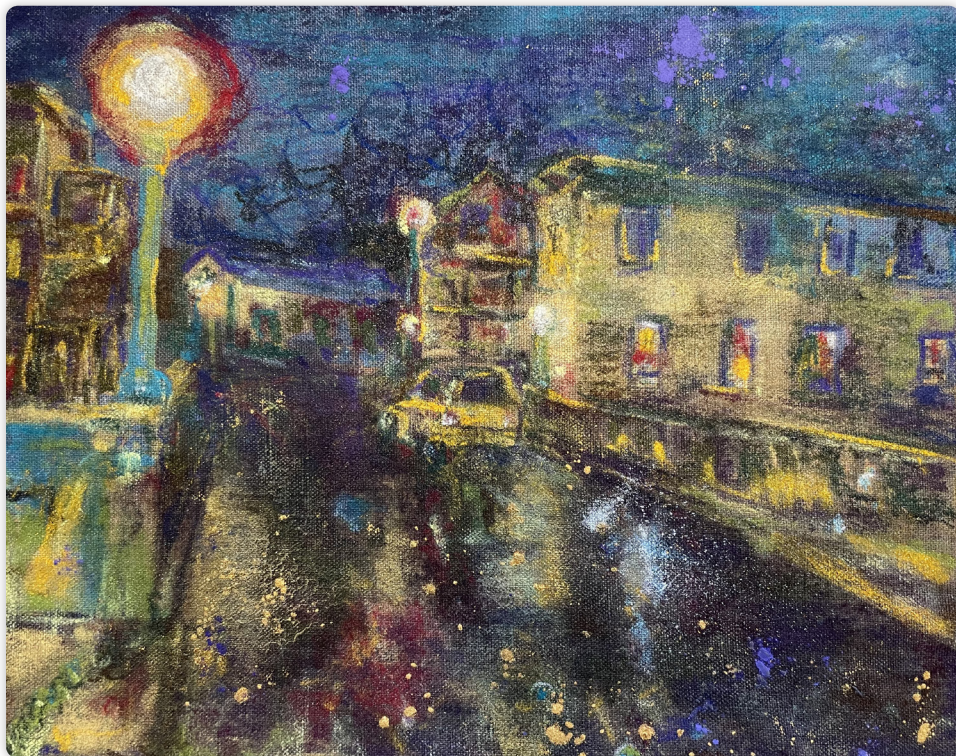


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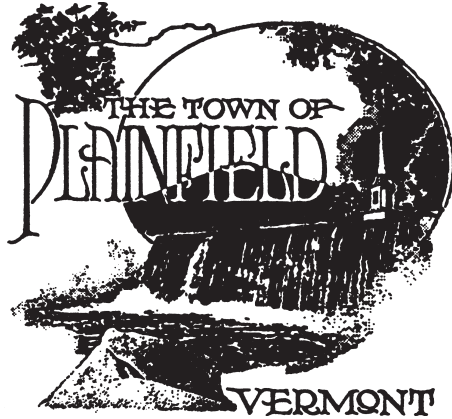
226th Annual Report



Painting by Plainfield's Susan Grimaldi

2023

**Annual Report of the Town Officers
For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
Town Meeting May 22, 2024 at 5:30 pm**



PLAINFIELD LOGO

(Created by local artist Rick Walsh)

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

In the past, The Winooski River was a well traveled waterway for indigenous people, traders and trappers. 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 the future it is up to us to decide what is essentially good to all in keeping the **Pride of Plainfield** alive.

CORA COPPING

January 1998

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

In accordance with V.S.A. Title 24, §1681, the Auditors have examined the accounts and records of the Town of Plainfield for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. To the best of our knowledge and belief, we find they are correct as reported herein.

Any errors, omissions or corrections discovered after publication of this annual report shall be promptly posted on the Town Website, www.plainfieldvt.com

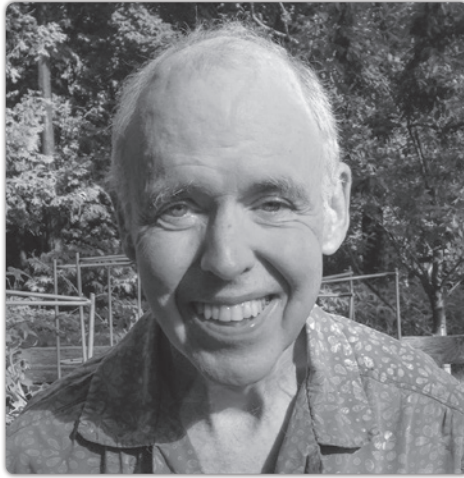
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RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

In Recognition of over 40 years of Service. Charlie Barasch, Town Moderator 1979 - 2022

When Charlie Barasch began his career as Plainfield's Town moderator Jimmy Carter was President and Sony's Walkman was just released. Over the next 4 decades Charlie offered his calming presence as the officer presiding over Town Meeting. In addition to his skills in conducting the proceedings in an even-handed manner, Charlie gave us the gift of his craft as a poet. At the annual meetings he shared his work with the community. This year is no exception. Thank You.



CURVEBALL

That curveball,
that terrible hummingbird,
dropped over the plate
so soft, *so real*,
like a pear or breast,
striking me out.

I love the pitcher.
I sit on the bench cursing him.

That curveball was the wheel,
was wine, was cooked food,
was Stonehenge.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

In Recognition of over 30 years of Service. Lorraine Cappetta, Town Auditor 1991-2023

Most Plainfielders are not familiar with Lorraine Cappetta's invaluable contribution to Plainfield's Municipal government. For decades the town auditor quietly reconciled the town's finances. Reliability and precision have always been her calling cards. She eschews the flashy modern gimmicks for tried and true practices that have steadily delivered the voters reliable budgetary figures on a shoestring budget. It is the type of work that is often overlooked and becomes cherished in its absence. The town will miss Lorraine's no-nonsense approach to safeguarding the town's finances. Thank You.



RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

**In Recognition for over a decade of service.
Karen Storey, Zoning Administrator 2011 - 2024**

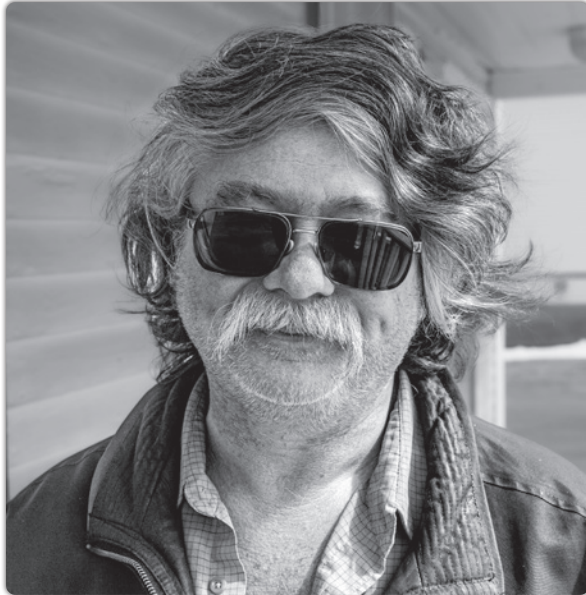
Karen Storey needs no introduction as she is a legend in Plainfield. She has been a vital part of the community dating back to her days as a Plainfield school basketball star. She has continued her family's tradition of being an essential thread in the fabric of the community. The task of being Zoning Administrator is a difficult burden that requires both technical knowledge and a skill in managing stressful situations. For decades Karen has been the touchstone in both education and enforcement of Plainfield's land use requirements. Her gracious manner and strong work-ethic will be sorely missed. Thank You.



RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

In Recognition for nearly a decade of service. Tim Phillips, Water/Wastewater Commission 2015 - 2024

Nine years ago, Tim and I attended a meeting, and I asked him to become a Water/Wastewater (W/WW) Commissioner, and his life has not been the same since. Or maybe it's the (W/WW) Commission that hasn't been the same. Tim's first contribution was to rename all members of the W/WW department, Beverly; it was easier than trying to remember all 5 of our names! Throughout the years, Tim's humor has been a welcomed addition to our emails and meetings. But comic relief was not all he provided. Tim took minutes at all of our meetings, replied to the communities' issues with the system, and even rolled up his sleeves and assisted with a construction project. Tim is a man of many talents, and he will be missed. So, from all of the Beverly's and on behalf of the W/WW users, we thank you for your 9 years of dedicated service, you (and your humor) will certainly be missed.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Town Clerk's Office	Hours M/W/F 8:00am-4:00pm 49 Main St., PO Box 217, Plainfield, VT 05667
Telephone:	(802) 454-8461
Town Website	www.plainfieldvt.gov
Highway Department	Michael Bingham, Road Foreman Town Garage: (802) 454-7166 Cell: (802) 371-8050
Water and Wastewater Depts.	Tristan MacGregor-Stewart, Chief Plant Operator Scott Franks, Assistant Operator
Water/Wastewater Plant:	(802) 454-7173
Emergency Tel - Water/Wastewater:	(802) 793-0795

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 (Updated June 2023):

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

Town Board Meetings:

All meeting warnings are posted at the Municipal Building and on the Town website

Cemetery Commission	Scheduled as needed
Conservation Commission	Third Wednesday each month
Cutler Memorial Library Trustees	Fourth Tuesday each month
Development Review Board (DRB)	Second Wednesday each month
Hazard Mitigation Committee	Third Thursday each month

GENERAL INFORMATION

Historical Society	First Thursday each month
Planning Commission	First and third Mondays each month
Recreation & Public Arts Committee	Scheduled as needed
Revolving Loan Committee	Scheduled as needed
Select Board	Second & fourth Mondays each month
Social Concerns Committee	As needed during October/November
Water/Wastewater Commission	Third Tuesday each month

LOCAL ASSISTANCE CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS

Animal Control Officer, Peter Yasus
Constable, Christopher Keast
Cutler Library, Director Angela Ogle
Fire Chief: Greg Light
Fire Warden, Andy Hebert
Health Officer, Jodi Vilardi

DIAL 911

(802) 505-3416
PlainfieldVTConstable@gmail.com
(802) 454-8504
(802) 839-8878
(802) 322-5016
(802) 454-1222

TOWN FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

Dog License-ON-TIME	
Neutered Dogs	\$ 9.00 annually
Unneutered Dogs	\$ 13.00 annually
Dog License-LATE	
Neutered Dogs	\$ 11.00 annually
Unneutered Dogs	\$ 17.00 annually
Land Posting	\$ 5.00
License of Civil Marriage	\$ 80.00
Motor Vehicle Renewal Fee	\$ 3.00
Recording Fees	
Certified Vital Record	\$ 10.00 per copy
Mortgage Deed	\$ 15.00 per page
Mortgage Discharge	\$ 15.00 per page
Property Transfer Tax Return	\$ 15.00 per return
Warranty Deed	\$ 15.00 per page
Wastewater Assessment semi-annually 2023	\$ 404.00
Water Assessment semi-annually 2023	\$ 303.00

TOWN OFFICERS
FY July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

ELECTED

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

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APPOINTED

Animal Control Officer	Peter Yasus
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	Carol Smith
CV Fiber Delegate	Jeremy Matt
Alternate Delegate	Jon Hosford
Constable	Christopher Keast
Cent VT Regional Planning Commission Representative	Paula Emery
Alternate Representative	Bob Atchinson
Transportation Advisory Committee	Bob Atchinson
Central VT Solid Waste Mgmt Plainfield Representative	Betsy Ziegler
Alternate	Vacant
Central VT Emergency Mgmt Committee	Greg Light
Central VT State Police Advisory Plainfield Representative	Vacant
Conservation Commission Term Expires 2024	Julie Hackbarth
Term Expires 2024	Rose Paul
Term Expires 2025	Mary Trerice
Term Expires 2026	Becky Atchinson
Term Expires 2023	Vacant
Development Review Board Term Expires 2025	Janice Walrafen, Chair
Term Expires 2025	Seth Mullendore
Term Expires 2026	Mary Niebling
Term Expires 2024	Jim Volz
E-911 Representative	Sandra Ross
Emergency Fuel Assist. Comm.	Charles Cogbill
	Erica DaCosta
Emergency Mgmt Coordinator	Vacant
Emergency Mgmt Director	Michael Billingsley
Energy Coordinator	Bob Atchinson
Fire and Rescue Department Fire Chief	Greg Light
1st Assistant Fire Chief	Johnathan Matthew
2nd Assistant Fire Chief	Andy Hebert
Deputy Fire Chief	Gary Graves
EMT Captain	Johnathan Matthew
Fire Warden	Andy Hebert

TOWN OFFICERS

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Hazard Mitigation Committee	Maggie Baird, Chair Michael Billingsley Jennifer Guarino Joanne Szwed
Health Officer - Term Expires 2026 Deputy Health Officer	Jodi Vilardi Vacant
Planning Commission Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024	Will Colgan, Chair Jesse Cooper Karen Storey
Recreation and Public Arts Committee Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024	Jamie Spector, Chair Jake McBride Michael Morlan Julia Wilk Ben Youngbaer
Registrar	Robin Miller
Revolving Loan Committee Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024	Karl Bissex, Chair Dave Boynton Erica DaCosta
Road Commissioner	Vacant
Road Foreman Highway Administrator	Michael Bingham Michael Bingham
Social Concerns Committee	Judy Cyprian Gail Falk Marcy Hale
Town Grand Juror	Vacant
Town Law Agent	Tarrant Gillies & Shems
Tree Warden	Nicko Rubin
Water and Wastewater Commissioners Term Expires 2025 Term Expires 2026 Term Expires 2024	Mary Lane, Chair Josh Pitts Tim Phillips
Zoning Administrator Term Expires 2025	Karen Storey

2023 TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS MARCH 7, 2023

For Town Clerk, For 1 Year	Total	For Auditor, For 3 Years	Total
Robin Miller	217	Lorraine Cappetta	197
Write-Ins		Write-Ins	
Linda Wells	2		
Blank (Under)	23	Blank (Under)	45
Overvote		Overvote	
Total	242	Total	242
For Town Treasurer, For 1 Year		For Auditor, For 2 Years	
Robin Miller	213	Write-Ins	
Write-Ins		Maryetta Chase	1
Linda Wells	2	Steven Farnham	1
		Keith Swann	1
Blank (Under)	27	Blank (Under)	239
Overvote		Overvote	
Total	242	Total	242
For Selectboard, For 3 Years		For Auditor, For 1 Year	
Abraham "Bram" Towbin	222	Write-Ins	
Write-Ins		Steven Farnham	1
Riley Carlson	1	Donny Osman	1
		Alice Merrill	1
Blank (Under)	19	Blank (Under)	239
Overvote		Overvote	
Total	242	Total	242
For Selectboard, For 1 Year		For Director of Delinquent Taxes, For 1 Year	
Riley Carlson	200	George C. Cushing	210
Write-Ins		Write-Ins	
Dawn Fancher	1		
Blank (Under)	41	Blank (Under)	32
Overvote		Overvote	
Total	242	Total	242
For Lister, For 3 Years		For Cemetary Commissioner, For 1 Year	
Gary N. Smith	201	Write-Ins	
Write-Ins		Ed Hutchins	3
		Willis Pratt	1
Blank (Under)	41	Jodi Vilardi	1
Overvote		Nancy Ellen	2
Total	242	Gary Graves	1
		Steven Farnham	1
For School Director, For 3 Years		Dave Spence	2
Sara Cain	197	Jean Hamilton	1
Write-Ins		Marvin Lynch	1
Blank (Under)	45	Blank (Under)	229
Overvote		Overvote	
Total	242	Total	242

**OFFICIAL AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ELECTION
RESULTS - TOWN OFFICERS March 5, 2024**

For Moderator, 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE
Donny Osman 330 votes

For Town Clerk, 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE
Bram Towbin 290 votes

For Town Treasurer, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE
Bram Towbin 271 votes

For Selectboard, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE
Patti Jamele 85 write-ins

For Select Board, for 2 years
Vote for not more than ONE
Tim Davis 109 write-ins

For Auditor, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE
Dawn Fancher 309 votes

For Auditor, for 2 years
Vote for not more than ONE
Dan Fingas 15 write-ins

For School Director, for 2 years
Vote for not more than ONE
Milena Yasus 290 votes

Bram Towbin

Town Clerk

For Auditor, for 1 year
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 313 votes

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

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

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

For Lister, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE
Sandra Ross 316 votes

For Lister, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE
Kayle Hope 297 votes

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Town Moderator Donny Osman called the meeting to order at 10:03 am on March 7, 2023.

Moderator Osman reminded attendees that the polls were open. Moderator Osman then recognized Select Board Chair Jim Volz.

Chairman Volz rose and addressed the meeting, explaining that this meeting had not been properly warned and would therefore need to be rescheduled to a later date. He further explained that at the February 22, 2023 Select Board meeting Town Clerk Robin Miller had informed the Select Board of problems putting together the Town Report and had stated that the report would go out on February 27, 2023. Chairman Volz noted that the reports had gone out on that date and at that time the Select Board hadn't realized that the reports would not be delivered to residents in time for Town Meeting. He shared that the Town Report is available on the Town website.

Chairman Volz acknowledged retired Town Clerk Linda Wells for her 27 years of service. He then acknowledged Select Board member Sasha Thayer for her service on the Select Board over the past six years as she has decided not to run again. He expressed appreciation for Thayer's help putting together and posting meeting agendas and researching issues important to the Town. He presented Thayer with a gift certificate to Sarducci's Restaurant and a flower arrangement, to which meeting participants responded with applause.

Peter Youngbaer made a motion that attendees properly thank Linda Wells with a round of applause. Chairman Volz agreed and meeting participants offered a standing ovation in honor of Wells' service to the Town. Wells stated her appreciation.

Andrea Gould made a motion to recognize past Moderator Charlie Barasch for 40 years of service as Town Moderator. Meeting participants offered Barasch a standing ovation.

Sasha Thayer explained that the Select Board will research how the rescheduling of Town Meeting will affect the ballots. She stated that ballots already cast will not be thrown away. She further clarified that the Town Meeting had been warned on time but that the statute stating the Town Report needed to be mailed out ten days prior to Town Meeting had not been met.

The motion was made Linda Wells, and seconded, that the Town Meeting for the Town of Plainfield and all articles on the Town Meeting warning, including the election of town officers, be adjourned from March 7, 2023 to April 25, 2023 at 9 am and that all articles be voted on by Australian ballot. Debra Stoleroff asked on what day of the week April 25, 2023 falls and expressed concern about community member's ability to attend the rescheduled Town

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Meeting if they will need to take time off from work. Sasha Thayer responded that the motion included taking up all items by Australian ballot.

The motion was made by Sasha Thayer, and seconded, to amend the motion to adjourn the meeting to April 18, 2023 at 9 am rather than April 25, 2023. Michael Billingsley noted that April 18, 2023 is a Tuesday. Betsy Zeigler stated that more people could probably attend Town Meeting if it were held on a Saturday, noting that many towns in Vermont are currently changing their Town Meeting to a Saturday. Peter Youngbaer asked if the portion of the motion regarding the use of Australian ballot for all items is being done under the temporary legislation allowing this during the pandemic and asked for clarification on the legality of that part of the motion. Sasha Thayer responded that the state law currently reads that there can't be a switch to all future meetings being by Australian ballot except at an in-person Town Meeting. She clarified that there was legislation passed in January 2023 allowing Town Meeting use of Australian ballot until January 2024. Jamie Spector asked for clarification on the original motion and stated her support for Town Meeting being held on a Saturday and with a Zoom option for greater participation. Moderator Osman reminded participants that the discussion was currently to address the amendment proposing a change from April 25, 2023 to April 18, 2023. Owen Bradley asked for clarification about whether the original motion had included mention of Australian ballot. Moderator Osman responded that the original motion did address the change to voting by Australian ballot. Bradley then asked for clarification about who is responsible for the meeting not being able to be held today. Moderator Osman ruled the question out of order. Bradley asked if Charlie Barasch was going to read a poem at today's meeting and requested that respectful language be used regarding deafness as a disability. Moderator Osman encouraged discussion to remain focused on the amendment to the motion.

The motion was made by Debra Stoleroff, and seconded, to amend the amendment to state that the Town Meeting for the Town of Plainfield and all articles from the Town Meeting warning, including the election of Town Officers, be adjourned until April 15, 2023 and that the meeting be held in-person. Steve Farnham asked if the amendment to the amendment strikes the part of the original motion that stated voting will be by Australian ballot. Moderator Osman stated his belief that it does. Michael Billingsley stated that he didn't think it was legal to vote on a switch to Australian ballot since the issue hadn't been warned.

Moderator Osman called for a vote on the amendment to the amendment. **The motion to amend the amendment was approved.**

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There followed a brief discussion among participants and Moderator Osman on the rules of parliamentary procedure.

Moderator Osman called for a vote on the amendment as amended to state the Town of Plainfield and all its articles on the Town Meeting warning, including the election of Town Officers, be adjourned from March 7, 2023 to April 15, 2023 at 9 am and that meeting be an in-person meeting. **The motion to amend the original motion was approved.**

Moderator Osman called for a vote on the original motion to state that the Town Meeting for the Town of Plainfield and all the articles on the Town Meeting warning, including the election of Town Officers, be adjourned from March 7, 2023 to April 15, 2023 at 9 am and that be an in-person meeting. Moderator Osman opened the floor to discussion. Peter Youngbaer asked if the Town Hall will be available on April 15th. Keith Swann of the Friends of the Town Hall Opera House responded that the building would be available that day. Debra Stoleroff asked if a Zoom option for Town Meeting could be discussed at this time. Moderator Osman ruled the question out of order.

The motion to adjourn Town Meeting to April 15, 2023 at 9 am in-person was approved at 10:26 am.

Town Meeting reconvened on April 15, 2023.

Town Moderator Donny Osman called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Moderator Osman introduced himself as new Town Moderator and acknowledged his intention to remain impartial and to facilitate the will of the group. He reminded attendees to state their town of residence and their full name when addressing the meeting. He also reminded attendees that should he rule a comment out of order that this could be challenged by a majority vote.

Moderator Osman greeted State Legislators Senator Andrew Perchlik and Representative Marc Mihaly. Hearing no objections from the floor, Moderator Osman recognized the senator and representative.

Representative Mihaly of the House Appropriations Committee spoke regarding bills before the House of Representatives. He spoke in support of the Paid Family Leave Bill, Affordable Heat Act, and shared that the House passed a bill that provides universal school meals.

Senator Perchlik of the Senate Appropriations Committee and Transportation Committee spoke about childcare and climate issues, the deficit in the transportation fund and how this may impact drivers of electric vehicles, noted that the Senate Appropriations Committee still has funding available that will likely be put toward one time projects, offered assistance to the Select Board and residents regarding any issues that may arise related to the Rt. 2 paving project, and expressed his

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support for the childcare bill and Affordable Heat Act.

Moderator Osman recognized Sasha Thayer who thanked the legislative delegation. She shared that the legislature passed a \$3 million appropriation to the Agency of Administration for grants to municipalities for technical assistance for which Plainfield is pre-approved.

Moderator Osman thanked Charlie Barasch for over four decades of service as Town Moderator and welcomed Barasch to address the meeting. In his usual Town Meeting tradition, Barasch read a poem to start the meeting. He received a standing ovation when he read a poem of his own entitled *Early Spring in Vermont*.

There's only one thing to do when your car sinks to its axles in Vermont

Get out

Close the door

Kneel down and start eating

You will swallow bird seeds, mushroom spores, eggs of millipedes and ladybugs

Soon, Spring will crawl around inside you

Then, get on your bicycle

Moderator Osman began consideration of the items on the Warning.

Article 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.

Moderator Osman noted that the polls were open until 7 pm.

Charlie Cogbill raised a parliamentary inquiry. He noted the position of Town Moderator was not included on the Australian ballot and asked how the Town Moderator will be elected. Moderator Osman requested Select Board member Sasha Thayer address the inquiry. She stated that Moderator Osman remains the Town Moderator until polls close and that he serves until a successor is elected. She suggested that voters can write-in their vote for Town Moderator on the ballot.

Moderator Osman addressed a question from Ann Van Couvering. He stated that the Australian ballot for Town Officers being voted on this day until 7 pm is the same ballot that had been available since March 7, 2023.

Article 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?

- **Steve Farnham made a motion to approve Article 2. Bob Atchinson seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion was approved.**

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Article 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 service which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and passenger fares?

• **Janna Osman made a motion to approve Article 3. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** Ann Van Couvering stated that the noon bus has been canceled and asked if the Town of Plainfield has any say in this decision. Bob Atchinson, who serves on the Transportation Advisory Council for the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission as an appointee from the Town, stated that Green Mountain Transportation (GMT) has on-demand service and explained that they also plan to offer Uber-like service with a fleet of electric vehicles. Van Couvering stated that this service is only available within certain parameters that don't apply to all. Atchinson stated that he will pass on her feedback. Steven Farnham requested that the Town send a memo to GMT requesting noon service to Plainfield be reinstated. **The motion was approved.**

Article 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?

• **Mary Niebling made a motion to approve Article 4. John Monahan seconded the motion.** Genese Grill asked why Big Heavy World was rejected from consideration for funds and suggested that art is a social concern. Gail Falk, member of the Social Concerns Committee, responded that the fund is to address local needs of people in need and favors organizations that specifically serve Plainfield residents. She noted that the request was from a Burlington organization and further, that arts had not previously been included in consideration for Social Concerns funding. Jan Waterman thanked the Social Concerns Committee. **The motion was approved.**

Article 5: Shall the Town voters authorize an appropriation of \$45,000.00 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?

• **Steven Farnham made a motion to approve Article 5. Grace Worcester seconded the motion.** Genese Grill asked the attendees to allow Angela Ogle to speak. Hearing no objections Moderator Osman invited Angela Ogle to address the meeting. Ogle, Director of Cutler Memorial Library for the past two and half years, invited community members to visit the library and to connect with her to discuss ideas for the library. Glenda Bissex spoke in support of

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appropriating \$45,000 to the library and thanked Ogle and all who support the library. **The motion was approved.**

Article 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?

• **John Monahan made a motion to approve Article 6. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** Steven Farnham made a motion to amend the article to include “to be paid for by the users of the system”. Tim Phillips seconded the motion to amend. Bram Towbin suggested that in the future the cost of the Town water system may exceed what is being paid by the users of the system. Farnham stated that people with septic systems have their own systems to maintain. Glenda Bissex noted that the Town water system benefits all of us who use facilities in the village. The motion to amend was approved. **The motion was approved.**

Article 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?

• **Tim Phillips made a motion to approve Article 7. Bob Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Tim Phillips, Water/Wastewater Commissioner, made a motion to amend the article to include “to be paid for by the users of the system”. Steven Farnham seconded the motion to amend.** Strat Douthat asked how many users are on the Water/Wastewater system. Tim Phillips responded that there are approximately 340 wastewater and 400 water users but noted that accounts are based on allocations. Sasha Thayer stated that the Town Clerk’s Office, Fire Department, and Town Hall are all on the Town water system. Bob Atchinson advocated for payment adjustments for users of water saving devices. Bram Towbin reiterated his concern that the users of the water system may not be able to support potential future repairs to the water system. Steven Farnham noted that services provided by Town buildings are paid for by taxes. Alice Sky asked if the Water/Wastewater payment can be based on usage. Sasha Thayer stated that there is a Water/Wastewater Commission which holds regular warned meetings where these concerns can be addressed and encouraged residents to contact the Water/Wastewater Commission. Tim Phillips stated he would be available to discuss concerns with people after the meeting. Bob Atchinson made a motion to call the question. The motion to call the question was approved. The motion to amend was approved. **The motion was approved.**

Article 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?

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• **Steven Farnham made a motion to approve Article 8.** Tim Phillips seconded the motion. Andy Robinson thanked Town Clerk/Treasurer Robin Miller, Assistant Town Clerk Carol Smith, and the Select Board for their work putting the Town budget together. Michael Billingsley acknowledged Bram Towbin was appointed Road Commissioner and thanked him. Steven Farnham noted that the appropriation of this money helps pay for water/wastewater to the facilities mentioned in the article. **The motion was approved.**

Article 9: Shall the Town of Plainfield authorize the Select Board to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce Taxes in the next fiscal year?

• **Sasha Thayer made a motion to approve Article 9. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion was approved.**

Article 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?

• **Tim Phillips made a motion to approve Article 10. Bob Atchinson seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion was approved.**

Other Business:

Paula Emery asked for an update on the ARPA Committee's work and an explanation of what ARPA is. Select Board member Sasha Thayer stated that the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) report is on the Town website. She shared that the Town had been authorized to allocate approximately \$360,000 in ARPA funds and stated that there have been two allocations that have been approved and paid, one to CVFiber and one to purchase land to protect the water system. Riley Carlson, Select Board member, stated that the Select Board has also approved \$3,000 for the Plainfield Community Trust and \$30,300 for the Cutler Memorial Library. He shared that it's the Select Board's intention to also use ARPA funds toward the Town match for the Brook Rd. Bridge 21 replacement project should the Town receive the FEMA grant that was applied for. Emery asked who sits on the ARPA Committee and how often they meet. Thayer shared that the ARPA Committee, which is no longer meeting as they've already made their report to the Select Board, was composed of George Cushing, Jane Bradley, and Arion Thiboumery. She also shared that the ARPA Committee will be on the agenda for a future Select Board meeting.

Ann Van Covering spoke on behalf of the Plainfield Community Trust, stating that the trust is considering establishing a nonprofit to support individuals and entities that need assistance with applying for grant funding.

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Alice Merrill extended a welcome to new Town Clerk and Treasurer Robin Miller.

Mary Neibling reminded attendees of the pies for sale at the back of the room.

Glenda Bissex asked for clarification about the roads and noted that it was not included in the Town Report. Sasha Thayer explained that Bram Towbin has been appointed Road Commissioner. Bram Towbin explained that the Road Commissioner's responsibilities include administrative tasks related to the Town roads and shared that they have applied for three structures grants to address two bridges on Brook Rd. and two culverts on East Hill Rd. He explained that the Road Foreman, Michael Bingham, maintains the roads. Towbin stated that his email will be posted on the Town website and encouraged residents to email him with any concerns. Steven Farnham acknowledged that the road crew did an excellent job this year.

Bob Atchinson spoke as Plainfield Energy Coordinator, sharing that he is available as a resource for consultation regarding energy saving information. He acknowledged the climate emergency and noted that conservation and weatherization are effective ways for individuals to have a positive impact. He shared information about the many resources available to residents through Plainfield Energy Management. He encouraged people to visit the energy table display at this meeting for more information.

Keith Swann of the Friends of the Town Hall Opera House pointed out that this is the first Town Meeting at the Town Hall Opera House in four years. He shared that there is a matching grant available from the Vermont Arts Council which could help fund needed audio and video equipment. He noted that this meeting is streaming live on YouTube with borrowed equipment. He shared that an assisted listening system is also needed. He explained that \$7,600 would be the Town match if the grant is approved and asked if this could go to a vote, noting that this expense is not in the current Town budget. Moderator Osman stated that this would have had to have been warned. Sasha Thayer stated it also could have been amended under Article 8, but that now the issue can be brought to the Select Board to see if there are monies available. Thayer thanked the Friends of the Town Hall Opera House. Moderator Osman noted that the Town Hall Opera House has changed its name to Plainfield Arts.

Debra Stoleroff asked about the possibility of holding future Town Meetings on the Sunday afternoon after Town Meeting Day. She stated that Marshfield has made that decision so that more residents can attend. She requested that this topic be warned for next year's meeting.

Paula Emery requested that committee reports be included in Town Meeting next year. She also requested Green Up Day information. Becky Atchinson shared that

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Green Up Day is May 6, 2023. She shared that she will post more information regarding availability of Green Up bags and other pertinent information on Front Porch Forum and the Plainfield People Facebook page and that people may also call her for more information. She noted that the Conservation Commission sponsors Green Up Day and requested volunteers to help on Green Up Day.

Brenda Lindeman shared that she has many trees down on her property following the storm in December 2022 and asked for suggestions for resources to assist in funding removal of the trees.

Bram Towbin mentioned that this year the Select Board will be talking about the issue of safety of the Marshfield Dam. He stated he will be posting safety inspection reports of the dam on the Town website. Sasha Thayer voiced her agreement that safety issues related to the dam need to be addressed. Michael Billingsley spoke in support of continued work to address the safety of the Marshfield Dam.

Sasha Thayer shared that there are currently many vacancies in Town government and encouraged residents to serve. She shared that interested parties may contact the Town Clerk for more information. Riley Carlson stated that all Town committees are looking for members.

Steven Farnham expressed an interest in cordless microphones being available for Town Meeting. He also asked if discussion with elected officials could be included in the Town Meeting proceedings. Moderator Osman asked for an informal vote from attendees and there was a show of support for including this at future Town Meetings. Bob Atchinson pointed out that sometimes the representatives don't have time for questions. Sasha Thayer shared alternate ways in which constituents may contact their representatives. Moderator Osman spoke to his experience as a legislator and shared his belief that legislators should be open to hearing from their constituents. Michael Billingsley spoke in support of direct participatory discussion with legislators at Town Meeting. Glenda Bissex shared that it is important to state that one is a constituent when corresponding with legislators.

Sasha Thayer made a motion to adjourn. Tim Philips seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 am.

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Brosky, Plainfield Town Administrative Assistant.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

It is customary for the Town Clerk to comment on the previous year's activities. As I assumed office in early March of 2024 I think it more appropriate to speak to the future. The Municipal Office is in a state of somewhat dramatic transition. Some of the practices that have worked well in the past, and which we all think of nostalgically, just don't work anymore. In order to enhance transparency and accountability the Town needs to adopt different approaches to governance. The practice of having a completely independent Town Clerk, who is not accountable to any one, any group or any entity, is ill-suited for the modern demands of the position. The technical aspects of the job have also outgrown the practice of restricting candidacy to residents. It would serve the town to have a properly vetted office holder be selected from a larger pool of candidates. This avoids the real possibility of having either one candidate or none at all. It will also be necessary to fully clarify the role of the Clerk. Presently the duties are completely enmeshed with the office of Town Treasurer. Although separate positions by statute, Plainfield has had a single person fulfill both roles for decades. Looking forward to a robust town discussion on the role of the Town Clerk.

TREASURER REPORT

Having been elected only in early March of this year (2024) it is more appropriate to speak to the present rather than the financial specifics of the previous year. The town needs to improve the management of its finances. Current practices fail to yield a clear picture of our current spending and future needs. The Auditor positions need to be more fully coordinated within the process. It should not be acceptable to have the Treasurer continue working for months without at least a second pair of eyes. The good news is this is an opportunity to revamp both our technical capabilities and policy practices.

It would be prudent to decouple this position from the role of Town Clerk. There are an abundance of tasks that could make the Treasurer an independent position, perhaps with restricted hours or combined with other duties. Budget considerations might make it necessary to tailor the work-schedule to accommodate candidates with this skill set. Once again the demands of the position make it necessary to look outside town borders. In addition the office holder must be fully transparent and accountable to both the Selectboard and the general public. Looking forward to a robust town discussion on the role and responsibilities of the Town Treasurer.

**PLAINFIELD TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023**

CASH ON HAND JUNE 30,2023

979,359.95

REVENUE

Current Taxes Town	897,044.50
Current Taxes School	1,484,941.84
Interim School Tax and Interest	28,827.66
Delinquent Taxes	137,622.89
Delinquent Tax Interest	5,351.19
Delinquent Tax Penalty	11,009.09
State Aid to Highway	100,959.86
Highway Grants/Misc Income	35,636.72
Conservation Commission	1,621.96
Zoning Permits	1,990.00
CU Terminants and Harmless	81,293.00
Municipal State tax credits	49,403.66
REAPP	6,013.50
Dog Licenses	587.00
Liquor Licenses	366.00
Marriage Licenses	100.00
Recording and Fees	9,775.00
Vault/Computerization Funds	3,268.00
Judicial Income	543.00
Interest Income	3,328.74
Fire/Rescue Grants/Misc Income	5,500.00
Grant Income	190,081.37
Green Up Grant	400.00
Town Hall Donations/Rental	2,260.01
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,284.82
Main St Bike/Pedestrian project grant reimbursement	299,059.87
REC Department	325.00
Subtotal	3,365,594.68
Cemetery Income	15,605.00
Investment transfer due to town	7,500.00
	23,105.00

TOTAL REVENUE

3,388,699.68

TOTAL CASH ON HAND AND REVENUE

4,368,059.63

PLAINFIELD TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

Expenses		
Selectboard	832,842.83	
Fire Dept	153,753.09	
Highway	744,848.40	
Social Concerns	63,544.00	
Twinfield Union School	1,599,642.75	
Cemetery	42,246.39	
Total Town Expenses		3,436,877.46
TOTAL REVENUE		\$4,368,059.63
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$(3,436,877.46)
ON HAND JUNE 30, 2023		\$931,182.17
RESERVED FUNDS		\$867,732.70
UNRESERVED FUNDS		\$63,449.47

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET JULY 1 2022 - JUNE 30 2023

ASSETS:

Reserved Funds	866,239.62
Unreserved Funds	114,523.33
Total Current Assets	980,762.95

	Highway	Mun Bldg	Fire Dept	Total	
Purchased prior years	1,274,066.95	149,900.00	318,000.00	1,741,966.95	
Purchased this year	60,971.00	-	-	60,971.00	
Total Fixed Assets	1,335,037.95	149,900.00	318,000.00	1,802,937.95	
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,051,274.82)	(79,946.62)	(159,000.00)	(1,290,221.44)	
Current year Depreciation	\$(46,957.20)	\$(4,996.67)	\$(31,800.00)	(83,753.87)	
Total Net Equipment Assets	236,805.93	64,956.71	127,200.00	428,962.64	428,962.65

Grant Total Assets **1,409,725.59**

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable 18,188.45 **18,188.45**

Notes Payable

HWY \$20,000 Mack Truck Loan	20,000.00	
Paid in full		
HWY \$36,000 Komatsu Loader	12,000.00	
Payment due 6/30/24		
SB \$612.46 Revolving Loan-Town Hall	5976.53	
Payment due 6/30/24		
SB \$8,390.38 Solar Array Loan	3,000.00	
Payment due 6/30/24		
FD \$94,000 Freightliner Truck	20,000.00	
Payment due 6/30/24		
FD \$6,421 Revolving Loan	1,900.00	
Payment due 6/30/24		
SB \$31,256.00 Pedi Rev Loan	3,000.00	
Payment due 6/30/24		
Total Current Liabilities	65,876.53	65,876.53

LONG TERM LIABILITES: NOTES PAYABLE

HWY Komatsu Loader	6,779.84	
SB Revolving Loan THall-final pymt	612.46	
SB Solar Array Loan 2025	5,390.38	
FD Freightliner Trk 2027	74,000.00	
FD Firehouse Revolving Loan	4,521.00	
SB Main/Pedi Revolving Loan	28,256.00	
Total	119,559.68	119,559.68

Fund Balance 6/30/22

Interim cash flow

Includes collection of delinquent taxes current and past year.

Fund Balance 6/30/23 **\$1,206,100.93**

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance

\$1,409,725.59

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

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023**

MUNICIPAL TAX

	1,178,552.00	0.837	986,919.41
	1,178,552.00	0.004	4949.96
			991,869.37

EDUCATION TAX

	775,538.00	1.667	1,289,255.80
	405,791.00	1.717	696,905.52
			1,986,161.32

TOTAL TAXES BILLED 2023

2,978,030.69

CREDITS

-374,267.15

TOTAL

2,603,763.54

COLLECTION OF TAXES

MUNICIPAL TAX

897,044.50

EDUCATION TAX

1,512,222.02

2,409,474.96

DELINQUENT TAX

194,288.58

2,603,555.10

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

-208.44

**SIMPLIFIED
STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES
JULY 1, 2022- JUNE 30, 2023**

Balances Owed As of 6/30/2023 :

2020 =	\$	1102.42
2021 =	\$	4167.53
2022 =	\$	32,526.96
Balance =	\$	37,796.91

Total Collected:	\$	137,623.87
Abated & Adjusted :	\$	0.00
Total Interest:	\$	5351.20
Total Collector's Fees:	\$	11,009.10
Total Legal & Coll. Costs	\$	140.00
TOTAL :	\$	154,124.17

2023 LISTERS REPORT

As you probably have noticed, school tax rates went up this year. That is all due to the crazy real estate market. When properties are selling for very high prices, our Grand List (town inventory of property) gets out of whack and the State raises the school tax rate. That's when its time to do a townwide reappraisal. The last time all of Plainfield was revalued was in 2008. Our school tax rates have been very steady since then, until the last 2 years when real estate prices soared.

We have finally secured qualified appraisers to conduct a townwide reappraisal for the 2025 Grand List year. It has taken a lot of effort to line up this state required reappraisal, as just about every town/city in the state is finding themselves with the same problem. We are happy to say that Ted Nelson from Vermont Appraisal Company will be the project supervisor. Kathleen Bruno will be the data collector. The reappraisal work will start soon, with Kathleen and her staff beginning property inspections as soon as possible. You will see them out and about and they will probably knock on your door! Once Kathy gets going, if you would like to make an appointment for your inspection, you can call the town office at 802 454-8461. Even with this work starting now, the new values will not be ready until the July 2025 tax bills.

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

As always, don't forget to file your homestead declaration and for your homestead payment. Even if you get an extension for your Vermont income taxes, you must file your homestead declaration and homestead payment forms by April 15 or you will be assessed a penalty. You can do this without filing your complete Vermont income taxes. Your homestead payment will not be on your tax bill unless you file on time.

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

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

Plainfield Listers

Sandra Ross

Gary Smith

2023 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The Development Review Board (DRB) is a quasi-judicial board (i.e., acts like a court) that hears appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator. The DRB also reviews and makes decisions on applications for planned residential development applications, conditional use applications, and requests for variances from the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance. The DRB is scheduled to meet on the second Wednesday of the month to attend to Town zoning matters.

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

We have had few issues come before the board this past year and met only six times. We had three hearings in 2023 that are listed in the Zoning Administrator's Report.

The DRB can be up to five members. We would welcome another member who can represent

the town in a professional manner, works well with others, and engages in constructive discussion and decision making processes.

DRB Members:

Janice Walrafen, Chair;

Seth Mullendore;

Mary Niebling; Jim Volz

2023 PLAINFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission has completed the proposed draft zoning and held one public hearing on the document. In that hearing the question of language surrounding cannabis cultivation came up. The state has regulations on cannabis but it falls between the categories of agriculture and commercial operations so towns need some recognition for different levels of cultivation. Retail establishments would be allowed only after the Select Board approves them. Since this is all new territory the Planning Commission is working with the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission on adequate language. The July floods have put a strain on the CVRPC so our work has been slow to be completed. We hope to have the language in early winter and start the hearing process. 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 worked to have the Village Center Designation renewed this year. 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

**2023 CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

Regional Commissioner
Paula Emery
Transportation Advisory Committee
Bob Atchinson

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 for assistance.

Plainfield Activities Through June 30, 2023 (Fiscal Year 2023)

- Managed USDA Rural Development Grant for Plainfield Coop.
- Prepared and submitted Emergency Relief Assistance Fund information to town to facilitate elevated disaster relief aid.
- Provided technical support for Hazard Mitigation Grant for Brook Rd Bridge #21.
- Prepared documents and map submitted with Village Center Designation application.
- Participated in Selectboard meeting to review technical assistance available through CVRPC.
- Identified projects and facilitated discussions with town on opportunities for technical assistance under the Municipal Technical Assistance program (MTAP).
- Provided information on the capital improvement planning process to the Selectboard.
- Provided planning support on how the town could approach investing in declining bridge stock along Brook Road. Provided summary of funding programs for bridges.
- Administered grant to build stormwater best management practices behind the Health Center to address run off from Route 2, Towne road and the neighborhood.

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- Provided technical analysis, coordinated with utility, industry, school and public on fuel-switching and on-site generation and storage project development.
- Successful applications for investment grade energy assessments for the Municipal Office Building, Town Garage, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Town Hall/Opera House, and Fire Station, making them eligible to apply for \$500k implementation funds and State Energy Program Revolving Funds; and \$4000 MERP mini-grant for energy planning technical assistance and community engagement.

**During and following the July Flood, CVRPC staff provided outreach and guidance on recovery efforts and tracking of damages to aid response and maximize FEMA reimbursements for town and individual damages (*Fiscal Year 2024)*

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ *Municipal Plan and Bylaw Updates that focus on predictable and effective local permitting*
- ❖ *Brownfields environmental site assessments to facilitate redevelopment and economic growth*
- ❖ *Transportation planning, studies, data collection, traffic counts, and coordination of local involvement through the regional Transportation Advisory Committee*
- ❖ *Emergency planning for natural disasters and coordination with local volunteers and the State*
- ❖ *Climate and energy planning to support projects to reduce municipal and residential energy burdens and build resilience*
- ❖ *Natural resource planning to protect water resources, preserve forest blocks, enhance recreational opportunities and support agricultural and forest industries*
- ❖ *Regional Planning to coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth*
- ❖ *Geographic Information System Services to support to municipalities*
- ❖ *Clean Water Service Provider to identify and fund water quality projects to achieve phosphorous reduction targets*
- ❖ *Special Projects such as recreation paths, farmland preservation, and affordable housing*
- ❖ *Grant support through project identification, scoping, and applications*

2023 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

In 2023, 27 Zoning Permit were processed as follows:

Residence, Accessory Apartments	5
Site Plans (amended site plan, historic review, exempt farm)	1
Additions to homes (room, deck, dormer, porch, garage)	6
Accessory structures (garage, shed, pole barn, container, tiny house)	12
Exempt Subdivisions, Boundary Line Adjustments (reviewed by ZA)	4
Cottage Industry	1
Change of Use	3
Appealed	0
Reviewed by DRB (setback variance,BLA, and Cottage Industry)	3
Miscellaneous (sign, fence)	0
Denied	0
Still being processed	1

*Note: some permits required more than one review

The Plainfield Planning Commision has continued to work on the “Draft Town of Plainfield Zoning Regulations.” The most significant changes will be the inclusion of River Corridor and Cannabis 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 2024 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. The Plainfield Social Concerns Committee makes recommendations on funding requests from non-profit organizations that respond to the health, education, mental health, and welfare needs of Plainfield residents.

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:

This year the Committee was struck by the increased needs of people who live in our town. Although most organizations asked for level funding this year, the voters and Select Board should recognize that there are many people with urgent needs living among us, and the organizations who are responding to those needs are filling a vital role.

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT TO PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD FOR 2024 TOWN MEETING

weatherization, emergency furnace repair, financial counseling, tax preparation, and business counseling. Capstone serve 188 Plainfield residents in 113 households last year.

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 7 Plainfield residents.

Central Vermont Council on Aging (Requested \$1,300, Recommended \$1,300) CVCOA staff are experts and advocates in healthy aging for Central Vermonters. CVCOA uses case managers to work with elders in their homes to assess their needs and develop individualized care plans. CVCOA staff also provide family caregiver support and information, assistance, and referrals regarding health care and insurance, transportation, nutrition, housing, fuel, and other issues of concern. CVCOA served 89 Plainfield residents last year.

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (Requested \$3,100, Recommended \$3,100) CVHH&H is a full service Visiting Nurse Association, committed to providing comprehensive, 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. Last year CVHH&H served 99 Plainfield residents with a total of 1918 patient visits, composed of hospice and palliative care visits, home health, long-term care visits, and maternal and child health 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 2023 there were 140 hotline calls and in-person meetings provided to individuals who identified as Plainfield residents, parenting services to 21 residents, housing advocacy provided 39 times to Plainfield residents, and community support, support with legal issues and personal finance and literacy supports to 6 Plainfield residents.

Elevate Youth Services (formerly Washington County Youth Service Bureau) (Requested \$550, Recommend \$550). 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, counseling, a transitional living program for young men returning from jail, substance abuse treatment, a 24-hour

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crisis service, and the teen center. Last year Elevate Youth Services served a total of 13 Plainfield youths and their family members.

Family Center of Washington County (Requested \$500, Recommended \$500) The Family Center provides childcare referral, childcare provider training, child care subsidy administration, infant/toddler care, preschool and afterschool programs, playgroups for children birth-six and their parents or caregivers, home visiting, employment training, and parent education. Last year the Family Center benefited **38 Plainfield residents**.

Friends of the Winooski River (Requested \$300, Recommended \$300) Friends of the Winooski River is a small non-profit organization that works with communities toward a clean, healthy resilient Winooski watershed through providing support to residents about planting trees along streams, collecting water quality samples, reducing stormwater pollution, 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 \$500, Recommended \$400). 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 8 Plainfield families (24 individuals) last year. They requested increased funding because of increased use due to changed discharge policies from hospitals, the flooding aftermath, and other personal circumstances.

Good Samaritan Haven (Requested \$1,000, Recommend \$1,000) Good Samaritan Haven provides housing and support services to unhoused people in Washington County. Good Samaritan Haven has expanded its services by developing a network of shelters in four different areas of Washington County. 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 responded to 348 visits by Plainfield households.

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Our House (Requested \$100, Recommend \$100) Our House (One Unified Response) provides a multidisciplinary approach to the issue of physical and sexual abuse of children. Working with law enforcement, health, and child welfare agencies, Our House seeks to ensure that investigations are conducted in a child friendly environment with staff who are trained in trauma. They also offer therapy referral, case management, safety planning and referral services to children and adult victims and their caregivers. Last year they assisted in the cases of 3 Plainfield children.

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, 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 145 Plainfield residents.

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.

Vermont Center for Independent Living (Requested \$250, Recommended \$175) VCIL is a statewide organization dedicated to assisting Vermonters with disabilities to achieve dignified, self-determined lives. Last year VCIL provided services to 7 Plainfield residents.

Vermont Family Network (Requested \$250, recommend \$150). Through a network of experienced parents of children with special needs, VFN provides information, referral, emotional support, and advocacy support to families who are adapting to a child's diagnosis. Last year 3 Plainfield families were served by the program.

Washington County Diversion (Requested \$450, Recommend \$400). This organization provides community based alternatives to the court system for first-time offenders. Diversion follows a restorative justice model that includes the victim, the offender, and the community. 7 Plainfield residents were served last year.

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Plainfield Social Concerns 2024		2020	2021	2022	2023	Organization request for 2024	Number Served	Recommendation to Select Board
Organization								
Big Heavy World					\$250			
Capstone (Central VT) Community Action	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	188	\$500
Central VT Adult Basic Education	\$400	\$300	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	7	\$400
Central VT Council on Aging (CVCOA)	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	89	\$1,300
Central Vt Economic Development Corp						\$200	20	\$0
Central VT Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH)	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$3,100	\$3,100	99	\$3,100
Circle/BWSS	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$525	140	\$525
Elevate Youth/Wash Co Youth Service Bureau	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550	13	\$550
Family Center of Washington County	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	38	\$500
Friends of the Winooski River	no request	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	na	\$300
Good Beginnings	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$500	24	\$400
Good Samaritan Haven		\$250	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	na	\$1,000
Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA)	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$786	\$0	\$0		
Home Share Now			0	0	0			
Onion River Food Shelf	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	348	\$1,000
OUR House	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100	3	\$100
Peoples' Health & Wellness	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750			
Sex Assault			\$0	\$0	\$0			
TLC	\$400		\$0	\$0	\$0			
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	145	\$4,000
Twinfield mentor	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	50	\$250
VT Center for Independent Living	\$100	\$100	\$150	\$150	\$250	\$250	7	\$175
Vermont Family Network	\$100	\$100	\$150	\$150	\$0	\$250	3 families	\$150
Washington County Diversion		\$400	\$400	\$400	\$0	\$450	7	\$400
Washington County Mental Health	\$600		\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0			
	\$14,261	\$14,111	\$15,211	\$14,925	\$15,175			\$14,650

2023 SELECTBOARD REPORT

It's safe to say this past year was tumultuous.

It started with Plainfield's 2023 Town Meeting, which was in person, and commenced on March 7, 2023. But, it was adjourned by voters to 9 am on Saturday, April 15, 2023, due to failure to meet State law requiring that the Town Report be mailed ten days before Town Meeting. Then we experienced a significant flooding event in July 2023. We also experienced resignations by two Selectboard members, the Town Clerk and the Town Auditor. The Auditor's resignation, which occurred in October, did not leave enough time to find a replacement and conduct the audit required to issue the Town's Annual Report in time to have Town Meeting on Town Meeting Day, March 5, 2024. Hence, Town Meeting had to be rescheduled. We also received five petitions to change the Town Charter and the requirements for the Clerk and Treasurer.

The most significant event this past year was the July flood which did extensive damage to roads and homes. Michael Billingsley, the Town's Emergency Management Director, did an excellent job preparing for and dealing with the aftermath of the flood including obtaining FEMA money for buyouts of flooded homes which were at risk of future flooding and organizing roadside clean up. The Highway Department road crew also did a remarkable job in getting the roads back in shape after the considerable erosion caused by the flooding. The flooding also caused tremendous amounts of debris to be deposited along the banks of the Winooski River which needed to be cleaned up. Paula Emery working with the Friends of Winooski organized a clean up event which took place on September 26, 2023.

After expressing concerns about the Town Clerk's performance, Bram Towbin resigned from the Selectboard on August 29, 2023. Tim Davis was appointed to replace him on October 2, 2023. Lorraine Cappetta resigned as Town Auditor effective October 1, 2023, stating, among other reasons, her dissatisfaction with computerized books without paper documentation. The timing of this resignation meant that the audit required for the Town Annual Report could not be completed in time to hold Town Meeting Day on March 5, 2024. After advertising the Auditor position, the Selectboard appointed Dan Fingas as Town Auditor on February 24, 2024.

On December 20, 2023, Bram Towbin filed five petitions with the Town to have the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer positions be appointed by the Selectboard and to not require those positions be filled by Town residents. The fifth petition sought to amend the Town Charter to require the Selectboard to hold a hearing prior to Town Meeting. In February, 2024, Bram Towbin withdrew some of his petitions

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leaving in place the ones asking whether the Clerk and Treasurer positions should be elected and whether the Selectboard should be expanded to five members. On February 26, 2024, Riley Carlson resigned from the Selectboard.

On March 5, 2024, the Town held Australian Ballot voting. Robin Miller did not run for reelection as Town Clerk and Treasurer. Bram Towbin was elected to these positions.

The Selectboard was asked many times over the years to take action about a zoning violation on Bean Road. The Selectboard finally took action on April 11, 2024, to have the Town's Attorney begin the legal process to enforce the zoning laws.

Plainfield Select Board

Jim Volz, Chair

Tim Davis

Patti Jamele

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

REVENUE	BUDGET 22/23	ACTUAL 22/23	VARIANCE	BUDGET 23/24	PROPOSED 24/25
del tax, int penalty	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 153,983.17	\$ (103,983.17)	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Sale Income				\$ 91,000.00	
State Aid to Hwy	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 100,959.86	\$ (9,959.86)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,328.74	\$ (2,328.74)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Judicial Fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 543.00	\$ 1,457.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Recording Fees	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,775.00	\$ 2,225.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00
Fire Dept income	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ (5,500.00)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Highway Grant Misc	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 34,286.72	\$ (32,786.72)	\$ -	\$ -
Mun Grant Income	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 188,622.33	\$ (178,622.33)	\$ -	\$ -
Mun Rental Income				\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
SB Misc Income	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 8,284.82	\$ (3,284.82)	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Town Hall Income		\$ 2,260.01	\$ 4,239.99		
Misc		\$ 16,130.50		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 179,000.00	\$ 523,674.15	\$ (328,543.65)	\$ 169,000.00	\$ 80,500.00

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

accounts	Budget 22/23	Actual	VARIANCE	Budget 23/24	Budget 24/25
SELECTBOARD SALARIES	3,900.00	3,900.00	0.00	3,900.00	3,900.00
AUDITORS SALARIES	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	5,000.00
ZONING ADMIN SALARY	5,200.00	2,997.14	2,202.86	5,000.00	5,000.00
LISTERS SALARIES	2,500.00	4,245.56	(1,745.56)	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER	55,000.00	80,413.55	(25,413.55)	54,600.00	56,511.00
ASST CLERK/TREASURER	70,000.00	45,872.91	24,127.09	50,000.00	56,000.00
COLLECTOR OF DEL TAXES	0.00	10,920.23	(10,920.23)	0.00	
ROAD COMMISSIONER	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	3,000.00	8,107.60	(5,107.60)	21,000.00	29,000.00
Budget Assistant (Linda)					14,000.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	2,750.00	273.38	2,476.62	4,500.00	4,500.00
DRB/PC ADMIN ASST	1,000.00	484.11	515.89	1,000.00	2,000.00
HEALTH OFFICER	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
GRANT ADMINISTRATOR	4,000.00	7,590.00	(3,590.00)	4,000.00	4,000.00
EMER MANAGEMENT	500.00	483.92	16.08	500.00	2,800.00
PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
FRINGE-FICA	9,066.00	9,804.83	(738.83)	8,264.38	10,000.00
FRINGE-MEDI	2,092.00	2,293.25	(201.25)	8,264.38	2,500.00
ccc payroll tax					1,760.00
FRINGE HEALTH INSURANCE	14,000.00	6,531.36	7,468.64	10,000.00	8,000.00
FRINGE-RETIREMENT	6,000.00	19,091.82	(13,091.82)	8,600.00	19,600.00
FRINGE F/M-COLL DEL TAXES	900.00	835.40	64.60	1,300.00	1,300.00
FRINGE INSURANCE HRA	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
FLOOD LINE OF CRED INT EX	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
REAPPRAISAL 2024/2025	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
LISTERS SUPPLIES	300.00	168.98	131.02	300.00	300.00
LISTERS PRTG/POSTAGE	150.00	10.35	139.65	150.00	150.00

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accounts	Budget 22/23	Actual	VARIANCE	Budget 23/24	Budget24/25
LISTERS SEMINARS/DUES	50.00	118.75	(68.75)	50.00	50.00
LISTERS GIS MAPS	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
LISTERS SOFTWARE	1,425.00	1,311.06	113.94	1,425.00	1,425.00
LISTER MILEAGE	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
CONSTABLE	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,048.56
CEN VT HUMANE SOCIETY	0.00	120.00	(120.00)	0.00	300.00
CEN VT REG PLANNING	1,644.00	1,643.88	0.12	1,650.00	1,650.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	375.00	330.78	44.22	300.00	475.00
CONS COMM TREE PROGRAM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
CONSERVATION FUND EXPENSE	2,000.00	10,450.00	(8,450.00)	2,000.00	2,000.00
CONSERVATION GREEN UP	100.00	786.41	(686.41)	100.00	100.00
ENERGY CONSERVATION	400.00	0.00	400.00	450.00	450.00
100-3030-31.00 ANIMAL CONTROL	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
ANIMAL SHELTER/POUND	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
DAM FEES	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
HAZARD MITIGATION	100.00	108.00	(8.00)	100.00	875.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT	10,000.00	8,043.74	1,956.26	10,000.00	10,000.00
TRAFFIC CONTRL/RADAR CRT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
AMBULANCE SERVICE	55,500.00	55,232.01	267.99	56,890.00	58,596.00
EMT STIPEND	3,000.00	2,150.00	850.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
FD FIRE TRUCK NOTE	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
FD FIRE TRK INT EXPENSE	4,000.00	4,209.88	(209.88)	4,000.00	2,960.00
FD BLDG REV LOAN	2,075.00	1,826.21	248.79	2,075.00	2,075.00
FD BLDG INT EXPENSE	0.00	244.02	(244.02)	0.00	250.00
FD ELECTRICITY	1,350.00	1,338.75	11.25	1,400.00	1,350.00
FD TELEPHONE/INTERNET	1,500.00	1,355.66	144.34	1,700.00	1,400.00
FD FUEL & FURNACE	4,300.00	5,367.27	(1,067.27)	7,000.00	7,500.00
FD BLDG REPAIRS & MAINT	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	10,000.00
FD ACC/DISBLTY INSURANCE	2,200.00	1,669.00	531.00	2,200.00	2,200.00

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accounts	Budget 22/23	Actual	VARIANCE	Budget 23/24	Budget24/25
FD WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	1,250.00	914.24	335.76	1,250.00	1,250.00
FD PROP/ LIABILITY INSURANCE	5,200.00	3,125.64	2,074.36	4,700.00	4,500.00
FD TRUCK REPAIRS AND FUEL	3,300.00	6,265.68	(2,965.68)	5,000.00	5,000.00
2018 FREIGHTLINER	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
FD EQUIP FUND EXPENSE	10,000.00	596.65	9,403.35	10,000.00	10,000.00
P PROTECTIVE EQUIP FND	12,500.00	19,336.90	(6,836.90)	12,500.00	12,500.00
FD SAFETY EQUIP/MED SPLYS	4,000.00	5,148.96	(1,148.96)	3,500.00	4,000.00
FD SMALL ITEMS/REPAIRS	2,500.00	3,597.59	(1,097.59)	3,000.00	3,000.00
FD DISPATCH	19,760.00	20,134.08	(374.08)	20,084.57	23,000.00
FD Radio Replacement					1,537.50
FD TRAINING	2,000.00	660.00	1,340.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
FD MARSHFIELD APP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
RECOGNITION FUND	800.00	850.00	(50.00)	1,000.00	900.00
FD Miscellaneous	500.00	303.50	196.50	500.00	500.00
SB PROP/ LIABILITY INSURANCE	11,000.00	9,480.93	1,519.07	11,000.00	11,000.00
SB WORKERS COMP	700.00	771.50	(71.50)	600.00	700.00
SB UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	1,000.00	1,526.00	(526.00)	1,000.00	1,500.00
Delinquent Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TO EQUIP/MAINT/SPLYS	5,250.00	14,814.63	(9,564.63)	5,500.00	20,000.00
PRESERVATION COSTS	500.00	1,213.41	(713.41)	500.00	500.00
BANK FEES & CHARGES	50.00	13.97	36.03	50.00	50.00
WEBSITE	2,000.00	822.98	1,177.02	2,000.00	1,500.00
Computer/Supplies/Support	2,300.00	3,001.99	(701.99)	8,000.00	1,000.00
LAND RECORDS PORTAL	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
DRB ADVERTISING	300.00	65.54	234.46	300.00	300.00
DRB COMPUTER/OFF SPLYS	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	75.00
DRB POSTAGE	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	75.00
DRB CONSULTANT-ZONING REG	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
DRB TRAINING	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

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accounts	Budget 22/23	Actual	VARIANCE	Budget 23/24	Budget 24/25
PC ZONING CONSULTANT	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	300.00	300.00
PC POSTAGE	250.00	0.00	250.00	150.00	100.00
PC ADVERTISING	150.00	125.02	24.98	0.00	150.00
PC LEGAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PC TRAINING/MAPPING	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
PC GRANTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PC PRINTING/COMPUTER	250.00	0.00	250.00	400.00	250.00
PC/ZONING MISC EXPENSE	150.00	161.14	(11.14)	150.00	150.00
SB PRINTING & PUBLICATION	4,500.00	732.53	3,767.47	5,500.00	5,000.00
ARPA	0.00	82,289.99	-	0.00	
HOME BUYOUT PROJECT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
SB LEGAL FEES	2,000.00	695.00	1,305.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
PARK/REC BLDG/MAINT/EQUIP	2,900.00	4,554.96	(1,654.96)	1,000.00	5,100.00
Rec Mowing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
REC PORTALET/POWER	1,600.00	1,423.92	176.08	4,100.00	0.00
REC RESERVE PROJECTS	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
REC PROGRAMS/OUTREACH	100.00	800.00	(700.00)	150.00	150.00
SKATEBOARD PARK	0.00	1,814.28	(1,814.28)	0.00	
GREAT BROOK PROJECT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PARK 'N RIDE ELECTRIC	275.00	313.51	(38.51)	275.00	300.00
PARK 'N RIDE SOLAR LOAN/I	3,000.00	303.37	2,696.63	3,300.00	3,284.00
Solid Waste Management	1,236.00	1,236.00	0.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Taxes-County	9,800.00	10,058.00	(258.00)	9,900.00	11,000.00
HISTORICAL BUILDING	0.00	18,359.65	(18,359.65)	0.00	
STREET LIGHTS-ELECTRIC	4,500.00	8,111.59	(3,611.59)	4,500.00	6,000.00
STREET LIGHTS-NEW	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TH TELEPHONE/INTERNET	1,500.00	1,645.33	(145.33)	1,500.00	1,500.00
TH MAINT/REPAIRS	4,000.00	984.00	3,016.00	4,000.00	3,000.00
TH Electricity	800.00	964.66	(164.66)	1,000.00	1,000.00

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

accounts	Budget 22/23	Actual	VARIANCE	Budget 23/24	Budget24/25
THEQUIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TH FUEL& FURNACE	2,200.00	1,246.42	953.58	3,000.00	2,000.00
TH MGMT SERVICES	4,500.00	6,491.00	(1,991.00)	5,000.00	5,000.00
TH ADVERTISING	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
TH REVOLVING LOAN PYMT	5,200.00	5,200.00	0.00	0.00	3,052.44
THALL REV LOAN INTEREST	400.00	81.61	318.39	0.00	2,000.00
MUN BLDG TELEPHONE	1,500.00	1,825.89	(325.89)	1,550.00	1,700.00
MUN BLDG ELECTRIC	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
MUN BLDG FUEL/FURNACE	3,500.00	4,856.36	(1,356.36)	4,000.00	5,000.00
MUN BLDG MAINT/REPAIRS	5,000.00	3,450.64	1,549.36	10,000.00	10,000.00
TAX SALE EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
VLCT Dues	1,325.00	1,320.00	5.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
VLCT HEALTH & WELLNESS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous	500.00	1,441.29	(941.29)	500.00	1,000.00
OLD HOME DAYS	900.00	610.80	289.20	900.00	900.00
TOWN AUDIT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
TOWN FOREST	0.00	1,370.00	(1,370.00)	0.00	0.00
TWINFIELD SCHOOL	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
LC COMM RESILIENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
EV CHARGING STATIONdonotu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
MILL ST PARK ELECTRIC	500.00	312.66	187.34	750.00	400.00
TREE WARDEN/TREE MAINT	250.00	675.00	(425.00)	250.00	600.00
TOWN LANDSCAPING	4,500.00	2,455.00	2,045.00	4,500.00	2,500.00
SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL	7,500.00	5,535.00	1,965.00	7,500.00	5,535.00
SIDEWALK PROJ LOWER VILL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
CDBG BRIDGE BRK RD PROJ	0.00	31,776.75	(31,776.75)	0.00	0.00
MAIN ST BIKE/PEDI LOAN	3,034.50	3,052.44	(17.94)	0.00	3,025.00
MAIN/PEDI LOAN INTEREST	1,069.78	1,068.38	1.40	0.00	1,065.00
MAIN ST BRIDGE REPAIRS	30,000.00	5,801.89	24,198.11	0.00	0.00

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

accounts	Budget 22/23	Actual	VARIANCE	Budget 23/24	Budget24/25
911 SIGNAGE	50.00	66.94	(16.94)	50.00	0.00
SB MISC. & SEMINARS	250.00	500.00	(250.00)	250.00	250.00
GMT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,499.94
RCT BUS SERVICE	8,333.00	6,833.06	1,499.94	6,833.06	6,833.06
ONION RVR FOODSHELF	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
CEN VT ADULT BASIC EDUC	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
CIRCLE	525.00	525.00	0.00	525.00	525.00
C VT COMMUNITY ACTION	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
C VT COUNCIL ON AGING	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
C VT HOME HEALTH	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00	3,100.00	3,100.00
CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	45,000.00	50,000.00
FAMILY CTR OF WASH CTY	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
GOOD BEGINNINGS	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	400.00
Friends of the Winooski R	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
GREEN MTN TRANSIT	786.00	786.00	0.00	1,499.94	1,499.94
Retired Senior Volunteer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
OUR HOUSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Sexual Assault Crisis	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Twin Valley Seniors	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Washington County Youth	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	650.00
WASHINGTON CTY DIVERSION	400.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
VT cent vt economic dev	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
PEOPLES HLTH & WELLNESS	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00
HOME SHARE NOW	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PREVENT CHILD ABUSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TWINFIELD LEARNING CTR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TWINFIELD TOGETHER MENTOR	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
VT CTR FOR IND LIVING	150.00	150.00	0.00	175.00	175.00

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

accounts	Budget 22/23	Actual	VARIANCE	Budget 23/24	Budget24/25
WASH CTY MENTAL HLTH	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	
GOOD SAMARITAN HAVEN	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
CROSS VT TRAIL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
VT FAMILY NETWORK	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Labor/Road Foreman	63,336.00	76,766.44	(13,430.44)	76,650.00	78,000.00
Labor/Equip Operator I	44,000.00	52,576.50	(8,576.50)	54,000.00	57,000.00
Labor/Equip Operator II	44,000.00	58,682.40	(14,682.40)	66,000.00	69,000.00
OT Road Foreman	12,000.00	10,624.91	1,375.09	5,300.00	6,000.00
OT Equip Operator I	5,832.00	4,961.97	870.03	3,900.00	4,000.00
OT Equip Operator II	5,832.00	7,085.83	(1,253.83)	4,700.00	4,900.00
PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
HD FRINGE HRA	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
HD FRINGE/FICA	10,656.25	13,004.94	(2,348.69)	0.00	18,000.00
HD FRINGE/MEDI	2,343.75	3,041.73	(697.98)	0.00	3,200.00
HD FRINGE BCBS	29,000.00	7,956.69	21,043.31	10,000.00	10,000.00
HD FRINGE RETIREMENT	11,000.00	3,027.23	7,972.77	11,060.00	12,000.00
HD-PROPLIAB INSURANCE	8,500.00	5,016.15	3,483.85	8,500.00	8,000.00
HD-WORKERS COMP INS	11,000.00	7,181.79	3,818.21	11,000.00	10,000.00
HD BRIDGE LOAN					4,105.00
HD EQUIP LOAN/INTEREST	13,000.00	12,000.00	1,000.00	13,400.00	12,000.00
HD LOAN INT EXPENSE	400.00	1,147.98	(747.98)	0.00	1,000.00
HD-TRUCK LOAN	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	14,000.00
HD-TRUCK LOAN INTEREST	400.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	731.44
HD TOOLS & SUPPLIES	4,000.00	4,892.74	(892.74)	4,000.00	4,000.00
LAWN TRACTOR	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
HAY MULCHER	100.00	60.23	39.77	100.00	100.00
CULVERT THAWER	100.00	53.38	46.62	100.00	100.00
Loader	500.00	34.88	465.12	500.00	13,147.98

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

accounts	Budget 22/23	Actual	VARIANCE	Budget 23/24	Budget 24/25
Grader	8,000.00	4,871.93	3,128.07	8,000.00	8,000.00
GUARDRAILS & SIGNAGE	8,000.00	4,871.93	3,128.07	8,000.00	5,000.00
Town Garage/Repairs	8,000.00	4,871.93	3,128.07	8,000.00	1,500.00
Sander/Rake/Plows	8,000.00	6,291.51	1,708.49	8,000.00	8,000.00
BACKHOE	1,000.00	199.08	800.92	1,000.00	1,000.00
MACK 2005	2,500.00	24.95	2,475.05	2,500.00	2,500.00
MACK 2007	10,000.00	5,312.66	4,687.34	2,000.00	0.00
mack2024					1,000.00
ALTEC WOOD CHIPPER 2012	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
FORD 2015	5,000.00	4,651.12	348.88	5,000.00	5,000.00
MACK 2019	1,200.00	4,327.87	(3,127.87)	2,500.00	3,500.00
2022 GMC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
FUEL AND FURNACE	1,000.00	1,626.48	(626.48)	2,500.00	1,500.00
HD-ELECTRIC	1,200.00	1,249.71	(49.71)	1,200.00	1,400.00
HD-TELEPHONE/INTERNET	2,400.00	2,600.31	(200.31)	2,400.00	2,500.00
Fuel/Oil/Grease	35,000.00	51,664.79	(16,664.79)	45,000.00	45,000.00
Mileage-HD	1,500.00	635.00	865.00	200.00	200.00
HD GRAVEL	94,500.00	97,487.72	(2,987.72)	100,000.00	110,000.00
HD SAND	50,000.00	50,976.25	(976.25)	55,000.00	50,000.00
CONTRACTS-MOW/SWEEPING	10,000.00	9,405.00	595.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Culverts	6,000.00	7,125.42	(1,125.42)	6,000.00	6,000.00
HOT MIX/PAVING PROJECTS	10,000.00	1,085.84	8,914.16	10,000.00	7,000.00
Salt	22,000.00	17,574.48	4,425.52	22,000.00	22,000.00
Chloride	24,000.00	24,480.57	(480.57)	24,000.00	24,000.00
Mulch	1,000.00	839.99	160.01	1,000.00	1,000.00
EQUIPMENT FUND EXPENSE HD	45,000.00	61,971.25	(16,971.25)	50,000.00	100,000.00
Uniforms	2,500.00	2,713.79	(213.79)	2,500.00	2,500.00
Tires	9,000.00	4,706.64	4,293.36	22,500.00	9,000.00
Chains	10,000.00	4,250.00	5,750.00	10,000.00	10,000.00

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

accounts	Budget 22/23	Actual	VARIANCE	Budget 23/24	Budget24/25
CATCH BASINS	11,000.00	10,440.77	559.23	11,000.00	11,000.00
SAFETY EQUIPMENT	500.00	2,847.75	(2,347.75)	500.00	500.00
Sidewalks	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
BRIDGE PROJECTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	4,105.00
CULVERT PROJECTS	13,000.00	2,810.00	10,190.00	13,000.00	11,000.00
2011 FLOOD IRENE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2011 FLOOD MAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2015 FLOOD JULY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2023 Flood	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
DITCHING PROJECTS	4,500.00	3,663.44	836.56	4,500.00	0.00
LINE PAINTING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00
TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Miscellaneous HD	1,500.00	6,024.77	(4,524.77)	1,500.00	1,500.00
PAVING PROJECTS	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
MUN ROADS PERMIT	1,590.00	(1,350.00)	2,940.00	1,590.00	1,590.00
CATCH BASINS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTALS	1,311,761.28	1,409,897.82	(15,846.55)	1,380,211.33	1,489,936.86
cb fiber ARPA FUNDS	town allowance	30,000.00	9/20/2022		
main st ped bridge project	365,256.50	371,058.39	5,801.89		

SELECTBOARD ACTUAL/PROPOSED BUDGET

	BUDGET		ACTUAL		VARIANCE	BUDGET	
	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024		2023/2024	BUDGET
HIGHWAY DEPT EXPENSE	\$711,590.00	\$811,300.00	\$685,257.15	\$811,300.00	\$26,332.85	\$811,300.00	\$824,279.42
STATE AID/MISC INCOME GRANT INCOME	\$(92,500.00)	\$(92,500.00)	\$(125,286.72)	\$(92,500.00)	\$32,786.72	\$(92,500.00)	\$(92,500.00)
NET HWAY EXPENSE	\$619,090.00	\$718,800.00	\$559,970.43	\$718,800.00	\$59,119.57	\$718,800.00	\$781,779.42
TOWN OFFICE	\$512,341.00						
SOCIAL CONCERNS	\$63,544.00	\$67,933.00	\$62,044.06	\$67,933.00	\$1,499.94	\$67,933.00	\$74,169.00
SB EXPENSES	\$595,885.00	\$562,748.77	\$622,014.49	\$562,748.77	\$(46,129.49)	\$562,748.77	\$666,557.84
GRANT INCOME							
INCOME	\$(86,550.00)	\$(86,500.00)	\$(196,517.31)	\$(86,500.00)	\$110,017.31	\$(86,500.00)	\$(86,500.00)
BUDGET							
NET SB EXPENSE	\$489,385.00	\$496,248.77	\$487,541.24	\$496,248.77	\$(47,451.24)	\$496,248.77	\$580,057.94
OUTSTANIDNG DEL TAX	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$17,425.27	\$10,000.00	\$(7,425.27)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL W DEL TAX	\$499,385.10	\$486,248.33	\$504,966.51	\$486,248.33		\$486,248.33	\$590,057.94
NET SB/HWAY BUDGET	\$1,118,475.10	\$1,205,048.33	\$1,064,936.94	\$1,205,048.33	\$59,119.57	\$1,205,048.33	\$1,371,837.36

PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL/OPERA HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT

After a couple years of being mostly closed due to the pandemic, the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House came roaring back in 2023. There were 30+ events, including the first Town Meeting since 2019 and the return of the Old Home Days Revue.

Other highlights were: The Winter Farmers Market, eleven different concerts, from rock to folk and classical - and we were delighted to see the kids of the Vermont Youth Theater returning.

On the less entertaining side – FEMA held two post-flood community forums, and the Vermont Natural Resources Council came later to do a “planning-for-the-future” event. There were also several private rentals, including a 90th birthday party, a shower and a Bas Mitzvah!

All told, the venue brought in over \$3,000.

The volunteer board that operates the Opera House, Friends of Plainfield Town Hall Opera House, shortened its name and broadened its mission to become Plainfield Arts.

They continue the on-going management and promotion of the facility with the goal of expanding local and regional use, and they continue to strategize future facility improvements. One of which is assisting the Town in receiving a matching grant from the Vermont Arts Council to install a video projection system and audio reinforcement, including an assisted listening system for the hearing impaired.

Information about Plainfield Arts and the Opera House can be found at: plainfieldartsvt.org.

The 2024 Plainfield Arts Concert Series is already underway, but we hope to see you at the following concerts and performances:

March 10 – Susan Cattaneo

April 7 – A Robert Frost one-person show

April & May – Vermont Youth Theater

May 19 - Ira Friedman Jazz

June 28 – Black Feathers

September 8 – Cantrip

October 12 - Heliand Consort

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 Plainfield Arts. Please support and enjoy our Town’s historic artistic performance and gathering space.

2023 CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

The Cutler Memorial Library, affectionately known as "Plainfield's Living Room," is anything but your typical small rural library. Our commitment to the community goes far beyond the conventional library offerings of books, programs, meeting spaces, shared tools, and technology access.

Over the past year, the Cutler Library has had a profound impact on our local economy, contributing over \$40,000 in grant-based funds. We've also taken proactive measures to address critical social needs, showcasing our unwavering dedication to the well-being of our community. Over the summer, in collaboration with the Onion River Food Shelf, we improved food security by providing free lunches for children and youth, serving over 250 children, and providing fresh local produce whenever possible. In addition, our library has an abundance of information and materials, both on our website and within our walls, covering essential topics such as housing and food insecurity, domestic violence, job searches, and mental and physical health needs. We proudly serve as a central hub for disseminating timely and invaluable information.

Although our library may be modest in size, its impact is significant and continues to grow each year. In the past year, we hosted nearly 150 programs directly benefiting our community. Our early literacy programs now extend beyond the library's walls, reaching local daycare centers and making library access more convenient for working families. We've proactively introduced cutting-edge technology to the community, including recent additions like robotics and virtual reality programs. Thanks to grants, we've improved services for patrons with neurodiversity and will be offering digital literacy workshops in the upcoming year.

Our programs and services have not gone unnoticed. This autumn, the Cutler Library reached a milestone with 1,000 active patrons, doubling our patrons in the last four years. With this increased patronage, our circulation of library materials and interlibrary loans has seen significant growth.

Last year was truly remarkable in terms of grant funding. These grants allowed us to invest in programming tools that ensure equitable access to contemporary tools, from Lego robotics to iPads and virtual reality headsets. Grant funding has also facilitated essential capital improvements, including a much-needed new fence and materials for an outdoor pavilion. Notably, we received funds from the Town of Plainfield ARPA Grant for a new roof, lead encapsulation, and an oil tank replacement, for which we are particularly grateful after the challenges posed by last summer's rains.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jen Carlo, Erica DeCosta, and Bob Rosenfeld for their dedicated service on the board in 2023. We are pleased to welcome new

2023 CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

board members Karen Hatcher, Laura McCaffrey, and Mary Niebling, who bring fresh perspectives and energy to our team. We also appreciate the invaluable contributions of our library volunteers, including Gail Falk, Jamie Krantz, Tim Phillips, and Jess Taylor, who generously dedicate their time to enhancing library access for the community.

The Friends of the Library continue to be a pillar of support for our library. This year, the proceeds from the annual plant sale were generously donated to cover the costs of much-needed building repairs, and the proceeds from the book sale helped improve the garage for future book sales. Emily Rappold serves as president, with Pat Boyle continuing as Treasurer. The Friends group warmly welcomes new members to join their efforts. A membership form can be found on the library website.

We eagerly look forward to continuing our mission of serving and supporting our community and making a positive impact on the lives of Plainfield residents.

Our Library Director, Angela Ogle, has submitted the report for the Cutler Memorial Library in 2023. Our dedicated Library Board of Trustees includes:

- Grace Worcester, Chair of the Board
- Mary Niebling, Treasurer
- Genese Grill, Secretary
- Mary Trerice, Friends of the Library Liaison and Building Committee Chair
- Karen Hatcher
- Laura Williams McCaffrey

CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

Cash on Hand: \$34,866.72

Income

Town appropriation	\$ 40,000.00
Rental income	\$ 13,970.00
Annual appeal/donations	\$ 6,103.30
Friends of the Library donation	\$ 2,660.50
Grants (restricted)	\$ 116,467.98
Total Income	\$ 179,201.78

Expenses

Gross wages (includes wages from grants)	\$ 45,740.76
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$ 3,822.89
Payroll Fees	\$ 49.00
Worker's Comp Insurance	\$ 1,581.00
Accounting fees	\$ 1,962.50
Bank fees	\$ 15.00
Collection development (includes grant purchases)	\$ 9,986.39
Internet/Technology/Computers	\$ 1,663.48
Library Programs (includes grant programs)	\$ 71,481.76
Postage (Includes Interlibrary Loan)	\$ 1,011.35
Telephone	\$ 641.71
Library supplies	\$ 1,232.23
Upkeep and utilities	\$ 13,929.75
Business Insurance	\$ 1,307.00
Total Expenses	\$ 154,424.82

Cash on Hand June 30, 2023

Checking account	\$ 51,554.67
Debit card account	\$ 5,219.91
Capital Campaign (Restricted account)	\$ 835.00
Grants (Restricted)**	\$ 44,986.22
Total Cash on Hand June 30, 2023*	\$ 102,595.80

* Funds at the end of June 2023 are used to run the library until the Town Appropriation comes in early September

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

2023 WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT

This past year has certainly offered some unique challenges around the State, in Plainfield, and for the Plainfield Water and Wastewater systems. The flooding in July caused large amounts of damage to infrastructure around town and around the State. Fortunately, there were a number of lessons learned and infrastructure upgrades that took place after Hurricane Irene that allowed the W/WW Department to be more resilient. While the flooding certainly caused a lot of damage to roads and bridges around town, the rebuilding and shoring up of the riverbanks after Irene held up and protected the water and wastewater lines where they cross the Winooski and Great Brook. With the water lines intact and the water treatment happening well above the flooding we were able to maintain safe clean drinking water through the event and after.

The wastewater treatment plant did far better than many around the state however there were a number of issues that needed to be resolved. The majority of the treatment plant stayed above water but the river water did make it into the pump room and U.V. room. The access road into the treatment plant was also underwater during the flooding and covered in mud eight inches deep after the waters receded. In addition to the mud across the driveway we had up to three feet of silt around various parts of the property and other flood related cleanup. As the flooding was happening the following day and week the operators put in many hours of overtime to get the plant running and cleaned up. The treatment plant was offline for eighteen hours but with lots of hard work and quick decision making the operators were able to get everything working with full disinfection despite still seeing flows above three times the treatment plant's permitted capacity.

The cleanup and challenges from the flood required a number of projects to be put on hold, resources allocated differently, and timelines adjusted. Despite a couple project being moved to next year and the cleanup taking precedent the operators with various contractors were able to: repair the fence line, resurface a failing concrete tank, install a new roof and front wall of the well treatment building, start the process of developing new spring, clearing hazards around the treatment plant, and continuing to clean up and streamline operations, we continued to work with engineering firms to plan and acquire funding for infrastructure projects that are needed to replace water and wastewater lines and we worked with engineers and State agencies to protect our interests with projects that are being planned or undertaken in the area. 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 around town and ensure safe water to drink and only quality effluent reaching waterways.

Mary Lane, Commission Chair
Tim Phillips, Commission Member
Jas G. Pitts, Commission Member

2024/2025 PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Plant Operator	32,925.00	32,726.76	198.24	37,054.00	38,165.00
Asst. Operator	27,600.00	27,092.32	507.68	31,357.00	32,297.00
On Call Stipend	-	-	-	-	7,280.00
Asst Clerk/Treasurer	4,600.00	5,646.38	(1,046.38)	6,009.00	6,916.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	4,000.00	3,250.00	750.00	3,477.00	3,599.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	600.00	4,376.27	(3,776.27)	600.00	600.00
Commissioner Stipend	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
Auditors	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fringe/FICA	4,550.00	4,726.84	(176.84)	5,500.00	6,300.00
Fringe/MEDI	1,062.00	1,105.46	(43.46)	1,400.00	1,900.00
Fringe BC/BS Insurance	7,550.00	3,686.40	3,863.60	7,270.00	3,000.00
CCC Payroll Tax					400.00
HRA	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	1,400.00	700.00
Fringe/Retirement	4,670.00	4,466.51	203.49	5,500.00	6,000.00
Delinquent Tax	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
Office Supplies	760.00	1,285.98	(525.98)	900.00	1,200.00
Computer/Support/ Office	2,500.00	2,045.66	454.34	2,725.00	3,050.00
Computer Plant	320.00	138.80	181.20	300.00	-
Property/Liability Insurance	2,100.00	994.00	1,106.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
Workers Comp. Insurance	4,000.00	2,419.25	1,580.75	4,000.00	3,000.00
Unemployment Ins Trust	394.00	369.00	25.00	395.00	400.00
Supplies/System Maint.	6,540.00	7,075.72	(535.72)	8,000.00	8,560.00
Waterline Repairs	11,000.00	-	11,000.00	12,000.00	12,840.00
Fowler Loan Principal	14,683.00	14,682.86	0.14	15,123.00	15,577.00
Fowler Loan Interest & Fees	6,252.00	6,251.39	0.61	5,811.00	5,357.00
Rt 2 Project Loan Principal	10,918.00	11,095.00	(177.00)	11,275.00	11,644.00
Rt 2 Project Loan Interest	20,440.00	20,263.00	177.00	20,083.00	19,714.00
Safety Equipment	525.00	-	525.00	375.00	400.00

2024/2025 PLAINFIELD WATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET	PROPOSED
DESCRIPTION	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Bank Fees	50.00	-	50.00	25.00	25.00
Legal Fees/VLCT Dues	660.00	935.00	(275.00)	660.00	3,000.00
Taxes To Marshfield	1,100.00	1,580.36	(480.36)	1,100.00	2,200.00
Mowing	1,100.00	970.00	130.00	1,175.00	1,250.00
Electricity/GMP	1,100.00	809.61	290.39	1,200.00	1,300.00
Phone/Cell/Internet	1,600.00	1,994.64	(394.64)	1,750.00	1,875.00
Furnace Repairs/Fuel	1,450.00	1,699.65	(249.65)	3,000.00	3,200.00
Uniforms	525.00	527.54	(2.54)	375.00	400.00
Staff Training	1,000.00	626.49	373.51	800.00	800.00
Chemicals & Supplies	1,040.00	508.97	531.03	650.00	700.00
Testing	3,270.00	1,095.00	2,175.00	3,270.00	3,500.00
Truck Maintenance	545.00	2,620.67	(2,075.67)	650.00	600.00
State Water Flow Fees	900.00	1,341.70	(441.70)	900.00	1,500.00
Misc/Advt's/Publications	655.00	942.04	(287.04)	800.00	1,216.00
Capital Improvement	54,500.00	50,000.00	4,500.00	59,405.00	63,500.00
Equipment Fund	2,400.00	2,600.00	(200.00)	2,600.00	2,800.00
Audit	-	-	-	-	-
School Street Waterline	-	9,063.77	(9,063.77)	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$245,084.00	\$234,513.04	\$10,570.96	\$265,014.00	\$282,865.00
Reserved		(50,000.00)	50,000.00		
Reserved		(2,600.00)	2,600.00		
		\$181,913.04	\$63,170.96		
Balance as of June 30, 2023					
Capital Improvement	156,071.08				
Equipment Fund	24,666.73				
Total Reserved Funds	180,737.81				
Unreserved Funds	63,544.29				
Due to from	(50.00)				
Total On Hand June 30, 2023	\$244,232.10				

**SIMPLIFIED
STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT
WATER ASSESSMENTS
JULY 1 2022 TO JUNE 30 2023**

Balance as of 6/30/2023:

	2021:	\$	264.00
	2022:	\$	12,889.96
	BALANCE:	\$	13,153.96
TOTAL COLLECTED:		\$	54,703.81
TOTAL INTEREST:		\$	1,860.07
TOTAL COLLECTOR'S FEES:		\$	4,376.27
TOTAL LEGAL & COLL. COSTS:		\$	35.00
TOTAL:		\$	60,975.15

**SIMPLIFIED
STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT
WASTE WATER ASSESSMENTS
JULY 1 2022 TO JUNE 30 2023**

Balance as of 6/30/2023:

	2022:	\$	1116.27
	2023-WW1:	\$	3132.35
	BALANCE:	\$	4248.62
TOTAL COLLECTED:		\$	33,751.77
TOTAL INTEREST:		\$	969.09
TOTAL COLLECTOR'S FEES:		\$	2699.35
TOTAL LEGAL & COLL. COSTS:		\$	0.00
TOTAL:		\$	37,420.21

2024/2025 PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENSES DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Plant Operator	32,925.00	41,280.72	(8,355.72)	37,054.00	38,165.00
Asst. Operator	39,600.00	38,664.21	935.79	31,357.00	32,297.00
On call stipend					7,280.00
Asst. Clerk Treasurer	4,600.00	5,597.94	(997.94)	6,009.00	6,916.00
Clerk/Treasurer	4,000.00	3,724.10	275.90	3,477.00	3,599.00
Auditors	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Del. Tax Collector	600.00	2,699.35	(2,099.35)	600.00	600.00
Fringe/FICA	5,150.00	5,999.73	(849.73)	5,150.00	6,300.00
Fringe/MEDI	1,200.00	1,037.77	162.23	1,200.00	1,900.00
Delinquent Tax	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
BC/BS Insurance	9,985.00	8,584.23	1,400.77	7,270.00	3,000.00
CCC Payroll Tax					400.00
HRA	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	1,400.00	700.00
Fringe/Retirement	5,500.00	5,802.34	(302.34)	5,500.00	6,000.00
Office Supplies/Postage	760.00	1,183.88	(423.88)	900.00	1,200.00
Supplies & System Repairs	48,000.00	33,690.18	14,309.82	51,120.00	55,500.00
Computer Office	2,500.00	2,045.66	454.34	2,725.00	3,200.00
Computer Plant	320.00	138.80	181.20	300.00	-
Property/Liability	3,200.00	1,503.75	1,696.25	3,200.00	2,100.00
Workers Comp Insurance	4,000.00	2,417.50	1,582.50	4,000.00	3,000.00
Unemp Insurance Trust	394.00	369.00	25.00	394.00	400.00
Equipment Repairs/Parts	24,500.00	10,246.66	14,253.34	26,100.00	28,000.00
Bank Fees	50.00	-	50.00	25.00	25.00
Legal Fees/VLCT Dues	660.00	786.87	(126.87)	600.00	700.00
Electricity/GMP	22,400.00	22,229.25	170.75	23,850.00	25,400.00
Telephone	1,600.00	1,823.54	(223.54)	1,700.00	1,900.00
Fuel/Furnace Repairs	1,500.00	855.27	644.73	1,600.00	1,700.00
Chemicals	4,210.00	-	4,210.00	4,500.00	5,000.00
Sludge Disposal	34,500.00	27,361.98	7,138.02	36,750.00	35,000.00
Sludge Trucking	34,500.00	18,525.15	15,974.85	36,750.00	35,000.00

2024/2025 PLAINFIELD WASTEWATER ACTUAL AND PROPOSED BUDGET

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (OVER)/UNDER	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Uniforms	525.00	446.54	78.46	360.00	380.00
Audit	-	-	-	-	-
Laboratory Services	7,000.00	5,456.90	1,543.10	7,500.00	8,000.00
Mowing	1,100.00	970.00	130.00	1,175.00	1,250.00
Staff Training	1,000.00	1,134.99	(134.99)	750.00	800.00
Truck Fuel/Maintenance	545.00	1,059.15	(514.15)	500.00	600.00
Safety Equipment	525.00	123.38	401.62	500.00	500.00
Bond & Interest Expense	48,158.00	47,435.75	722.25	48,158.00	48,878.00
Audit Rounding Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	325.00	213.67	111.33	300.00	320.00
Capital Improvement	16,000.00	16,000.00	-	17,100.00	18,200.00
Equipment Fund	8,500.00	8,500.00	-	9,100.00	9,700.00
20 Year Evaluation Loan	-	-	-	-	2,260.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$373,032.00	\$318,908.26	\$54,123.74	\$380,474.00	\$397,670.00
Reserved		(16,000.00)	\$16,000.00		
Reserved		(8,500.00)	\$8,500.00		
		294,408.26	\$78,623.74		
Balance as of June 30, 2023					
Capital Improvement	109,706.75				
Equipment Fund	48,980.29				
Total Reserved Funds	158,687.04				
Unreserved Funds	133,909.79				
Due to from	(25.00)				
Total on hand June 30, 2023	\$292,571.83				

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

License Fees

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

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

A 50% penalty is charged for dogs owned and not licensed by April 1 st 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 2023

Our major goal is to foster community involvement and responsibility for our town's natural resources. Our work is accomplished with the invaluable help of many different partners from the community and beyond, to whom we are very grateful. Without them, very few of our projects would be possible.

If you are interested in helping with one of our current projects (see below), would like to propose a new one, serve on the commission, or be 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. For starters, we can use some help planning our next Green Up Day (see below)!

We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, currently via ZOOM. At some point in the future we may begin to meet in person at the Municipal Building and hope to also 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 the forest!

Both entrances have a parking lot and a kiosk with a map and trail information, and 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.

Over the past few years we have focused on finding funding to repair a section of Gonyeau Road in order to improve road access to the Town forest from the Gonyeau Road trailhead. We have been unable to obtain support from the Selectboard to make repairs to the road and have not been able to identify any applicable state grant programs to pursue. Because of this, the Commission has decided to focus on Town Forest access and improvements from the Maxfield Road trailhead for the time being. Work over the next year will include improving the boardwalk at the beginning of the Maxfield Road trailhead, installing trail markers and clearing storm debris off of the trails. Mowing of the trails will resume in 2024 after being paused in 2023 due to prolonged periods of rain during and after the July flood.

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- **Green Up Day:** Becky Atchinson coordinated another safe and successful 2023 Green Up Day with much help by community volunteers. What a difference all our town volunteers and Twinfield students made by helping to clean up trash along our roadsides, riverbanks, the recreation field and the village park. THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Mark your calendar: this year's Green Up Day will be on May 4, 2024. Please call Becky at 802-479-4326 if you'd like to help plan Green Up Day in April (new ideas are welcome!), help out on Green Up Day itself, and/or become the future coordinator.

- **Tree and Shrub Sale:** The format for the May 2024 tree and shrub sale is being changed. Detailed information about the sale will be provided in March 2024.
- **Educational Presentations:** There were no presentations during 2023. We are looking forward to hosting educational presentations in the future.
- **Town Plan Goals Assigned to the Conservation Commission:**
 1. Town forest maintenance, accessibility and resilience.
 2. Recreational trail development.
 3. Mitigating climate change via promoting carbon sequestration in town forests.
 4. Organize our web page so it contains easy to navigate and useful community resources.
 5. Act as a liaison between town residents and organizations that promote healthy environments/sustainable use of natural resources.
 6. Promote responsible and recreational use of Plainfield's natural resources for the health and well-being of its residents.
 7. Continue ongoing responsibilities including the Town Forest, Plant Sale, Green-Up Day and the Annual Report.

Currently our priorities include Town Forest management/maintenance, planning for the May 4, 2024 Green Up Day, planning for a simple/streamlined plant sale in May 2024, offering educational opportunities regarding emerald ash borer infestation, and addressing any river corridor related matters brought to the Commission.

- **Working With Other Partners:** Our partners can assist landowners with land management. For example, if you need help to be a good watershed steward or would like to sign up for a free Storm Smart Property Assessment, the Friends of the Winooski River can assist with this. Forest management

PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT FOR 2023

experts can meet with you about forest management on your land. Let the Conservation Commission know what you need, and we'll help put you in touch with one of our partners.

- **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:
 1. Purchase resource lands or conservation easements in Plainfield in cooperation with landowners and/or nonprofit organizations,
 2. Provide technical assistance to Plainfield landowners seeking conservation easements on their land, and
 3. 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 or by phone:

Rose Paul, Chair, Treasurer 802-454-1220

Becky Atchinson 802-479-4326

Mary Trerice, Secretary 802-522-6732

Julie Hackbarth 802-522-0744

**2023 CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT
(ENDING JUNE 30, 2023)**

Income	
FY23 Town Budget	375.00
Expenses	
Annual membership Assoc. of VT Conservation Commissions	50.00
Zoom fees (Apr 1 2022-Apr 1 2024)	149.90
Total Expenses	199.90
Balance 6/30/23 (returned to General Fund)	175.10
Street Tree Reserve Fund	
Balance as of July 1, 2022	11,304.52
Income	
Plainfield share of Tree Sale profit	599.69
Balance On Hand June 30, 2023	11,894.21
Conservation Fund	
Balance as of July 1, 2022	23,823.94
Income	
Budget	2,000.00
Expenses	
Contribution to VT Land Trust farm conservation in Plainfield	10,000.00
Balance On Hand June 30, 2023	17,867.95
Town Forest Fund	
Balance as of July 1, 2022	3,586.62
Income	
Plainfield share of Tree Sale profit	599.69
Balance On Hand June 30, 2023	4,636.31

PLAINFIELD E-911

Here are some frequently asked questions about the Vermont E-911 system.

What does Enhanced 911 mean?

Enhanced 911 provides the 911 caller's location, telephone number and emergency service providers and is automatically displayed at the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). This allows the public safety call takers to quickly send emergency services to the scene.

When should I call 911?

A person should call 911 when they have knowledge of an immediate threat to the life, safety, or property of themselves or someone else.

Will 911 always know where I am?

There are times when the location information of a caller will not appear for the 911 call-taker, or it may be incorrect and cell phones may not give your exact location like a traditional phone does. Have your location ready, or use landmarks, mile markers and road signs to describe where you are.

Who answers my 911 calls and how are emergency responders dispatched?

A certified Vermont 911 call-taker in any one of Vermont's six Public Safety Answering Points will answer your call. The Vermont 911 call-taker will verify your location and ask appropriate questions to determine the nature of your emergency and will contact all necessary responders. After the responders have been contacted, the 911 call-taker may ask additional questions and provide continued assistance.

How long will it take for me to get help after I call 911?

The amount of time it takes for services to arrive are determined by the responding agency. 911 is not able to provide an exact time of arrival, however they will stay on the line with you to provide additional support and instructions until police, fire or EMS are on scene.

How do deaf, hard of hearing and speech-impaired persons use Enhanced 911?

Vermont 911 is TTY capable and is ADA compliant. Vermont also supports Text to 911 and can receive calls from video relay services.

Can someone get into trouble for calling 911?

Yes. A person may be charged with misuse of 911 if they repeatedly call 911 for reasons that do not meet a reasonable standard of an emergency and/or if the number of calls disrupt the operation of emergency services.

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: 802 229-9191
Fire: 802 223-5555
Ambulance: 802 223-5555

2023 PLAINFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT

2023 has been an extremely busy year for the department. Between the fire and fast squad, there have been over 300 calls this year. With call numbers up and volunteers down this makes it very hard on the department as a whole. We are fortunate to have picked up two new members in the last couple of years, but we really need at least four more team-oriented people to step up to help us meet the challenges in the upcoming years. The department is well equipped to do its job, but without new members joining, I am afraid of what the future may hold.

I will be stepping down as Chief at the end of this coming April as my wife and I have moved to East Montpelier, but I will remain in the department in a smaller role. Having the opportunity to be a part of this department is hands down one of the best experiences I have had in my life. I would say that if you have any interest or have a family member that you think would be a good fit, please come forward and start a lifelong adventure that won't disappoint you.

Please remember to change your batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year and check the date on them to make sure they haven't reached the limit of their usefulness, which is 10 years.

Thanks for your continued support.

Greg Light

Chief of Plainfield Fire and Rescue

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

For those of you who I have not met or spoken with please let me take a moment to give you a little background on me and my career. I began my career with the Montpelier Police Department in 2005. I worked as a Patrolman for the city for approx. 2 ½ years before leaving, taking a position as a State Deputy with the Washington County Sheriff's Department. I rose through the ranks serving as a Deputy, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. My primary focus was as supervisor of the court/detail/traffic control division within the department. I also was extremely active in our highway safety efforts, covering town shifts on occasion as well as our grant funded programs. After approx. 14 years I left the Sheriff's office, becoming a member of the Capitol Police Department, where I served as a patrolman, with my focus on intelligence and investigations of threats against our legislature. I returned to the Sheriff's Department on February 1 of this year upon my swearing in. I am a Field training Officer, NREMT, VT Certified Non-Lethal Use of Force Instructor, Taser, PR24, and Oleoresin Capsicum Instructor

I am an Eagle Scout who is still extremely active in the scouting program, serving as the head of security for national scouting events. I am a piano technician by training and still run a piano service business with my wife, who is also a piano technician. I have 3 children, and in my spare time have a bit of a LEGO obsession. Enough about me.

Law enforcement is a challenging profession to be in these days. Upon taking office we identified our priorities moving forward which included updating our equipment, increasing our community engagement, recruiting and retention improvements, and increasing our services to the towns.

Law Enforcement equipment is extremely expensive. Having to endure the rugged conditions of our job and to survive day to day, year to year use means it all becomes very costly.

In order for our department operations to be more transparent, we have upgraded our recording devices to Axon Body cameras combined with cloud storage. These systems are commonly regarded as the industry leader in this field, giving our deputies the most efficient way to record interactions with the public and store them securely and in an organized manner. These have replaced our cruiser cams (recording to DVD) which were reaching the end of their service life and unable to be repaired or replaced. We also deployed Taser devices (Taser 7), which give our Deputies another use of force option, increasing safety for all. All of the cameras, tasers, and cruisers are tied together so if any of these devices are activated the camera activates as well. This ensures we are able to record as much of our interactions as possible without deputy input under stressful conditions.

We received a grant to replace all our mobile UHF/VHF mobile and portable radios, as our fleet was over 10 years old and losing their reliability. Our new system integrates a mobile repeater in each cruiser allowing our portable radios (deputy worn) to feed their signal into the larger mobile radios in each cruiser for rebroadcast. This greatly increases our communication and safety in our rural areas

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where before we could not communicate.

We have made updates to our uniforms as well, going with a more “tactical look” as some have called it. We began allowing external carrier vests to allow our staff to remove gear from their belts and put on the vests. This greatly increases comfort and the ability to take off the gear easily in down moments. Studies have shown a marked decrease in officer lower back injuries by agencies switching to this type of uniform. Our staff’s health is important if we wish to keep them happy, healthy, and here to serve our residents.

You may have noticed our cruiser markings changing as well. We are transitioning away from the white with red vehicle markings. Our new markings are green, black, and silver, continuing with a white vehicle. Please keep an eye out for the couple new ones in this design, we are very proud of how they turned out!

We have begun utilizing our department Facebook page (visit Washington County Sheriffs Dept Vermont) to see our latest goings on and updated information as we share. Check out a few local podcasts our staff make appearances on, and other public events we try to attend to interact with the public.

Captain Meyer and Sergeant Bent have recently joined as members of the Central Vermont Treatment court team. Treatment Court is a voluntary, post-plea program for defendants over 18 years old. They offer participants who complete the program the chance to have criminal charges dismissed or reduced. The program tries to reduce drug-related crime, make communities safer, and help people recover from drug dependence. This is a collaborative effort between prosecutors, defense attorneys, mental health and substance abuse treatment professionals, law enforcement and other emergency service providers, and the person needing help themselves.

We have recently hired 1 new full-time deputy, Collin Morin, who came to us from another local agency. He is already Level III certified (the highest certification in VT) with almost 3 years of experience. He is learning the ways of the Sheriff’s department in comparison to a town police department and I’m sure you will see him out and about. Collin is assigned as a float officer, serving in every capacity in this department as needed. Please make a point to welcome him if you see him.

We are in the hiring process for another new Deputy that will be assigned to our Supreme Court in Montpelier. As the next academy is scheduled in March this will be a slow process. We are continuing our hiring efforts for multiple positions to better serve the state and our local communities.

Our current primary patrol Deputy, Davis Hart, will be attending the Level III academy in Pittsford VT this coming fall. This may mean a slight interruption in our patrol activities as other staff cover for his 17-week absence. This does come with a benefit, upon his return, Deputy Hart will have the highest law enforcement certification to better serve our communities.

We have plans to send all our full-time staff to an Emergency Medical Responder course this coming year to become Vermont licensed medical responders. While we will be unable to provide a full medical response, our staff will be better able

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to respond and begin treatment prior to the arrival of an ambulance service. We are partnering with a local Ambulance Service to accomplish this goal, becoming part of a less than handful of agencies being both medical and law enforcement certified.

We have made tremendous efforts in our recruiting efforts without much success. Nationwide, law enforcement is struggling to recruit new hires based upon multiple issues. Vermont is no different. Our greatest challenge to employment is simply providing a competitive wage. A local police agency recently became the highest paid agency in the area, with a starting wage of \$34/hr. With our contract model, raising our rates to cover this kind of wage increase while continuing to fund department operations would be an impossible increase for our towns to afford. We are trying our best to find a balance in this effort.

Locally:

County wide, our patrol efforts during fiscal year 2023 generated 2348 total incident reports, to include 1431 Traffic Stops, 564 Vermont Traffic Citations and 851 Traffic Warnings.

During 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.

Tickets/Warnings		
Ticket Violation	Ticket Violation	Ticket Type
DEF - Condition Of Vehicle	11	Warning
DP - Failed To Display Front Registration Plate	2	Warning
FYY - Stop Sign	1	Warning
INC - Operating without proof of financial responsibility	1	Warning
INS - Operating Without Liability Insurance	3	Traffic
INS - Operating Without Liability Insurance	1	Warning
LBR - 11-20 MPH over speed limit - Local	1	Traffic
LBR - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit-Local	4	Warning
LBR - 21-30 MPH over speed limit - Local	1	Traffic
NL - Operating Without A License	3	Traffic
NR - Persons Required To Register	3	Traffic
NR - Persons Required To Register	5	Warning
O S C - Operating After Suspension/Revocation/Refusal	1	Traffic
PNA - Misuse Of Number Plates	2	Traffic
PNA - Misuse Of Number Plates	1	Warning
SL1 - 1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit	1	Warning
SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	14	Warning
VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	7	Traffic
VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	16	Warning

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Incidents	
Call Type	Call Type
57	Traffic Stop
55	Directed Patrol
6	Motor Vehicle Complaint
1	Violation of Conditions of Release
1	Attempt to Locate
1	Agency Assist
1	Motorist Assist
1	Citizen Assist
1	Traffic Hazard

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

Professionally,

Marc Poulin

Washington County Sheriff

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Emergency Management is focused on preparation for disasters; support of the public during disasters (including warning, evacuation and sheltering) and monitoring of the changing nature of each disaster. Understanding the hazards in advance and planning for them... hazard mitigation... is integrated and an important source of guidance. And finally, there is assisting residents with the long recovery after disasters.

Preparation, Support, Monitoring and Recovery.

Although some may think the job involves pulling people out of flooded buildings, that dangerous job is (and always has been) the work of our Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Call 911 if you ever need immediate help during a disaster or emergency.

Beginning in May 2023, I returned to the job (reluctantly) after having resigned from Emergency Management back in 2018. Much had changed in the intervening five years at the federal and state level, and the Town is now required to conform its Emergency Management planning with the Federal Interagency Operations Plans or FIOPs.

Your Emergency Manager is therefore part of a consistent mutual support system from local up through regional, state and federal emergency operations. We all are reliant upon one another (much like mutual aid) and use the same terminology and incident management system at every level from top to bottom.

During the Major Flooding Disaster here, from July 11th through 13th, I and the volunteers who helped me were grateful for the FIOPs reliability, and the constant support, clarity and guidance which came to us from FEMA and state of Vermont Emergency Management's staff and EOC.

In the run up to the flood, for the first time Plainfield had an Emergency Operations Center (EOP) at Town Hall - with functioning phone lines, a small generator, high speed Internet, fax and printer, plus much of the hardware and fixtures needed to coordinate aid and information during any disaster. **And then a disaster actually happened.**

Fortunately we and the Fire Department were able to evacuate everyone in vulnerable buildings. Some families self-evacuated because of advanced planning. There were no significant injuries or deaths. There was, however, a huge mess to clean up afterward. In the weeks to follow 45 households applied for FEMA assistance and/or local volunteer interventions. Also affected were several badly damaged businesses, and local farmers who lost important cropland and animal feed.

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The cleanup took months and involved dozens of volunteers, either helping at the EOC to distribute protective clothing and cleanup supplies, or stepping up to help property owners clean up their mess. Volunteers came from states far away (such as the Southern Baptists) or from nearby (the Queen City Saints, Friends of the Winooski, Dealer.com, United Ways of Vermont and Green Mountain United Way). Assistance came from every quarter - ranging from Amazon, 7th Generation, VT National Guard and the Salvation Army, to Barre's Rainbow Coalition and informal support groups of Plainfield and Marshfield volunteers.

The FEMA and state reimbursement process continues for some individuals and certainly for the Town of Plainfield itself. We suffered 100s of thousands of dollars in road and infrastructure damage. Federal dollars are still being released to help us out, and hopefully new funds will help create Plainfield's next Public Evacuation Shelter (also at Town Hall).

We continue to develop emergency plans for vulnerable populations with the help of several schools and institutions in town. And we are about to begin Red Cross training for potential shelter volunteers and managers.

Anyone wishing to become a shelter volunteer, or willing to help with Emergency Management, please contact me at plainfieldvtm@gmail.com I am grateful for all the volunteers and assistants who helped Plainfield get through the floods of 2023.

Michael Billingsley
Plainfield Emergency Management Director
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PLAINFIELD HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Plainfield's Hazard Mitigation Committee is a diverse group of volunteers with special interests and, in some cases, specialized training who research the most likely hazards to residents of Plainfield and ways to reduce the impacts.

Mitigation means “to reduce harmful impact” - to make less severe how much damage is done by future events. Since its founding in 2011, the Committee has looked ahead, with experts and alert citizens, to understand the most likely future sources of harm. With that information, we try to reduce the impact of such events (i.e., floods) by mitigating them through public education and preparedness and research into public projects that the Select Board can accomplish. We ask ourselves many questions to find solutions that may lessen the impacts of these future hazards.

Are we facing an increased risk of forest fires after a future drought? Is the Molly's Falls Reservoir dam sufficiently improved to reduce the risk of dam failure or a dangerous emergency release after significant rainfall? Will Great Brook-adjacent residents eventually be at risk of losing their homes? Are riverside houses above Plainfield's Batchelder dam going to experience repeated flooding of their basements and ground floors? With increased truck traffic, how likely is another hazardous materials accident on Route 2, and how should townspeople prepare? Is Twinfield School safe during a winter storm and no power?

The Hazard Mitigation Committee was founded in 2011. It was briefly inactivated from April 2020 until August 2023 in part due to the pandemic. Since reforming in the summer of 2023, the Committee has invited geologists, water quality engineers, flood-aware landowners, and ecologists to help us understand their experiences, present changes, and what to expect in the future. We know for certain Plainfield will experience additional and significantly heavier rainfalls. Climate change is increasing our risks.

Our primary focus has been and continues to be the threat of flooding. 2023's massive flood disaster helped educate all of us about the sudden changes possible with both the Winooski River and its tributary streams, such as the Great Brook and Naismith Brook. Many people suffered because floodplain houses were hit harder than in many previous floods. The ferocity of excess rainwater led to damage on both low and high ground. Even small brooks and streams enlarged enough to flood basements, overflow sewage systems, and erode banks and foundations.

We have been working with Green Mountain Power to reduce future dam incidents from the Molly's Falls Reservoir dam, are preparing a new "Hazard Priority" listing so we can direct town resources to timely preparation for what is most likely, and are planning on bringing back another tradition with a Public Forum in the late spring. In 2024, we hope to have a forum focussed on how disabled, elderly, and health-impaired persons can prepare for a disaster.

Current Hazard Mitigation Committee members are (Chair) Maggie Baird, (Secretary) Michael Billingsley, Joanne Szwed, Jennifer Guarino, and David Hill. If you are interested in hazard mitigation, we look forward to new participants who can help us with our research and public education. Please consider volunteering.

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.

With mixed feelings, we said goodbye to our long time President, Dan Gadd. We were sad to see Dan go after his many years of service. He gave so much to Plainfield and the Historical Society, and he will be greatly missed. But we are happy that Dan and his family are starting a new, exciting phase of their lives. Thank you, Dan! Susan Grimaldi was elected as President of the Plainfield Historical Society to fill Dan’s position.

Here are some of our activities in 2023:

In 2023, we completed the 20th edition of our annual calendar for 2024. Many thanks to those who made it possible – Dave Ferland for design and photo editing; Susan Grimaldi and Melinda Vieux for the captions; Cindy Wyckoff for proofreading and Bev Thomas for distribution and coordinating the patrons and ads.

The Select Board voted to add a third room to the Society’s rooms in the Municipal Building. This room will be used for meetings and educational purposes. Thanks to the Select Board for supporting the Society.

Susan Grimaldi created a submission about Goddard College for the Vermont Historical Society’s exhibit “History in the 252”.

For Old Home Days, we offered a guided tour of historic homes in the village, and we opened our exhibit room in the Municipal Building to the public. The guided tour was very well attended with approximately 40 participants. It was so popular that Susan Grimaldi and Keith Swann made a video of the tour which will be made available to the public.

We added a page to the Town’s website, titled ‘Plainfield History’ by Susan Grimaldi that provides a history of Plainfield from the beginning to 1880.

Susan Grimaldi and Keith Swann produced a video discussing the techniques of historic barn building. Thanks to Jan Lewandoski, Hunter Jack, and Susan Reid for their help in making the video. And, special thanks to the folks at Hollister Hill Farm for allowing us to use their barn.

Thanks to all the people who donated items and let us scan their photos this year. With the help of the community, we were able to expand our archives of Plainfield history. Just a few examples of people who donated documents and

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photos this year are: Patty Page Larkin, Ralph Smith, Joyce Fowler, Keith Swann, Dave Strong, Chris Pugh, Bram Towbin, Leona Chouinard, Brenda Lindemann, Rose Paul and George Springston, and Kristie Farnham. Our apologies if we inadvertently left any names off this list.

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 address below.

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 Susan Grimaldi – President, Melinda Vieux – Vice President, Bev Thomas – Treasurer, Bob Fancher – Secretary, Dave Ferland – Trustee, Kathy Fancher – Trustee, Kathy Perry – Trustee.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Grimaldi, President

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RECREATION & PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

This past year The Plainfield Recreation Committee has welcomed new members and laid groundwork for new infrastructure and improvements to the Rec Field. The Committee also worked to maintain our existing recreation equipment, create programming for residents of all ages, and promote the use of outdoor public spaces.

The 2022 Summer Programming at the Rec Field included a skateboarding clinic, led by Plainfield resident and Rec Committee member, Ben Youngbaer. The skateboarding workshops were extended into the fall of 2022, thanks to funding from the Vermont After School Grant. Overall, approximately six young people participated in the skateboarding clinic.

The Committee led a group of volunteers in setting up an ice rink on the field in the winter of 2022-23. Unfortunately, the snowblower we have was unexpectedly out of commission so we struggled to maintain the ice surface and there were few days where the conditions were favorable for skating. Around this time, the Committee welcomed new members Julia Wilk and Jake McBride while former members Dan Gadd and Ryan Gillard were called to other duties.

In the spring, the Committee set up an online booking and calendar tool so that residents can reserve the pavilion at the Rec Field for public and private events. To book an event, check availability or browse upcoming public events, please visit the Recreation and Public Arts Committee page on the town website.

As in previous years, the Recreation Committee planned several summer soccer games and community potlucks during the summer, but unfortunately it rained on all the dates that were selected for potlucks in 2023. In early summer, Erik Gillard led a day of public art at the Rec Field in which residents painted the concrete blocks that divide the parking lot from the field. 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. The grant is now complete. During the summers of 2022 and 2023, the Recreation and Public Arts Committee partnered with Plainfield Arts to host summer concerts at the Rec Field for all to enjoy.

During Fiscal year 22-23 the cost of maintaining the Rec Field and recreational programming exceeded our budget by several hundred dollars. Starting with the current fiscal year, the cost of mowing the Rec Field will be tracked in a fixed expenses account line, along with the power, portalet, garbage and recycling removal. In addition, the Rec Field needed about \$700 in electrical repairs. This

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will continue to be an ongoing expenditure until the electrical system is fully updated.

The Recreation Committee will continue pursuing our projects in the coming year with the goal of increasing the quality of recreation options for the community and improve the health and sanitation situation at the Recreation Field. Specifically, we are researching the feasibility of a large rope climbing dome for youth ages 5-11 years old, an ADA paved path to increase accessibility, and a permanent composting toilet outhouse at the Recreation Field. 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. We hope to see you outside at the Rec Field this coming year!

Jamie Spector, Chair
Michael Morlan, Member
Ben Youngbaer
Julia Wilk
Jake McBride

2023 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT & BUDGET

We have five cemeteries in Plainfield. They provide safe resting places for all buried there. We are responsible for keeping the grounds accessible, beautiful, and healthy. Do you have an opinion on how to do this? Do you have any skills to share? Will you work with us?

Current maintenance involves a lot of mowing, which cost \$X this past year. This is an unsustainable expense for the town. The compaction of a riding mower also increases erosion and runoff, which is a significant contribution to flooding.

How can we improve the situation? Can we involve more people in the maintenance of the cemeteries? Can we beautify the grounds? Make it more inviting for the public?

We welcome all participation. Maybe you are interested in genealogy? War memorials? Ecology? Mowing? Shepherding? Picking flowers? Stone carving? Cleaning the words on the monuments? Digging graves? Setting stones? Budgeting and accounting? Writing minutes during meetings? Green burial? Tree and shrub care? Bird watching?

Please reach out! And, thank you.

Nancy Ellen
Donna Pettersen
Alice Sky

2022-2023 CEMETERY EXPENSES

INCOME	\$14,005.00
EXPENSES	
CEMETERY SEXTON	\$15,700.00
GMP	\$315.82
INSURANCE	\$572.00
MAINT AND MISC EXP	\$6,230.00
MOWING	\$19,428.57
TOTAL	\$42,246.39

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The words of Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the UN continue to ring true: “We are in the fight for 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 chaos irreversible.” Dr. James Hansen, former chief scientist of NASA and other scientists have given up on the reality of holding the worldwide temperature rise to 1.5 deg.C. as we have already reached 1.2 C, and continue to experience the “hottest year(s) in recorded history.” Even holding the rise 2.0 C. will be difficult, given current resources and human behavior.

As Plainfield Energy Coordinator and a member of environmental organizations such as 350VT, Vermont Natural Resources Council, XRVT, Declare Emergency, 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. My hope is that I can alert others to the necessary level 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.

As our Planet Earth and its population continues to sink deeper into Climate Catastrophe, with this past year’s smoke from Canadian wildfires pervading Vermont and the east coast, and the devastating July flooding leaving some people still unhoused, it is time to step up, 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.

So, what have we done, as the Plainfield Energy Team?

In the past year, January – December, 2023, Plainfield Energy Coordinator Bob Atchinson and team member Ed Hutchinson have worked on and celebrated the following:

- **Municipal Energy Resilience Program:** MERP for short, is the VT Buildings and Grounds Service (BGS) provides staff support, application and technical assistance, and funding to increase energy resilience, reduce energy use and operating costs, and curb greenhouse gas emissions by promoting weatherization, thermal improvements, fuel switching, renewable energy, battery storage, electric vehicle charging, and enhanced comfort in municipal buildings. After learning that Plainfield has one of the top ten energy burdens per capita in the state, Bob applied for a grant, with assistance from Sam Lash of the Central VT Regional Planning Commission. Plainfield was awarded a \$4,000 mini-grant, which will be used to promote weatherization for building occupants/home owners in Plainfield. (Stay tuned for an event

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near you!) We were also awarded five tier-one free professional audits for our five town buildings – Dubois & King have completed four of them, and the last will be completed on April 02, 2024. Following analysis, there is ARPS infrastructure grant money to enhance the building shell or thermal energy system of each of the structures, as well as an option for increase thermal heating/fuel switching. The grant match is only 5% from the town, so this is a win/win for Plainfield. There is also further funding for renewable energy installations, such as increasing the Town’s solar arrays, and for additional EV charging facilities.

- **Batchelder Dam** – Hearing about some hydro projects at the REVt conference led Bob to explore some possibilities of installing a small hydro unit on the fringe of Mill Street Park. Some of you may recall that Claudia Clark and Lori Barg obtained a grant for a low-head hydro project there in the 2005-2010 years, and due to a long permitting delay by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and an increase in machinery costs, the project did not move forward. Bob has met with Lindsay Ashworth, Small Hydro US on site, made a small presentation to the Select Board, and the project has some promise.
- **Twinfield Union, Cabot, Danville First Year Solar Production:** The array serving Twinfield, Danville, and Cabot schools went on-line in January of 2022, and has generated 2022: 992572.01 kWh, 2023: 921911.2 kWh, and so far this year, 2024: 921911.2 kWh, for a total production of 2104447.34 kWh, enough to power 350 VT homes/year at 6,000 kWh each. Twinfield’s share of the array’s generation is 30.2%, Cabot School - 23.4%, and Danville School - 46.4%. This should be enough to cover the annual load for each of the facilities.
- **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. Community geothermal is also an option.
- **Park & Ride Solar** - Continued the monitoring solar production of the Park & Ride 9.9 kW array. In the past 15 months the array produced 11,372 kWh of electricity. Since its commissioning in September of 2015, the array has produced 52,343 gross kWh of electricity, a lifetime production value, (at today’s rate of \$0.19306/kWh), of nearly \$7,325, plus another \$2,195 for

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this year. 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**—Since the beginning installation in 2018, 17,997 kWh have been used to charge vehicle batteries – the equivalent of 62,990 miles at an assumed average of 3.5 mi./kWh. Check it out in person, or online at: <https://www.plugshare.com/location/79683>. The current expected donation is \$0.25/kWh. Read the beginning and ending kWh's on the attached meter, and please place your donation in the box on the post.

With the ARPS infrastructure grant money available the town is still considering a second 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.

- **Municipal Building** - As the Municipal Building second and 3rd floors are largely unoccupied, the weatherization work and electrical audit, based on a 2019 audit by Shelter Construction and awaiting the MERP audit will be proceeding this year with Energy Star contractors performing the work.
- **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 (VECAN) 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 the Energy Action Network, where he 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, as Covid is still with us. 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-

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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.encyvermont.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.
- **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 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 (Jim Volz, Tim Davis, or Patti Jamele).
- **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 for greenwashing, (fake “green” solutions, which usually involve burning something...)

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- Be aware of your legislator's, congressperson's, political leader's positions on our Climate Crisis, and help guide them to a better understanding of the situation. This is an election year!
- 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.efficiencyvermont.com/news-blog/news/new-incentives-make-weatherization-more-affordable-accessible-for-moderate-income-families>

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Atchinson, Plainfield Energy Coordinator

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2023 TOWN HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Town health officers(THO) are given authority by Vermont law to investigate and mitigate any potential or existing public health hazard in their town. I was appointed to this role July 2023. Duties to date include, coordination with other town officials to enforce clean up of improperly stored garbage/waste that was impacting others with the potential risk of widespread rodent and pest infestation. There were several tenants in rental housing complaints resulting in various violations of Vermont's rental housing health code and/or voluntary corrections by the landlord. As of January 2024, there will be a transition of authority from THO for rental housing health and safety inspection to the DPS Division of fire and safety. Please visit THO info on Plainfield Town Website for this memo, links to rental housing health code and the rental housing health and safety new complaint process and/or call your THO for guidance if you have rental issues. Big thanks and gratitude to community members Alaina Norway and Paula Emery who organized a Plainfield flood clean up day on the Winooski September 2023. At the clean up meeting place, the THO coordinated with Emery and Vermont Department of Health, a table offering to volunteers tick removal/borne disease education and tetanus vaccines. Please contact the health Officer if you have any questions or concerns regarding town health.

Jodi Vilardi

Town Health Officer 802-454-1222



CVSWMD FY 2023 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 2025.

Plainfield's appointed representative to CVSWMD's Board of Supervisors is Betsy Ziegler.

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

- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):** 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 FY23, 352,978 lbs. of materials were collected and diverted from the landfill. ARCC operations came to an abrupt halt on July 10 when the Stevens Branch of the Winooski River surged through the facility, destroying most of our equipment and leaving up to three feet of mud in its wake. While simultaneously conducting emergency operations for our member towns, CVSWMD staff, with aid from FEMA and the State, began what would become a 5-month cleanup and refitting of the ARCC with a reopening on November 27.
- **Grants:** CVSWMD continues to offer several grant programs: the Organizational Waste Reduction and Reuse Program (OWRRP); the Municipal Services Program (MSP); the Emergency Municipal Solid Waste Response Program (EMSWRP); and the School Zero Waste (SZW) program. In FY23, CVSWMD awarded \$23,312 in grant funding to towns, businesses, organizations and schools in our District. Green-Up Day grants totaling \$5,964 were also distributed.
- **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-Z Guide providing guidance to dispose of all types of waste. CVSWMD provides monthly newsletters and is active on social media, communicating 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. CVSWMD's

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Outreach program continues to offer Waste Warrior trainings and composting workshops to District residents and event organizers.

- **Household Hazardous Waste:** In FY23, CVSWMD held five one-day collections throughout the District and helped 533 resident households dispose of 43,593 lbs. of hazardous waste. CVSWMD is currently working to open a year-round collection facility in Berlin that will collect wastes that are labeled for and sold for home use. The District has reached a host-town agreement with the Town of Berlin for siting our “Eco-Depot,” and is in the process of acquiring permitting and purchasing the property with a goal of opening in January 2025. Vermont’s Department of Environmental Conservation has provided a generous grant to facilitate the project. In time, CVSWMD hopes to consolidate all its operations on the 5.2-acre site.
- **School Program:** In FY23 the CVSWMD School Zero Waste Program reached 4600 students, grades K-12, through 165 classroom/schoolyard programs, cafeteria visits, etc. Topics presented and initiatives supported included living more sustainably, engaging in the “Rs” (recycling, repurposing, reusing, etc.), utilizing food scraps as a natural resource, classroom worm composting, special recycling initiatives, etc. Support was also provided to school food services departments in reducing cafeteria waste, and school custodial in proper disposal of books, batteries, mercury-containing bulbs, and electronic waste through the CVSWMD ARCC, as well as the management and proper disposal of school-generated hazardous waste, including via District collection events.
- **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 will 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. These programs have been put on hold due to our inventory being destroyed by the July flooding, but we plan to re-establish them as soon as possible.
- **Emergency Operations:** In the aftermath of the July flood, CVSWMD teams cruised the streets of Montpelier and Barre, pulling paint cans, fluorescents, motor oil, batteries and a slew of other items that had been mixed with regular trash, in order to prevent their transport to the landfill. The District also called all member towns to offer organized collection events. These were provided in Barre City and Barre Town (who generously accepted drop-offs from neighboring Williamstown, Orange and Washington), where we partnered with Department of Environmental Conservation staff to ensure that collected items were handled and packaged correctly. Additionally, CVSWMD played a major role in connecting towns with vital State and Federal subsidized debris remediation programs.

CVSWMD posts useful information on what can (and can’t) be recycled, what items are banned from the landfill (and how to dispose of those), what items can

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be recycled at our Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC), what can be composted, how to safely store and dispose of household hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste disposal, Act 148, details about our special collections, and an A-to-Z Guide listing disposal options for many materials. For specific questions, call (802) 229-9383.

Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District is establishing the FY25 (July 2024-June 2025) assessment fee at \$1.00 per-capita. CVSWMD’s historical, and FY25 per-capita rates are as follows:

Year	Per Capita	Year	Per Capita	Year	Per Capita
FY88	\$0.40	FY01	\$1.50	FY14	\$1.00
FY89	\$0.50	FY02	\$2.10	FY15	\$1.00
FY90	\$0.50	FY03	\$2.10	FY16	\$1.00
FY91	\$0.50	FY04	\$2.10	FY17	\$1.00
FY92	\$0.50	FY05	\$2.10	FY18	\$1.00
FY93	\$0.75	FY06	\$2.10	FY19	\$1.00
FY94	\$0.75	FY07	\$3.10	FY20	\$1.00
FY95	\$1.50	FY08	\$3.10	FY21	\$0.50
FY96	\$1.50	FY09	\$3.10	FY22	\$1.00
FY97	\$1.50	FY10	\$3.10	FY23	\$1.00
FY98	\$1.50	FY11	\$2.00	FY24	\$1.00
FY99	\$1.50	FY12	\$2.00	FY25	\$1.00
FY0	\$1.50	FY13	\$2.00		

Each fiscal year’s assessment is based on the most recent population data available in July when the assessment is invoiced, per CVSWMD’ Per Capita Assessment Policy (#1201). Because the population data may change from year to year, the CVSWMD per capita assessment is subject to fluctuation annually.

As of December, 2023 the most recent population data available is from the Vermont Department of Health 2021 Census, which shows the population of the Town of Plainfield as 1232.

For budgeting purposes, the FY25 assessment is estimated to be \$1,232.

This letter does not serve as an invoice. The assessment will be billed in early July 2024 based on the most recent population data available at that time. We are providing estimated per capita assessment information for FY25 budget-planning purposes.

Thank you for your support of the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dan Casey
 General Manager
 generalmanager@cvswmd.org
 802.229.9383, ext. 108



GREEN UP DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Green Up Day, continued to grow with 23,500 volunteers statewide who cleaned up nearly 348 tons of litter and 15,000 tires. We saw 23% more volunteers lend a hand and heard in many cases there was less litter (30%) to be cleaned up. Tire collection saw a 4.8% increase. The statistics show that the hard work to beautify Vermont is still needed but also that our efforts for awareness are paying off. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, 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 for 2024.

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

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. Thank you for supporting 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 online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Join us for Green Up Day on May 4, 2024. Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org 802-522-7245



GREEN UP VERMONT

www.greenupvermont.org

Success on Green Up Day May 6, 2023

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www.cvfiber.net/town_bulletin

2023 Plainfield

Town Annual Report



OVERVIEW

As a non-profit organization we are constantly reminded how lucky we are to call Central Vermont our home.

From the local legends and rolling mountains to the epic food and hidden trails, we all have a story on why we proudly call this state our backyard.

At CVFiber we believe that irrespective of location, everyone should have fair and equal access to fast, reliable, world-class Internet.

We set the bar high — and we aim to meet it.



In 2023, the CVFiber Community Network has gone live with our first subscribers.

Our Operations partner, Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT) began connecting CVFiber subscribers in October.

In 2023, CVFiber...

- Started in some of the most unserved and underserved towns in Central Vermont to provide high-speed Internet to areas that either have none or minimal access.
- Constructed nearly **200 miles** of fiber making access to high-speed fiber internet available to more than **1,900 premises** in parts of Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, Woodbury, and Worcester.
- Performed **design and make-ready work** in preparation for the 2024 construction season.
- Hired a professional staff to run the operation including an **Executive Director, Operations Manager, and Community Relations Manager**, with plans for a **Finance Manager** to join the team in early 2024.

2024 FORECAST

(Pending Funding)



240 miles of fiber

Construction scheduled for 2024 will include constructing another **240 miles of fiber**.



2,100 premises

Network design and make-ready which includes pole licenses and tree trimming are coming to completion in preparation for stringing fiber in 2024.

As a result, we will be offering high-speed Internet to an additional **2,100 premises**.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Diamantides


Governing Board Chair,
CVFiber

Jeremy Matt

Town of Plainfield Delegate,
CVFiber

Jon Horsford

Town of Plainfield Alternate,
CVFiber



"The fiber is great! I'm so happy to finally be hooked up, it's all I had hoped for, and more! A far, far cry from the old days of dial-up, then satellite Internet, most recently "high-speed" DSL from another provider, which I have now canceled."

-CVFiber customer

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2023 PLAINFIELD REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The Plainfield Revolving Loan Fund is in place to assist Plainfield residents and businesses with funding of projects on a limited basis and reduced interest rates. The committee reviews applications and makes recommendations to the Select Board for action. The fund is designed to assist with costs related to but not limited to emergency needs, historical improvement to property, handicapped access improvements and other similar requests. Applications and details for consideration are at the Town Office.

As of DATE, there is \$113,537.59 in the account.

In 2023 there were no applications reviewed.

**WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING
PLAINFIELD, VERMONT
MAY 22, 2024 - 5:30PM**

The legal voters of the Town of Plainfield are hereby notified and warned to meet at Plainfield Town Hall Opera House, 18 High Street, on Wednesday the 22nd day of May 2024 at five-thirty in the evening to transact the following business.

Art. 1 Was voted on by Australian Ballot on March 5, 2024

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 To hear reports of Town Officers and act on the same.

Art 3 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. 4 Shall the Town of Plainfield appropriate the sum of \$1,499.94 as its share of the 2024 year cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier? This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and passenger fares.

Art. 5 Shall the Town voters authorize the expenditures for the following not-for-profit service agencies as recommended by the appointed Social Concerns Committee?

Capstone Community Action	\$ 500.00
Central VT Adult Basic Education	\$ 400.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 1,300.00
Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice	\$ 3,100.00
Circle	\$ 525.00
Elevate Youth Services	\$ 550.00
Family Center of Washington County	\$ 500.00
Friends of the Winooski River	\$ 300.00
Good Beginnings	\$ 400.00
Good Samaritan Haven	\$ 1,000.00
Onion River Food Shelf	\$ 1,000.00
Our House	\$ 100.00
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 4,000.00
Twinfield Together Mentoring Program	\$ 250.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 175.00
Vermont Family Network	\$ 150.00
Washington County Diversion	\$ 400.00
Total	\$ 14,650.00

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Art. 6 Shall the Town voters authorize an appropriation of \$50,000 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. 7 Shall the Town approve **\$282,865.00** for the operation of the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to be paid for by the rate payers of the system?

Art. 8 Shall the Town approve **\$397,670.00** for the operation of the Wastewater Department for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to be paid for by the rate payers of the system?

Art. 9 Shall the Town approve **\$1,489,936.86** to pay for administrative operations, Fire and Rescue Department, and Highway Department of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025?

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

Art.11 Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of public statutes relating to the collection of taxes by the Town Treasurer, (VSA 32 Section 4791) and vote to collect municipal taxes thirty days from mailing and not prior to August 21, 2024 and collect school taxes on November 13, 2024 and February 12, 2025, collecting half of the total school taxes on each of those dates?

Art.12 Shall the town of Plainfield, empowered by 17 V.S.A. § 2651f, authorize the Selectboard to appoint Plainfield's Town Treasurer in lieu of being elected by the town's registered voters?

Art.13 Shall the town of Plainfield, empowered by 17 V.S.A. § 2651e, authorize the Selectboard to appoint Plainfield's Town Town Clerk in lieu of being elected by the town's registered voters?

Art.14 Shall the town of Plainfield elect two additional members with two year terms to the Selectboard, bringing the total number to five?

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

Jim Volz, Chair

Tim Davis

Patti Jamele

Plainfield Select Board

Dated at Plainfield, Vermont

April 11, 2024

Received for recording April 11, 2024

Attest: Bram Towbin, Town Clerk



PLAINFIELD, VERMONT

Town of Plainfield Vacancies as of April 2024

Auditor

Review accounts of local officials and report findings to the taxpayers.

Cemetery Commission

The Plainfield Cemetery Commission is responsible for the Town's public cemeteries and meets about six to eight times per year (often monthly during the summer and less frequently during winter). Meetings are generally held the second or third Wednesday of the month

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission's goal is to foster community involvement and responsibility for our town's natural resources.???? Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month. There are currently four vacancies.

Development Review Board

The DRB is a quasi-judicial board (i.e., acts like a court) that hears appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator. The DRB also reviews and makes decisions on applications for planned residential development applications, conditional use applications, and requests for variances from the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month.

Fire and Rescue Department

Looking for team orientated people who want to help their neighbors in their time of need. Fire meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and rescue meetings are held on the forth Sunday of the month.

Maintenance Person

Provide maintenance as needed for the Municipal Building at 149 Main St, Town Hall Opera House, and potentially other Town areas. This a part-time paid position.

Planning Commission

Appointed commission that creates the Town Plan and the Zoning regulations.

Revolving Loan Fund Committee

The revolving loan fund is looking for volunteers to help review applications and make recommendations to the selectboard. We meet on an as needed basis when applications are submitted to the Town Clerk's office.

Road Commissioner

Supervises the road crew and makes suggestions to the Selectboard with respect to personnel issues.

Social Concerns Committee

The Plainfield Social Concerns Committee meets every November to review applications from organizations that nurture residents' health, educational, and welfare needs, and makes recommendations about funding.

Water and Wastewater Commission

The Water and Wastewater Commission acts as the supervisory board to the Water and Wastewater Department. The Water and Wastewater Commission supervises Water and Wastewater personnel, creates the yearly budget, sets Water & Wastewater Fees, and oversees the fiscal and administrative operation of the Water and Wastewater Department. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month.

Zoning Administrator

The Zoning Administrator (ZA) assists with zoning permits and development approvals.

Please consider serving your Town in any of these positions!

Please contact the Town Clerk's office today at 802-454-8461 or plainfieldtc@gmail.com



TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
Plainfield, Vermont 05667

PRESORTED STANDARD
U S POSTAGE
PAID
MONTPELIER, VT
PERMIT NO. 61



Sculpture by Plainfield's Andy Hebert