

TOWN OF
PLAINFIELD, VERMONT

221st Annual Report



2018

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

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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, 2017 to June 30, 2018. To the best of our knowledge and belief, we find they are correct as reported herein.

Lorraine Cappetta

Mary Etta Chase

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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

Town Website

www.plainfieldvt.us

Highway Department
Water and Wastewater Depts.

Mike Nolan, Road Foreman 454-7166
Greg Chamberlin,
Chief Plant Operator 454-7173
Tristan MacGregor-Stewart, Assistant Operator

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

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

Wastewater and Water Assessment Policy adopted December 12, 2016

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

Town Board Meetings

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

Cemetery Commission	Scheduled as needed
Conservation Commission	Third Wednesday each month
DRB (Development Review Board)	Second Wednesday of each the month
Hazard Mitigation Committee	Scheduled as needed
Historical Society	Scheduled as needed
Library Trustees	Scheduled as needed at Cutler Library
Library Hours	Mon closed, Tues 2-8, Wed 10-2, Thurs 10-2 Friday 2-8, and Sat closed, and Sun 2-8.

Planning Commission First and Third Monday evenings

GENERAL INFORMATION

Plainfield Revolving Loan Committee	Scheduled as needed
Recreation Committee	Scheduled as needed
Selectboard	Second and Fourth Monday evenings
Social Concerns Committee	As needed during October/November
Water/Wastewater Commission	Third Monday evenings

LOCAL ASSISTANCE CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS	DIAL 911
Animal Control: Kathleen Hayes	522-4108
Cutler Library: Loona Brogan, Librarian	454-8504
Constable: Kathleen Hayes	522-4108
Fire Warden: Andy Hebert	322-5016
Fire Chief: Pat Martin	839-6302
Health Officer: Baylen Slote	310-1400

TOWN FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

Recording Fees	
Warranty Deed	\$ 10.00 per page
Mortgage Deed	\$ 10.00 per page
Mortgage Discharge	\$ 10.00 per discharge
Property Transfer Return	\$ 10.00 per return
Certified Vital Record	\$ 10.00 per copy
License of Civil Marriage	\$ 60.00
Annual Dog License-ONTIME	
Neutered Dogs	\$ 9.00
Unneutered Dogs	\$ 13.00
Annual Dog License-LATE	
Neutered Dogs	\$ 11.00
Unneutered Dogs	\$ 17.00
Land Posting	\$ 5.00
Motor Vehicle Renewal Fee	\$ 3.00
Water Assessment semi-annually	\$ 223.00
Wastewater Assessment semi-annually	\$ 279.00

TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED

Moderator	Charles T. Barasch
Town Clerk	Linda B. Wells
Treasurer	Linda B. Wells
Selectboard:	
Term Expires 2019	Ross Sneyd
Term Expires 2020	Alexandra “Sasha” Thayer
Term Expires 2021	Tammy Farnham
Listers:	
Term Expires 2019	Frederick Pope
Term Expires 2020	Alex Forbes
Term Expires 2021	Sandra Ross
Auditors:	
Term Expires 2019	Mary Etta Chase - A
Term Expires 2020	Vacant
Term Expires 2021	Lorraine Cappetta
Cemetery Commissioners:	
Term Expires 2019	Dave Spence - A
Term Expires 2019	Greg Light
Term Expires 2020	Vacant
Term Expires 2021	Paula Ackel
Term Expires 2022	Ed Hutchinson, Chair
School Directors:	
Term Expires 2019	Jade Walker - A
Term Expires 2019	Janna Osman - A
Term Expires 2020	Lauren Cleary
Term Expires 2021	Vacant

TOWN OFFICERS

Collector of Delinquent Taxes George Cushing

Town Grand Juror James Jamele

Town Law Agent James Jamele

Trustee of Public Funds Selectboard

Justices of the Peace:
Term Expires 2020

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

State Representative
Term Expires 2020

Janet Ancel

APPOINTMENTS

Animal Control

Kathleen Hayes

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

Carol Smith

Central VT Internet

Michael Birnbaum

Jeremy Matt

Town Representative
Alternate

Cent VT Reg Planning Commission

Alternate representative

Transportation Advisory Member

Bram Towbin

Jim Volz

Bob Atchinson

TOWN OFFICERS

Central VT Solid Waste Mgmt

Plainfield Representative	Betsy Ziegler
Alternate	Bram Towbin
Project Advisory Committee Rep	Vacant

Central VT State Police Advisory

Plainfield Representative	George Cushing
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Conservation Commission

Term Expires 2019	Charles Cogbill
Term Expires 2019	Jan Waterman, Co-Chair R
Term Expires 2020	Becky Atchinson
Term Expires 2021	Sarah Albert, Co-Chair
Term Expires 2021	Julie Hackbarth
Term Expires 2021	Kim Sudol
Term Expires 2022	Mary Trerice

Development Review Board

Term Expires 2019	Janice Walrafen, Chair
Term Expires 2019	Sarah Albert
Term Expires 2020	Elaine Parker
Term Expires 2021	Jim Volz
Term Expires 2022	Vacancy

E-911 Representative

Sandra Ross

Emergency Mgmt Director

Alexandra 'Sasha' Thayer

Energy Coordinator

Bob Atchinson

Fire Chief

Patrick Martin

Assistant Fire Chiefs

First- Dennis Blair
Second- Andy Hebert
Dep Chief -Gary Graves

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EMT Captain	Greg Light
Fire Warden-2019	Andy Hebert
Asst Fire Warden	Dennis Blair
First Constable	Kathleen Hayes
Hazard Mitigation Committee	
Bram Towbin	Michael Billingsley
Dan Gadd	Amos Meacham
Theresa Bienz -R	Alexandra 'Sasha' Thayer,ex-officio mbr
Susan Grimaldi	
Health Officer-2021	Baylen Slote
Deputy Health Officer-2021	Justine Gadd
Deputy Health Officer-2021	Kathleen Hayes
Planning Commission	
Term Expires 2019	Will Colgan, Chair
Term Expires 2019	Karen Storey
Term Expires 2019	Cito Hardy - R
Term Expires 2019	Jean Hamilton - R
Recreation Committee	
Dan Gadd	Ben Youngbaer
Chloe Budnick	Jamie Specter
Nick Hooker	
Registrar	Linda B. Wells
Deputy Registrars	Bruce Judd
	Nicholas Whitcomb
	R. Brent Whitcomb

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Revolving Loan Committee

Karl Bissex
Erica DaCosta
Dave Boynton

Road Commissioner

Bram Towbin

Road Foreman

Mike Nolan

Highway Administrator

Vacant

Social Concerns Committee

Gail Falk
Mary Neibling
Sarah Albert

Tree Warden

Nicko Rubin

Water and Wastewater Commissioners

Term Expires 2019

Mary Lane, Chair

Term Expires 2020

Josh Pitts

Term Expires 2021

Tim Phillips

Zoning Administrator 2020

Karen Storey

A-Appointed

R-Resigned

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 6, 2018.

Town Moderator Charlie Barasch called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

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

Before moving on to Article 2, Moderator Barasch announced the sale of food and other items for various fundraising efforts, including pies to purchase additional padded chairs for the Town Hall Opera House's balcony area, chili for the Fireman's Club, and primroses for the Cutler Memorial Library. Barasch also noted several informational display tables around the room. Barasch explained that Town Meeting follows Robert's Rules of Order and cited the procedures that would be followed. He then read a poem by William Carlos Williams entitled *The Dance*.

Moderator Barasch recognized State Representative Janet Ancel and, hearing no objections, invited her to address the meeting. Ancel reported on the work of the Ways and Means Committee, which she chairs, noting that most of the work this session has focused on property taxes and education finance. The committee is trying to find ways to reduce reliance on the property tax and move more toward an income-based system to fund Vermont's schools. Ancel reported that she also has been working on revising the State income tax system to address changes in the federal income tax. She noted that the State Legislature is much more active than it was last year and has a real sense of mission and focus that is a much easier environment in which to do work. Ancel's full Town Meeting report is available on her Facebook page, through a link to her Facebook page on Front Porch Forum, or by contacting her directly. Ancel responded to various questions posed by Amos Meacham, Steve Farnham, and Julie Hackbarth regarding some of the issues that Ancel had discussed. Alex Forbes thanked Ancel for her work.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to purchase the Gallison House property at 25 High Street for the purpose of providing parking for the Town Hall Opera House, and to finance this purchase for a sum not to exceed \$70,000 payable over a term not to exceed ten years?

- Moderator Barasch began by reading the text of the article and stating that the issue can be discussed, however, no amendments can be made to it due to its inclusion as an Australian ballot item at today's polls.
- Select Board chair Betsy Ziegler spoke in support of the Town purchasing the Gallison House property by stating that for many years, the Town Hall Opera House has been central to the community, yet today there are accessibility and parking issues that need to be addressed.

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- Friends of the Town Hall Opera House secretary David Strong spoke in favor of the purchase, noting the traffic and safety problems. He stated that events at the facility provide rental revenue to the Town, which can be increased by increasing the availability of parking. Strong reviewed the financing plan for the purchase and noted that many of the systems in the Town Hall Opera House are new thus the venue will not require much in the way of capital improvements other than the need for additional parking. Regarding the purchase of the property, Strong noted the track record of the Friends in raising money, including grants, and stated that the Town Hall Opera House's reserve fund of \$10,000 can be used to make the annual loan repayments. Strong suggested that if the Town votes to purchase the property, a committee be formed to decide what should be done with the house that sits on it.
- Select Board member Ross Sneyd noted two reasons for his support for putting the question on today's ballot: 1) giving voters the opportunity to directly weigh in on the purchase; and 2) because he believes the purchase is a great opportunity for the Town to make the entry to Plainfield Village more attractive whether the house is restored or torn down. Sneyd also noted that along with other recent enhancements to the Town and those being planned for, improving the property will make a positive statement to the State of Vermont, which will be making the decision on what happens to the nearby problematic intersection of US Route 2 and Main Street.
- Zoning Administrator Karen Storey asked if the measure passes, what is the short-term plan for the upkeep of the building in terms of it being an eyesore. Select Board member Alexandra Thayer responded that there is no plan. David Strong responded that two areas would require upkeep: 1) snow removal from the roof to keep it from leaking and tightening up of the building's exterior.
- George Cushing stated that to revamp the building to make it habitable will cost \$203,000-\$247,000 and that in addition to the \$70,000 purchase price, the interest over 10 years will be \$11,550. Cushing quoted a figure of \$8,000 per parking space for an additional 11 parking spaces, which would not make a difference in terms of increased rentals. He noted other areas that could be used for event parking, the potential for additional needed funding due to the absence of a solid plan for the building, and the general burden on the taxpayers.
- Emergency Management Director Michael Billingsley asked who actually would hold the title and deed to the property after the purchase and if there were any liability issues in terms of the building itself prior to it becoming a livable space. Thayer, noting that she was the Select Board member who was not in support of the purchase, responded that the Town would hold ownership and that any

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liability would lie with the Town. Thayer stated that no discussion has taken place regarding whether there would be an increase in the cost of the Town's insurance as a result of the purchase.

- Noting the example of what Brookfield has done with its own town hall through community effort, Paula Emery asked if procuring the house might be an opportunity for the Plainfield community to come together to do such things as painting the building, or if tapping into resources such as Central Vermont Career Center, Youthbuild, and/or Yestermorrow might help toward bringing the house into a usable condition. Emery noted that she believes that the building's value is in its historic significance and its potential to prevent the widening of US Route 2.
- Jeremy Matt asked if the building cannot be restored, will the Town be stuck with a building that cannot be torn down because of its historic significance. Betsy Ziegler responded that while the building is in an historic district, the building itself has not been designated as historic itself and can be torn down if necessary. In addition, because it is in an historic district, the Town would have some advantages in terms of qualifying for certain State funding.
- Greg Light noted that by purchasing the property, it would be taken off the tax rolls and income to the Town would be lost. Light also asked if any thought had been given to selling the existing Town Offices and moving them up to the Gallison building. Thayer responded that there has been no discussion regarding that.
- Thayer noted her opposition to the purchase, stating it was not a fiscally conservative decision for the Town to spend this kind of money and that the process was not transparent. She reviewed the costs involved in the purchase, noting that they did not include other expenses necessary in creating a parking lot nor the cost of demolishing the house. She expressed doubt that anyone would be interested in investing in a building where parking would not be available during events at the Town Hall Opera House. Thayer suggested that those who attend events at the Town Hall Opera House might park at the Park and Ride. She refuted the assertion that the State cares about improvements in the area in terms of addressing the US Route 2/Main Street intersection, and suggested that a vote against the measure is the prudent way to go.
- Amos Meacham noted that he had similar concerns to what Thayer had just expressed with regard to the costs involved if things do not fall into place. He asked why the measure was being voted on by Australian ballot. Town Clerk/Treasurer Wells responded that any item that is to be financed for more than five years has to be voted on through Australian ballot.

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- Steve Farnham expressed his opinion that taking the property off the tax rolls was a specious argument. He asked if David Strong would address the economic viability relative to various options of how the land and building could be used, including using private funds so it does not continue to come back to the taxpayers. Farnham expressed his confidence that, based on the restoration efforts at the Town Hall Opera House, the Friends group would do the same with the Gallison house.
- Daniel Marcus asked who determined that the Gallison house was worth \$70,000 and what will happen to the building if the Town does not purchase it. Ross Sneyd responded that the property owner initially set the price at \$90,000, but through a series of negotiations with the Town, reduced the amount to \$70,000. Sneyd added that if the measure does not pass, the owner is the one who will decide what to do with the building.
- Responding to an earlier question, Laura Zeisel noted that despite the Gallison house itself being in an historic district, she was quite certain that in Vermont there is no restriction on tearing down historic buildings. She stated that there are workable uses for the building, including professional offices that are not usually open in the evenings and on weekends when the majority of Town Hall Opera House performances take place. Zeisel noted that the number of events at the facility has been increasing, that musical performers have noted the excellent acoustics, and that an arts reviewer called the facility “the new Central Vermont venue” for many things. Noting that Plainfield will have no control over what happens to the Gallison house if the Town does not purchase it, she urged voters to approve the measure.
- Marge Christie asked about potential ramifications in terms of the parking lot and building when, at some point, the State redoes the US Route 2/Main Street intersection. She noted that the State will not care about the Town’s investment in the property if it determines that the area needs to be dug up in order to reconfigure the intersection. Christie added that she did not believe that the Town should be in the real estate business.
- Camilla Kelly-Kinniburgh asked if it was discussed during negotiations if the area around the building could be leased for parking. Ross Sneyd responded that leasing was not an option.
- Rebecca Yahm noted that her daughter has been involved in performances at the Town Hall Opera House and drop off, pickup, parking, and road crossing have been dangerous issues for them. She believes that expanding parking would be a huge value; however, she has concerns about the mounting costs. Yahm expressed interest in hearing more about the possibility of grants to help defray the costs.

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- **Tim Phillips made a motion to close the discussion and move on to the next article. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** Moderator Barasch stated that a two-thirds majority was necessary to call the question and close discussion. After an inconclusive voice vote, Barasch called for a standing vote. The result of the standing vote was 56 in favor and 35 opposed to stopping debate. **The vote to stop debate failed to get a two-thirds majority, therefore discussion on the article continued.**
- David Strong stated that the Town was, in fact, in the real estate rental business, noting that it leases the space above the Town offices in the municipal building and receives rental revenue from the Town Hall Opera House. He noted that taxes on the Gallison property are \$2,000 and that the original asking price of \$90,000 was based on its \$90,000 assessment. Strong stated that if the Town did not purchase the property now, it was unlikely that the owners would offer it to the Town again. If nothing can be done with the Gallison house, it would cost \$25,000 to take it down, for which the Friends have \$20,000 that could be used for that. Strong noted that there is a lot of ways to fix up the building without cost to taxpayers.
- Warren Hathaway noted the passionate stances on both sides of the issue, but stated that in the end, the community needs to come together. He thanked Betsy Ziegler and Ross Sneyd from the Select Board for voting to allow the conversation to take place at Town Meeting.
- Sandy Ross, one of the Listers for the Town, noted that the Gallison house has been abandoned for a long time and is uninhabitable due to lead issues. Consequently, the assessment of the building will be lowered. Ross stated that she would like to see something done with the building that is of value to the Town.
- Jeremy Matt noted that the building is valued at \$90,000 but needs \$210,000 in work to make it a useful property, which makes its value less than zero.
- Ziegler noted a number of remarkable changes she has seen in the Town over the past 30 years and believes that given the creative, hardworking, and fiscally responsible people in the Town, the community can make this happen.
- Stating her respect for the points raised by those in support of the issue, Thayer reiterated her stance on fiscal accountability and not moving forward with so many unknowns, concerns regarding the lead issue, funds from the Friends group going toward demolishing the building and not toward the purchase price, and not being able to rely on the Town Hall Opera House's reserve fund in years when the Town spends its entire budget. Thayer clarified that her vote as a Select Board member was against the purchase and financing of the property,

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not against putting the issue before the voters at Town Meeting.

- Owen Bradley recommended that there be more dialogue and that the community should not divide itself on this issue.
- Lisa Ryan noted some of the resources available to address the issues regarding this and other properties, including tax credits to offset the cost of lead abatement and other improvements.
- Deb Barnwell suggested that since some properties up for sale in the area are still on the market, there might be more time for further discussion and that the selling price of the Gallison property might possibly be reduced during that time.
- Elaine Parker noted that the current administration in Washington is taking away grant funding and incentive programs, and if we are to take advantage of what is out there, we need to act now.
- Steve Farnham stated that the issue before the Town currently is whether to acquire the property and that questions regarding restoration versus demolition of the building can be considered at a later time when more information is known. He noted that whether the Town purchases the property, it still may need to deal with the building in the future; thus we should consider the option that provides the Town with the most leverage.
- Paula Emery asked if there are any buildings along US Route 2 that have been purchased by developers, yet are in foreclosure and sitting empty, to which some in the room responded yes. She recommended looking into this issue further.
- In terms of the cost of demolition, former Select Board chair and current Road Commissioner Bram Towbin noted that the house on Cameron Road, which was poised to fall into the Great Brook, was demolished using only a small amount of taxpayer dollars.
- Allan Farnham noted that because of the issues with the Gallison house, if it needs to be torn down, the costs would be closer to \$35,000 or \$40,000.
- **Dave Montgomery called the question to end debate. Camilla Kelly-Kinniburgh seconded the motion.** Moderator Barasch called for a voice vote, which passed by a two-thirds vote. **The motion was approved.**

ARTICLE 3: Shall the action taken at the 2017 annual Town meeting authorizing \$200,000 of bonded indebtedness to purchase a new fire truck be validated and confirmed?

- Ross Sneyd explained that when the measure authorizing the bonding of the fire truck was approved by voters last year, the State financing requirements for advertising the question prior to the vote had not been met. Sneyd expressed

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the hope that voters would reaffirm their vote from last year to purchase the fire truck.

- Allan Farnham asked why the recent purchase of a new Highway Department truck was not put to a vote similarly to how the voters were asked to approve the purchase of the new fire truck. Ziegler explained that because the term of the loan for the firetruck was in excess of five years, the Town was required to have a municipal vote on it. Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells further explained that while both vehicles were purchased partially using reserve funds, the Highway truck was financed for fewer than five years thus no municipal vote was required.
- **Scott Stewart made a motion to call the question and stop debate. Jeremy Matt seconded the motion.** Moderator Barasch called for a voice vote, which passed by two-thirds. **The motion was approved.**

ARTICLE 4: To hear reports of Town Officers and act on same.

- **AUDITORS CERTIFICATE:** **Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Auditors Certificate. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Auditors Certificate was accepted.**
- **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** **Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Town Clerk's Report was accepted.**
- **TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT:** **Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Town Treasurer's Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Town Treasurer's Report was accepted.**
- **COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT:** **Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Collector of Delinquent Taxes Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Delinquent Tax Collector's Report was accepted.**
- **LISTERS REPORT:** **Greg Light made a motion to accept the Listers Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Listers Report was accepted.**
- **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** **Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Planning Commission Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Planning Commission Report was accepted.**
- **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT:** **Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Development Review Board Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Development Review Board Report was accepted.**

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- **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Report was accepted.**
- **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Zoning Administrator's Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **The Zoning Administrator Report was accepted.**
- **SELECT BOARD REPORT:** Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Select Board report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. Ross Sneyd noted that Betsy Ziegler would be retiring from the Select Board and cited examples of her service to the community over many years, including working with children at Twinfield School; nourishing the community with local produce grown at her and husband Joe Klein's Littlewood Farm; numerous projects and improvements to the Town, especially coordinating Old Home Days and spearheading the Lower Village Sidewalk study; and tending to the flower beds in the Village. On behalf of the Select Board and those in the Town Office, Sneyd expressed his appreciation to Ziegler for her work and that she will be missed. Ziegler thanked everyone, noting that it has been a learning experience and that others should consider serving the community. Leon Marasco thanked Ziegler for marrying him and his wife many years ago. **The Select Board Report was accepted.** Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells presented a collage and appreciation certificate to Ziegler thanking her for her service to the Town.
- **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Social Concerns Committee Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. Social Concerns Committee member Sarah Albert stated a discrepancy in the recommended funding for the Twin Valley Senior Center between the figure of \$2,300 in the Social Concerns Committee Report on page 67 and \$2,800 in the spreadsheet on page 69 in the Town Report. Albert noted that the correct figure should be \$2,300. Ziegler explained the reason for the change was that board members from the Twin Valley Senior Center had made a request directly to the Select Board for an increase of \$500, which was granted based on need. Laura Zeisel thanked the Social Concerns Committee for its work and also those who had brought food donations today for the Onion River Food Shelf. Zeisel provided instructions for those who wish to donate food items both later today and in the next few days. **Karen Storey made a motion to amend the spreadsheet figure of \$2,800 on page 69 of the Town Report to \$2,300 to reflect the correct amount that the Social Concerns**

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Committee had recommended for the Twin Valley Senior Center. Ross Sneyd seconded the motion. The motion to amend was approved. George Cushing stated the reasons why the Twin Valley Senior Center had gone to the Select Board to request additional funding. Moderator Barasch explained to Cushing that discussion on the dollar amounts of funding would take place later in the meeting. **The Social Concerns Committee Report as amended was accepted.**

- **WATER/WASTEWATER COMMISSION REPORT: Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Water/Wastewater Commission Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Water/Wastewater Commission Report was accepted.**
- **CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Conservation Commission Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Conservation Commission Report was accepted.**
- **HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Hazard Mitigation Committee Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** Hazard Mitigation Committee chair Amos Meacham noted that there is an open seat on the Committee and provided an overview of its current and upcoming work. **The Hazard Mitigation Committee Report was accepted.**
- **FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT: Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Fire and Rescue Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Fire and Rescue Report was accepted.**
- **E911 REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the E911 Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The E911 Report was accepted.**
- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Emergency Management Director Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** Emergency Management Director Michael Billingsley stated that a lot of new mapping and aerial photography has been done recently, noting that there are approximately 90 households that are in significant flooding zones in addition to those already identified along the Great Brook. Billingsley requested that those who are not sure if they are in a house vulnerable to flooding should fill out a household vulnerability form so a plan can be devised to help residents get out quickly in the event of rapidly rising waters. Billingsley also requested input from residents in shaping the update to the new Hazardous Mitigation Plan at a meeting to be held at 6:30pm

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on 3/21/18 at the Town Hall Opera House. **The Emergency Management Director Report was accepted.**

- **RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:** **Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Recreation Committee Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Recreation Committee Report was accepted.**
- **CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT:** **Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Cemetery Commission Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** Cemetery Commission member Greg Light noted that the reserve fund is likely to be depleted in 10-to-15 years, and as a group, the Commission is trying to do a lot of work as volunteers to maintain the cemetery. Light solicited for volunteers to help with the work. **The Cemetery Commission Report was accepted.**
- **ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT:** **Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Energy Coordinator Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** Energy Coordinator Bob Atchinson reported on the recent purchase of a new infrared camera to detect heat loss in buildings and noted the table display showing heat loss areas in both the Town Hall Opera House and the Municipal Building. He stated that he hopes that the heat leakage in the roofs can be addressed through grants. He urged residents to sign up for a free home energy audit. Atchinson stated that at a recent local gathering on climate change, an expert noted that 97% of scientists believe that climate change is a result of human activity while only 44% of humans believe that humans are causing climate change. He stressed the need to work robustly for change before it is too late to save our planet for future generations. **The Energy Coordinator Report was accepted.**
- Moderator Barasch announced that this concluded the Reports of Town Officers in Article 4. He noted other reports, not from Town Officers, that were scattered throughout the Town Report as well as the volunteer application form.
- Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells thanked former Constable George Cushing for his 10 years of service to the community and presented him with a gift certificate and a certificate of appreciation.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund for the Emergency Operations Center and Shelter?

- **Tim Phillips made a motion to approve Article 5. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** Emergency Management Director Michael Billingsley noted that the Town Hall Opera House has been designated as the Emergency Operations Center and the Haybarn at Goddard College as an evacuation shelter. The

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evacuation shelter at the Haybarn has no supplies thus this reserve fund, if approved, will be used as a resource to address that shortfall.

- Brenda Lindemann asked if there was a collection site for voluntary supplies such as dog crates or other necessary materials. Billingsley responded that currently the Haybarn cannot shelter animals during an evacuation. Animals can be sheltered at the Barre Auditorium and any animal-related contributions can be given to the Vermont Animal Disaster Rescue Team.
- Thayer suggested that a list will be created over the coming months of items needed for the shelter, but if anyone wants to donate items now, a place can be found to store them.
- Cutler Memorial Library librarian Loona Brogan noted that the Library has been involved with the Town's resiliency planning and is working on being a partner in the community as a disaster preparation and response resource. Brogan stated that she will be training librarians around Vermont to be a disaster response resource at the local level. **The motion to accept Article 5 was approved.**

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Emergency Operations Center and Shelter Reserve Fund?

- **Tim Phillips made a motion to approve Article 6. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** David Strong asked if this was a one-time or annual allocation. Ross Sneyd responded that the Select Board had recommended an allocation of \$1,000 this year, but in future years the allocation might be a different amount. Ed Hutchinson noted that the amount was not very much. Sneyd agreed, but stated that the amount is only part of what is in the budget for emergency management and that budget constraints determined the \$1,000 amount in the reserve fund for this year. Betsy Ziegler noted that the additional amount in the budget for emergency management is \$3,000. Alexandra Thayer stated that if there are no emergency events, there may be items such as food that will not need to be purchased. Amos Meacham noted that there are other resources for needed items, but that the money from this fund will be used to stock basic shelter supplies. Billingsley added to Meacham's point that there would be reimbursements from such entities as the Red Cross after a disaster event, but at this point the goal is to have everything in place that would be needed to shelter people adequately if an event were to occur. **The motion to accept Article 6 was approved.**

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,333.00 as its share of the eighth year cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier? This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares.

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- **Tim Phillips made a motion to approve Article 7. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** Hearing no objection from the floor, Moderator Barasch allowed Public Affairs Coordinator for Green Mountain Transit (GMTA) Chris Loyer the opportunity to address the meeting. Loyer explained the reason for the appropriation request of one-third of a 20% local match contribution.
- Margie Christie asked if Loyer had ridership and usage figures to which Loyer responded affirmatively and provided details.
- Paula Emery stated that she would use the bus a lot more if more times were offered and if the route into Montpelier was along US Route 2 rather than Towne Hill Road so she could connect to buses going to Barre. Loyer responded that at the current time, there are no plans to expand services, and that it is possible to adjust the route if GMTA receives enough local concerns, which has not yet happened. Loyer noted ongoing and upcoming opportunities for public input. If service expands, that would require additional funding.
- Steve Farnham noted that he has used the bus service and has found it satisfactory in general; however, he noted the difficulty he has experienced in trying to reach someone by phone in Burlington to get information.
- Sandy Ross asked why it is not possible to get to the Burlington airport. Loyer noted that it is possible to get there, but entails multiple transfers. Given the current ridership, it is not cost-effective to provide a more direct service at this time.
- Alexandra Thayer asked if GMTA would think about a connection from Richmond to the airport. Loyer noted that in order to expand routes, GMTA needs local contributions, which means multiple towns need to agree to increase contributions for increased service.
- **George Cushing made a motion to call the question and stop debate. Paula Emery seconded the motion. The motion to call the question and stop debate was approved. The motion to accept Article 7 was approved.**

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town voters authorize the expenditures for the following not-for-profit service agencies as recommended by the appointed Social Concerns Committee?

American Red Cross	\$ 100.00
Central VT Adult Basic Education	\$ 400.00
Capstone (Central VT) Comm. Action	\$ 500.00
Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,350.00
Central VT Home Health Hospice	\$ 2,500.00
CIRCLE	\$ 525.00

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Family Center of Wash County	\$ 500.00
Friends of the Winooski River	\$ 300.00
Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$ 300.00
Green Mountain Transit Agency	\$ 786.00
Home Share Now	\$ 325.00
Onion River Foodshelf	\$ 1,000.00
OUR House	\$ 100.00
People’s Health and Wellness	\$ 700.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 50.00
Twinfield Learning Center	\$ 400.00
Twinfield Together Mentoring	\$ 250.00
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 2,800.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 200.00
Washington CTY Court Diversion	\$ 250.00
Washington CTY Mental Health	\$ 500.00
Washington CTY Youth Service Bureau	\$ 325.00
Total	\$14,161.00

- After Moderator Barasch read the text of the article and the dollar amounts recommended for each agency by the Social Concerns Committee, **Tim Phillips made a motion to approve Article 8. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.**
- Ross Sneyd clarified that the Select Board had adopted the recommendations of the Social Concerns Committee with one change, which was to add an additional \$500 to the Twin Valley Senior Center’s (TVSC’s) allocation. He noted that the additional \$500 was reflected in the list that Moderator Barasch just read. **Sneyd made a motion to amend Article 8 by deleting the final phrase in the text so that the proposed amended text of the article would read: “Shall the Town voters authorize the expenditures for the following not-for-profit service agencies.” Daniel Marcus seconded the motion to amend Article 8. The motion to amend the article was approved.**
- Amos Meacham commented that he was pleased with the process of agencies requesting funding through the Social Concerns Committee rather than through debate at Town Meeting, but was concerned about the precedent set of organizations requesting additional funding from the Select Board after the Social Concerns Committee had made its recommendations. He stressed that he greatly appreciates the work that the TVSC does. TVSC Board of Directors Chair Pat Boyle explained that the TVSC had requested to speak with the Social Concerns Committee but did not receive a response, therefore went to the Select Board, which granted the additional \$500. Boyle expressed TVSC’s gratitude for the support from the Town and noted some of the work that it does for the

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community. Social Concerns Committee member Mary Niebling noted that the email from the TVSC was received after the Social Concerns Committee had met and made its recommendations to the Select Board. At that point, it was up to the Select Board to decide what to do. **The motion to accept Article 8 as amended was approved.**

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town voters authorize an appropriation of \$37,500 to the Cutler Memorial Library to pay for the librarian and the purchase of materials and services that the library acquires to make accessible to the community?

- **Steve Farnham made a motion to approve Article 9. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.**
- Marcy Shaffer Hale, chair of the Cutler Library's Board of Trustees, thanked everyone for their support over the years and noted that the Library had asked for level funding from the Town this year. Hale reported that the Library raised just over \$5,000 through its annual appeal. The Library also submitted a grant in partnership with the Town to the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) and received \$28,000 to work on an expansion and accessibility project. She invited members of the community to provide their thoughts and ideas. Hale noted that there is an open position on the Board of Trustees and anyone interested should send an email to the Library.
- Cutler Librarian Loona Brogan asked for a round of applause for the members of the Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Library. She thanked those who have purchased primroses at today's meeting in support of the Library, and the Town for getting the VCDP grant on the Library's behalf. Brogan announced that the Library would be hosting the next community supper at the Grace **United** Methodist Church on 3/27/18 at 6pm. She thanked Michael Billingsley and the support group for reinvigorating the community suppers as well as the Grace Methodist Church for partnering in the effort. Brogan spoke about the importance of public libraries to communities and thanked the community for its support. **The motion to accept Article 9 was approved.**
- Bob Rosenfeld, who recently became treasurer of the Cutler Library Board of Trustees, thanked Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells, Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer Carol Smith, and the Select Board for their graciousness as well as Auditors Lorraine Cappetta and Mary Etta Chase for helping him to be a better treasurer.

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

- Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells recommended that since they are separate budgets, separate motions should be made and votes taken on the proposed

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figures for the Water and Wastewater departments.

- **Tim Phillips made a motion to approve the amount of \$193,539 for the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.**
- **Peter Youngbaer made a motion to amend the wording of the article to include “to be paid for by the users of the system.” Tim Phillips seconded the motion to amend.** There was no discussion on the amendment. **The motion to amend the article was approved.**
- **The motion to accept the Water department portion of Article 10 as amended was approved.**
- **Alexandra Thayer made a motion to approve the amount of \$264,565 for the operation of the Town of Plainfield’s Wastewater System to be paid for by the users of the system for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. David Montgomery seconded the motion.** Baylen Slope asked why the two budgets were not combined. Wells and Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer Carol Smith responded that they were separate departments and that some households only use water and one household only has sewer. Slope asked for clarification regarding what it means “to be paid for by the users of the system.” Water/Wastewater Commissioner Tim Phillips explained that the Water and Wastewater systems are not paid for by the taxpayers of the Town. The system is owned by the Town, but all of the expenses of running the system are borne by the users who are actually connected to the system. Wells provided further explanation, noting that residents outside the system have wells and septic systems that they pay for privately. A town-wide vote is needed because the Town is ultimately responsible for the systems. **The motion to accept Article 10 as amended was approved.**

ARTICLE 11: To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay for highways, bridges, fire department, and administrative operations of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

- **Ziegler made a motion to accept the figure of \$966,706.05 to pay for highways, bridges, fire department, and administrative operations of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Amos Meacham seconded the motion.** Ziegler explained the approximately \$40,000 increase over last year’s budget, detailing areas in the Select Board budget where the increases occurred. She noted that all the proposals and increases came to the Select Board throughout the year as a result of citizens’ concerns and new State requirements, including increased traffic enforcement, ambulance services, the new fire truck purchase, and matching amounts for grants, if funded. Ziegler

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noted that the increase actually was more but it came to the \$40,000 figure due to cuts elsewhere in the budget.

- Alexandra Thayer clarified the fact that although other reserve funds are included in the budget as a line item, there is not a separate \$1,000 for the Hazard Mitigation reserve fund, which will come out of the \$3,000 line item.
- Steve Farnham asked why some budget figures in the Town Report do not match **with the grant income on the last page of the budget**. Wells responded that some of the grant projects are ongoing and might not reflect the full expense of the projects.
- Michael Billingsley noted that he had requested that \$1,000 to be put aside in a reserve fund for supplies for the emergency evacuation shelter, and that that \$1,000, along with the \$3,000 in the Emergency Management budget line item, would have come close to the \$4,200 he had requested. Ziegler stated that the \$1,000 could not be put in the reserve fund because, at the time, there was no reserve fund thus the \$1,000 allocation was put into the Emergency Management budget line item until the reserve fund was approved. **Billingsley made a motion to amend the budget to increase the Emergency Management line item from \$3,000 to \$4,000 so that \$1,000 could be set aside specifically for the shelter. Amos Meacham seconded the motion.** Loona Brogan noted that she too thought that the total was going to be \$4,000. Ross Sneyd stated that there were difficult choices when the budget was put together and while the Select Board understands that there is an important need for Emergency Management funding, it tried to weigh it against all the other responsibilities the Town has. Steve Farnham wanted to clarify that the vote was to raise the budget by \$1,000 and by implication go to the Emergency Management Fund. Because it might not be inferred that way, a decision might be made to use the money for some other purpose. Farnham asked if the motion needs to specify what the increase is for. Moderator Barasch and Ross Sneyd agreed that the motion clearly states that the additional \$1,000 will go into the Emergency Management budget. **The motion to amend the Emergency Management budget by an additional \$1,000 was approved.** Moderator Barasch noted that the new budget was in the amount of \$967,706.05. **The motion to accept the new figure of \$967,706.05, which includes the increased amount in the Emergency Management budget of \$1,000, was approved.**

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

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

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ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of public statutes relating to the collection of taxes by the Town Treasurer, (VSA 32 Section 4791) and vote to collect municipal taxes thirty days from mailing and not prior to August 15, 2018 and collect school taxes on November 14, 2018 and February 13, 2019, collecting half of the total school taxes on each of those dates?

- **Amos Meacham made a motion to approve Article 13. Peter Youngbaer seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion to accept Article 13 was approved.**

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Plainfield enter into a communications union district to be known as Central Vermont Internet, under the provisions of 30 VSA Ch82?

- **Steve Farnham made a motion to approve Article 14. Amos Meacham seconded the motion.** Alexandra Thayer explained that there is a similar district in the Connecticut Upper Valley that has been in place for some time that, town by town, is providing high-quality internet service. There is no expenditure from towns, but it sets up a municipal structure to explore the opportunities for high-speed internet. Rebecca Yahm asked how it actually worked. Thayer was not sure how it worked, but that its goal is to provide fiber optic connections, town by town, working with an internet provider. Steve Farnham noted that he was in favor of learning more about a process that does not cost any money and related his own difficulties getting affordable internet service at his residence. Amos Meacham asked who would be involved from the Town to which Thayer responded someone appointed by the Select Board. Linda Wells asked if the Town would be committed in any way to which Thayer responded that it only authorizes the Town to be a participant. Peter Youngbaer noted that it would be in competition with his internet provider and voiced concern that we would be giving an unfair advantage to one provider over another with this action. Youngbaer also asked if the statute gives this district assessment authority to which Thayer responded that the statute prohibits creating any entity that could burden taxpayers. **The motion to accept Article 14 was approved.**

ARTICLE 15: To transact any other non-binding business that may properly come before the meeting.

- Emergency Management Director Michael Billingsley announced that he is looking for someone to fill the volunteer position of Emergency Operations Coordinator to assist him and help with communications in a disaster event.
- **Energy Coordinator Bob Atchinson made a motion to adopt the resolution below that asked the citizens of the Town to ask the State and Federal government to act prudently to ameliorate climate change on the planet.**

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Sarah Phillips seconded the motion.

• Moderator Barasch read aloud the following resolution:

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

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

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

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

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

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e. Embracing other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life, while helping to reduce overall energy use in Plainfield.

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

- Peter Youngbaer asked if the resolution was non-binding to which Moderator Barasch responded affirmatively. Glenda Bissex asked how the figure was arrived at regarding Plainfield achieving 95% renewable energy by 2040. Atchinson responded that they wanted to set the standard higher than what the State has set. Amos Meacham asked if the resolution would have any impact on such issues as permitting or is it just a statement of values. Betsy Ziegler noted that it was a goal to move towards. Baylen Slope asked what it means in terms of being non-binding to which Thayer responded that it was aspirational and giving guidance regarding what people in the Town would like to see happening. **The motion to accept the resolution was approved.**
- Allan Farnham inquired as to why the Town sold the old plow truck. Ross Sneyd explained that the 1973 truck had mechanical problems that were too expensive to fix so it was sold to a logger in Maine for \$4,000. Farnham noted that it had only 14,000 on the odometer and was not happy with the decision to sell it.
- Bob Atchinson thanked the Town for approving the Energy Plan Resolution, noted free LED light bulbs available on the Energy Committee's display table, and urged people to sign up for a free energy audit.
- **Peter Youngbaer made a motion to adjourn. Loona Brogan seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved. Town Meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.**

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Town meeting is on March 5, 2019 at the Town Hall Opera House.

Don't forget to bring your town report!

The voting polls will be open from 9:00am until 7:00pm.

Town meeting begins at 10:00am.

Voter Information

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

The online voter registration page can be found at: <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters/registration.aspx> just click on **Register to vote online**.

My Voter Page login can be found at <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/>

If you are unable to vote personally at the voting polls, absentee ballots are available, by requesting them online or just call the town clerk's office, 454-8461, to request ballots to be mailed to you.

DMV motor vehicle renewals can be done here for your convenience. The renewal fee is \$3.00 per renewal. This year we processed 47 renewals. Registration renewals can now be done 24 hours a day. You can go online to <http://www.vermont.gov/expressrenewal> or by phone at 866-259-5368. DMV also has a second Mobile Van unit that travels around the state for your convenience. The schedule can be checked online at <http://www.aot.state.vt.us/dmv>

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

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

Homestead Declarations

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

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

Dog Licensing is required by Vermont State Law

There were 220 dogs registered in 2018. **Registering your dog is a VERMONT STATE LAW. For everyone's protection, including your dog, stop in and register your dog before APRIL 1ST, 2019.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rabies Clinics

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

Marshfield will hold a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Marshfield Town Garage from 9-10:30am. Fees are \$10 for Rabies vaccine and \$30 for Distemper vaccine.

PACE

The town adopted a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District in 2011. This program is to assist property owners within Plainfield with the acquisition, construction, or installation of certain eligible energy efficient improvements to their homes. Eligible property owners who choose to participate in the program

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can apply for funds up front of installing energy improvements. Efficiency Vermont is the administrator of the program for the town. For further information, contact them at PACE@efficiencyvermont.com or 1-888-921-5990.

Call2Recycle This program is to promote environmental sustainability by providing free battery and cell phone recycling in North America. If you have any rechargeable batteries or cell phone batteries to recycle you can drop them off at the town clerks office.

Fuel Assistance

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

Food Drive We want to give a big Thank you!! to Laura Zeisel for coordinating the donations for the Onion River Food shelf. She did an amazing job! There has been a food drive at Town Meeting since 2005.

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

Town of Plainfield Vacancies

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

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

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

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

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

Plainfield Fire and Rescue Department – We are always looking for volunteers! Plainfield's Fire and Rescue Department needs people who enjoy serving the community—the job can be incredibly satisfying, especially when

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helping your neighbors. Volunteering for the Fire and Rescue Department can take many different forms depending on your available time and desire of commitment. If you would like to join a fun team and help strengthen our service, please complete our Fire & Rescue application and email to Fire Chief Patrick Martin (or contact any Fire/Rescue department member).

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

Linda B. Wells, *Town Clerk and Treasurer*

PLAINFIELD TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018

Cash on Hand		749,029.33
REVENUE		
Current Taxes Town	777,452.14	
Current Taxes School	1,395,626.88	
Interim School Tax and Interest	50,382.40	
Delinquent Taxes	125,569.85	
Delinquent Tax Interest	6,578.08	
Delinquent Tax Penalty	10,067.53	
State Aid to Highway	94,244.60	
Highway Grants/Misc Income	120,757.61	
Highway Equipment Loan	100,000.00	
Zoning Permits	1,835.00	
Conservation Commission Tree Sale/Grants	785.61	
CU Terminants and Harmless	72,478.50	
Dog Licenses	920.00	
Liquor Licenses	300.00	
Marriage Licenses	90.00	
Recording and Fees	8,278.00	
Vault/Computerization Funds	3,757.00	
Judicial Income	2,712.50	
Interest Income	734.35	
Municipal Building Rent	16,200.00	
Fire/Rescue Grants/Misc Income	5,500.00	
Grant Income	1,317.23	
Green Up Grant	-	
Town Hall Donations/Rental	7,200.30	
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,380.02	
Recreation Dept Income	166.00	
Solar Charge Station	132.60	
Tax Sale Income	16,529.97	
Lower Village Sidewk project grant reimbursement	7,978.50	
Main St Bike/Pedestrian project grant reimbursement	17,751.25	
Two Rivers Reg Planning grant-home buyout	17,144.76	
Subtotal	2,863,870.68	2,863,870.68
Cemetery Income		37,180.00
TOTAL REVENUE		3,650,080.01

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EXPENSES	
Selectboard	349,209.94
Fire Dept	102,416.98
Highway	766,194.15
Social Concerns	60,137.00
Twinfield Union School	1,547,298.66
Cemetery	34,638.12
Total Town Expenses	2,859,894.85
TOTAL REVENUE	3,650,080.01
TOTAL EXPENSES	(2,859,894.85)
ON HAND JUNE 30, 2018	790,185.16
RESERVED FUNDS	708,146.77
UNRESERVED FUNDS	82,038.39

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018

Municipal tax		
1,156,538.00	X .6935	802,059.10
1,156,538.00	X .0031	3,585.27
Education tax		
772,502.00	X 1.7071	1,318,738.16
386,291.00	X 1.5612	603,077.51
Total taxes billed FY 2018		2,727,460.04
Collection of Taxes		
Municipal Tax		720,104.41
Education Tax		1,438,416.75
Subtotal		2,158,521.16
Education State credits		406,047.44
Municipal State credits		49,716.19
Total credits		455,763.63
Total Collection		
Total Collected		2,614,284.79
Amount to Coll of Delinquent Taxes		149,882.34
Subtotal		2,764,167.13
Final reconciliation credit from school		(35,255.65)
Total collected		2,728,911.48
Town .225% retained		3,410.55
Penalties collected		285.00
Tax abatement		(3,536.88)
		2,729,070.15
CU Adjustment		(2,010.00)
		2,727,060.15
Errors and omissions		(399.89)

**SIMPLIFIED
STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES
DELINQUENT TOWN TAXES
JULY 1 2017 - JUNE 30 2018**

Balances Owed As of 6/30/18 :

2016 =	\$ 5,676.59
2017 =	\$ 44,477.93
Balance =	\$ 50,154.52

Total Collected:	\$ 125,569.85
Abated & Adjusted :	\$ 0.00
Total Interest:	\$ 6,578.08
Total Collector's Fees:	\$ 10,067.53
Total Legal & Coll. Costs	\$ 35.00
TOTAL :	\$ 142,250.46

**INTERIM REPORT
REAL ESTATE
Without Current Year (2018)**

NAME	PROPERTY	YEAR	TOTAL DUE
Dole R./Gratton R.& A.	201-0173	2017	\$3784.27
Gray, Robert	010-0023	2017	856.20
Harman , J.	005-0079	2017	1805.53
Hart ,Mark	003-0345	2016 & 2017	1900.89
King , James	033-0786	2017	1787.45
Maclaren , S.	001-0350/018-0399	2017	7668.29
McCullough , Kim	038-1701	2017	598.67
McMillan , Gary	041-0390	2016	1316.77
Peduzzi , Lisa	033-0300	2016 & 2017	5809.27
Silveria , Anthony & Allison	033-0647	2016 & 2017	2274.20
TOTAL (INCLUDES INTEREST & PENALTY)			\$27,801.54

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 12/31/2018.

SAVE MONEY-PAY YOUR TAXES PROMPTLY!!

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET
JULY 1 2017 - JUNE 30 2018**

ASSETS:

Reserved Funds	708,146.77			
Unreserved Funds	82,038.39			
Total Current Assets				\$790,185.16

FIXED ASSETS:

	Solar Array	HWY Equipment	Municipal Building	
Purchased prior years		961,713.95	149,900.00	1,111,613.95
Purchased this year		<u>122,958.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,958.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets	30,000.00	1,084,671.95	149,900.00	1,264,571.95
Accumulated depreciation	(12,000.00)	(791,541.45)	(64,956.71)	(868,498.16)
Current year depreciation	(6,000.00)	(49,524.50)	(4,996.67)	(60,521.17)
Total Net Equipment Assets	12,000.00	243,606.00	79,946.62	335,552.62

Grand Total Assets \$1,125,737.78

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable			24,551.88	
Notes Payable				
HWY \$12,690.00 Backhoe Loan				
Payment due 6/30/19			12,690.00	
HWY \$100,000.00 Mack Truck Loan				
Payment due 12/31/18			20,000.00	
SB \$26,554.93 Revolving Loan-Town Hall				
Payment due 6/30/19			4,975.00	
SB \$23,390.38 Solar Array Loan				
Payment due 6/30/19			3,000.00	
Total Current Liabilities				65,216.88

LONG TERM LIABILITIES:

Notes Payable				
HWY '18 Mack Truck-2022			80,000.00	
20,000.00 annual payment				
SB Revolving Loan-2024			21,579.93	
4,975.00 estimated annual payment				
SB Solar Array Loan-2025			20,390.38	
3,000.00 annual payment				
Total Long Term Liabilities			121,970.31	121,970.31

Fund Balance 6/30/17	\$927,446.54
Interim cash flow	11,104.05

Fund Balance 6/30/18	938,550.59
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,125,737.78</u>

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

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET
JULY 1 2017 - JUNE 30 2018**

ASSETS

Reserved Funds

Computerization Fund	20,253.74
Conservation Commission Tree CD Fund	7,959.67
Conservation Fund	19,459.65
Current Use Funds/Training Funds	128,770.73
FD Equipment Fund/Health Grant CD Fund	161,831.05
FD Building Improvements	40,332.66
FD Personal Protection Equip	1,197.55
Fuel Assistance Fund	4,199.17
Highway Dept Equip Fund	80,496.97
Municipal Buildings Fund	8,515.67
Municipal Building Rental Fund	70,646.51
Paving Fund	29,167.74
Recreation Equipment Fund	3,146.05
Town Hall Fund	4,714.20
Vault Preservation Fees	18,576.15
Willard Perry Fund	1,866.47
Arch Batchelder fund	72,860.84
Mitigation Reserve CD	17,664.28
Cemetery	3,320.25
HRA	7,274.66
Tax Sale Escrow	-
Town Forest CD	5,892.76
2% to Municipal Building reserve	
Total Reserved funds	708,146.77
Unreserved funds	82,038.39
Total on hand June 30, 2018	790,185.16

2018 LISTERS REPORT

We have received quite a few questions regarding homestead payments this year. If you don't file a Vermont income tax return, you must still file the Homestead Declaration (HS 122) and the accompanying Homestead Payment form (HS 144). You may be eligible for this reduction in property taxes even if you don't file an income tax return.

You cannot receive a homestead payment, which is an amount that comes directly off your property tax bill, if you do not file a homestead declaration. You must file the homestead declaration even if you do not have to file Vermont income tax.

Everyone who owns and lives in their primary residence in Plainfield must file a homestead declaration before April 15, 2019 in order to pay the residential school tax rate. Failure to file the homestead declaration will result in a non-residential school tax rate. Filing your homestead declaration late will result in a penalty.

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

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

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

Please double check that you are putting in the correct span number on your homestead forms, especially if you own more than one property. You can only declare a homestead on your primary residence. Many of the problems encountered this year were because of incorrect span numbers.

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

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

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 will be out and about in the spring!!

Plainfield Listers
Sandra Ross
Rick Pope
Alex Forbes

2018 PLAINFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission will be working to adopt new zoning. The new zoning is based on ideas contained in the Town Plan. The new document combines all the separate zoning documents currently used by the town into one.

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

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

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

The Planning Commission will also be updating the Town Plan which is due to expire in early 2018. This will be just an update to bring the Town Plan in line with current state requirements and having the most current town information.

The Planning Commission meets at the Town Offices on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 pm. Two of the members have left the commission and the remaining two are term limited as of March. New members will be needed to continue this work.

Will Colgan, Chair, Plainfield Planning Commission

Planning Commission Members

Karen Storey

2018 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The DRB meets monthly to attend to Town zoning matters. We currently have 4 members: Janice Walrafen, Chair who has served nine years and is at the term limit; Sarah Albert, Clerk, who has been serving on the DRB for nearly five years ;Elaine Parker who has served 2 years; and our newest member, Jim Volz, who joined us this year. We are a five member board and are in need of two new members.

We had fewer hearings this year: one variance for a setback in forest and agriculture zone on East Hill with a small lot with limited development area, one commercial change of use at 16 Main Street, and one conditional use for a 8 foot fence along the boundary line in the village. We had a hearing for one permit granted by the ZA that was appealed to the DRB for a change of use from non-residential to residential. We continue to monitor ZPA 2017-01CU: the Health Center amendment to the site plan from 2011-03 permit.

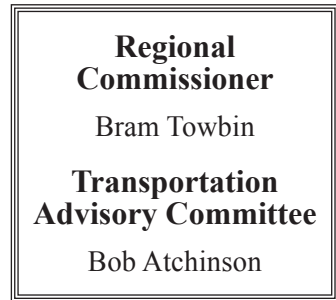
Serving on Town boards is rewarding in that we are working with our neighbors, building and maintaining our community. It is an honor and our responsibility to serve. I hope you will consider joining the DRB or other Town boards and committees to keep our Plainfield community alive and healthy.

On behalf of the DRB

Janice Walrafen, Sarah Albert, Elaine Parker and Jim Volz

2018 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.



2018 Plainfield Activities

- ❖ Completed traffic counts.
- ❖ Developed a data report for the town plan update.
- ❖ Reviewed draft zoning amendments.
- ❖ Completed a Stormwater Master Plan with designs for priority sites.
- ❖ Assisted with grant applications for flooding and stormwater projects.
- ❖ Hosted *Water Wise Woodlands* forest walks for private landowners to strengthen flood resilience awareness.
- ❖ Supported emergency preparedness by assisting with a Local Emergency Operations Plan update, reviewing the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, supporting town official training in ICS 402 and the Emergency Management Director courses, creating flood vulnerability maps, and assisting with public meetings and an Emergency Action Plan Table Top Exercise for Marshfield Dam #6.
- ❖ Provided input on impacts of a potential parking lot for the Opera House and the US 2/Main St. intersection.

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

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decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee and provide studies, plans, data collection, and counts.

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

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

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

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

In 2018, 34 Zoning Permit were processed as follows:

Residence, Apartments, Temporary Dwelling, Yurts	11
Site Plans (major and minor reviews)	1
Additions to homes (room, deck, dormers and porch)	7
Accessory structures (garage, shed and pole barn)	11
Exempt Subdivisions, Boundary Line Adjustments	0
Cottage Industry	0
Change of Use	3
Appealed	1
Reviewed by DRB (Change of Use, variance, fence)	3
Miscellaneous (sign, fence)	5
Withdrawn or Tabled	0
Still being processed	0

*Note: some permits required more than one review

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

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

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

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

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD

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

History Each year the Town of Plainfield receives requests for funds from many different non-profit organizations. These requests are voted on at town meeting. Ten 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 considered several factors:

Number of Plainfield residents served in the past year

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

All requests received this year were from worthy organizations. In responding to requests, the committee attempted to balance the worthy services provided by the organizations with the financial pressures faced by Plainfield taxpayers. We were guided by the amounts approved in previous years, generally favoring consistency except where circumstances strongly justify a change up or down.

The breakdown by organization is set out below:

Circle (formerly Battered Women's Services and Shelter) (requested \$525, recommend \$525) Circle is a community-based organization dedicated to ending all forms of domestic violence. Because of confidentiality issues they do not require clients to give their town of residence, but of those who self-identified there were 39 Plainfield residents who received services including emergency shelter, assistance with protection orders, and child-related support.

Central VT Adult Basic Education (requested \$400, recommend \$400) CVABE provides free literacy education and instruction in reading, math, writing, or English as a second language to adults and teens in Washington, Orange, and Lamoille counties, helping them to earn a high school credential and prepare for employment or college. Last year they used 244 staff hours to provide services to four Plainfield residents.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD

Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) – (requested \$500, recommend \$500) Capstone offers a wide range of programs to alleviate the effects of poverty and help people attain economic self-sufficiency. Plainfield residents were supported through emergency food, housing, transportation or fuel assistance, Head Start, home weatherization, emergency furnace repair, financial counseling, tax preparation, and assistance to start or grow a business. Capstone served 230 Plainfield residents in 133 households in FY2017.

Central VT Economic Development (requested \$300, recommend 0) CVEDC supports regional employers in the creation and retention of quality jobs. This is their second request and the committee again declined their request for funding; as it isn't clear how Plainfield residents benefit from them in terms of social concerns.

Central Vermont Council on Aging (requested \$1,350, recommend \$1,300) CVCOA used case managers to work with elders in their homes to assess their needs and develop individualized care plans. CVCOA staff also provided family caregiver support and information, assistance, and referrals regarding health care and insurance, transportation, nutrition, housing, fuel, and other issues of concerns. Its service area covers Washington, Lamoille, and Orange, counties. CVCOA served 45 Plainfield residents last year.

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (requested \$2,700, recommend \$2,500) CVHH&H is a full service not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association, committed to providing comprehensive, high quality home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay, geographic remoteness, or complexity of their health care needs. In addition, the agency promotes the general welfare of the citizens of central Vermont with health screenings, flu and pneumonia vaccinations, foot care clinics, bereavement support and maternal and child health visits. It serves Washington County and the three northernmost towns of Orange County. Last year CVHH&H served 39 Plainfield residents.

Family Center of Washington County (requested \$500, recommend \$500) The Family Center provides child care referral, child care provider training, child care subsidy administration, infant/toddler care, preschool and after school programs, playgroups for children birth-six and their parents or caregivers, home visiting, employment training, and parent education. It serves Washington County and three towns in Orange County. Last year the Family Center served 53 Plainfield residents.

Friends of the Winooski River (requested \$300, recommend \$300) The Friends is a mostly volunteer organization that is dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Winooski River watershed. They undertake a range of activities that include riparian restoration and stream-bank stabilization, pollution abatement projects, water quality monitoring and stream assessment projects and education and

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD

outreach. The Friends do not provide services to individuals; rather their work ultimately impacts all residents of the Winooski watershed.

Good Beginnings (requested \$300, recommend \$300) Good Beginnings offers free support, education and home visits to birth and adoptive families in Central Vermont during the critical first weeks and months following birth, together with free goods and services such as diapers, baby carriers, winter clothing, and connection to community resources for food, housing and emergency funds. Good Beginnings served 13 Plainfield residents in 5 households last year.

Green Mountain Transit Agency (requested \$786, recommend \$786) GMTA provides transportation and meal delivery services for elderly citizens and individuals with disabilities through a combination of volunteer drivers and fixed-route services. In addition to its commuter services, in FY18 it provided ongoing individual special services such as Elderly and Disabled transportation and Medicaid-eligible transportation for Plainfield residents to senior centers, meal sites, medical treatment, adult day care, pharmacy, and shopping, equalling 1706 trips.

Home Share Now (requested \$350, recommend \$325). Home Share Now helps central Vermonters develop successful home shares in order to create affordable housing options with positive community and environmental impacts. Last year Home Share Now served 8 Plainfield residents who were either seeking a home or wanted to share their home.

Onion River Food Shelf (requested \$1,000, recommend \$1,000) Onion River Food Shelf is an all-volunteer program that provides food and clothing to families in need in Plainfield, Marshfield, Cabot, Calais and East Montpelier. Last year the program provided food and clothing to 136 residents of Plainfield.

People's Health and Wellness Clinic (requested \$750, recommend \$700) PHWC provides health care, dental services, medical case management and health advocacy for the uninsured and underinsured. Its basic service area is Washington County, plus the towns of Orange, Washington, and Williamstown. PHWC served 15 Plainfield residents last year.

Sexual Assault Crisis Team (requested \$150, recommend \$100) The Sexual Assault Crisis Team provides emergency, advocacy and preventive services to victims/survivors of sexual violence in Washington County. Because of confidentiality concerns they are not able to provide a breakdown of the number of Plainfield residents served.

Twinfield Learning Center (requested \$500, recommend \$400) TLC provides after school enrichment and academic activities for the students of Twinfield Union

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD

School. They offer several types of activities for students in K-6 grades. They also involve high school students as assistant activity leaders. Last year about 20 residents of Plainfield and Marshfield were served.

Twinfield Together Mentoring Program (requested \$250, recommend \$250) The Twinfield Together Mentoring Program connects community members with children living in Marshfield and Plainfield through one-on-one mentoring relationships. 132 individuals were served, but the breakdown between Plainfield and Marshfield residents was not provided.

Twin Valley Senior Center (requested \$3,500, recommend \$2,800) Designed for seniors, this program provides hot nutritional meals, exercise programs, socialization and wellness services, monthly shopping trips, foot clinics, flu clinics, and home delivery of meals for residents of Cabot, Calais, Woodbury, East Montpelier, Marshfield, and Plainfield. The Senior Center served 28 Plainfield residents last year.

Vermont Center for Independent Living (requested \$250, recommend \$150). VCIL is a statewide organization dedicated to assisting Vermonters with disabilities to achieve dignified, self-determined lives. Last year VCIL did not provide any services to Plainfield residents.

Washington County Diversion Program (requested \$450, recommend \$350) 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. Twenty-three residents of Plainfield were served last year.

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

Washington County Youth Service Bureau (requested \$500, recommend \$400) This organization's mission is to empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in Washington County through a variety of programs such as runaway youth program, substance abuse treatment, transitional living, and the teen center. Last year WCYB served a total of 15 youths and other family members in Plainfield.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD

Plainfield Social Concerns Organization	Approved										Organization Request for		Number Served	recomendation to Selectboard
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019			
American Red Cross					\$100	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0			
Circle/BWSS	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$525	no request	\$500	\$500	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$525	39	\$525	
Central VT Adult Basic Education					\$250	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$400	\$400	\$400	4	\$400	
Capstone (Central VT) Community Action	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	230	\$500	
Central VT Economic Development										\$0	\$300	0		
Central VT Council on Aging (CVCOA)	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,350	\$1,350	45	\$1,300	
Central VT Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH)	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,700	39	\$2,500	
Family Center of Washington County	\$300	\$300	\$400	\$400	\$450	\$450	\$475	\$475	\$500	\$500	\$500	53	\$500	
Friends of the Winooski River	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$200	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$300	\$300	\$300	n/a	\$300	
Good Beginnings	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	13	\$300	
Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA)	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	*786	1706 trips	\$786	
Home Share Now					\$250	\$250	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$325	\$350	8	\$325	
Montpelier Senior Activity Center									\$0	\$0	\$0			
Union River Food Shelf	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	136	\$1,000	
OUR House						\$100			\$100			0		
Peoples' Health & Wellness	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$650	\$700	\$750	15	\$700	
Sex Assault	\$200	\$200	\$200	no request	\$50	\$50	n/a	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$150	n/a	\$100	
TLC	n/a	n/a	\$400	no request	no request	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$500	20	\$400	
Twin/dl mentor	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	did not say	\$250	
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$700	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$2,800	\$3,500	28	\$2,800	
VT Center for Independent Living							\$250	\$225	\$225	\$200	\$250	0	\$150	
Washington County Diversion	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$450	15(23?)	\$350	
Washington County Mental Health	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	no request	\$300	no request	\$325	\$325	\$500	\$1,500	77	\$600	
Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	no request	\$300	no request	\$325	\$325	\$325	\$500	15	\$400	
totals	\$7,711	\$9,511	\$10,561	\$10,311	\$10,386	\$12,186	\$12,236	\$13,086	\$13,061	\$14,161	\$16,075		\$14,186	

2018 SELECTBOARD REPORT

Select Board Report 2018

The Select Board concentrated over the past year on ways to improve the quality of life in Plainfield, from making our roads safer to improving our village. Many of the initiatives have been work that has been a number of years in the making and continues to be a priority for the town. Progress was made on many and yet challenges remain, particularly in regard to persuading our state partners of the importance of addressing longstanding issues.

While there is optimism on the progress, the Select Board is concerned about finding ways to draw more people into the volunteer positions that keep the town functioning smoothly and efficiently. In particular, we need townspeople who are willing to devote a few nights a month to such committees as the Planning Commission and other panels.

New Personnel

Baylen Slote volunteered to step in as the town health officer to replace Justine Gadd, who has given the town dedicated service. Justine agreed to continue serving as a deputy health officer, along with town Constable Kathleen Hayes.

Constable Hayes was also appointed the town's animal control officer.

Michael Cerulli Billingsley tendered his resignation as the town's emergency management director after spending many hours helping the town think through how it needs to prepare to respond to a variety of emergencies. He continues serving the town on the Hazard Mitigation Committee.

Speed Enforcement

A great deal of thought and time has gone into how to make Plainfield's roads, particularly its back roads, safer for residents. Increased commuter traffic has in many cases made the roads much more frightening for anyone who likes to go out for a walk or even to work in the yard near the road.

Two primary initiatives were adopted after the Select Board, working with the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, conducted a traffic study to better understand the extent of the problem.

First, another radar sign was purchased to alert drivers on town roads when they are exceeding the posted speed limit. The new sign, powered by a solar panel, was placed on Barre Hill Road. A battery-operated unit, which is portable and can be installed on different roads, has been in place on Brook Road. Both units are designed to slow traffic on the back roads and as it enters the village, where there are more pedestrians.

Second, the Select Board proposed and voters approved at town meeting increasing the amount of money spent with the Washington County Sherriff's Department

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to patrol our roads. The amount went from \$7,500 to \$10,000. The result has been 249 traffic stops over the past year, compared with 168 the year before. The Select Board has heard from some residents who are concerned that the stops and potential citations disproportionately hit people of lower incomes and has communicated those concerns to the sheriff's office. The goal of the initiative remains to improve Plainfield's quality of life. Increased patrols by cruisers can have a deterrent effect on other behavior that the town is trying to prevent, in addition to making our roads safer.

Recreation Field

The Select Board has spent a good deal of time researching ways to make the Recreation Field safer, particularly after hours when it can tend to be a gathering spot for potentially illegal activity. The town constable has kept a close watch on activity there and both she and the Select Board have kept in contact with the sheriff's office to ensure law enforcement patrols.

There was some lively debate about whether there should be stricter hours of operation, which the board ultimately decided not to pursue. The discussion has led to greater attention to the Recreation Field facilities, including finding ways to brighten the parking area after dark.

There has also been an impressive improvement to the facilities. The new picnic shelter was built by volunteers whose dedication to quality for all in the town of Plainfield is an inspiration. The Select Board is very grateful to all who have worked on the project.

Gallison House

Debate over whether Plainfield should purchase the Gallison House across Route 2 from the Town Hall Opera House continued well after Town Meeting Day. Voters ultimately overturned the initial approval of the purchase. That led to negotiations between the property owner and the Friends of the Town Hall Opera House. The Friends ultimately were able to negotiate a purchase of the property and is actively raising money and planning for its eventual use.

Main Street Pedestrian Bridge

The Select Board continued to work with the state and other partners on the Main Street Pedestrian Bridge project. It was modified so that the sidewalk on the downstream side of the bridge will actually be a part of the existing bridge at a lower cost than a freestanding pedestrian bridge. The work, expected this year, will also make some improvements and repairs to the highway bridge. When completed, this project will connect with sidewalks in the lower village and a new sidewalk that will lead to a crosswalk to the Town Hall Opera House.

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Main Street-Route 2 Intersection

The Select Board has been working with the state to find a solution to the ongoing challenges of this intersection. This is a problem that has vexed Plainfield for decades and the Select Board is under no illusions that a fix is imminent. But the board believes that the town has been ignored for too long and has been communicating with the Transportation Agency, the governor's office, and our area legislators. VTrans has come up with some alternatives and the Select Board has made clear that the town's expectation that the project truly fix the problems at the intersection. Much more work is needed before any project might move forward. But the town will continue to actively pursue a solution.

Old Home Days

Another successful celebration of our community was held in September with our trademark parade and gathering at the Recreation Field. A particular delight was the town portrait on the ballfield. We are in need of more volunteers to help this annual tradition going.

Town Employees

The Select Board continues to be grateful and impressed with the work of our town office staff and the road crew. So much of what is accomplished day in and day out is just part of the job for Linda and Carol and for Mike, Steve and Michael. We so appreciate their dedication to their jobs and to our town.

Ross Sneyd, *Chair*

Alexandra 'Sasha' Thayer, and Tammy Farnham

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TOWN OF PLAINFIELD					
SELECTBOARD'S ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET					
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	2017/2018	2017/2018	(OVER)/UNDER	2018/2019	2019/2020
REVENUE					
Del. Tax, Int. & Penalty	50,000.00	142,215.46	(92,215.46)	50,000.00	50,000.00
Tax Sale Income		16,529.97	(16,529.97)		
State Aid To Highway	91,000.00	94,244.60	(3,244.60)	91,000.00	91,000.00
Interest Income	600.00	734.35	(134.35)	800.00	800.00
Judicial Fees	2,000.00	2,712.50	(712.50)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Recordings & Fees	15,000.00	15,312.60	(312.60)	15,000.00	15,000.00
Fire Dept Income		5,500.00	(5,500.00)		
Highway Grant/Misc Inc	1,500.00	120,757.61	(119,257.61)	1,500.00	1,500.00
Municipal Grant Income		44,191.74	(44,191.74)		
Mun Bldg rental income	16,200.00	16,200.00	-	16,200.00	8,100.00
SB Misc income	5,000.00	2,331.63	2,668.37	5,000.00	5,000.00
Town Hall Income	6,500.00	7,200.30	(700.30)	6,500.00	6,500.00
Subtotal	187,800.00	467,930.76	(280,130.76)	188,000.00	179,900.00
Cemetery Income		37,180.00			
Current Use/Reappraisal income		72,478.50			
Total Revenue		577,589.26			
Highway Dept Equipment Loan		100,000.00			
Refer to Treasurer's report for Revenue detail					

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DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	2017/2018	2017/2018	(OVER)/UNDER	2018/2019	2019/2020
Selectboard Salaries	3,900.00	3,900.00	-	3,900.00	3,900.00
Auditor Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	3,000.00
Zoning Admin Salaries	5,800.00	4,024.09	1,775.91	5,000.00	4,500.00
Lister Salaries	3,200.00	1,054.62	2,145.38	3,200.00	3,200.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	45,555.00	45,998.40	(443.40)	46,500.00	48,379.00
Ass't. Clerk/Treasurer	34,674.00	34,851.73	(177.73)	35,400.00	36,764.00
Coll of Del Taxes		10,067.53	(10,067.53)		
Road Commissioner	1,250.00	1,250.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
SB Administrative Asst	1,800.00	1,925.00	(125.00)	1,950.00	2,000.00
Building Maintenance Mgr	4,000.00	2,749.88	1,250.12	4,000.00	3,000.00
DRB Admin Salaries	2,100.00	1,447.67	652.33	2,200.00	2,200.00
Health Officer	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
Grant Administrator	4,000.00	3,385.00	615.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Emergency Mgmt	700.00	1,069.59	(369.59)	3,000.00	1,500.00
SB FICA/MEDI	8,770.00	8,093.30	676.70	8,900.00	9,200.00
SB Health Insurance	9,500.00	10,914.84	(1,414.84)	10,900.00	11,500.00
SB Insurance HRA	1,875.00	1,367.02	507.98	2,100.00	2,250.00
SB Fringe/Ret	4,000.00	4,474.24	(474.24)	4,625.00	4,850.00
SB FICA/MEDI DEL TXCOLL	900.00	770.16	129.84	900.00	900.00
Lister's Supplies	400.00	318.17	81.83	300.00	350.00
Lister's Printing/Postage	75.00	36.61	38.39	100.00	100.00
Lister's Sem./Dues	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	100.00
Lister's GIS Maps	300.00	-	300.00	300.00	300.00
Listers Software/Disast Rec	1,250.00	2,347.21	(1,097.21)	1,250.00	1,275.00
Lister's Mileage	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	200.00
Animal Control	1,000.00	112.00	888.00	750.00	1,000.00
Constable	4,800.00	3,231.27	1,568.73	4,800.00	5,000.00
CVT Reg'l. Planning	1,368.00	1,367.30	0.70	1,405.00	1,492.00
CVT Humane Society	700.00	-	700.00	700.00	700.00
*Conservation Commission	375.00	157.95	217.05	375.00	375.00
*Conservation Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	1,500.00
*CC St trees					
Green Up/Disposal	100.00	791.08	(691.08)	100.00	100.00
Energy Conservation	1,100.00	400.00	700.00	450.00	525.00

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DESCRIPTION	2017/2018	2017/2018	(OVER)/UNDER	2018/2019	2019/2020
Hazard Mitigation	-	36.00	(36.00)	1,150.00	300.00
Law Enforcement	7,500.00	7,594.92	(94.92)	10,000.00	10,000.00
DAM Fees					200.00
Fire and Rescue Departments					
Ambulance Service	47,644.71	47,644.71	-	49,074.05	50,546.00
EMT Stipend	3,000.00	2,800.00	200.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Electricity	1,200.00	1,121.41	78.59	1,200.00	1,300.00
Telephone	2,200.00	2,330.88	(130.88)	2,500.00	2,400.00
Fuel & Furnace	4,000.00	2,162.75	1,837.25	3,000.00	3,000.00
*Bldg Rep & Maint	7,500.00	984.50	6,515.50	7,500.00	7,500.00
Disability	2,200.00	2,169.00	31.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Workers Comp	1,330.00	1,176.00	154.00	1,254.00	1,250.00
Prop/Liab Insurance	5,845.00	5,637.50	207.50	5,800.00	5,063.00
Truck Repair/Fuel	3,200.00	3,649.29	(449.29)	2,800.00	2,800.00
Equipment Fund Reserves	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Safety Eq/Med Splys	3,000.00	1,785.01	1,214.99	3,000.00	3,000.00
Small Items/Repairs	2,500.00	2,251.11	248.89	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fire Truck Note	-			20,000.00	20,000.00
Interest Expense	-			6,000.00	6,642.00
Dispatch	14,000.00	10,937.71	3,062.29	15,000.00	17,200.00
Training	2,000.00	2,407.00	(407.00)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Marshfield Approp. Expense*	-	2,972.14	(2,972.14)		
Miscellaneous	500.00	221.54	278.46	500.00	500.00
Personal Protective Equip Fund	12,500.00	11,302.50	1,197.50	12,500.00	12,500.00
Recognition Fund	800.00	863.93	(63.93)	800.00	800.00
Bldg Rep & Maint to Reserve					
Marshfield App to Equip Fund					

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	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED
DESCRIPTION	2017/2018	2017/2018	(OVER)/UNDER	2018/2019	2019/2020
SB Prop/Liab Insurance	13,148.00	12,543.50	604.50	12,250.00	12,000.00
SB Workers Comp.	1,082.00	1,028.00	54.00	1,185.00	1,275.00
SB Unemployment Ins	689.00	796.50	(107.50)	600.00	500.00
Clerks Office Splys & Pstg	5,500.00	5,382.36	117.64	5,500.00	5,500.00
Clerks Comp./Suppl./Sup.	2,000.00	1,696.46	303.54	2,000.00	2,000.00
Preservation Costs*	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
Bank Fees & Charges	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	50.00
DRB Advertising	400.00	252.80	147.20	400.00	400.00
DRB Comp/Off Splys	200.00	18.82	181.18	150.00	150.00
DRB Postage	150.00	58.16	91.84	100.00	100.00
DRB Training	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	200.00
PC Postage	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
PC Advertising	300.00	-	300.00	300.00	300.00
PC Computer/Printing	500.00	27.99	472.01	500.00	500.00
PC Training/Mapping	700.00	-	700.00	700.00	700.00
PC Zoning Consultant	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	-
Zoning Legal/Misc Expense	1,000.00	178.63	821.37	1,000.00	1,000.00
SB Printing/Communications	4,500.00	4,435.90	64.10	4,500.00	4,500.00
SB Legal Fees	2,000.00	2,648.50	(648.50)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Park 'n Ride Electric	250.00	246.26	3.74	250.00	250.00
Park 'n Ride Solar array	3,716.00	3,697.93	18.07	3,636.00	3,557.00
Parks & Rec Bldg Maint/Equip	4,500.00	3,073.59	1,426.41	4,500.00	3,500.00
Rec Portalet/Power	500.00	1,122.88	(622.88)		1,200.00
Rec Reserve Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	250.00
Skateboard Park		1,580.56	(1,580.56)		
CV Solid Waste Mgmt	1,300.00	1,252.00	48.00	1,252.00	1,252.00
Taxes-County	9,400.00	9,347.00	53.00	9,550.00	9,715.00
Historical Bldg	250.00	291.75	(41.75)	1,750.00	1,250.00
Streetlights-New	1,000.00	1,037.95	(37.95)	1,000.00	-
Streetlights-Electricity	5,000.00	4,455.38	544.62	4,500.00	4,500.00
Mun Bldg-Telephone	1,200.00	1,284.04	(84.04)	1,250.00	1,300.00
Mun Bldg-Maint/Repairs	10,000.00	19,699.07	(9,699.07)	10,000.00	10,000.00

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	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED
DESCRIPTION	2017/2018	2017/2018	(OVER)UNDER	2018/2019	2019/2020
Municipal Bldg Electric	2,300.00	450.70	1,849.30	1,000.00	500.00
Municipal Bldg Fuel/Furn	3,500.00	2,416.52	1,083.48	3,500.00	3,000.00
TH Management Svcs	2,000.00	2,500.00	(500.00)	3,000.00	3,000.00
TH Maint/Repairs	7,000.00	21,073.68	(14,073.68)	6,600.00	3,600.00
TH Electricity	1,000.00	687.40	312.60	1,000.00	700.00
TH Equipment	1,300.00	-	1,300.00	1,000.00	600.00
TH Fuel & Furnace	2,100.00	2,792.74	(692.74)	2,100.00	2,500.00
TH Advertising	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	500.00	500.00
TH Revolving Loan & Int pymt	5,600.00	5,588.28	11.72	5,600.00	5,600.00
TH Telephone	1,100.00	1,048.28	51.72	1,100.00	1,100.00
VLCT Dues	1,689.00	1,688.50	0.50	1,650.00	1,775.00
Town Audit	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	750.00	632.82	117.18	500.00	500.00
Town Forest	-	504.10	(504.10)	-	-
Town property landscaping	5,200.00	2,520.00	2,680.00	5,200.00	4,500.00
Tree Warden/Tree maintnce	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
Sidewalk Snow Removal	5,000.00	7,800.00	(2,800.00)	5,000.00	5,000.00
SB Seminars/Misc	800.00	63.38	736.62	500.00	500.00
Tax sale expense	-	16,529.97	(16,529.97)	-	-
Website	3,500.00	3,392.13	107.87	3,500.00	3,500.00
CDBG Project	-	-	-	12,500.00	-
Lower Village sidewalk study	-	8,521.61	(8,521.61)	-	-
Main St.Bike/Walkway project	-	19,723.62	(19,723.62)	-	-
Old Home Days	1,200.00	679.34	520.66	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mill Street Park Electric	400.00	560.50	(160.50)	500.00	500.00
911 Signage	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	50.00
Outstanding Delinquent Taxes	25,000.00	44,477.93	(19,477.93)	25,000.00	25,000.00
Home Buyouy final payment	-	17,144.76	(1,744.76)	-	-
Total Selectboard	429,935.71	515,604.85	85,669.14	470,606.05	453,735.00

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	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED
DESCRIPTION	2017/2018	2017/2018	(OVER)/UNDER	2018/2019	2019/2020
SOCIAL CONCERNS					
CIRCLE, formerly Battered Wn	-		-	525.00	525.00
Central VT Adult Basic Ed	400.00	400.00	-	400.00	400.00
Capstone-formerly CVCAC	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Cen VT Cncl on Aging	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,350.00	1,300.00
Cen. VT Home Health	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fam Ctr of Wash Cty	475.00	475.00	-	500.00	500.00
Friends of the Winooski Rvr	300.00	300.00	-	300.00	300.00
Good Beginnings	300.00	300.00	-	300.00	300.00
Green Mtn Transit	786.00	786.00	-	786.00	786.00
Home Share Now	350.00	350.00	-	325.00	325.00
Onion Rvr Food Shelf	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Our House	-	-	-	100.00	-
People's Hlth & Well	650.00	650.00	-	700.00	700.00
Sexual Assault Crisis	50.00	50.00	-	50.00	100.00
Twin Valley Seniors	2,200.00	2,200.00	-	2,800.00	2,800.00
Twinfield Learning Center	400.00	400.00	-	400.00	400.00
Twinfield Together Mentoring	250.00	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
VT Assoc for the Blind	-	-	-	-	-
VT Center for Independent Lvg	225.00	225.00	-	200.00	150.00
Wash Cty Diversion	250.00	250.00	-	250.00	350.00
Wash Cty Youth SB	325.00	325.00	-	325.00	400.00
Wash Cty Mental Health	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	600.00
American Red Cross	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	-
Montpelier Senior Center				-	
Subtotal Social Concerns	13,061.00	13,061.00	-	14,161.00	14,186.00
Warned articles					
Cross VT Trail	1,243.00	1,243.00	-	-	
Cutler Library	37,500.00	37,500.00	-	37,500.00	37,500.00
GMTA Bus Srvc	8,333.00	8,333.00	-	8,333.00	8,333.00
Total SC/warned articles	60,137.00	60,137.00	-	59,994.00	60,019.00

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DESCRIPTION	2017/2018	2017/2018	(OVER)/UNDER	2018/2019	2019/2020
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					
Labor/Road Foreman	56,555.00	56,687.17	(132.17)	57,690.00	59,343.00
Labor/Equip Operator 1	38,251.00	38,715.20	(464.20)	39,016.00	40,685.00
Labor/Equip Operator 2	37,149.00	25,402.99	11,746.01	38,200.00	39,250.00
OT/Rd. Foreman	9,200.00	11,817.32	(2,617.32)	9,500.00	9,500.00
OT/ Equip. Operator 1	5,518.00	7,253.99	(1,735.99)	5,000.00	5,500.00
OT/Equip Operator 2	5,358.00	6,045.51	(687.51)	5,000.00	5,500.00
HD Fringe/FICA/Medi	11,800.00	11,017.59	782.41	11,850.00	12,250.00
HD Health Insurance	42,100.00	24,955.69	17,144.31	29,000.00	29,000.00
HD Insurance HRA	9,000.00	3,608.87	5,391.13	6,500.00	7,200.00
HD Fringe/Retirement	7,500.00	6,998.14	501.86	7,700.00	8,200.00
HD Prop/Liab Insurance	10,461.00	9,139.50	1,321.50	8,300.00	8,500.00
HD Workmans Comp Ins	15,755.00	14,644.00	1,111.00	17,600.00	21,500.00
Equip Loan and Interest	13,198.00	13,197.60	0.40	22,000.00	21,600.00
HD Tools/Splys/Radios	4,000.00	3,581.21	418.79	4,000.00	4,000.00
Fuel and Furnace	1,500.00	1,252.98	247.02	1,000.00	1,000.00
Culvert Thawer	100.00	48.46	51.54	100.00	100.00
Lawn Tractor	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	-
International HD	750.00	-	750.00	-	-
Loader HD	1,000.00	3,069.81	(2,069.81)	1,000.00	2,000.00
Grader HD	6,000.00	3,861.52	2,138.48	6,500.00	10,500.00
Guardrails	5,000.00	1,193.12	3,806.88	5,000.00	2,000.00
HD Garage/Repairs & Splys	2,000.00	2,980.82	(980.82)	5,000.00	3,000.00
Sander/Rake/Plows	8,000.00	8,885.61	(885.61)	8,000.00	8,000.00
Backhoe	800.00	158.27	641.73	800.00	800.00
2005 MACK TRUCK	6,500.00	9,972.45	(3,472.45)	5,000.00	3,000.00
2007 MACK TRUCK	6,000.00	4,984.94	1,015.06	6,000.00	6,000.00
2019 MACK TRUCK		122,958.00	(122,958.00)		1,200.00
2012 WOOD CHIPPER	500.00	157.99	342.01	500.00	500.00
2015 FORD TRUCK	800.00	1,751.44	(951.44)	1,500.00	3,000.00
Electricity/GMP	900.00	1,048.56	(148.56)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Telephone	1,800.00	1,812.73	(12.73)	1,800.00	1,800.00

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	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	2017/2018	2017/2018	(OVER)/UNDER	2018/2019	2019/2020
Fuel/Oil/Grease	38,000.00	29,780.34	8,219.66	38,000.00	35,000.00
Mileage	1,500.00	1,159.68	340.32	1,500.00	1,500.00
Gravel/HD Trucking	94,500.00	91,875.25	2,624.75	94,500.00	94,500.00
Sand/Trucking	40,500.00	43,415.10	(2,915.10)	40,500.00	40,500.00
Hired Equip/Trucking	5,000.00	9,205.00	(4,205.00)	8,000.00	9,000.00
Culverts	6,000.00	5,383.51	616.49	6,000.00	6,000.00
Hot Mix	10,000.00	7,525.60	2,474.40	10,000.00	10,000.00
Salt	15,500.00	15,213.83	286.17	20,000.00	20,000.00
Chloride	24,000.00	22,379.82	1,620.18	24,000.00	24,000.00
Mulch	1,000.00	463.13	536.87	1,000.00	1,000.00
Equipment Fund	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	30,000.00
Uniforms	3,500.00	1,984.66	1,515.34	3,500.00	2,500.00
Tires	6,000.00	5,359.37	640.63	6,000.00	6,000.00
Chains	8,000.00	5,124.92	2,875.08	8,000.00	8,000.00
Safety Equipment	500.00	568.73	(68.73)	500.00	1,000.00
Sidewalk Repairs	500.00	-	500.00	250.00	750.00
Culvert Projects	18,000.00	119,237.75	(101,237.75)	18,000.00	-
Storm Drain Maintenance	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,600.00	5,095.98	(3,495.98)	1,600.00	1,600.00
Traffic Control Devices	8,000.00	5,220.00	2,780.00	8,000.00	4,500.00
Paving Projects			(82,892.67)		25,000.00
Bridge Projects					
Ditching Projects					5,300.00
Vt Act 64 Water Quality					2,350.00
Total Highway Dept	623,795.00	796,194.15	(172,399.15)	624,106.00	648,428.00

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

TOTALS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>
Highway Dept Expense	623,795.00	796,194.15	(172,399.15)	624,106.00	648,428.00
State Aid/Misc Income	(92,500.00)	(94,244.60)	1,744.60	(92,500.00)	(92,500.00)
Grant Income		(120,757.61)	(120,757.61)		
Net Highway Expenses	531,295.00	581,191.94	49,896.94	531,606.00	555,928.00
Summary Selectboard	429,935.71	515,604.85	(85,669.14)	470,606.05	453,735.00
Social Concerns	60,137.00	60,137.00	-	59,994.00	60,019.00
SB Expense	490,072.71	575,741.85	(85,669.14)	530,600.05	513,754.00
Income	(95,300.00)	(252,928.55)	157,628.55	(95,500.00)	(87,400.00)
Net SB Expense	394,772.71	322,813.30	71,959.41	435,100.05	426,354.00
NET SB/HWY Budget	926,067.71	904,005.24	22,062.47	966,706.05	982,282.00

PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL/OPERA HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT

The Plainfield Town Hall Opera House was in use for eighty-three days between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Nearly one-quarter of this use was town-government related: select board and committee meetings, Town Meeting, and the Old Home Day Revue. Theater continues to be the largest single use, with thirty-two days devoted to this activity (40% of use). The Vermont Youth Theater’s production of “Children of the Thieves” took thirteen days (including rehearsals), and Plainfield Little Theater booked the facility for nine days for its production of “Macbeth”. Both the sixth and the eighth grade classes at the Orchard Valley School used the Opera House for five-day theatrical productions, as well.

Other notable events at the Town Hall Opera House included the Twinfield Prom and the Maple Hill School graduation. Washington County Mental Health held a forum on services available and needed, and the Cutler Library sponsored a talk by Tom Wessels, author of “Reading the Forested Landscape”. Three youth dances were held, along with an aerobics class and programs by Earthwalk, Plainfield/Marshfield Resistance, and the Plainfield Farmers Market. Three private events were held at the hall, including a memorial for Libba Harmon.

The Friends of the Plainfield Opera House, which manages the facility on behalf of the Town, curated five monthly concerts through the winter and spring. Its series began in January with a concert by well-known Vermont folk musician Pete Sutherland. This was followed in February by a program of French and Russian Art Song with dance, performed by Mary Jane Austin, Erik Kroncke and Christine Harris. In March, a piano-vocal duet – Diane Huling and Arthur Zorn – presented “Beethoven, Friends and Admirers”. “The Many Faces of Mozart” by Sylvia Barry and M.T. Anderson were on display in April. The series concluded in May with a concert of traditional Indonesian music by Plainfield’s own Gamelan Sulukala. A review by Jim Lowe of the Times Argus appeared under the headline “Concert Proves Plainfield Opera House Promise”, calling it “a first-rate concert series that can compete with most in the state” (*see <https://www.timesargus.com/articles/the-lowe-down-concert-proves-plainfield-opera-houses-promise/>* or the Plainfield Opera House website – see below).

Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells continues to handle all rental fees. In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, revenue from the use of the Town Hall totaled \$7,200.

Scheduling events at the Town Hall Opera House is done through the website maintained by the Friends of the Town Hall Opera House, www.plainfieldoperahousevt.org.

Day-to-day management of the Town Hall Opera House is the responsibility of a seven-member board of directors, who are elected by the members of the Friends of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House. Members of the board, along with non-

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board members, provide volunteer services to promote the use of the Town Hall Opera House and to see that things operate smoothly. Current directors are: Keith Swann (President); Kathy Light (Vice-President); David Strong (Secretary); Tom Blachly (Treasurer), and Lori Stratton, Delia Gillen, and Jesse Clayton (at-large members).

Board vacancies are filled at annual membership meetings held in June of each year. Annual membership dues are \$25. Fifty people joined the Friends of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House in 2017-18. Please go to the Town Hall Opera House website if you are interested in joining.

Special thanks are due to FPOH member Steven Light, who serves as Booking Coordinator for events at the Town Hall. In addition to fielding rental requests, Steven produces a monthly newsletter that lists the upcoming schedule of events, which is emailed to members and others who request it. He can be reached at [*plainfieldtownhall@gmail.com*](mailto:plainfieldtownhall@gmail.com).

The Directors of the FPOH meet the third Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall Opera House. Meetings are open to the general public in addition to members.



GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY PLAINFIELD FY18 ANNUAL REPORT

Who We Are

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

Our Services

Individual Special Service Transportation

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

July through April of FY18, GMT provided 31 Plainfield residents with special transportation services, totaling 1,706 trips. Special services offered direct access to:

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

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



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In FY18, total statewide GMT rural ridership was 335,115. This general public transportation ridership was in addition to Special Service ridership, (above), and is available through a variety of services including:

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

Thank You

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

Information

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

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Public libraries are more important to democracy and civilized society than ever before, and are changing with the times. Our collection is the most current and diverse it's ever been. The space is being used for longer periods by individuals as well as groups for more reasons than ever before.

Library users come to print important legal and financial documents, tax forms, airline boarding passes, shipping labels, concert tickets, et cetera. They create resumes, connect with friends and family, find health and consumer information, or borrow books and movies and download e-books and digital audiobooks. Access to public computers, printers, a scanner and a copier have continued to be essential services sought out by a variety of people. People of all ages play games and do homework. Collectors buy and trade online. Work colleagues meet. Five different groups have been using the library for meetings and activities on an ongoing basis. And while they are here, library patrons interact casually with townsfolk they might not otherwise know. This is what is meant when people say "libraries are an essential component of a community's social infrastructure."

There is a shift in the way people everywhere use public libraries, and that's part of what drives our expansion plan. We often hear that the environment we've fostered is comfortable and welcoming. The expanded and renovated space we're developing preserves these qualities and also will protect the building's historic character, while increasing access for people with disabilities and improving our ability to provide space for a greater variety of uses, while open and also after-hours. The library thanks the Town of Plainfield for helping us access federal grant dollars via the Vermont Community Development Program's Planning Grants. With the support of the Selectboard and the facilitation of Town Office staff and the library's grant consultant Lisa Ryan, we've been awarded a \$28,000 grant. We also thank Spruce Mountain Inn for a no-interest loan, which enables us to cover costs prior to grant reimbursement. We're now designing our library expansion, and will seek public input soon!

We are working with Vermont Integrative Architecture (VIA) to design an expansion of the building and parking lot. We thank the community members who gave their time to help us choose from proposals submitted from four invited

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architectural firms. We have a fledgling Expansion Advisory Committee forming, and invite more interested community members to assist us in some of the many decision-making processes still ahead. After some fine-tuning, we'll hold at least one public forum to ask for input from community members on the the design we've drafted with VIA's expertise. The expanded library will reflect the diverse culture and needs of our town.

We collaborate with several community groups and organizations to bring our services and programs to you. We continue to seek financial support beyond our appropriation request, via an annual appeal mailing and promotional postcard, and by applying for grants. The Friends of the Library fundraise diligently on our behalf to help us buy books and provide programming. We thank everyone who contributes, including our regular volunteers (who gave more than 750 hours of their time last year). We are proud to leverage every dollar of taxpayers' support we receive to provide at least \$5 worth of services, according to estimates from the American Library Association's Library Value Calculator. If you haven't been in lately, come "check it out!" Contact us at 454-8504 or email info@cutlerlibrary.org with suggestions, questions, feedback....or check out www.cutlerlibrary.org

Submitted by Library Director Loona Brogan on behalf of the Board of Trustees:
Marcy Shaffer Hale, Chair; Bob Rosenfeld, Treasurer; Holly Kruse, Secretary;
Bev Thomas, Lynda Volz, David Bailey and Jen Carlo

**CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT
JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018**

Cash on Hand July 1, 2017 --- \$14,219.17

INCOME

Appropriation from Town of Plainfield	37,500.00	
Rental Income	9,600.00	
Annual Appeal	5,200.81	
Donations from the Friends of the Library	1,530.00	
Other Donations	777.23	
Grants	910.00	
Program Income	1,214.00	
Miscellaneous Income (Fines, Copies, Printing, etc.)	548.99	
Temporary Loan Towards Expansion Planning Grant	10,000.00	* *
Total Income		67,281.03

EXPENSES

Wages, Net	17,869.65	
Payroll Taxes	5,124.82	
Worker's Compensation Insurance	506.00	
Professional Development	579.50	
Books/DVDs/Subscriptions	7,938.30	
Internet/Computer	2,605.15	
Library Programs	2,288.93	
Postage	1,141.36	
Library Operation (Supplies and bank fees)	2,677.07	
Upkeep/Repairs/Maintenance	2,513.77	
Utilities (Heat, Electricity, Water/Sewer)	4,485.66	
Telephone	489.69	
Business Insurance	1,303.00	
Expansion Grant Consultant	1,974.00	
Roof Repair Loan from Town Revolving Fund	998.57	
Misc. Expense	20.93	
Total Expenses		52,516.40

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Cash on Hand June 30, 2018

Checking Account	18,117.05
Debit Account	231.75
Loan Account	10,000.00
Capital Campaign Account	335.00
Money held for joint events with other community groups	300.00
Total Cash on Hand June 30, 2018	28,983.80 **

* We have received a \$28,000 “reimbursement” type of grant from the state to plan an expansion of the building. We must first pay related bills then ask the state to reimburse us. Our neighbor, Spruce Mountain Inn, Inc, has given us a generous, no interest, \$10,000 loan that allows us to pay consultants, such as architects, for their work on this grant as soon as they submit bills to us. We then apply for reimbursement from the State. The reimbursement procedure involves town personnel and time. By our having the loan we minimize the number of times we need to request the town to go through this procedure. This makes everybody happier. We will return the \$10,000 to the lender when the planning grant expires.

** These are our funds at the end of June. We use them to run the library until the town appropriation is received at the beginning of September. The spendable portion for running the library is in the checking and debit card accounts (\$18,349).

2018 WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT

We have been working on a wide range of projects during the past year. One of these was an Asset Management Plan for the water system. We have been working with the SOV and the engineering firm Aldrich & Elliott (A&E) to develop this, with the completion date set for this spring. The Plan will help us budget for planned repairs/replacement of equipment, set rates, and have a handle on our inventory. We also have updated maps of the whole water system. The SOV offered loan forgiveness to develop and complete this project.

Many of you have been asking about rate restructure. Originally we thought 2 years would give us enough data to complete this task. The Asset Management Plan will be beneficial for this project, along with the data we have been collecting about water usage. We have also been researching rate restructure methods for small W/WW systems. We are starting to analyze the data, and once we have a plan or plans, (we are aiming for spring/summer 2020) we will invite the system users (and interested citizens) to meetings so we can explain them, and get feedback. We apologize this has not been able to happen in the time frame originally proposed.

In 2018, water consumption was about 14 million gallons. We repaired and/or upgraded some water lines, and valves, that were either leaking or inoperative. Some structures were also repaired, with more slated for the upcoming fiscal year. This is an ongoing process, and will continue in order to keep our water system safe and working as efficiently as possible.

Wastewater processed for the year was 23 million gallons. The decrease in flow through the plant is due to lower precipitation during the summer months. The WW service lines will be inspected in the upcoming months with cameras, and other methods, to determine any needed improvements.

In the next year we will also be doing a twenty year evaluation on the wastewater facility. We are being proactive in regards to new phosphorus regulations and our permit to operate. We have been collecting data and modifying operation of the existing facility to meet the upcoming limits. We will need to make some modifications but are hoping to minimize the amount needed to meet the requirements.

If only human waste and toilet tissue entered our wastewater lines, the system would run more efficiently. When we receive large amounts of debris in the system it interferes with the effectiveness of the process, causing increased operating costs. Our system uses biological processes to reduce human waste to a sludge that is transported to, and reprocessed in Montpelier. Sludge transportation and processing is one of the highest amounts in our budget, next to equipment repairs and upgrades. Last year we paid \$17,078.00 to haul sludge to Montpelier, and we paid Montpelier \$23,422.00 to process it. A plugged WW line can cost

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more than \$1000 to repair. **So please, put no grease, oil, or solids other than human waste and toilet paper into your WW lines, (or septic systems).** We have to keep repeating this, because we keep having to remove large quantities of these items!!

Greg and Tristan are happy to answer questions and/or give tours of the facilities. Contact them at 454-7173, or email: pwwtf@myfairpoint.net.

Mary Lane, Chair

Tim Phillips, Commissioner

Joshua Pitts, Commissioner

PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

Balances as of June 30, 2017							
Capital Improvement	52,464.81						
Equipment Fund	7,888.66						
Total Reserved Funds	60,353.47						
Unreserved Funds	88,000.97						
Total On Hand June 30, 2017	\$148,354.44						
INCOME DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2017/2018	ACTUAL 2017/2018	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER 2017/2018	BUDGET 2018/2019	PROPOSED 2019/2020		
Water Assessments	176,393.00	152,635.02	23,757.98	175,947.00	184,070.00		
Delinquent Assess	7,000.00	25,356.36	(18,356.36)	7,000.00	9,000.00		
Del. Tax Interest	70.00	1,109.69	(1,039.69)	70.00	90.00		
Del. Tax Penalty	930.00	2,027.19	(1,097.19)	930.00	1,000.00		
Goddard College	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	8,798.00	11,596.00		
Impact Fees	-	787.50	(787.50)	-	0.00		
Interest Income	500.00	75.89	424.11	500.00	50.00		
Grant Income	-	-	-	-	-		
Asset Mgmt Income*	-	1,752.00	(1,752.00)	-	-		
Miscellaneous Income	294.00	151.00	143.00	294.00	228.00		
Total Income	\$191,187.00	\$189,894.65	\$1,292.35	\$193,539.00	\$206,034.00		
*Funded by a loan							

PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENSES DESCRIPTION	BUDGET		ACTUAL		VARIANCE		BUDGET		PROPOSED	
	2017/2018	2017/2018	2017/2018	2017/2018	(OVER)/UNDER	2017/2018	2018/2019	2018/2019	2019/2020	
Plant Operator	28,100.00	27,946.75	27,946.75	153.25		28,700.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	
Asst. Operator	22,500.00	22,039.22	22,039.22	460.78		23,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Asst Clerk/Treasurer	3,915.00	3,941.92	3,941.92	(26.92)		3,995.00	4,110.00	4,110.00	4,110.00	
Town Clerk/Treasurer	3,254.00	3,264.30	3,264.30	(10.30)		3,325.00	3,425.00	3,425.00	3,425.00	
Delinquent Tax Collector	810.00	2,027.19	2,027.19	(1,217.19)		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	
Fringe/FICA	3,850.00	3,807.15	3,807.15	42.85		3,950.00	4,070.00	4,070.00	4,070.00	
Fringe/MEDI	900.00	890.50	890.50	9.50		925.00	952.00	952.00	952.00	
Fringe BC/BS Insurance	13,855.00	15,716.18	15,716.18	(1,861.18)		18,770.00	8,400.00	8,400.00	8,400.00	
HRA	2,812.00	1,309.82	1,309.82	1,502.18		3,860.00	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,575.00	
Fringe/Retirement	3,300.00	3,145.57	3,145.57	154.43		3,400.00	3,550.00	3,550.00	3,550.00	
Delinquent Tax	500.00	-	-	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Office Supplies	600.00	592.61	592.61	7.39		600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	
Computer Office	600.00	589.54	589.54	10.46		600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	
Computer Plant	360.00	-	-	360.00		360.00	360.00	360.00	360.00	
Property/Liability Insurance	1,476.00	1,313.50	1,313.50	162.50		1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Workers Comp. Insurance	3,627.00	3,787.00	3,787.00	(160.00)		4,751.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Unemployment Ins Trust	150.00	174.25	174.25	(24.25)		150.00	139.00	139.00	139.00	
Supplies/System Maint.	6,000.00	14,117.14	14,117.14	(8,117.14)		6,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Waterline Repairs	20,000.00	14,469.81	14,469.81	5,530.19		20,328.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Fowler Loan Principal	12,665.00	12,665.56	12,665.56	(0.56)		13,046.00	13,437.00	13,437.00	13,437.00	
Fowler Loan Interest & Fees	8,270.00	8,268.68	8,268.68	1.32		7,889.00	7,498.00	7,498.00	7,498.00	
Rt 2 Project Loan Principal	9,292.00	9,255.00	9,255.00	37.00		9,597.00	10,072.00	10,072.00	10,072.00	
Rt 2 Project Loan Interest	22,066.00	22,103.00	22,103.00	(37.00)		21,761.00	21,286.00	21,286.00	21,286.00	
Safety Equipment	400.00	134.98	134.98	265.02		350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	
Improvement Project*	-	12,704.87	12,704.87	(12,704.87)		-	-	-	-	
Asset Mgmt Expense*	-	2,129.15	2,129.15	(2,129.15)		-	-	-	-	
*Reimbursed by loan										

PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENSES DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2017/2018	ACTUAL 2017/2018	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER		BUDGET 2018/2019	PROPOSED 2019/2020
			2017/2018	2017/2018		
Auditors	1,000.00	1,000.00	-		1,000.00	1,000.00
Bank Fees	10.00	-	10.00		10.00	10.00
Legal Fees/VLCT Dues	355.00	354.25	0.75		450.00	450.00
Taxes To Marshfield	1,100.00	941.23	158.77		1100.00	1,100.00
Mowing	1,000.00	1,102.50	(102.50)		1000.00	1,000.00
Electricity/GMP	1,000.00	632.35	367.65		1000.00	1,000.00
Phone/Cell/Internet	1,450.00	1,432.96	17.04		1450.00	1,450.00
Furnace Repairs/Fuel	1,000.00	1,018.09	(18.09)		1,000.00	1,000.00
Uniforms	350.00	429.01	(79.01)		350.00	350.00
Staff Training	350.00	417.00	(67.00)		350.00	350.00
Chemicals & Supplies	500.00	181.12	318.88		400.00	400.00
Testing	820.00	837.22	(17.22)		820.00	900.00
Truck Maintenance	850.00	821.49	28.51		600.00	600.00
State Water Flow Fees	900.00	686.11	213.89		900.00	900.00
Misc/Advts/Publications	700.00	568.55	131.45		600.00	600.00
Capital Improvement	7,000.00	-	7,000.00		-	13,000.00
Equipment Fund	1,000.00	-	1,000.00		2,352.00	8,700.00
Audit	-	-	-		-	-
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$191,187.00	\$199,315.57	\$(8,128.57)		\$193,539.00	\$206,034.00
Funded by loan		(12,704.87)	12,704.87			
Funded by loan		(2,129.15)	2,129.15			
Reserved		7,000.00	7,000.00			
Reserved		1,000.00	1,000.00			

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

**SIMPLIFIED
DELINQUENT WATER ASSESSMENTS
JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018**

BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30 2018:

2017 : \$ 6856.41
BALANCE : \$ 6856.41

Total Collected:	\$ 25,356.36
Total Interest:	\$ 1109.69
Total Collector's Fees:	\$ 2027.19
Total Legal & Coll. Costs:	\$ 105.00
Total:	\$ 28,598.24

PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

Balance as of June 30, 2017					
INCOME DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2017/2018	ACTUAL 2017/2018	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER 2017/2018	BUDGET 2018/2019	PROPOSED 2019/2020
Capital Improvement	96,474.39				
Equipment Fund	16,691.48				
Total Reserved Funds	\$113,165.87				
Unreserved Funds	82,926.82				
Total On Hand June 30, 2017	\$196,092.69				
Assessment	202,554.00	170,159.75	32,394.25	203,112.00	207,195.00
Del. Assessment	8,200.00	51,835.60	(43,635.60)	7,710.00	8,000.00
Del. Tax Interest	80.00	2,656.77	(2,576.77)	80.00	300.00
Del. Tax Coll. Fees	600.00	4,146.84	(3,546.84)	600.00	700.00
Recording Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Goddard College	52,913.00	44,857.03	8,055.97	52,913.00	55,920.00
Impact Fees	-	4,975.50	(4,975.50)	-	-
Interest Income	20.00	69.30	(49.30)	50.00	111.00
Miscellaneous Income	198.00	160.00	38.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$264,565.00	\$278,860.79	\$(14,295.79)	\$264,565.00	\$272,326.00

PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENSES DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	2017/2018	2017/2018	(OVER)/UNDER	2018/2019	2019/2020
Sub Contractor	-	320.00	(320.00)	-	0
Plant Operator	28,100.00	28,545.99	(445.99)	28,700.00	29,000.00
Asst. Operator	22,500.00	22,397.41	102.59	23,000.00	25,000.00
Asst. Clerk Treasurer	3,915.00	3,925.74	(10.74)	3,995.00	4,110.00
Clerk/Treasurer	3,254.00	3,264.30	(10.30)	3,325.00	3,425.00
Del. Tax Fees Paid	600.00	4,146.84	(3546.84)	600.00	600.00
Fringe/FICA	3,620.00	3,857.68	(237.68)	3,760.00	4,070.00
Fringe/MEDI	847.00	902.27	(55.27)	900.00	952.00
Delinquent Tax	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
BC/BS Insurance	13,855.00	15,765.26	(1910.26)	18,770.00	8,400.00
HRA	2,813.00	1,309.82	1503.18	3,860.00	1,575.00
Fringe/Retirement	3,300.00	3,197.34	102.66	3,400.00	3,550.00
Office Supplies/Postage	600.00	748.22	(148.22)	550.00	800.00
Supplies & System Repairs	18,440.00	15,518.27	2921.73	18,440.00	45,000.00
Computer Office	500.00	493.56	6.44	500.00	500.00
Computer Plant	500.00	500.00	0.00	1,000.00	300.00
Property/Liability	4,761.00	4,617.00	144.00	4,700.00	4,400.00
Workers Comp Insurance	3,627.00	3,787.00	(160.00)	4,751.00	6,000.00
Unemp Insurance Trust	150.00	174.25	(24.25)	170.00	139.00
Equipment Repairs/Parts	10,000.00	5,730.52	4269.48	24,371.00	16,800.00
Auditors	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bank Fees	10.00	-	10.00	10.00	10.00
Legal Fees/VLCT Dues	355.00	354.25	0.75	450.00	450.00
Electricity/GMP	20,000.00	18,775.46	1224.54	20,000.00	18,000.00
Telephone	1,450.00	1,438.84	11.16	1,450.00	1,450.00
Fuel/Furnace Repairs	1,400.00	1,033.68	366.32	1,400.00	1,400.00
Chemicals	300.00	-	300.00	300.00	300.00
Sludge Disposal	44,000.00	40,501.17	3498.83	44,000.00	41,000.00

PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

	BUDGET 2017/2018	ACTUAL 2017/2018	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER 2017/2018	BUDGET 2018/2019	PROPOSED 2019/2020
Uniforms	350.00	197.15	152.85	350.00	350.00
Audit	-	-	0.00	-	-
Laboratory Services	2,620.00	2,580.00	40.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Mowing	1,000.00	1,102.50	(102.50)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Staff Training	500.00	564.00	(64.00)	750.00	600.00
Truck Fuel/Maintenance	850.00	1,057.37	(207.37)	500.00	500.00
Safety Equipment	400.00	45.95	354.05	200.00	300.00
Bond & Interest Expense	48,158.00	44,933.52	3224.48	44,858.00	47,515.00
Audit Rounding Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	200.00	495.99	(295.99)	5.00	330.00
Capital Improvement	12,440.00		12,440.00	-	-
Equipment Fund	7,650.00		7,650.00	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$264,565.00	\$233,281.35	\$31,283.65	\$264,565.00	\$272,326.00
Reserved		12,440.00	12,440.00		
Reserved		7,650.00	7,650.00		

Capital Improvement	113,905.66
Equipment Fund	24,344.50
Total Reserved Funds	\$138,250.16
Unreserved Funds	103,421.97
Total on hand June 30, 2018	\$241,672.13

**INTERIM REPORT
DELINQUENCY BALANCES
WATER / WASTEWATER
12/31/2018
Without Current Year [2018]**

NAME	YEAR	TOTAL DUE
Boardman/Dobrowski , Jacqueline	2017	\$589.64
Casey , Robert	2017	\$177.59
Castillo ,Franklin	2017	\$263.14
Cressey , Peter	2017	\$406.82
Gratton , Randy & Amy	2017	\$1,024.89
Hart ,Mark	2017	\$239.56
Keenan , Michael	2017	\$263.14
Smith , Candace	2017	\$214.17
TOTAL [Includes Penalty & Interest]		\$3,178.95

**INTERIM REPORT
DELINQUENCY BALANCES
12/31/2018
WASTEWATER
Without Current Year [2018]**

NAME	YEAR	TOTAL DUE
Casey , Robert	2017	\$337.13
Gratton , Randy & Amy	2017	\$1,211.28
Hart Mark	2016	\$1,346.58
TOTAL [Includes Penalty & Interest]		\$2,894.99

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

Sincerely,
George C Cushing

**SIMPLIFIED
DELINQUENT WASTEWATER ASSESSMENTS
JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018**

Balances Owed as of 6/30/18:

2016	\$	2095.31
2017	\$	4971.52
2018[WW1]	\$	9520.88
BALANCE	\$	16,587.71

Total Collected :	\$	51,835.60
Total Interest :	\$	2656.77
Total Collectors Fees :	\$	4146.84
Total Legal & Coll. Costs :	\$	140.00
TOTAL :	\$	58,779.21

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

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

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

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

VSA Title 20, Section 3581

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DOGS OR WOLF-HYBRIDS

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

RABIES CLINICS: Saturday March 16, 2019, 9-10:30am at the Marshfield Town Garage. Fees: Rabies \$10 and Distemper \$30.

All Saturdays in March, 8:30-10am at the Hardwick Veterinary Clinic, 64 N Main St., in Hardwick. Fees: Rabies only \$20. No appointment necessary.

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

TOWN CONSTABLE AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

For the 2018 year the duties of Constable and Animal Control Officer were combined, making for quite a variety of tasks. Covered events ranged from reducing vandalism, threats of violence, and serving notices to controlling littering and dogs pooping in the park.

Much time was spent and much driving was done during awful conditions to assist the Road Dept in their efforts to keep the roads clean and safe during storms and the cleanups that follow them. Some people may not have understood how cars left in areas that need plowing make the plow operators' jobs so much more difficult and dangerous. To this end, with the help of the Selectboard, some ordinances were clarified and an effort was made to get the word out. Most residents pulled together to make plowing go so much more smoothly this year and they deserve a hand for their efforts. Thank you all.

On the Animal Control side the majority of the events were, not surprisingly, critters not where they should be. Everything from lost dogs and cats to horses, cows, and geese strolling on Rt. 2 and other unhealthy places. There were a couple of dog bite incidents and a few cases of suspected abuse. The suspected cases I am pleased to report all were false alarms. My thanks to the folks who alerted me to them. I'd much rather check out a dozen false alarms than miss one animal who really is suffering.

It is now 2019. It's time to register your dogs again, or for the first time if you are one of the folks who never quite got around to it. It's easy! All you have to do is go to the Town Clerks office with a copy of your dog's rabies certificate. It's only \$9 (\$13 if your dog isn't neutered) until April 1st, when they are due. After that it goes up to \$11 (\$17 for unneutered) and you are liable for a substantial fine. The State requires that unregistered dogs be tracked down (don't blame Vermont, it's a federal law). That's the 'stick' part. The 'carrot' part is that it's good for your dog. If your pet goes missing, he or she is much more likely to come home again if wearing their Plainfield dog tag. Not all impound kennels have the technology to check chips even if your dog has one, and of course, a few good Samaritans who might be caring for your missing pet either. In the case of free roaming cats, it's a good idea to have a breakaway safety collar (NOT a small dog collar!) with their contact information written on it in fine point permanent marker pen. They seem to tolerate collars better (read: not rip them off so soon) if there is no dangling tag or bell. It's cheaper without buying all those tags, too!

TOWN CONSTABLE AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

In the case of a bite incident, it's really important to have the information quickly. Even a gentle, but frightened, dog or cat might well bite someone. The best case scenario here is a ten day pet quarantine that might be at your expense. The worst case is that the victim may have to undergo a truly horrific set of shots and procedures and your pet may be destroyed. This applies as much to cats as dogs. Please have all your pets vaccinated and your dogs registered!

Thanks to all and be safe...

Constable Kate Hayes

PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT FOR 2018

Our major goal is to foster community involvement and responsibility for our town's natural resources. Our work is accomplished with the invaluable help of many different partners from the community and beyond, to whom we are very grateful. Without them, very few of our projects would be possible. We meet at 7:15 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, in the meeting room at the town offices. All townspeople are welcome. Once approved, meeting minutes are available to read on the Town of Plainfield website. If you are interested in helping with one or more of our projects, serving on the commission or being involved in any way, we encourage you to contact any of the commissioners listed below, the town clerk, or the Selectboard.

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

- Plainfield's **Town Forest**, accessed via Gonyeau or Maxfield roads, is overseen by the Conservation Commission in accordance with the forest management plan. It's available for snowshoeing, skiing, hiking, hunting, birding, botanical studies, and other low-impact recreation. Each year we organize hikes and work days and work on projects to improve and maintain the trails. We encourage your participation.
- In January and April we participated in Act 171 workshops to learn how the town can plan for the preservation of forest integrity and connectivity. We've continued to work with the Planning Commission to incorporate important information from the 2016 town-wide inventory of significant natural communities and Act 71 requirements into the revised zoning regulations and the Town Plan.
- Once again, we coordinated a successful **Green Up Day**. Our thanks go to Becky Atchinson who headed up efforts again this year, Delia Gillen for promotion, Mike Russell and Chris Miksic for donating receptacles and transport for the collected trash, and everyone who helped to clean up trash along roadsides, riverbanks, the Recreation Field and the village park. THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS – What a difference you all make! **The next Green Up Day will take place on May 4, 2019.** Please call Becky at 479-4326 if you'd like to help out with planning for Green Up Day.
- Along with the Jaquith and Cutler Libraries, and the Marshfield Conservation Commission, we continued our **speaker series**. In May, Tom Wessels, an ecologist and teacher, presented a very well attended and interesting evening lecture titled Self-organization, Co-evolution, Resiliency and Stability at the Plainfield Opera House. We look forward to continuing our partnership with these sponsors to host more educational presentations this coming year.

PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT FOR 2018

- Also with the Marshfield CC, we once again organized the annual spring **Tree and Shrub Sale**. Offerings include edible landscaping plants and trees and shrubs that are native to Vermont and attract wildlife and beautify your yard. Order forms for the 2019 sale will be available at Town Meeting and at various locations around town afterwards. Plainfield's proceeds from the Tree and Shrub Sale funded our **Street Tree** program, which is used for the planting and maintenance of village trees in the public right of way.
- Members attended workshops about the Emerald Ash Borer and the Commission provided a recommendation to the Selectboard to form a town committee to evaluate management strategies for town owned property and road right-of-ways.

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

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

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

We would like to thank Jan Waterman for all she has contributed (we miss you) during her time on the Commission. We are also very grateful to all the partners mentioned above, and all those who work to make Plainfield a wonderful place to live. A very big THANK YOU!

Current commission members and their phone numbers are:

Sarah Albert, Chair, Treasurer 476-0526

Becky Atchinson 479-4326

Charlie Cogbill 454-8619

Julie Hackbarth 476-3200

Kim Sudol 454-1974

Mary Trerice 454-7334

**PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REPORT FOR 2018**

Income

FY17-18 Town Budget 375.00

Expense

Copying (65.96)

Workshop attendance fee (41.99)

Dues: Association of VT Conservation Commissions (50.00)

Total expenses (157.95)

Balance 6/30/17 (returned to General Fund) 217.05

Street Tree Reserve Fund

Balance as of July 1, 2017 7,946.76

Total profit from 2018 Tree Sale: 1,571.22

Income

Plainfield share of Tree Sale profit 785.61

Interest income 12.91

Balance On Hand June 30, 2018 8,745.28

Conservation Fund

Balance as of July 1, 2017 16,957.01

Income

Budget 2,500.00

Interest Income 2.64

Balance On Hand June 30, 2018 19,459.65

Town Woodlands Fund

(created at 2015 Town Meeting)

Balance as of July 1, 2017 5,882.47

Income

Interest Income 10.29

Balance On Hand June 30, 2018 5,892.76

2018 PLAINFIELD HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE

The Hazard Mitigation Committee just lost one of our long-standing and insightful members, Theresa Bienz. Her perspective on the committee as an architect and owner of rental housing along the Great Brook will be missed. The committee now has two open seats and we invite new people in - hopefully folks with a young family or vulnerable family members, or anyone otherwise invested in the future safety of residents in the village. Thanks to all our other continuing members besides myself- Bram Towbin, Dan Gadd, Susan Grimaldi and Chair Amos Meacham.

Please inform Amos Meacham if you wish to join. And if you are unclear about how the committee works, drop in to one of our meetings - which are usually at 6 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month. We welcome visitors to the meeting room behind the Clerk's office, which is handicapped accessible.

Beginning in the spring of 2018, the committee began to act upon our longstanding concerns about the safety of Green Mt. Power (GMP)'s Marshfield #6 dam - which overhangs Marshfield and is 11 miles upstream of our village. Our questions and concerns were welcomed by the VT Public Utility Commission (PUC), which began an investigation of the dam's safety. That investigation has now expanded because GMP has requested a Certificate from the PUC to undertake modifications.

Plainfield has since been joined by the towns of Marshfield and Cabot and the City of Montpelier, as well as the Agency of Natural Resources, the Public Service Department, and the VT Natural Resources Council - to challenge GMP to be more conscientious about the impact and risks of the dam. Plainfield and the Hazard Mitigation Committee are deeply involved in two related dam cases with all the other parties before the PUC. We see signs that the project will be greatly improved by the end of 2019. Committee member Bram Towbin is also attempting to change state liability laws so dam owners are accountable for any harms.

The Committee held a public forum on the Great Brook in October as well as sent a representative to the VT Emergency Preparedness Conference in Fairlee that month. We continue to research & support studies to design a better bridge over the Great Brook in the village, as well as to track erosion. Bram Towbin & George Springston spotted significant new erosion in a tributary brook in the village, and are beginning a study of its impact on nearby houses. In addition, Bram particularly and the committee as a whole have seen how new erosion in the forest is destroying the rail trail and hillside above Recreation Field Road.

2018 PLAINFIELD HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Bram found money to survey the problem with drones & is lining up funding to begin remediation.

The Committee continues to offer hazard education materials and home visits to evaluate risks & remedies, and has had informational tables at Town Meeting and Old Home Days. We want our townspeople to know the risks associated with their location - whether flood, forest fire, hazardous materials spills or regional loss of power - as well as the steps being taken to reduce those risks for an informed household. Our next community Forum is about town disaster-planning, in May.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Billingsley, *Committee Secretary*

PLAINFIELD E-911

The E9-1-1 System is only as good as the information or data behind it. When someone dials 9-1-1 from a wireline phone, a screen at the PSAP(dispatch) displays the address and phone number of the caller's location.

Even with the technology in place for enhanced 9-1-1 service, if the computer system does not contain a "locatable" address – a street address – to which dispatchers can direct emergency responders, the benefits of the enhanced 9-1-1 system are drastically reduced.

Our goal is to decrease response time. Decreasing response time can prevent millions of dollars in property damages due to fire. In medical emergencies, a shorter response time can reduce death rates due to heart attacks, or injuries as well as other life threatening medical emergencies.

Would You Need Help in a Disaster?

Emergencies can take many forms, from natural disasters to human-caused events such as a major traffic accident that closes a road or takes out the power for hours at a time. For elders or people with physical or mental disabilities, such events can become life-threatening if they are prolonged and no one is available to help. The CARE Program (Citizen Assistance Registry for Emergencies), administered by the United Ways of Vermont, Vermont 211 and E-911, are working together to identify Vermont residents who would require special assistance in an emergency. We need the community's help to identify who these people are. If you or know someone who would need special help in a crisis, please complete the linked form below and return it to Vermont 211. Your information will be entered into a database linked to the E-911 system, and the records will be updated each year. All records are confidential and will only be shared with groups involved in helping to keep people safe in an emergency. You must send a new form each year to keep your registration up-to-date. This form may be completed, printed and mailed to: Vermont 211 PO Box 111 Essex Junction, VT 05453. This form can be found at:

https://e911.vermont.gov/sites/e911/files/pdf/E911-CARE_Registration_Form.pdf

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

PLAINFIELD E-911

911 number sign, please contact the town office at 454-8461 and they will contact a member of the fire department to help you.

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

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

Sandra Ross

Plainfield E-911

State Police: 229-9191

Fire: 223-5555

Ambulance: 223-5555

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Washington County Sheriff's Department was very productive throughout the County during fiscal year 2018. In addition to transporting prisoners, mental health patients, juveniles and serving civil process, we made a valid effort in keeping our highways and roadways a safer place. The Sheriff's Department is able to assist in highway safety through the nine (9) patrol contracts with towns within the County and through Grant Funding from Governor Highway Safety for DUI and SHARP (Safe Highway Accident Reduction Patrol) patrols.

County wide, our patrol efforts during FY 18 generated 2395 incidents reports, 802 Traffic Citations, 1386 Traffic Warnings and 58 Civil violations.

During the year we continued reaching out to the community by offering a Hunter Education class at the East Montpelier Elementary School and assisting with Hunter Education at the Barre City Elementary School. The Department also took part in instructing a Snow Mobile Safety course offered in Barre Town. We reached out to the community in many ways, including updates and education through our Facebook page, press releases and putting out signs over the Christmas Holidays/New Year's Holiday, reminding people to drive safely. The Department also has a car seat tech, who participated in car seat events and assisted in providing and installing numerous car seats. The Department also took applicant fingerprints of over 2000 people.

During the FY 18 year the Washington County Sheriff's Department was contracted by the Town of Plainfield to provide motor vehicle patrol. During these patrols we provide motor vehicle enforcement and preventive patrols to deter offenses. The Department also has an agreement with the Vermont State Police to be first responders to calls as requested if we are patrolling the town at the time of the complaint – this allows quicker law enforcement response to serious complaints.

The following Vermont Traffic Complaints and Warnings were written by the Washington County Sheriff's Department while on patrol in your town during FY 18, as well as incidents generated:

Civil Tickets

- 1 16B - Possessing malt/vinous/spirituous beverage for consumption - 1st Offense (under 21)
- 3 MA1 - Possessing Marijuana/Hashish - 1st Offense (21 Or Older)
- 2 MJ1 - Possessing Marijuana/Hashish - 1st Offense (Under 21)
- 1 MJ2 - Possessing Marijuana/Hashish - 2nd Offense (Under 21)

Traffic Tickets

- 2 BR - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit
- 2 CEL - Using Portable Electronic Device - 1st violation
- 2 CM1 - Counterfeit Plates; Stickers; Etcetera
- 2 CRS - Failure to use child restraint system- First offense
- 1 DEF - Condition Of Vehicle
- 3 DIS - Inspection Sticker Not Assigned To Vehicle
- 1 DP - Failed To Display Front Registration Plate
- 2 FYY - Stop Sign
- 3 INS - Operating Without Liability Insurance

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

- 1 LBR - 11-20 MPH over speed limit - Local
- 1 LOP - Limitations On Passing
- 6 NL - Operating Without A License
- 7 NR - Persons Required To Register
- 2 OSC - Operating After Suspension/Revocation/Refusal- First Offense
- 8 OSC - Operating After Suspension/Revocation/Refusal- Second Offense
- 2 OWS - Obstructing Windshields
- 2 PNA - Misuse Of Number Plates
- 1 PR - Passenger Restrictions
- 22 SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit
- 4 SL3 - 21-30 MPH Over Speed Limit
- 15 VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration
- 4 VO - Regulations In Municipalities

Warning Tickets

- 1 BR - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit
- 1 CEL - Using Portable Electronic Device - 1st violation
- 33 DEF - Condition Of Vehicle
- 2 DLT - Driving On Roadways Laned For Traffic
- 8 DP - Failed To Display Front Registration Plate
- 1 ESA - Unreasonable And Imprudent Speed For Conditions And Hazards
- 1 ESD - Unreasonable And Imprudent Speed When Special Hazards Exist
- 1 FTC - Following Too Closely
- 2 FYY - Stop Sign
- 1 IMV - Idling Motor Vehicle - 1st Violation
- 1 INC - Operating without proof of financial responsibility
- 1 INS - Operating Without Liability Insurance
- 1 LK - Lights
- 3 NR - Persons Required To Register
- 2 PNA - Misuse Of Number Plates
- 1 SIG - Signals Required
- 6 SL1 - 1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit
- 43 SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit
- 36 VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration
- 4 VO - Regulations In Municipalities

Total Ticket/Warnings: 249

Incident Reports:

Call Type	Totals
Driving With A Criminally Suspended License	6
Violation Of Conditions Of Release (Other)	3
Negligent Operation	1
Sexual Assault	1
Stolen Property Receiving	1
(Possession Of) Stolen Property (Misdemeanor)	1
Violation Of Conditions Of Release (Travel, Curfew, Or Contact)	1
Total Incidents:	13

The Washington County Sheriff's Department will continue to work to keep your community a safe place to live.

Professionally,

W. Samuel Hill, Sheriff

PLAINFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

In 2018, the Plainfield Historical Society continued to advance its mission, which is “to collect, preserve, share and create materials that establish or illustrate the history of Plainfield, Vermont.” The PHS has begun the long overdue project of having the Old Fire Station building reroofed and structurally stabilized. This will greatly add the security and preservation of our collection. We plan to have the building open to the public as a functioning museum of our town’s history in the spring.

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

In November, we produced our 15th annual wall calendar as a fundraiser. The calendar is now available at the Town Clerk’s office, the Plainfield Co-op, the Cutler Library, the Country Bookshop, Plainfield Hardware, and online at our website: plainfieldvthistory.org. We wish to thank our patrons and advertisers for their support of the calendar project the last 15 years.

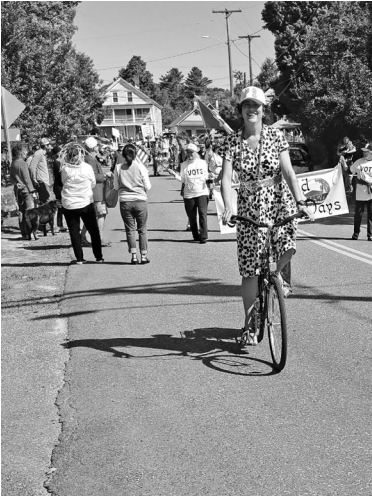
For our annual meeting at the Town Hall we hosted a panel of longtime Plainfield residents in a presentation titled “Plainfield Remembered: Stories of growing up in Vermont in the 1940’s.” The stories and discussion generated by the panel and the audience were an invaluable contribution to the history of our town. Keith Swan was gracious enough to record the event. David Ferland and Sue Grimaldi created a slideshow of pertinent photos that compliment the annual meeting video. For those that missed it, a video of the meeting can be found on our website. Susan Grimaldi also travelled to Woodstock to meet with other historical societies to discuss projects and share the methods she and David used in producing the annotated slideshow that compliments the annual meeting discussion. We thank those who manage the Town Hall for the use of their space.

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

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

Officers of the Historical Society for 2018 are President: Dan Gadd; Vice-President: Melinda Vieux; Treasurer/Sales Coordinator: Bev Thomas; Secretary: Dave Ferland; IT coordinator: Bob Fancher. Trustee #1- Sue Jamele; Trustee #2- Dave Strong; Trustee #3- Susan Grimaldi.

OLD HOME DAY 2018



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2018 RECREATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Plainfield Recreation Field saw some well needed changes this past year. Jamie Spector was a welcome addition to the committee. The most notable event at the rec field was the all-volunteer construction of a new picnic shelter. The shelter was designed by local timber framer Seth Kelly of Knob Hill Joinery. Seth was also instrumental in overseeing a group of volunteers for the cutting and raising of the timber frame. Due to the early snow the roof will have to wait until spring to be put on. Four new picnic tables and trash/recycling bins were purchased thanks to grant writing by Alice Merrill and Chloe Budnick. We will also try to have some power run to the shelter in the spring.

At the skatepark Nick Hooker and Ben Youngbear were instrumental in making needed repairs to the existing ramps and installing a new ramp. The park is now in good shape with some minor upgrades planned for the spring of 2019. The new garbage can is being used and has helped with the litter issue at the skatepark and basketball court. As always, the main issue in keeping the skatepark in good working order is more volunteer labor.

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

The ice rink saw quite a bit of use despite the temperature fluctuations which play havoc with the ice quality. The main issue now is the lack of consistent cold to keep a decent surface on the rink. The pole near the rink has controls for the lights, which make for a romantic night skating experience.

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

The playground equipment is holding up very well. The sandbox is still in need of an overhaul, as is the swingset.

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

The softball/baseball field saw some use by a Little league team this summer. They did a nice job maintaining the field and repainting the dugouts. Despite efforts to keep the grass from encroaching on the infield, it seems to have won.

The Recreation Field and the Russell Memorial baseball diamond see a great deal of use during the year, the vast majority of which is positive and healthy for our community. The beautiful location of the Rec Field along the Winooski River and Great Brook and the variety of equipment are an asset to our town. We look

2018 RECREATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

forward to continuing the tradition of having a safe and clean area for community members to relax and enjoy different pastimes.

The recreation field committee is always looking for new members and volunteers to help out.

Recreation Committee members: Jamie Spector, Chloe Budnick, Nick Hooker, Ben Youngbaer, and Dan Gadd.

2018 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

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

We will continue to look into interest in green burials and in a community mausoleum for cremations. We welcome comments regarding these issues.

Our efforts to reduce maintenance costs by using volunteer labor continued in the summer of 2018. We fixed and/or straightened many stones, and trimmed trees and shrubs in an effort to improve our cemeteries. We hope to recruit more volunteers to make this program even more effective.

The summer of 2018 required considerable expense to remove dead trees. That effort by commercial tree companies will continue as many of the trees lining our cemeteries are very old.

Our thanks to the community in maintaining the viability of our cemeteries. This maintenance is very expensive and revenues decline as fewer people decide to be buried in cemeteries.

Ed Hutchinson
Dave Spence
Greg Light
Paula Ackel

Cemetery Commission 2019-2020 Budget

Revenue	
Lot Sales	4,000.00
Investment Transfers	27,750.00
Services Income	6,000.00
Total Revenue	37,750.00
Expenses	
Treasurer Stipend	500.00
Cemetery Sexton	15,500.00
GMP	250.00
Maint and Miscellaneous	4,000.00
Mowing	17,000.00
Supplies	500.00
Total Expense	37,750.00

2018 CEMETERY TREASURERS REPORT

Cash on Hand 7/1/17	778.37
Income	
Sales of lots	4,450.00
Cemetery Services	7,680.00
Transfer from Investment Accts	25,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	50.00
Total	37,180.00
Expenses	
Treasurer Stipend	500.00
Mowing	18,665.98
GMP	227.71
Liability Insurance	1,349.50
Supplies	-
Sexton	13,345.00
Maintenance and Misc expenses	549.93
Total	34,638.12
On hand 6/30/18	3,320.25

2017-2018 PLAINFIELD ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT FROM BOB ATCHINSON

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

- Continued monitoring solar production of the Park & Ride 9.9 kW array. Since commissioning in September of 2015 it has produced 31,150 net kWh of electricity, a revenue value of \$4,984.
- Teamed with Will Fitzpatrick, Shelter Construction, to do a full audit of the Municipal Building on a Saturday in late June. A blower door test detected huge air infiltration through a door leading to the third floor. Windows were leaking, letting heated air out in the winter, and cooled air out in the summer. These will be modified at low cost using V-strip and sash locks. We hope that making the building more comfortable can eliminate the need for portable heaters and fans at every workstation. Major work will be performed by Shelter Construction.
- Monitored contributions and usage for the EV charging station at Mill St. Park. Charging is by donation for kilowatt hours used, and the donations are used to offset most of the electrical usage on the Mill St. Park meter, including the adjacent bridge lighting.
- Check it out in person, or online at: <https://www.plugshare.com/location/79683>.
- Co-presented a workshop on Climate Justice for 350VT at SolarFest, attended the annual October Renewable Energy VT conference in Burlington, and the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network (VECAN) conference in December.
- Plainfield participated in the Efficiency VT-sponsored Button Up Vermont campaign this year as a “Hero” community this year. After promoting the program with a launch party, 42 households and small businesses signed up for free energy analyses by our local Energy Star with Home Performance contractors, Montpelier Construction, and Energy Smart. Both Efficiency VT and Washington Electric Coop are rewarding weatherization completions with cash incentives! A DIY program is also available this year.
- The remaining two LED streetlamps are now in place, completing the 3rd phase of the project, and saving approximately 11,545 KWh of electricity (\$1,847.25) annually.
- Continued as Plainfield representative on the Central VT Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) Transportation Advisory Committee.

2017-2018 PLAINFIELD ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT FROM BOB ATCHINSON

- Used the new FLIR infrared camera for diagnosing building heat losses for the Municipal Building, and the Plainfield Town Hall & Opera House. Our Energy Team is available upon request to scan your building to identify heat loss, cold penetration, and high moisture areas.
- Attended majority of the combined meetings with the Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee.
- Followed up on the TMD Resolution with the Climate Change Action Team:
 - ♦ Authored and applied for an EV charging grant for Twinfield and are providing project advice for weatherization of the main building, and prospectus for a solar PV project.
 - ♦ Applied for a VT Council on Rural Development Climate Economy Model Communities grant in January.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Atchinson, Plainfield Energy Coordinator

CVSWMD FY 2018 REPORT FOR PLAINFIELD



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

In FY18, CVSWMD provided \$9816 in School Zero Waste and Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Grants, and \$6207 in Green Up Day Grants. The Town of Plainfield received a \$400 Green Up Day Grant. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual non-competitive Green Up Day Grant each spring. Twinfield Union School received \$350 to build a new cafeteria sorting station.

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

- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins and kitchen compost buckets at cost to district residents. CVSWMD also offers free workshops about backyard composting, recycling, safe non-toxic cleaning, and zero waste initiatives.
- **Events Assistance:** In FY18 the district added three events programs: a bin loan program providing recycling, compost, and trash bins with clear signs, an “event kit” for events under 300 people, providing reusable dishware, flatware, linens and more to help community events reduce waste, and staff assistance to larger event organizers, including downloadable templates for zero waste events on our website, cvswmd.org/zero-waste-events.
- **School Programming:** Our School Zero Waste Program works with all 26 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries and more. In FY18, we led three classrooms lessons, one waste audit, and five special programs at Twinfield Union School. School Program Coordinators work with maintenance staff and teachers to help schools compost on site and mentor student groups who lead initiatives toward zero waste in their schools.
- **Special Collections:** In 2017, 10 events were held, in which CVSWMD collected hazardous waste, paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs.
 - Two household hazardous waste collection events were held, in Barre Town and Montpelier, in spring and fall.

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- ***Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):*** The ARCC, at 540 N. Main St. in Barre, is open M, W, F noon-6pm and the third Sat. of each month, 9-1pm. **Please note that ARCC hours may change in 2019.** The ARCC is a recycling drop-off for over 40 hard-to-recycle materials, cvswmd.org/arcc. Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.

- In FY18, 240 residents from Plainfield recycled at the ARCC.

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

WASHINGTON NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION FY18 TREASURER'S REPORT
 * See following pages Caledonia Central Supervisory Union FY20

	30-Jun-18	30-Jun-18	30-Jun-19
	Budget	Actual	Budget
<u>SU Wide Activities</u>			
1510 Interest Income	0	340	0
1932 Special Ed Assessment-SU	829,052	884,825	901,185
1934 General Assessment-SU	1,369,758	1,433,244	1,387,703
1941 Educational Services	0	0	0
1990 Miscellaneous Revenue	0	121	0
	2,198,810	2,318,530	2,288,888
<u>Local:</u>			
3201 Mainstream Block Grant	241,193	241,193	229,673
3202 Special Education Reimbursement	850,512	854,104	952,089
3203 Special Education Extraordinary	92,123	97,105	118,350
3204 Essential Early Education Grant	39,356	39,356	39,035
3205 State Placed Reimbursement	108,596	185,854	235,856
3308 Tech Ctr Transportation	36,500	35,374	36,500
3350 High School Transformation	0	0	0
3714 Act 156 Joint Services	0	0	0
3790 CFS- TLC	0	0	0
3900 VSTRS On Behalf	0	0	0
5400 Prior Year	0	0	0
	1,368,280	1,452,986	1,611,503
State/Other			
Sub Total	3,567,090	3,771,515	3,900,391
<u>Federal/State Grants</u>			
	3,567,090	3,771,515	4,500,391
Totals			

Function Summary

Function	Title	30-Jun-18	30-Jun-18	30-Jun-19
		Budget	Actual	Budget
1100	Regular Instruction	0	104,568	0
1200	Special Education	1,502,477	1,632,401	1,731,558
1200-11	Special Education Pre K	42,799	41,897	43,694
2140	Psychological Services	321,668	335,053	439,085

2150	Speech Services	45,672	46,264	45,338
2160	OT Services	42,240	38,651	39,317
2190	PT Services	14,246	12,848	14,246
2210	Improvement of Instruction	0	1,960	0
2212	Curriculum Development	53,790	58,197	58,025
2310	School Board & Assessments	41,261	46,217	42,235
2320	Superintendent	237,665	237,669	237,524
2420	Special Services Admin	154,132	147,744	142,472
2520	Business	250,803	216,588	240,586
2600	Operations & Maintenance	522,390	530,534	500,748
2700	Transportation	338,247	320,465	365,563
5500	Sub Grants	0	0	0
	Sub Total	3,567,090	3,771,055	3,900,391
	Federal/State Grants			600,000
	Totals	3,567,090	3,771,055	4,500,391

Object	Object Summary Name	30-Jun-18		30-Jun-19	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
100	Salaries	1,814,988	1,820,092	1,835,177	
200	Benefits	820,368	770,867	787,477	
300	Professional Services	407,224	453,739	518,626	
400	Property Services	58,024	84,127	58,024	
500	Other Services	393,791	584,060	613,442	
600	Supplies	56,970	52,181	62,970	
700	Equipment	10,500	4,521	15,500	
800	Dues/Fees/Interest	5,225	1,469	9,175	
900	Principal/Sub Grant/Transfer	0	0	0	
	Sub Total	3,567,090	3,771,055	3,900,391	
	Federal/State Grants			600,000	
	Totals	3,567,090	3,771,055	4,500,391	
	Surplus/(Deficit)	-	460	-	

CALEDONIA CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET SUMMARY

General Fund Budget Summary		Budget FY18	Actual FY18	APPROVED Budget FY19 Added Waterford	APPROVED Budget FY20 Adds Cabot and Twinfield Districts	Increase/ (Decrease)
Expenses - Regular Programs						
2310	General Admin & School Board	56,300	73,102	84,550	111,116	26,566
2321	Superintendent's Office	293,865	303,675	365,990	583,208	217,218
2420	Special Area Administration	4,000	105	-	109,776	109,776
2520	Business Office/Fiscal Services	254,856	263,750	278,678	499,706	221,028
1100	Instruction - Regular programs	87,124	75,925	-	-	-
2210	Curriculum Development	212,172	151,585	218,069	220,865	2,796
2225	Technology	220,105	238,122	272,813	364,280	91,467
2600	Plant Operation (Cabot & Twinfield)	430,004	550,484	557,213	892,093	334,880
2700	Transportation - regular programs	1,558,426	1,656,748	1,777,313	3,342,556	1,565,243
SubTotal Expenses - Regular Programs						
Expenses - Special Education		Personnel costs only		All Special Ed. Expenses		
Special Education Expenses all districts		2,607,841	3,273,113	3,925,378	8,031,090	4,105,712
Total General Fund Budget		4,166,267	4,929,861	5,702,691	11,373,646	5,670,955
General Fund Revenues						
Regular Programs						
1510	Interest & misc.	200	787	200	-	(200)
3150	Transportation - State Aid	176,761	174,913	222,401	305,745	83,344
5990	E-Rate Reimbursement	24,213	17,208	30,380	-	(30,380)
5200	Grant Administration Revenue	12,800	12,429	12,800	-	(12,800)
5200	Fund balance carry forward	10,000		10,000	-	(10,000)
<u>District Reimbursements to SU</u>						
1931	Administration	325,152	330,829	409,760	694,324	284,564
1934	Business Office	254,856	254,856	278,678	499,706	221,028
1941	Interventionists FY18/Special Services	87,124	75,925	-	48,301	48,301

1945	Curriculum Development	212,172	151,585	218,069	220,865	2,796
1943	Technology	201,905	238,122	260,213	364,280	104,067
1941	Plant Operation Cabot and Twinfield only				561,512	
1941	Transportation	255,243	375,571	334,812	586,348	251,536
	Subtotal District reimbursements	<u>1,334,452</u>	<u>1,426,888</u>	<u>1,501,532</u>	<u>2,975,336</u>	<u>912,292</u>
	Subtotal Revenues Regular Programs	1,558,426	1,632,225	1,777,313	3,281,081	942,256
Special Education						
1941	SU District reimbursements	1,094,024	1,496,374	1,544,841	3,275,182	1,730,341
1941	Outside District reimbursement	43,000	50,358	75,000	150,000	75,000
3201	State Mainstream Grant	341,767	341,767	409,094	638,074	228,980
3202	State SEER reimbursement	887,320	1,094,560	1,435,494	3,415,159	1,979,665
3203	State Extraordinary costs	208,611	286,059	460,949	594,150	133,201
3205	State Placed Students	33,119	3,995	-	20,000	20,000
	Subtotal Special Education Revenues	2,607,841	3,273,113	3,925,378	8,092,565	4,167,187
	Total General Fund Revenues	4,166,267	4,905,338	5,702,691	11,373,646	5,109,443

SU Costs by District - Proposed Budget

	Caledonia Cooperative	Danville	Peacham	Cabot	Twinfield	Added
Administration	225,185	152,419	59,194	96,305	161,221	
Business Office	162,066	109,697	42,602	69,311	116,031	
Curriculum Development	71,631	48,485	18,830	30,635	51,284	
Technology	155,413	106,455	41,727	22,694	37,991	
Special Services				16,510	31,791	
Plant Operation	169,649	120,112	31,192	196,529	364,983	
Transportation	783,944	537,168	193,544	449,961	247,418	
Subtotal Regular programs	1,308,585	963,887	115,339	806,334	1,010,719	
Special Education Costs by District	2,092,529	1,501,055	308,883	C&T combined est.	956,334	

**WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING
PLAINFIELD, VERMONT
MARCH 5, 2019**

The legal voters of the Town of Plainfield are hereby notified and warned to meet at Plainfield Town Hall Opera House, 18 High Street, on Tuesday, the fifth day of March 2019 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business and to vote by Australian ballot. Voting polls are open from 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Article 1 will be voted by Australian ballot:

- Art.1 To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectboard, Lister, Auditor, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Town Grand Juror, Town Law Agent, Cemetery Commissioner, and School Director.
- Art.2 To hear reports of Town Officers and act on same.
- Art.3 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,333.00 as its share of the ninth year cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier? This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and passenger fares.
- Art.4 Shall the Town voters authorize the expenditures for the following not-for-profit service agencies as recommended by the appointed Social Concerns Committee?

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

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PLAINFIELD, VERMONT
MARCH 5, 2019**

Washington CTY Court Diversion	\$ 350.00
Washington CTY Mental Health	\$ 600.00
Washington CTY Youth Service Bureau	\$ 400.00
Total	\$14,186.00

- Art.5 Shall the Town voters authorize an appropriation of \$37,500 to the Cutler Memorial Library to pay for the librarian and the purchase of materials and services that the library acquires to make accessible to the community?
- Art.6 To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay for Water and Wastewater departments for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.
- Art.7 To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay for highways, bridges, fire department, and administrative operations of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.
- Art.8 Shall the Town of Plainfield authorize the Selectboard to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?
- Art.9 Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of public statutes relating to the collection of taxes by the Town Treasurer, (VSA 32 Section 4791) and vote to collect municipal taxes thirty days from mailing and not prior to August 14, 2019 and collect school taxes on November 13, 2019 and February 12, 2020, collecting half of the total school taxes on each of those dates?
- Art.10 To transact any other non-binding business that may properly come before the meeting.

Ross Sneyd, Chair
Sasha Thayer
Tammy Farnham
Plainfield Selectboard

Dated at Plainfield, Vermont
January 28, 2019
Received for recording January 29, 2019
Attest: Linda B. Wells, Town Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS FOR TOWN MEETING

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerk's Office by February 3, 2019. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **Sample ballots** will be posted by February 23, 2019.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to **olvr.sec.state.vt.us**.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone email, or online at **mvp.sec.state.vt.us**. The latest you can request ballots for Town Meeting is the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 4, 2019. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

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

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM**

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

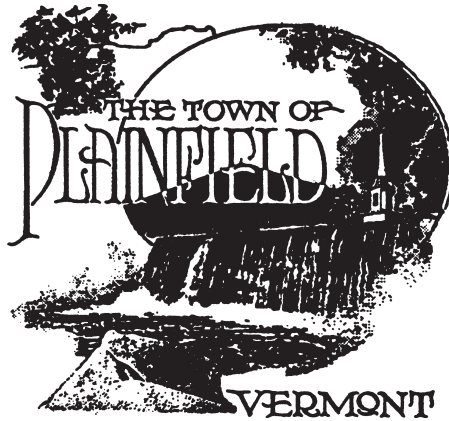
From the following list, please circle which you may be most interested in.

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

What previous boards or committees have you served on:

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

NOTES



PLAINFIELD LOGO

(Created by local artist Rick Walsh)

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

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

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

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

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

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January 1998

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Plainfield, Vermont 05667

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