

TOWN OF  
PLAINFIELD, VERMONT

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225<sup>th</sup> Annual Report

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**2022**

**Annual Report of the Town Officers**

**For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30 2022**

**Town Meeting Voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 7am -7pm**

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## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

In accordance with V.S.A. Title 24, §1681, the Auditors have examined the accounts and records of the Town of Plainfield for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. To the best of our knowledge and belief, we find they are correct as reported herein.

Lorraine Cappetta

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Town Clerk's Office Plainfield, VT 05667	Hours M/W/F 8:00am-4:00pm PO Box 217, Telephone 454-8461
Town Website	<a href="http://www.plainfieldvt.us">www.plainfieldvt.us</a>
Highway Department	Michael Bingham, Road Foreman Garage 454-7166 Cell 802-371-8050
Water/Wastewater Depts.	Tristan MacGregor-Stewart, Chief Plant Operator Plant Tel # 454-7173
Emergency Tel# 793-0795	Scott Franks, 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. If interested in Auto Pay please contact the town office to set up.	

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

### **Wastewater and Water Assessment Policy adopted December 12, 2016**

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

### **Town Board Meetings- In 2022 some meetings have been in person and some committee meetings are still held remotely**

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

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

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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

## LOCAL ASSISTANCE CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### ALL EMERGENCY CALLS

### DIAL 911

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

## TOWN FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

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

## TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	Donny Osman
Town Clerk	Robin Miller
Treasurer	Robin Miller
Selectboard:	
Term Expires 2024	Jim Volz
Term Expires 2023	Riley Carlson
Term Expires 2023	Alexandra "Sasha" Thayer
Listers:	
Term Expires 2024	Sandra Ross
Term Expires 2023	Gary Smith
Term Expires 2023	Vacant
Auditors:	
Term Expires 2023	Lorraine Cappetta
Term Expires 2022	Vacant
Term Expires 2024	Vacant
Cemetery Commissioners:	
Term Expires 2022	Nancy Ellen - Appointed
Term Expires 2023	Ed Hutchinson, Chair
Term Expires 2024	Sara Cain
Term Expires 2025	Donna Petterssen
Term Expires 2026	Alice Sky
School Directors:	
Term Expires 2025	Janna Osman
Term Expires 2024	Milena Yasus
Term Expires 2023	Sara Cain
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	George Cushing
Trustee of Public Funds	Selectboard
Justices of the Peace:	
Term Expires 2023	Dale Bartlett Patricia Boyle Steven Farnham Mary Niebling Leatrice Potter Peter Youngbaer Peter Young
State Representative	Janet Ancel
Term Expires 2023	

# TOWN OFFICERS

## ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Animal Control/Constable	Vacant
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	Carol Smith
CV Fiber formerly know as Central VT Internet	Michael Birnbaum Jeremy Matt
Cent VT Reg Planning Commission Alternate representative Transportation Advisory Committee	Paula Emery Bob Atchinson Bob Atchinson
Central VT Solid Waste Mgmt Plainfield Representative Alternate	Betsy Ziegler Vacant
Central VT Emergency Mgmt Committee	Greg Light
Central VT State Police Advisory Plainfield Representative	Vacant
Conservation Commission Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024	Mary Trerice Serena Matt Becky Atchinson Rose Paul Julie Hackbarth
Development Review Board Term Expires 2025 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024	Janice Walrafen, Chair Seth Mullendore Mary Niebling Alice Sky Jim Volz
E-911 Representative	Sandra Ross
Emergency Mgmt Coordinator	Carla Straight
Energy Coordinator	Bob Atchinson
Fire Chief 1st Assistant Fire Chief 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Deputy Fire Chief	Greg Light Johnathan Matthew Andy Hebert Gary Graves
Asst Chief/EMT Captain Fire Warden	Johnathan Matthew Andy Hebert

## TOWN OFFICERS

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



# 2022 TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS MARCH 1, 2022

## OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS - TOWN OFFICERS

### ARTICLE 1

#### **For Moderator, 1 year**

Vote for not more than ONE

**Donny Osman 117 Write-ins**

#### **For Town Clerk, 1 year**

Vote for not more than ONE

**Linda B. Wells 291 votes**

#### **For Town Treasurer, for 1 year**

Vote for not more than ONE

**Linda B. Wells 292 votes**

#### **For Selectboard, for 3 years**

Vote for not more than ONE

**Jim Volz 56 write-ins**

#### **For Lister, for 1 year**

Vote for not more than ONE

**Gary Smith 259 votes**

#### **For Lister, for 3 years**

Vote for not more than ONE

**not enough Write-ins for election**

#### **For Auditor, for 1 year**

Vote for not more than ONE

**not enough Write-ins for election**

#### **For Auditor, 3 years**

Vote for not more than ONE

**Not enough write-ins for election**

#### **For Collector of Del Taxes, 1 year**

Vote for not more than ONE

**George C. Cushing 267 votes**

#### **For Cemetery Commissioner, 2 years**

Vote for not more than ONE

**not enough Write-ins for election**

#### **For Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years**

Vote for not more than ONE

**Nancy Ellen 271 votes**

#### **For Cemetery Commissioner, 4 years**

Vote for not more than ONE

**not enough Write-ins**

#### **For School Director, 2 years**

Vote for not more than ONE

**Milena Yasus 232 votes**

#### **For School Director, 3 years**

Vote for not more than ONE

**Janna Osman 268 votes**

Linda B. Wells

Town Clerk

# 2022 TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS MARCH 1, 2022

## Plainfield Town Meeting Results March 1, 2022

### Ballots processed for 310 voters

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

**Passes 264 votes**

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

**Passed 274 votes**

**Art. 4** Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures for not-for-profit service agencies in the amount of \$15,211 as recommended by the appointed Social Concerns Committee?

**Passed 235 votes**

**Art. 5** Shall the Town voters authorize an appropriation of \$40,000 to the Cutler Memorial Library to pay for the librarian, a library assistant, and the purchase of materials and services, including those to make the Library accessible to the community?

**Passed 267 votes**

**Art. 6** Shall the town voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow funds to repair the Main Street bridge in an amount not to exceed \$220,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed 10 years if the town is unable to secure sufficient funding to repair the bridge?

**Passed 236 votes**

**Art. 7** Shall the Town approve \$245,084 for the operation of the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023?

**Passed 258 votes**

## 2022 TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS MARCH 1, 2022

**Art. 8** Shall the Town approve \$373,032 for the operation of the Wastewater Department for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023?

**Passed 257 votes**

**Art. 9** Shall the Town approve \$1,118,475 to operate the Administrative operations, Fire and Rescue Department, and Highway Department of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023?

**Passed 286 votes**

**Art. 10** Shall the Town of Plainfield authorize the Selectboard to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

**Passed 288 votes**

**Art. 11** Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of public statutes relating to the collection of taxes by the Town Treasurer, (VSA 32 Section 4791) and vote to collect municipal taxes thirty days from mailing and not prior to August 10, 2022 and collect taxes on November 9, 2022 and February 08, 2023, collecting half of the total school taxes on each of those dates?

**Passed 277 votes**

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

**Town meeting is on March 7, 2023 at the Town Hall Opera House 18 High Street.**

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

Our polls will be open from 9am - 7pm on town meeting day this year.

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

### **Other services available are:**

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

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

**Green Mountain Passports** can be purchased here at the clerk's office. To be eligible you must be a resident of Vermont and 62 years of age or older or, a Veteran of the uniformed services. The passport entitles you to free admission to VT State Parks (excluding overnight camping and other park fees), VT State Historic Sites, and events which are fully State sponsored. To receive a passport, you can complete an application and pay a \$2.00 fee here at the clerk's office, proper identification is required. This year we issued IQ passports.

### **Notary Services**

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

### **Dog Licensing**

You can submit the dog fee and current rabies certificates by putting them in our drop box. Stopping by the office during our open hours or you can mail the information to us. We can process them and send you a new tag and license. Dog

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Licenses are due by April 1st annually. PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DOGS!

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

The current dog license fees are \$9.00 for spayed/neutered and \$13.00 for unsprayed/neutered. If you forget to register your dog by April 15, you are still required to register your dog. After April 15, the registration fees are \$11.00 for spayed/neutered and \$17.00 for unsprayed/neutered.

### Fuel Assistance

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

## REMINDER TO HOMEOWNERS

### Homestead Declarations

The education funding system approved by the Vermont legislature continues to be time consuming for this office processing multiple corrected tax bills. **The State changed the law in 2013 so you must file YOUR HOMESTEAD every year by April 15! Please file on time.** The state sends education tax rebate money directly to the schools and this is reflected on your tax bill. Late filing of your income taxes creates multiple billings to be processed by this office. If you receive an amended tax bill and your taxes are paid by your escrow company, **please notify your escrow of any corrected paperwork you may receive from this office so the correct amount is paid and paid timely. We do NOT notify your escrow company.**

### Taxes

Did you know you can sign up to have your taxes automatically taken out of your bank account on the day they are due? If you sign up for autopay you don't have to worry about being late and incurring interest and penalties. Please call the office if you would like to sign up for this.

**Thank you Linda Wells for your 27 Years of Service to the Town of Plainfield**

**PLAINFIELD TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

Due to discrepancies and timing the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet will be available after the books have been re audited, copies of these reports will be available on our website or you may call the office and request copies.

Thank you  
Robin Miller

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET  
JULY 1 2021 - JUNE 30 2022**

Due to discrepancies and timing the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet will be available after the books have been re audited, copies of these reports will be available on our website or you may call the office and request copies.

Thank you  
Robin Miller

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**  
**JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

<b>Municipal tax</b>		
1,161,106.00	0.783	908,681.55
1,161,106.00	0.004	4,933.85
		913,615.40
 <b>Education tax</b>		
800,043.00	1.801	1,440,717.43
361,271.00	1.734	626,552.30
 <b>Total taxes billed FY 2021</b>		 2,980,885.13
 <b>Collection of Taxes</b>		
Municipal Tax		799,825.55
Education Tax		1,556,222.02
Subtotal		2,356,047.57
Delinquent		186,040.05
		2,542,087.62
 Education State credits		 450,774.73
Municipal State credits		103,014.23
 Total credits		
 Total Collection		
 <b>Total Collected</b>		 2,841,245.97
Amount to Coll of Delinquent Taxes		149,489.79
Subtotal		2,990,735.76
Final reconciliation credit from school		(46,874.91)
Total collected		2,943,860.85
Town .225% retained		2,413.94
Penalties collected		270.00
Final total		2,946,544.79
Errors and omissions		



**SIMPLIFIED  
STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES  
JULY 1, 2021- JUNE 30, 2022**

Balances Owed As of 6/30/2022

2018 =	\$	891.85
2019 =	\$	1,346.06
2020 =	\$	3,722.90
2021 =	\$	17,286.27
Balance =	\$	23,247.08

Total Collected:	\$	152,299.75
Abated & Adjusted :	\$	0.00
Total Interest:	\$	5,661.46
Total Collector's Fees:	\$	12,183.82
Total Legal & Coll. Costs	\$	35.00
TOTAL:	\$	170,180.19

**INTERIM REPORT  
REAL ESTATE  
Without Current Year (2022)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PROPERTY</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>
<b>Audet, Steven</b>	<b>033-1250</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>\$970.79</b>
<b>Creative Equestrian</b>	<b>026-0769</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>\$1782.50</b>
Hedding, Suzanne	016-0574	2021	\$1086.87
McMillan, G.	041-0390	2021	\$1058.03
Monteith, G.	201-0069	2021	\$640.84
Young, W.	013-0659	2020-21	\$353,144
<b>TOTAL (INCLUDES INTEREST &amp; PENALTY)</b>			<b>\$9070.47</b>

This report is generated as per request of the Selectboard.

A detailed copy is available at the Town Clerks Office.

Please bear in mind this is an ongoing situation and payments may have been made to reduce these totals since 12/31/2022.

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

## 2022 LISTERS REPORT

The Town of Plainfield needs to fill a vacant Lister position. We are looking for someone who is interested in houses and people and would like to help the town. This job is very part time and is PAID! The busiest time is May. That's when most inspections are done and we get the other pieces put together. The ideal person would be comfortable with computers and willing to learn.

The State of Vermont Tax Department is transitioning the software that calculates the property tax bills to new software over the next 3 years. This is an excellent time for someone new to jump in.

Listers must be Plainfield residents. A new Lister candidate could either be a write in at Town Meeting or be appointed by the Selectboard.

Vermont income tax deadlines were again extended for 2022. If income tax deadlines are extended, or if you file for an individual tax extension, you still must file your homestead on time to avoid a penalty. You can file a homestead declaration and also request a homestead payment without filing your complete Vermont income tax return. Everyone who owns and lives in their primary residence in Plainfield must file a homestead declaration.

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

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

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

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

Because we only have 2 listers, we have been updating a lot of information over the phone. If you would prefer an in- person inspection, we will be glad to schedule that. We usually do these in May.

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.

Rick Pope retired as a Lister this year after more than 10 years working for the town. His experience and knowledge were invaluable and he is greatly missed. Thank you, Rick, for all you have done.

Plainfield Listers  
Sandra Ross  
Gary Smith

## **2022 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT**

The DRB is scheduled to meet on the second Wednesday of the month to attend to Town zoning matters such as; conditional use permits, variances, subdivisions, and other permit requests that are not within the Zoning Administrator's authority.

One of our goals as the Development Review Board is to help neighbors be informed and involved in development activities happening around them.

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

We have had very little issues come before the board this year, so did not meet monthly.

We had three hearings in 2022 that are listed in the Zoning Administrator's Report.

DRB Members:

Janice Walrafen, Chair

Alice Sky

Jim Volz

Seth Mulllendore

Mary Niebling

## 2022 PLAINFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission has completed the proposed draft zoning update and, as of early December, is scheduling hearings on the document. The Select Board will also hold at least one public hearing on the proposed zoning. The proposed draft zoning is a combination of the existing zoning, subdivision regulations and flood regulations. It will replace the existing zoning which covers the entire town. There are changes to the basic zoning and subdivision regulations, but the biggest change is to the flood

section which now includes the erosion and landslide hazards based on current studies and data points. The previous flood section only managed inundation events. This draft includes the current state standards for all the hazards. Since Plainfield has a history of recurring damaging flood events it's important the town has the state approved regulations for flood hazards. When a town has the approved flood regulations the town is eligible for a higher percentage of state reimbursements when significant damage occurs.

The Planning Commission will also be working on updating the Village Center Designation. The current designation has been extended for a few more years but we would like to increase the area within the current boundaries to account for newer projects and developments. The Village Center Designation allows the village residents to receive tax credits for historic preservation and code improvements. It also gives the village priority consideration for state grants. The town can also designate a Neighborhood Development Area that can streamline the Act 250 and lower state permitting fees for housing projects.

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

Will Colgan

Karen Storey

Jesse Cooper

# 2022 CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

Regional Commissioner Paula Emery Transportation Advisory Committee Bob Atchinson
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The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) provides planning, development, and project implementation services to its 23 municipalities in Washington and western Orange Counties. Municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners. CVRPC has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource - please contact us at 802-229-0389 or [cvrpc@cvregion.com](mailto:cvrpc@cvregion.com) for assistance.

## **FY22 Plainfield Activities**

- ❖ Provided guidance on ARPA project eligibility and prioritization process. Briefed Selectboard on Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) process and developed template for future planning.
- ❖ Conducted pre-construction site visits for Municipal Roads Grants in Aid.
- ❖ Wrote successful USDA Rural Business Development Grant for Plainfield Co-op business assistance. Provided guidance to support Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) appointment process. Brought the Plainfield Gully stormwater improvements project from design to implementation. Work
- ❖ included development of an operations and maintenance agreement with the municipality, facilitating necessary permits, participating in contractor site visit, working with engineer to develop bid documents, and issuing a request for bids.
- ❖ Provided guidance on the Village Center Designation renewal and boundary amendment process.
- ❖ Hosted call with Town representatives to discuss the inclusion of bridge over the Great Brook as a regional priority for consideration in the VTRANS capital planning selection process. Collected and completed intake forms and mapping requirements for submission.

## 2022 CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

### **CVRPC Projects & Programs**

- ❖ *Municipal Plan and Bylaw Updates:* Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through educational initiatives, bylaw modernization and municipal plan updates.
- ❖ *Brownfields:* Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- ❖ *Transportation Planning:* Provide studies, plans, data collection, and traffic counts. Coordinate local involvement in transportation planning through the Transportation Advisory Committee.
- ❖ *Emergency Planning:* Prepare the region for natural disasters and other emergencies by coordinating with local volunteers and the State on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- ❖ *Climate and Energy Planning:* Support projects to reduce municipal and residential energy burdens, reduce total energy consumption, expand renewable energy resources, and build climate and energy resilience.
- ❖ *Natural Resource Planning:* Protect water resources, improve water quality, promote ecological function, preserve forest blocks and habitat connectors, enhance recreational opportunities and support the agricultural and forest products industries.
- ❖ *Regional Plans:* Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the preparation, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- ❖ *Geographic Information System Services:* Collect, analyze, store and distribute data for regional projects and programs. Offer fee-for service GIS support to municipalities and non-governmental organizations.
- ❖ *Clean Water Service Provider:* Engage watershed and land conservation organizations, Regional Planning Commissions, Natural Resources Conservation Districts and municipalities to identify and fund water quality projects to achieve phosphorous reduction targets
- ❖ *Special Projects:* Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preserve
- ❖ *Grants:* copes, and write grant applications

## 2022 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

In 2022, 17 Zoning Permit were processed as follows:

Residence, Accessory Apartments	4
Site Plans (amended site plan, historic review, exempt farm)	3
Additions to homes (room, deck, dormer, porch, garage)	3
Accessory structures ( garage, shed, pole barn, container, tiny house)	7
Exempt Subdivisions, Boundary Line Adjustments (reviewed by ZA)	1
Cottage Industry	1
Change of Use	3
Appealed	0
Reviewed by DRB ( Amendment to CU, Historic Site, Cottage Industry)	3
Miscellaneous (sign, fence)	0
Denied	0
Still being processed	0

*\*Note: some permits required more than one review*

At the time of this writing, the "Draft Town of Plainfield Zoning Regulations" will be going to public hearings. If adopted, the new regulation will combine the 3 former zoning documents: 2011 Plainfield Zoning Regulations, 2010 Inundation Hazard Area Regulations, and 2010 Subdivision Regulations. A significant change will be the inclusion of river corridor language.

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

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

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

Karen Storey

Zoning Administrator plainfieldza@gmail.com 454-7856



## SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD FOR 2023 TOWN MEETING

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

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

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

Number of Plainfield residents served in the past year

The overall budget of the organization

The scope of service of the organization (is it national, statewide, countywide, or local?) The amount of previous years' funding

The uniqueness of the services provided by the organization to Plainfield residents How this request compares with requests from organizations of similar size and scope.

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

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

**Big Heavy World** (Requested \$250, Recommended \$0) Big heavy World is a Burlington-based music organization seeking to expand to other parts of the state. As it is an art organization, it is not the type of organization funded through the Social Concerns budget.

**Capstone Community Action** (Requested \$500, Recommended \$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, fuel assistance, Head Start, home weatherization, emergency furnace repair, financial counseling, tax preparation, and assistance to start or grow a business. Capstone served 175 Plainfield residents in 105 households last year.

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**Central VT Adult Basic Education** (Requested \$400, Recommended \$400) CVABE provides free literacy education and instruction in reading, math, writing, or English as a second language to adults and teens in Washington, Orange, and Lamoille counties, helping them to earn a high school credential and prepare for employment or college. Last year they provided services to 2 Plainfield residents

**Central Vermont Council on Aging** (Requested \$1,300, Recommended \$1,300) CVCOA uses case managers to work with elders in their homes to assess their needs and develop individualized care plans. CVCOA staff also provides family caregiver support and information, assistance, and referrals regarding health care and insurance, transportation, nutrition, housing, fuel, and other issues of concern. Its service area covers Washington, Lamoille, and Orange, counties and parts of Windsor County. CVCOA served 47 Plainfield residents last year.

**Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice** (Requested \$3,100, Recommended \$3,100) CVHH&H is a full service not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association, committed to providing comprehensive, high quality home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay, geographic remoteness, or complexity of their health care needs. In addition, the agency promotes the general welfare of the citizens of central Vermont with health screenings, flu and pneumonia vaccinations, foot care clinics, bereavement support and discharge planning from skilled nursing facilities to home. It serves Washington County and the three northernmost towns of Orange County. Last year CVHH&H served 60 Plainfield residents with a total of 1550 patient visits, composed of hospice visits, long-term care visits, and maternal and childcare visits.

**Circle** (Requested \$525, Recommended \$525) Circle is a community-based organization dedicated to ending all forms of domestic violence. Because of confidentiality issues they do not require clients to give their town of residence, but of those who self-identified in 2022 there were 112 services provided to individuals who identified as Plainfield residents, including hotline calls, emergency shelter, assistance with protection orders, employment advocacy, housing advocacy, support during an (ex) partner's criminal proceedings, other legal support, and child- related support.

**Family Center of Washington County** (Requested \$500, Recommended \$500) The Family Center provides childcare 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. Last year the Family Center benefited 51 Plainfield residents.

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**Friends of the Winooski River** (Requested \$300, Recommended \$300) Friends of the Winooski River is a small non-profit organization that works with communities toward a clean, healthy resilient Winooski watershed through providing support to residents about planting trees along streams, collecting water quality samples, and developing solutions to local erosion problems.

They connect landowners with each other and with expertise to help manage forested land for flood resilience and other goals. The organization impacts water quality and flood resilience in Plainfield but does not keep records about specific individuals benefited by their work.

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

**Good Samaritan Haven** (Requested \$1,000, Recommend \$1,000) Good Samaritan Haven provides housing and support services to unhoused people in Washington County. In the past year they responded to the increasing numbers of unhoused individuals in Washington County by purchasing a motel and renovating it to provide temporary housing and support services. In addition to emergency shelter, Good Samaritan Haven provides street outreach, COVID vaccine and testing, access to nurses who provide healthcare resources, housing case management, meals, clothing, and other essential services to people experiencing homelessness in central Vermont.

**Onion River Food Shelf** (Requested \$1,000, Recommended \$1,000). Onion River Food Shelf is an all-volunteer program that provides food and clothing to families in need in Plainfield, Marshfield, Cabot, Calais and East Montpelier. Last year, the program provided food and clothing to 63 residents of Plainfield.

**People's Health and Wellness Clinic** (Requested \$750, Recommend \$750). provides health care, dental services, medical case management and health advocacy for the uninsured and under insured. Its basic service area is Washington County, plus the towns of Orange, Washington, and Williamstown. PHWC medical, dental, mental health, case management services and/or health insurance navigation to 37 Plainfield residents last year.

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**Twinfield Together Mentoring Program** (Requested \$250, Recommended \$250). The Twinfield Together Mentoring Program connects community members with children and youth living in Marshfield and Plainfield through one-on-one mentoring relationships. Approximately 50 Plainfield children were served through its mentoring programs.

**Twin Valley Senior Center** (Requested \$4,000, Recommended \$4,000) 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. Last year Twin Valley provided services to 198 Plainfield residents.

**Vermont Center for Independent Living** (Requested \$250, Recommended an increase over last year to \$175) VCIL is a statewide organization dedicated to assisting Vermonters with disabilities to achieve dignified, self-determined lives. Last year VCIL provided services to 8 Plainfield residents.

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

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There were a number of significant developments this past year, but probably the biggest was the retirement of Linda Wells, Plainfield Town Clerk and Treasurer. Linda served the town for over 27 years and will be very much missed. There was a well-attended recognition dinner at Goddard College on December 3rd in her honor. Robin Miller was hired as an Assistant Town Clerk several months ahead of Linda's last day so that she could be trained to take over. Robin has turned out to be a terrific replacement and we urge the voters to elect her on Town Meeting Day. We are also fortunate that Carol Smith, who has 29 years experience as Assistant Town Clerk, is staying on.

2022 saw the retirement of two additional important Town employees: Mike Nolan, our Road Foreman and long time Town employee, retired at the end of June 2022 after 48 years of service. There was a retirement party for him at the Town Garage attended by the Selectboard and Town employees. Mike Nolan's long and dedicated service is much appreciated and we wish him all the best in retirement. Michael Bingham was promoted to Road Crew Foreman to take Mike's place. Greg Chamberlin, who brought a wealth of experience to his role as Water/Wastewater Dept Operator, retired in 2022 as well. We are also fortunate to have Tristan MacGregor-Stewart, who served as Greg Chamberlin's assistant, step into the role of Water/Wastewater Operator. Our town is in good hands with Robin, Michael, and Tristan.

Not surprisingly we had to continue to deal with Covid this year as well, although the hope is that it is primarily behind us going forward. Dealing with Covid has put a tremendous burden on the Town Clerk's office. In recognition of this fact, the Selectboard authorized a bonus for the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk for the extra and difficult work that they did during the pandemic.

We are happy to report that Old Home Day was held this year after 2 years without it because of Covid. There was a big turnout and it was a fun day for all. The Fire Department's Chicken BBQ was wonderful, conversations were great, the parade was wonderful, and, in general, people seemed glad to get out. The Fire Department is hoping to hold a street dance again as part of Old Home Day next year. Anyone interested in helping with Old Home Day should come forward and volunteer for the Old Home Day events or the Old Home Day Variety Show or Street Dance.

Other big developments included completing the pedestrian bridge and doing much-needed repairs on the Main Street bridge. To accomplish that, the bridge was closed from October 10 until November 3. It was scheduled to be closed even longer, but the weather cooperated and the bridge structure wasn't in as bad shape as we feared. Thus, the project finished a week early. Of course its closing was a huge inconvenience to the businesses and folks who live in the village, but folks managed to make the best of it. Thanks again to Tammy Farnham who

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volunteered to be the project manager without pay and saved the town tens of thousands of dollars.

Unfortunately the Old Firehouse on Route 2 had to be demolished. It was structurally unsound and could potentially collapse into the Winooski River which would have been a costly liability to the Town. Tammy Farnham stepped up again. She identified someone who was interested in

buying the building. Unfortunately that plan didn't meet our need to have the building taken down before winter. So we put the demolition project out to bid and hired Ki Walker to take the building down. He did so in September.

The Town received \$377,245 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The Select Board held a public meeting in September to take public comment about use of ARPA funds and also appointed an ARPA Funds Advisory Committee to weigh proposals for using these funds and to provide recommendations to the Select Board, which is responsible for deciding how to use ARPA funds. ARPA funds have to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026. We appreciate the input from folks in town and the work of the ARPA Funds Advisory Committee.

The Route 2 Intersection project at the blinking light intersection is still going forward. The Town executed an Agreement Between the Town and the State supporting this project. The project itself will largely be paid for entirely by Federal grants. However, the costs of making changes to the Water/Wastewater piping which goes under the Main Street bridge, up Main Street and along US Rte 2 is the Town's responsibility unless some other funding materializes and is likely to be quite costly.

The Friends of the Town Hall-Opera House have been managing this treasure of a building for some time. During the height of the COVID pandemic the Friends came up with creative ways to engage folks in town and to provide cultural offerings that didn't use the Town Hall-Opera House. The Selectboard authorized the opening of the building earlier in 2022 and the Friends have been coordinating rentals and programs there since then. The Select Board approved a new contract with the Friends of the Town Hall Opera House to continue those services.

There was much discussion about the Brook Road Bridge and its potential to flood the village in a future storm. Ideally the bridge needs to be rebuilt to accommodate larger flows of water containing floating trees. Because of new Federal grant money, it is possible that the Town may be able to pay only a 10% match for the costs of replacing this bridge, rather than the 25% match we have been expecting. Alice Merrill serves as grant writer for the town and is working to put this opportunity in place. In the meantime, there are a number of other bridges in town which need urgent attention, in particular, two further up on Brook Road.

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Finding ways to acquire the funding to do so without excessively burdening Town taxpayers is really challenging.

Tammy Farnham resigned from the Select Board at the end of May 2022, but as you can see in this report, continued to work tirelessly on behalf of the Town. For months the Select Board had only two members, until Riley Carlson stepped up to fill the void. Riley was appointed in October 2022 for a term which, by Vermont law, continues only until Town Meeting on March 7, 2023. At Town Meeting there will be two Select Board positions to fill as Select Board member Sasha Thayer is not running for re-election. Serving on the Select Board is an honor, and also a challenge at times. We hope that the town has great candidates to choose from next March for these two-year and three-year terms!

Plainfield Select Board

Jim Volz, Chair Riley Carlson Sasha Thayer

## SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

REVENUE	BUDGET 2021/2022	ACTUAL 2021/2022	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET 2022/2023	PROPOSED 2023/2024
Del. Tax, Int. & Penalty	50,000.00	17,845.28	32,154.72	50,000.00	50,000.00
Tax Sale Income		46,524.22	(46,524.22)		
State Aid To Highway	91,000.00	109,175.72	(18,175.72)	91,000.00	91,000.00
Interest Income	1,000.00	1,354.55	(354.55)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Judicial Fees	2,000.00	1,842.56	157.44	2,000.00	2,000.00
Recordings & Fees	12,000.00	12,838.90	(838.90)	12,000.00	12,000.00
Fire Dept Income		6,400.00	(6,400.00)		
Highway Grant/Misc Inc	1,500.00	1,325.75	174.25	1,500.00	1,500.00
Municipal Grant Income			-		
Mun Bldg rental income	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
SB Misc Income	5,000.00	593.53	4,406.47	5,000.00	5,000.00
Town Hall Income	6,500.00		6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Subtotal	179,000.00	197,900.51	(18,900.51)	179,000.00	169,000.00

Cemetery Income  
 Current Use/Reappraisal income  
 Total Revenue

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



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DESCRIPTION	BUDGET		ACTUAL 2021/2022	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET		PROPOSED 2023/2024
	2021/2022	2022/2023			2022/2023	2023/2024	
Selectboard Salaries	3,900.00	-	3,900.00	-	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,900.00
Auditor Salaries	3,000.00	-	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Zoning Admin Salaries	4,000.00	-	2,949.75	1,050.25	5,200.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Lister Salaries	2,200.00	-	2,194.60	5.40	2,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	51,500.00	-	52,444.17	(944.17)	-	54,600.00	54,600.00
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	38,925.00	-	40,864.10	(1,939.10)	-	50,000.00	50,000.00
Asst Clerk/Administrator	-	-	-	-	-	21,000.00	21,000.00
TO Compensation	-	-	-	-	125,000.00	-	-
Coll of Del Taxes	-	-	12,183.82	(12,183.82)	-	-	-
Road Commissioner	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
SB Administrative Asst	3,500.00	-	1,877.00	1,623.00	3,000.00	see asst/admin	4,500.00
Building Maintenance Mgr	2,750.00	-	90.30	2,659.70	2,750.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
DRB Admin Salaries	1,000.00	-	1,198.36	(198.36)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Health Officer	500.00	-	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
Grant Administrator	4,000.00	-	500.00	3,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Emergency Mgmt	500.00	-	-	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
SB FICA/MEDI	9,000.00	-	8,433.45	566.55	11,158.00	16,528.75	16,528.75
SB Health Insurance	14,400.00	-	10,957.52	3,442.48	14,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
SB Insurance HRA	2,000.00	-	2,048.65	(48.65)	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
SB Fringe/Ret	5,700.00	-	5,868.67	(168.67)	6,000.00	8,600.00	8,600.00
SB FICA/MEDI/DEL TXCOLL	900.00	-	932.08	(32.08)	900.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Lister's Supplies	300.00	-	7.29	292.71	300.00	300.00	300.00
Lister's Printing/Postage	150.00	-	46.77	103.23	150.00	150.00	150.00
Lister's Sem./Dues	50.00	-	-	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Lister's GIS Maps	300.00	-	-	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Listers Software/Disast Rec	1,275.00	-	1,158.31	116.69	1,425.00	1,425.00	1,425.00
Lister's Mileage	50.00	-	-	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Animal Control	100.00	-	-	100.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Constable	4,000.00	-	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
CVT Reg'l. Planning	1,625.00	-	1,615.36	9.64	1,644.00	1,650.00	1,650.00
Animal Shelter/Pound	300.00	-	-	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Conservation Commission	300.00	-	108.53	191.47	375.00	300.00	300.00

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DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	2021/2022	2021/2022	(OVER)/UNDER	2022/2023	2023/2024
Conservation Fund	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
CC Tree Program	100.00	-	100.00	-	-
Green Up	-	587.02	(587.02)	100.00	100.00
Energy Conservation	400.00	-	400.00	400.00	450.00
Personnel Contingency	1,350.00	-	1,350.00	-	-
Hazard Mitigation	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	100.00
Law Enforcement	10,000.00	5,690.96	4,309.04	10,000.00	10,000.00
DAM Fees	200.00	200.00	-	200.00	200.00
Fire and Rescue Departments					
Ambulance Service	53,624.00	53,624.00	-	55,500.00	56,890.00
EMT Stipend	3,000.00	2,750.00	250.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Electricity	1,350.00	1,351.52	(1.52)	1,350.00	1,400.00
Telephone/Internet	1,500.00	1,643.64	(143.64)	1,500.00	1,700.00
Fuel & Furnace	3,500.00	6,123.11	(2,623.11)	4,300.00	7,000.00
*Bldg Rep & Maint	7,500.00	3,271.92	4,228.08	7,500.00	7,500.00
Disability	2,200.00	2,125.00	75.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Workers Comp	1,250.00	1,219.00	31.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Prop/Liab Insurance	5,200.00	4,112.34	1,087.66	5,200.00	4,700.00
Truck Repair/Fuel	2,800.00	3,435.35	(635.35)	3,300.00	5,000.00
Equipment Fund Reserves	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Safety Eq/Med Splys	4,000.00	1,913.67	2,086.33	4,000.00	3,500.00
Small Items/Repairs	2,500.00	2,604.50	(104.50)	2,500.00	3,000.00
Radio System Replacement	-	-	-	-	1,537.45
Building Repair Loan	-	-	-	2,075.00	2,075.00
Fire Truck Note	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Interest Expense	5,200.00	4,956.41	243.59	4,000.00	4,000.00
Dispatch	19,000.00	19,179.32	(179.32)	19,760.00	20,084.57
Training	2,000.00	1,263.00	737.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Marshfield Approp. Expense*	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	500.00	22.99	477.01	500.00	500.00

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DESCRIPTION	BUDGET		ACTUAL		VARIANCE		BUDGET		PROPOSED	
	2021/2022	2021/2022	2021/2022	2021/2022	(OVER)/UNDER		2022/2023	2022/2023	2023/2024	2023/2024
Personal Protective Equip Fund	12,500.00	10,427.49	800.00	2,072.51	-	12,500.00	12,500.00	1,000.00	12,500.00	1,000.00
Recognition Fund	12,000.00	8,708.83	1,000.00	3,291.17	-	11,000.00	11,000.00	600.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
SB Prop/Liab Insurance	500.00	774.00	500.00	972.82	27.18	1,000.00	700.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	600.00
SB Unemployment Ins	4,000.00	5,916.63	4,000.00	(666.63)	(274.00)	5,250.00	1,000.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	1,000.00
TO equip/maint/splys	500.00	3,350.94	500.00	649.06	(666.63)	3,500.00	500.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	500.00
TO Computer/LRcds/Cloud srvc	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Preservation Costs*	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Bank Fees & Charges	300.00	187.72	300.00	112.28	-	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
DRB Advertising	150.00	73.16	150.00	76.84	-	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
DRB Comp/Off Splys	500.00	64.75	500.00	(14.75)	76.84	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
DRB Postage	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	(14.75)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
DRB Training	250.00	55.00	250.00	195.00	100.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	150.00
PC Postage	150.00	-	150.00	150.00	195.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
PC Advertising	250.00	172.75	250.00	77.25	150.00	250.00	250.00	400.00	400.00	150.00
PC Computer/Printing	150.00	-	150.00	150.00	77.25	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
PC Training/Mapping	850.00	-	850.00	850.00	150.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00
PC Legal	400.00	-	400.00	400.00	850.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
PC Zoning Consultant	150.00	111.78	150.00	38.22	400.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
PC/Zoning Misc Expense	4,500.00	5,515.49	4,500.00	(1,015.49)	38.22	4,500.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
SB Printing/Communications	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	38.22	2,000.00	2,000.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
SB Legal Fees	275.00	254.05	275.00	20.95	(1,015.49)	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Park 'n Ride Electric	3,398.00	382.63	3,398.00	3,015.37	20.95	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00
Park 'n Ride Solar array	3,000.00	3,479.29	3,000.00	(479.29)	3,015.37	3,318.00	3,318.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
Parks & Rec Bldg Maint/Equip	1,400.00	1,376.93	1,400.00	23.07	(479.29)	2,900.00	2,900.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Rec Portalet/Power	250.00	-	250.00	250.00	23.07	1,600.00	1,600.00	4,100.00	4,100.00	4,100.00
Rec Reserve Fund	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	250.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Rec programs and outreach	1,262.00	1,262.00	1,262.00	-	100.00	100.00	100.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Skateboard Park	9,800.00	9,743.00	9,800.00	57.00	100.00	1,236.00	1,236.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
CV Solid Waste Mgmt	1,000.00	154.43	1,000.00	845.57	-	9,800.00	9,800.00	9,900.00	9,900.00	9,900.00
Taxes-County										
Historical Bldg										

# SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2021/2022	ACTUAL 2021/2022	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET 2022/2023	PROPOSED 2023/2024
Streetlights-Electricity	4,200.00	4,018.62	181.38	4,500.00	4,500.00
Mun Bldg-Telephone	1,375.00	1,536.15	(161.15)	1,500.00	1,550.00
Mun Bldg-Maint/Repairs	10,000.00	52,526.02	(42,526.02)	5,000.00	10,000.00
Municipal Bldg Electric	250.00	-	250.00	100.00	100.00
Municipal Bldg Fuel	3,500.00	3,577.51	(77.51)	3,500.00	4,000.00
TH Management Svcs	4,000.00	2,024.00	1,976.00	4,500.00	5,000.00
TH Maint/Repairs	3,800.00	11,361.12	(7,561.12)	4,000.00	4,000.00
TH Electricity	800.00	732.66	67.34	800.00	1,000.00
TH Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
TH Fuel & Furnace	2,200.00	1,810.79	389.21	2,200.00	3,000.00
TH Advertising	-	-	-	-	500.00
TH Revolving Loan & Int pymt	5,600.00	-	5,600.00	5,600.00	-
TH Telephone/Internet	1,200.00	1,181.74	18.26	1,500.00	1,500.00
VLCT Dues	1,325.00	1,294.00	31.00	1,325.00	1,350.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	1,161.20	(661.20)	500.00	500.00
Town Forest	-	936.63	(936.63)	-	-
Town property landscaping	4,500.00	2,625.00	1,875.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Tree Warden/Tree maintnce	250.00	380.00	(130.00)	250.00	250.00
Sidewalk Snow Removal	7,500.00	4,200.00	3,300.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
SB Seminars/Misc	500.00	219.35	280.65	250.00	250.00
Tax sale expense	-	122,700.00	(122,700.00)	-	-
Website	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
CDBG Project	-	-	-	-	-
Main St. Bike/Pedestrian project	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	8,000.00	-
Main st Bike Pedit Loan	-	-	-	-	-
Main St. Bridge Repairs	-	609,713.24	(609,713.24)	30,000.00	-
Old Home Days	900.00	-	900.00	900.00	900.00
Mill Street Park Electric	750.00	473.70	276.30	500.00	750.00
911 Signage	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	50.00
Fuel Assistance	-	-	-	-	-
Outstanding Delinquent Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Total Selectboard	\$453,584.00	\$1,144,207.90	\$690,623.90	\$512,341.00	\$494,815.77

## SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2021/2022	ACTUAL 2021/2022	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET 2022/2023	PROPOSED 2023/2024
SOCIAL CONCERNS					
CIRCLE, formerly Battered Wn	525.00	525.00	-	525.00	525.00
Central VT Adult Basic Ed	300.00	300.00	-	400.00	400.00
Capstone-formerly CVCAC	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Gen VT Cncl on Aging	1,300.00	1,300.00	-	1,300.00	1,300.00
Gen. VT Home Health	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,800.00	3,100.00
Fam Ctr of Wash Cty	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Friends of the Winooski Rvr	300.00	300.00	-	300.00	300.00
Good Beginnings	300.00	300.00	-	300.00	300.00
Good Samaritan Haven	250.00	250.00	-	-	1,000.00
Green Mtn Transit	786.00	786.00	-	786.00	-
Onion Rvr Food Shelf	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Our House	250.00	250.00	-	-	-
People's Hlth & Well	750.00	750.00	-	750.00	750.00
Twin Valley Seniors	3,500.00	3,500.00	-	3,500.00	4,000.00
Twinfield Learning Center	-	-	-	-	-
Twinfield Together Mentoring	250.00	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
VT Center for Independent Lvg	100.00	100.00	-	150.00	175.00
VT Family Network	100.00	100.00	-	150.00	-
Wash Cty Diversion	350.00	350.00	-	400.00	-
Wash Cty Youth SB	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Wash Cty Mental Health	400.00	400.00	-	1,100.00	-
Subtotal Social Concerns	14,461.00	14,461.00	-	15,211.00	14,600.00
Warned articles					
Cutler Library	37,500.00	37,500.00	-	40,000.00	45,000.00
GMT	8,333.00	8,333.00	-	8,333.00	1,499.94
RCT					6,833.06
Total SC/warned articles	\$60,294.00	\$60,294.00	-	63,544.00	67,933.00

# SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2021/2022	ACTUAL 2021/2022	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET 2022/2023	PROPOSED 2023/2024
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					
Labor/Road Foreman	62,682.00	64,003.20	(1,321.20)		76,650.00
Labor/Equip Operator 1	42,967.00	30,868.96	12,098.04		54,000.00
Labor/Equip Operator 2	42,765.00	46,401.14	(3,636.14)		66,000.00
OT/Rd. Foreman	12,000.00	11,404.23	595.77		5,300.00
OT/Equip. Operator 1	6,300.00	68.54	6,231.46		3,900.00
OT/Equip Operator 2	6,200.00	5,630.62	569.38		4,700.00
HWY Dept Compensation				175,000.00	
HD Fringe/FICA/Medi	13,250.00	11,903.99	1,346.01	13,000.00	-
HD Health Insurance	29,000.00	22,758.98	6,241.02	29,000.00	10,000.00
HD Insurance HRA	5,000.00	185.09	4,814.91	5,000.00	2,000.00
HD Fringe/Retirement	10,807.00	8,767.45	2,039.55	11,000.00	11,060.00
HD Prop/Liab Insurance	8,500.00	6,710.84	1,789.16	8,500.00	8,500.00
HD Workmans Comp Ins	15,000.00	13,004.76	1,995.24	11,000.00	11,000.00
Equip Loan and Interest	13,000.00	-	13,000.00	13,400.00	13,400.00
HD Truck Loan and Interest	20,800.00	800.00	20,000.00	20,400.00	35,000.00
HD Tools/Splys/Radios	4,000.00	3,358.76	641.24	4,000.00	4,000.00
Fuel and Furnace	1,000.00	1,852.25	(852.25)	1,000.00	2,500.00
Culvert Thawer	100.00	11.98	88.02	100.00	100.00
Lawn Tractor	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	200.00
Loader HD	500.00	146.90	353.10	500.00	500.00
Grader HD	8,000.00	3,564.14	4,435.86	8,000.00	8,000.00
Guardrails and Signage	5,000.00	4,668.62	331.38	5,000.00	5,000.00
HD Garage/Repairs & Splys	2,500.00	2,453.28	46.72	2,500.00	2,500.00
Sander/Rake/Plows	8,000.00	2,728.70	5,271.30	8,000.00	8,000.00
Backhoe	800.00	3,019.88	(2,219.88)	1,000.00	1,000.00
2005 MACK TRUCK	2,500.00	2,805.71	(305.71)	2,500.00	2,500.00
2007 MACK TRUCK	6,000.00	11,393.33	(5,393.33)	10,000.00	2,000.00
2019 MACK TRUCK	1,200.00	2,533.20	(1,333.20)	1,200.00	2,500.00
2023 MACK TRUCK	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
2023 GMC					1,000.00
2012 Altec Wood Chipper	500.00	38.78	461.22	500.00	500.00
Hay Mulcher	-	-	-	100.00	100.00

# SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET		ACTUAL		VARIANCE		BUDGET		PROPOSED	
	2021/2022	2022/2023	2021/2022	2022/2023	(OVER)/UNDER	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023	2023/2024	
2015 FORD TRUCK	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,537.22	5,000.00	(537.22)	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Electricity/GMP	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,219.92	1,200.00	(19.92)	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Telephone	2,200.00	2,400.00	2,320.88	2,400.00	(120.88)	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Fuel/Oil/Grease	38,000.00	35,000.00	41,038.81	35,000.00	(3,038.81)	35,000.00	35,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	
Mileage	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,414.08	1,500.00	85.92	1,500.00	1,500.00	200.00	200.00	
Gravel/HD Trucking	94,500.00	94,500.00	106,024.59	94,500.00	(11,524.59)	94,500.00	94,500.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	
Sand/Trucking	50,000.00	50,000.00	47,335.31	50,000.00	2,664.69	50,000.00	50,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	
Contracts-Mwing/Sweeping	9,500.00	10,000.00	20,047.44	10,000.00	(10,547.44)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Culverts	6,000.00	6,000.00	9,254.31	6,000.00	(3,254.31)	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Hot Mix	10,000.00	10,000.00	1,147.44	10,000.00	8,852.56	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Salt	22,000.00	22,000.00	15,452.40	22,000.00	6,547.60	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	
Chloride	24,000.00	24,000.00	16,830.00	24,000.00	7,170.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	
Mulch	700.00	700.00	696.96	700.00	3.04	700.00	700.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Equipment Fund	45,000.00	45,000.00	-	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Uniforms	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,250.48	2,500.00	249.52	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Tires	9,000.00	9,000.00	8,403.31	9,000.00	596.69	9,000.00	9,000.00	22,500.00	22,500.00	
Chains	10,000.00	10,000.00	7,370.95	10,000.00	2,629.05	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Safety Equipment	500.00	500.00	196.00	500.00	304.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Sidewalk Repairs	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Catch Basins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000.00	11,000.00	
Culvert Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,000.00	13,000.00	
Storm Drain Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Miscellaneous	1,500.00	1,500.00	4,339.40	1,500.00	(2,839.40)	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Traffic Control Devices	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Village Line Painting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Paving Projects	25,000.00	25,000.00	48,254.19	25,000.00	(23,254.19)	25,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Bridge Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ditching Projects	4,500.00	4,500.00	-	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Mun Rds Gen Permit MRPG	1,590.00	1,590.00	1,350.00	1,590.00	240.00	1,590.00	1,590.00	1,590.00	1,590.00	
Vt Act 64 Water Quality	2,350.00	2,350.00	-	2,350.00	2,350.00	2,350.00	2,350.00	2,350.00	2,350.00	
Personnel Contingency	2,200.00	2,200.00	-	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	
Total Highway Dept	\$696,811.00	\$696,811.00	\$600,567.02	\$696,811.00	96,243.98	711,590.00	711,590.00	811,300.00	811,300.00	

## SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

TOTALS	BUDGET 2021/2022	ACTUAL 2021/2022	NET BALANCE	BUDGET 2022/2023	BUDGET 2023/2024
Highway Dept Expense	696,811.00	600,567.02	96,243.98	711,590.00	811,300.00
State Aid/Misc Income	(92,500.00)	109,175.72		(92,500.00)	(92,500.00)
Grant Income					
Net Highway Expenses	604,311.00	491,391.30		619,090.00	718,800.00
Summary Selectboard	453,584.00	1,144,207.90		512,341.00	494,815.77
Social Concerns	60,294.00	60,294.00		63,544.00	67,933.00
SB Expenses	513,878.00	1,204,501.90		575,885.00	562,748.77
Grant Income	(86,500.00)	(197,900.51)		(86,500.00)	(86,500.00)
Income Budget					
Net SB Expense	427,378.00	1,006,601.39		489,385.00	476,248.77
Outstanding Del Taxes	10,000.00	17,425.27		10,000.00	10,000.00
	437,378.00	1,024,026.66		499,385.00	486,248.77
<b>Net SB/HWY BUDGET</b>	<b>1,041,689.00</b>	<b>1,515,417.96</b>		<b>1,118,475.00</b>	<b>1,205,048.77</b>



## PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL/OPERA HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT

For the first half of the 2021-22 fiscal year, (July '21-Dec '22) the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House continued to be closed to the public as a precaution against the spread of Covid-19. But beginning in January, events and rentals returned, including Johnathan Richman, Ray Vega Latin Jazz, the Champlain Trio, The Larkspurs and others. Both the Maple Hill and Twinfield schools rented the space for various functions. And although Town Meeting was once again absent, several town committees used the space for meetings.

The Friends of Plainfield Town Hall Opera House continue on-going management, promotion with the goal of expanding local and regional use, and they continue to strategize future facility improvements. To these ends the Friends increased their board members from seven to nine. (Information about the Friends of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House is available at [www.plainfieldoperahousevt.org](http://www.plainfieldoperahousevt.org)).

Due to the success of the previous summer's outdoor concert series, the Friends again organized a summer program series at the Town Recreation Field, in association with the Plainfield Recreation Committee. Five varied and well-attended acts came to the village. Once again, the series was so successful that plans are to continue it an annual event.

As of December 2021 the Town Hall Opera House is available to use. Rental information is at [www.plainfieldoperahousevt.org](http://www.plainfieldoperahousevt.org). Use this website to learn how to support Plainfield's historic meeting and performance space, about upcoming events (listed below) and to purchase tickets:

The 2023 Winter-Spring Concert Series kicks off in January 2023 with five monthly performances on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm, as follows:

*January 22 - Hilari Farrington, Benedict Koehler & Sarah Blair- Irish Music*

*February 11 & 12 - "Red, White & Blacklisted" a play starring Donny Osman*

*March 26 - Karen Kevra & Jeffrey Chappell - Flute & Piano*

*April 23 - The Champlain Trio - Violin, Cello & Piano*

*May 21-Diana Fanning-Piano*

Plainfield's Town Hall Opera is a wonderful and affordable venue for community theater, public and private meetings, musical events, movies, weddings - you name it! Expanded parking is now available courtesy of the Friends of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House. Please support and enjoy our Town's historic artistic performance and gathering space.

## 2022 CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

The Cutler Memorial Library is a shared resource in Plainfield, facilitating free and equitable access to information, learning experiences, and social opportunities. The library lends a diverse range of materials alongside books and participates in the interlibrary loan service, providing the community with rare and varied books from across the country. We offer programs for adults and children and provide printers, computers, and high-speed fiber internet. As a trusted resource, we happily help patrons with research queries, employment searches, and technology tutorials. With the poverty rate at 27.1%, the library's work addressing low-income needs is more important than ever.

The library has 861 active patrons (most families share one card), of which 123 are new patrons in the last year. Book circulation has consistently increased, and children's book circulation has risen dramatically; for every two books read by children over the summer before the pandemic, five books were read by children this past summer. This autumn, we provided increased access to e-books and e-audiobooks through the Palace Project app.

Grants provided funding for over one hundred programs for children and youth, including StoryTime around the Fire, teen writing and reading groups, robotics, stop animation, Lego, and Snap Circuits programs. The library also held a well-attended Reading Success Fair to support neurodiverse learners. These programs provide learning and social opportunities for children and youth while helping families manage after-school care. Adult programming includes the Classic Book Club, art discussions, and exhibitions such as Peace in the World: Ukrainian Children's Art. In the autumn, Knit Nights resumed, hosted by Lynda Volz.

Grant funding has also provided the library five flip Chromebooks, a new wireless printer, and shared learning tools and games. Grants also allowed us to install safe bookcases in the children's section and helped us transform our kitchen area. Through grants, the library brought \$8,500 to the budgets of other town groups, and all the elementary students at Twinfield received free books last spring.

A building inspection report in September exposed the library's extensive infrastructure needs, prompting the Board of Trustees to form a building committee to address urgent repairs, including lead paint and a new roof. The board swiftly encapsulated the lead, according to state standards, on the windows of the apartment above the library to maintain a much-needed revenue source. As we seek additional funds, the library's windows remain closed and need encapsulation. The library needs to upgrade its heating and electrical system, paint the exterior, and replace the unsafe fence behind the library, among numerous other repairs.

## 2022 CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

We express our gratitude for the time and service of Nick Chedli Carter and Nancy Ellen, who left the board in 2022. Newly elected members of the board, Mary Trerice and Genese Grill, have given considerable time and energy to the challenge of building repairs, among other tasks. Our gracious interim Treasurer, Bob Rosenfeld, is working with our newly elected Treasurer, Erica Da Costa. This year, we welcomed a student representative to the board, Alex Yahm-Halberg. Jane Youngbaer remains as the library assistant. We appreciate the work of our library volunteers, Gail Falk, Michael Morlan, Tim Phillips, and Jess Taylor, who give their time to make the library better for everyone.

The Friends of the Library continue to provide valuable support to the library. This year the annual plant sale resumed in the spring, and the book sale was held in the autumn. In June, Genese Grill stepped down as president to join the Board of Trustees. Emily Rappold was elected president, Pat Boyle remains Treasurer, and Donna Petterson and Gayle Poinsette were elected co-secretaries. The Friends always welcome new members to their group.

The library has had an exciting year of change and growth, even as we continue the task of repairing the building. We welcome your input and involvement as we work to improve the library and our service to the community.

Library Director, Angela Ogle, submitted the report for the Cutler Memorial Library for 2022. The Library Board of Trustees are:

Jen Carlo, Co-Chair of the Board

Grace Worcester, Co-Chair of the Board

Bob Rosenfeld, interim Treasurer

Erica DaCosta, Treasurer Genese Grill, Secretary

Mary Trerice, Friends of the Library Liaison and Building Committee Chair Alex Yahm-Halberg, Student Representative

# CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

## JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022

Cash on Hand July 1, 2021 --- \$35,344.84

### INCOME

Appropriation from the Town of Plainfield	37,500.00	
Rental Income	10,000.00	
Annual Appeal	5,087.61	
Donations from the Friends of the Library (FOL)***	350.00	
Other Donations and Book Sales	1,900.98	
Grants (Restricted)	66,934.27	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>121,772.86</b>

### EXPENSES

Gross Wages, (includes grant personnel)	55,296.96	
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	4,785.16	
Payroll fees	4.76	
Accounting Fees	2,487.50	
Worker's Comp Insurance	1,003.25	
Bank Fees	9.75	
Collection (Books/DVDs/Subscriptions)	9,010.17	
Internet/Technology/Computers	1,239.72	
Library Programs (Including grant programs)	33,923.58	
Postage (Includes Interlibrary Loan)	1,473.40	
Telephone	644.75	
Library Supplies	1,378.65	
Upkeep and Utilities	9,372.33	
Business Insurance	1,621.00	
<b>Total Expenses**</b>		<b>122,250.98</b>

Cash on Hand June 30, 2022

Checking account	25,488.95	
Debit Card account	2,506.00	
Capital Campaign (Restricted account)	835.00	
Grants (Restricted)****	6,036.77	
<b>Total Cash on Hand June 30, 2022*</b>	<b>34,866.72</b>	<b>.</b>

\* Funds at the end of June 2022, used to run the library until we get the Town Appropriation in early September

\*\* Grant Expenses totaling \$65,600 are included with all the regular expenses of running our library.

\*\*\* The FOL also purchased and donated a commemorative bench at the entrance to the library.

\*\*\*\* Balance of grants to be expended in the next fiscal year.

## 2022/2023 PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

Balances as of June 30, 2021	
Capital Improvement	108,987.40
Equipment Fund	19,808.86
Total Reserved Funds	128,796.26
Unreserved Funds	25,851.20
Due to from	(50.00)
	\$154,597.46

INCOME DESCRIPTION	BUDGET		ACTUAL		VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER		BUDGET		PROPOSED	
	2021/2022	2022/2022	2021/2022	2022/2022	2021/2022	2022/2023	2022/2023	2023/2024	2023/2024	
Water Assessments	208,560.00	208,560.00	173,836.00	173,836.00	34,724.00	219,896.00	219,896.00	238,463.00	238,463.00	
Delinquent Assess	9,000.00	9,000.00	24,413.85	24,413.85	(15,413.85)	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Del. Tax Interest	90.00	90.00	1,757.11	1,757.11	(1,667.11)	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	
Del. Tax Penalty	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,953.29	1,953.29	(953.29)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Goddard College	13,728.00	13,728.00	13,728.00	13,728.00	-	14,548.00	14,548.00	15,756.00	15,756.00	
Impact Fees	-	-	540.00	540.00	(540.00)	-	-	-	-	
Interest Income	100.00	100.00	112.56	112.56	(12.56)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Miscellaneous Income	450.00	450.00	43.76	43.76	406.24	450.00	450.00	605.00	605.00	
Total Income	\$232,928.00	\$232,928.00	\$216,384.57	\$216,384.57	\$16,543.43	\$245,084.00	\$245,084.00	\$265,014.00	\$265,014.00	

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**2022/2023 PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET**

EXPENSES DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	2021/2022	2021/2022	(OVER)/UNDER 2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Plant Operator	31,350.00	31,893.41	(543.41)	32,925.00	35,229.00
Asst. Operator	26,286.00	26,338.02	(52.02)	27,600.00	29,532.00
On Call Stipend					3,650.00
Asst Clerk/Treasurer	4,375.00	5,008.64	(633.64)	4,600.00	6,009.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	3,650.00	3,645.20	4.80	4,000.00	3,477.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	600.00	1,953.29	(1,353.29)	600.00	600.00
Commissioner Stipend	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
Auditors	1,000.00	700.00	300.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fringe/FICA	4,350.00	4,416.25	(66.25)	4,550.00	5,500.00
Fringe/MEDI	1,015.00	1,032.83	(17.83)	1,062.00	1,400.00
Fringe BC/BS Insurance	8,724.00	7,686.19	1,037.81	7,550.00	7,270.00
HRA	700.00	-	700.00	1,200.00	1,400.00
Fringe/Retirement	4,100.00	4,180.35	(80.35)	4,670.00	5,500.00
Delinquent Tax	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
Office Supplies	700.00	833.38	(133.38)	760.00	900.00
Computer/Support/ Office	2,075.00	1,918.66	156.34	2,500.00	2,725.00
Computer Plant	360.00	-	360.00	320.00	300.00
Property/Liability Insurance	2,000.00	1,715.00	285.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
Workers Comp. Insurance	4,500.00	4,821.18	(321.18)	4,000.00	4,000.00
Unemployment Ins Trust	200.00	337.00	(137.00)	394.00	395.00
Supplies/System Maint.	6,000.00	9,824.76	(3,824.76)	6,540.00	8,000.00
Waterline Repairs	10,000.00	19,779.17	(9,779.17)	11,000.00	12,000.00
Fowler Loan Principal	14,255.00	14,255.20	(0.20)	14,683.00	15,123.00
Fowler Loan Interest & Fees	6,680.00	6,679.05	0.95	6,253.00	5,811.00
Rt2 Project Loan Principal	10,743.00	10,743.00	-	10,918.00	11,275.00
Rt2 Project Loan Interest	20,615.00	20,615.00	-	20,440.00	20,083.00
Safety Equipment	350.00	-	350.00	525.00	375.00

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## 2022/2023 PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENSES DESCRIPTION	BUDGET		ACTUAL		VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER		BUDGET		PROPOSED	
	2021/2022	2022/2023	2021/2022	2022/2023	2021/2022	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023	2023/2024	2023/2024
Bank Fees	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	25.00	660.00
Legal Fees/VLCT Dues	450.00	660.00	660.00	660.00	(210.00)	-	660.00	660.00	660.00	1,100.00
Taxes To Marshfield	1,100.00	1,076.57	1,076.57	1,076.57	23.43	-	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,175.00
Mowing	1,000.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	(50.00)	-	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Electricity/GMP	1,000.00	795.81	795.81	795.81	204.19	-	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
Phone/Cell/Internet	1,500.00	1,816.05	1,816.05	1,816.05	(316.05)	-	1,600.00	1,600.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Furnace Repairs/Fuel	1,300.00	2,522.87	2,522.87	2,522.87	(1,222.87)	-	1,450.00	1,450.00	375.00	800.00
Uniforms	350.00	353.40	353.40	353.40	(3.40)	-	525.00	525.00	650.00	3,270.00
Staff Training	350.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	(450.00)	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	800.00	800.00
Chemicals & Supplies	1,000.00	441.60	441.60	441.60	558.40	-	1,040.00	1,040.00	650.00	650.00
Testing	3,000.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,700.00	-	3,270.00	3,270.00	650.00	900.00
Truck Maintenance	500.00	678.03	678.03	678.03	(178.03)	-	545.00	545.00	800.00	800.00
State Water Flow Fees	900.00	645.80	645.80	645.80	254.20	-	900.00	900.00	59,405.00	2,600.00
Misc/Advts/Publications	600.00	890.31	890.31	890.31	(290.31)	-	655.00	655.00	2,400.00	-
Capital Improvement	50,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	54,500.00	54,500.00	-	-
Equipment Fund	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	-	-	2,400.00	2,400.00	-	-
Audit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Street Waterline	-	8,085.00	8,085.00	8,085.00	(8,085.00)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$232,928.00	\$229,191.02	\$229,191.02	\$229,191.02	\$3,736.98	-	\$245,085.00	\$245,085.00	\$265,014.00	\$265,014.00
Reserved		(2,200.00)	(2,200.00)	(2,200.00)	2,200.00	-	2,200.00	2,200.00		
Reserved		(25,000.00)	(25,000.00)	(25,000.00)	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	25,000.00		
		\$201,991.02	\$201,991.02	\$201,991.02	\$30,936.98	-	\$30,936.98	\$30,936.98		
Capital Improvement	105,066.47									
Equipment Fund	22,030.67									
Total Reserved Funds	127,097.14									
Unreserved Funds	41,943.87									
Due to from	(50.00)									
Total On Hand June 30, 2022	\$168,991.01									

**SIMPLIFIED  
STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT  
WATER ASSESSMENTS  
JULY 1 2021 TO JUNE 30 2022**

Balance as of 6/30/2022 of 6/30/2022 :

	2021:00:00	\$ 1,306.75
	2022-WW1 :	\$ 6,150.24
	BALANCE :	\$ 7,456.99
TOTAL COLLECTED:		\$ 17,555.10
TOTAL INTEREST:		\$ 586.61
TOTAL COLLECTORS FEES:		\$ 1,404.39
TOTAL LEGAL & COLL. COSTS:		\$ 0.00
TOTAL:		\$ 19,546.10



## 2022 NARRATIVE FOR WATER & WASTEWATER

This year has seen some changes around our town; a new sidewalk into and out of town, bridge closure, promotions, and retirements. One of the retirements this year was the W/WW Chief Operator Greg Chamberlin. Greg served this community for nearly 14 years. He cared greatly for the environment, promoted water conservation and worked to ensure safe water was available for everyone in town. He was very vocal trying to encourage everyone contributing to the waste stream not to put anything down a drain that shouldn't be there. His mechanical knowledge and experiences kept the treatment plant running to protect the waterways for future generations. We wish him many years of happy retirement!

With Greg's retirement on the horizon much of the year was spent looking and preparing for a new system operator to take over for Tristan MacGregor-Stewart who was able to transition into the Chief Operator position. The new Assistant Operator, Scott Franks, was hired at the beginning of July and had the benefit of training with both Tristan and Greg for a few months before Greg left in September.

Along with the hiring and training that took place we continued to work with engineering firms to plan and acquire funding for infrastructure projects that are needed to replace water and wastewater lines. We worked with engineers and State agencies to protect our interests with projects that are being planned or undertaken in the area. Regular testing and sampling are done daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly to meet permit requirements and ensure safe water to drink and only quality effluent reaching waterways. We continued to repair and replace manholes as they deteriorate. A lot of work has been done around the treatment plant to streamline operations, clean up, and protect the look and function of equipment and infrastructure. The roof of the reservoir building was replaced and access hatches were replaced on the sludge tanks. We look forward to continuing to meet all State and Federal requirements for water and wastewater and continuing to upgrade and improve infrastructure at the treatment plants and aroundtown.

## 2022/2023 PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

Balance as of June 30, 2021				
Capital Improvement	74,491.25			
Equipment Fund	32,377.78			
Total Reserved Funds	106,869.03			
Unreserved Funds	107,687.18			
Due to from	25.00			
Total on hand June 30, 2021	\$214,531.21			
<b>INCOME DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BUDGET 2021/2022</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2021/2022</b>	<b>(OVER)/UNDER 2021/2022</b>	<b>BUDGET 2022/2023</b>
Assessment	244,999.00	226,206.66	18,792.34	290,698.00
Del. Assessment	8,000.00	17,555.10	(9,555.10)	8000.00
Del. Tax Interest	300.00	586.61	(286.61)	300.00
Del. Tax Coll. Fees	700.00	1,404.39	(704.39)	700.00
Recording Fees	-	-	-	0.00
Goddard College	63,665.00	55,839.60	7,825.40	72,675.00
Impact Fees	-	1,960.00	(1,960.00)	0.00
Interest Income	150.00	133.82	16.18	150.00
Miscellaneous Income	509.00	10.15	498.85	509.00
20 Year Eval. Income*	-	2,260.00	(2,260.00)	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$318,323.00</b>	<b>\$305,956.33</b>	<b>\$12,366.67</b>	<b>\$373,032.00</b>
				<b>\$380,374.00</b>

\*Funded by a loan.

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EXPENSES DESCRIPTION	BUDGET		ACTUAL		VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER		BUDGET		PROPOSED	
	2021/2022	2022/2023	2021/2022	2022/2023	2021/2022	2022/2023	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2023/2024
Plant Operator	31,350.00		31,578.86		(228.86)		32,925.00		35,229.00	
Asst. Operator	26,286.00		26,932.05		(646.05)		39,600.00		29,532.00	
On call Stipend									3,650.00	
Asst. Clerk Treasurer	4,375.00		4,912.32		(537.32)		4,600.00		6,009.00	
Clerk/Treasurer	3,650.00		3,645.20		4.80		4,000.00		3,477.00	
Auditors	1,000.00		700.00		300.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	
Del. Tax Collector	600.00		1,404.39		(804.39)		600.00		600.00	
Fringe/FICA	4,200.00		4,237.73		(37.73)		5,150.00		5,150.00	
Fringe/MEDI	985.00		991.12		(6.12)		1,200.00		1,200.00	
Delinquent Tax	500.00		-		500.00		500.00		500.00	
BC/BS Insurance	8,724.00		7,586.72		1,137.28		9,985.00		7,270.00	
HRA	700.00		12.93		687.07		1,200.00		1,400.00	
Fringe/Retirement	4,100.00		4,191.78		(91.78)		5,500.00		5,500.00	
Office Supplies/Postage	700.00		699.11		0.89		760.00		900.00	
Supplies & System Repairs	45,000.00		30,432.78		14,567.22		48,000.00		51,120.00	
Computer Office	2,075.00		1,918.66		156.34		2,500.00		2,725.00	
Computer Plant	300.00		-		300.00		320.00		300.00	
Property/Liability	3,000.00		2,644.49		355.51		3,200.00		3,200.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	4,500.00		4,820.68		(320.68)		4,000.00		4,000.00	
Unemp Insurance Trust	200.00		337.00		(137.00)		394.00		394.00	
Equipment Repairs/Parts	23,000.00		18,483.76		4,516.24		24,500.00		26,100.00	
Bank Fees	50.00		-		50.00		50.00		25.00	
Legal Fees/VLCT Dues	450.00		1,035.00		(585.00)		660.00		600.00	
Electricity/GMP	21,000.00		19,996.11		1,003.89		22,400.00		23,850.00	
Telephone	1,500.00		1,647.90		(147.90)		1,600.00		1,700.00	
Fuel/Furnace Repairs	1,400.00		524.25		875.75		1,500.00		1,600.00	
Chemicals	3,950.00		3,910.00		40.00		4,210.00		4,500.00	
Sludge Disposal	44,000.00		30,303.03		13,696.97		34,500.00		36,750.00	
Sludge Trucking	-		24,809.39		(24,809.39)		34,500.00		36,750.00	

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**2022/2023 PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET**

	<b>BUDGET 2021/2022</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2021/2022</b>	<b>VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER 2021/2022</b>	<b>BUDGET 2022/2023</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2023/2024</b>
Uniforms	350.00	165.00	185.00	525.00	360.00
Audit	-	-	-	-	-
Laboratory Services	6,520.00	3,342.40	3,177.60	7,000.00	7,500.00
Mowing	1,000.00	1,050.00	(50.00)	1,100.00	1,175.00
Staff Training	600.00	709.99	(109.99)	1,000.00	750.00
Truck Fuel/Maintenance	500.00	895.29	(395.29)	545.00	500.00
Safety Equipment	300.00	310.95	(10.95)	525.00	500.00
Bond & Interest Expense	48,158.00	47,463.08	694.92	48,158.00	48,158.00
Audit Rounding Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	300.00	99.68	200.32	325.00	300.00
Capital Improvement	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	16,000.00	17,100.00
Equipment Fund	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	8,500.00	9,100.00
20 Year Evaluation*	-	2,260.00	(2,260.00)	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$318,323.00</b>	<b>\$307,051.65</b>	<b>\$11,271.35</b>	<b>\$373,032.00</b>	<b>380,474.00</b>
Reserved		(8,000.00)	\$8,000.00		
Reserved		(15,000.00)	\$15,000.00		
Balance as of June 30, 2022		284,051.65	34,271.35		
Capital Improvement	89,576.34				
Equipment Fund	40,415.57				
Total Reserved Funds	129,991.91				
Unreserved Funds	106,468.98				
Due to from	(25.00)				
Total on hand June 30, 2022	\$236,435.89				

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## TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. **Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law at six months of age. By statute, unlicensed dogs can be confiscated. Puppies and kittens can have the first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age.** If unable to schedule an appointment with a veterinary office for this vaccination, Tractor Supply Stores hold monthly clinics. Call for their schedules. After the vaccination, contact your town clerk and provide proof of the rabies vaccination to license your dog.

Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

### Licensing a dog:

- 1) Helps identify your dog if lost.
- 2) Provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person - which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

For a VSNIP Application and a List of Participating Offices, send a 10" SASE: elf- 8ddressed, tamped I;nvelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if your request is for a cat, dog or both. Once fully completed, please mail it back. If approved, you will receive a Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pays the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog licensing. Please be SURE your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit, or you will be charged for treatment. Pain medication is highly recommended **after** the surgery, but would be your responsibility. It is also wise to buy an "E" collar to avoid having sutures pulled out. These are the right choices!

Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. **These altruistic veterinarians are the backbone of the program!** If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We NEED them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they have made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the routine means of animal over- population control. Those days are behind us rv let's keep it that way!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator 1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647)

**DOG LICENSE**  
**Required by Vermont State Law**

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

**License Fees**

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

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

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

VSA Title 20, Section 3581

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DOGS OR WOLF-HYBRIDS  
**Just call the town clerks office with any questions, 454-8461.**  
**FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT RABIES CALL THE RABIES  
HOTLINE AT 1-800-472-2437**

## PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT FOR 2022

*Our major goal is to foster community involvement and responsibility for our town's natural resource..”!* 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.

If you are interested in helping with one of our current projects (see below) or proposing a new one., 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. We are a small group and can use help in large or small ways. **In particular, consider offering to help plan this year’s Green Up Day (seebelow)!**

We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, currently via ZOOM. We look forward to meeting in person at the Municipal Building in the future and hope to continue the option of ZOOM. All townspeople are welcome. Meeting minutes are available to read on the Town of Plainfield website.

Here are some of what we’ve been working on this past year:

- **Town Forest:** Plainfield’s 28-acre Town Forest, accessed via Gonyeau or Maxfield roads, is overseen by the Conservation Commission in accordance with the forest management plan. The Town Forest is available for snowshoeing, skiing, hiking, hunting, birding, botanical studies, and other low-impact recreation. We encourage you to come and explore it!

Both entrances have a parking lot and a kiosk with a map and trail information and we are striving to improve three-season access. Unfortunately, passenger vehicle access to the Parking Lot at the end of Gonyeau Rd is not possible during winter (not plowed) and is virtually impassable at other times of the year due to road erosion. We would like to secure funding to improve Gonyeau Road for three season-access to the town forest, but have been unable to make progress on this.

This year the trails within the town forest were mowed in early summer and in the fall to make them pleasant for walking. We are in the process of installing trail markers which we hope to finish by the end of 2022, just in time for snowshoeing.

Several Commission members surveyed the trees along half the trails for Emerald Ash Borer. So far no borers were found, although there are several documented infestation sites in Plainfield.

- **Green Up Day:** Many thanks to Becky Atchinson for heading up another safe and successful 2022 Green Up Day with much help by community volunteers. What a difference all our volunteers make by helping to clean up trash along our roadsides, riverbanks, the recreation field and the village park. THANK YOU,VOLUNTEERS!

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Mark your calendar: this year's **Green Up Day will be on May 7, 2023**. Please call Becky at 802-479-4326 if you'd like to volunteer in April to help and plan Green Up Day, help out on Green Up Day itself, and/or become the next coordinator since Becky would like to pass on the torch in the near future.

- **Tree and Shrub Sale:** The Cabot Conservation Commission has recently joined with Marshfield and Plainfield to work on the annual spring Tree and Shrub Sale and will be coordinating the 2023 sale. Offerings include native landscaping trees and shrubs that are edible, attract wildlife, or are suitable for riparian areas. Information about ordering and the pick up location and date will be available in mid winter. In past years, Plainfield's proceeds from the Tree and Shrub Sale helped fund our **Street Tree** program, which is used for planting and maintenance of village trees in the public right of way, or other Conservation Commission projects.
- **Educational Presentations:** There were no presentations during 2022 because of COVID precautions. We are looking forward to hosting presentations in the future.
- **Town Plan Goals Assigned to the Conservation Commission:** The Town Plan Goals we are focussing on include:
  - Town forest maintenance, accessibility and resilience.
  - Recreational trail development.
  - Mitigating climate change via promoting carbon sequestration in town forests.
  - Organize our web page so it contains easy to navigate and useful community resources.
  - Act as a liaison between town residents and organizations that promote healthy environments/sustainable use of natural resources.
  - Promote responsible and recreational use of Plainfield's natural resources for the health and well-being of its residents.
  - Continue ongoing responsibilities including the Town Forest, Plant Sale, Green-Up Day and the Annual Report.
- **Working With Other Partners:** If you would like to meet with a forest management expert about your land, the Friends of the Winooski River can arrange this. Please let the Conservation Commission know and we'll put you in touch with the Friends.
- **Conservation Fund:** This fund (a line item in the Selectboard budget) was begun in 2001 and is designed to accumulate over a long period of time to be used to:
  - Purchase resource lands or conservation easements in Plainfield in cooperation with landowners and/or nonprofit organizations,



## PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT FOR 2022

- o Provide technical assistance to Plainfield landowners seeking conservation easements on their land, and
- o Provide matching funds for larger grants for significant conservation projects, in accordance with the town plan.

The most recent use of Conservation funds was in 2022. The Town approved matching funds for a conservation easement on an active dairy farm located in Plainfield. Information about the Conservation Fund is available at the town website or by contacting the Conservation Commission or the town clerk's office.

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

Serena Matt, Chair 917-364-1553

Becky Atchinson 802-479-4326

Mary Trerice, Secretary 802-522-6732

Julie Hackbarth 802-522-0744

Rose Paul, Treasurer 802-454-1220

**2022 CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT  
(ENDING JUNE 30, 2022)**

Income	
<b>FY21-22 Town Budget</b>	<b>400.00</b>
Expenses	
Annual membership Assoc. of VT Conservation Commissions	50.00
Zoom fees (Sept-March)	108.53
Total Expenses	158.53
Balance 6/30/22 (returned to General Fund)	241.47
<b>Street Tree Reserve Fund</b>	
Balance as of July 1, 2021	9,469.57
Income	
Total 3-town profit from 2022 Tree Sale:	\$1,835.69
Plainfield share of Tree Sale profit	611.89
Balance On Hand June 30, 2022	11,304.52
<b>Conservation Fund</b>	
Balance as of July 1, 2021	21,791.36
Income	0.00
Budget	2,000.00
Expense	0.00
Balance On Hand June 30, 2022	23,823.94
<b>Town Forest Fund</b>	
Balance as of July 1, 2021	4,513.10
Income	0.00
Expenses	
trail signs	204.20
boundary signs	312.43
Brush hogging trails	900.00
Total Expenses	1,416.63
Balance On Hand June 30, 2022	3,586.62

## PLAINFIELD E-911

### **Things Everyone Needs to Know to Be 911 Ready**

Help us help you! In an emergency, seconds matter; being prepared can make a difference! Talking through scenarios with other family members can help you Be 911 Ready!

#### **Know when to use 911**

Call or text 911 in an emergency: to save a life, stop a crime, or to report a fire. If you or someone else is hurt or very sick, call 911. If you're not sure if your situation is an emergency, err on the side of safety and call 911. The call-taker can assess the event and guide you. Call when you can, text when you can't!

#### **Know your location**

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

Keep your address posted by your phone in case of an emergency.

#### **Know your phone**

We can call 911 from a variety of phones these days, which is great in an emergency. However, not all phones and devices provide the 911 call-taker with your location information. Wireline phones will provide your location to the call-taker, but cell and VoIP phones may not. Contact your service provider for more information about the capabilities of your phone.

#### **Remain calm**

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

#### **Don't hang up**

If you have placed an emergency call to 911, stay on the line until the call-taker tells you it's ok to hang up the phone. They can dispatch help even when you are still on the line. In addition, they may require more information or be able to provide you with assistance, so don't hang up!

#### **Don't hang up**

If you've called 911 by accident, it's important to let the call-taker know. If you hang up suddenly, the call-taker may call you back or may even send someone to your home to check on your safety.

## **PLAINFIELD E-911**

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

## 2022 PLAINFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT

2022 has been another challenging year for the department. With COVID still prevalent and having to be very proactive when it comes to wearing protective gear, and the number of people that we send in for a call, is something that we continue to keep in mind. COVID continues to be among us and although things have lifted such as wearing masks, etc. it is still something we need to be mindful of. We had the Main Street Bridge closed. During that time, we had several calls involving motor vehicles that had rolled over and we were grateful that no one was seriously injured.

Luckily, the bridge is completed, and we no longer have to worry about responding to a call in a timely manner.

Fire call volume was a little down this year, and our EMS calls were up significantly. With the cost of fuel going up it has definitely put a burden on our members who are driving their personal vehicles to emergency scenes and we need to step up and help in some way.

On a positive note, we were able to bring back the Chicken BBQ for Old Home Days after a two year hiatus. The meal went off without a hitch and I think that most people were thankful to have had it return.

We are continuing to update some of our older equipment and are making sure that everything is up to code to help keep our personnel as safe as possible when doing their job on a call.

We have had a couple of new people join our team, but definitely could use some more help. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have an interest in your community, and an interest in helping someone in their time of need.

Our department is pleased to announce that Joe Perreault received the honor of being chosen as “Basic Life Support Provider for 2021,” for the entire State of Vermont! We are all very proud of this accomplishment. Thank you Joe for all you do for the department, it is so appreciated.

It was another great year for handing out candy at Halloween. We love seeing all the children, parents, friends, and neighbors, out in costume. Thank you for all who stopped at the station.

Again, please do not hesitate to reach out if you’re interested in becoming part of the Fire and or Rescue Department. Life changes and people come and go. We could really use your help.

Thank you, Greg Light

Chief of Plainfield Fire and Rescue Department

Phone: (802)839-8878

## WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

I began my career in public safety at the age of 15, when I became an active member of the Hardwick Rescue Squad. I was active with the Rescue Squad until I left for Champlain College. In May of 1984 I received a degree in Law Enforcement and was hired as a patrolman by the Barre City Police Department. My first day in Barre City was July 2nd, 1984. I worked for the Barre City Police Department for just over 20 years.

Having had a very rewarding career with the Barre City Police Department, I was appointed Washington County Sheriff, by Governor Douglas and was sworn in on July 12th, 2004, filling the vacant Sheriff's seat. My last day of my final term as your Sheriff will be January 31, 2023. I will have served for just over 18 ½ years as Sheriff, just over 38 ½ years in Law Enforcement in Central Vermont, and over 42 in Public Safety.

I am proud to have been serving the County and to have been the second longest serving Sheriff in the History of Washington County. Sheriff Henry C Lawson was the longest serving Sheriff, serving 24 years, from 1929 to 1953. I am also happy to have served in the office my uncle Harold Potter held as Sheriff, from 1960 to 1968. Sheriff Potter lived in the house which is now my office and ran the County Jail (which is now the County Offices).

I have enjoyed working with each town and with the Citizens of Washington County. Working through problems and issues and working towards solutions. I have had a very rewarding and memorable career working with the people in Washington County and throughout the State.

Your next Sheriff will be Marc Poulin, who is running unopposed. Marc, a long time Deputy and past Lieutenant with the Department, will serve you well and I will make myself available through his first year, if he needs any assistance with the transition.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve you for the past 18 plus years.

Locally:

During the fall of 2021 we lost our full time Patrol Deputy. He left us to become a police officer in Nashville, TN. In the spring of 2022, we were able to fill that patrol position. We happy to once again able to fulfill our patrol contract with you. County wide, our patrol efforts during fiscal year 2022 generated 1219 total incident reports, to include 862 Traffic Stops, 368 Vermont Traffic Citations and 486 Traffic Warnings.

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

Through all the issues we all deal with in todays world, we take pride in our efforts in making Washington County a safe place to live and work, for all of us.

Professionally,

W Samuel Hill, Sheriff

# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Incidents:	
Call Type	Call Type
Alcohol Offense	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	1
Motorist Assist	1
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Attempt to Locate	2
Animal Problem	1
Agency Assist	2
VIN Verification	2
Traffic Stop	50
Directed Patrol	12

Tickets/Warnings:			
Ticket Type	Ticket Type	Ticket Violation	Ticket Violation
			0
Civil Other	Civil Other	16B - Possessing alcoholic beverage for consumption - 1st Offense (over 15 and under 21)	1
Traffic	Traffic	BR - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	1
Traffic	Traffic	DP - Failed To Display Front Registration Plate	1
Traffic	Traffic	FYY - Stop Sign	2
Traffic	Traffic	INS - Operating Without Liability Insurance	2
Traffic	Traffic	NL - Operating Without A License	1
Traffic	Traffic	NR - Persons Required To Register	5
Traffic	Traffic	OSC - Operating After Suspension/Revocation/Refusal	2
Traffic	Traffic	SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	4
Traffic	Traffic	SL3 - 21-30 MPH Over Speed Limit	4
Traffic	Traffic	SL4 - 31 Or More MPH Over Speed Limit	1
Traffic	Traffic	VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	4
Traffic	Traffic	VO - Regulations In Municipalities	1
Warning	Warning	DEF - Condition Of Vehicle	3
Warning	Warning	DP - Failed To Display Front Registration Plate	2
Warning	Warning	FYY - Stop Sign	2
Warning	Warning	LBR - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit-Local	1
Warning	Warning	OMD-Driver Possessing Open Container of Marijuana	1
Warning	Warning	PNA - Misuse Of Number Plates	1
Warning	Warning	SL1 - 1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit	1
Warning	Warning	SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	6
Warning	Warning	SL3 - 21-30 MPH Over Speed Limit	1
Warning	Warning	VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	15

## PLAINFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

The Plainfield Historical Society is a group of volunteers committed to our mission: “to educate the people of Plainfield, Vermont and the surrounding area about the history of the area and its people.” We are funded entirely by donations and the sales of our publications, notably our annual calendar and our book, *The Town of Plainfield, VT: A Pictorial History 1870-1940*. The Plainfield Historical Society is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization.

We completed the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of our annual calendar for 2023. Many thanks to those who made it possible - Dave Ferland for design and photo editing; Dan Gadd, Susan Grimaldi and Melinda Vieux for the captions; and Bev Thomas for distribution and coordinating the patrons and ads.

This year we were able to expand our archives of Plainfield history with many new acquisitions. The largest addition was from Plainfield’s well known photographer, Bram Towbin. Bram was kind enough to donate digital copies of over 5000 photos of the Plainfield community in many different activities from 2009 to 2022. Thank you, Bram!

We had several other significant collections of documents and photos donated this year: Stereograph images of Plainfield from Richard Pettit

2 boxes of historic documents from the Cutler Memorial Library

Family photos from Joyce Martin and Joanne Edwards

Many family photos and other documents from Keith Goslant and Mary Etta Chase

If you have any photos of Plainfield people, businesses, locations, farms, or activities that you would like to add to our archives, we can digitally scan them and return them to you. You can contact us at the email below.

Susan Grimaldi recorded several interviews with long-time Plainfield residents including Joyce Martin and Joanne Edwards; Stanley Martin; and Keith Goslant and Mary Etta Chase. These interviews provided great insights into Plainfield’s people and history. The year before we also recorded a very interesting interview with Plainfield icon, J. Willis Pratt. Thank you to all the folks who shared their memories with us. If you have memories and stories from Plainfield’s history, we would be interested in possibly recording them for posterity. You can contact us at the email below.

Susan also compiled a chronological list of 35 of Plainfield’s earliest houses.

We worked with Nancy Ellen from the Plainfield Cemetery Commission to provide supplies for the restoration of gravestones in Plainfield’s cemeteries.

We also put a small exhibit in the Cutler Memorial Library. It told two stories.



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One was the history of the telephone from Bell's first phone to today's smart phones. The second story was about Plainfield's telephone Operators and their role during the Batchelder Mill fire in 1947.

Thanks to donations, our collection has grown to over 15,000 digitized photos and documents. And, we have many, many more paper documents that we are in the process of scanning. We are grateful to everyone who has donated photos or let us scan their photos. We are always excited to add new photos to our collection.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Fancher, Secretary

Website: [PlainfieldVThistory.org](http://PlainfieldVThistory.org) Email: [Info@PlainfieldVThistory.org](mailto:Info@PlainfieldVThistory.org)

## 2022 RECREATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

This past year The Plainfield Recreation Committee has worked hard to improve our Recreation Field and increase the amount of programming for our community residents of all ages. The Committee worked to maintain our existing recreation equipment making needed repairs throughout the year to the Skate Park, the swings, and the electrical system around the basketball court. The Committee also worked to better utilize the storage shed, by cleaning it and purchasing storage shelves to store all the new equipment we were able to purchase through the Vermont After School Grant we received in partnership with Cutler Memorial Library. Through this generous grant we were able to bring in a total of \$6,600 for supplies and stipends for summer workshop leaders to provide free summer programming for community residents of all ages in Plainfield. This grant also supported supplies for Old Home Day 2022 festivities.



The 2022 Summer Programming at the Rec Field included a skateboarding clinic, led by Plainfield resident and Rec Committee member, Ben Youngbaer. Overall, approximately six young people participated in the skateboarding clinic. The summer grant also supported art workshops led by local artist and Plainfield resident, Erik Gillard. Approximately five local youth participated in the art workshops to beautify the Recreation Field.

The art making will continue as we work to complete murals at the skatepark, on the picnic shelter eaves, and on the concrete blocks in the parking lot. The Recreation Committee also organized summer soccer games and community potlucks during July and August that over 30 local residents attended. These all-ages events help to build community, support the health of our residents and enhance the family-friendly atmosphere of our town. The Vermont After School Grant supported these programs and events by helping the Recreation Committee purchase sports equipment, potluck/cookout supplies, skateboarding equipment for the community to use, folding tables and pop-up tents for all kinds of events.

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The Committee once again co-sponsored a Summer Concert Series in partnership with the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House. This series consisted of five concerts, which brought over 300 people to the Rec Field to enjoy excellent local music and the amazing puppetry of Modern Times Theater. We hope to continue this collaboration for the coming summer and co-sponsor another concert series. Lastly, on July 23, 2022 nine families worked together to plant 3 Linden trees as part of the Families Rise Up Climate Playgroup. These trees will create more shade in the park. Many thanks to the families for their time and energy.

During Fiscal Year 21-22 the Recreation Committee exceeded the budget for the year by \$479.29. Mowing costs and park improvements exceeded the annual \$3,000 allotment. For FY 23-24, we are requesting to separate mowing costs from the budget account for Park improvements and maintenance. This will make it clearer the budget that we have discretion over, so that we can accurately manage it. This past calendar year, we did some fundraising of our own at Old Home Day and were able to raise over \$300 to add to the Recreation Committee Reserve Account, which now has over \$1700.

The Recreation Committee has three goals for the coming year that will increase the quality of recreation options for the community and improve the health and sanitation situation at the Recreation Field. Specifically, we have submitted a request to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Advisory Committee and Select Board to fund half the cost of a large rope climbing dome for youth ages 5-11 years old, to build a permanent composting toilet outhouse at the Recreation Field and to install a publicly accessible drinking water spigot. These improvements will support our residents in staying active and healthy, attract families with children and younger residents to our town, and continue to provide the public spaces where our community can gather and support each other.

If you have an idea for new equipment, an event or project at the Recreation Field, please don't hesitate to contact the Committee via the Chair at [jamieaspector@gmail.com](mailto:jamieaspector@gmail.com). We hope to see you outside at the Rec Field this coming year!

**2022-2023 CEMETERY  
COMMISSION REPORT & BUDGET**

	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>2023 – 2024</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Sale of lots	\$ 10,000
Cemetery Services	\$ 7,000
Transfer from investments	\$ 24,170
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 41,170</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Cemetery Mowing	\$ 17,000
Sexton Contract/Services	\$ 16,800
GMP electricity	\$ 270
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,200
Maintenance	\$ 5,000
Supplies	\$ 400
Treasurer	\$ 500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 41,170</b>

## 2022 - 2023 PLAINFIELD ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT FROM BOB ATCHINSON

Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Citizens

*Our Civilization Is Running Out of Time!*

“We are on a highway to climate hell, with our foot still on the accelerator,” said Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the UN, as he addressed the COP27 climate change summit in November 2022. “We are in the fight of our lives, and we are losing. Greenhouse gas emissions keep growing, global temperatures keep rising, and our planet is fast approaching tipping points that will make climate As Plainfield Energy Coordinator and a member of environmental organizations such as 350VT, Vermont Natural Resources Council, XRVT, etc., I personally feel the frustration that marches, rallies, lobbying, and mild non-violent direct actions are not doing enough, nor soon enough, to cause real changes and aggressively address our climate emergency.

This is to say that we are at the end of the line here with what we can effectively do to awaken the greater population of our Planet, particularly those occupants of the United States and its territories, who are major world polluters. I do hope that I can alert others to the necessary degree that they think about what their personal missions can be in turning our Climate Emergency around, and they will do their best to live in harmony with nature, as well as with the other human occupants of the Earth.

It is time for action, and failing to end our lustful use of fossil fuels and stopping any more fossil fuel exploration and development of fossil fuel infrastructure, particularly on federal or Indigenous lands, we as a civilization will be facing horrific tragedies that few of us can imagine.

I am deeply motivated, and also guilty as part of a generation, who was lied to by big corporate fossil fuel vendors. I pledge to continue doing what I can, personally, to save the existence of all species - particularly those who are young and have had no part in perpetrating this emergency, such as my grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews, as well as marginalized people of the Planet, who have had minimal impact in the pollution, but whose societies are suffering the most.

As our Planet Earth and its population continues to sink deeper into Climate Catastrophe, with this year’s spin-off of the latest variants of the Corona-Virus pandemic, it is most important that we continue our efforts, individually and collectively, to conserve and use less of the energy resources available, stop the use of all fossil fuels, and replace them with clean energy sources.

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### So, what have we done?

In the past year, January – December, 2022, Plainfield Energy Coordinator Bob Atchinson and team member Ed Hutchinson have worked on and celebrated the following:

**Twinfield Union First Year Solar Production:** The array serving Twinfield, Danville, and Cabot schools went on-line in January of 2022, and will generate an average 1036 mWh/year or 1,036,000 kWh/yr. - enough electricity to power 173 VT homes at 6,000 kWh each. Twinfield's share of the array's generation is 40.2% or 416,472 kWh / yr., which will cover most of the annual load.

**Net-Zero Energy by 2030** - As Plainfield moves toward our goal of net-zero energy by 2030, according to our Declaration of Climate Emergency, it is now time to add some more renewables. As Energy Coordinator, I am exploring a couple of models for assisting community members to install solar energy systems at an affordable cost, and will be exploring opportunities with the Select Board to add a second municipal solar array.

- **Park & Ride Solar** - Continued the monitoring solar production of the Park & Ride 9.9 kW array. In the past 12 months the array produced 8,915 kWh of electricity. Since its commissioning in September of 2015, the array has produced 40,971 gross kWh of electricity, a lifetime production value, (at today's rate of \$0.17945/kWh), of nearly \$7,325. This is also in line with our calculated return-on-investment (ROI) of a 10-11 year pay-off of our solar loan.
- **EV charging station at Mill St. Park** - As a result of the construction project for the new pedestrian bridge and repairs to the bridge deck on Main St., the charging station has been periodically unavailable due to construction equipment occupying the space, and this year's usage is again impacted. This has led to conversations with the Select Board to add a second charging location. We are considering a Level 2 EVSE, one or two-head, location to be determined, but likely adjacent to the Municipal Building or at the Park & Ride lot. Project financing and payments for charging are still in the research process, but we do expect some funding earmarked from the federal infrastructure bill to help out. Since the beginning installation in 2018, 9814 kWh have been used to charge vehicle batteries – the equivalent of 34,349 miles at 3.5 mi./kWh. Check it out in person, or online at: <https://www.plugshare.com/location/79683>. The current rate is \$0.25/kWh.
- **Municipal Building** - As the Municipal Building second and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors are largely unoccupied, the weatherization work and electrical audit, based on a 2019 audit by Shelter Construction, is off the back burner and ready to roll. The issues now are finding Home Performance with Energy Star contractors to perform the work.

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- **Education** - Again this year, members of the Plainfield Energy Team attended the annual October Renewable Energy VT conference in Burlington, the Better Buildings by Design, and the Vermont Energy Climate Action Network (VE-CAN) conference in December, (the only one remaining virtually online.) The good news is that all sessions were recorded, and we, as attendees can access all recordings via links on the website(s). If you would like access, please let us know, and we will do our best to assist. Bob Atchinson also attended a conference hosted by VT Council on Rural Development, which was most helpful in identifying ARPS and IRA funding opportunities.
- **Virtual, Live, and Drive-by Home Energy Visits** – As the Covid 19 infection rate has eased, the Plainfield Energy Team is now offering live or virtual Home Energy Visits, in conjunction with Efficiency Vermont Here is a link to more information, and to sign up online: <https://efficiencyvermont.timetap.com/#/> We hope to begin live visits soon, however, that will depend on a mutual safety and comfort agreement between the home occupants and the Efficiency VT and Plainfield Energy Team.
- Also, using the FLIR infrared camera, Our Energy Team is available, upon request, to scan your building to identify heat loss, cold penetration, and high moisture areas. *Please take advantage of these offers! We can do a drive-by/walk-around of your home without risking social-distancing guidelines and putting this together with the virtual home energy visit, we can present you with a very comprehensive picture of your structure's performance.*
- **Weatherization Incentives for Moderate-income Households from Efficiency VT (see if your household qualifies):** <https://www.efficiencyvermont.com/news-blog/news/new-incentives-make-weatherization-more-affordable-accessible-for-moderate-income-families>
- **Plainfield Energy Team & Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee combined meetings** - We invite any and all community members with an interest, an idea, or a passion for reducing the effects of our climate emergency to join us. We are currently meeting the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm, (live or virtual hybrid); look for the Zoom link on Front Porch Forum and the Town of Marshfield website: [https://marshfieldvt.gov/index.asp?SEC=CC701CB5-CF6F-43C9-B1AE-462D78C0CA5A&Type=B\\_DIR](https://marshfieldvt.gov/index.asp?SEC=CC701CB5-CF6F-43C9-B1AE-462D78C0CA5A&Type=B_DIR).
- **The Plainfield Energy Team** is your go-to resource – whether for weatherization consultation, renewable energy installation, prospectus of grants and incentives for your project, as well as how to make best choices for transportation and planning in this time of impending climate disaster. As we come to milestones in our lives, i.e. replacing a vehicle, choosing an Energy-Star appliance, Buttoning-Up your residence or business, or installing renewable energy, it is most important to make choices that do not bolster the consumption of Fossil Fuels. We are

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seeking volunteers to help us help the Planet. Please visit our website at: <https://www.plainfieldvt.us/energy-management.html>, and if you are interested in serving, you can snail mail a letter of interest to the Town of Plainfield, PO Box 217, Plainfield, VT 05667, or send an email to our Town Clerk or any Select Board member (Sasha Thayer, Riley Carlson, or Jim Volz).

### • Here's How You Can Get Involved!

- Weatherize your home.
- Make informed, green, choices.
- Research your banks portfolio and divest from any investment in fossil fuels or infrastructure.
- Reduce consumption – transportation and thermal energy sources.
- Electrify your household.
- Be alert of greenwashing.
- Be aware of your legislators, congresspersons, political leaders positions on our Climate Crisis, and help guide them to a better understanding of the situation.
- Join and participate in a climate action group.

**Here are some links to Efficiency VT videos on YouTube – DIY, incentives, and weatherization:** <https://www.youtube.com/user/EfficiencyVermont>

State \$\$ for weatherization & E-VT (Peter Walke): <https://www.encyvermont.com/news-blog/news/new-incentives-make-weatherization-more-affordable-accessible-for-moderate-income-families>

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Atchinson, Plainfield Energy Coordinator  
802-505-3996 (c) 802-479-4326 (h)



## 2022 TOWN HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Town health officer duties have been quite pedestrian this year. The trouble with rodents seems to have mostly subsided (to a dull roar?) in the village center thanks again to the vigilance of citizens in learning to compost responsibly thereby reducing food sources and habitat for rodents. I continue to field calls as begets a town health officer regarding common issues including animal bites, rental housing, and ensuring the safety of our waterways. One interesting case this year involved helping to mitigate a neighborly dispute between a friendly pair of humans and an apparent family of raccoons along with their roommate, a skunk.

As your town health officer I have continued to do my best to help educate people regarding best practices known to engender and maintain health. If you have concerns regarding issues of public health and safety I will be happy to troubleshoot and share with you whatever resources I have at my disposal. You may want to contact the THO if you have a concern regarding town health.

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

And, should you feel called to serve or inclined to get involved in your town, please inquire about becoming a health officer. Becoming a health officer is not only a great way to provide service, but also a wonderful way to meet your neighbors, be involved and get to know what is going on in your town.

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Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is at the address and phone number above. We provide essential services and resources to towns in Washington and Orange counties in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, the Barre Local Health Office:

**Protected communities from COVID-19:** Since the pandemic began three years ago our doors have remained open, and we've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. We provided vaccine, testing, and information, along with other key public health services.

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In collaboration with community partners, since response efforts began, we hosted over 100 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 7,900 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

**Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies:** We worked with partners like schools, skilled nursing facilities, shelters, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 25 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered locally.

**Stayed attentive to people and communities most under served:** We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. For example, we provided vaccine at schools, shelters, senior housing, farms, food distribution sites, and more.

**Collaborated with Town Health Officers around environmental health:** To help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health, we collaborated with towns and other local partners. Find information about environmental health including lead, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), food safety, drinking water, climate change, healthy homes, healthy schools, and more at [www.healthvermont.gov/environment](http://www.healthvermont.gov/environment).

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Provided WIC services and resources to families and children: Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,337 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at [www.healthvermont.gov/wic](http://www.healthvermont.gov/wic).

Supported student health and youth empowerment According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 58% percent of students in Washington County, and only 54% in Orange County, agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." Regionally, efforts like mentoring and after- school enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

Promoted health in all policies: Health is not just individual behaviors and access to ca re, it's also housing, transportation, food access, education, natural resources, and other social determinants of health. We worked with towns, schools, worksites, healthcare providers, and other community organizations to establish plans, policies, and programming that improve health and wellness. To achieve health, we must continue to work together to improve opportunities for health across all sectors and periods of our lives.

Learn more about what we do at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/Barre>

## CVSWMD FY 2022 REPORT FOR PLAINFIELD



The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents. CVSWMD's mission is to provide education, advocacy, and services for residents and businesses in reducing and managing their solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates, and providing information and resources to our member communities. The per capita assessment has been established at \$1.00 for fiscal year 2024.

Plainfield's appointed representative to CVSWMD's Board of Supervisors is Betsy Ziegler; Bram Towbin serves as an alternate.

CVSWMD continues to provide valuable programs and services to its residents, including:

- Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCCJ): The ARCC is located in Barre City, Vermont. We work with the State of Vermont to recycle TVs, computers and computer peripherals, architectural paint, household batteries, mercury bulbs and thermostats for free for Vermont residents. We also accept dozens of hard-to-recycle items that cannot be recycled in curbside recycling. In FY22, 403,896 lbs. of materials were collected and diverted from the landfill.
- Grants: In FY22, CVSWMD awarded \$33,218 in grant funding to towns, businesses, organizations, and schools in our District. Through our Municipal Services Program (MSP), the city of Barre received.

\$5,000 and the town of Chelsea received \$2,764 for solid waste management projects. Samuel Morey Elementary School and Walden School were granted \$2,000 and \$2,500 respectively through our School Zero Waste (SZW) program to reduce solid waste and achieve sustainability goals. And, finally, the Green Mountain Returned Peace Corp Volunteers received \$285 from our Organizational Waste Reduction and Reuse Program (OWRRP) for their Pedals for Progress collection event in Montpelier. Green-Up Day grants of \$400 are available to each of CVSWMD's member municipalities.

- Outreach and Education: CVSWMD maintains its website with useful information on what can (and can't) be recycled, what is landfill banned (and how to dispose of those), what can be recycled at our Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC), what can be composted, how to safely store and dispose of household hazardous waste, leaf, and yard waste disposal, and an A-2 Guide providing guidance to dispose of all types of waste. CVS WMD provides monthly newsletters and is active on social media, com-

municating waste management information and program updates to residents. Our knowledgeable staff provides guidance to residents and local businesses regarding all their waste management questions and concerns.

- Household Hazardous Waste: In FY22, CVSWMD held five one-day collections throughout the district and helped 637 resident households dispose of their hazardous waste. CVSWMD continues to work to acquire land and site a year-round collection facility within the district that will be conveniently accessible to all residents, and small business generators of waste.
- School Program: The School Zero Waste Program continued to deliver services to CVSWMD member schools in FY22. A total of 941 students in grades K-12 were reached through the delivery of 97 programs and initiatives that included: programs on living sustainably, recycling, and composting; support of student Farm-to-School groups, recognition of student leadership efforts in on-campus food scrap disposal, school community zero-waste events, field trips to the Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC), and support for the 2022 VT Youth Climate Rally. Informational take-home packets were provided for primary grade students, which reached upwards of 350 households. School food services departments continued to be supported in reducing cafeteria waste, and school custodial and facilities staff were supported in proper disposal of books, batteries, mercury-containing bulbs, and electronic waste through the ARCC, as well as the management and proper disposal of school-generated hazardous waste via District collection events. Our School Zero Waste Coordinator also tabled at 3 farmers markets and one community event.
- Compost and Zero Waste: CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins, recycling bins, and kitchen compost buckets to district residents at discounted rates. We also continue to offer our Event Kit and Bin Loan programs on a first-come, first-serve basis to help reduce and manage waste at events held within the District



## GREEN UP DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Green Up Day on May 7, 2022 was a wonderful success thanks to 19,141 volunteers statewide who participated on Green Up Day. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is crucial and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play, a truly special place. As one of Vermont’s favorite unofficial holidays, it is imperative for today and future generations to build pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding again for Green Up Day 2023.

Green Up Vermont initiatives are year-round for further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

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

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

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org) 802-522-7245

### GREEN UP VERMONT

[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

## Green Up Day

### May 6, 2023



## CVFIBER 2022 REPORT

CVFiber is a nonprofit municipal entity governed by volunteer delegates who are appointed by our 20-member Central Vermont towns. Our aim is to provide access to fast, dependable, and affordable Internet service, with the first priorities being those who are unserved or underserved.

CVFiber will provide homes with speeds ranging from 100 Mbps to 2 Gigs. and businesses with speeds ranging from 1 Gig to 10 Gigs. Speeds will always be symmetrical, for example, 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload, for the best interactive experience for education, telemedicine conference calls, business, gaming, and more. Providing rural Vermont with this level of service will enhance education, enable our workforce, create opportunities, and support the State's economy.

The 1,200-mile CVFiber community broadband network will cost an estimated \$60 million and take approximately three years to construct, provided funding, material, and labor are available. It is anticipated that Federal grants will fund 50% to 60% of the construction with the remainder funded through debt financing. CVFiber cannot receive town tax dollars and will support its ongoing operations with subscription revenues. Initial construction started in December 2022. CVFiber plans to construct up to 550 miles of its community broadband network in 2023.

To keep costs to subscribers down, 13 member towns have allocated \$833,000 of town American Rescue Plan Act funds to CVFiber. These funds are matched dollar-for-dollar by the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) for a total contribution of \$1.67 million. Town allocations are used within the town and directly benefit residents. The VCBB is extending the dollar-for-dollar match through May 2023, providing each of our member towns the opportunity to allocate up to \$100,000 for a total contribution of \$200,000. Please contact me for more information ([jdiamantides@cvfiber.net](mailto:jdiamantides@cvfiber.net)). Thank you for your support.

By providing symmetrical high-speed broadband access, CVFiber and the other Vermont Communication Union Districts are closing the rural digital divide by providing future generations with capabilities that we cannot imagine. The education and work opportunities made available by symmetrical high-speed broadband access will be as transformational to rural Vermont today as electrification was in the mid-twentieth century.

Connectivity is only the beginning. Please visit us at [cvfiber.net](http://cvfiber.net).

Jerry Diamantides, Chair  
CVFiber Governing Board

**WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING  
PLAINFIELD, VERMONT  
MARCH 7, 2023**

The legal voters of the Town of Plainfield are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House, 18 High Street, on Tuesday, the seventh day of March 2023 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business and vote by Australian ballot. Voting polls are open from 9:00 A.M. to 7:00P.M.

Article 1 will be voted by Australian ballot:

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

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

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

**Art. 4.** Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures for not-for-profit service agencies in the amount of \$14,461.00 as recommended by the appointed Social Concerns Committee?

**Art. 5.** Shall the Town voters authorize an appropriation of \$45,000 to the Cutler Memorial Library to pay for the librarian, a library assistant, and the purchase of materials and services, including those to make the Library accessible to the community?

**Art. 6.** Shall the Town approve \$265,014.00 for the operation of the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024?

**Art. 7.** Shall the Town approve \$380,374.00 for the operation of the Wastewater Department for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30,2024?



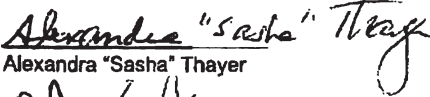
**WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING  
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**Art. 8.** Shall the Town approve \$1,223,471.90 to operate the Administrative Operations, Fire and Rescue Department, and Highway Department of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30,2024?

**Art. 9.** 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. 10.** 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 16, 2023 and collect taxes on November 15, 2023 and February 07, 2024, collecting half of the total school taxes on each of those dates?

Jim Volz, Chair



Alexandra "Sasha" Thayer



Riley Carlson

  
Plainfield Selectboard, Dated at Plainfield, Vermont on January 31,2023

Attest: Robin Miller, Town Clerk

## NOTICE TO VOTERS for Town Meeting

### **BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerk's Office by **January 30, 2023**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. Sample ballots will be posted by February 25, 2023. **HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE** There is no deadline to register to vote. Plainfield citizens can register prior to Town Meeting Day by visiting the Town Clerk's office, or by going online to **olvr.vermont.gov** **Voters can also register to vote at the polling place town meeting day.**

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone email, or online at [mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us). **The latest you can request ballots for Town Meeting Is 12 noon at the Town Clerk's office Monday, March 6, 2023. (If you authorize another person who Is not a family to request an absentee ballot for you, that person must make a written application for an absentee ballot for you.)**

### **WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:**

- You may vote in the Town Clerk's office, by appointment only, before the deadline.
- Voters may take his or her ballots out of the Clerk's office and return in the same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have a ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Town Meeting Day or bring it 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.

**TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33**  
**WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING**  
**MARCH 7, 2023**

The legal voters of the Twinfield Union School District No. 33, a municipal corporation consisting of the member towns of Marshfield and Plainfield, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Twinfield Union School in the town of Marshfield, Vermont on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6 pm in the Twinfield Union School Library, to transact any business not involving Australian ballot. Australian ballot voting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 with the polls open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Plainfield Town Hall, 18 High Street Plainfield for Plainfield residents and at Twinfield Union School for Marshfield residents.

**Article 1.** To elect a Moderator.

**Article 2.** To elect a Clerk.

**Article 3.** To elect a Treasurer.

**Article 4.** To hear report of the Union School District Officers and act on same:

a. Clerk; b. Treasurer; c. School Board

**Article 5.** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend seven million four hundred seventy thousand six hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$7,470,638) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$22,555.00 per equalized pupil.

This projected spending per equalized pupil is 19.3% higher than spending for the current year.(To be voted on by Australian ballot)

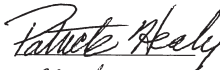
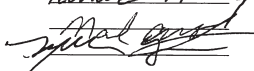
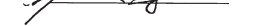
**Article 6.** Shall the voters of the Twinfield Union School District No. 33 authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2023 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?(To be voted on by Australian ballot)

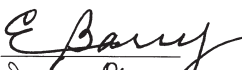
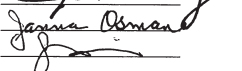

**TWINFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33  
WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

**Article 7.** Shall the voters of the Twinfield Union School District No. 33 authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of other funds to be used for those purposes?

**Article 8.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**Article 9.** To adjourn.

Patrick Healy, Chair   
Mark Kaufman   
Milena Yasus 

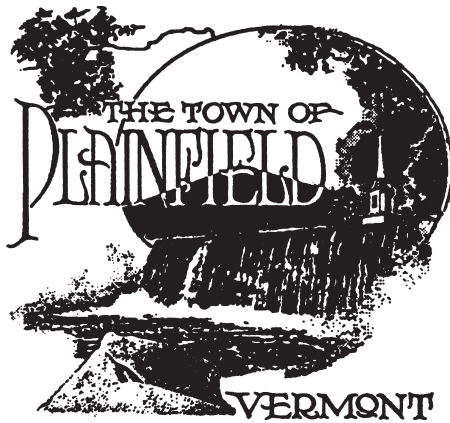
Erin Barry, Clerk   
Janna Osman   
Sara Cain 

Received and recorded by the Clerk of the Union School District before being posted.

Erin Barry, District Clerk  Date 1/10/23

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## PLAINFIELD LOGO

*(Created by local artist Rick Walsh)*

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

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

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

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

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

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