

TOWN OF
PLAINFIELD, VERMONT

224th Annual Report



2021

Annual Report of the Town Officers

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30 2021

Town Meeting Voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 from 7am -7pm

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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, 2020 to June 30, 2021. To the best of our knowledge and belief, we find they are correct as reported herein.

Lorraine Cappetta

GENERAL INFORMATION

Town Clerk's Office Hours M/W/F 7:30-12:00 1:00-4:00pm
PO Box 217, Telephone-454-8461 Fax-454-8467
Plainfield, VT 05667

Town Website www.plainfieldvt.us

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

Water and Wastewater Depts. Greg Chamberlin, Chief Plant Operator
454-7173

Emergency Tel# 793-0795 Tristan MacGregor-Stewart, Assistant Operator

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

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

Wastewater and Water Assessment Policy adopted December 12, 2016

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

Town Board Meetings- In 2021 some meetings have been in person and some committee meetings are still held remotely while the COVID cases still continue to rise.

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

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Cemetery Commission | Scheduled as needed |
| Conservation Commission | Third Wednesday each month |
| DRB (Development Review Board) | Second Wednesday of each the month |
| Hazard Mitigation Committee | Scheduled as needed |
| Historical Society | Scheduled as needed |
| Library Trustees | Scheduled as needed at Cutler Library |

GENERAL INFORMATION

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Cutler Library Hours | Sun/Mon closed, Tues 10-6, Wed 3-6, Thurs 10-6, Friday closed, and Sat 10-1. |
| Planning Commission | First and Third Monday evenings |
| Plainfield Revolving Loan Committee | Scheduled as needed |
| Recreation Committee | Scheduled as needed |
| Selectboard | First and Third Tuesday evenings |
| Social Concerns Committee | As needed during October/November |
| Water/Wastewater Commission | Third Monday evenings |

LOCAL ASSISTANCE CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS

DIAL 911

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Animal Control/Constable: Vacant | |
| Cutler Library: Director Angela Ogle | 454-8504 |
| Fire Warden: Andy Hebert | 322-5016 |
| Fire Chief: Greg Light | 839-8878 |
| Health Officer: Baylen Slote | 310-1400 |

TOWN FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

Recording Fees

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| Warranty Deed | \$ 15.00 per page |
| Mortgage Deed | \$ 15.00 per page |
| Mortgage Discharge | \$ 15.00 per discharge |
| Property Transfer Return | \$ 15.00 per return |
| Certified Vital Record | \$ 10.00 per copy |
| License of Civil Marriage | \$ 60.00 |
| Annual Dog License-ONTIME | |
| Neutered Dogs | \$ 9.00 |
| Unneutered Dogs | \$ 13.00 |
| Annual Dog License-LATE | |
| Neutered Dogs | \$ 11.00 |
| Unneutered Dogs | \$ 17.00 |
| Land Posting | \$ 5.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Renewal Fee | \$ 3.00 |
| Water Assessment semi-annually 2022 | \$ 280.00 |
| Wastewater Assessment semi-annually 2022 | \$ 401.00 |

TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Moderator | Charles T. Barasch | |
| Town Clerk | Linda B. Wells | |
| Treasurer | Linda B. Wells | |
| Selectboard: | | |
| Term Expires 2024 | Tammy Farnham | |
| Term Expires 2022 | Jim Volz | |
| Term Expires 2023 | Alexandra "Sasha" Thayer | |
| Listers: | | |
| Term Expires 2024 | Sandra Ross | |
| Term Expires 2022 | Frederick Pope | |
| Term Expires 2022 | Gary Smith | A |
| Term Expires 2023 | Vacant | |
| Auditors: | | |
| Term Expires 2023 | Lorraine Cappetta | |
| Term Expires 2022 | Tricia Tetreault | |
| Term Expires 2024 | Vacant | |
| Cemetery Commissioners: | | |
| Term Expires 2022 | Dave Spence | A |
| Term Expires 2022 | Nancy Ellen | A |
| Term Expires 2023 | Ed Hutchinson, Chair | |
| Term Expires 2024 | Vacant | |
| Term Expires 2025 | Vacant | |
| Term Expires 2026 | Alice Sky | |
| School Directors: | | |
| Term Expires 2022 | Janna Osman | |
| Term Expires 2022 | Milena Yasus | A |
| Term Expires 2023 | Lauren Cleary | |
| Term Expires 2024 | R. Winona Johnson | R |
| Collector of Delinquent Taxes | George Cushing | |
| Trustee of Public Funds | Selectboard | |
| Justices of the Peace: | | |
| Term Expires 2023 | Dale Bartlett | |
| | Patricia Boyle | |
| | Steven Farnham | |
| | Alice Merrill | |
| | Mary Niebling | |
| | Leatrice Potter | |
| | Peter Youngbaer | |
| State Representative | Janet Ancel | |
| Term Expires 2023 | | |

TOWN OFFICERS

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

| | | |
|---|--|--------|
| Animal Control/Constable | Vacant | |
| Assistant Clerk/Treasurer | Carol Smith | |
| CV Fiber formerly know as Central VT Internet | Michael Birnbaum Jeremy Matt | |
| Cent VT Reg Planning Commission Alternate representative Transportation Advisory Committee | Paula Emery Bob Atchinson Bob Atchinson | |
| Central VT Solid Waste Mgmt Plainfield Representative Alternate | Betsy Ziegler Vacant | |
| Central VT Emergency Mgmt Committee | Greg Light | |
| Central VT State Police Advisory Plainfield Representative | Vacant | |
| Conservation Commission Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024 | Sarah Albert Mary Trerice Serena Matt Becky Atchinson Rose Paul Julie Hackbarth | R |
| Development Review Board Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024 | Janice Walrafen, Chair Sarah Albert Seth Mullendore Elaine Parker Mary Niebling Alice Sky Jim Volz | R R |
| E-911 Representative | Sandra Ross | |
| Emergency Mgmt Coordinator | Carla Straight | |
| Energy Coordinator | Bob Atchinson | |
| Fire Chief 1st Assistant Fire Chief 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Deputy Fire Chief | Greg Light Johnathan Matthew Andy Hebert Gary Graves | |
| Asst Chief/EMT Captain Fire Warden | Johnathan Matthew Andy Hebert | |

TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|----------|--|
| Health Officer-2024 Deputy Health Officer | | Baylen Sky Vacant |
| Planning Commission Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2023 | | Karen Storey Will Colgan, Chair Baylen Sky |
| Recreation Committee Dan Gadd Nick Hooker Michael Morlan | R | Ben Youngbaer Jamie Spector, Chair Ryan Gillard |
| Registrar Deputy Registrars | | Linda B. Wells R. Brent Whitcomb Nicholas Whitcomb |
| Revolving Loan Committee | | Karl Bissex Dave Boynton |
| Road Commissioner Road Foreman Highway Administrator | | Vacant Mike Nolan Michael Bingham |
| Social Concerns Committee | | Gail Falk Marcy Hale Judy Cyprian |
| Town Grand Juror | | James Jamele |
| Town Law Agent | | James Jamele |
| Tree Warden | | Nicko Rubin |
| Water and Wastewater Commissioners Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 | | Mary Lane, Chair Josh Pitts Tim Phillips |
| Zoning Administrator 2025 | | Karen Storey |

A-Appointed
R-Resigned

2021 TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS APRIL 6, 2021

ARTICLE 1

For Moderator, 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE
CHARLES T. BARASCH 308
_____ Write-in

For Auditor, 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE
not enough write-ins for election

For Town Clerk, 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE
LINDA B. WELLS 324
_____ Write-in

For Collector of Del Taxes, 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE
George C. Cushing 270
_____ Write-in

For Town Treasurer, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE
LINDA B. WELLS 322
_____ Write-in

For Cemetery Commissioner, 2 years
Vote for not more than ONE
not enough write-ins for election

For Selectboard, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE
TAMMY FARNHAM 224
_____ Write-in

For Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE
not enough write-ins for election

For Lister, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE
SANDRA ROSS 285
_____ Write-in

For Cemetery Commissioner, 4 years
Vote for not more than ONE
not enough write-ins for election

For Auditor, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE
TRICIA TETREULT 269
_____ Write-in

For Cemetery Commissioner, 5 years
Vote for not more than ONE
ALICE SKY 270
_____ Write-in

Auditor, for 2 years
Vote for not more than ONE
LORRAINE CAPPETTA 276
_____ Write-in

For School Director, 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE
R. Winona Johnson 259
_____ Write-in

2021 TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS APRIL 6, 2021

TOWN ARTICLES

Art.2 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$6,833.06 for the support of Rural Community Transportation Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town of Plainfield?

Yes 285 votes

Art.3 Shall the Town of Plainfield appropriate the sum of \$1,499.94 as its share of the ninth year cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Plainfield. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and passenger fares?

Yes 309 votes

Art.4 Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures for not-for-profit service agencies in the amount of \$14,461 as recommended by the appointed Social Concerns Committee?

Yes 270 votes

Art.5 Shall the Town voters authorize an appropriation of \$37,500 to the Cutler Memorial Library to pay for the librarian, a library assistant, and the purchase of materials and services, including those to make the Library accessible to the community?

Yes 300 votes

Art.6 For future Town Meetings, shall the Town of Plainfield adopt all budget articles by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A.2680(c)?

No 232 Yes 102

Art.7 For future Town Meetings, shall the Town of Plainfield vote on all public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A.2680(d)?

No 236 Yes 99

Art.8 Shall the Town approve \$232,198.00 for the operation of the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022?

Yes 272 No 46

2021 TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS APRIL 6, 2021

Art. 9 Shall the Town approve \$318,323.00 for the operation of the Wastewater Department for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022?

Yes 265 No 50

Art.10 Shall the Town approve \$1,041,789.00 to operate the Administrative operations, Fire and Rescue Department, and Highway Department of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022?

Yes 319 No 13

Art.11 Shall the Town of Plainfield authorize the Selectboard to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

Yes 309 No 17

Art.12 Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of public statutes relating to the collection of taxes by the Town Treasurer, (VSA 32 Section 4791) and vote to collect municipal taxes thirty days from mailing and not prior to August 11, 2021 and collect taxes on November 10, 2021 and February 09, 2022, collecting half of the total school taxes on each of those dates?

Yes 303 No 12

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town meeting is on March 1, 2022 at the Municipal Building, 149 Main Street.

Well unfortunately, COVID is in control still! Enough so, that we are unable to have an open town meeting at the Town Hall Opera house again this year. We will be having the polling place at the Town Clerks office this year.

We sent postcards out again this year so you can request absentee ballots by returning the ballot request card. We will send the ballots to you.

There will be the town ballot including officers and all other town business and the Twinfield School ballot.

This year there is also a ballot to vote on the Central VT Career Center. This is a vote on the Central VT Career Center, which includes 18 communities that are hoping to create broader governance currently controlled by the Barre Unified Union School District. For further information, go to the CVCCSD website.

Due to this special ballot vote, our polls will be open from 7am – 7pm on town meeting day this year.

The Town office continues to be busy! We are open our regular hours. To research our land records, we have them online back forty years. Just go to the website www.plainfieldvt.us select the Town Clerk page for the link. Researchers can also search in person by appointment only.

Other services available are:

DMV motor vehicle renewals can be done here for your convenience. The renewal fee is \$3.00 per renewal. Registration renewals can now be done 24 hours a day. You can go online to <https://dmv.vermont.gov> or by phone at 866-259-5368.

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

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

Notary Services

We provide notary services to community members. This service is free, and Identification is required.

Dog Licensing

Due to COVID it has been challenging for dog owners to register their dogs. You can submit the dog fee and current rabies certificates by putting them in our drop box, or you can mail the

information to us. We can process them and send you a new tag and license. Dog Licenses are due by April 1st annually. **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.

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

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.

REMINDER TO HOMEOWNERS

Homestead Declarations

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

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**

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

paperwork you may receive from this office so the correct amount is paid and paid timely. We do NOT notify your escrow company.

Retirement Announcement

After 27 years of service this September, I will be retiring.



In 1995, Lois Smith, our clerk and treasurer, gave me the opportunity to work for the town. She was fabulous! She taught me so much preparing me to take over the reins years ago. Lois, Carol, and I were at the town hall then, in a ten by ten office space, and a tiny vault with a ceiling so low a few researchers had to duck to avoid hitting the ceiling. The upstairs town space was closed off and in disrepair.

Soon after I started, Carol left the office to enjoy her new baby girl!

Lois and I carried on for a few years until her retirement in 1997. Soon after she retired I was fortunate that Carol was ready to come back to work and

we have been doing our best to keep the place rolling along ever since.

Just a little history:

One spring we were flooded at the town hall, with help from Jay Jewett, our water and wastewater operator, we used buckets to catch the water coming out of the foundation and a wet vacuum to suck up some of the water, the rest we swept out the front door! As they say we are the clerks of the works!

And then there were mice, as some of you know, I can hardly get near the little creatures. They are cute, but freak me out every time they are in my view. Thank goodness Carol was brave and handled all of the mice patrolling and would catch them and let them go outside. Of course, next thing we knew they were back in the office.

In 2003 the town purchased and renovated a building in the village that was once a grocery store. Thank goodness! How we managed in the tiny space we had at the town hall I am not sure, but in August 2005 we moved to the renovated building. What a difference! Nice open space with lots of windows, and two vaults to store all of the records, and extra office space for committee meetings and storage.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Our town has grown a lot since my days at the town hall. Years of volunteers on committees, Selectboard members coming and going, Green Up, tree sales by the Conservation committee, Bentley at the office, Grace United Church yard sales, Halloween fun, lost dogs visiting the office, sidewalks and unwelcome bump outs, Old Home Day celebrations, Plainfield Fire Dept delicious barbeque chicken, creation of the town website, events at the renovated town hall, park n ride, commuter buses and shelters, Mill street park, a new recreation shelter, solar panels, electric car station, street dances, and yoga in the park, to name a few of the changes and fun events over the years.

Then COVID settled in across the world. The town was buttoned up and the office began a new routine of copying documents to researchers and anyone else that needed information from our land records, zoning records, lister records and any other records they could request. The upswing of all this is that we managed to have some town records digitized back 40 years with grant funding. The town records are now available online and we continue to digitize new records as they come in.

Who knows what lies ahead for our little, sometimes big town of Plainfield.

All the best to you all, I will see you around, Linda

Linda B. Wells, Town Clerk and Treasurer

PLAINFIELD TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

Cash on Hand June 30, 2020

835,064.04

REVENUE

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Current Taxes Town | 799,825.55 | |
| Current Taxes School | 1,456,277.21 | |
| Interim School Tax and Interest | 49,723.78 | |
| Delinquent Taxes | 223,493.93 | |
| Delinquent Tax Interest | 13,769.33 | |
| Delinquent Tax Penalty | 17,876.18 | |
| State Aid to Highway | 123,683.22 | |
| Highway Grants/Misc Income | 9,831.96 | |
| Conservation Commission | 6,058.00 | |
| Zoning Permits | 2,560.00 | |
| CU Terminants and Harmless | 75,584.00 | |
| Municipal State tax credits | 56,354.04 | |
| REAPP | 5,244.50 | |
| Dog Licenses | 691.00 | |
| Liquor Licenses | 415.00 | |
| Marriage Licenses | 90.00 | |
| Recording and Fees | 14,776.00 | |
| Vault/Computerization Funds | 4,876.00 | |
| Judicial Income | 1,670.50 | |
| Interest Income | 765.59 | |
| Municipal Building | 500.00 | |
| Fire/Rescue Grants/Misc Income | 26,003.50 | |
| Grant Income | 45,816.00 | |
| Green Up Grant | - | |
| Town Hall Donations/Rental | - | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 1,422.53 | |
| Recreation Dept Income | 120.00 | |
| Solar Charge Station | - | |
| Tax Sale Income | 76,742.80 | |
| Main St Bike/Pedestrian project grant reimbursement | - | |
| CDBG grant reimbursement | 36,323.66 | |
| Subtotal | | |
| Cemetery Income | 16,210.00 | |
| Investment transfer due to Town | 30,000.00 | |
| | 3,096,704.28 | 3,096,704.28 |

TOTAL CASH ON HAND AND REVENUE

3,931,768.32

**PLAINFIELD TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021**

Expenses

| | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Selectboard | 354,735.33 |
| Fire Dept | 233,686.37 |
| Highway | 753,279.36 |
| Social Concerns | 60,094.00 |
| Twinfield Union School | 1,617,064.18 |
| Cemetery | 40,992.72 |
| Total Town Expenses | 3,059,851.96 |

TOTAL REVENUE **\$3,931,768.32**

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$(3,059,851.96)**

ON HAND JUNE 30, 2021 **\$871,916.36**

RESERVED FUNDS **\$663,399.82**

UNRESERVED FUNDS **\$208,516.54**

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET
JULY 1 2020 - JUNE 30 2021**

ASSETS:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Reserved Funds | 663,399.82 |
| Unreserved Funds | 208,516.54 |
| Total Current Assets | \$871,916.36 |

FIXED ASSETS:

| | Highway | Mun Bldg | Fire Dept. | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Purchased prior years | 1,148,886.95 | 149,900.00 | 318,000.00 | 1,616,786.95 |
| Purchased this year | 125,180.00 | - | | 125,180.00 |
| Total Fixed Assets | 1,274,066.95 | 149,900.00 | 318,000.00 | 1,741,966.95 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (932,757.95) | (69,953.38) | (63,600.00) | (1,066,311.33) |
| Current year depreciation | (40,860.10) | (4,996.67) | (31,800.00) | (77,656.77) |
| Total Net Equipment Assets | 300,448.90 | 74,949.95 | 222,600.00 | 597,998.85 |

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Grand Total Assets | 1,469,915.21 |
|--------------------|--------------|

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Accounts Payable | 13,699.01 | |
| Notes Payable | | |
| HWY \$40,000 Mack Truck Loan | | |
| Payment due 6/30/22 | 20,000.00 | |
| HWY \$60,000 Komatsu Loader | | |
| Payment due 6/30/22 | 12,000.00 | |
| SB \$11,082 Revolving Loan-Town Hall | | |
| Payment due 6/30/22 | 5,541.00 | |
| SB \$14,390.38 Solar Array Loan | | |
| Payment due 6/30/22 | 3,000.00 | |
| FD \$134,000.00 Freightliner Truck | | |
| Payment due 6/30/22 | 20,000.00 | |
| FD \$9500 Revolving Loan | | |
| Payment due 6/30/22 | 1,900.00 | |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 76,140.01 |

LONG TERM LIABILITIES:

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Notes Payable | |
| HWY Mack Truck Loan-2023 | |
| \$20,000 annual payment | 20,000.00 |
| HWY Komatsu Loader 2023 | |
| \$12,000 annual payment | 48,000.00 |
| SB Revolving Loan-Town Hall 2023 | |
| \$5,200 estimated annual payment | 5,541.00 |
| SB Solar Array Loan-2025 | |
| \$3,000 annual payment | 11,390.38 |
| FD Freightliner Truck-2027 | |
| \$20,000 annual payment | 114,000.00 |

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET

JULY 1 2020 - JUNE 30 2021

| | | |
|---|----------------|---------------------|
| FD Firehouse Revolving Loan | | |
| Payment due 6/30/27 | 7,600.00 | |
| Total Long Term Liabilities | | 206,531.38 |
| | | |
| Fund Balance 6/30/20 | \$1,117,352.02 | |
| Interim cash flow | 69,891.80 | |
| Includes collection of delinquent taxes current and past years. | | |
| Fund Balance 6/30/21 | | <u>1,187,243.82</u> |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balance | | <u>1,469,915.21</u> |

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

ASSETS

Reserved Funds

| | |
|--|------------|
| Computerization Fund | 24,822.71 |
| Conservation Commission Tree CD Fund | 10,663.95 |
| Conservation Fund | 21,791.36 |
| Current Use Funds/Training Funds | 154,448.17 |
| Emergency Operation Center & Shelter | 2,002.10 |
| FD Equipment Fund/Health Grant CD Fund | 83,565.62 |
| FD Building Improvements | 5,563.11 |
| FD Personal Protection Equip | 10,162.32 |
| Fuel Assistance Fund | 3,638.90 |
| Highway Dept Equip Fund | 62,535.58 |
| CVRP Grant Ditching Proj Funds | |
| Municipal Buildings Fund | 11,483.86 |
| Municipal Building Rental Fund | 88,658.43 |
| Paving Fund | 61,193.98 |
| Recreation Equipment Fund | 250.00 |
| Tax Sale Reserve | 76,175.08 |
| Town Hall Fund | 17,038.39 |
| Vault Preservation Fees | 19,547.71 |
| Willard Perry Fund | 1,869.33 |
| Arch Batchelder fund | - |
| Mitigation Reserve CD | - |
| HRA | 3,552.30 |
| Town Forest CD | 3,592.48 |
| 2% to Municipal Building reserve | 844.44 |
| Total Reserved funds | 663,399.82 |
| Unreserved funds | 208,516.54 |
| | |
| Total on hand June 30, 2021 | 871,916.36 |

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

Municipal tax

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|------------|
| 1,163,290.00 | 0.783 | 910,390.71 |
| Local Agreement | | 5,002.20 |
| | | 915,392.91 |

Education tax

| | | |
|------------|-------|--------------|
| 782,721.00 | 1.801 | 1,413,846.00 |
| 380,777.00 | 1.734 | 660,382.00 |
| | | 2,074,228.00 |

Total Taxes 2,989,620.91

Credits (456,327.72)
2,533,293.19

Collection of Taxes

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| Municipal Tax | 799,825.55 |
| Education Tax | 1,556,222.02 |
| Subtotal | 2,356,047.57 |
| Delinquent | 170,292.96 |
| | 2,526,340.53 |

Town .225% retained 3,647.09
 Penalties collected 105.00
 Errors and omissions (4,368.00)
(615.91)

**SIMPLIFIED
STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES
DELINQUENT TOWN TAXES
JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021**

Balances Owed As of 6/30/2021 :

| | | |
|-----------|----|-----------|
| 2017 = | \$ | 423.99 |
| 2018 = | \$ | 1278.12 |
| 2019 = | \$ | 5766.72 |
| 2020 = | \$ | 25,276.25 |
| Balance = | \$ | 32,745.08 |

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|------------|
| Total Collected: | \$ | 223,493.93 |
| Abated & Adjusted : | \$ | 0.00 |
| Total Interest: | \$ | 13,769.33 |
| Total Collector's Fees: | \$ | 17,876.18 |
| Total Legal & Coll. Costs | \$ | 140.00 |
| TOTAL : | \$ | 255,279.44 |

**INTERIM REPORT
REAL ESTATE
Without Current Year (2021)**

| NAME | PROPERTY | YEAR | TOTAL DUE |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Abell , Stephen | 002-0270 | 2020 | \$340.30 |
| Gray , Robert | 003-0317 | 2020 | \$265.29 |
| Hedding , Suzanne | 016-0574 | 2020 | \$379.64 |
| McMillan , G.. | 041-0390 | 2019-2020 | \$1748.53 |
| Peduzzi , Lisa | 033-0300 | 2020 | \$ 2741.44 |
| Silveria , Anthony & Allison | 033-0647 | 2018 - 2020 | \$4192.96 |
| Wong , J. | 202-0072 | 2020 | \$967.45 |
| Young , W. | 013—0659 | 2020 | \$3591.92 |
| TOTAL | | | |
| (INCLUDES INTEREST & PENALTY) | | | \$14227.53 |

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 12/31/2021.

SAVE MONEY-PAY YOUR TAXES PROMPTLY!!

2021 LISTERS REPORT

Vermont income tax deadlines were again extended for 2021. But deadlines for the town to file the grand list and send out tax bills were not extended. Because of that, we did not receive a number of homestead declarations and homestead payments from the state until well after the property tax bills were sent out. When we do finally receive the homestead filings and homestead payments from the state, we send out revised property tax bills.

If income tax deadlines are extended, or if you file for an individual tax extension, **you still must file your homestead on time to avoid a penalty.** You can file a homestead declaration and also request a homestead payment without filing your complete Vermont income tax return.

Every year, the question we are asked the most is why homestead payments are not on the property tax bill. You must file on time in order for the payment to be processed by the state and send to the town before the tax bills are sent out.

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

You can file the homestead declaration with a paper form or online on the Vermont.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.

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.

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

The current rise in real estate prices certainly affects our tax base. Our education aid is determined by the State on the basis of per pupil spending and also on how close our Grand List is matching current sale prices. We can't, by Vermont state law, raise the value on a property to match the sale price. The State does a statistical study every year to check the ratio between the Grand List and sale prices. This is called the Equalization Study. Sales statistics for the previous 3 years are analyzed-the idea is that a 3 year spread will help even out any large ups or downs in the real estate market. As anyone who has tried to buy or sell a property lately knows, real estate prices are still soaring. We don't have control over what the State decides about this, but so far Plainfield has been in pretty good shape.

2021 LISTERS REPORT

We are back to in person inspections. We take all precautions to keep everyone safe during this risky time. If you prefer not to have direct contact, we would be happy to talk to you on the phone instead.

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

We are welcoming a new lister this year. Gary Smith has been appointed to fill the remainder of the vacant lister term.

Plainfield Listers

Sandra Ross

Rick Pope

Gary Smith

2021 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The DRB meets on the second Wednesday of the month to attend to Town zoning matters and consider the effects of proposed developments including conditional use permits, variances, subdivisions, and other permit requests that are not within the Zoning Administrator's authority.

Our work as the Development Review Board is to help neighbors be informed and involved in development activities happening around them.

As we are still navigating the Covid-19 pandemic, we held our meetings via Zoom in the winter months, and outside at the Recreation Field Pavilion in the summer months.

We held seven hearings in the past twelve months for the following: boundary line adjustment; property line fence over 6'; an appeal of a Zoning Administrator's violation letter; a variance; a Change of Use to a Conditional Use permit; a right of way permit; and a minor subdivision.

Elaine Parker served her 3-year term and did not request reappointment. We thank her for all she contributed to our meetings and decisions. Sarah Albert, who has served the Town over decades on the Planning, Zoning, and Conservation Boards, has moved to Montpelier and retired from the DRB. We celebrated her with a party organized by Cindy Wyckoff, our Administrative Assistant. She will be missed and we thank her for all her thoughtful participation and writing of decisions.

We have two new members joining us this fall, Seth Mullendore and Mary Niebling.

We are still awaiting the adoption of the Unified Regulations which will assemble all three zoning documents--the Zoning, Subdivision, and Flood Inundations Regulations--into a single document making these rules more accessible to the DRB and citizens of Plainfield.

DRB Members: Janice Walrafen, Chair

Alice Sky, Jim Volz, Seth Mullendore, and Mary Niebling

2021 PLAINFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Last year the Planning Commission finalized the Town Plan and it was adopted by the town. The new Town Plan will act as a long-term guide for public and private initiatives that will affect the social and economic health of the community. It enables the town to take part in Act 250 hearings and Section 248 which permits energy projects such as wind and solar farms. It also enables the town to take part in municipal grants, community development, and affordable housing funds. The Town Plan sets the foundation and guidance for local zoning and subdivision regulations which are currently being worked on by the Planning Commission.

The town Zoning Ordinances has not been updated in quite a while and there are new requirements for flood and erosion controls on the town's waterways that need to be current with state and federal regulations. There are also new concepts for development and the desire to help the town grow with new technologies and the ability to adapt to Climate Change. Currently the town has 3 separate zoning ordinances which will be combined into one easier to use document with this new revision.

The Planning Commission will be holding hearings on this new ordinance in the near future to get public input. Once the language has been finalized the ordinance will go up for a town wide vote.

The Planning Commission meets currently via an available Zoom link and at the Town office building on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 pm. We post the Zoom invite on the town website ahead of time but please contact any of the Planning Commission members or the town clerk's office for further details on attending meetings or submitting comments.

Will Colgan

Karen Storey

Jesse Cooper

Baylen Sky

2021 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.

FY21 Plainfield Activities

- ❖ Completed road erosion inventory.
- ❖ Assisted with Local Hazard Mitigation Plan development.
- ❖ Developed forest integrity maps and formatted Town Plan for adoption.
- ❖ Assisted with FEMA funding opportunities for Brook Road bridge replacement.
- ❖ Wrote grant applications to assist Plainfield Co-op with financial feasibility analysis and for stormwater project construction at The Health Center.
- ❖ Contacted VTrans regarding the status of a requested functional classification change for Brook Road.
- ❖ Provided energy efficiency information for tracking progress on Town energy goals.
- ❖ Fostered three community conversations on Rt. 2/Main Street intersection project; developed community survey and prepared feedback for Selectboard consideration.
- ❖ Assisted with Bicycle and Pedestrian grant application.

CVRPC Projects & Programs

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

2021 CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

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

The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource -- please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

2021 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

In 2021, 37 Zoning Permits were processed as follows:

| | |
|--|----|
| Residence, Accessory Apartments, Multi-Family | 5 |
| Site Plans (major review PUD, Historic Site, amended, exempt farm) | 3 |
| Additions to homes (room, deck, dormers and porch) | 8 |
| Accessory structures (garage, shed and pole barn) | 13 |
| Exempt Subdivisions, Boundary Line Adjustments (BLA) | 3 |
| Cottage Industry | 0 |
| Change of Use | 2 |
| Appealed | 1 |
| Reviewed by DRB (BLA, Amend PUD, Historic, Multi-Family dwelling) | 7 |
| Miscellaneous (sign, fence) | 1 |
| Denied | 1 |
| Still being processed | 2 |

*Note: some permits required more than one review

We are still navigating the Covid-19 pandemic. The Town Office is now open to the public and the granted zoning permit application can be found in the front lobby. Currently, I am not scheduling in person meetings at the Town Office, but am willing to do outdoor site visits.

Plainfield has 3 Zoning Documents: 2011 Zoning Regulations, Plainfield Inundation Regulations 2010, and Subdivision Regulations 2010. You can download these documents at plainfieldvt.us. Located under ordinances. The Planning Commission hopes to have newly adopted Unified Regulations in early 2022.

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 records, review of applicable regulations and guidance regarding other approvals that may need to be obtained.

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

Karen Storey, Zoning Administrator
plainfieldza@gmail.com 454-7856

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD FOR 2022 TOWN MEETING

The Social Concerns Committee this year consists of Judy Cyprian, Gail Falk, and Marcy Hale.

History Each year the Town of Plainfield receives requests for funds from many different non-profit organizations. These requests are voted on at town meeting. Several 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 to the Select Board, using standard criteria for all the requests.

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

- Number of Plainfield residents served in the past year

- The overall budget of the organization

- The scope of service of the organization (is it national, statewide, countywide, or local?)

- The amount of previous years' funding

- The uniqueness of the services provided by the organization to Plainfield residents

- How this request compares with requests from organizations of similar size and scope.

- How this request compares to requests made by the organization to towns of similar size to Plainfield.

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

Circle (formerly Battered Women's Services and Shelter) (Requested \$525, Recommended \$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 in 2021 there were 276 services provided to Plainfield residents including emergency shelter, assistance with protection orders, and child-related support.

Central VT Adult Basic Education (Requested \$400, Recommended \$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 provided services to 3 Plainfield residents

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD FOR 2022 TOWN MEETING

Capstone Community Action (Requested \$500, Recommended \$500) (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) Capstone offers a wide range of programs to alleviate the effects of poverty and help people attain economic self-sufficiency. Plainfield residents were supported through emergency food, housing, transportation or fuel assistance, Head Start, home weatherization, emergency furnace repair, financial counseling, tax preparation, and assistance to start or grow a business. Capstone served 233 Plainfield residents in 133 households last year.

Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (Requested \$300, Recommended \$0). CVEDC supports economic development for the region by providing assistance to area businesses and their employees. They provided service to 58 companies last year in Washington and parts of Orange Counties. CVEDC does not receive residence information for the companies or the employees they serve. As it serves businesses and not individuals, it is not the type of organization funded through the Social Concerns budget.

Central Vermont Council on Aging (Requested \$1,300, Recommended \$1,300) CVCOA used case managers to work with elders in their homes to assess their needs and develop individualized care plans. CVCOA staff also provided family caregiver support and information, assistance, and referrals regarding health care and insurance, transportation, nutrition, housing, fuel, and other issues of concern. Its service area covers Washington, Lamoille, and Orange, counties and parts of Windsor County. CVCOA served 56 Plainfield residents last year.

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (Requested \$3,100 Recommended an increase to \$2,800) CVHH&H is a full service not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association, committed to providing comprehensive, high quality home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay, geographic remoteness, or complexity of their health care needs. In addition, the agency promotes the general welfare of the citizens of central Vermont with health screenings, flu and pneumonia vaccinations, foot care clinics, bereavement support and discharge planning from skilled nursing facilities to home. It serves Washington County and the three northernmost towns of Orange County. Last year CVHH&H served 85 Plainfield residents with a total of 1364 patient visits, composed of hospice visits, long-term care visits, and maternal and childcare visits.

Family Center of Washington County (Requested \$500, Recommended \$500) The Family Center provides child care referral, child care provider training, child care subsidy administration, infant/toddler care, preschool and after school programs, playgroups for children birth-six and their parents or caregivers, home visiting, employment training, and parent education. In the past year they maintained social connections with families, many of whom were particularly

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD FOR 2022 TOWN MEETING

vulnerable during the economic plight they have been facing. Last year the Family Center benefited 34 Plainfield residents.

Friends of the Winooski River (Requested \$300, Recommended \$300) Friends of the Winooski River is a small non-profit organization that works with communities toward a clean, healthy resilient Winooski watershed through providing support to residents about planting trees along streams, collecting water quality samples, and developing solutions to local erosion problems. They connect landowners with each other and with expertise to help manage forested land for flood resilience and other goals. The organization impacts water quality and flood resilience in Plainfield but does not keep records about specific individuals benefited by their work.

Good Beginnings (Requested \$300, Recommended \$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 11 Plainfield residents last year.

Green Mountain Transit Agency (Requested \$786, Recommended \$786). GMTA provides transportation and meal delivery services for elderly citizens and individuals with disabilities through a combination of volunteer drivers and fixed-route services. In addition to its commuter services, in FY20 it provided ongoing individual special services such as Elderly and Disabled transportation and Medicaid-eligible transportation for Plainfield residents to senior centers, meal sites, medical treatment, adult day care, pharmacy, and shopping, equaling 961 trips.

Onion River Food Shelf (Requested \$1,000, Recommended \$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. In 2020 the program provided food and clothing to 103 residents of Plainfield.

People's Health and Wellness Clinic (Requested \$750, Recommend \$750). provides health care, dental services, medical case management and health advocacy for the uninsured and underinsured. Its basic service area is Washington County, plus the towns of Orange, Washington, and Williamstown. PHWC provided 42 service interactions (medical, dental, mental health, case management, or health insurance navigation) to 16 Plainfield residents last year.

Twinfield Together Mentoring Program (Requested \$250, Recommended \$250). The Twinfield Together Mentoring Program connects community members with children and youth living in Marshfield and Plainfield through one-on-one

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD FOR 2022 TOWN MEETING

mentoring relationships. Approximately 50 Plainfield children were served through its mentoring programs.

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

Vermont Center for Independent Living (Requested \$250, Recommend an increase to \$150) VCIL is a statewide organization dedicated to assisting Vermonters with disabilities to achieve dignified, self-determined lives. Last year VCIL provided services to 9 Plainfield residents.

Vermont Family Network (Requested \$250, Recommended an increase to \$150). Vermont Family Network is a statewide organization that provides peer support services to parents of children with special needs before, during and after diagnosis. Last year the Network supported 4 families in Plainfield.

Washington County Diversion (Requested \$450, Recommended level funding to \$400) 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. 12 residents of Plainfield were served last year

Washington County Youth Service Bureau (Requested \$500, Recommend \$500). This organization's mission is to empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in Washington County through a variety of programs such as runaway youth program, substance abuse treatment, transitional living, and the teen center. Last year WCYSB served a total of 6 youths and their family members in Plainfield.

Washington County Mental Health Services (Requested \$1,500, Recommend an increase to \$1,100) WCMHS serves Washington County through education, support, and treatment of individuals who live with mental health challenges, substance use issues, and/or intellectual disabilities. Their mission is to advocate for the inclusion of all persons in the community and actively encourage self-determination, resilience, and recovery. Last year, they served 108 Plainfield residents.

Marcy Hale
Gail Falk
Judy Cyprian

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD FOR 2022 TOWN MEETING

| Plainfield Social Concerns Organization | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | Org. Request for 2022 | Number Served to Selectboard | recomm. to Selectboard |
|--|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| American Red Cross | | | | \$100 | \$100 | \$0 | \$0 | \$100 | \$100 | \$0 | \$1,300 | \$1,300 | \$0 | na | \$0 |
| Circle/BWSS | \$525 | \$525 | \$525 | NR | \$500 | \$500 | \$525 | \$525 | \$525 | \$525 | \$525 | \$525 | \$525 | na | \$525 |
| Central VT Adult Basic Education | | \$500 | \$500 | \$250 | \$400 | \$500 | \$500 | \$400 | \$400 | \$400 | \$400 | \$300 | \$400 | 3 | \$400 |
| Capstone (Central VT) Community Action | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | 233 | \$500 |
| Central VT Economic Development | | | | | | | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | na | \$0 |
| Central VT Council on Aging (CVCOA) | \$1,750 | \$1,750 | \$1,750 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,350 | \$1,300 | \$1,300 | \$1,300 | \$1,300 | 56 | \$1,300 |
| Central VT Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH) | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,700 | \$2,700 | \$2,700 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$3,100 | 85 | \$2,800 |
| Family Center of Washington County | \$300 | \$400 | \$400 | \$450 | \$450 | \$475 | \$475 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | 34 | \$500 |
| Friends of the Winoski River | \$0 | \$50 | \$50 | \$200 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | NR | \$300 | \$300 | na | \$300 |
| Good Beginnings | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | 11 | \$300 |
| Good Samaritan Haven | | | | | | | | | | | | \$250 | \$0 | na | \$0 |
| Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA) | \$786 | \$786 | \$786 | \$786 | \$786 | \$786 | \$786 | \$786 | \$786 | \$786 | \$786 | \$786 | \$786 | na | \$786 |
| Home Share Now | | | | \$250 | \$250 | \$300 | \$300 | \$350 | \$325 | 325 | | | 0 | na | \$0 |
| Montpelier Senior Activity Center | | | | | | | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | na | \$0 |
| Union River Food Shelf | \$700 | \$700 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | 103 | \$1,000 |
| OUR House | | | | | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$250 | \$250 | na | \$0 |
| Peoples' Health & Wellness | \$750 | \$750 | \$750 | \$750 | \$750 | \$750 | \$750 | \$650 | \$700 | \$700 | \$750 | \$750 | \$750 | 16 | \$750 |
| Sex Assault | \$200 | \$200 | NR | \$50 | \$50 | n/a | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 | \$100 | \$400 | \$400 | \$0 | na | \$0 |
| TLC | n/a | \$400 | NR | NR | \$400 | \$400 | \$400 | \$400 | \$400 | \$400 | \$400 | \$400 | \$400 | na | \$0 |
| Twinkl mentor | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | 50 | \$250 |
| Twin Valley Senior Center | \$500 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,100 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$2,000 | \$2,200 | \$2,800 | \$3,500 | \$3,500 | \$3,500 | \$3,500 | ? | \$3,500 |
| VT Center for Independent Living | | | | | | \$250 | \$225 | \$225 | \$200 | \$150 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | 9 | \$150 |
| Vermont Family Network | | | | | | | | | | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$250 | 4 | \$150 |
| Washington County Diversion | \$150 | \$150 | \$200 | \$200 | \$200 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$350 | \$400 | \$400 | \$450 | 12 | \$400 |
| Washington County Mental Health | | | | | | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$600 | \$600 | \$600 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | 108 | \$1,100 |
| Washington County Youth Service Bureau | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | NR | \$300 | NR | \$325 | \$325 | \$325 | \$400 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | 6 | \$500 |
| Winoski NR Conservation District | | | | | | | | | | | | \$0 | \$0 | na | \$0 |
| | \$0 | \$9,511 | \$10,561 | \$10,311 | \$10,386 | \$12,186 | \$12,236 | \$13,086 | \$13,061 | \$14,161 | \$14,886 | \$14,111 | \$15,936 | | 15211 |

* Request also include separate warning article to fund commuter bus service (\$8333).

2021 SELECTBOARD REPORT

We continued another year dealing with the Covid pandemic and the restrictions imposed to help keep us safe. Like last year, the Selectboard and the other committees and boards had to have our meetings virtually using Zoom. Initially the Selectboard decided to delay town meeting in the hope that the situation with Covid would improve, but unfortunately that didn't happen so we had to use the Australian ballot process for our 2021 Town Meeting. The sincere hope is that we will be able to have an in-person meeting this year, but it is too early to tell if that will pan out. Again the Selectboard wants to extend deep thanks and appreciation to everyone for their patience and cooperation in dealing with the way we have to do business remotely and in a socially distanced way. We want to extend special thanks to the Town's employees, the office staff, the road crew, and the water and wastewater staff for getting us through another year under very difficult working conditions.

We also want to thank all the volunteers who serve on the fire department and those who staff all the Town committees and boards.

Unfortunately, due to the continuation of the pandemic Old Home Day had to be cancelled to keep our community safe.

As everyone is probably painfully aware, the pedestrian bridge project is nearing fruition and should be done this spring. A big thanks to Tammy Farnham for all the work she did managing this project for the Town. Not only did she do a terrific job, she saved the Town a lot of money because we did not have to hire a project manager. We are lucky to have someone who had the knowledge and skill to take on that role.

We also had many meetings and discussions about the Route 2/Main Street intersection project at the blinking light. There was a lot of discussion about whether we should go forward with this project or not, due primarily to the potential negative impacts on the Town and its businesses if access to Main street were closed off for 6 weeks during construction. The Selectboard did a survey to determine what the townspeople wanted to do. The outcome of that outreach was that the majority wanted us to go forward with the project. With the time to do good planning, it was decided that the impacts to the town and its businesses could be held to a reasonable level. Again Tammy Farnham played a large role here as well working with the Vermont Agency of Transportation to address the Town's concerns. The project is supposed to go forward in 2023.

The flooding caused by the Brook Road bridge was the subject of much discussion and study. After reviewing various engineering reports and new designs for the bridge, the Selectboard decided it couldn't take on another large project right now given the Pedestrian Bridge and Route 2 intersection projects. This project may

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be revisited in the future once the other two are behind us.

The Municipal Building which houses the clerk's office needed its roof repaired. It was put out to bid and the current municipal building fund covered the cost.

The Firehouse also needed to be repaired. The side and back walls all needed repairing. The cost of the sidewall repairs was \$12,680 and the rest of the repairs and upgrades was \$55,130. That was also put out to bid and the cost was covered by a combination of the building reserve fund and a loan.

A new Town Plan was drafted by the Planning Committee and reviewed and approved by the Selectboard.

The Local Emergency Operations Plan was reviewed and approved by the Selectboard.

The old Firehouse on Route 2 was in serious need of repairs and was at risk of collapsing into the river under a snow load. If that happened we would not only lose an historic building, we would face an expensive clean up project. The Selectboard held a site visit and a hearing on what to do about the problem. There was a consensus that we should try to save the historic site if possible. The cost of repair to the Town was prohibitive so it was decided we should seek a buyer who would take it over, repair it and put it into use as a residence or office. Ads were placed in the local media and a person came forward who wants to buy it. His plan is to remove the existing structure and replace it with one that will look very similar to the existing firehouse from the street, but will be reconfigured inside to be residential rental units or office space. The town is still in negotiations with the potential buyer.

Because of the pandemic, the US congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act which provided funds to municipalities. We have until December 31, 2024, to obligate the funds and until December 31, 2026, to expend them. The amount received to date is \$69,057.97 and the total anticipated allocation to Plainfield is \$377,245. The funds will be in a bank account until we decide what to do with them. There is a reporting requirement for use of the funds, and they have to be spent by December, 2026. The final regulations haven't been set, so we can't make any decisions until they are.

We also want to thank all the volunteers who serve on the fire brigade and those who staff all the Town committees and boards.

Plainfield Selectboard

Jim Volz, Chair

Sasha Thayer

Tammy Farnham

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

| | BUDGET 2020/2021 | ACTUAL 2020/2021 | VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER | BUDGET 2021/2022 | PROPOSED 2022/2023 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| REVENUE | | | | | |
| Del. Tax, Int. & Penalty | 50,000.00 | 255,139.44 | (205,139.44) | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Tax Sale Income | - | 76,742.80 | (76,742.80) | | |
| State Aid To Highway | 91,000.00 | 123,683.22 | (32,683.22) | 91,000.00 | 91,000.00 |
| Interest Income | 1,000.00 | 765.59 | 234.41 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Judicial Fees | 2,000.00 | 1,670.50 | 329.50 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Recordings & Fees | 15,000.00 | 23,408.00 | (8,408.00) | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Fire Dept Income | | 26,003.50 | (26,003.50) | | |
| Highway Grant/Misc Inc | 1,500.00 | 9,831.96 | (8,331.96) | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Municipal Grant Income | - | 19,000.00 | (19,000.00) | | |
| Mun Bldg rental income | 10,000.00 | - | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| SB Misc Income | 5,000.00 | 1,422.53 | 3,577.47 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Town Hall Income | 6,500.00 | - | 6,500.00 | 6,500.00 | 6,500.00 |
| Subtotal | 182,000.00 | 537,667.54 | (355,667.54) | 179,000.00 | 179,000.00 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Cemetery Income | 16,210.00 |
| Current Use/Reappraisal income | 131,399.04 |
| Total Revenue | |

Refer to Treasurer's report for Revenue detail

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

| DESCRIPTION | BUDGET 2020/2021 | ACTUAL 2020/2021 | VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER | BUDGET 2021/2022 | PROPOSED 2022/2023 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 | 4,000.00 | 4,889.89 | (889.89) | 4,000.00 | 5,200.00 |
| Lister Salaries | 2,200.00 | 1,731.85 | 468.15 | 2,200.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Town Clerk/Treasurer | 50,500.00 | 52,865.03 | (2,365.03) | 51,500.00 | |
| Ass't. Clerk/Treasurer | 38,500.00 | 41,277.43 | (2,777.43) | 38,925.00 | |
| TO Compensation | | | | | 125,000.00 |
| Coll of Del Taxes | | 17,876.18 | (17,876.18) | | |
| Road Commissioner | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | - | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| SB Administrative Asst | 2,500.00 | 1,351.25 | 1,148.75 | 3,500.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Building Maintenance Mgr | 3,000.00 | 951.99 | 2,048.01 | 2,750.00 | 2,750.00 |
| DRB Admin Salaries | 1,000.00 | 1,871.32 | (871.32) | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Health Officer | 500.00 | 500.00 | - | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Grant Administrator | 4,000.00 | 3,920.00 | 80.00 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Emergency Mgmt | 1,500.00 | 466.06 | 1,033.94 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| SB FICA/MEDI | 9,000.00 | 9,168.25 | (168.25) | 9,000.00 | 11,158.00 |
| SB Health Insurance | 12,800.00 | 13,493.88 | (693.88) | 14,400.00 | 14,000.00 |
| SB Insurance HRA | 2,450.00 | 1,781.09 | 668.91 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| SB Fringe/Ret | 5,200.00 | 5,678.56 | (478.56) | 5,700.00 | 6,000.00 |
| SB FICA/MEDI DEL TXCOLL | 900.00 | 1,367.51 | (467.51) | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| Lister's Supplies | 300.00 | 167.47 | 132.53 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Lister's Printing/Postage | 150.00 | 115.28 | 34.72 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Lister's Sem./Dues | 50.00 | - | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Lister's GIS Maps | 300.00 | - | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Listers Software/Disast Rec | 1,275.00 | 1,297.56 | (22.56) | 1,275.00 | 1,425.00 |
| Lister's Mileage | 100.00 | - | 100.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Animal Control | 1,000.00 | - | 1,000.00 | 100.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Constable | 4,000.00 | - | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| CVT Reg'l. Planning | 1,575.00 | 5,629.55 | (4,054.55) | 1,625.00 | 1,644.00 |

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

| DESCRIPTION | BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE | BUDGET | PROPOSED |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2020/2021 | 2020/2021 | (OVER/UNDER) | 2021/2022 | 2022/2023 |
| Animal Shelter/Pound | 300.00 | - | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Conservation Commission | 375.00 | 82.44 | 292.56 | 300.00 | 375.00 |
| Conservation Fund | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | - | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| CC Tree Program | - | 4,518.30 | (4,518.30) | 100.00 | - |
| Green Up | 100.00 | 367.00 | (267.00) | - | 100.00 |
| Energy Conservation | 510.00 | - | 510.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Personnel Contingency | - | - | - | 1,350.00 | - |
| Hazard Mitigation | 300.00 | - | 300.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Law Enforcement | 10,000.00 | 8,304.10 | 1,695.90 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| DAM Fees | 200.00 | 200.00 | - | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Fire and Rescue Departments | | | | | |
| Ambulance Service | 52,062.00 | 52,062.00 | - | 53,624.00 | 55,500.00 |
| EMT Stipend | 3,000.00 | 18,594.71 | (15,594.71) | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Electricity | 1,350.00 | 1,172.82 | 177.18 | 1,350.00 | 1,350.00 |
| Telephone/Internet | 1,500.00 | 1,543.64 | (43.64) | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Fuel & Furnace | 3,500.00 | 3,212.04 | 287.96 | 3,500.00 | 4,300.00 |
| *Bldg Rep & Maint | 7,500.00 | 65,378.56 | (57,878.56) | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00 |
| Disability | 2,200.00 | 2,125.00 | 75.00 | 2,200.00 | 2,200.00 |
| Workers Comp | 1,250.00 | 1,219.00 | 31.00 | 1,250.00 | 1,250.00 |
| Prop/Liab Insurance | 5,000.00 | 5,028.80 | (28.80) | 5,200.00 | 5,200.00 |
| Truck Repair/Fuel | 2,800.00 | 1,917.12 | 882.88 | 2,800.00 | 3,300.00 |
| Equipment Fund Reserves | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | - | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Safety Eq/Med Splys | 4,000.00 | 2,426.42 | 1,573.58 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Small Items/Repairs | 2,500.00 | 2,445.10 | 54.90 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Building Repair Loan | - | - | - | - | 2,075.00 |
| Fire Truck Note | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | - | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Interest Expense | 5,953.00 | 5,676.10 | 276.90 | 5,200.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Dispatch | 18,000.00 | 18,409.12 | (409.12) | 19,000.00 | 19,760.00 |

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

| DESCRIPTION | BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE | BUDGET | PROPOSED |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2020/2021 | 2020/2021 | (OVER)/UNDER | 2021/2022 | 2022/2023 |
| Training | 2,000.00 | 1,120.00 | 880.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Marshfield Approp. Expense* | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 500.00 | 476.32 | 23.68 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Personal Protective Equip Fund | 12,500.00 | 20,387.56 | (7,887.56) | 12,500.00 | 12,500.00 |
| Recognition Fund | 800.00 | 492.06 | 307.94 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| SB Prop/Liab Insurance | 11,500.00 | 11,376.44 | 123.56 | 12,000.00 | 11,000.00 |
| SB Workers Comp. | 1,000.00 | 872.54 | 127.46 | 1,000.00 | 700.00 |
| SB Unemployment Ins | 350.00 | 1,024.00 | (674.00) | 500.00 | 1,000.00 |
| TO equip/maint/splys | 5,500.00 | 15,371.85 | (9,871.85) | 5,250.00 | 5,250.00 |
| TO Computer/LRcds/Cloud srvc | 3,880.00 | 17,584.62 | (13,704.62) | 4,000.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Preservation Costs* | 500.00 | - | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Bank Fees & Charges | 50.00 | - | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| DRB Advertising | 300.00 | 258.94 | 41.06 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| DRB Comp/Off Splys | 150.00 | - | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| DRB Postage | 50.00 | 10.32 | 39.68 | 50.00 | 100.00 |
| DRB Training | 200.00 | - | 200.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| PC Postage | 50.00 | - | 50.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| PC Advertising | 150.00 | 218.24 | (68.24) | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| PC Computer/Printing | 300.00 | - | 300.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| PC Training/Mapping | 150.00 | - | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| PC Legal | - | - | - | 850.00 | - |
| PC Zoning Consultant | 750.00 | - | 750.00 | 400.00 | 1,000.00 |
| PC/Zoning Misc Expense | 1,000.00 | 75.23 | 924.77 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| SB Printing/Communications | 4,500.00 | 2,728.69 | 1,771.31 | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 |
| SB Legal Fees | 2,000.00 | 3,585.30 | (1,585.30) | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Park 'n Ride Electric | 250.00 | 253.04 | (3.04) | 275.00 | 275.00 |
| Park 'n Ride Solar array | 3,479.00 | 3,459.65 | 19.35 | 3,398.00 | 3,318.00 |
| Parks & Rec Bldg Maint/Equip | 3,200.00 | 930.52 | 2,269.48 | 3,000.00 | 2,900.00 |
| Rec Portalet/Power | 1,400.00 | 795.43 | 604.57 | 1,400.00 | 1,600.00 |
| Rec Reserve Fund | 250.00 | 250.00 | - | 250.00 | 500.00 |

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

| DESCRIPTION | BUDGET 2020/2021 | ACTUAL 2020/2021 | VARIANCE (OVER)UNDER | BUDGET 2021/2022 | PROPOSED 2022/2023 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Rec programs and outreach | | | | | |
| Skateboard Park | 100.00 | - | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| CV Solid Waste Mgmt | 1,259.00 | 629.50 | 629.50 | 1,262.00 | 1,236.00 |
| Taxes-County | 9,800.00 | 9,710.00 | 90.00 | 9,800.00 | 9,800.00 |
| Historical Bldg | 1,000.00 | 252.39 | 747.61 | 1,000.00 | - |
| Streelights-Electricity | 4,200.00 | 4,142.31 | 57.69 | 4,200.00 | 4,500.00 |
| Mun Bldg-Telephone | 1,325.00 | 1,474.05 | (149.05) | 1,375.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Mun Bldg-Maint/Repairs | 10,000.00 | 5,434.02 | 4,565.98 | 10,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Municipal Bldg Electric | 350.00 | - | 350.00 | 250.00 | 100.00 |
| Municipal Bldg Fuel | 3,500.00 | 2,333.56 | 1,166.44 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| TH Management Srves | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | - | 4,000.00 | 4,500.00 |
| TH Maint/Repairs | 4,500.00 | 5,982.28 | (1,482.28) | 3,800.00 | 4,000.00 |
| TH Electricity | 750.00 | 687.94 | 62.06 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| TH Equipment | - | - | - | - | - |
| TH Fuel & Furnace | 2,300.00 | 981.09 | 1,318.91 | 2,200.00 | 2,200.00 |
| TH Advertising | 500.00 | - | 500.00 | - | - |
| TH Revolving Loan & Int pymt | 5,600.00 | 5,611.56 | (11.56) | 5,600.00 | 5,600.00 |
| TH Telephone/Internet | 1,100.00 | 1,135.50 | (35.50) | 1,200.00 | 1,500.00 |
| VLCT Dues | 1,837.00 | 1,843.00 | (6.00) | 1,325.00 | 1,325.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 500.00 | 340.81 | 159.19 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Town Forest | - | 919.67 | (919.67) | - | - |
| Town property landscaping | 5,000.00 | 3,702.32 | 1,297.68 | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 |
| Tree Warden/Tree maintnce | 500.00 | 180.00 | 320.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Sidewalk Snow Removal | 8,000.00 | 4,200.00 | 3,800.00 | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00 |
| SB Seminars/Misc | 500.00 | 177.00 | 323.00 | 500.00 | 250.00 |
| Tax sale expense | - | 623.17 | (623.17) | - | - |
| Website | 3,500.00 | - | 3,500.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| CDBG Project | - | 46,303.74 | (46,303.74) | - | - |
| Main St.Bike/Pedestrian project | - | 6,073.60 | (6,073.60) | 15,000.00 | 8,000.00 |

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

| DESCRIPTION | BUDGET 2020/2021 | ACTUAL 2020/2021 | VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER | BUDGET 2021/2022 | PROPOSED 2022/2023 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Main St. Bridge Repairs | 900.00 | - | 900.00 | 900.00 | 30,000.00 |
| Old Home Days | 750.00 | 431.02 | 318.98 | 750.00 | 900.00 |
| Mill Street Park Electric | 50.00 | - | 50.00 | 50.00 | 500.00 |
| 911 Signage | - | - | - | - | 50.00 |
| Fuel Assistance | - | - | - | - | - |
| Outstanding Delinquent Taxes | | | | | |
| Total Selectboard | \$436,680.00 | \$588,421.70 | (151,741.70) | \$453,584.00 | \$512,341.00 |
| SOCIAL CONCERNS | | | | | |
| CIRCLE, formerly Battered Wn | 525.00 | 525.00 | - | 525.00 | 525.00 |
| Central VT Adult Basic Ed | 400.00 | 400.00 | - | 300.00 | 400.00 |
| Capstone-formerly CVCAC | 500.00 | 500.00 | - | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Sen VT Cncl on Aging | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | - | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 |
| Sen. VT Home Health | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | - | 2,500.00 | 2,800.00 |
| Fam Ctr of Wash Cty | 500.00 | 500.00 | - | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Friends of the Winooski Rvr | - | - | - | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Good Beginnings | 300.00 | 300.00 | - | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Good Samaritan Haven | - | - | - | 250.00 | - |
| Green Mtn Transit | 786.00 | 786.00 | - | 786.00 | 786.00 |
| Onion Rvr Food Shelf | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | - | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Our House | 250.00 | 250.00 | - | 250.00 | - |
| People's Hlth & Well | 750.00 | 750.00 | - | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| Twin Valley Seniors | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | - | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Twinfield Learning Center | 400.00 | 400.00 | - | - | - |
| Twinfield Together Mentoring | 250.00 | 250.00 | - | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| VT Center for Independent Lvg | 100.00 | 100.00 | - | 100.00 | 150.00 |
| VT Family Network | 100.00 | 100.00 | - | 100.00 | 150.00 |
| Wash Cty Diversion | - | - | - | 350.00 | 400.00 |

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

| DESCRIPTION | BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE | BUDGET | PROPOSED |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | 2020/2021 | 2020/2021 | (OVER)/UNDER | 2021/2022 | 2022/2023 |
| Wash City Youth SB | 500.00 | 500.00 | - | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Wash City Mental Health | 600.00 | 600.00 | - | 400.00 | 1,100.00 |
| Subtotal Social Concerns | 14,261.00 | 14,261.00 | - | 14,461.00 | 15,211.00 |
| Warned articles | | | | | |
| Cutler Library | 37,500.00 | 37,500.00 | - | 37,500.00 | 40,000.00 |
| GMTA Bus Srvc | 8,333.00 | 8,333.00 | - | 8,333.00 | 8,333.00 |
| Total SC/warned articles | \$60,094.00 | \$60,094.00 | \$- | \$60,294.00 | 63,544.00 |
| HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT | | | | | |
| Labor/Road Foreman | 62,000.00 | 62,964.00 | (964.00) | 62,682.00 | |
| Labor/Equip Operator 1 | 42,500.00 | 43,163.20 | (663.20) | 42,967.00 | |
| Labor/Equip Operator 2 | 42,300.00 | 42,887.60 | (587.60) | 42,765.00 | |
| OT/Rd. Foreman | 11,000.00 | 6,237.06 | 4,762.94 | 12,000.00 | |
| OT/ Equip. Operator 1 | 6,200.00 | 3,466.29 | 2,733.71 | 6,300.00 | |
| OT/Equip Operator 2 | 6,100.00 | 3,565.56 | 2,534.44 | 6,200.00 | |
| HWY Dept Compensation | | | | | 175,000.00 |
| HD Fringe/FICA/Medi | 13,020.00 | 12,204.19 | 815.81 | 13,250.00 | 13,000.00 |
| HD Health Insurance | 29,000.00 | 29,003.45 | (3.45) | 29,000.00 | 29,000.00 |
| HD Insurance HRA | 7,800.00 | 647.09 | 7,152.91 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| HD Fringe/Retirement | 8,600.00 | 8,698.99 | (98.99) | 10,807.00 | 11,000.00 |
| HD Prop/Liab Insurance | 8,500.00 | 7,830.16 | 669.84 | 8,500.00 | 8,500.00 |
| HD Workmans Comp Ins | 17,500.00 | 17,156.90 | 343.10 | 15,000.00 | 11,000.00 |
| Equip Loan and Interest | - | - | - | 13,000.00 | 13,400.00 |
| HD Truck Loan and Interest | 21,200.00 | 21,200.00 | - | 20,800.00 | 20,400.00 |
| HD Tools/Splys/Radios | 4,000.00 | 6,288.92 | (2,288.92) | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Fuel and Furnace | 1,000.00 | 1,347.09 | (347.09) | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Culvert Thawer | 100.00 | 105.99 | (5.99) | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Lawn Tractor | 200.00 | 139.99 | 60.01 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Loader HD | 1,000.00 | 126,279.88 | (125,279.88) | 500.00 | 500.00 |

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

| | BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE | BUDGET | PROPOSED |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2020/2021 | 2020/2021 | (OVER)/UNDER | 2021/2022 | 2022/2023 |
| Grader HD | 8,000.00 | 3,671.12 | 4,328.88 | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Guardrails and Signage | 3,500.00 | 5,472.50 | (1,972.50) | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| HD Garage/Repairs & Splys | 2,500.00 | 1,675.81 | 824.19 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Sander/Rake/Plows | 8,000.00 | 7,459.28 | 540.72 | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Backhoe | 800.00 | 433.03 | 366.97 | 800.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 2005 MACK TRUCK | 3,000.00 | 174.97 | 2,825.03 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| 2007 MACK TRUCK | 6,000.00 | 9,385.22 | (3,385.22) | 6,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| 2019 MACK TRUCK | 1,200.00 | 988.78 | 211.22 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| 2012 Altec Wood Chipper | 500.00 | - | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Hay Mulcher | | | | | 100.00 |
| 2015 FORD TRUCK | 3,000.00 | 5,950.74 | (2,950.74) | 4,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Electricity/GMP | 1,200.00 | 1,106.77 | 93.23 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Telephone | 2,000.00 | 2,401.52 | (401.52) | 2,200.00 | 2,400.00 |
| Fuel/Oil/Grease | 38,000.00 | 24,825.89 | 13,174.11 | 38,000.00 | 35,000.00 |
| Mileage | 1,500.00 | 1,232.00 | 268.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Gravel/HD Trucking | 94,500.00 | 95,629.57 | (1,129.57) | 94,500.00 | 94,500.00 |
| Sand/Trucking | 50,000.00 | 50,054.64 | (54.64) | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Contracts-Mwing/Sweeping | 9,500.00 | 9,352.73 | 147.27 | 9,500.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Culverts | 6,000.00 | 3,134.98 | 2,865.02 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Hot Mix | 10,000.00 | 1,029.21 | 8,970.79 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Salt | 22,000.00 | 13,058.21 | 8,941.79 | 22,000.00 | 22,000.00 |
| Chloride | 24,000.00 | 20,473.56 | 3,526.44 | 24,000.00 | 24,000.00 |
| Mulch | 700.00 | 424.64 | 275.36 | 700.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Equipment Fund | 45,000.00 | 45,000.00 | - | 45,000.00 | 45,000.00 |
| Uniforms | 2,500.00 | 2,202.82 | 297.18 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Tires | 8,000.00 | 8,934.94 | (934.94) | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 |
| Chains | 10,000.00 | 6,889.18 | 3,110.82 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Safety Equipment | 500.00 | 508.38 | (8.38) | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Sidewalk Repairs | 500.00 | - | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

| TOTALS | BUDGET 2020/2021 | ACTUAL 2020/2021 | NET BALANCE | BUDGET 2021/2022 | BUDGET 2022/2023 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Catch Basins | - | - | - | - | 11,000.00 |
| Culvert Projects | - | 465.75 | (465.75) | - | 13,000.00 |
| Storm Drain Maintenance | 4,000.00 | - | 4,000.00 | - | 4,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,600.00 | 7,983.97 | (6,383.97) | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Traffic Control Devices | - | - | - | - | - |
| Village Line Painting | 4,560.00 | 246.25 | 4,313.75 | - | - |
| Paving Projects | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 | - | 25,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| Bridge Projects | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ditching Projects | 4,500.00 | 1,986.54 | 2,513.46 | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 |
| Mun Rds Gen Permit MRRPG | 1,590.00 | 2,940.00 | (1,350.00) | 1,590.00 | 1,590.00 |
| Vt Act 64 Water Quality | 2,350.00 | - | 2,350.00 | 2,350.00 | - |
| Personnel Contingency | - | - | - | 2,200.00 | - |
| Total Highway Dept | \$688,020.00 | \$753,279.36 | \$(65,259.36) | \$696,811.00 | 711,590.00 |
| Highway Dept Expense | 688,020.00 | 753,279.36 | - | 696,811.00 | 711,590.00 |
| State Aid/Misc Income | (92,500.00) | (123,683.22) | - | (92,500.00) | (92,500.00) |
| Grant Income | - | (9,831.96) | - | - | - |
| Net Highway Expenses | 595,520.00 | 619,764.18 | - | 604,311.00 | 619,090.00 |
| Summary Selectboard | 436,680.00 | 588,421.70 | - | 453,584.00 | 512,341.00 |
| Social Concerns | 60,094.00 | 60,094.00 | - | 60,294.00 | 63,544.00 |
| SB Expenses | 496,774.00 | 648,515.70 | - | 513,878.00 | 575,885.00 |
| Grant Income | (89,500.00) | (299,569.08) | - | (86,500.00) | (86,500.00) |
| Income Budget | 407,274.00 | - | - | - | - |
| Net SB Expense | 25,000.00 | 348,946.62 | - | 427,378.00 | 489,385.00 |
| Outstanding Del Taxes | - | 32,745.08 | - | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| | - | 381,691.70 | - | 437,378.00 | 499,385.00 |
| Net SB/HWY BUDGET | 1,027,794.00 | 1,001,455.88 | 26,338.12 | 1,041,689.00 | 1,118,475.00 |

PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL/OPERA HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT

The Plainfield Town Hall Opera House was closed to the public as a precaution against the spread of Covid-19 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; having been shuttered three months earlier, in March, 2020. None of the events that typically take place there - Town Meeting, theater, concerts, graduation ceremonies, private parties, and public meetings – were held.

Activities continued behind the scenes, however. The hall floor was refinished for the first time in twenty years; not since it was refinished in advance of an appearance by pop star Alanis Morissette (which had been won by PHS student Elyse Bellamy). In addition, theater lighting pipes and stage curtains were brought up to code thanks to a grant the Town received from the Vermont Arts Council which was written and administered by the Friends of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House.

Since the Town Hall was closed, the Friends of the Town Hall Opera House organized a summer program series at the Town Recreation Field in association with the Plainfield Recreation Committee which was so successful it intends to make it an annual event.

As of December, 2021 the Town Hall Opera House is available to use provided special procedures are followed to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Rental information is at www.plainfieldoperahousevt.org.



Use the website to learn about upcoming events, the Friends of the Town Hall Opera House, and how to support Plainfield's historic meeting and performance space.

The Friends of the Town Hall Opera House has re-launched its Winter-Spring Concert Series with five monthly performances on Sunday afternoons beginning January 2022:

January 23 - Singer-songwriter Colin McCaffrey

February 13 – Pianist Alison Cerutti

March 27 – The Champlain Trio

April 24 – Ray Vega's Latin Jazz

May 21 – Gamelan Sulakala

Tickets for 2022 Concert Series programs can be purchased at www.plainfieldoperahousevt.org

2021 CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

We have come through another pandemic year at the library, with all its attendant restrictions. Yet, despite Covid limitations, we have found opportunities to expand our services and benefit our community.

The year began with closed doors and curbside service, but we put that time to good use, writing grants and envisioning a better future at the library. Over the past calendar year, we were awarded nine grants totaling \$37,804 in restricted funding. These grant funds allowed us to make much-needed improvements at the library, including the purchase of new computers, desks, picnic tables, a large tent, air purifiers, and a redesigned children's section. If you have stopped in at the library recently, you will have noticed these many improvements.

Grants also provided funding for expansive programming and Story Time opportunities, which 144 children attended during the ten weeks of summer. We also purchased STEAM supplies, such as Snap Circuits and Magna Tiles, and an array of art supplies while significantly increasing our children's and young adult book collection (\$3,400). In addition, grants provided for a community conversation to improve our children's programming and we were able to collaborate with the Jaquith Public Library, the Cabot Public Library, and Twinfield Union School, which allowed us to foster relationships for better outcomes in the future.

With these improvements at the library, and despite Covid uncertainty, we had 46 community members request new library cards. The circulation of library materials increased 22%¹ even with 36% of our open hours being curbside only. The usage of OverDrive, the ebook and audiobook service, increased as well by 22% this year, and the library continues to provide much-needed access to a fiber internet connection, both inside and outside the building. As we look to the year ahead, we seek ways to increase our open hours, resume our children's programming and provide after school programming at the library.

We express our gratitude to Carla Siegel, who was an enthusiastic chair of the board of trustees during many pandemic and transitional challenges. As of November, Grace Worcester and Jen Carlo co-chair the board. We also appreciate the generosity and dedication of our interim Treasurer, Bob Rosenfeld. Currently we are seeking applicants for treasurer. Our library volunteers give their time and effort to making the library better for all. Please thank them when you see them next: Pat Boyle, Gail Falk, Michael Morlan, Donna Pettersen, Tim Phillips, Emily Rappold, Lynn Talamini, and Jess Taylor.

Our vibrant Friends of the Library continue to be a valuable asset to the library. This past year, they contributed to our winter and summer children's programming funds, helped the library secure a Zoom account, and tirelessly arranged a massive

¹ weighted for open hours.

2021 CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

book sale at our library celebration in August. In June, long-term President Laura Zeisel stepped down after accomplishing her goal of increasing membership, a job both impressive and appreciated. Genese Grill was elected the new president of the friends. Emily Rappold was re-elected secretary and Pat Boyle treasurer. In November, the Friends honored Jill Stewart, dedicating a memorial bench in her name at the library. Jill was an active member of the Friends and is deeply missed.

Please know, we at the Cutler feel honored to serve the Plainfield community. We have created an inviting environment and are eager to put the books you need in your hands while offering engaging social and learning opportunities for the community. Please visit, phone or email. We are always happy to help.

Library Director Angela Ogle submitted the report from the Cutler Memorial Library for 2021.

The Library Board of Trustees are:

Grace Worcester, co-Chair

Jen Carlo, co-Chair

Bob Rosenfeld, interim Treasurer

Nancy Ellen, Secretary

Nick Chedli Carter

**CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT
JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021**

Cash on Hand July 1, 2020 ---- \$21,917.62

INCOME

| | | |
|--|-----------|------------------|
| Appropriation from the Town of Plainfield | 37,500.00 | |
| Rental Income | 12,033.00 | |
| Annual Appeal | 5,254.24 | |
| Donations from the Friends of the Library | 1,814.00 | |
| Other Donations and Book Sales | 674.90 | |
| Miscellaneous Income (Fines, Copies, Printing) | 137.21 | |
| Grants (Restricted) | 4,700.00 | |
| Total Income | | 62,113.35 |

EXPENSES

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Wages, net | 18,491.44 | |
| Payroll Taxes and Benefits | 3,767.42 | |
| Payroll Fees | 317.30 | |
| Accounting Fees | 1,425.00 | |
| Worker's Comp Insurance | 355.00 | |
| Bank Fees | 23.56 | |
| Collection (Books/DVDs/Subscriptions) | 5,465.73 | |
| Internet/Technology/Computers | 2,925.62 | |
| Library Programs | 4,738.73 | |
| Postage (Includes Interlibrary Loan) | 1,038.02 | |
| Telephone | 627.96 | |
| Library Supplies | 796.23 | |
| Upkeep and Utilities | 7,128.12 | |
| Business Insurance | 1,586.00 | |
| Total Expenses | | 48,686.13 |

**CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT
RESTRICTED GRANT FUNDS
JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021**

Cash on Hand June 30, 2021

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Checking | 30,446.93 |
| Debit | 3,625.91 |
| Capital Campaign (Restricted) | 835.00 |
| Joint events with other community groups (Restricted) | 437.00 |
| Total Cash on Hand June 30, 2021* | 35,344.84 |

Grant Restricted Funds included in checking account

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Vermont Community Foundation | 1,500.00 |
| American Library Association | 3,000.00 |
| Vermont Department of Libraries | 200.00 |
| | 4,700.00 |

* These are our funds at the end of June 2021. We use them to run the library until the Town Appropriation is received in early September.

2022/2023 PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

Balances as of June 30, 2020

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Capital Improvement | 73,955.33 |
| Equipment Fund | 17,600.03 |
| Total Reserved Funds | 91,555.36 |
| Unreserved Funds | 62,221.48 |
| Due to from | (50.00) |
| | \$153,726.84 |

| INCOME DESCRIPTION | BUDGET 2020/2021 | ACTUAL 2020/2021 | VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER 2020/2021 | BUDGET 2021/2022 | PROPOSED 2022/2023 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Water Assessments | 204,335.00 | 185,329.50 | 19,005.50 | 208,560.00 | 219,896.00 |
| Delinquent Assess | 9,000.00 | 23,915.57 | (14,915.57) | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 |
| Del. Tax Interest | 90.00 | 1,116.03 | (1,026.03) | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| Del. Tax Penalty | 1,000.00 | 1,912.77 | (912.77) | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Goddard College | 13,416.00 | 16,315.00 | (2,899.00) | 13,728.00 | 14,548.00 |
| Impact Fees | - | - | - | - | - |
| Interest Income | 50.00 | 58.35 | (8.35) | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 327.00 | 35.00 | 292.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 |
| Total Income | \$228,218.00 | \$228,682.22 | \$(464.22) | \$232,928.00 | \$245,084.00 |

2022/2023 PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

| EXPENSES DESCRIPTION | BUDGET | | ACTUAL | | VARIANCE (OVERY/UNDER | | BUDGET | | PROPOSED | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | 2022/2023 | 2022/2023 |
| Plant Operator | 31,000.00 | 31,000.00 | 30,597.88 | 31,350.00 | 402.12 | 31,350.00 | 31,350.00 | 32,925.00 | 32,925.00 | 32,925.00 |
| Asst. Operator | 26,000.00 | 26,000.00 | 27,021.24 | 26,286.00 | (1,021.24) | 26,286.00 | 26,286.00 | 27,600.00 | 27,600.00 | 27,600.00 |
| Asst Clerk/Treasurer | 4,325.00 | 4,325.00 | 4,297.02 | 4,375.00 | 27.98 | 4,375.00 | 4,375.00 | 4,600.00 | 4,600.00 | 4,600.00 |
| Town Clerk/Treasurer | 3,600.00 | 3,600.00 | 3,573.70 | 3,650.00 | 26.30 | 3,650.00 | 3,650.00 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Delinquent Tax Collector | 600.00 | 600.00 | 1,912.77 | 600.00 | (1,312.77) | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| Commissioner Stipend | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | - | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Auditors | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | - | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Fringe/FICA | 4,200.00 | 4,200.00 | 4,344.82 | 4,350.00 | (144.82) | 4,350.00 | 4,350.00 | 4,550.00 | 4,550.00 | 4,550.00 |
| Fringe/MEDI | 985.00 | 985.00 | 1,016.40 | 1,015.00 | (31.40) | 1,015.00 | 1,015.00 | 1,062.00 | 1,062.00 | 1,062.00 |
| Fringe BC/BS Insurance | 7,400.00 | 7,400.00 | 7,566.26 | 8,724.00 | (166.26) | 8,724.00 | 8,724.00 | 7,550.00 | 7,550.00 | 7,550.00 |
| HRA | 800.00 | 800.00 | - | 700.00 | 800.00 | 700.00 | 700.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Fringe/Retirement | 3,800.00 | 3,800.00 | 3,929.77 | 4,100.00 | (129.77) | 4,100.00 | 4,100.00 | 4,670.00 | 4,670.00 | 4,670.00 |
| Delinquent Tax | 500.00 | 500.00 | - | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Office Supplies | 600.00 | 600.00 | 622.38 | 700.00 | (22.38) | 700.00 | 700.00 | 760.00 | 760.00 | 760.00 |
| Computer/Support/ Office | 1,390.00 | 1,390.00 | 2,071.41 | 2,075.00 | (681.41) | 2,075.00 | 2,075.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Computer Plant | 360.00 | 360.00 | 343.00 | 360.00 | 17.00 | 360.00 | 360.00 | 320.00 | 320.00 | 320.00 |
| Property/Liability Insurance | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,283.96 | 2,000.00 | (83.96) | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,100.00 | 2,100.00 | 2,100.00 |
| Workers Comp. Insurance | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 6,064.30 | 4,500.00 | (64.30) | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Unemployment Ins Trust | 110.00 | 110.00 | - | 200.00 | 110.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 394.00 | 394.00 | 394.00 |
| Supplies/System Maint. | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 4,635.47 | 6,000.00 | 4,364.53 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 6,540.00 | 6,540.00 | 6,540.00 |
| Waterline Repairs | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 69,022.75 | 10,000.00 | (49,022.75) | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 11,000.00 | 11,000.00 | 11,000.00 |
| Fowler Loan Principal | 13,840.00 | 13,840.00 | 13,840.00 | 14,255.00 | - | 14,255.00 | 14,255.00 | 14,683.00 | 14,683.00 | 14,683.00 |
| Fowler Loan Interest & Fees | 7,095.00 | 7,095.00 | - | 6,680.00 | 7,095.00 | 6,680.00 | 6,680.00 | 6,252.00 | 6,252.00 | 6,252.00 |
| Rt 2 Project Loan Principal | 10,402.00 | 10,402.00 | 10,402.00 | 10,743.00 | - | 10,743.00 | 10,743.00 | 10,918.00 | 10,918.00 | 10,918.00 |
| Rt 2 Project Loan Interest | 20,956.00 | 20,956.00 | 20,956.00 | 20,615.00 | - | 20,615.00 | 20,615.00 | 20,440.00 | 20,440.00 | 20,440.00 |
| Safety Equipment | 350.00 | 350.00 | 139.46 | 350.00 | 210.54 | 350.00 | 350.00 | 525.00 | 525.00 | 525.00 |

2021/2022 PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

| EXPENSES DESCRIPTION | VARIANCE | | | PROPOSED 2022/2023 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | BUDGET 2020/2021 | ACTUAL 2020/2021 | (OVER)/UNDER 2020/2021 | |
| Bank Fees | 5.00 | - | 5.00 | 50.00 |
| Legal Fees/VLCT Dues | 450.00 | 385.50 | 64.50 | 660.00 |
| Taxes To Marshfield | 1,100.00 | 1,072.30 | 27.70 | 1,100.00 |
| Mowing | 1,000.00 | 1,040.00 | (40.00) | 1,100.00 |
| Electricity/GMP | 1,000.00 | 716.75 | 283.25 | 1,100.00 |
| Phone/Cell/Internet | 1,450.00 | 1,683.94 | (233.94) | 1,500.00 |
| Furnace Repairs/Fuel | 1,000.00 | 1,420.80 | (420.80) | 1,300.00 |
| Uniforms | 350.00 | 308.87 | 41.13 | 350.00 |
| Staff Training | 350.00 | 234.75 | 115.25 | 1,000.00 |
| Chemicals & Supplies | 1,000.00 | 194.88 | 805.12 | 1,040.00 |
| Testing | 3,000.00 | 1,843.76 | 1,156.24 | 3,000.00 |
| Truck Maintenance | 800.00 | 274.61 | 525.39 | 500.00 |
| State Water Flow Fees | 900.00 | 658.03 | 241.97 | 900.00 |
| Misc/Advts/Publications | 600.00 | 836.82 | (236.82) | 600.00 |
| Capital Improvement | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 | - | 50,000.00 |
| Equipment Fund | 2,200.00 | 2,200.00 | - | 2,200.00 |
| Audit | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$228,218.00 | \$265,011.60 | \$(36,793.60) | \$232,928.00 |
| Reserved | | (35,000.00) | 35,000.00 | |
| Reserved | | (2,200.00) | 2,200.00 | |
| | | \$227,811.60 | 406.40 | |
| Capital Improvement | 108,987.40 | | | |
| Equipment Fund | 19,808.86 | | | |
| Total Reserved Funds | 128,796.26 | | | |
| Unreserved Funds | 25,851.20 | | | |
| Due to from | (50.00) | | | |
| Total On Hand June 30, 2021 | \$154,597.46 | | | |

**SIMPLIFIED
STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT
WATER ASSESSMENTS
JULY 1 2020 TO JUNE 30 2021**

Balances as of June 30 2021:

| | | |
|----------|----|---------|
| 2019: | \$ | 127.40 |
| 2020: | \$ | 2875.15 |
| BALANCE: | \$ | 3002.55 |

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|-----------|
| Total Collected: | \$ | 23,915.57 |
| Total Interest: | \$ | 1116.03 |
| Total Collector's Fees: | \$ | 1912.77 |
| Total Legal & Coll. Costs: | \$ | 0.00 |
| Total: | \$ | 26,944.37 |

2021 NARRATIVE FOR WATER & WASTEWATER

The past year was filled with challenges, and this year will be no different. The pandemic caused numerous inconveniences in getting materials and having them delivered, along with finding people to work on the equipment. We were able to undertake most of the tasks ourselves that needed to be done. Currently we are planning for upcoming projects, as well as hiring and training a new Facilities Operator, as I will be retiring later this year. We hope to overlap the new Operator prior to my leaving to assure a continuity of service. Tristan who has been the Assistant Operator, will become the Chief Operator. In the years I have been working for Plainfield, we have accomplished much progress in upgrading and maintenance of the system. There is much more to do, but finding the funding is a challenge. We hope to access some of the Infrastructure Bill to help keep the cost of water and wastewater as low as possible for the users. The next fiscal year (2022/2023) will see a large rate increase due to a steep rise in cost of sludge removal, chemicals, and training for the new hire. Up to the time of this writing, it is evident that people are conserving water. The community has consumed less than the 13 million gallons used last year. The wastewater flow has also been reduced. Partly this was due to less infiltration because of lower precipitation. Once again, we have to address the foreign material entering the system. We continue to see cigarette butts, wipes (they are not flushable, even if labeled as such), dental floss, birth control and feminine sanitary products, paper and cloth towels, plastic bags and utensils, and other materials that do not break down. It costs much less for the user to put them in their garbage, than the cost to dispose of them at the plant. The other major problem is grease and oil users pour down their drains that cause blockages in the lines when it binds with the other material. If the only thing that entered the system was human waste and toilet paper, you would see a marked difference in our wastewater budget. If you have any ideas how to get everyone to understand this, and take care of the system, please let us know. We joke that if you insist on putting these items into the system, please throw \$100 bills in after them! But seriously, we have a number of line replacements that need to be done as our lines are past their life expectancy. Repairs are more expensive than being proactive and replacing them, but the challenge is finding a way to fund them. We want to thank those of you who have been responsible water and wastewater users.



Greg Chamberlin, Chief Facility Operator

The Commission wants to thank Greg for his years of service to Plainfield. He has overcome many unexpected challenges during his tenure, and has always worked hard to make sure the community had safe, clean water, and a well maintained system. We will miss Greg. We look forward to working with Tristan who has been excellent in his position as the Assistant. We are lucky to have employees who are dedicated to their jobs, and to our community.

Commissioners,

Mary Lane, Chair; Tim Philips; Joshua Pitts

2022/2023 PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

Balance as of June 30, 2020
 Capital Improvement 59,473.75
 Equipment Fund 24,370.58
 Total Reserved Funds 83,844.33
 Unreserved Funds 110,658.05
 Due to from 50.00
 Total on hand June 30, 2020 \$194,552.38

| INCOME DESCRIPTION | BUDGET | ACTUAL | (OVER)/UNDER | BUDGET | PROPOSED |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2020/2021 | 2020/2021 | 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | 2022/2023 |
| Assessment | 239,841.00 | 218,453.00 | 21,388.00 | 244,999.00 | 290,698.00 |
| Del. Assessment | 8,000.00 | 25,310.56 | (17,310.56) | 8,000.00 | 8000.00 |
| Del. Tax Interest | 300.00 | 1,365.51 | (1,065.51) | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Del. Tax Coll. Fees | 700.00 | 2,024.93 | (1,324.93) | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| Recording Fees | - | - | - | - | - |
| Goddard College | 62,263.00 | 70,771.07 | (8,508.07) | 63,665.00 | 72,675.00 |
| Impact Fees | - | - | - | - | 0.00 |
| Interest Income | 111.00 | 52.81 | 58.19 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 100.00 | 45.00 | 55.00 | 509.00 | 509.00 |
| 20 Year Eval. Income* | - | 9,040.00 | (9,040.00) | - | - |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$311,315.00 | \$327,062.88 | \$(15,747.88) | \$318,323.00 | \$373,032.00 |

*Funded by a loan.

2022/2023 PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

| EXPENSES DESCRIPTION | BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE | BUDGET | PROPOSED |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2020/2021 | 2020/2021 | (OVER)/UNDER 2020/2021 | 2021/2022 | 2022/2023 |
| Plant Operator | 31,000.00 | 31,774.17 | (774.17) | 31,350.00 | 32,925.00 |
| Asst. Operator | 26,000.00 | 28,546.58 | (2,546.58) | 26,286.00 | 39,600.00 |
| Asst. Clerk Treasurer | 4,325.00 | 4,503.61 | (178.61) | 4,375.00 | 4,600.00 |
| Clerk/Treasurer | 3,600.00 | 3,711.15 | (111.15) | 3,650.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Auditors | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | - | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Del. Tax Collector | 600.00 | 2,024.93 | (1,424.93) | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| Fringe/FICA | 4,200.00 | 4,401.44 | (201.44) | 4,200.00 | 5,150.00 |
| Fringe/MEDI | 985.00 | 1,029.54 | (44.54) | 985.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Delinquent Tax | 500.00 | - | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| BC/BS Insurance | 7,400.00 | 7,096.36 | 303.64 | 8,724.00 | 9,985.00 |
| HRA | 800.00 | - | 800.00 | 700.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Fringe/Retirement | 3,800.00 | 4,112.13 | (312.13) | 4,100.00 | 5,500.00 |
| Office Supplies/Postage | 700.00 | 996.74 | (296.74) | 700.00 | 760.00 |
| Supplies & System Repairs | 45,000.00 | 13,788.62 | 31,211.38 | 45,000.00 | 48,000.00 |
| Computer Office | 1,390.00 | 2,071.43 | (681.43) | 2,075.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Computer Plant | 300.00 | 628.00 | (328.00) | 300.00 | 320.00 |
| Property/Liability | 4,400.00 | 2,171.52 | 2,228.48 | 3,000.00 | 3,200.00 |
| Workers Comp Insurance | 6,000.00 | 6,064.32 | (64.32) | 4,500.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Unemp Insurance Trust | 110.00 | - | 110.00 | 200.00 | 394.00 |
| Equipment Repairs/Parts | 23,000.00 | 24,037.16 | (1,037.16) | 23,000.00 | 24,500.00 |
| Bank Fees | 5.00 | - | 5.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Legal Fees/VLCT Dues | 450.00 | 854.25 | (404.25) | 450.00 | 660.00 |
| Electricity/GMP | 18,000.00 | 20,036.55 | (2,036.55) | 21,000.00 | 22,400.00 |
| Telephone | 1,450.00 | 2,086.80 | (636.80) | 1,500.00 | 1,600.00 |
| Fuel/Furnace Repairs | 1,400.00 | 1,661.50 | (261.50) | 1,400.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Chemicals | 3,950.00 | 70.47 | 3,879.53 | 3,950.00 | 4,210.00 |
| Sludge Disposal | 41,000.00 | 81,905.85 | (40,905.85) | 44,000.00 | 34,500.00 |
| Sludge Trucking | - | - | - | - | 34,500.00 |

2022/2023 PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

| | BUDGET 2020/2021 | ACTUAL 2020/2021 | VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER 2020/2021 | BUDGET 2021/2022 | PROPOSED 2022/2023 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Uniforms | 350.00 | - | 350.00 | 350.00 | 525.00 |
| Audit | - | - | - | - | - |
| Laboratory Services | 6,520.00 | 3,409.90 | 3,110.10 | 6,520.00 | 7,000.00 |
| Mowing | 1,000.00 | 1,040.00 | (40.00) | 1,000.00 | 1,100.00 |
| Staff Training | 600.00 | 378.75 | 221.25 | 600.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Truck Fuel/Maintenance | 500.00 | 425.74 | 74.26 | 500.00 | 545.00 |
| Safety Equipment | 300.00 | 232.86 | 67.14 | 300.00 | 525.00 |
| Bond & Interest Expense | 47,500.00 | 47,489.37 | 10.63 | 48,158.00 | 48,158.00 |
| Audit Rounding Adjustment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Miscellaneous | 180.00 | 494.31 | (314.31) | 300.00 | 325.00 |
| Capital Improvement | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | - | 15,000.00 | 16,000.00 |
| Equipment Fund | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | - | 8,000.00 | 8,500.00 |
| 20 Year Evaluation* | - | 9,040.00 | (9,040.00) | - | - |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$311,315.00 | \$330,084.05 | \$(18,769.05) | \$318,323.00 | \$373,032.00 |
| Reserved | (15,000.00) | (15,000.00) | \$15,000.00 | | |
| Reserved | (8,000.00) | (8,000.00) | \$8,000.00 | | |
| | 307,084.05 | 307,084.05 | \$4,230.95 | | |
| Balance as of June 30, 2021 | | | | | |
| Capital Improvement | 74,491.25 | | | | |
| Equipment Fund | 32,377.78 | | | | |
| Total Reserved Funds | 106,869.03 | | | | |
| Unreserved Funds | 107,687.18 | | | | |
| Due to from | 25.00 | | | | |
| Total on hand June 30, 2021 | \$214,531.21 | | | | |

**SIMPLIFIED
STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT WASTEWATER
JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30,2021**

Balances Owed as of 6/30/21 :

| | | |
|----------|----|---------|
| 2020- | \$ | 2021.94 |
| 2021-WW1 | \$ | 4647.15 |
| Balance- | \$ | 6669.09 |

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|-----------|
| Total Collected: | \$ | 25,310.56 |
| Total Interest: | \$ | 1365.51 |
| Total Collectors Fees: | \$ | 2024.93 |
| Total Legal & Coll. Costs: | \$ | 0.00 |
| TOTAL : | \$ | 28701.00 |

DOG LICENSE
Required by Vermont State Law

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

License Fees

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

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

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

VSA Title 20, Section 3581

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DOGS OR WOLF-HYBRIDS

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 2021

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. A huge **THANK YOU** to founding member Sarah Albert for all she has contributed to our community during her time on the commission!

We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, via Zoom during the pandemic and eventually in a Town Office meeting room. All townspeople are welcome. Once approved, meeting minutes are available to read on the Town of Plainfield website. If you are interested in helping with one of our current projects or proposing a new project, serving on the commission or being involved in any way, we encourage you to contact any of the commissioners listed below, the town clerk, or the Selectboard. Please consider becoming involved in large or small ways.

Here is some of what we've been working on this past year:

- **Town Forest:** Plainfield's 28-acre Town Forest, accessed via Gonyeau or Maxfield roads, is overseen by the Conservation Commission in accordance with the forest management plan. Both trails have a parking lot and a kiosk with a map and trail information, although passenger vehicle access to the Parking lot at the end of Gonyeau Rd is not possible during winter (not plowed) and is virtually impassable at other times of the year due to road erosion. We are striving to improve three-season access. The Town Forest is available for snowshoeing, skiing, hiking, hunting, birding, botanical studies, and other low-impact recreation. We encourage you to come and explore the town forest.

This year the trails within the town forest were mowed, which will be done once or twice annually in the future to make them pleasant for walking. We are investigating funding options to improve three season-access to the town forest. Several Commission members surveyed the trees along half the trails for Emerald Ash Borer. So far no borers were found and the rest of the trails will be surveyed next year.

- **Green Up Day:** Many thanks to Becky Atchinson for heading up a safe and successful **2021 Green Up Day** with much help by community volunteers. **THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!** Mark your calendar for the **2022 Green Up Day on May 7, 2022**. What a difference all our volunteers make by helping to clean up trash along our roadsides, riverbanks, the recreation field and the village park. Please call Becky at 479-4326 if you'd like to help out with planning for or volunteering on Green Up Day.

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- **Tree and Shrub Sale:** We continue to work with the Marshfield Conservation Commission on the annual spring Tree and Shrub Sale. Offerings include native landscaping trees and shrubs that are edible, attract wildlife, or are suitable for riparian areas.

Order forms for the 2022 sale will be available in mid-February at various locations around town, including the Town Office. In past years, Plainfield's proceeds from the Tree and Shrub Sale helped fund our **Street Tree** program, which is used for the planting and maintenance of village trees in the public right of way, or other Conservation Commission projects. Contact us if you live in the village and are interested in having a street tree in front of your home.

- **Educational Presentations:** In March the Commission sponsored a zoom presentation "**Clean Water in Your Backyard**". The presenters discussed small steps property owners can take in our backyards to help reduce erosion and improve water quality and wildlife habitat in the Winooski watershed where we live. A link to a recording of this presentation is available on the Commission's town website page. We look forward to hosting more educational presentations this coming year, possibly via Zoom.
- **Town Plan Goals Assigned to the Conservation Commission:** Over this past year we have worked to clarify how we can address town plan goals that are assigned to the Conservation Commission as the lead. The Town Plan Goals we are focusing on include:
 - Town forest maintenance, accessibility and resilience.
 - Recreational trail development.
 - Mitigating climate change via promoting carbon sequestration in town forests.
 - Organize our web page so it contains easy to navigate and useful community resources.
 - Act as a liaison between town residents and organizations that promote healthy environments/sustainable use of natural resources.
 - Promote responsible and recreational use of Plainfield's natural resources for the health and well-being of its residents.
 - Continue ongoing responsibilities including the Town Forest, Plant Sale, Green-Up Day and the Annual Report.
- **Working With Other Partners:** Several Commission members are helping with Friends of the Winooski River on their Water Wise Woodlands project. This involves working with the Plainfield, Marshfield, and Cabot Conservation Commissions to reach out to private landowners of forests in the Winooski

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River watershed to encourage best forest land management practices that benefit water quality. If you would like to meet with a forest management expert about your land, the Friends of the Winooski River can arrange this. Please let the Conservation Commission know and we'll put you in touch with the Friends.

- **Conservation Fund:** This fund (a line item in the Selectboard budget) was begun in 2001 and is designed to accumulate over a long period of time to be used to:
 - Purchase resource lands or conservation easements in Plainfield in cooperation with landowners and/or nonprofit organizations,
 - Provide technical assistance to Plainfield landowners seeking conservation easements on their land, and
 - Provide matching funds for larger grants for significant conservation projects, in accordance with the town plan.

The most recent use of Conservation funds by the Town was to provide matching funds in 2019 to the Cross Vermont Trail Association for purchase of a largely wooded and undevelopable parcel off the Recreation Field. The Cross Vermont Trail Association is working to improve this parcel for recreational use and to connect the Village to a future Cross Vermont Trail and a larger regional trail network. Further information about the Conservation Fund is available at the town website or by contacting the Conservation Commission or the clerk's office.

Current commission members can be contacted via email links on the Commission page of the Town of Plainfield Website www.plainfieldvt.us/conservation-commission or by phone:

Serena Matt, Chair 917-364-1553

Becky Atchinson 802-479-4326

Mary Trerice, Secretary 802-522-6732

Julie Hackbarth 802-522-0744

Rose Paul, Treasurer 802-454-1220

2021 CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

(ending June 30, 2021)

| | |
|---|--------|
| Income | |
| FY20-21 Town Budget | 375.00 |
| Expenses | |
| copying, printing | 2.99 |
| Annual membership Assoc. of VT Conservation Commissions | 0.00 |
| Zoom fees | 79.45 |
| Total Expenses | 82.44 |
| Balance 6/30/21 (returned to General Fund) | 292.56 |

Street Tree Reserve Fund

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance as of July 1, 2020 | 9,469.57 |
| Total profit from 2021 Tree Sale: | \$2,345.39 |
| Income | |
| Plainfield share of Tree Sale profit | 1,172.70 |
| Interest income | 23.70 |
| Balance On Hand June 30, 2021 | 10,665.97 |

Conservation Fund

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance as of July 1, 2020 | 20,283.42 |
| Income | |
| Budget | 1,500.00 |
| Interest Income | 7.94 |
| Expense | |
| Balance On Hand June 30, 2021 | 21,791.36 |

Town Forest Fund

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Balance as of July 1, 2020 | 5,420.32 |
| Income | |
| Interest Income | 12.45 |
| Expenses | |
| Wood, hardware for trail bridge | 919.67 |
| Brushhogging trails | 0.00 |
| Balance On Hand June 20, 2021 | 4,513.10 |

PLAINFIELD E-911

Did you know that you can text to 911? Use the text only if you cannot dial 911. For example, if you are in a situation where you need help but must keep quiet, you can text 911 on your phone and there is no need to speak.

Customers of the four nationwide wireless carriers, Verizon Wireless, AT&T, Sprint and T-Mobile, can send a text message to 911 from locations in Vermont for emergency help. Thanks to these providers, 98% of wireless users in the state now have an alternative method to use in an emergency in the event that they cannot make a phone call.

Guidelines

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

Limitations

- Text messaging is considered a “best efforts” service and there is no guarantee a text message will be sent, delivered or received in a timely manner, if at all.

PLAINFIELD E-911

- Sending a text to 911 may take longer than a voice call because someone must enter the text, send it through the system and then the 911 call taker has to enter a text response and send it back.
 - Time is critical in a life-threatening emergency, and customers should be aware of this difference.
- Customers must be in range of their service provider's cell towers in Vermont.
 - If customers are outside or near the edge of the state when sending a text to 911, the message may not reach the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).
 - If the text didn't go through, you should receive a bounce-back message that states: Please make a voice call to 911. There is no text service to 911 available at this time.

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

2021 PLAINFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT

2021 was another challenging year for our department trying to balance training needs with the personal safety of our members due to the COVID 19 pandemic. As of this report, we have been fortunate that none of our members have tested positive for the virus.

This past summer, the fire station building underwent major structural repairs. The backside of the building foundation had new footings and walls replaced, and the side next to the town office was rebuilt as well. There were no major cost surprises during the process and we were able to stay within the budget we had for the repairs. The building is now structurally sound.

We have continued to upgrade the gear for our firefighters to help insure their safety during a fire or rescue event. The cost of a complete set of fire gear - helmet, jacket, pants, boots and gloves is over \$3000.00 and is only good for 10 years to meet the NFPA standards for personal safety. The department also purchased a new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus at the cost of \$7600.00 to keep on track of purchasing one a year for the next 10 years to replace the aging units we have on the trucks. Overall the department trucks, equipment, and gear are in great condition. The investment the town continues to make towards the department is of great help to our members and the community at large.

The call volume for the Fire Department has been consistent at 80 to 85 calls for the last three years. The Rescue Department call volume this year was 170. As one can imagine, this takes a significant amount of time and commitment from our members' lives to answer this volume of calls. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people.

We have two members complete the Fire Fighter One training program and one member completed the EMT course. Both of these courses are over 150 hours of education. Congratulations to Will Bennington, Brook Blackshaw, and Stuart Hancock!

We are always looking for new members to join either department whether it be fire and rescue, or both. If you have any interest in being a part of our team, please reach out to me or any member of our department. We, as a department, are committed to helping our community, and would welcome more volunteers to help in the common goal of helping people and looking out for their safety.

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More exciting news, new this year, we have started working with Twinfield Union School with their Renaissance Program. We have two Junior Girls who were interested in firefighting. We try and meet weekly for trainings. It has been a joy to see these girls interest in learning. In celebration of Halloween, we handed out candy at the department. We had a great turn out and it was so nice to see our community out having fun.

Just as a reminder, you must replace the batteries in your smoke/CO2 detectors when you adjust your clocks for day light savings time twice a year! Also, check the date on your detectors; if they are 10 years old or older they need to be replaced! Old smoke/CO2 detectors should be recycled and not thrown in the trash!

Please remember if you need assistance from the Fire/Rescue department you need to call 911, not a member.

In service,

Greg Light, Chief of Plainfield Fire Rescue

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

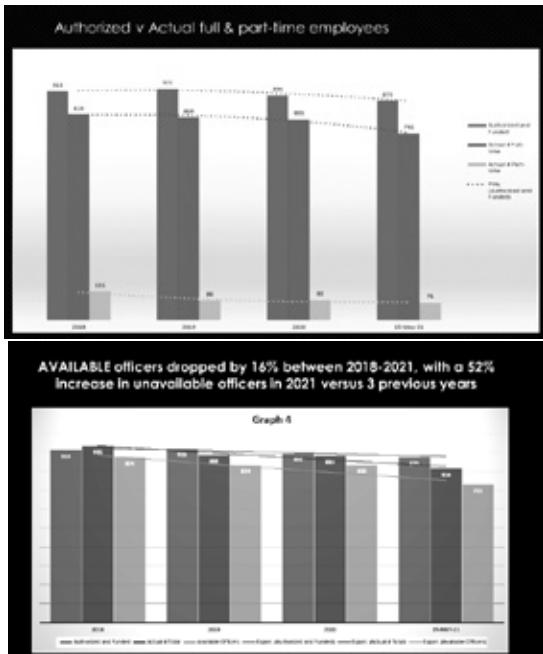
This fiscal year has been a hard one for most of us and Covid-19 has caused so many uncertainties; The unknowns of the Covid-19 virus, struggling to keep each other safe and healthy, loss of job, home, financial instability, and issues too numerous to list.

Society has also struggled with its relationship with Law Enforcement, enacting new rules and laws, impacting how Law Enforcement personnel interact with the public and how this affects our duties.

A national trend that has affected Vermont, is the loss of interest in persons who want to join the ranks of EMS, Fire and Law Enforcement. In Vermont it could soon reach a crisis stage, as Local, State and County Law Enforcement struggle to fill our vacancies. Law Enforcement has entered into discussions as to how we can share resources, so no call goes unanswered.

In 2021 a study was done in Vermont, evaluating the attrition of Law Enforcement Officers Statewide in comparison to new officers being hired and trained at the Vermont Police Academy.

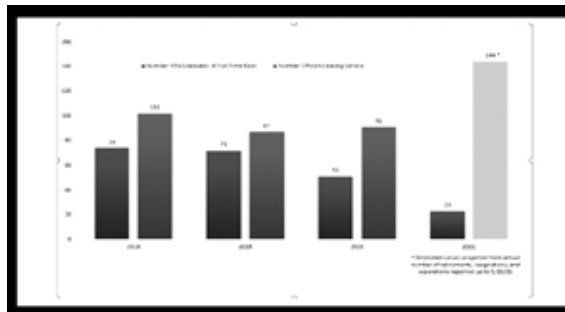
Below I have included information from the informal study, which was done based on a survey of Departments in the State. Because the information was partly gained from a survey it may not be 100% accurate, but it gives the flavor of the extreme problems Law Enforcement Agencies have recruiting, hiring and retaining officers.



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VPA graduates FT BASIC 2020 = 51 officers
Estimated 2021 = max of 23 officers
Average for 2019 & 2018 = 73
This dearth of new officers, coupled with the accelerating rate of retirements, resignations and other separations will create an across-the-board shortage of full-time certified officers, even if some of those who resigned go to work at other Vermont law enforcement agencies. See the next slide for a visual representation of this gap between influx of new officers and loss of experienced officers.

Information from the survey of Vermont law enforcement agencies, June 2021



This trend has effected this Department over the past several years. 15 years ago this Department had 10 full time Deputies and 26 part time Deputies. As of this writing we have four full time Deputies and 20 part time Deputies. These losses have caused us to give up our security presence at the Criminal/Family Court in Barre, and currently we have two full time openings, including a full time Patrol Deputy position.

Locally:

Over the past year our patrol efforts have been hampered not only by staffing, but due to Covid-19 minimal traffic stops were made to lessen the chance of spreading the virus.

County wide, our patrol efforts during fiscal year 2021 generated 2062 total incident reports, to include 845 Vermont Traffic Citations and 1126 Traffic Warnings.

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

Through all these struggles, we take pride in our efforts in making Washington County a safe place to live and work.

Professionally,

W Samuel Hill, *Sheriff*

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

TICKET SUMMARY REPORT

Rev 02/16/12

From: 07/01/20 **To:** 06/28/21

ORI: **VT0120000** **Washington County Sheriff's Department**
 Traffic **71** **39.44%** *of all tickets in this report*

| <u>Count</u> | | <u>% of Traffic Tickets</u> |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 8DE - Operation With Defective Or Inadequate Equipment | 1.41% |
| 2 | CEL - Using Portable Electronic Device - 1st violation | 2.82% |
| 3 | DEF - Condition Of Vehicle | 4.23% |
| 2 | DP - Failed To Display Front Registration Plate | 2.82% |
| 10 | INS - Operating Without Liability Insurance | 14.08% |
| 1 | LBR - 1-10 MPH over speed limit - Local | 1.41% |
| 1 | LBR - 21-30 MPH over speed limit - Local | 1.41% |
| 1 | LOP - Limitations On Passing | 1.41% |
| 9 | NL - Operating Without A License | 12.68% |
| 6 | NR - Persons Required To Register | 8.45% |
| 3 | OSC - Operating After Suspension/Revocation/Refusal | 4.23% |
| 1 | PER - Permitting Illegal Operation Of A Motor Vehicle | 1.41% |
| 8 | PNA - Misuse Of Number Plates | 11.27% |
| 5 | SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit | 7.04% |
| 4 | SL3 - 21-30 MPH Over Speed Limit | 5.63% |
| 7 | VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration | 9.86% |
| 7 | VO - Regulations In Municipalities | 9.86% |

Warning **109** **60.56%** *of all tickets in this report*

| <u>Count</u> | | <u>% of Warning Tickets</u> |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1 | CEL - Using Portable Electronic Device - 1st violation | 0.92% |
| 28 | DEF - Condition Of Vehicle | 25.69% |
| 14 | DP - Failed To Display Front Registration Plate | 12.84% |
| 2 | DP2 - Failed to Display Rear Registration Plate or Failed to Display Both Registration Plates | 1.83% |
| 1 | FYY - Stop Sign | 0.92% |
| 6 | LBR - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit-Local | 5.50% |
| 1 | LES - Unreasonable And Imprudent Speed When Special Hazards Exist -Local | 0.92% |
| 2 | LK - Lights | 1.83% |
| 1 | NR - Persons Required To Register | 0.92% |

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| | | |
|----|--|--------|
| 1 | S00 - 1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit | 0.92% |
| 2 | S02 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit | 1.83% |
| 3 | SLG - Signals Required | 2.75% |
| 3 | SL1 - 1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit | 2.75% |
| 28 | SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit | 25.69% |
| 1 | SPV - Starting Parked Vehicles | 0.92% |
| 13 | VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration | 11.93% |
| 2 | VSP - Operating without displaying validation sticker on plate | 1.83% |

Total Tickets 180

INCIDENT ANALYSIS REPORT

From: 07/01/2020 To: 06/28/2021

ORI: VT0120000 Washington County Sheriff's Department

| Call Type | Count of Inc. | % of Total Inc. |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Abandoned Vehicle</i> | 2 | 1.26% |
| <i>Directed Patrol</i> | 8 | 5.03% |
| <i>Juvenile Problem</i> | 2 | 1.26% |
| <i>Motor Vehicle Complaint</i> | 6 | 3.77% |
| <i>Traffic Stop</i> | 138 | 86.79% |
| <i>VIN Verification</i> | 3 | 1.89% |

Total: 159

PLAINFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

The Plainfield Historical Society is a group of volunteers committed to our mission: “to educate the people of Plainfield, Vermont and the surrounding area about the history of the area and its people.” We are funded entirely by donations and the sales of our publications, notably our annual calendar and our book, *The Town of Plainfield, VT: A Pictorial History 1870-1940*.

2020 was a busy year for the Society, full of changes despite being limited by the pandemic.

The 18th edition of our annual calendar is completed for 2022. Many thanks to those who made it possible – Dave Ferland for design and photo editing, Dan Gadd, Susan Grimaldi and Melinda Vieux for the captions, Bev Thomas for distribution and coordinating the patrons and ads. And, to Cheryl (Dix) LeTourneau for donating several of the photos that appear in the calendar.

To further support our activities, we decided to re-structure the Society to become a non-profit organization, also known as a 501(c)(3) organization. We re-registered the Society with the Vermont Secretary of State as a formal non-profit and adopted a set of by-laws. For governance of the Society, we established a Board of Trustees. Key to becoming a non-profit is certification by the Internal Revenue Service. In October, we submitted our application to the IRS and are awaiting their determination, which will take several months. Once we obtain the 501(c)(3) certification, we will be eligible for grants to help us preserve Plainfield’s history.

Our collection of furniture, artifacts and papers was removed from the old firehouse on Route 2 in 2018. We moved most of the collection to two rooms in the Municipal Building and the remainder to a storage unit. Due to the pandemic, the collection has remained in those locations. This year we asked the Select Board to permanently allocate three rooms in the Municipal Building for the Society. That would allow us to have an exhibit room, a storage room, and a teaching/meeting room. The Board’s decision is pending. Meanwhile, our exhibit room is waiting to re-open after the pandemic (...and waiting...and waiting).

Our collection of over 9000 digital files, mostly scanned photos is now being backed up to a cloud storage location. We are grateful to everyone who donated photos or let us scan their photos. We are always excited to add new photos to our collection. If you have any photos or documents that reflect Plainfield’s history whether it is family life, businesses, farms, celebrations, or anything else about Plainfield, let us know and we will scan them for you.

The Trustees of the Plainfield Historical Society are Dan Gadd – President, Melinda Vieux – Vice President, Bev Thomas – Treasurer, Bob Fancher – Secretary, Dave Ferland – Trustee, Susan Grimaldi – Trustee, Kathy Fancher – Trustee.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Fancher, Secretary
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PLAINFIELD REVOLVING LOAN FUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

Currently there is one outstanding loan outstanding

Town of Plainfield \$11,524.74

Ending account balance June 30, 2021 \$175,395.41

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

Linda B. Wells

2021 RECREATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

This past year The Plainfield Recreation Committee has continued to navigate the balance between supporting community outdoor recreation while working to maintain safe spaces as we continue to live with the challenges of the Covid 19 Pandemic. The Committee worked to maintain our existing recreation equipment making needed repairs throughout the year to the Skate Park, the swings and the electrical system around the basketball court. Alice Sky planted new trees (Burr Oak trees) at the Rec Field to bring more shade and biodiversity to the space for generations to come. Many thanks to Alice Sky for your initiative and planting, and Nicko Rubin of the East Hill Tree Farm for the generous donation of the trees. The Committee improved the Rec Field this past year through the purchasing of new soccer goals.

The Committee also worked to bring more community events to the Rec Field over the past year. The Committee co-sponsored a Summer Concert Series in partnership with the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House. This series consisted of five concerts, which brought 380 people to the Rec Field to enjoy excellent local music and the amazing puppetry of Modern Times Theater. We plan to continue this collaboration for the coming summer and co-sponsor another concert series. The Committee also hosted two community potluck bar-b-que dinners and all-ages soccer games. These were



very well attended, and enjoyed by residents of all ages. We plan to continue hosting potlucks and field games in the coming summer and fall months.

During Fiscal Year 20-21 the Recreation Committee was able to work well within our budget for the year. We are anticipating ending the year with a budget surplus in both our accounts. It should be noted that activity at the Rec Field continued to be hindered somewhat due to the Covid 19 Pandemic and we anticipate an increase in activity and expenses for the 2022 Spring, Summer and Fall seasons.

The Recreation Committee has two goals for the coming year that will both increase the quality of recreation options for the community and facilitate greater community cohesion using our amazing community asset of the Recreation Field.

2021 RECREATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Our first goal is to increase community events at the Rec Field. Towards this end, we plan to use our allocated budget to construct a portable stage that will be stored at the Rec Field and will be available for various events like concerts, performances and presentations. We plan to continue our successful collaboration with the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House and once again host a summer concert series at the Rec Field during the summer of 2022.

Our second goal is a long-term goal of continuing to seek grant funds to help us purchase a large climbing structure for our 5-11 year old community members. We would like to purchase a large rope climbing structure made by the Kompan company. This will be a long-term project, as it will take time to gather the necessary funds for this project. We continue to research available grants and are working with the Select Board to begin setting aside some funds each year to save for this future investment.

Lastly, we would like to thank the many years of service of Nicholas Hooker, who served on the Recreation Committee and decided to step off the committee this fall. In his place, we welcome Ryan Gillard as the newest member of the Recreation Committee. We also thank Dan Gadd for his many years of service chairing the Recreation Committee. Dan continues to serve on the Committee and Jamie Spector has stepped into the Chair role. If you have an idea for new equipment, an event or project at the Recreation Field, please don't hesitate to contact the Committee via the Chair at jspector@riseup.net. We hope to see you outside at the Rec Field this coming year!

2021 - 2022 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT & BUDGET

The Cemetery Commission met regularly throughout this past year overseeing upkeep, maintenance, and improvements of our five cemeteries. The commission arranged for tree removal, straightening and righting of grave stones, and cleaning of stones. The costs associated with necessary maintenance, coupled with routine expenses related to sexton services and mowing, far exceeded the meager income generated from burials. The commission continued to explore green, or natural, burials and such burials are now welcomed at Bisson Cemetery. The Cemetery Commission lost members, but welcomed new members, and has opening(s) for additional members. Again, we want to thank the Plainfield Hardware for generously providing water to the Plainmont cemetery. Thanks to Gaye and Rich.

Cemetery Commission
Ed Hutchinson, Chair
Alice Sky
Nancy Ellen
Dave Spence

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Income | |
| Sale of Lots | 5,000.00 |
| Cemetery Services | 5,500.00 |
| Transfer from investments | 25,250.00 |
| Total | \$35,750.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Cemetery Mowing | 15,500.00 |
| Sexton Contract/Services | 14,000.00 |
| GMP | 250.00 |
| Liability Insurance | 1,100.00 |
| Maintenance | 4,000.00 |
| Supplies | 400.00 |
| Treasurer | 500.00 |
| Total | \$35,750.00 |

2021 - 2022 PLAINFIELD ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT FROM BOB ATCHINSON

Greetings - Friends, Neighbors, and Citizens

As our Planet Earth and its population continues to sink deeper into Climate Catastrophe, with this year's spin-off of the Corona-Virus pandemic, it is most important that we continue our efforts, individually and collectively, to conserve and use less of the energy resources available, stop the use of all fossil fuels, and replace them with clean energy sources. The Plainfield Energy Team is your go-to resource – whether for weatherization consultation, renewable energy installation, prospectus of grants and incentives for your project, as well as how to make best choices for transportation and planning in this time of impending climate disaster. As we come to milestones in our lives, i.e. replacing a vehicle, choosing an Energy-Star appliance, Buttoning-Up your residence or business, or installing renewable energy, it is most important to make choices that do not bolster the consumption of Fossil Fuels.

In the past year, January – December, 2021, Plainfield Energy Coordinator Bob Atchinson and team member Ed Hutchinson participated in the following:

PROGRESS!

- **Solar for Twinfield.** After many years of energy committee work with assistance from RAMP Energy and the Central VT Climate Action Committee, we are proud to announce The Twinfield Union School, via the supervisory union, has accepted a proposal from Norwich Solar Technologies to cover its entire electrical load. There has been a change in the site location from Barre to a plot of land adjacent to the Danville Elementary School. The size of the project is 500 kW, and this should cover most of the load of Twinfield Union School, Cabot Schools, and Danville Schools. Energization of the project will occur in early January, 2022. There will also be solar tracker arrays at each of the participating schools for student observation/educational purposes, but there is no scheduled install date as yet.



Center gate of 5-row western sub-array.

2021 - 2022 PLAINFIELD ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT FROM BOB ATCHINSON



NW Corner of Eastern Sub-Array, adjacent to Danville K-12 School

- **Net-Zero Energy by 2030** - As Plainfield moves toward our goal of net-zero energy by 2030, according to our Declaration of Climate Emergency, it is now time to add some more renewables. As Energy Coordinator, I am exploring a couple of models for assisting community members to install solar energy systems at an affordable cost, and will be exploring opportunities with the Select Board to add a second municipal solar array.
- **Park & Ride Solar** - Continued monitoring solar production of the Park & Ride 9.9 kW array. In the past 12 months the array produced 9,836 kWh of electricity. Since its commissioning in September of 2015, the array has produced 69,826 gross kWh of electricity, a lifetime production value, (at today's rate of \$0.17945/kWh), of nearly \$12,530. This is also in line with our calculated return-on-investment (ROI) of a 10-11 year pay-off of our solar loan.
- **EV charging station at Mill St. Park** - As a result of the construction project for the new pedestrian bridge on Main St., the charging station has been unavailable due to construction equipment occupying the space and the fact that people are still driving fewer miles due to the pandemic, this year's usage is severely impacted. This has led to conversations with the Select Board to add a second charging location. We are considering a Level 2, one or two-head, location to be determined, but likely adjacent to the Municipal Building or at the Park & Ride lot. Financing and charge payments are still in the research process, but we do expect some funding from the federal infrastructure bill to help out. Check it out in person, or online at: <https://www.plugshare.com/location/79683>.
- **Municipal Building** - Although the Municipal building 2nd and 3rd floors are largely unoccupied, the weatherization work and electrical audit remain on hold, due to Covid 19 protocol.
- **Education** - Again this year, members of the Plainfield Energy Team attended the annual October Renewable Energy VT conference, normally held in Burlington, the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network (VECAN) conference in

2021 - 2022 PLAINFIELD ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT FROM BOB ATCHINSON

December, as well as the Better Buildings by design conferences – all virtually online. The good news is that all sessions were recorded, and we, as attendees can access all recordings via links on the website(s). If you would like access, please let us know, and we will do our best to assist.

- **Virtual and Drive-by Home Energy Visits** - In conjunction with Efficiency Vermont, the Plainfield Energy Team is offering virtual Home Energy Visits. Using your smartphone video, as the eyes and communication, Efficiency VT energy experts will visit your home virtually and identify money and energy-saving opportunities. Here is a link to more information, and to sign up online: <https://efficiencyvermont.timetap.com/#/>

Also, using the FLIR infrared camera, Our Energy Team is available upon request to scan your building to identify heat loss, cold penetration, and high moisture areas. **Please take advantage of these offers! We can do a drive-by/walk-around of your home without risking social-distancing guidelines and putting this together with the virtual home energy visit, we can present you with a very comprehensive picture of your structure's performance.**

- **Button UP** – This year, Plainfield is again participating in the Button Up program. There are many incentives, with additional funding for low-income projects and up to \$100 grants for materials for DIY, (Do It Yourself), weatherization projects. Learn more about Button Up and DIY projects at: <https://buttonupvermont.org/watch-learn>
- **Plainfield Energy Team & Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee combined meetings** - We invite any and all community members with an interest, an idea, or a passion for reducing the effects of our climate emergency to join us. We are currently meeting the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm, (still mostly virtually); look for the Zoom link on Front Porch Forum and the Town of Marshfield website: https://marshfieldvt.gov/index.asp?SEC=CC701CB5-CF6F-43C9-B1AE-462D78C0CA5A&Type=B_DIR.
- **Plainfield Energy Team** is seeking volunteers to help us help the Planet. Please visit our website at: <https://www.plainfieldvt.us/energy-management.html> and if you are interested in serving, you can snail mail a letter of interest to the Town of Plainfield, PO Box 217, Plainfield, VT 05667, or send an email to our Town Clerk or any Select Board member (Sasha Thayer, Tammy Farnham, or Jim Volz).

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Atchinson, Plainfield Energy Coordinator
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bobattwo@gmail.com

2021 TOWN HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Once again we have had a year where health and health care are at the center of public discourse. Despite the controversial politics surrounding the issue(s), it appears that we have had a fairly routine year in terms of our town's public health.

As town health officer I have continued to do my best to help educate people regarding best practices known to improve health outcomes in the event of natural exposure to pathogens. I continue to field calls as begets a town health officer regarding common issues including animal bites, rental housing, and ensuring the safety of our waterways.

If you have concerns regarding issues of public health and safety I will be happy to troubleshoot and share with you whatever resources I have at my disposal.

Baylen Sky, Health Officer

2021 LOCAL HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT



Twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. Additional information about your local health office and related programs can be found at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>.

COVID-19

It has been almost two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and in response, our families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless other groups have worked to better protect the health of our communities. Together we ensured towns had access to the vaccine, testing, and other services needed to make more informed decisions about their health. As of December 1, 2021, approximately

- 494,000 Vermonters received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 546,055 people have been tested and a total of 2,570,835 tests completed.
- Many COVID-19 resources are now provided in over 20 different languages.
- Up-to-date information, including town-level data can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity>.

Public Health Programs

In addition to COVID-19 response efforts, Local Health offices continue to provide health services and programs to Vermont communities, including but not limited to

- In collaboration with Town Health Officers and other local partners, we help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health at a time when more of us are spending time at home with our families. Find information about environmental health and lead, asbestos, toxic chemicals, child safety, food safety, climate change, drinking water, and more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment>.
- The WIC nutrition program continues to provide primarily remote access to services with phone appointments. In 2021, an average of approximately 11,300 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont each month.
- As of November 23, 2021, 193,000 flu vaccine doses have been administered. Protecting people from influenza continues to be particularly important as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting these efforts. We look forward to what 2022 brings, to seeing you in the community, and encourage you to stay in touch with us.

CVSWMD FY 2021 REPORT FOR PLAINFIELD



The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents to reduce and manage solid waste. Betsy Ziegler represents Plainfield on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates and providing information and resources to our member communities. The per capita assessment is set at \$1.00 this year.

In FY21, CVSWMD provided \$6,447.50 in School Zero Waste and Organizational Waste Reduction & Reuse Program Grants, and \$4,483.54 in Green Up Day Grants. The Town of Plainfield received a Green Up Day Grant in the amount of \$367.00.

Also in FY21, CVSWMD provided \$9,500.00 in Municipal Services Program grants. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual Municipal Services Program Grant.

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

- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins, recycling bins, and kitchen compost buckets to district residents at discounted rates.
- **Outreach and Education:** In FY21, CVSWMD provided 13 workshops and webinars on topics such as recycling, composting, safer cleaning, and reducing toxins in the home.
- **School Programming:** Our School Zero Waste Program works with 26 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries and more. In FY21, CVSWMD staff provided 4 virtual book reading programs for Twinfield Union School's kindergarten and 2nd grade classes. CVSWMD staff also helped Twinfield staff design signage to help students separate food waste from other waste during lunch in the classrooms. CVSWMD also provided Twinfield with 40 free food scrap buckets and 14 recycling bins. Our School Program Coordinator works with maintenance staff and teachers to help schools compost on site and mentors student groups who lead initiatives toward zero waste in their schools.
- **Special Collections:** In FY21, 5 collection events were held, in which CVSWMD collected 52.1 tons of household hazardous waste, paint, batteries, e-waste, and fluorescent bulbs. 874 households were served, and Two household hazardous waste collection events were held, in nearby Barre Town and Montpelier, in spring and fall.

CVSWMD FY 2021 REPORT FOR PLAINFIELD

- ***Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC)***: The ARCC, at 540 N. Main St. in Barre, is open M, W, F 10:30am-5:30pm and every third Saturday from 9am-1pm. The ARCC is a recycling drop-off for hard-to-recycle materials. *Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.* More info at cvswmd.org/arcc. In FY21, 237.7 tons of materials were collected and diverted from the landfill, and 245 visitors from Plainfield recycled at the ARCC.
- ***Web Site***: CVSWMD posts useful information on what can (and can't) be recycled, what items are banned from the landfill (and how to dispose of those), what items can be recycled at our Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC), what can be composted, how to safely store and dispose of household hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste disposal, Act 148, details about our special collections, and an A to Z Guide listing disposal options for many materials. For specific questions, call 802-229-9383.



GREEN UP DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Green Up Day on May 1, 2021 was a huge success thanks to nearly 22,000 volunteers statewide who Greened Up. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is needed and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play a very special place. As one of Vermont's favorite holidays, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Along with Green Up Day, we work year-round to further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. Thank you for your support of this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.

Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org 229-4586

Green Up Day May 7, 2022



CVFIBER 2021 TOWN OF PLAINFIELD REPORT

CVFiber is a nonprofit municipality consisting of 21 communities, including Plainfield, with the mission to build a public, reliable, and affordable high-speed fiber network to serve the community, particularly those who are unserved, and the underserved, those without reliable Internet and operating at speeds lower than 25/3 Mbps.

Construction of the 1,200 mile, \$50 million, fiber-to-the-home, 100/100 Mbps network will begin in the second quarter of 2022.

In 2021 CVFiber completed pole inventories for Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, Moretown, and Worcester. Pole inventories for twelve more towns, including the town of Plainfield, will be completed in early 2022.

Before construction and service can begin it is necessary to conduct pole inventories to figure out which poles may need to be replaced and the work needed to prepare the poles for the fiber.

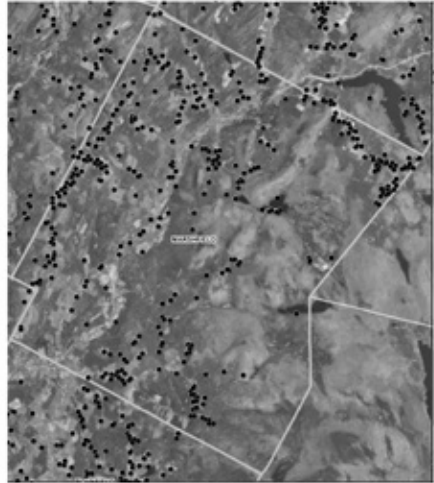


Figure 1 Town of Plainfield Underserved. Source: VPSD

Network design work began in 2021 and will continue into 2022. This all precedes the “make-ready” work, the actual preparation of the pole for the wire strand to which the fiber will be lashed, a very expensive and time-consuming process.

CVFiber executed an agreement with the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) in December to supply network design, project and construction management, and equipment- and materials-procurement services. By the 2022 town meeting, CVFiber will have engaged Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecomm (WCVT) to be the CVFiber Community Network operator and Internet service provider.

In October CVFiber was awarded a \$2.8 million ARPA grant by the Vermont Community Broadband Board to pay for the twelve-community pole inventory, detailed design and engineering, and administration expenses. CVFiber will be applying for a multimillion-dollar construction grant in the first quarter of 2022.

CVFiber is competing with other eligible entities for a share of an expected \$250 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds and in 2023, \$100 million in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grant funds. Grant funds are important because they enable faster development, and they lower subscription

rates. Without grants CVFiber would have to sell bonds and pay interest. Principal and interest costs would have to be passed on to subscribers.

CVFiber is hopeful it will receive 40%–50% of the total cost of building the \$50 million network from these grant funds.

The cost to build the Plainfield portion of the network is estimated at \$1.6 million. The first priority is to provide broadband access to the state-identified 324 underserved residences in Plainfield (See Map).

Each of our communities, including Plainfield, also received ARPA grant funds, which could be spent in many ways, including for broadband infrastructure. CVFiber is asking that each of its member communities consider contributing a portion of its ARPA grant funds to CVFiber to deliver service to the underserved in their community. Any funds contributed by a community will be spent in that community. The Vermont Community Broadband Board will match town contributions to CVFiber up to \$1.5 million for the total contribution commitments made before September 15, 2022.

More information is available on the CVFiber website at www.cvfiber.net.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeremy Hansen
 Founder and Chair
 CVFiber Governing Board

Jeremy Matt
 Town of Plainfield Delegate, CVFiber
jmatt@cvfiber.net

December 31, 2021

| CVFIBER 2022 BUDGET | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME | |
| Operations | \$ 850,950 |
| Grants | |
| ARPA | \$ 9,800,000 |
| IIJA | \$ 1,000,000 |
| Town ARPA Contributions | \$ 3,500,000 |
| Total Income | \$15,150,950 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Administration | \$ 360,500 |
| Preconstruction | \$ 3,400,910 |
| Construction | \$ 8,184,250 |
| Operations | \$ 2,791,000 |
| Total Expenses | \$14,736,660 |
| ReseNes | \$ 414,290 |

**WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING
PLAINFIELD, VERMONT
MARCH 1, 2022**

The legal voters of the Town of Plainfield are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Plainfield Municipal building, 149 Main Street, on Tuesday, the first day of March, 2022 between the hours of 7 am to 7 pm to transact the following business by Australian ballot.

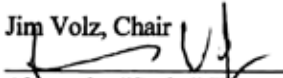
The Plainfield Selectboard will have a virtual informational hearing on February 22, 2022 at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be published town wide.

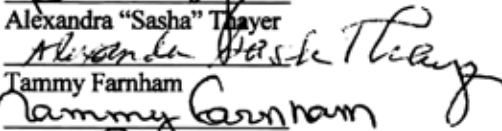
- Art. 1 To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectboard, Lister, Auditor, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Cemetery Commissioner, and School Director.
- Art. 2 Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$6,833.06 for the support of Rural Community Transportation Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town of Plainfield?
- Art. 3 Shall the Town of Plainfield appropriate the sum of \$1,499.94 as its share of the tenth year cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Plainfield. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and passenger fares?
- Art. 4 Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures for not-for-profit service agencies in the amount of \$15,211 as recommended by the appointed Social Concerns Committee?
- Art. 5 Shall the Town voters authorize an appropriation of \$40,000 to the Cutler Memorial Library to pay for the librarian, a library assistant, and the purchase of materials and services, including those to make the Library accessible to the community?
- Art. 6 Shall the Town voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow funds to repair the Main Street bridge in an amount not to exceed \$220,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed 10 years if the town is unable to secure sufficient funding to repair the bridge?
- Art. 7 Shall the Town approve \$245,084.00 for the operation of the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023?

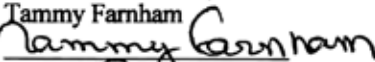
**WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING
PLAINFIELD, VERMONT
MARCH 1, 2022**

- Art. 8 Shall the Town approve \$373,032.00 for the operation of the Wastewater Department for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023?
- Art. 9 Shall the Town approve \$1,118,475 to operate the Administrative operations, Fire and Rescue Department, and Highway Department of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023?
- Art. 10 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. 11 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 10, 2022 and collect taxes on November 9, 2022 and February 08, 2023, collecting half of the total school taxes on each of those dates?

Jim Volz, Chair


Alexandra "Sasha" Thayer


Tammy Farnham


Plainfield Selectboard, Dated at Plainfield, Vermont on January 27, 2022

Attest:  Linda B. Wells, Town Clerk

**WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING
PLAINFIELD, VERMONT
MARCH 1, 2022**

NOTICE TO VOTERS for Town Meeting

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerk's Office by **January 30, 2022**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **Sample ballots** will be posted by February 19, 2022.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE There is no deadline to register to vote. Plainfield citizens can register prior to Town Meeting Day by visiting the Town Clerk's office, or by going online to **olvr.vermont.gov** **Voters can also register to vote at the polling place town meeting day.**

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone email, or online at **mvp.sec.state.vt.us**. **The latest you can request ballots for Town Meeting is 12 noon at the Town Clerk's office Monday, February 28, 2022. (If you authorize another person who is not a family to request an absentee ballot for you, that person must make a written application for an absentee ballot for you.)**

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the Town Clerk's office, by appointment only, 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 bring 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.

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



Our long time Road Foreman, Mike Nolan, has worked for the town since March 1st 1974! 48 YEARS!! WOW! He has decided it is time for retirement and he will be getting done on June 30, 2022.

Over the years the highway department has been able to obtain grant funding from the VT Dept of Transportation for many projects including culverts and bridge projects. These grants have enabled the town to keep the budgets pretty level.

The town also received federal and state grant funds for multiple flood events the town has endured over

many years. The highway crew worked endless hours during the flood events.

The State of VT is requiring implementation of Best Management Practices to bring road segments into compliance with the municipal roads general permit.

The work requires lining drainage ditches, lowering high road shoulders, installation or replacement of drainage culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets and other roadside upgrades.

There have been many changes over the years and Mike shared some with me.

The roads are a lot wider now making their job easier. The roads are not as muddy in the spring due to the quality of the gravel and sand they now apply to the roads.

The newer road equipment is much better as they are able to haul bigger loads of material saving costs and wear and tear on the trucks.

Years back, in order to thaw frozen culverts the machine they used had a steam system, now the new thawing machine is a pressuring hot water system that is much faster and safer for them to use.

I hope the roads will continue being in the shape we have now and the equipment will be regularly maintained to keep things rolling along smoothly.

I want to thank the community for all the support for the last 44 years!

Mike Nolan, Town Road Foreman

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