it did not receive outside funding the endowment would disappear quickly. He added that the organization is devoted to serving people and not making money. Towbin clarified that he was merely suggesting additional criteria be used so that a higher level of support is given to struggling local organizations than to those that benefit from large endowments. Discussion followed regarding looking also at salary levels within organizations. **Brenda Lindemann moved to amend the amount appropriated to Washington County Mental Health from \$500 to its original requested amount of \$1,500. Nicola Morris seconded the motion.** Towbin expressed his support for the hard work of the Social Concerns Committee in reviewing applications and recommending funding levels, and noted that he is against the amendment. Mary Niebling from the Social Concerns Committee noted that it has refined its processes over the years in response to community feedback. Washington County Mental Health was a new organization seeking funding this year, and it was decided to fund them at a lower level than what was requested until a track record with them was established. **Amy Lester made a motion to call the question and stop debate on the amendment. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. The motion to stop debate on the amendment was approved.** Moderator Barasch called for a vote on the amendment to change the amount appropriated for Washington County Mental Health from \$500 to \$1,500. **The motion to amend Article**

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**7 was defeated.** Moderator Barasch said debate would now continue on the original motion, but as there was no further discussion he called for a vote on Article 7 as written. **The motion to accept Article 7 was approved.**

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town voters authorize an appropriation of \$37,500 to the Cutler Memorial Library to pay for the librarian and the purchase of books and materials to support the mission of the library?

- **Tim Phillips made a motion to accept Article 8. Michele Clark seconded the motion.**

Cutler Memorial Librarian Loona Brogan thanked the Friends of the Library for their fundraising efforts and believing in the cause and importance of libraries, noting that the group is inviting new members to help support the library. She asked the community for input regarding any specific books that individuals would like to see at the library. Brogan read her original poem, "What Is It We're After." **Bram Towbin moved to amend the appropriation to the library from \$37,500 to \$36,000**, explaining that his concern was one of process and that at no time during lengthy discussions between the Select Board and library personnel did the library mention the \$1,500 increase in its appropriation request. **Brenda Lindemann seconded the motion.** Discussion ensued regarding what the increased appropriation request would fund, involving the Select Board in the library's annual budget discussions in the future, why the library appropriation is not included in the Social Concerns Committee's considerations, opinions for and against the amendment, and the reason for unused library funds in previous budgets. **Deb Stoleroff made a motion to stop debate on the amendment. Mary Lane seconded the motion. The motion to stop debate on the amendment was approved.** Moderator Barasch called for a vote on the amendment. **The motion to amend Article 8 was defeated. Michele Clark made a motion to call the question and stop debate on the original motion on Article 8. Mary Lane seconded the motion. The motion to call the question and stop debate on Article 8 was approved.** Moderator Barasch called for a vote on the original motion on Article 8 as written. **The motion to accept Article 8 was approved.**

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town of Plainfield appropriate the sum of \$1,243.00 (one dollar per resident) to the Cross Vermont Trail Association, a Vermont nonprofit organization, to help pay for a 200 foot long pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the Winooski River in the Town of East Montpelier to complete a vital link in the statewide Cross Vermont Trail, and thereby helping to secure matching funds from the City of Montpelier and other local towns?

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- **Dave Strong made a motion to approve Article 9. Bob Atchinson seconded the motion.** Rose Paul, member of the Cross Vermont Trail Association, explained that the idea of requesting funding from the Town of Plainfield arose from a challenge match from the City of Montpelier to make it fair by asking surrounding towns to also contribute one dollar per resident for the bridge project that will serve multiple towns. Paul detailed the project specifics, why the bridge was needed, and the amounts being requested from surrounding towns. **The motion to accept Article 9 was approved.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay for Water and Wastewater Departments for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

- The article was presented in two separate motions: one for Water and one for Wastewater.
- **Water and Wastewater Commissioner Jim Jamele made a motion to expend \$191,187 for the operation of the Town of Plainfield's Water system to be paid for by the users of the system for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.**

George Cushing asked why residents outside the Village who do not use or pay for the system have a right to vote.

Jamele explained that the users of the water system pay for its use similar to those who are not on the system pay for their wells, but that the Town is ultimately responsible for the system. Mary Lane added that the Town also uses the water system. Energy Coordinator Bob Atchinson suggested a fairer process by charging users by the gallon via calibrating the water meters rather than charging a flat rate, and offered water-saving recommendations to anyone feeling pinched by any higher usage costs. **The motion to expend \$191,187 for the operation of the Town of Plainfield's Water system was approved.**

- **Jamele made a motion to expend \$264,565 for the operation of the Town of Plainfield's Wastewater system to be paid for by the users of the system for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion to expend \$264,565 for the operation of the Town of Plainfield's Wastewater system was approved.**
- Water and Wastewater Chairperson Mary Lane presented outgoing Water and Wastewater Commissioner James Jamele with a plaque of appreciation for his nine years of dedicated service.

**ARTICLE 11:** 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, 2017 to June 30, 2018.



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- **Dave Strong made a motion to accept the figure of \$926,067.71 to pay for highways, bridges, fire department, and administrative operations of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 for Article 11. John Monahan seconded the motion.**

Responding to a question raised earlier in the meeting, Select Board Chair Bram Towbin explained the reason for the increased cost for hot mix in the Highway Department's budget. Michael Billingsley commended the work of the Highway Department in repairing roads after flood events. Steve Pappas asked where cuts had been made to the budget as indicated previously by Select Board member Ross Sneyd. Select Board members cited decreased funding for the Town website, Emergency Preparedness, Old Home Days, and creative budgeting for medical insurance, adding up to approximately \$2,000. Dave Strong commended the good work in formulating a budget this year that came in \$1,500 less than last year with no cuts to essential services. **The motion to accept the figure of \$926,067.71 for Article 11 was approved.**

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town of Plainfield authorize the Select Board to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

- **John Monahan made a motion to accept Article 12. Peter Youngbaer seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion to accept Article 12 was approved.**

**ARTICLE 13:** 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 1, 2017 and collect school taxes on November 8, 2017 and February 14, 2018, collecting half of the total school taxes on each of those dates?

- **John Monahan made a motion to accept Article 13. Michele Clark seconded the motion.**

In response to a question regarding the dates in the article, Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells explained taxes are not collected each year on the same dates due to calendar changes, but rather on the second Wednesdays of the months they are due. Bob Atchinson suggested making the due dates the same each year to make it easier to remember. **The motion to accept Article 13 was approved.**

Select Board member Betsy Ziegler referred those in attendance to two large maps on the wall: one showing the site of the new pathway that will start across Route 2 from the Town Hall Opera House and go across the new Pedestrian Bridge, scheduled for construction this year, to the Mill Street park. The other



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map is an aerial photograph showing where the proposed new sidewalk might go in the Lower Village. She noted that the sidewalk design is merely a plan and creates the basis for the next step if the project moves forward. Ziegler also stated that this year there was childcare available at Town Meeting, which she hopes will continue next year for people with children who want to attend. She thanked Bruno John and Kelyn Farnham for volunteering for child care this year.

**ARTICLE 14:** To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

### **Will the Voters of Plainfield, Vermont pass the following resolution:**

**Whereas** nearly 60 million people worldwide are displaced by violence, political strife, or natural disaster and forced to become refugees; and **Whereas** millions of additional people worldwide are driven to seek out immigration opportunities for better lives and well being for their families; and **Whereas** the Town of Plainfield recognizes that the federal government and federal agencies have no legal authority to require local enforcement of immigration policy; and **Whereas** Plainfield has no formal existing agreements to enforce immigration policy; and **Whereas** the Town of Plainfield does not inquire about a resident's immigration status in providing municipal services or in the course of law enforcement; and **Whereas** federal funding may not be withheld based on a municipality's willingness to enter into agreements regarding the enforcement of immigration policy.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** by the Plainfield, Vermont select board the following:

The Town of Plainfield formally announces its intention to be a designated sanctuary town; and As a sanctuary town, the Town of Plainfield, Vermont will have policies that direct employees to refuse the application of any request from a state or federal agency that requires the identification of a resident's immigration status; and

The Town of Plainfield, Vermont shall refuse any request to be an extension of any federal immigration policy enforcement actions and shall not enter into any agreement to carry out such enforcement; and The Town of Plainfield, Vermont calls on Vermont's congressional representatives in the U.S. House and Senate to work vigorously for just immigration reform that protects the most vulnerable residents in our nation.

- **Andrew Robinson made a motion to accept the resolution. Nicola Morris seconded the motion.**

Andrew Robinson presented background on how the issue came to be in front

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of those in attendance at Town Meeting and where municipalities stand legally in terms of declaring sanctuary status. He stated that town employees cannot be prohibited from voluntarily sharing immigration information, but a town can prohibit them from collecting immigration information. Robinson also noted the illegality of the federal government retaliating by cutting off funding to municipalities that declare sanctuary status, which is a concern of many. Noting the State's policy of Fair and Impartial Policing that prohibits racial profiling, Robinson stated that if that policy were to be fully implemented, a lot of what is being discussed today would be resolved. He concluded by saying that because the Select Board had opted to put the issue under other business, the gesture is nonbinding and purely symbolic. Discussion followed both for against the measure. Meg Davis asked what a non-binding resolution actually means in terms of actions by Town employees and how to make it binding. Aldo Gray asked if this non-binding vote, if passed, could open the door to stronger action. Select Board Chair Bram Towbin explained the rationale for the Select Board's decision to place the issue under non-binding business, noting the potential implications for federally funded projects and school funding if the measure were to be a binding vote. Select Board member Ross Sneyd explained that when the decision was made by the Select Board to make the measure nonbinding, neither the State legislature nor the Governor had yet acted and the idea was to give the issue some time to play out. Towbin and Moderator Barasch reviewed the process of holding a special Town Meeting as a means to petition for a binding vote. Michael Billingsley related his experience of intimidation from federal border officers as an immigrant from Canada. Liz Perreault noted the potentially detrimental consequences of declaring sanctuary status, especially as a purely symbolic gesture that would not make any difference, and her fears regarding publicly speaking one's mind when opposing this and other issues because of a difference in opinion. Dana Woodruff detailed the dilemma of migrant workers who cannot get year-round documentation. Michael Carriveau spoke about the danger posed by non-vetted immigrants, the fact that non-documented workers do not pay taxes, and that we cannot pick and choose what laws to follow. Sandra Ross stated that the measure should be passed because it is morally right. Nicola Morris recalled her fears as a non-citizen living in the United States between visas and noted that she in fact had paid taxes at the time. Sasha Thayer questioned if the Sheriff's Department, which the Town pays to patrol it, practices Fair and Impartial policing. She noted the general prohibition of warrantless search and seizure in the US Constitution, and recalled the historical consequences of imposing an official registry. Aldo Gray asked if the vote could be taken by paper ballot. Moderator Barasch responded that it could if seven people request it, adding

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that it could be considered when the time comes for voting. Amy Lester stated that she just learned that George Cushing is stepping down as Town Constable and, if this resolution passes, she hopes that when the Select Board appoints his replacement, educating that person on what actions are acceptable is part of the conversation.

Select Board Chair Bram Towbin publicly thanked Cushing for his service and stated that there is currently a candidate for his replacement. Towbin noted that the Select Board is considering expanding the duties of the Constable. Brenda Lindemann raised the issue of the new Constable possibly carrying a gun. Moderator Barasch requested that that issue be addressed after the sanctuary discussion. Stating his opposition to the scapegoating of migrant workers, Eric Gillard noted that migrant workers pay both sales taxes and into Social Security, the latter of which they will not reap the benefits from, and that banks, corporations, and the one percent are who are truly responsible for siphoning off resources. **Aldo Gray made a motion to call the question and stop debate. Liz Perreault seconded the motion. The motion to stop debate was defeated: 45 no to 24 yes.** Following the vote, **Andrew Robinson made a motion to amend the resolution in the second paragraph following “Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved” to read: “As a sanctuary town, the Town of Plainfield, Vermont will have policies that *encourage* employees to refuse the application of any request from a state or federal agency that requires the identification of a resident’s immigration status;” which changed the word “direct” to “encourage.” Betsy Ziegler seconded the motion.**

Sasha Thayer noted the validity of employers being allowed to direct employees, and stated her opposition to the amendment. Bob Barasch stated that the word “direct” violates the First Amendment. Michael Billingsley supported Thayer’s point, noting that an employee can be directed to do something by an employer under a contractual obligation and that it is not a First Amendment issue. Meg Davis also agreed that it was not a First Amendment issue, citing that as part of her job as a nurse, her employer rightly directs her not to talk about her patients. **Lucinda Garthwaite made a motion to call the question and stop debate on the amendment. Nicola Morris seconded the motion. The motion to stop debate on the amendment was approved.** Moderator Barasch called for a vote on the amendment. **The amendment to change the word “direct” to “encourage” was defeated.** Moderator Barasch noted that discussion was back to the original motion. **Eric Gillard made a motion to amend the original motion to insert before the final paragraph the following sentence: “The Town of Plainfield shall uphold the entirety of the State’s Fair and Impartial policing policy.” Janice Walrafen seconded**

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**the motion. Nicko Rubin made a motion to stop debate on the amendment. Nicola Morris seconded the motion. The motion to stop debate was approved.** Moderator Barasch called for a standing vote from the floor. **The amendment was approved: 57 in favor to 6 opposed.** Moderator Barasch noted that discussion was back to the main amended motion. **Bob Barasch made a motion to call the question and stop debate on the motion. Meg Davis seconded the motion. The motion to stop debate on the motion as amended was approved.** Moderator Barasch called for a vote on the motion as amended. Seeing that at least seven people were requesting to vote by paper ballot, Moderator Barasch read aloud the amended resolution prior to the paper ballot vote on the amended motion:

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any agreement to carry out such enforcement;

***The Town of Plainfield shall uphold the entirety of the State's Fair and Impartial policing policy; and***

The Town of Plainfield, Vermont calls on Vermont's congressional representatives in the U.S. House and Senate to work vigorously for just immigration reform that protects the most vulnerable residents in our nation.

- Moderator Barasch and Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells provided instructions, and the process of casting the paper ballots began. At the conclusion of the paper ballot vote, Moderator Barasch called the meeting back to order and announced the result of the vote: 67 in favor and 13 opposed, with a total of 80 ballots cast, which matched the total number of people who signed in on the checklist. **The motion was approved.**

Moderator Barasch asked if there was any other business. Steve Farnham asked for an update on the Route 2/Main Street intersection. Select Board Chair Bram Towbin stated that the project is on the radar of VTRANS with an estimated time of six years out. Towbin noted some minor snags in the Pedestrian Bridge project, but once that project gets going, hopefully the intersection project will happen.

**At 3:00pm, Bob Atchinson made a motion to adjourn Town Meeting. Janice Walrafen seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved.**

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Wyckoff

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town meeting is on March 6, 2018 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.

### 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 44 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>**

**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.

### Homestead Declarations

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

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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 206 dogs registered in 2017, this number is down due to the number of unregistered dogs. **Registering your dog is a VERMONT STATE LAW. For everyone's protection, including your dog, stop in and register your dog before APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017.**

We have requested residents to register their dogs through mailings 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.

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

Our Animal Control Officer, Karla Haas-Moskowitz, has moved and is willing to stay on for animal control issues temporarily. We are looking for someone to serve as Animal Control Officer to respond to animal calls and enforce any ordinance violations including non-registration of your dogs. Please contact us if you are interested in this town position.

### **Rabies Clinics**

Hardwick Veterinary Clinic will have walk in rabies vaccinations from 8:30-10:30am every Saturday during the month of March for a \$15 fee.

### **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



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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](mailto:PACE@efficiencyvermont.com) or 1-888-921-5990.

**Call2Recycle.** This program is to promote environmental sustainability by providing free battery and cell phone recycling in North America. If you have any to recycle, just bring them to the clerks office and we can recycle for you.

### **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.

**Food Drive** to benefit the Onion River Foodshelf will be done again this year. We have a box at the clerk's office for you to drop off non-perishable items before town meeting or bring a non-perishable item when you come to town meeting. Be sure to thank Laura Zeisel for her work to make this possible.

For your convenience, we have a drop box located on the front wall of the building along the ramp. It is very secure for any documents or payments you need to drop off when we are closed to the public.

I want to express many thanks to Carol who does a great job keeping the busy front office humming along!

## **Town of Plainfield Vacancies**

**Animal Control** responds to animal complaints and follows up on unregistered dogs in the community.

**Health Officer** responds to conditions that may be a public health hazard and conducts an investigation.

**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.



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

**Recreation Committee** – Volunteers are needed to help organize and support various children, family, and organized sports and recreational activities held at the Recreation Field and in the village.

**Social Concerns Committee** – meet annually to review social concern agency requests for funding and make recommendations to the Selectboard to be considered for funding by the town at town meeting.

**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/Treasurer

# PLAINFIELD TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

## JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

<b>Cash on Hand</b>	Town	665,947.25
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### REVENUE

Current Taxes Town	808,962.14	
Current Taxes School	1,358,848.00	
Interim School Tax and Interest	64,999.73	
Delinquent Taxes	129,596.88	
Delinquent Tax Interest	6,507.96	
Delinquent Tax Penalty	10,368.85	
State Aid to Highway	94,327.30	
Highway Grants/Misc Income	91,542.04	
Zoning Permits	2,060.00	
Conservation Commission Tree	729.81	
Sale/Grants		
CU Terminants and Harmless	70,720.00	
Dog Licenses	975.00	
Liquor Licenses	70.00	
Marriage Licenses	40.00	
Recording and Fees	8,435.20	
Vault/Computerization Funds	4,042.00	
Judicial Income	2,149.53	
Interest Income	834.49	
Municipal Building Rent	16,200.00	
Fire/Rescue Grants/Misc Income	5,501.01	
Grants	266,179.27	
Green Up Grant	303.33	
Town Hall Donations/Rental	6,979.85	
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,652.12	
Recreation Dept Income	480.00	
Solar Charge Station	48.51	
Tax Sale Income	188.29	
Cemetery Income	34,460.00	
Subtotal	2,991,201.31	2,991,201.31

<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>3,657,148.56</b>
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**PLAINFIELD TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT  
JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017**

**Expenses**

Selectboard	568,510.32
Fire Dept	89,323.28
Highway	624,500.50
Social Concerns	57,419.00
Twinfield Union School	1,534,134.35
Cemetery	34,231.78
Total Town Expenses	2,908,119.23

<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	3,657,148.56
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	(2,908,119.23)
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<b>ON HAND JUNE 30, 2017</b>	749,029.33
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RESERVED FUNDS	647,196.81
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UNRESERVED FUNDS	101,832.52
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**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**  
**JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017**

<b>Municipal tax</b>		
1,160,328.00	X .6949	806,311.84
1,160,328.00	X .0031	3,597.10
<b>Education tax</b>		
752,469.00	X 1.6942	1,274,832.98
408,056.00	X 1.5817	645,422.17
Total taxes billed FY 2016		2,730,164.09
After state adjustments		2,727,807.51
<b>Collection of Taxes</b>		
Municipal Tax		799,969.68
Education Tax		1,422,946.33
Subtotal		2,222,916.01
Education State credits		382,478.60
Municipal State credits		40,165.29
Total credits		422,643.89
Total Collection		2,645,559.90
<b>Total Collected</b>		2,645,559.90
Amount to Coll of Delinquent Taxes		125,443.11
Subtotal		2,771,003.01
Final reconciliation credit from school		(46,576.66)
Total collected		2,724,426.35
Total due after amendments		(2,727,807.51)
Balance		(3,381.16)
Town .225% retained		225.00
Penalties collected		3,460.05
Errors and omissions		303.89

**SIMPLIFIED  
STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES  
DELINQUENT TOWN TAXES  
JULY 1 2016 - JUNE 30 2017**

Balances Owed As of 6/30/17:

2014 =	\$	1045.52
2015 =	\$	850.28
2016 =	\$	25,802.68
Balance =	\$	27,698.48

Total Collected:	\$ 129,596.88
Abated & Adjusted:	\$ 1376.38
Total Interest:	\$ 6,507.96
Total Collector's Fees:	\$ 10,368.85
Total Legal & Coll. Costs	\$ 2309.84
TOTAL :	\$ 150,159.91

**INTERIM REPORT  
REAL ESTATE  
Without Current Year (2017)**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>PROPERTY</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL DUE</u></b>
Gray, Robert	010-0023	2016	67.12
Hart, Mark	003-0345	2014 & 2016	1207.33
Hutteman, Arthur	005-0193	2016	726.60
King, James	033-0786	2016	695.06
McCullough, Kim	038-1701	2016	998.64
McMillan, Barbara [EST]	041-0390	2016	2054.32
Peduzzi, Lisa	033-0300	2016	3182.37
Silveria, Anthony & Allison	033-0647	2015 & 2016	1568.81
Winthrop, Elias	002-2366	2016	1248.62
<b>TOTAL (INCLUDES INTEREST &amp; PENALTY)</b>			<b>\$11,748.87</b>

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 12/31/2017.

**SAVE MONEY-PAY YOUR TAXES PROMPTLY!!**

# TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET

## JULY 1 2016 - JUNE 30 2017

### ASSETS:

Reserved Funds	647,196.81		
Unreserved Funds	101,832.52		
Total Current Assets		\$-	\$749,029.33

### FIXED ASSETS:

	Solar Array	HWY Equipment	Municipal Building	
Purchased prior years		959,333.95	149,900.00	1,109,233.95
Purchased this year		<u>2,380.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,380.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets	30,000.00	961,713.95	149,900.00	1,141,613.95
Accumulated depreciation	(6,000.00)	(754,312.75)	(59,960.04)	(820,272.79)
Current year depreciation	(6,000.00)	<u>(37,228.70)</u>	<u>(4,996.67)</u>	<u>(48,225.37)</u>
Total Net Equipment Assets	18,000.00	170,172.50	84,943.29	273,115.79

Grand Total Assets \$1,022,145.12

### CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable		10,631.77	
Notes Payable			
HWY \$25,380.00 Backhoe Loan			
Payment due 6/30/18		12,690.00	
SB \$31,485.41 Revolving Loan-Town Hall			
Payment due 6/30/18		4,800.00	
SB \$26,390.38 Solar Array Loan			
Payment due 6/30/18		3,000.00	
Total Current Liabilities			31,121.77

### LONG TERM LIABILITIES:

Notes Payable			
HWY Backhoe Loan-2019		12,690.00	
12,690.00 annual payment			
SB Revolving Loan-2024		27,496.43	
4,800.00 estimated annual payment			
SB Solar Array Loan-2025		23,390.38	
3,000.00 annual payment			
Total Long Term Liabilities			63,576.81
			94,698.58

Fund Balance 6/30/16	\$859,813.82
Interim cash flow	67,632.72

Fund Balance 6/30/17	927,446.54
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$1,022,145.12</u></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 2016 - JUNE 30 2017

### ASSETS

#### Reserved Funds

Computerization Fund	18,569.88
Conservation Commission Tree Fund	7,946.76
Conservation Fund	16,957.01
Current Use Funds/Training Funds	121,141.73
FD Equipment Fund/Health Grant	144,303.19
FD Building Improvements	33,811.80
Fuel Assistance Fund	4,198.53
Highway Dept Equip Fund	73,443.69
Municipal Buildings Fund	7,161.08
Municipal Building Rental Fund	65,478.25
Paving Fund	26,289.21
Recreation Equipment Fund	980.05
Town Hall Fund	4,713.49
Vault Preservation Fees	16,497.57
Willard Perry Fund	1,866.16
Arch Batchelder fund	72,678.92
Mitigation Reserve CD	17,635.59
Cemetery	778.37
HRA	4,870.19
Tax Sale Escrow	188.29
Town Forest CD	5,882.47
2% to Municipal Building reserve	1,804.58
<b>Total Reserved funds</b>	<b>647,196.81</b>
<b>Unreserved funds</b>	<b>101,832.52</b>
 <b>Total on hand June 30, 2017</b>	 <b>749,029.33</b>



## 2017 LISTERS REPORT

There were a couple of new houses this year and some additions as well as decks and outbuildings that added to our total grand list. There also was one property taken off the grand list, as the building was removed to prevent it from falling into the Great Brook and the land was transferred to the town.

We do not yet know what the impact on property taxes will be with the requirements for school districts imposed by the Legislature.

As your town Listers, we strive to make sure everyone is treated fairly and equitably so that each property owner is paying their fair share of the taxes. We apply the same rules and follow the laws and guidelines from the tax department regarding every property.

We are always available to answer questions about your property value any time of year. You do not have to wait until grievances. Many times, we get calls after property owners receive their tax bills, but by then it is too late to change anything for that tax year. There are legal deadlines we must adhere to. Any changes in property values are made by the end of May and grievances are in the beginning of June. Notices regarding these dates are posted in 5 places around the town. So if you would like us to take a look at something, please let us know.

As usual, don't forget to file your homestead declaration!

Everyone who owns and lives in their primary residence in Plainfield must file a homestead declaration before April 15, 2018 in order to pay the residential school tax rate. Failure to file the homestead declaration will result in a non-residential school tax rate. Filing your homestead declaration late will result in a penalty.

You must file the homestead declaration even if you do not have to file Vermont income tax.

You must file the homestead declaration on time even if you get an extension for your Vermont income tax filing.

If your property crosses town boundaries and your homestead is in 2 towns, you must file a homestead declaration for both towns.

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.

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You cannot file for an income sensitivity 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.

We will be out and about in the spring!!

Plainfield Listers

Sandra Ross

Rick Pope

Alex Forbes

## 2017 PLAINFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission has been finalizing the draft of the proposed new zoning which is based on ideas contained in the Town Plan. The new document combines all the separate zoning documents currently used by the town into one. There will be a series of public hearing scheduled soon.

The new zoning will have a new map showing expanded districts for Village and Rural Residential. This is in keeping with the Town Plan's idea of allowing greater density in and around the village center. There are some changes to set backs in all zones and some suggested changes to the Cottage Industry use.

We have tried to put in place a way to manage what is known as short term rentals (aka Airbnb) in such a way that homeowners can take advantage of this while not letting the short term rentals remove residential units from the town's housing inventory which impacts housing affordability and neighborhood quality.

The most significant change to the new zoning has to do with flood protection in the town.

Over the last 30 years the town has experienced multiple flooding events that have caused considerable damage, much of it surrounding the Great Brook. Our current Flood Zone only deals with inundation, or high water, which is the traditional type of flood hazard. We now know that much of the damage comes from erosion and landslide hazards. Our new River Corridor Zone includes all three of these hazards and has been derived from extensive studies along the Great Brook. Plainfield will be one of first town's in the state to include these hazards into one comprehensive River Corridor.

The Planning Commission meets at the Town Offices on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 pm and welcomes and encourages all those interested in the planning process to attend. We would welcome any resident who would like to become a member.

Will Colgan, Chair, Plainfield Planning Commission

Planning Commission Members

Cito Hardy

Jean Hamilton

Karen Storey

# 2017 BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPORT

## **Introduction**

Three years ago, the Select Board decided to ease the burden on the Town Clerk for managing the many ongoing and unanticipated maintenance needs of Town facilities used by the public or rented out. Efforts to keep these facilities serviced and in proper condition were falling short. Funds were allocated for a part-time facility maintenance person to work on an as-needed, hourly basis under the Town Clerk's general supervision. The Town advertises for a qualified, insured contractor to perform this work whenever the position is vacant. Three contractors have done this work since the position was established. The present Building Maintenance contractor is David Strong, who has served in that capacity since December, 2016.

## **Administration**

The contractor submits a monthly report itemizing maintenance activities performed. Routine tasks require no direct involvement by the Town Clerk; consultation occurs when special maintenance problems arise. Examples of problems which arose in 2017 include an appliance failure, a clogged sink, a broken toilet, a wasp infestation, and a damaged wooden ramp. The job can also involve arranging for and checking on work done by professional contractors. The Select Board may also decide to assign the task of overseeing major planned improvement projects to the Building Maintenance person, as was the case with the exterior painting work done at the Town Hall this year.

## **Activity report**

A total of 120.50 hours of work was performed by the Building Maintenance contractor this calendar year. The work was frequent but usually of short duration. The amount of time devoted to facility maintenance each month varies considerably according to the tasks that come up. The busiest month this year was October, where 23.50 hours were logged. The slowest month was November, with 3.50 hours. Ten hours was the monthly average. At \$20/hour, the average monthly charge to the Town was \$200.

Here is a tabulation of maintenance activities performed in 2017 by type of task:

- General building maintenance: 68 hours
- Special project management (Town Hall painting): 23.75 hours
- Outdoor trash and recycling (Mill St. Park and Rec Field): 10.25 hours
- Meetings, inspections and budget prep: 7.25 hours
- Other Maintenance (kiosk, lamps on bridge, etc.): 5.75 hours
- Administrative: 5.50 hours

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Building maintenance work, which takes the most time, is divided between the Municipal Building and the Town Hall. This year, the Town Hall Opera House required three times as much attention as the Municipal Building. There are several reasons for this. Many are due to fact that, unlike the Municipal Building, the Town Hall is not staffed. In addition, the Town Hall is a bigger and a much more heavily-trafficked space than the Municipal Building, which means more wear and tear.

### Conclusion

Most of the services the Building Maintenance contractor provides are modest in scope and may go unnoticed by the public. But without this service, the upkeep of Town facilities would either be neglected or fall by default entirely on the Town Clerk's shoulders.

## 2017 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The Development Review Board conducted multiple hearings during 2017 in the process of deliberating and deciding eight applications. That doesn't sound like much, but several applications required more than one hearing either because the DRB required more information from the applicant or because the applicant requested postponement to a future date, resulting in sixteen hearings being scheduled during the course of the year. The decisions rendered by the DRB spanned a variety of zoning issues: one right-of-way approval, one change of use from commercial to residential, one conditional use (conversion of single family to two-family dwelling), three amendments to existing conditional use permits including updated site plans (The Health Center, New Hamburger, Fairpoint Communications), and an appeal of the zoning administrator's decision to issue a permit (denied).

A commercial site plan review and conditional use hearing process was initiated on an application for a restaurant; that application is currently on hold at the request of the applicant.

A reminder to commercial properties: a change of tenant that involves a different kind of retail or service operation (e.g. from an art gallery to a hardware store, yoga studio to coffee shop), requires a change of use permit from the zoning administrator, or in the case of an existing conditional use permit, an amendment to the conditional use. This is because each business has its own requirements for parking, signage, outdoor lighting and opening hours, and it is in the town's interest to make certain that a new business does not unduly impact its neighbors, residential or commercial.

The five-member DRB will have three vacancies after Town Meeting: Our chair, Janice Walrafen, is stepping down after eight years. We are most grateful for her years of service and leadership, and will miss her contributions to the board. If you are interested in serving on this board, you can contact one of the board members for more information or fill out the form at the back of the town report.

The DRB meets on the second Wednesday of each month, generally in the municipal offices and sometimes at the Town Hall Opera House if there is a hearing where more attendees are expected. Times and locations of scheduled hearings are posted at the municipal offices, the post office and the Plainfield Co-op, as well as on Front Porch Forum.

All are welcome to attend our meetings and hearings to learn more about the board's activities.

Janice Walrafen – Chair, term ends March 2018

Sarah Albert – Clerk, term ends March 2019

Elaine Parker – term ends March 2020

## 2017 CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

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.

### **Regional Commissioner**

Bram Towbin

### **Transportation Advisory Committee**

Bob Atchinson

### **2017 Plainfield Activities**

- ❖ Updated the zoning map.
- ❖ Conducted outreach on the Winooski River Tactical Basin Plan.
- ❖ Facilitated site selection for the Stormwater Master Plan.
- ❖ Provide training on river geomorphology and landslide changes along Great Brook and assisted with the Brook Bridge grant application.
- ❖ Facilitated meetings between GMP and Cabot, Marshfield and Plainfield for the Molly's Falls Dam #6.
- ❖ Provided data the town can use to increase its standing in the Certificate of Public Good process.
- ❖ Provided resources for a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update, including a flood resiliency checklist and a map and detailed information for five priority projects.
- ❖ Assisted with identifying eligible roads for Grants in Aid construction funds and managed those funds.
- ❖ Supported emergency response and disaster preparedness by creating E911 Service Area maps, assisting with a Local Emergency Operations Plan update, and creating a Tier II facilities summary and map.
- ❖ Secured funding to plan for flood resilience and forest integrity in the Winooski Headwaters area

### **CVRPC Projects & Programs**

- ❖ *Municipal plan and bylaw updates:* Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education, bylaw modernization and plan updates.

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- ❖ *Brownfields:* Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- ❖ *Transportation planning:* Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee and provide 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 project development:* 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, and write grant applications.

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](mailto:cvrpc@cvregion.com) for assistance.



## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

In 2017, 27 Zoning Permit were processed as follows:

Residence, Apartments	5
Site Plans ( major and minor reviews )	3
Additions to homes (room, deck, dormers and porch)	6
Accessory structures ( garage, shed and pole barn)	7
Exempt Subdivisions, Boundary Line Adjustments	0
Cottage Industry	0
Change of Use (from apartment to commercial )	1
Appealed	1
Reviewed by DRB (CU site plan review, variance, right of way, appeal)	9
Miscellaneous (right of way, signs, driveways)	5
Withdrawn or Tabled	4
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](http://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 regulation and guidance regarding other approvals that may need to be obtained. Another resource for planning land development is the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Atlas <http://anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/anra5/> At this website you can review your parcel and use the atlas layers to determine information such as location of floodplain, floodway, and river corridor.

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  
[plainfieldza@gmail.com](mailto:plainfieldza@gmail.com)

## 2017 SELECTBOARD REPORT

In 2017 the Selectboard was busy overseeing the many tasks of caring for our town including: writing new policies, addressing concerns about traffic and other safety issues and hazards, over seeing and submitting grants, and hiring personnel. We hope our work this year has improved life in Plainfield and the proposed budget will continue to make Plainfield safer and more livable with a minimum impact on our own taxes.

### **New Personnel:**

After many years of service, George Cushing, long standing town constable, stepped down. We considered the possibility of expanding the constable position to include policing powers such as ticketing speeders and carrying a weapon. After receiving numerous comments on this, we chose to continue the constable position without policing powers.

**Kathleen Hayes was appointed.** She brings her experience as a former airline pilot and has lived in Plainfield for many years. She was hired and began in mid-Sept. Thank you George for continuing until Kathleen completed her training at the VT Police Academy. For policing issues please contact the VT State Police at 229-9191, The Washington County Sheriffs office at 223-3001, or Kathleen at 522-4108.

This summer we were pleased to hire **Michael Bingham** to our road crew. Michael comes with energy and enthusiasm for the hard work of caring for our roads. Welcome Michael. And a big thanks to all the road crew, Mike, Steve, and Michael for caring for our roads year round.

After many efforts to improve our website, we recently hired **Kathy Bizzoco** as our new webmaster. We're looking forward to a new attractive web page with easier to locate information and easier methods to add information. Contact the town clerk's office if you would like to know more.

**New Policies:** In response to the article passed at the 2017 Town Meeting concerning fairness and much discussion with interested citizens, the Selectboard approved a **Town Resources and Policing Policy**. This new policy can be seen on the town website or at the town clerk's office.

We also wrote a **Skateboarding Policy** to address concerns about skateboarding in the village. The policy continues to permit skateboarding with some limitations. Signs pointing out unsafe skateboarding areas in town were not well received and have been removed for now. Hopefully riders will be aware these dangers and stay off the bridge to the lower village from US Rt. 2, and the sidewalk from the Park and Ride to the Firehouse. Copies of this policy are on the website or the town clerk's office.

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**Grants:** The work of the **Resiliency Committee and Grant** was completed in April with the removal of the old picnic shelter and the planting of a stream buffer of trees at the Recreation Field. Other work of the committee included informational meetings about Neighborhood Watch Program and a Prepared for Anything Party hosted by the Plainfield Fire and Rescue volunteers. The exciting news is that a Plainfield Neighborhood Watch Group is now meeting regularly. Look for announcements of the next meeting and find a copy of the grant report at the Town Clerk's office.

Another exciting community resiliency effort was our first free community dinner this summer sponsored by the Plainfield/Marshfield Community Group and Grace Methodist Church. This was a fund raiser for the stone wall which was rebuilt by Steve Hallas, and graces our lower village.

The **Main Street Pedestrian Bridge Walkway** is coming along. This will begin at the Town Hall/Opera House, across Rt. 2, running on the south side of Rt. 2, towards the Main St Bridge and cross to the lower village Mill St Park on the west side of the present bridge. Recently the construction date was postponed to 2019 because of changes in the required engineering. Fortunately this design change will save the town money. The Pedestrian Grant Program will cover 75% of the cost this project and the remaining amount will be covered through the town's Arch Batchelder Fund. This new walkway and bridge will be aligned with the future realignment of the RT 2 intersection (at the blinking light). Unfortunately, the Agency of Transportation as of yet does not have a date for this much needed realignment.

The **Lower Village Pedestrian Pathways Grant** was completed in the spring of 2017. Based on community input, this study looked at the best possible locations for sidewalks on Creamery, Brook Road, and a small portion of Mill St. These sidewalks would complete the village sidewalk loop, making the village more pedestrian friendly and enhancing property values. We hope to apply for a grant to complete these sidewalks in the near future. A copy of this study is available at the town clerk's office.

The **Plainfield Town Forest Grant** to improve the trail heads was completed this summer. This included upgrading the access to the forest from both Gonyeau and Maxfield Rd. with new trails and parking lots. Try them out this spring or before. Directions are available through the town clerk's office.

**Brook Rd. Bridge Replacement Engineering Study FEMA Grant** was applied for this fall with the help of Alice Merrill, our grant administrator, and Central Vermont Regional Planning. This engineering study can be the first step in replacing this woefully undersized bridge. We haven't heard yet if this grant was

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approved but we are hopeful and have included half of the town's portion of the funding in this year's budget. If approved the second half would be funded from next year's budget.

**Road Work:** Last summer a new box culvert was installed on Bean Rd. This turned into a bigger project than anticipated when ledge was discovered and has been successfully completed with the help of state highway grant money. Other work was done on Recreation Field Rd to replace undersized culverts and we are awaiting reimbursement from the highway fund as well.

The Highway department ordered a **new dump truck**. We should have the new truck by springtime. The 1973 International dump truck was sold and the proceeds were put in the Highway Equipment Fund.

### **Other Happenings:**

A **Safety Forum** was held in November with the Vt State Police and the Washington County Sheriffs Department. This was an opportunity to express concerns and hear how the state and county police are working together to reduce break-ins and other crimes brought on by the opioid crisis. They discussed what we as citizens can do to help including calling the state police with tips and forming a Neighborhood Watch network. Our concerns about speeding were discussed and the select board continues to pursue this with both entities.

A **Renovation and Expansion Grant** was recently awarded to the Cutler Memorial Library. Congratulations to the library trustees. Because of the nature of this grant, the town will be the financial agency for the grant on behalf of the library.

This fall the **Town Hall/Opera House** exterior work of repairing and **repainting** was completed. This attractive change has greatly improved the center of our village.

September's **Old Home Days** was another fun event, and with the Friday night variety show, the informational walks, the parade, the chicken bbq, and the family fun activities- there was something for almost everyone. Thanks to a few committed volunteers, we now have a standing committee which will plan for future events. So plan to come out and celebrate the first weekend in Sept. 2018.

### **Continuing and upcoming efforts:**

**Speeding** continues to be a major issue on **all our roads**. This summer the selectboard received a petition signed by numerous voters supporting speed bumps or tables on Brook Rd. near the village where excessive speeding has been a long time concern. This fall a traffic study was conducted by the CVRPC showing that

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the average driver was going about 10 miles an hour over the posted limit of 35 miles/ hr on all three roads that were monitored, including Brook Rd, Middle Rd. and Lower Rd.

The board has been considering ways to address this issue including: more police coverage, more speed monitoring devises, as well as speed tables. The selectboard is purchasing another speed monitoring device which will be portable and we are working to arrange more speed enforcement on all our roads. “Please Slow Down” signs are available to place in your lawn from selectboard member, Sasha Thayer. This is an issue the board will continue to address.

**Emergency Management and Emergency Shelter:** As we all know the climate is changing and we need to be more prepared for weather disasters.

**Love signs:** How could this benign news be a big story in VT? That’s our town and it’s great to know we’ve warmed a heart or two during a long, cold winter.

**Thank you** everyone for coming out to vote, for attending Town Meeting and other town events, for joining committees, and for participating in large and small ways in making this a more civil and livable community. And let’s celebrate our diversity and our unity; we disagree strongly and we come together when needed. If you haven’t done it yet, join a town committee or run for office. it’s a learning experience, an opportunity to share your views, an opportunity to learn compromise, and an opportunity to help make this a better place for ourselves, our children, and other people’s children.

Betsy Ziegler, Chair, Ross Sneyd, Sasha Thayer

**SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET**

	BUDGET 2016/2017	ACTUAL 2016/2017	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET 2017/2018	PROPOSED 2018/2019
REVENUE					
Del. Tax, Int. & Penalty	50,000.00	146,473.69	(96,473.69)	50,000.00	50,000.00
State Aid To Highway	91,000.00	94,327.30	(3,327.30)	91,000.00	91,000.00
Interest Income	500.00	834.49	(334.49)	600.00	800.00
Judicial Fees	2,500.00	2,149.53	350.47	2,000.00	2,000.00
Recordings & Fees	15,000.00	15,622.20	(622.20)	15,000.00	15,000.00
Highway Grant/Misc Inc	1,500.00	91,542.04	(90,042.04)	1,500.00	1,500.00
Mun Bldg rental income	1,620.00	1,620.00	-	1,620.00	1,620.00
SB Misc Income	5,000.00	7,402.06	(2,402.06)	5,000.00	5,000.00
Town Hall Income	6,500.00	6,979.85	(479.85)	6,500.00	6,500.00
Subtotal	188,200.00	381,531.16	(193,331.16)	187,800.00	188,000.00

**Refer to Treasurer's report for Revenue detail**

# SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2016/2017	ACTUAL 2016/2017	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET 2017/2018	PROPOSED 2018/2019
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	5,800.00	3,960.46	1,839.54	5,800.00	5,000.00
Lister Salaries	3,200.00	1,155.30	2,044.70	3,200.00	3,200.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	44,675.00	44,042.12	632.88	45,555.00	46,500.00
Ass't. Clerk/Treasurer	33,685.00	33,367.18	317.82	34,674.00	35,400.00
Coll of Del Taxes		10,368.85	(10,368.85)		
Road Commissioner	500.00	500.00	-	1,250.00	1,500.00
SB Administrative Asst	1,800.00	1,850.00	(50.00)	1,800.00	1,950.00
Building Maintenance Mgr	4,000.00	1,839.23	2,160.77	4,000.00	4,000.00
DRB Admin Salaries	2,100.00	1,771.61	328.39	2,100.00	2,200.00
Health Officer	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
Grant Administrator	4,000.00	2,413.64	1,586.36	4,000.00	4,000.00
Emergency Mgmt		144.63	(144.63)	700.00	3,000.00
SB FICA/MEDI	8,235.00	7,793.06	441.94	8,770.00	8,900.00
SB Health Insurance	15,592.14	13,955.40	1,636.74	9,500.00	10,900.00
SB Insurance HRA	3,750.00	1,048.12	2,701.88	1,875.00	2,100.00
SB Fringe/Ret	4,300.00	4,285.00	15.00	4,000.00	4,625.00
SB FICA/MEDI DEL TXCOLL	900.00	793.23	106.77	900.00	900.00
Lister's Supplies	400.00	44.99	355.01	400.00	300.00
Lister's Printing/Postage	75.00	122.50	(47.50)	75.00	100.00
Lister's Sem./Dues	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	100.00
Lister's GIS Maps	300.00	-	300.00	300.00	300.00
Listers Software/Disast Rec	1,250.00	995.47	254.53	1,250.00	1,250.00
Lister's Mileage	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	200.00
Animal Control	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	750.00
Constable	4,500.00	3,844.48	655.52	4,800.00	4,800.00
CVT Reg'l. Planning	1,368.00	1,367.30	0.70	1,368.00	1,405.00
CVT Humane Society	700.00	820.00	(120.00)	700.00	700.00
*Conservation Commission	375.00	313.39	61.61	375.00	375.00
*Conservation Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
*CC St trees					
Green Up/Disposal	100.00	403.33	(303.33)	100.00	100.00
Energy Conservation	1,000.00	755.50	244.50	1,100.00	450.00

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# **SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BUDGET 2016/2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2016/2017</b>	<b>VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER</b>	<b>BUDGET 2017/2018</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2018/2019</b>
Hazard Mitigation					1,150.00
Law Enforcement	7,500.00	7,305.79	194.21	7,500.00	10,000.00
Fire and Rescue Departments					
Ambulance Service	46,257.00	46,257.00	-	47,644.71	49,074.05
EMT Stipend	3,000.00	2,500.00	500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Electricity	1,200.00	1,208.12	(8.12)	1,200.00	1,200.00
Telephone	2,200.00	2,527.69	(327.69)	2,200.00	2,500.00
Fuel & Furnace	4,000.00	2,595.24	1,404.76	4,000.00	3,000.00
*Bldg Rep & Maint	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	7,500.00	7,500.00
Disability	2,200.00	2,169.00	31.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Workers Comp	1,400.00	1,364.75	35.25	1,330.00	1,254.00
Prop/Liab Insurance	5,300.00	5,486.04	(186.04)	5,845.00	5,800.00
Truck Repair/Fuel	3,200.00	2,508.35	691.65	3,200.00	2,800.00
Equipment Fund Reserves	24,500.00	24,500.00	-	15,000.00	10,000.00
Safety Eq/Med Splys	6,500.00	2,870.93	3,629.07	3,000.00	3,000.00
Small Items/Repairs	2,500.00	2,257.50	242.50	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fire Truck Note	-	-	-	-	20,000.00
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	6,000.00
Dispatch	13,000.00	13,607.16	(607.16)	14,000.00	15,000.00
Training	2,000.00	1,810.40	189.60	2,000.00	2,000.00
Marshfield Approp. Expense*				-	
Miscellaneous	500.00	220.00	280.00	500.00	500.00
Personal Protective Equip Fund	-	-	-	12,500.00	12,500.00
Recognition Fund	800.00	796.78	3.22	800.00	800.00



# SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2016/2017	ACTUAL 2016/2017	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET 2017/2018	PROPOSED 2018/2019
SB Prop/Liab Insurance	11,900.00	12,713.55	(813.55)	13,148.00	12,250.00
SB Workers Comp.	650.00	820.13	(170.13)	1,082.00	1,185.00
SB Unemployment Ins	564.00	521.38	42.62	689.00	600.00
Clerks Office Splys & Pstg	5,500.00	5,722.09	(222.09)	5,500.00	5,500.00
Clerks Comp./Suppl./Sup.	2,500.00	1,821.38	678.62	2,000.00	2,000.00
Preservation Costs*	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Bank Fees & Charges	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	50.00
DRB Advertising	400.00	527.72	(127.72)	400.00	400.00
DRB Comp/Off Splys	200.00	53.49	146.51	200.00	150.00
DRB Postage	150.00	43.86	106.14	150.00	100.00
DRB Training	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	200.00
PC Postage	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
PC Advertising	300.00	-	300.00	300.00	300.00
PC Computer/Printing	500.00	57.15	442.85	500.00	500.00
PC Training/Mapping	700.00	-	700.00	700.00	700.00
PC Zoning Consultant	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
Zoning Legal/Misc Expense	1,000.00	53.49	946.51	1,000.00	1,000.00
SB Printing/Communications	5,000.00	3,903.69	1,096.31	4,500.00	4,500.00
SB Legal Fees	2,500.00	687.50	1,812.50	2,000.00	2,000.00
Park 'n Ride Electric	250.00	697.40	(447.40)	250.00	250.00
Park 'n Ride Solar array	3,795.00	3,795.00	-	3,716.00	3,636.00
Parks & Rec Bldg Maint/Equip	6,500.00	4,435.85	2,064.15	4,500.00	4,500.00
Rec Programs	1,000.00	1,140.71	(140.71)	500.00	
Rec Reserve Fund	-	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
CV Solid Waste Mgmt	2,518.00	1,252.00	1,266.00	1,300.00	1,252.00
Taxes-County	9,301.00	9,301.00	-	9,400.00	9,550.00
Historical Bldg	250.00	313.38	(63.38)	250.00	1,750.00
Streetslights-New	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Streetslights-Electricity	5,500.00	4,135.40	1,364.60	5,000.00	4,500.00
Mun Bldg-Telephone	1,200.00	1,193.12	6.88	1,200.00	1,250.00
Mun Bldg-Maint/Repairs	10,000.00	22,360.80	(12,360.80)	10,000.00	10,000.00

# SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2016/2017	ACTUAL 2016/2017	VARIANCE (OVER/UNDER)	BUDGET 2017/2018	PROPOSED 2018/2019
Municipal Bldg Electric	2,500.00	990.22	1,509.78	2,300.00	1,000.00
Municipal Bldg Fuel/Furn	4,500.00	3,477.40	1,022.60	3,500.00	3,500.00
TH Management Svcs	6,500.00	6,301.00	199.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
TH Maint/Repairs	4,500.00	46,302.73	(41,802.73)	7,000.00	6,600.00
TH Electricity	1,000.00	771.29	228.71	1,000.00	1,000.00
TH Equipment	900.00	466.22	433.78	1,300.00	1,000.00
TH Fuel & Furnace	2,100.00	2,037.21	62.79	2,100.00	2,100.00
TH Printing/Splys	1,200.00	271.66	928.34	1,200.00	500.00
TH Revolving Loan & Int pymt	5,500.00	5,588.28	(88.28)	5,600.00	5,600.00
TH Telephone	1,000.00	1,145.60	(145.60)	1,100.00	1,100.00
VLCT Dues	1,635.00	1,633.50	1.50	1,689.00	1,650.00
Town Audit	-	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	692.79	307.21	750.00	500.00
Town Forest	-	14,589.90	(14,589.90)	-	-
Town property landscaping	4,500.00	3,210.00	1,290.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
Tree Warden/Tree maintnce	1,200.00	47.50	1,152.50	500.00	500.00
Sidewalk Snow Removal	5,000.00	6,975.00	(1,975.00)	5,000.00	5,000.00
SB Seminars/Misc	800.00	289.24	510.76	800.00	500.00
Tax sale expense	-	1,118.64	(1,118.64)	-	-
Website	3,700.00	300.00	3,400.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
CDBG Project	-	2,967.19	(2,967.19)	-	12,500.00
Lake Champlain Resiliency	-	7,758.32	(7,758.32)	-	-
Lower Village sidewalk study	3,000.00	19,880.00	(16,880.00)	-	-
Main St. Walkway project	3,700.00	30,859.21	(27,159.21)	-	-
Old Home Days	2,000.00	1,145.50	854.50	1,200.00	1,000.00
Mill Street Park Electric	-	401.18	(401.18)	400.00	500.00
911 Signage	50.00	13.90	36.10	50.00	50.00
Outstanding Delinquent Taxes	25,000.00	27,698.48	(2,698.48)	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total Selectboard	<b>444,575.14</b>	<b>544,821.59</b>	<b>(100,246.45)</b>	<b>429,935.71</b>	<b>470,606.05</b>

# SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2016/2017	ACTUAL 2016/2017	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET 2017/2018	PROPOSED 2018/2019
<b>SOCIAL CONCERNS</b>					
CIRCLE, formerly Battered Wn	525.00	525.00	-	-	525.00
Central VT Adult Basic Ed	500.00	500.00	-	400.00	400.00
Capstone-formerly CVCAC	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Cen VT Cncl on Aging	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,350.00
Cen. VT Home Health	2,700.00	2,700.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fam Ctr of Wash Cty	475.00	475.00	-	475.00	500.00
Friends of the Winooski Rvr	250.00	250.00	-	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	300.00	300.00	-	350.00	325.00
Onion Rvr Food Shelf	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Our House	-	-	-	-	100.00
People's Hlth & Well	750.00	750.00	-	650.00	700.00
Sexual Assault Crisis	50.00	50.00	-	50.00	50.00
Twin Valley Seniors	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,200.00	2,800.00
Twinfield Learning Center	400.00	400.00	-	400.00	400.00
Twinfield Together Mentoring	250.00	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
VT Assoc for the Blind	-	-	-	-	-
VT Center for Independent Lvg	225.00	225.00	-	225.00	200.00
Wash Cty Diversion	250.00	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
Wash Cty Youth SB	325.00	325.00	-	325.00	325.00
Wash Cty Mental Health	-	-	-	500.00	500.00
American Red Cross	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
Montpelier Senior Center					-
Subtotal Social Concerns	13,086.00	13,086.00	-	13,061.00	14,161.00
<b>Warned articles</b>					
Cross VT Trail				1,243.00	-
Cutler Library	36,000.00	36,000.00	-	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	<b>57,419.00</b>	<b>57,419.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,137.00</b>	<b>59,994.00</b>

# SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2016/2017	ACTUAL 2016/2017	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET 2017/2018	PROPOSED 2018/2019
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>					
Labor/Road Foreman	54,978.00	54,430.01	547.99	56,555.00	57,690.00
Labor/Equip Operator 1	39,145.00	47,746.03	(8,601.03)	38,251.00	39,016.00
Labor/Equip Operator 2	37,128.00	27,188.70	9,939.30	37,149.00	38,200.00
OT/Rd. Foreman	15,300.00	11,076.91	4,223.09	9,200.00	9,500.00
OT/ Equip. Operator 1	5,000.00	6,377.68	(1,377.68)	5,518.00	5,000.00
OT/Equip Operator 2	5,000.00	4,854.86	145.14	5,358.00	5,000.00
HD Fringe/FICA/Medi	12,000.00	11,475.18	524.82	11,800.00	11,850.00
HD Health Insurance	36,000.00	45,877.55	(9,877.55)	42,100.00	29,000.00
HD Insurance HRA	7,500.00	12,718.27	(5,218.27)	9,000.00	6,500.00
HD Fringe/Retirement	7,500.00	7,359.27	140.73	7,500.00	7,700.00
HD Prop/Liab Insurance	9,600.00	9,918.54	(318.54)	10,461.00	8,300.00
HD Workmans Comp Ins	13,200.00	12,756.59	443.41	15,755.00	17,600.00
Equip Loan and Interest	13,451.40	13,451.40	-	13,198.00	22,000.00
HD Tools/Splys/Radios	4,000.00	3,431.25	568.75	4,000.00	4,000.00
Fuel and Furnace	1,500.00	518.99	981.01	1,500.00	1,000.00
Culvert Thawer	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	100.00
Lawn Tractor	200.00	37.10	162.90	200.00	200.00
International HD	750.00	161.18	588.82	750.00	-
Loader HD	1,000.00	646.92	353.08	1,000.00	1,000.00
Grader HD	6,000.00	6,320.81	(320.81)	6,000.00	6,500.00
Guardrails	5,000.00	2,387.31	2,612.69	5,000.00	5,000.00
HD Garage/Repairs & Splys	2,000.00	1,715.05	284.95	2,000.00	5,000.00
Sander/Rake/Plows	8,000.00	7,378.98	621.02	8,000.00	8,000.00
Backhoe	800.00	267.10	532.90	800.00	800.00
2005 MACK TRUCK	6,500.00	9,741.26	(3,241.26)	6,500.00	5,000.00
2007 MACK TRUCK	6,000.00	4,415.89	1,584.11	6,000.00	6,000.00
2018 MACK TRUCK					
2012 WOOD CHIPPER	300.00	-	300.00	500.00	500.00
2015 FORD TRUCK	800.00	1,328.39	(528.39)	800.00	1,500.00
Electricity/GMP	1,000.00	957.28	42.72	900.00	1,000.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,797.09	(397.09)	1,800.00	1,800.00

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# SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

	BUDGET 2016/2017	ACTUAL 2016/2017	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET 2017/2018	PROPOSED 2018/2019
Fuel/Oil/Grease	38,000.00	24,799.58	13,200.42	38,000.00	38,000.00
Mileage	1,500.00	1,249.70	250.30	1,500.00	1,500.00
Gravel/HD Trucking	135,000.00	68,112.25	66,887.75	94,500.00	94,500.00
Sand/Trucking		56,314.20	(56,314.20)	40,500.00	40,500.00
Hired Equip/Trucking	8,000.00	7,950.00	50.00	5,000.00	8,000.00
Culverts	6,000.00	5,942.79	57.21	6,000.00	6,000.00
Hot Mix	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Salt	15,500.00	18,683.94	(3,183.94)	15,500.00	20,000.00
Chloride	24,000.00	17,627.24	6,372.76	24,000.00	24,000.00
Mulch	1,000.00	499.98	500.02	1,000.00	1,000.00
Equipment Fund	30,000.00	32,380.00	(2,380.00)	30,000.00	30,000.00
Uniforms	5,000.00	2,486.06	2,513.94	3,500.00	3,500.00
Tires	6,000.00	4,487.66	1,512.34	6,000.00	6,000.00
Chains	8,000.00	7,478.74	521.26	8,000.00	8,000.00
Safety Equipment	500.00	128.93	371.07	500.00	500.00
Sidewalk Repairs	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	250.00
Culvert Projects	10,000.00	8,646.75	1,353.25	18,000.00	18,000.00
Storm Drain Maintenance	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
Miscellaneous	1,500.00	977.77	522.23	1,600.00	1,600.00
Traffic Control Devices	8,000.00	4,075.00	3,925.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Paving Projects	-	-	-	-	-
Bridge Projects	-	-	-	-	-
2015 Flood July	-	86,324.32	(86,324.32)	-	-
Total Highway Dept	<b>613,652.40</b>	<b>664,500.50</b>	<b>(50,848.10)</b>	<b>623,795.00</b>	<b>624,106.00</b>

# SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

TOTALS	BUDGET		ACTUAL		VARIANCE	BUDGET		PROPOSED	
	2016/2017	2016/2017	2016/2017	2016/2017		2017/2018	2017/2018	2018/2019	2018/2019
Highway Dept Expense	613,652.40		664,500.50		-50,848.10	623,795.00		624,106.00	
State Aid/Misc Income	-92,500.00		-94,327.30		1,827.30	-92,500.00		-92,500.00	
Grant Income			-91,542.04		91,542.04				
Net Highway Expenses	521,152.40		478,631.16		42,521.24	531,295.00		531,606.00	
Summary Selectboard	444,575.14		544,821.59		-100,246.45	429,935.71		470,606.05	
Social Concerns	57,419.00		57,419.00		-	60,137.00		59,994.00	
SB Expense	501,994.14		602,240.59		-100,246.45	490,072.71		530,600.05	
Income	-95,700.00		-195,661.82		99,961.82	-95,300.00		-95,500.00	
Net SB Expense	406,294.14		406,578.77		-284.63	394,772.71		435,100.05	
NET SB/HWY Budget	927,446.54		885,209.93		42,236.61	926,067.71		966,706.05	
Unbudgeted Grant Income									
CDBG			1,445.68						
CVSWMD			150						
Eff VT light incentive			300						
Green Up			303.33						
Historic Preservation			250						
Hoepner Home Buyout			174,520.00		100% of costs of	Hoepner buyout was grant funded			
Lake Champlain Resiliency			9,207.32						
Lower Village Sidewalk Study			17,892.00						
Main Street Bicycle/Pedl Bridge Proj			27,771.50						
Planning Comm Grant Income			3,584.00						
Preservation Trst-PTHOH			20,000.00						
Town Forest Logging Income			11,058.77						
			266,482.60						

## PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL/OPERA HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT

The Town entered an agreement with the *Friends of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House, Inc.* to provide management services for the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House effective July 1, 2017. Friends of the Town Hall Opera House (FPOH) is a not-for-profit membership organization created with the assistance of the former co-managers of the Town Hall, Sarah Lowry and Jade Walker. Sarah and Jade moved on to other challenges in June 2017, after getting the facility up and running again when it re-opened in 2014. They were given a well-earned “*Thank You*” dinner at Positive Pie in Plainfield by FPOH, along with framed certificates of appreciation.

With Sarah and Jade’s departure, day-to-day management of the Town Hall Opera House is being handled by a five-member board of directors of the FPOH, who are elected by the members. Directors and members of FPOH provide volunteer services to promote the use of the Town Hall Opera House and to see that things operate smoothly. Current directors are: Keith Swann (President); Kathy Light (Vice-President); David Strong (Secretary); Tom Blachly (Treasurer), and Naomi Flanders (at-large). Board vacancies are filled at annual membership meetings held in June of each year. Annual membership dues make up a substantial portion of the FPOH budget. Sixty people were paid members of the FPOH in 2017. Special thanks are due to FPOH member Steven Light, who volunteered to take on the task of Booking Coordinator for events at the Town Hall starting July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells continues to handle all rental deposits and rental fees. In the 2017 calendar year, revenue from the use of the Town Hall totaled \$6,155 or roughly \$500/month. Under the current FY17/18 contract, FPOH is to receive \$2,000 from the Town for providing management services. An increase to \$3,000 is proposed for FY 18/19.

The Town Hall Opera House had another busy year, with something happening there 139 days out of the year. The Friends of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House launched the first of what is hoped to be an annual concert series, attracting an appreciative audience of 400. The 2017 program featured five events: performances by FREVO; Anima and the Fyre & Lightning Consort; pianist Diane Huling Reed; Plainfield’s own Gamelan Sulukala; and a dedication celebration of our new grand piano. Plans have been finalized for the 2018 concert season, with Sunday afternoon programs once a month from January through May.

In addition to the Concert Series, there were five other musical performances at the Town Hall Opera House in 2017 – concerts by Pandit Deobrat Mishra, Marina Carleton, My Gay Banjo, Cold Country Bluegrass and Viva La Musica. Two movies were offered as well – including the Rocky Horror Picture Show (supplemented by live performers). “Sing, Dance and Jump Around” held four

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community dances, and Plainfield Little Theater premiered a production of Tom Blachly's play *The Idiot's Tale*.

Two fund-raisers, three private parties (including two weddings), and two private high school graduation ceremonies took place at the Town Hall Opera House this year, along with a Winter Farmers Market. The Annual Old Home Day Revue, held in September, continues to draw big crowds. Thanks to this year's MCs John Harrison and Owen Bradley for putting together a fun show.

Youth theatre remains a mainstay at the Town Hall Opera House. 2017 saw musical productions by students at Orchard Valley and Central Vermont High School. In addition, the Vermont Youth Theater used the Town Hall for rehearsals and for shows, and the two-week "Shakespeare Camp" run by Echo Valley Community Arts returned for its fourth season this summer.

The grand piano in the Town Hall, purchased last year for \$5,000 with funds raised by the FPOH in 2016, has helped expand the range of programming at the Town Hall. Two of the 2017 Concert Series programs couldn't have happened without it. It was also used for musical theater productions as well as for community dance programs.

The use of the Hall for public meetings continues to grow. Municipal meetings were frequently held there, including those of the Public Safety Committee, the Select Board, the Planning Board, and the Development Review Board. The Plainfield Historical Society held its Annual Meeting there again this year, and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission held an informational session, as well. All and all, the Hall hosted forty public meetings in 2017.

The exterior of the three visible sides of the Town Hall were painted this fall, and the sign was freshened up, as well. Paint colors were chosen by a four-person advisory committee appointed by the Select Board. Committee members Chris Bellamy, Ross Sneyd, David Strong, and Linda Wells were surprised to discover that the underlying color of the building, when it was converted from a Universalist Church to an Opera House in 1912, was slate blue. The colors that were chosen were inspired by those on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury and were approved by the Preservation Trust of Vermont (which oversees changes to the building's appearance). Thanks to Greg D'Agostino of Greg's Painting, and his crew, for doing a thorough, professional job on the main body of the building. (The lower level in the front is the town's responsibility).

The painting of the building's exterior completes the major maintenance and system upgrades the building required. It has taken five years of concerted effort, but the building is in much better shape today than it's been in 175 years. Off-site conditions are still poor in critical respects, however. The hazards for pedestrians



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walking up from the lower village, and the dangers of crossing Route 2 remain. Moreover, there isn't enough parking available for even moderate-sized events at the Town Hall. Fortunately, efforts are underway to correct these conditions and reduce these liabilities. When the Main Street Bridge/Sidewalk Project is completed in 2019, the walk between the lower village and the Town Hall Opera House will be much easier to make. A signalized pedestrian crossing in front of the Town Hall will make it safe to cross Route 2. With regard to parking, the Select Board has voted to take advantage of an opportunity to increase the size of the Town Hall parking lot, by entering into a purchase and sale agreement with the owners of the property directly across from the Town Hall (25 High Street). If this Article is approved at Town Meeting, the area behind and to the east of the house, with minor grading, will double the space available for Town Hall parking. The Friends of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House has launched a fund drive to raise \$20,000 to assist the Town in the purchase of this property for parking purposes. Once the goal of providing additional parking for Town Hall events has been realized, the Friends of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House has taken on the added task of raising funds for the construction of a long-planned backstage addition to the Town Hall, the foundation of which has already been poured. A monthly e-newsletter that lists the upcoming schedule of events at the Town Hall Opera House is available. Contact Steven at [plainfieldoperahousevt@gmail.com](mailto:plainfieldoperahousevt@gmail.com) for a free subscription. The Directors of the FPOH meet the third Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall Opera House. Meetings are open to the general public as well as members. If you are interested in joining the FPOH, contact Dave Strong at [dstrong@vtlink.net](mailto:dstrong@vtlink.net) or 454-1418. The membership fee for 2018 is \$25, which includes free admission to one of the events in the 2018 Concert Series. To rent the Hall for an event or private party, go to the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House website: [www.plainfieldoperahousevt.net](http://www.plainfieldoperahousevt.net). For general questions about the FPOH, contact Keith Swann at [swannkeith@hotmail.com](mailto:swannkeith@hotmail.com) or 224-6858.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD FOR 2017 TOWN MEETING

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. Nine years 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, 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 last year's 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 except where circumstances strongly justify a change up or down.

The breakdown by organization is set out below:

**American Red Cross** (requested \$500, recommend \$100) The American Red Cross provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood, and other disasters. There were no disasters in Plainfield in 2017, but staff hours were expended conducting a blood drive and four health & safety courses.

**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 or fuel assistance, Head Start, home weatherization, energy

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efficiency education, financial counseling, job training, and assistance to start or grow a business. Capstone served 225 Plainfield residents in 133 households in FY2016; more recent data were not available.

**Central VT Adult Basic Education** (requested \$700, 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 served four Plainfield residents.

**Central Vermont Council on Aging** (requested \$1,550, recommend \$1,350) 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 concerns. Its service area covers Washington, Lamoille, and Orange, counties. CVCOA served Plainfield 52 residents last year.

**Central VT Economic Development** (requested \$500, recommend 0) CVEDC supports regional employers in the creation and retention of quality jobs. This is the first time they've submitted a request; it wasn't clear how Plainfield residents benefitted from them or how their work differs from that of Central VT Regional Planning or the VT Chamber of Commerce.

**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 maternal and child health visits. It serves Washington County and the three northernmost towns of Orange County. Last year CVHH&H served 62 Plainfield residents.

**Circle** (formerly Battered Women's Services and Shelter) (requested \$525, recommend \$525) Circle is a community-based organization dedicated to ending all forms of domestic violence. Because of confidentiality issues they do not require clients to give their town of residence, but of those who self-identified there were 29 Plainfield residents who received services including emergency shelter, assistance with protection orders and child-related support.

**Family Center of Washington County** (requested \$500, recommend \$500) The Family Center provides child care referral, child care provider training, child care

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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 served 72 Plainfield residents.

**Friends of the Winooski River** (requested \$300, recommend \$300) The Friends is a mostly volunteer organization that is dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Winooski River watershed. They undertake a range of activities that include riparian restoration and stream-bank stabilization, pollution abatement projects, water quality monitoring and stream assessment projects and education and outreach. The Friends do not provide services to individuals; rather their work ultimately impacts all residents of the Winooski watershed.

**Good Beginnings** (requested \$300, recommend \$300) Good Beginnings offers free support, education and home visits to birth and adoptive families in Central 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 12 Plainfield residents in 3 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. Within nine months last year it provided more than 31 transit-dependent Plainfield residents with transportation to senior centers, meal sites, medical treatment, adult day care, pharmacy, and shopping, in addition to its commuter services.

**Home Share Now** (requested \$400, recommend \$325). Home Share Now helps central Vermonters develop successful home shares in order to create affordable housing options with positive community and environmental impacts. Last year Home Share Now served 16 Plainfield residents who were either seeking a home or wanted to share their home.

**Montpelier Senior Activity Center** (requested \$700, recommend 0) MSAC offers programs to support healthy aging and lifelong learning for older adults: classes in wellness, movement and humanities, healthy meals, outings, tax and health clinics. They served 32 Plainfield residents last year.

**Onion River Food Shelf** (requested \$1,000, recommend \$1,000) Onion River Food Shelf is an all-volunteer program that provides food and clothing to families in need in Plainfield, Marshfield, Cabot, Calais and East Montpelier. Last year the

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program provided food and clothing to 156 residents of Plainfield.

**Our House** (requested \$250, recommend \$100) Our House of Central Vermont is a children's advocacy center and special investigations unit serving Washington County. Their mission is to provide a safe setting for child victims of sexual abuse and their non-offending family members. Town of residence is only provided in the instances when law enforcement interviews a victim; in such cases, there were 5 Plainfield residents last year.

**People's Health and Wellness Clinic** (requested \$750, recommend \$700) 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 served 67 Plainfield residents last year.

**Sexual Assault Crisis Team** (requested \$50, recommend \$50) The Sexual Assault Crisis Team provides emergency, advocacy and preventive services to victims/survivors of sexual violence in Washington County. Because of confidentiality concerns they are not able to provide a breakdown of the number of Plainfield residents served.

**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 also involve high school students as assistant activity leaders. Last year about 40 residents of Plainfield and Marshfield were served.

**Twinfield Together Mentoring Program** (requested \$250, recommend \$250) The Twinfield Together Mentoring Program connects community members with children living in Marshfield and Plainfield through one-on-one mentoring relationships. Approximately half of the 133 total mentors and mentees were Plainfield residents.

**Twin Valley Senior Center** (requested \$3,500, recommend \$2,300) 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 43 Plainfield residents last year.

**T. W. Wood Gallery** (requested \$375, recommend \$0) T. W. Wood Gallery, located in downtown Montpelier, serves youth, families, seniors, and other Central Vermont residents with its art educational and hands on activities. It is

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a historical museum with a large permanent art collection of work. They were unable to provide a breakdown of the number of Plainfield residents served. After discussion, the committee concluded that funding arts organizations, while worthy, was outside the scope of the expectations for the Social Concerns Committee.

**Vermont Center for Independent Living** (requested \$500, recommend \$200). VCIL is a statewide organization dedicated to assisting Vermonters with disabilities to achieve dignified, self-determined lives. Last year VCIL provided Information, Referral and Assistance services to 2 Plainfield residents.

**Washington County Diversion Program** (requested \$250, recommend \$250) This organization provides community based alternatives to the court system for first time juvenile and adult offenders. Diversion follows a restorative justice model, seeking to put right the wrongs that have been done and addressing the needs of all stakeholders, including the victim, the community and the offender. Eleven residents of Plainfield were served last year.

**Washington County Mental Health Services** (requested \$1,500, recommend \$500) WCMHS serves Washington County through education, support, and treatment of individuals who live with mental health challenges, substance use issues, 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 64 Plainfield residents.

**Washington County Youth Service Bureau** (requested \$500, recommend \$325) 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 WCYB served a total of 11 youths and other family members in Plainfield.

# SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE SPREADSHEET

Plainfield Social Concerns	Approved										Organization Request fo	Number Served	Recommendation for 2018
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018			
Organization													
American Red Cross	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$500	0	\$100	
Circle/BWSS					no request	\$250	\$500	\$525		\$525	29	\$525	
Central VT Adult Basic Education							\$400	\$500	\$400	\$700	6	\$400	
Capstone (Central VT) Community Action	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	225	\$500	
Central VT Economic Development										\$500	5	\$0	
Central VT Council on Aging (CVCOA)	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	1550/1350	52	\$1,350	
Central VT Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH)	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$2,500	\$2,500	62	\$2,500	
Family Center of Washington County	\$300	\$300	\$400	\$400	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$475	\$475	\$500	72	\$500	
Friends of the Winooski River		\$0	\$50	\$50	\$200	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$300	\$300	0	\$300	
Good Beginnings	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	12	\$300	
Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA)	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	31+	\$786	
Home Share Now					\$250	\$250	\$250	\$300	\$350	400/350	2	\$325	
Montpelier Senior Activity Center										\$700	32	\$0	
Ontion River Food Shelf	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	156	\$1,000	
OUR House							\$100			\$250	5	\$100	
Peoples' Health & Welness	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$650	\$750	67	\$700	
RSVP	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$0	\$150							
Sex Assault	\$200	\$200	\$200	no request	\$50	\$50	n/a	\$50	\$50	\$50	83?	\$50	
TLC	n/a	n/a	\$400	no request	no request	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$500	62	\$400	
Twinklid mentor	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	66?	\$250	
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$700	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$3,500	43	\$2,800	
TW Wood Gallery										\$375	150-200	\$0	
VT Association of the Blind	\$300	\$300	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0			na	
VT Center for Independent Living							\$250	\$225	\$225	\$500	2	\$200	
Washington County Diversion	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	11	\$250	
Washington County Mental Health									\$500	\$1,500	64	\$500	
Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	no request	\$300	no request	\$325	\$325	\$500	12	\$325	
totals	\$10,161	\$9,961	\$10,911	\$10,661	\$10,386	\$12,536	\$12,236	\$13,086	\$13,061			\$14,161	



## GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY PLAINFIELD FY17 ANNUAL REPORT

### Who We Are

GMT is the public transportation provider for the northwest and central regions of Vermont, offering a variety of services to the communities in which we serve. GMT is proud to offer traditional public transportation services like commuter, deviated fixed routes and demand response shuttles, while providing individualized services such as shopping and health care shuttles, Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled services to both urban and rural communities.

### Our Services

#### Individual Special Service Transportation

GMT provides essential medical and non-medical transportation service to those who qualify for Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled, non-Medicaid medical, human service and/or critical care funds. We offer individual coordinated services for those who qualify and who are in need of scheduled rides through GMT volunteer drivers, special shuttle service or general public routes.

***July through April of FY17, GMT provided 31 Plainfield residents with special transportation services, totaling 853 trips. Special services offered direct access to:***

- Medical treatment
- Meal site programs
- VT Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Reach Up
- Central VT Substance Abuse
- Prescription and Shopping
- Social and Daily services
- BAART
- Washington County Mental Health
- Vocational Rehabilitation

#### General Public Transportation

GMT also provides traditional general public transportation service directly supporting the increasing demand for affordable commuter and essential daily needs transportation solutions.





## **GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY PLAINFIELD FY156 ANNUAL REPORT**

In FY17, total statewide GMT rural ridership was 333,743. This general public transportation ridership was in addition to Special Service ridership, (above), and is available through a variety of services including:

- Deviated Fixed Routes
- Local Commuter Routes
- Local Shopping Shuttles
- Health Care Shuttles
- Demand Response Service
- Regional Commuters to Chittenden and Caledonia Counties

### **Thank You**

Thank you to the taxpayers and officials of Plainfield for your continued financial support of GMT's public transportation service and for your commitment to efficient transportation solutions.

### **Information**

Please feel free to contact Chris Loyer, Public Affairs Coordinator with questions or to request additional information on GMT services at 802.540.2451 or [cloyer@ridegmt.com](mailto:cloyer@ridegmt.com).

## **2017 CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT**

### **PLANNING GRANT NEWS**

The Town of Plainfield has received a \$28,000 grant from the Vermont Community Development Program to plan & design an addition to the library. The addition will increase accessibility for people with disabilities, but will benefit all. The library will facilitate the grant & reimburse the town for administrative expenses. We are so happy to partner with our town government in the interest of all Plainfield residents! And thanks to Arc & Arrow Consulting for discounted aid. We will be seeking the community's input throughout the planning process.

### **PEOPLE**

A volunteer board of seven oversaw the library in 2016-17: Marcy Shaffer Hale (Chair), Bob Rosenfeld (Secretary, now Treasurer), Janet Nielsen (Treasurer), Bev Thomas and Lynda Volz, Kit Gates and Amy Emler-Shaffer. Kevin Moore and Holly Kruse, both professional librarians, joined the board in 2017-18 to fill seats vacated by Kit and Amy (thank you both!!). Janet Nielsen has scaled back to desk volunteer and President of the Friends of the Library, so we still have one vacant position on the board to fill this year. A core group of volunteers staff the desk, giving 2 or 3 hours of their time every week: Gail Falk, Janet Nielsen, Matt O'Toole, Susan Egerton, Addy Guth, Katie Benjamin, Satori Rossi, Jane Youngbaer, Drew Keitz-Playford and Sharon Nute who worked more than six years and has moved away; thank you all. The Friends of the Library also play an indispensable role supporting the library's mission. Special thanks to Janet Nielsen, Maria McKnight, Joyce Fowler, Laura Zeisel, Donna Petterssen, Jacqueline Soule and Emily Rappold for their ongoing dedication, and welcome to new working members Marie Barney and Cheryl Flanagan! Tim Phillips has also been an enormous help at the library as well as other community endeavors on a number of occasions. Thanks!!

The librarian "crowd-funded" (took up a collection to fund) a professional development trip in 2017 to the American Library Association Annual Meeting, including a day-long workshop on libraries' roles in community disaster recovery, a follow-up to her role on the Plainfield Resiliency Awareness and Action Committee. She and several trustees received a grant to attend the New England Library Association conference, held in Burlington this year.

### **PROGRAMS & PARTNERING**

Our ongoing partnership with the Marshfield & Plainfield Conservation Commissions, the Jaquith Library & Goddard College (aided by Anne Miller) brings natural science speakers to the community. In 2016-17, David Montgomery and Anne Bikle spoke on microbiomes at Goddard; the talk also aired on Central Vermont Community Access Television. Proceeds collected at the door were used

## **CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT**

### **JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017**

to bring renowned bear rehabilitator Ben Kilham to speak to a packed Haybarn Theater at Goddard this past fall; those proceeds will fund the next speaker. Many community members offered programming, too. Ilene Elliott taught a journal-writing workshop series. Lynda Volz agreed to mentor at the Knitting Group on Tuesday nights. The Plainfield Resiliency Awareness and Action Committee (which the librarian served on) hosted a Neighborhood Watch & crime prevention information session at the library. Elaine Parker shared imagery and stories from her Vermont Haiti Project skills-exchange trip. Daniel Marcus and Amba Connor continued to host the monthly Classic Book Club. Plainfield Emergency Management Director Michael Billingsley gave a talk, "Local Flooding Hazards & Climate Change." The Plainfield Fire Dept. hosted a workshop on Emergency Preparedness, neighbors gathered to watch and discuss TED Talks, and we held our annual "Welcome Neighbor!" Potluck Dinner the last Sunday in January. Karen Starr & Barry Wyman offered a workshop on birdwatching. Adrienne Allison taught attendees about "Magical Kitchen Medicines."

Over the summer, we brought the Vermont Arts Bus to town with a grant from the Paul Post Fund & support from the Friends of the Library. We also offered special craft-and-story Sundays for older kids and a storytime for tots every Thursday through August. Please bring more kids to the library. We've rearranged the children's area and revamped the toy & book collections to encourage adults to bring the children in their lives to use the library more often.

### **COLLECTION**

We have more than 10,000 items circulating in our collection, including tools such as craft kits, a telescope, an mp3 player and e-readers to access our digital e-books and audiobooks, and of course print books, books on CD, DVD & VHS movies, and an assortment of magazines and newspapers. Downloaded content account for more than 25% of all items borrowed in 2016-17, so we're increasing what we spend in that category, and will be introducing a new digital platform for borrowers called HOOPLA in 2018 that includes downloadable or streaming music, television, movies AND e-books and audiobooks! We received a grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries to upgrade to a new catalog system in 2018; they will also continue to help fund our use of the recently-available courier service for interlibrary loan deliveries.

submitted by Loona Brogan

**CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT**  
**JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017**

Cash on Hand June 30, 2016

\$ 16,823.92

**INCOME**

Appropriation from Town of Plainfield	36,000.00
Rental Income	9,600.00
Annual Appeal	3,399.00
Donations from the Friends of the Library	1,770.00
Other Donations	1,025.00
Grants	195.00
Program Income	396.00
Miscellaneous Income (Fines, Copies, Book Sales, etc)	842.33

Total Income	53,227.33
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**EXPENSES**

Wages, Net	16,997.81
Payroll Taxes	5,562.93
Books/DVDs/Subscriptions	8,043.52
Upkeep/Repairs/Maintenance	4,787.14
Internet/Computer	4,527.49
Plainfield Revolving Loan payments (Roof)	2,767.28
Expansion Grant Consultant	2,711.96
Fuel Oil	2,100.00
Electricity	1,120.66
Office Expenses	2,006.34
Water/Sewer	1,398.00
Business Insurance	1,292.00
Postage	963.58
Worker's Compensation Insurance	507.00
Telephone	484.66
Programs	350.00
Bank Fees	211.71

Total Expenses	<u>55832.08</u>
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Cash on Hand June 30, 2017	<u>\$ 14,219.17</u>
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Checking Account	14,161.61
Debit Account	57.56
Total	<u>14,219.17</u>

\*These are our funds at the end of June. We use them to run the library until the town appropriation is received at the end of August.

## 2017 WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT

The year went by too quickly for us. Due to an injury Greg received reading meters last January, Tristan was placed in the position of having to cover the work load of the Water and Wastewater facilities for several months. He kept the systems safe and operating for the community, and we were pleased with his work. When Greg returned to full duty, Tristan took a much needed vacation.

Water consumption for the year 2017 was about 14 million gallons. Water leaks on High Street and Towne Avenue were repaired. During the same time period, 26 million gallons of wastewater were processed. Increased rain fall during the summer months, accounts for the increase in flow through the Wastewater plant over the previous year. We plan to check wastewater lines with a camera and other inspection methods in 2018, to determine if and where we need to make improvements to the service lines.

Looking ahead to FY18, our goal list includes: work to repair lines vulnerable to freezing, assess/repair curb stops and gate valves to assure they will operate when needed, and make some repairs around the springs and reservoir that were not able to be done last year. The work is ongoing and we are trying to stay within the budget. We are continually looking at best practices and long term solutions to be more cost effective.

**Only YOU can stop wastewater rates from increasing!** Once again, we need to stress that if nothing but human waste and toilet paper entered our system, we could reduce the costs of further treatment by hauling sludge to Montpelier. We continue to get grease, oil, feminine hygiene products, medical waste such as gloves, and bandages (not from the Health Center), and other items that should never be placed into the toilet and flushed.

We are starting the process to obtain a grant to develop an assets management program. This will be in conjunction with the State, and will be a computer program that assists with budgeting and equipment ordering, and will aid in the rate restructure slated for sometime next year.

Joshua Pitts has joined the Commission. He has a wealth of knowledge about water, and we welcome his participation. As always Greg and Tristan are happy to answer any questions.

Prepared by:

Greg Chamberlin, Chief Facility Officer

Mary Lane, Commission Chair

## 2017/2018 PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

Balances as of June 30, 2016						
Capital Improvement	69,288.52					
Equipment Fund	7,557.81					
Tax Escrow	0.02					
<b>Total Reserved Funds</b>	<b>76,846.35</b>					
<b>Unreserved Funds</b>	<b>43,990.16</b>					
Total On Hand June 30, 2016	\$120,836.51					
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	
DESCRIPTION	2016/2017	2016/2017	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	
Water Assessments	157,800.00	137,111.16	20,688.84	176,393.00	175,947.00	
Delinquent Assess	7,000.00	21,010.00	(14,010.00)	7,000.00	7,000.00	
Del. Tax Interest	70.00	872.77	(802.77)	70.00	70.00	
Del. Tax Penalty	930.00	1,680.69	(750.69)	930.00	930.00	
Goddard College	6,000.00	7,118.58	(1,118.58)	6,000.00	8,798.00	
Impact Fees	-	157.50	(157.50)	-	-	
Interest Income	500.00	59.76	440.24	500.00	500.00	
Grant Income	-	93,066.08	(93,066.08)	-	-	
Miscellaneous Income	424.00	205.20	218.80	294.00	294.00	
Total Income	\$172,724.00	\$261,281.74	\$88,557.74)	\$191,187.00	\$193,539.00	

## 2017/2018 PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET	PROPOSED
DESCRIPTION	2016/2017	2016/2017	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019
Plant Operator	28,600.00	11,817.00	16,783.00	28,100.00	28,700.00
Asst. Operator	22,880.00	24,381.40	(1,501.40)	22,500.00	23,000.00
Asst Clerk/Treasurer	3,800.00	3,763.76	36.24	3,915.00	3,995.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	3,200.00	3,129.10	70.90	3,254.00	3,325.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	577.00	1,680.69	(1,103.69)	810.00	600.00
Commissioner Stipend	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fringe/FICA	3,900.00	2,930.40	969.60	3,850.00	3,950.00
Fringe/MEDI	900.00	685.37	214.63	900.00	925.00
Fringe BC/BS Insurance	-	15,954.20	(3,724.20)	13,855.00	18,770.00
HRA	2,625.00	1,054.87	1,570.13	2,812.00	3,860.00
Fringe/Retirement	3,216.00	2,370.02	845.98	3,300.00	3,400.00
Delinquent Tax	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
Office Supplies	600.00	620.21	(20.21)	600.00	600.00
Computer Office	600.00	481.30	118.70	600.00	600.00
Computer Plant	360.00	-	360.00	360.00	360.00
Property/Liability Insurance	1,400.00	1,394.70	5.30	1,476.00	1,200.00
Workers Comp. Insurance	2,678.00	3,020.63	(342.63)	3,627.00	4,751.00
Unemployment Ins Trust	202.00	135.81	66.19	150.00	150.00
Supplies/System Maint.	6,000.00	8,021.89	(2,021.89)	6,000.00	6,000.00
Waterline Repairs	4,500.00	3,533.50	966.50	20,000.00	20,328.00
Fowler Loan Principal	12,297.00	12,296.66	0.34	12,665.00	13,046.00
Fowler Loan Interest & Fees	8,637.00	8,637.58	(0.58)	8,270.00	7,889.00
Rt 2 Project Loan Principal	9,144.00	9,034.00	110.00	9,292.00	9,597.00
Rt 2 Project Loan Interest	22,214.00	22,324.00	(110.00)	22,066.00	21,761.00
Safety Equipment	400.00	59.97	340.03	400.00	350.00
Improvement Project*		79,025.71	(79,025.71)		
*Grant Funds					

2017/2018 PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET	PROPOSED
DESCRIPTION	2016/2017	2016/2017	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019
Auditors	1000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bank Fees	10.00	-	10.00	10.00	10.00
Legal Fees/VLCT Dues	350.00	421.75	(71.75)	355.00	450.00
Taxes To Marshfield	1100.00	939.89	160.11	1,100.00	1100.00
Mowing	1000.00	1,155.00	(155.00)	1,000.00	1000.00
Electricity/GMP	1000.00	706.13	293.87	1,000.00	1000.00
Telephone/Internet	1506.00	1,427.82	78.18	1,450.00	1450.00
Furnace Repairs/Fuel	1000.00	842.02	157.98	1,000.00	1,000.00
Uniforms	350.00	355.60	(5.60)	350.00	350.00
Staff Training	350.00	326.50	23.50	350.00	350.00
Chemicals & Supplies	500.00	374.65	125.35	500.00	400.00
Testing	820.00	740.00	80.00	820.00	820.00
Truck Maintenance	850.00	375.99	474.01	850.00	600.00
State Water Flow Fees	900.00	702.89	197.11	900.00	900.00
Misc/Advts/Publications	700.00	542.80	157.20	700.00	600.00
Capital Improvement	7000.00	-	7,000.00	7,000.00	-
Equipment Fund	328.00	-	328.00	1,000.00	2,352.00
Audit	-	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$160,494.00	\$233,763.81	\$(61,039.81)	\$191,187.00	\$193,539.00
Funded by Grant		(93,066.08)	(93,066.08)		
Funded by reserved funds		(7,000.00)	(7,000.00)		
Funded by reserved funds		(328.00)	(328.00)		

	PLAINFIELD WATER
Capital Improvement	52,464.81
Equipment Fund	7,888.66
Tax Sale Escrow	-
Total Reserved Funds	60,353.47
Unreserved Funds	88,000.97
Total On Hand June 30, 2017	\$148,354.44



**SIMPLIFIED  
DELINQUENT WATER ASSESSMENTS  
JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017**

BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30 2017 :

2015 :	\$	199.00
2016 :	\$	7658.47
BALANCE :	\$	7857.47

Total Collected:	\$	21,010.00
Total Interest:	\$	872.77
Total Collector's Fees:	\$	1680.69
Total Legal & Coll. Costs:	\$	140.00
Total:	\$	23,703.46

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## 2017/2018 PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENSES	BUDGET		ACTUAL	VARIANCE		BUDGET		PROPOSED
	2016/2017	2016/2017		(OVER)/UNDER	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	
Sub Contractor	-	-	1,280.00	(1280.00)	-	-	-	-
Plant Operator	28,600.00		27,678.33	921.67		28,100.00		28,700.00
Asst. Operator	22,880.00		21,341.30	1538.70		22,500.00		23,000.00
Asst. Clerk Treasurer	3,800.00		3,763.76	36.24		3,915.00		3,995.00
Clerk/Treasurer	3,200.00		3,129.10	70.90		3,254.00		3,325.00
Del. Tax Fees Paid	600.00		1,698.51	(1098.51)		600.00		600.00
Fringe/FICA	3,700.00		3,634.02	65.98		3,620.00		3,760.00
Fringe/MEDI	700.00		850.16	(150.16)		847.00		900.00
Tax Sale Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delinquent Tax	1,000.00		-	1000.00		500.00		500.00
BC/BS Insurance	12,230.00		14,241.13	(2011.13)		13,855.00		18,770.00
HRA	2,625.00		1,054.88	1570.12		2,813.00		3,860.00
Fringe/Retirement	3,216.00		3,075.17	140.83		3,300.00		3,400.00
Office Supplies/Postage	600.00		496.00	104.00		600.00		550.00
Supplies & System Repairs	12,000.00		11,316.26	683.74		18,440.00		18,440.00
Computer Office	775.00		481.30	293.70		500.00		500.00
Computer Plant	500.00		-	500.00		500.00		1,000.00

## 2017/2018 PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	2016/2017	2016/2017	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019
Property/Liability	4,580.00	4,511.26	68.74	4,761.00	4,700.00
Workers Comp Insurance	2,678.00	3,020.64	(342.64)	3,627.00	4,751.00
Unemp Insurance Trust	202.00	135.81	66.19	150.00	170.00
Equipment Repairs/Parts	4,500.00	7,711.69	(3211.69)	10,000.00	24,371.00
Auditors	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bank Fees	10.00	-	10.00	10.00	10.00
Legal Fees/VLCT Dues	350.00	341.75	8.25	355.00	450.00
Electricity/GMP	20,000.00	18,270.27	1729.73	20,000.00	20,000.00
Telephone	1,500.00	1,419.73	80.27	1,450.00	1,450.00
Fuel/Furnace Repairs	1,400.00	951.59	448.41	1,400.00	1,400.00
Chemicals	300.00	304.82	(4.82)	300.00	300.00
Sludge Disposal	44,000.00	38,647.81	5352.19	44,000.00	44,000.00
Uniforms	350.00	45.25	304.75	350.00	350.00
Audit	-	5,000.00	(5000.00)	-	-
Laboratory Services	2,620.00	2,007.50	612.50	2,620.00	3,000.00
Mowing	1,000.00	1,155.00	(155.00)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Staff Training	500.00	560.50	(60.50)	500.00	750.00

## 2017/2018 PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	2016/2017	2016/2017	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019
Truck Fuel/Maintenance	850.00	331.13	518.87	850.00	500.00
Safety Equipment	400.00	123.26	276.74	400.00	200.00
Bond & Interest Expense	48,158.00	43,888.81	4269.19	48,158.00	44,858.00
Audit Rounding Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	159.00	637.64	(478.64)	200.00	5.00
Capital Improvement	14,000.00	-	14,000.00	12,440.00	-
Equipment Fund	7,650.00	-	7,650.00	7,650.00	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$252,633.00</b>	<b>\$224,104.38</b>	<b>\$28,528.62</b>	<b>\$264,565.00</b>	<b>\$264,565.00</b>
Funded from reserved funds		(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)		
Funded from reserved funds		(7,650.00)	(7,650.00)		
Capital Improvement	96,474.39				
Equipment Fund	16,691.48				
Tax Sale Escrow	-				
<b>Total Reserved Funds</b>	<b>\$113,165.87</b>				
<b>Unreserved Funds</b>	<b>82,926.82</b>				
Total on hand June 30, 2017	\$196,092.69				

**INTERIM REPORT  
DELINQUENCY BALANCES  
WATER / WASTEWATER  
12/31/2017**

**WATER**

Without Current Year 2017

NAME	YEAR	TOTAL DUE
Banbury, Lorraine	2016	\$472.00
Berte, Wanda	2016	\$215.61
Cressey, Peter	2016	\$236.00
Gratton,Randy & Amy	2016	\$472.00
Gray, Robert	2016	\$46.89
Harman, Jacqlyn	2016	\$236.00
Hart, Mark	2016	\$744.00
Holt, Nancy	2016	147.23
Huttemann, Arthur	2016	\$236.00
Xylona, Leah	2016	59.88

TOTALS [Includes Interest & Penalty ]	\$2,865.61
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**WASTEWATER**

Without Current Year 2017

NAME	YEAR	TOTAL DUE
Casey, Robert	2016	\$172.22
Gratton, Randy & Amy	2016	\$487.23
Gray, Robert	2016	\$815.27
Hart, Mark	2015/2016	3218.05
Holt, Nancy	2016	\$265.79

TOTAL [ Includes Penalty & Interest]	\$4,958.56
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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

**SIMPLIFIED  
DELINQUENT WASTEWATER ASSESSMENTS  
JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017**

Balances Owed as of 6/30/17 :

2015 -	\$ 1995.72
2016 -	\$ 7971.84
2017[WW1]-	\$ 25570.49
BALANCE -	\$ 35538.05

Total Collected :           \$ 21231.26

Total Interest :           \$ 1140.82

Total Collectors Fees :   \$ 1698.51

Total Legal & Coll. Costs : \$       0.00

TOTAL :                   \$ 24070.59

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Also any dog acquired after April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 clerks office with any questions, 454-8461.

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



## PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT FOR 2017

***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 7:15 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, in the meeting room at the town offices. All townspeople are welcome. If you are interested in helping with one or more of our projects, 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. 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 encourage your participation. This year we worked to clear trails and manage invasive plants. Also, we now have two fine new (grant-funded) improved parking areas and information kiosks at the two trailheads, which make the forest even more welcoming and more accessible to members of the community and general public. Students from Maple Hill School helped construct and install the kiosks – many thanks! This year we will continue to work on clearing and maintaining trails; if you are interested in helping out, please contact any of us (listed below).

In January we hosted a public forum celebrating **our town's special natural places**. Fish & Wildlife Conservation Planning Biologist Jens Hilke focused on our 2016 town-wide inventory of significant natural communities. We've continued to work with the Planning Commission to incorporate important information from the inventory into the revised zoning regulations. The full ecological report is available at Cutler Library, the Town Clerk's office, and on the town's website: <http://www.plainfieldvt.us/index.php/conservation-commission>

Once again, we coordinated **Green Up Day**. Our thanks go to Becky Atchinson who headed up efforts again this year, Delia Gillen for promotion, to Betsy Ziegler for special village beautification efforts, Mike Russell and Chris Miksic for donating receptacles and transport for the collected trash, and to all those who made this event a success by helping clean up roadside, riverbank, Rec Field and village park trash. **THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS** – What a difference you all make! **Green Up Day is always the first Saturday in May** (this year, 2018, on May 6<sup>th</sup>.) Please call Becky at 479-4326 if you'd like to help out with planning for Green Up Day.

Along with the Jaquith and Cutler Libraries, and the Marshfield Conservation Commission, we continued our **speaker series**. In November, Ben Kilham, an expert on black bear behavior, presented a very well-attended and interesting evening lecture at the Haybarn. We look forward to continuing our partnership with these sponsors to host more of these remarkable educational presentations this coming year.

## PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT FOR 2017

Also with the Marshfield CC, we once again organized the annual spring **Tree and Shrub Sale**. Our recent concentration on offering edible landscaping plants has been very popular, with an emphasis on trees and shrubs native to Vermont which attract wildlife and beautify your yard. Order forms for the sale will be available at Town Meeting and at various locations around town afterwards. Plainfield's proceeds from the Tree and Shrub Sale funded our **Street Tree** program, which is used for the planting and maintenance of village trees in the public right of way.

We worked with the Planning Commission on zoning revisions, with the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission on energy siting, and with The Nature Conservancy on aquatic health. We participated in the annual summit of the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions and Plainfield's Old Home Day celebration, and attended the Open Meeting Law workshop presented by attorney Jim Barlow.

At Town Meeting this year, Plainfield voters will once again be asked to support the **Conservation Fund**. The fund, administered by the Selectboard, exists 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.
- ❖ Information about the fund is available at the town clerk's office.

We were happy to welcome our newest commission member, Kim Sudol, who joined us this spring. Thanks to Delia Gillen for posting our meeting minutes online, and to former commission Kate Harper for all she contributed (we miss you). We are also very grateful to all the partners mentioned above, and all those who work to make Plainfield a wonderful place to – a very big THANK YOU!

Current commission members and their phone numbers are:

Sarah Albert, Co-chair, Treasurer 476-0526  
Jan Waterman, Co-chair, Secretary 479-9558  
Becky Atchinson 479-4326  
Charlie Cogbill 454-8619  
Julie Hackbarth 476-3200  
Kim Sudol 454-1974  
Mary Trerice 454-7334

# PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT FOR 2017

## **Income**

FY16-17 Town Budget	375.00
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## **Expense**

Copying	(115.20)
Postage & envelopes	(64.80)
Public presentation: tcollaboration with Marshfield CC, Cutler & Jacquith libraries	(40.00)
Pet waste bags	(59.49)
Town Forest Signage	(33.90)
Total expenses	(313.39)
Balance 6/30/17 (returned to General Fund)	61.61

## **Street Tree Reserve Fund**

Balance as of July 1, 2016	7,209.72
Total profit from 2017 Tree Sale: 1,459.63	
Plainfield share of 2017 Tree Sale profit	729.81
Interest income	7.23
Balance On Hand June 30, 2017	7,946.76

## **Conservation Fund**

Balance as of July 1, 2016	14,453.13
INCOME:	
Budget	2,500.00
Interest Income	3.88
Total Income	2,500.00
	2,503.88
Balance On Hand June 30, 2017	16,957.01

## **Town Woodlands Fund**

(created at 2015 Town Meeting)

Balance as of July 1, 2016	8,801.26
INCOME:	
Match for Recreation Trails Grant	(2,932.00)
Interest Income	13.21
Total Income	
Balance On Hand June 30, 2017	5,882.47

## 2017 PLAINFIELD HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE

The Flood Advisory Committee was initially formed in 2011 as an ad hoc committee of the Town of Plainfield, charged with helping the Town research and evaluate solutions to our most common hazard, Great Brook flooding. In 2017 Dan Gadd retired as Chair to be replaced by Plainfield resident Amos Meacham, who lives near Great Brook. Michael Billingsley continued as Secretary.

George Springston, after many years of dedicated service (first on the Flood Advisory Committee, and then on Hazard Mitigation) has retired from the Committee. We are deeply thankful for his service and expert advice. George helped write the 2012 Plainfield Hazard Mitigation Plan. On his strong foundation about flooding and landslides, we will be updating the plan in 2018 to include Hazmat spills on Route 2, ice and extended winter storms (with loss of electric power), and Marshfield dam-related emergencies.

Other members of the Committee include Theresa Bienz, Dan Gadd, Susan Grimaldi and Bram Towbin (Road Commissioner). Plainfield Constable Kathleen Hayes has just asked to join the Committee.

Over the course of the year we learned about flu & pandemic strategies with Health Officer Justine Gadd; Reverse 911 and Vermont 411 emergency helpline with Beth Burgess of United Ways Vermont; emergency (ham) radio communications with David Ferland, John Lawrence & Carl Etnier; Great Brook water hazards with Pam DeAndrea; and terrain & climate mapping by LIDAR & drones.

We also reviewed the Milone & MacBroom report to make bridge study recommendations; studied woody debris traps (based upon the new ones in Barre); and had multiple meetings about Green Mt. Power (GMP) and the Marshfield Dam. We had a special October Marshfield meeting with GMP staff & tried to get an accurate sense of the dam.

Please attend our meetings on 3rd Thursday of each month if you are interested. If you would like to join the Committee, please contact Chair Amos Meacham, who will evaluate your interest & make recommendations to the Selectboard.

Amos Meacham Chair,  
Michael Billingsley Secretary

## **PLAINFIELD FIRE & RESCUE REPORT**

The volunteers of the Plainfield Fire and Rescue would like to thank the community for the continued support and appreciation of the service we have been able to provide the town and outlying community in the past years.

The past year our service has been busy working on and completing the specs and decision making on the new pumper truck coming in May of this year.

The new truck will replace our 18 year old pump truck that is our frontline truck for all fire calls. The new truck is modestly designed and will be equipped with many upgraded features for personnel safety and ease of use in mind as well as updated firefighting capabilities.

Along with sometimes daily calls the members have been busy completing trainings, upgrading aged equipment and preparing for any emergencies that may come along.

The Department has been fortunate to have four new people join our team. Three of these members have chosen to take on the daunting challenge to enroll in classes that will take up to 250 hours to complete. These classes and certifications are so incredibly important to our community because they provide immediate and high level professional care within minutes of 911 calls. All of the members who complete trainings and certifications do so completely on their own time and provide their own transportation to these trainings.

The call volume of our community continues to hold at a high average of nearly a call a day. This volume often stresses membership because of other commitments such as family and work. With this said the department is always looking for anyone interested in joining our team of volunteers. Please contact any member for info on how to join us.

As a reminder to our community's safety, please check your batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. If the age of your detectors is over 7 years they should be inspected and or replaced.

Patrick Martin, Fire Chief

## PLAINFIELD E-911

### Things Everyone Needs to Know to Be 9-1-1 Ready!

Help us help you! In an emergency, seconds matter; being prepared can make a difference! Talking through scenarios with other family members can help you **Be 9-1-1 Ready!**

**Know when to use 9-1-1.** Call or text 9-1-1 in an emergency: **to save a life, stop a crime, or to report a fire.** If you or someone else is hurt or very sick, call 9-1-1. If you're not sure if your situation is an emergency, err on the side of safety and call 9-1-1. The call-taker can assess the event and guide you. **Call when you can, text when you can't!**

**Know your location.** Emergency responders can't help you if they don't know where you are. Train yourself to pay attention to where you are. If you're traveling, be able to identify the road, your direction, mile markers, exits, etc. If you're visiting a friend's house, make a mental note of their address. Make sure everyone in your home knows your street address. Keep your address posted by your phone in case of an emergency.

**Know your phone.** We can call 9-1-1 from a variety of phones these days, which is great in an emergency. However, not all phones and devices provide the 9-1-1 call-taker with your location information. Landline phones will provide your location to the call-taker, but cell and VoIP phones may not. Contact your service provider for more information about the capabilities of your phone.

**Remain calm.** It may be hard to remain calm during an emergency, but when you do so, you make it easier for the call-taker to gather your information and get the right help on the way.

**Don't hang up.** If you have placed an emergency call to 9-1-1, stay on the line until the call-taker tells you it's ok to hang up the phone. They can dispatch help even when you are still on the line. In addition, they may require more information or be able to provide you with assistance, so don't hang up!

**Don't hang up!** If you've called 9-1-1 by accident, it's important to let the call-taker know. If you hang up suddenly, the call-taker may call you back or may even send someone to your home to check on your safety.

**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**

## PLAINFIELD E-911

**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

## **2017 REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Emergency Management is the difficult job of identifying the needs of vulnerable people and families and responding to those during a disaster; and at the same time identifying the sources of possible harm to everyone, and developing strategies to minimize those harms during emergency situations.

In Plainfield that means knowing which households are at risk - from floods, landslides, hazardous materials spills, winter storms, electric outages and dam failure or releases. Then we strategize how to reduce possible harms, while at the same time working with the Hazard Mitigation Committee to reduce the likelihood that natural and human-caused disasters will occur in the first place.

Hazard Mitigation and long-time experience points to floods as our biggest danger (from heavy rains, from spring melt and from extreme events up at the Marshfield dam). Emergency Management continues to work to locate households who are at risk, and to gradually develop... with those residents and with the Fire Dept... how to get folks at risk quickly out of harms way.

In addition, because of the increasing hazard posed by heavier local rains as well as deterioration of dam safety structures, we have tried to bring Green Mt. Power to the table, and have asked them to make necessary repairs and upgrades to that 1927 structure.

Knowing that during any evacuation, households need a safe place to go, we are also inventorying and hoping to stock our Red Cross-certified shelter at the Goddard Haybarn aso it has enough supplies, cots and food to put people up for at least two days... until the Red Cross can re-supply and take over. Responding to state requirements for disaster reimbursement (from FEMA) we have also begun to set up an Emergency Operations Center at the Town Hall Opera House. We also continue to negotiate with Maple Hill Farm and School to establish a south-of-river public shelter at the top of John Fowler Road. Both shelters serve Plainfield and Marshfield residents in need and during evacuation events.

We are also better coordinating our work with regional (Central VT Community Planning) and state (VT Emergency Management Center) programs - as well as the Vermont 211 emergency help line, the VT-Alert notification system and our first responders here and in Marshfield. We are also working often with the Marshfield Energy Committee and its Selectboard with our shared concerns about the dam.



## **2017 REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Lastly, we are participating in state and federal training programs in order to understand our job, and our partnerships. This includes dam safety trainings, emergency management trainings and Incident Command trainings. And on the other end of the spectrum, Emergency Management is deeply involved with the Plainfield Community Supper team, in order to increase local disaster resiliency and to help people know one another better.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cerulli Billingsley

Emergency Management Director - Plainfield

## 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. 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.

We continue to work to enhance 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. We once again handed out over 2000 candy canes over the Christmas Holiday Season, reminding drivers to have a safe and happy holiday season.

County wide, our patrol efforts during fiscal year 2017 generated 2513 incidents reports, 726 Traffic Citations, 1543 Traffic Warnings and 53 Civil violations. In the course of our patrol efforts in Plainfield, many vehicles were stopped and at times warnings were given. The following Vermont Traffic Complaints and Warnings were written by the Washington County Sheriff's Department while on patrol in your town, as well as incidents generated:

<b><u>Incidents</u></b>			
<b>Call Type</b>	<b>ORI: VT0120000</b>	<b>Count of Inc.</b>	<b>% of Total Inc.</b>
<b><i>Abandoned Vehicle</i></b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0.60%</b>
<b><i>Agency Assist</i></b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1.19%</b>
<b><i>Foot Patrol</i></b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0.60%</b>
<b><i>Juvenile Problem</i></b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0.60%</b>
<b><i>Motor Vehicle Complaint</i></b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2.38%</b>
<b><i>Property Watch</i></b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0.60%</b>
<b><i>Sobriety Checkpoint</i></b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0.60%</b>
<b><i>Suspicious Person/Circumstance</i></b>		<b>9</b>	<b>5.36%</b>
<b><i>Traffic Hazard</i></b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1.19%</b>
<b><i>Traffic Stop</i></b>		<b>142</b>	<b>84.52%</b>
<b><i>VIN Verification</i></b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2.38%</b>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>168</b>	

# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

## Ticket Summary Report

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**ORI: VT0120000**

### Washington County Sheriff's Department

Civil Other      **3**      **1.69% of all tickets in this report**

<u>Count</u>		<u>% of Civil Other Tickets</u>
2	16C - Consuming malt/vinous/spirituous beverage - 1st Offense (under 21)	66.67%
1	MJ1 - Possessing Marijuana/Hashish - 1st Offense (Under 21)	33.33%

Traffic      **65**      **36.72% of all tickets in this report**

<u>Count</u>		<u>% of Traffic Tickets</u>
1	AWD - Consuming Alcoholic Beverage While Driving	1.54%
2	CEL - Using Portable Electronic Device - 1st violation	3.08%
1	CRS - Failure to use child restraint system- First offense	1.54%
1	DP - Failed To Display Front Registration Plate	1.54%
1	ESD - Unreasonable And Imprudent Speed When Special Hazards Exist	1.54%
5	FYY - Stop Sign	7.69%
6	INS - Operating Without Liability Insurance	9.23%
2	NL - Operating Without A License	3.08%
5	NR - Persons Required To Register	7.69%
1	OSC - Operating After Suspension/Revocation/Refusal- First Offense	1.54%
9	OSC - Operating After Suspension/Revocation/Refusal- Second Offense	13.85%
2	OWS - Obstructing Windshields	3.08%
3	PNA - Misuse Of Number Plates	4.62%
16	SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	24.62%
3	VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	4.62%
7	VO - Regulations In Municipalities	10.77%

Warning      **109**      **61.58% of all tickets in this report**

<u>Count</u>		<u>% of Warning Tickets</u>
1	BR - 1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit	0.92%
2	BR - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	1.83%
29	DEF - Condition Of Vehicle	26.61%
1	DIS - Inspection Sticker Not Assigned To Vehicle	0.92%
1	DLT - Driving On Roadways Laned For Traffic	0.92%
5	DP - Failed To Display Front Registration Plate	4.59%
1	DP2 - Failed To Display Front And Rear Registration Plates	0.92%
2	ESD - Unreasonable And Imprudent Speed When Special Hazards Exist	1.83%
2	FYY - Stop Sign	1.83%
1	IR - Illuminations Required	0.92%
1	IX4 - Inspection Expired Within 14 Days	0.92%
3	LBR - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit-Local	2.75%
1	LES - Unreasonable And Imprudent Speed When Special Hazards Exist -Local	0.92%
1	NL - Operating Without A License	0.92%
1	NR - Persons Required To Register	0.92%
1	OSC - Operating After Suspension/Revocation/Refusal- 1st Offense	0.92%
1	SCL - Sirens And Colored Lamps	0.92%
3	SL1 - 1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit	2.75%
28	SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	25.69%
21	VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	19.27%
3	VO - Regulations In Municipalities	2.75%

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,

***Sam***

W. Samuel Hill, *Sheriff*

# OLD HOME DAY 2017



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## **PLAINFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT**

In 2017, 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.”

During Old Home Days Susan Grimaldi lead a walking tour of the village. The tour was well attended and brought about some good questions and observations.

In September, we produced our 14th 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](http://plainfieldvthistory.org). We wish to thank our patrons and advertisers for their support of the calendar project the last 14 years.

The PHS created and installed an exhibit at the Town Hall which ran from March 1st to the 30th. The exhibit was titled “On the Rails: A History of the Montpelier and Wells River Railroad in Plainfield.”

For our annual meeting in December, Norm Dix gave a very enjoyable presentation at the Town Hall. The stories and discussion generated by Norm and the audience were an invaluable contribution to the history of our town. For those that missed it, a recording of the meeting can be found on our website. We thank those who manage the Town Hall for the use of their space.

Bob Fancher has done a great deal of work to get our website up and running. Many pictures have been added, and a very nice early history of Plainfield was penned by Susan Grimaldi. The web address is: [plainfieldvthistory.org](http://plainfieldvthistory.org)

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 Tuesday of the month at the Cutler Library at 7 pm.

Officers of the Historical Society for 2017 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.

## **2017 RECREATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

The Plainfield Recreation Field saw some notable changes this past year with more planned for next year. The most notable was the addition of Chloe Budnick as a new committee member.

The Rec field saw a great deal of work done this summer on the skatepark. Nick Hooker, Ben Youngbear, Chloe Budnick, Jim Bernatchy, and others, were instrumental in making needed upgrades to the condition of the skatepark. The park is now in good shape with some minor upgrades planned for the spring of 2018. A garbage can was added to help control some of the garbage that seems to accumulate at the basketball court and skatepark. As always, the main issue in keeping the skatepark in good working order is more volunteer labor.

The tennis court, backboard, and net are all in good shape. The cracks in the court have been filled. Additional trimming around the tennis court was done, making it less of a jungle along the edges. It should be noted that the tennis court is for tennis only.

The new liner for the ice rink worked very well. The main issue now is the lack of constant cold to keep a decent surface on the rink. With any luck, we will have a very long cold winter to make use of the rink. The pole near the rink has controls for the lights, which make for a romantic night skating experience.

The basketball court is in good shape. New nets were added over the summer. Tree and vines were trimmed back and new lines were painted, as were the backboards.

The sandbox is in need of good quality sand to encourage its use. This will be added in the spring. The rest of the playground equipment is holding up very well. Chloe organized the aid of students at the Maple Hill School to help spread wood chips in the playground area.

A committee is working on a grant and fundraising for the construction of a new shelter. We are currently looking into different designs and locations.

The bank along the area of the old shelter saw some stabilization efforts as roughly 30 trees were planted along the eroding bank.

## **2017 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 a Little league team this summer. They did a nice job maintaining the field and kept the area spotless. Despite efforts to keep the grass from encroaching on the infield, it seems to have won.

The Recreation Field and the 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. The beautiful location of the Rec Field along the Winooski River and Great Brook and the variety of equipment are an asset to our town. We look forward to continuing the tradition of having 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.

Dan Gadd



## 2017 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

The Cemetery Commission would again like to thank Plainfield Hardware for generously donating water free of charge for the Plain-Mont Cemetery. The donation enables us to maintain the quality of service to our patrons. Thank you Gaye and Rich.

The commission continues to consider developing a permanent source of water. We will also continue to follow the interest in green burials and in a community mausoleum for cremations. We welcome comments regarding these issues.

In the 2016- 2017 year we continued to spend money to straighten stones. In the current FY the commissioners have led volunteer efforts to straighten monuments at the Bisson Cemetery and will continue to recruit volunteers to straighten stones and clip shrubs without spending money. We intend to continue and increase volunteer efforts.

Our thanks to the community in maintaining the viability of our cemeteries.

Paula Ackel  
Greg Light  
Ed Hutchinson  
David Spence

### PLAINFIELD CEMETERY BUDGET

#### 2018-2019 BUDGET

Income	
Sale of Lots	2,500.00
Cemetery Services	3,000.00
Transfer from Investments	29,850.00
TOTAL	\$35,350.00

Expenses	
Cemetery Mowing	15,600.00
GMP power	250.00
Liability Insurance	1,100.00
Maintenance	2,000.00
Sexton	15,500.00
Supplies	400.00
Treasurer	500.00
TOTAL	\$35,350.00

## 2017 CEMETERY TREASURERS REPORT

Cash on Hand 7/1/16	550.15
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### Income

Sales of lots	8,250.00
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Cemetery Services	7,660.00
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Transfer from Investment Accts	18,500.00
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Miscellaneous Income	50.00
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Total	34,460.00
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### Expenses

Treasurer Stipend	500.00
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Mowing	15,333.32
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GMP	243.77
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Liability Insurance	1,019.92
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Supplies	124.27
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Sexton	15,339.58
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Maintenance and Misc expenses	1,670.92
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Total	34,231.78
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On hand 6/30/17	778.37
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## 2016-2017 PLAINFIELD ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT FROM BOB ATCHINSON

*In the past fiscal year, Plainfield Energy Coordinator Bob Atchinson and team member Ed Hutchinson:*

- ❖ Continued monitoring solar production at the Park & Ride 9.9 kW array. Since commissioning in September of 2015 it has produced 21,254 net kWh of electricity, a total value of \$4,433.83. We will be working with Rich Nichol of SolarTech or others to have the daily output data available online.
- ❖ Have monitored electric bills for the Municipal Building, group-net-metered with the solar production, and will be working with Efficiency VT and Shelter Construction for electric load and energy audits – to identify future conservation measures.
- ❖ Monitored contributions and usage for the new EV charging station at Mill St. Park. The project was completed last year, December-January/2016-17 by volunteer work from the Energy Coordinator and funded by two \$1,000 grants. Contributions for the privilege of EV charging are collected from the driver in a small coin box, based on the reading on an on-site consumption meter. This unique “honor-system” strategy has been admired and adopted by other towns in the state of VT, following Plainfield’s lead. To date, early January 2018, the charging station has provided EV drivers with 1,396 KWh of charge, approximately **400** miles of emission-free driving, with total donations of \$189.02 from January 2016 to present, averaging \$0.135 per kilowatt hour. The EV site is signed on US-2, and is listed nationally on Plug Share.
- ❖ Check it out in person, or online at: <https://www.plugshare.com/location/79683>.
- ❖ Checked in, according to the resolution passed at the 2016 town meeting, with various town committees, commissions, and employees to encourage them to be aware of climate change and structure their activities, (with guidance from the energy team, if requested), towards the work of healing our Planet Earth.
- ❖ Participated in the Peoples Climate March at locations in Montpelier, VT and Washington, DC.
- ❖ Answered all citizen inquiries as an authority on conservation, alternative transportation, and renewables.
- ❖ Attended the annual October Renewable Energy VT conference in Burlington.
- ❖ Attended the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network (VECAN) conference in December.
- ❖ Participated in the Efficiency VT-sponsored Button Up Vermont campaign, and will be scheduling at least six home energy visits in the future.

## **2016-2017 PLAINFIELD ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT FROM BOB ATCHINSON**

### ***Schedule your FREE Home Energy Visit NOW!***

- ❖ Managed the installation of six more replacement street lamps as part of maintenance and Phase 3 installs. Just two remain for completion of the street lighting upgrade.
- ❖ Represented Plainfield on the Central VT Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) Transportation Advisory Committee.
- ❖ Purchased a FLIR infrared camera for diagnosing building heat losses. Our Energy Team is getting familiar with the camera and will be using this tool in the field to identify heat loss, cold penetration, and high moisture areas in residential and municipal buildings.
- ❖ Attended continued training by the VT Department of Public Service (DPS) on Act 174 Energy Planning. Plainfield will be participating in round-two planning to adopt Act 174 into our Town Energy Plan.
- ❖ Attended majority of the combined meetings with the Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee.



## CVSWMD FY 2017 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. Laura Zeisel 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 FY17, CVSWMD provided \$7,363 in School Zero Waste and Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Grants and \$4,534 in Green Up Day Grants to businesses and schools in member municipalities. The town of Plainfield received a \$303 Green Up Day Grant. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual non-competitive Green Up Day Grant each spring.

After 14 years, CVSWMD is no longer in the business of hauling food scraps from schools and businesses in central VT. Our efforts, and those of our partners, kept 12,112 tons of food scraps out of the landfill! In 2017, CVSWMD successfully transitioned all organics hauling routes to Grow Compost of Moretown. CVSWMD will continue to provide resources and technical assistance to businesses to reduce and divert food waste from the landfill to comply with state law.

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 at cost to district residents. CVSWMD also offers free workshops about backyard composting.
- **School Programming:** Our School Zero Waste Program works with all 27 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries and more. 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 2017, 9 events were held, in which CVSWMD collected hazardous waste, paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs.
  - Two household hazardous waste collection events were held, in Barre Town and Montpelier, in spring and fall.

## CVSWMD FY 2017 REPORT FOR PLAINFIELD

- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC)**: The ARCC, at 540 N. Main St. in Barre, is open M, W, F noon-6pm and the third Sat. of each month, 9-1pm. The ARCC is a recycling drop-off for over 40 hard-to-recycle materials, [cvswmd.org/arcc](http://cvswmd.org/arcc). Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.

○ In FY17, 203 residents from Plainfield recycled at the ARCC.

**Web Site:** CVSWMD posts useful information including what can be recycled, what can be composted, how to dispose of hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste, composting, Act 148, details of our special collections, and an “A to Z Guide” listing disposal options for many materials in the alphabet.

Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District  
137 Barre Street, Montpelier, VT 05602  
[cvswmd.org](http://cvswmd.org)  
229-9383

# WASHINGTON NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION

## FY18 TREASURER'S REPORT

### Serving Cabot and Twinfield Union Schools

	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY19 Budget
<b>Beginning Balance All Funds July 1</b>	41,956	24,524	24,524
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
Beginning Balance July 1	(897)	696	696
Transfers from Special Revenue Fund	0	0	0
Assessments/Purchased Services	2,548,804	2,198,810	2,288,888
Other	35,477	1,368,280	1,611,503
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,584,281</b>	<b>3,567,090</b>	<b>3,900,391</b>
Instruction	5,677	0	0
Special Education	1,007,133	1,545,277	1,775,252
Psychological Services	27,318	321,668	439,085
Speech Services	46,393	45,672	45,338
OT Services	43,416	42,240	39,317
PT Services	8,176	14,246	14,246
Improvement of Instruction	4,722	0	58,025
Curriculum Development	44,146	53,790	42,235
Central Administration	276,982	278,625	237,525
Special Services Administration	157,217	154,132	142,472
Business Office	236,874	250,803	240,586
Occupancy Costs	525,361	522,390	500,747
Transportation	199,273	338,247	365,563
Other	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,582,688</b>	<b>3,567,090</b>	<b>3,900,392</b>
<b>Revenue Less Expenditures</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Closing Balance General Fund June 30</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>696</b>
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
Beginning Balance July 1	42,853	23,828	23,828
Local Funds	0	0	0
State Funds	35,283	44,703	40,000
Federal Funds	660,109	561,094	560,000
Other Federal Sources	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>695,392</b>	<b>605,797</b>	<b>600,000</b>
Instructional Services	7,170	416,872	413,372
Special Education	185,851	188,925	186,629
Support Services - Students	4,254	0	0
Support Services - Instr Staff	73,598	0	0
Support Services - School Admin	25,514	0	0
Support Services - Fiscal	0	0	0
Community Service	0	0	0
Subgrants to Cabot & Twinfield	418,030	0	0
Misc	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>714,417</b>	<b>605,797</b>	<b>600,000</b>
<b>Revenue Less Expenditures</b>	<b>(19,025)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Closing Balance Special Revenue Fund June 30</b>	<b>23,828</b>	<b>23,828</b>	<b>23,828</b>
<b>Closing Balance All Funds June 30</b>	<b>24,524</b>	<b>24,524</b>	<b>24,523</b>

# WASHINGTON NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION

## FY17 BUDGET/FY17 ACTUAL/FY18 BUDGET/FY19 BUDGET

### Revenue

	30-Jun-17	30-Jun-17	30-Jun-18	30-Jun-19	
<u>SU Wide Activities</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
1510 Interest Income	0	243	0	0	0
1932 Special Ed Assessment-SU	1,276,893	1,137,608	829,052	901,185	72,133
1934 General Assessment-SU	1,271,520	1,410,953	1,369,758	1,387,704	17,946
1941 Educational Services	0	0	0	0	0
1990 Miscellaneous Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
Local:	2,548,413	2,548,804	2,198,810	2,288,888	90,078
3201 Mainstream Block Grant	0	0	241,193	229,673	(11,520)
3202 Special Education Reimbursement	0	0	850,512	952,089	101,577
3203 Special Education Extraordinary	0	0	92,123	118,350	26,227
3204 Essential Early Education Grant	0	0	39,356	39,035	(321)
3205 State Placed Reimbursement	0	0	108,596	235,856	127,260
3308 Tech Ctr Transportation	0	35,477	36,500	36,500	0
3350 High School Transformation	0	0	0	0	0
3714 Act 156 Joint Services	0	0	0	0	0
3790 CFS- TLC	0	0	0	0	0
3900 VSTRS On Behalf	0	0	0	0	0
5400 Prior Year	0	0	0	0	0
State/Other	0	35,477	1,368,280	1,611,503	243,223
Sub Total	2,548,413	2,584,281	3,567,090	3,900,391	333,301
Federal/State Grants			605,797	600,000	
Totals	2,548,413	2,584,281	4,172,887	4,500,391	333,301

### Function Summary

<u>Function</u>	<u>Title</u>	30-Jun-17	30-Jun-17	30-Jun-18	30-Jun-19	
		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
1100 Regular Instruction		0	5,677	0	0	0
1200 Special Education		970,105	907,850	1,502,477	1,731,558	229,081
1200-11 Special Education Pre K		40,545	99,283	42,800	43,694	894
2140 Psychological Services		30,350	27,318	321,668	439,085	117,417
2150 Speech Services		45,008	46,393	45,672	45,338	(334)
2160 OT Services		40,100	43,416	42,240	39,317	(2,923)
2190 PT Services		7,400	8,176	14,246	14,246	0
2210 Improvement of Instruction		0	4,722	0	0	0
2212 Curriculum Development		58,861	44,146	53,790	58,025	4,235
2310 School Board & Assessments		39,557	56,905	41,261	42,235	974
2320 Superintendent		216,949	220,077	237,365	237,524	159
2420 Special Services Admin		143,382	157,217	154,132	142,472	(11,660)
2520 Business		244,728	236,874	250,803	240,586	(10,217)
2600 Operations & Maintenance		478,149	525,361	522,390	500,747	(21,643)
2700 Transportation		233,279	199,273	338,247	365,563	27,316
5500 Sub Grants		0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total		2,548,413	2,582,688	3,567,091	3,900,391	333,300
Federal/State Grants				605,797	600,000	
Totals		2,548,413	2,582,688	4,172,888	4,500,391	333,300

### Object Summary

<u>Object</u>	<u>Name</u>	30-Jun-17	30-Jun-17	30-Jun-18	30-Jun-19	
		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100 Salaries		1,426,717	1,499,753	1,814,989	1,835,179	20,190
200 Benefits		524,280	470,438	820,368	787,477	(32,891)
300 Professional Services		401,732	339,630	407,224	518,626	111,402
400 Property Services		25,955	24,638	58,024	58,024	(0)
500 Other Services		131,134	220,476	393,791	613,441	219,650
600 Supplies		20,370	16,142	56,970	62,970	6,000
700 Equipment		13,000	3,406	10,500	15,500	5,000
800 Dues/Fees/Interest		5,225	8,205	5,225	9,175	3,950
900 Principal/Sub Grant/Transfer		0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total		2,548,413	2,582,688	3,567,091	3,900,391	333,300
Federal/State Grants				605,796	600,000	
Totals		2,548,413	2,582,688	4,172,887	4,500,391	333,300

Surplus/(Deficit)	-	1,593	-	-	-
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**WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING  
PLAINFIELD, VERMONT  
MARCH 6, 2018**

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 sixth day of March 2018 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.

Articles 1, 2, and 3 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 Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to purchase the Gallison House property at 25 High Street for the purpose of providing parking for the Town Hall Opera House, and to finance this purchase for a sum not to exceed \$70,000 payable over a term not to exceed ten years?
- Art. 3 Shall the action taken at the 2017 annual Town meeting authorizing \$200,000 of bonded indebtedness to purchase a new fire truck be validated and confirmed?
- Art. 4 To hear reports of Town Officers and act on same.
- Art. 5 Shall the Town establish a reserve fund for the Emergency Operations Center and Shelter?
- Art. 6 Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Emergency Operation Center and Shelter Reserve Fund?
- Art. 7 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,333.00 as its share of the eighth 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 rider fares.
- Art. 8 Shall the Town voters authorize the expenditures for the following not-for-profit service agencies as recommended by the appointed Social Concerns Committee?

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American Red Cross	\$ 100.00
Central VT Adult Basic Education	\$ 400.00
Capstone (Central VT) Comm. Action	\$ 500.00
Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,350.00
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
OUR House	\$ 100.00
People's Health and Wellness	\$ 700.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 50.00
Twinfield Learning Center	\$ 400.00
Twinfield Together Mentoring	\$ 250.00
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 2,800.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 200.00
Washington CTY Court Diversion	\$ 250.00
Washington CTY Mental Health	\$ 500.00
Washington CTY Youth Service Bureau	\$ 325.00
Total	\$14,161.00

- Art. 9 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.10 To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay for Water and Wastewater departments for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
- Art.11 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, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

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- Art.12 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.13 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 15, 2018 and collect school taxes on November 14, 2018 and February 13, 2019, collecting half of the total school taxes on each of those dates?
- Art.14 Shall the Town of Plainfield enter into a communications union district to be known as Central Vermont Internet, under the provisions of 30 VSA Ch82?
- Art.15 To transact any other non-binding business that may properly come before the meeting.

**WE, the undersigned voters of the Town of Plainfield, request that the Selectboard warn the following resolution for the 2018 Plainfield Town Meeting:**

**WHEREAS** extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing Plainfield, our state, our nation, and the world;

**WHEREAS** the State of Vermont has stated a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to obtain 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town of Plainfield urges the State of Vermont to:
  - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to pipelines; and,
  - b. Firmly commit to, at least, 90% renewable energy by 2050 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
  - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized, or rural communities.
2. That the residents and the government of the Town of Plainfield will do our parts to meet or exceed these goals and achieve 95% renewable energy by 2040 by committing to efforts such as:
  - a. Protecting town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, such as denying easements or agreements for any pipelines transporting fossil fuel products across town lands;
  - b. Address transportation issues in the Town and School District by embracing the use of alternatively-fueled vehicles, such as biodiesel or electric-powered units, and supporting public transportation;
  - c. Working together to weatherize all town buildings and schools in the town and school district, 80% of residences, and ensuring that all new construction and renovation comply with the current state energy codes, and renewables with Act 174 planning standards;

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- d. Enlisting state or independent support to install photovoltaic solar on suitable town and school property, and continuing the discussion to install low-head hydroelectric generation at the Plainfield Mill St. dam site;
- e. Embracing other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life, while helping to reduce overall energy use in Plainfield.

- 3. That the Plainfield Energy Team will report at town meeting annually on the town's progress on these efforts**

Betsy Ziegler, Chair  
Ross Sneyd  
Sasha Thayer  
Plainfield Selectboard

Dated at Plainfield, Vermont  
January 25, 2018  
Received for recording January 25, 2018  
Attest: Linda B. Wells, Town Clerk

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MARCH 6, 2018**

**NOTICE TO VOTERS for Town Meeting**

**BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerk's Office by February 4, 2018. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **Sample ballots** will be posted by February 24, 2018.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or 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 the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 5, 2018. (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.

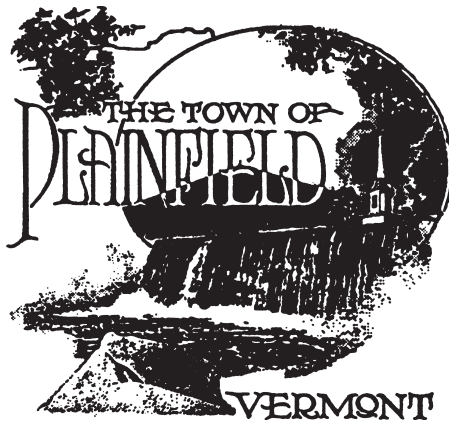
Conservation Commission  
DRB(Development Review Board)  
Energy Committee  
Hazard Mitigation Committee  
Historical Society  
Old Home Days Committee  
Planning Commission  
Recreation Committee  
Revolving Loan Committee  
Social Concerns Committee  
Water and Wastewater Commission

What previous boards or committees have you served on:

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



## 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.

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