Town of

Plainfield

NEW HAMPSHIRE

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



This year's front cover shows the headwaters of Blood's Brook at Grantham Mt. Road near Cricket Song Farm (The Beaupre's) on Saturday June 17th following a 5" rain event that occurred in Meriden Village. This event was repeated again on July 10th when an additional 4" of rain fell throughout town. Unbelievably, again on July 22nd another deluge of rain, this time focused on the Plainfield Plain side of town washed away Jordan Road, Hell Hollow Road and a section of Hayward Road. All totaled, parts of Plainfield received more than 23" of rain during the period of June to August. More than 11" of rain fell on Plainfield in July alone.

The town is pursuing FEMA reimbursements for the damage that occurred between July 9th and 17th, a declared disaster in Sullivan County. However, much of our damage occurred outside of these dates and is not eligible for reimbursement.

The Select Board is pursuing a FEMA hazard mitigation grant to replace the clearly undersized culvert on Grantham Mountain Road with a professionally engineered bridge structure. As climate change now dominates our reality, building resiliency into our town infrastructure has become a priority.

While we are grateful to the many residents and town employees that pitched in, the Select Board wishes to recognize the efforts by resident Kevin McNamara, Mak's Excavation, in helping to re-establish access to several homes that were cut off due to the washout on Grantham Mt./Red Hill Rd. Kevin came at a moment's notice that Saturday and worked tirelessly with his equipment that weekend until necessary emergency repairs were made. He did this as a member of our community at his own expense. Thank you.

Front Cover Photo Credit: Plainfield Resident Kara Toms

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

New Hampshire

Annual Report

2023

Annual Reports
of the
Officers and Selectmen
and the
School District

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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
MODERATOR	Paul B. Franklin	2024
TOWN CLERK	Michelle Marsh	2025
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	Hilary Noyes	2025
SELECT BOARD	Amy S. Lappin	2024
	Eric R. Brann	2025
	Ron C. Eberhardt	2026
TREASURER	Anne Rogers	2024
TAX COLLECTOR	Michelle Marsh	2025
DEP. TAX COLLECTOR	Hilary Noyes	2025
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Edward Stansfield	2024
	Jesse Stalker	2025
	Stephen Surgenor	2026
LIBRARY TRUSTEES		
	Rosemary Mills	2026
	Jennifer Lenz	2025
	Judy Ptak	2025
	Jeanne Woodward-Poor	2024
	Adrienne W. Cedeno	2024
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	Fern Wilder	2026
	Beverly Widger	2028
	Harold Jones, Jr.	2024
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	Margaret Drye	2025
	James Taylor	2024
	Bradford Atwater	2026
BALLOT CLERKS	Robin Marsh	
	Elizabeth Lurie	

BALLOT CLERKS (con't)

	RoAnne Rogerson
	Sarah Governo
ROAD AGENT	Richard Collins
RECREATION DIRECTOR	Daniel Cantlin
HEALTH OFFICER	Stephanie Schell
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Stephen Halleran
BUILIDNG INSPECTOR	David Lersch
FACILITIES MANAGER	Bradford Atwater
YIELD TAX AGENT	Judith A. Belyea
HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR	Stephanie Schell
EMERGENCY MGT.DIRECTOR	Stephanie Schell
DEPTUTY EMD	Robert Taylor
TOWN TRUMPETER	Ron C. Eberhardt
POLICE DEPARTMENT	Anthony Swett, Chief
	Anthony Casale, Sgt
	Robert Depietro, III
	Roland Daniels
	Wanda Daniels, Admin Assistant
PLANNING BOARD	Jane Stephenson, Chair
	Mike Sutherland
	Elise Angelillo
	Eric Sutphin
	Ross Wood
	Eric Brann, Select Board
	Stephen Halleran, Alt
ZONING BOARD	Richard Colburn, Chair
	Edward Moynihan
	Bradford Atwater
	Peter Martin
	Mathew Decker
	Scott MacLeay, Alt
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Victoria Ramos-Glew
	William Knight
	David Grobe
	David Taylor
	Judy Ptak
	Megan Chapman
	Anne Donaghy-Alt

UVLSRPC	John Yacavone
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Mike Sutherland, Chair Kathleen Cassedy Mark Hardy Eric Sorenson Patricia Hall Dana Scaduto
ENERGY COMMITTEE	Evan Oxenham, Co Chair Steven Ladd, Co Chair Ron Eberhardt Jennifer Lenz Jordan Green Lee Oxenham Nicholas Cohen
PLAINFIELD FIRE CHIEF	William Taylor
DEPUTY CHIEF	Christopher Berry- Plainfield Station
DEPUTY CHIEF	Matthew Tucker-Meriden Station
FOREST FIRE WARDENS	Bruce Elder, Warden Douglas Plummer, Deputy Christopher Berry, Deputy William Taylor, Deputy Daniel Boone Rondeau, Deputy Mathew Tucker, Deputy
KUA STUDY COMMITTEE	Stephen Beaupre John Yacavone Andrea Bueno Keen Robert Hewett James Bonney Jenney Ramsey, SB Audra Bucklin, PES Principal Gerard Murphy, CFO KUA Stephen Halleran, Select Board Rep.

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE	Hillary Sundell Susan Liebowitz Megan Chapman Betsy Morse Judy Ptak
TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE:	Jody Perkins Douglas Plummer Todd Godfrey
PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL COMMITTEE:	Beverly Widger, Chair Hillary Sundell Robert Gattie John Hendrick Erika Smith Diane MacDonald Bruce Elder Clint Swift Ralph Palatano David Grobe Nancy Norwalk Kim Dixon Shawn Dixon Diane Rogers



A cold snow covered Thanksgiving morning greeted Plainfield's more than 60 Turkey Trotters. The Green Family took home the Golden Turkey and Pie. Photo Credit Virginia Drye, Eagle Times Reporter.

WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, SS TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, in the County of Sullivan, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Tuesday, the 12th day of March next at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles:

[Polls will be open until 7:00 P.M.]

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot: One Select Board member for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, one Supervisor of the Checklist for six years, one Moderator for a two-year term and any other necessary town officers.

ARTICLE 2. To see what action the town will take regarding the following question relative to the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance, **said change being recommended by the Planning Board:**

The Planning Board worked with the Upper Valley Regional Planning Commission on four objectives for the town's zoning ordinance: 1) to take an organizational look at the document to make it easier to read 2) to ensure the ordinance is in compliance with applicable state laws eliminating any conflicts within the ordinance, 3) to clarify opportunities for more renewable energy and 4) to enhance opportunities for additional housing units without fundamentally changing the zoning ordinance. The following proposed changes reflect this work.

Question 1. In order to improve the documents organizational layout and language clarity:

Move the "Definitions" to the beginning of the Ordinance and state that they are part and parcel of the Zoning Ordinance. Renumber the "Building Construction Ordinance."

Distinguish Zoning Districts from Conservation Overlay Districts. The Connecticut River Shoreland Conservation Protection District was changed to the "Shoreland Conservation Overlay District".

Change the name "Wetlands Conservation District" to "Water Resources Conservation Overlay District" and include perennial streams and water bodies to add buffer protection to all water resources.

Place the ordinance's special exception and dimensional requirements previously in "Schedule A" in a table format for ease of reading "Schedule A" will be **removed**.

Add a new Section 2.5 AREA AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS, PERMITTED USES AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY ZONING DISTRICT

Add a new section 2.6 PERMITTED USES AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS BY CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT to segregate the permitted uses and special exceptions of Conservation Overlay Districts already outlined in the Ordinance. Sections 2.5 and the 2.6 as well as the new special exceptions table will provide the information formerly shown in "Schedule A."

Amend Section 3.17 Wind Powered Generating Systems A. 5. to bring the town's sound level requirement current with NH RSA 674:63 IV. The town's ordinance limits noise to no more than 60 decibels at the property line, RSA 674:63 allows the noise generated to be up to 10 decibels above the standard condition as measured at the property line.

Amend "Section 5.3 APPLICATIONS: APPEAL, VARIANCE OR SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS: to delete the requirement for a site plan as outlined in Section 4.11. with every application. This can be onerous for the applicant and more information than is needed. Often a plan is required, but not a formal "site plan."

Add an appendix to the zoning ordinance to provide the Zoning District Map and Conservation Overlay District maps.

Remove all references to wetland buffers and replace with water resource buffers.

Add definition of "Conservation Overlay District," "Floodplain Conservation Overlay District," "Intermittent Stream," "Perennial Stream," "Setback," "Shoreland Conservation Overlay District," "Water Bodies," "Water Resources Conservation Overlay District," "Wetland" (State law definition) and "Water Resource Buffer."

Amend "Undevelopable Land" definition to include "water resource buffers."

Delete definitions for "Yard, Front," "Yard, Rear," and "Yard, Side" and replace with-"Setback" throughout the ordinance. The terminology changes but the

dimensional requirements such as distances to from lot lines to buildings remains unchanged.

___ Yes ___ No

Question 2. To ensure that the ordinance is in compliance with federal and state laws:

Amend the definition of "Reference Line" to match State Shoreland Protection Act definition as it relates to the Town of Plainfield.

Amend, add, and delete definitions needed to comply with the State's minimum floodplain ordinance model as required to allow residents to purchase flood insurance.

Increase the buffer for the Shoreland Conservation Overlay District from 100' to 250' along the Connecticut River, Moses Pond, and a portion of Blood Brook (aka Trues Brook and Willow Brook).

Amend Section 5.4 "Procedures & Public Notice Requirement" to comply with state law. Thirty days for a hearing is increased to forty-five days, and easement holders are to be considered abutters.

Amend Section 5.7 "Action by the ZBA" to provide five days from the date of the decision rather than three days for a written decision to be issued. Appeals of a ZBA decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the vote.

___ Yes ___ No

Question 3. To clarify opportunities for renewable energy throughout town:

Add a new Section 3.18 B SOLAR INSTALLATIONS REQUIRING ZONING BOARD OR PLANNING BOARD REVIEW to clarify when solar installations require Planning Board or Zoning Board review. No change to the existing requirements.

Amend Section 3.18 D. 6. "Decommissioning" requirement for solar installations to match those of wind powered generating systems.

___ Yes ___ No

Question 4. To streamline the process for building an Accessory Dwelling Unit in Plainfield the following changes are proposed:

Amend to give a numbered Section 4.4 to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

Amend section 4.4 and throughout ordinance to remove special exception approval requirements for detached ADUs in the RR, RC-I, and RC-II zoning. Due to smaller lot sizes in the VR zone, a special exception for all detached ADUs will continue to be required.

Amend section 4.4 C. to remove the requirement that the ADU be no larger than 50% of the main dwelling. Maximum size for any ADU in Plainfield remains at 800sq ft.

Add language that states that all attached ADU's must have an interior door common with the main dwelling (state law).

Clarify that 25' height restriction is only for buildings constructed for the sole purpose of an ADU and not for a barn or garage with an ADU in the upstairs.

___ Yes ___ No

You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday the 16th of March at one o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$2,998,500** to defray town charges for the 2024 fiscal year. The Select Board proposes the following budget:

1. Executive	**$262,550**
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	**9,230**
3. Financial Administration	**117,600**
4. Revaluation of Property	**18,000**
5. Legal Expenses	**8,000**
6. Personnel Administration	**13,600**
7. Planning & Zoning	**3,000**
8. General Government Buildings	**62,775**
9. Cemeteries	**36,000**
10. Insurance	**82,871**
11. Regional Associations	**7,100**
12. Police	**502,780**
13. Ambulance Service	**45,000**
14. Fire	**64,600**
15. Building Inspection	**15,400**
16. Emergency Management	**1,000**
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	**4,100**
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	**60,000**
19. Highway Administration	**28,550**
20. Highways and Streets	**885,300**
21. Road Projects	**117,600**
22. Street Lights	**11,000**
23. Water Department	**56,000**
24. Solid Waste Collection	**250,000**
25. Solid Waste Disposal	**74,810**
26. Health Agencies	**15,246**
27. Animal Control	**500**
28. Welfare	**31,860**
29. Recreation Commission	**24,875**
30. Library	**187,153**
31. Patriotic	**1,500**
32. Conservation Commission	**500**
33. Principal Long-term debt	**0**
34. Interest Long-term debt	**0**
Total:	**$2,998,500**

This budget is exclusive of other warrant articles.
The Select Board (3-0) recommends this appropriation.
This appropriation less corresponding anticipated revenues equates to approximately $3.05 of the town's projected tax rate.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$475,000** to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a with **$150,000 to come from the town's unassigned fund balance** allocations as follows:

RSA 35:1 funds:

$15,000	Town Facilities Maintenance Fund created in 2015
$20,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993
$250,000	Highway Equipment Fund created in 1987
$75,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006
$60,000	Fire Department Equipment Fund created in 2017
$15,000	Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created 1994
$5,000	ADA Access Fund created in 2003
$5,000	Police Equipment Fund created in 2011
$5,000	Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund created in 2012

RSA 31:19a funds:

$20,000	Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996
$5,000	Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992

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The Select Board is named agent to expend for the bridge fund, the town hall repair fund, the library building repair fund, the revaluation fund, the transportation improvement fund, the police equipment fund, the facilities maintenance fund, fire department equipment fund and the highway equipment fund. The Select Board (3-0) recommends this appropriation. This appropriation equates to approximately $.60 of the town tax rate.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to establish, pursuant to RSA 35:1 a capital reserve fund to be called the Water Department Equipment/Repair Fund and to appropriate the sum of **$140,000** to be placed in this fund. The entire $140,000 to come from the town's unassigned fund balance, no dollars from current year taxation. Said purpose of the fund is for the future planning and replacement of water department equipment and infrastructure. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation. This appropriation equates to approximately $0.0 of the town tax rate. These funds came to the town as part of the water district voted dissolution. The Select Board recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. To see of the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a contract for not more than five (5) years for the curbside collection of household rubbish and recyclables. The purpose of this article is to continue the existing solid waste management program that have been in place in one form or another since 1991. Going forward the program will include the use of vendor provided standardized containers (toters) for the mechanized collection of waste

and recyclables. The anticipated cost of the program over the five (5) years is projected to be 1-5 -1.75 million dollars.

ARTICLE 7. Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Plainfield based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $112,000 (up from $64,000); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $161,000 (up from $92,000); for a person 80 years or older, $247,000 (up from $141,000) To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 years; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his/her spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $35,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than $42,000 and own net assets not in excess of $85,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

If approved this article will raise the maximum income eligibility requirements for a single person from $28,000 to $35,000 and for a married couple it raises the maximum income from $35,000 to $42,000. Maximum asset amount to qualify is also raised from $65,000 to $85,000.

ARTICLE 8. Shall we modify the exemption for the disabled, as outlined in RSA 72-37-b? The exemption, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be $82,000 (up from $47,000). To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $35,000 or if married a combined net income of not more than $42,000; and own net assets of not more than $85,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Note: If approved this article will raise the maximum income eligibility requirements for a single person from $28,000 to $35,000 and for a married couple it raises the maximum income from $35,000 to $42,000. Maximum asset amount to qualify is also raised from $65,000 to $85,000.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will adopt pursuant to RSA 72:38-b an exemption from property tax in the town of Plainfield for the deaf or severely hearing impaired. Said exemption shall be $82,000 (up from $47,000). To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his/her spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $35,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than $42,000; and own net assets not in excess of $85,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. See RSA 72:38-b II for the necessary medical qualifications to be satisfied.

Note: If approved this article will raise the maximum income eligibility requirements for a single person from $28,000 to $35,000 and for a married couple it raises the maximum income from $35,000 to $42,000. Maximum asset amount to qualify is also raised from $65,000 to $85,000.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to adopt pursuant to RSA 72:37 a tax exemption for applicants who are legally blind as determined by the State of New Hampshire blind services program bureau of vocational rehabilitation, department of education. Said tax exemption is to be in the amount of $82,000, (up from $47,000) applied annually, to the assessed value of the applicant's primary residential real estate.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will direct the Select Board to appoint a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including any agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield voters to advise the Select Board and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town.

ARTICLE 13. To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

ARTICLE 14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A True Copy Attest:

Amy S. Lappin
Eric R. Brann
Ron C. Eberhardt
Plainfield Select Board

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024

EXPENDITURES	**2023**	**2023**	**2024**	**Dollar**	Percent
Item	**Approved**	**Expenditures**	**Request**	**Change**	Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive	$ 241,100	$ 243,326	$ 262,550	$ 21,450	8.9%
Election/Registration	$ 3,530	$ 2,367	$ 9,230	$ 5,700	161.5%
Financial Administration	$ 112,100	$ 112,645	$ 117,600	$ 5,500	4.9%
Revaluation of Property	$ 18,000	$ 21,864	$ 18,000	$ 0	0.0%
Legal Expense	$ 10,000	$ 7,676	$ 8,000	-$ 2,000	-20.0%
Personnel Administration	$ 15,000	$ 14,211	$ 13,600	-$ 1,400	-9.3%
Planning and Zoning	$ 6,000	$ 5,468	$ 3,000	-$ 3,000	-50.0%
General Government Buildings	$ 28,775	$ 21,306	$ 62,775	$ 34,000	118.2%
Cemeteries	$ 35,000	$ 34,259	$ 36,000	$ 1,000	2.9%
Insurances	$ 66,000	$ 69,103	$ 82,871	$ 16,871	25.6%
Regional Associations	$ 6,100	$ 6,160	$ 7,100	$ 1,000	16.4%
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	$ 490,754	$ 490,434	$ 502,780	$ 12,026	2.5%
Ambulance	$ 45,000	$ 44,927	$ 45,000	$ 0	0.0%
Fire	$ 62,500	$ 65,854	$ 64,600	$ 2,100	3.4%
Building Inspection	$ 15,400	$ 14,011	$ 15,400	$ 0	0.0%
Emergency Management	$ 1,000	$ 0	$ 1,000	$ 0	0.0%
Hydrant Rentals/FFT	$ 4,100	$ 3,600	$ 4,100	$ 0	0.0%
Dispatch Service	$ 56,500	$ 60,682	$ 60,000	$ 3,500	6.2%
HIGHWAYS, STREETS					
Highway Administration	$ 27,550	$ 27,660	$ 28,550	$ 1,000	3.6%
Highway and Streets	$ 835,100	$ 800,465	$ 885,300	$ 50,200	6.0%
Road Projects	$ 117,600	$ 110,505	$ 117,600	$ 0	0.0%
Street Lights	$ 11,000	$ 10,304	$ 11,000	$ 0	0.0%
WATER DEPARTMENT					
Water operations	$ 0	$ 0	$ 56,000	$ 56,000	
SANITATION					
Solid Waste Collection	$ 215,000	$ 233,829	$ 250,000	$ 35,000	16.3%
Solid Waste Disposal	$ 69,610	$ 60,863	$ 74,810	$ 5,200	7.5%
Health					
Health Department	$ 15,610	$ 13,500	$ 15,246	-$ 364	-2.3%
Animal Control	$ 500	$ 125	$ 500	$ 0	0.0%
HUMAN SERVICES					
General Assistance	$ 30,000	$ 36,178	$ 31,860	$ 1,860	6.2%

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January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

	2023 Approved	2023 Expenditure	2024 Request	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Recreation Commission	$ 23,725	$ 22,664	$ 24,875	$ 1,150	4.8%
Libraries	$ 182,870	$ 172,923	$ 187,153	$ 4,283	2.3%
Patriotic Purposes	$ 1,500	$ 634	$ 1,500	$ 0	0.0%
Conservation Commission	$ 500	$ 250	$ 500	$ 0	0.0%
DEBT SERVICE					
Principal Long-term debt	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	
Interest Long-term debt	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	**$2,747,424**	**$2,707,793**	**$2,998,500**	**$251,076**	9.1%

EXPENDITURES	2023	2023	2024	Dollar	Percent
Item	**Approved**	**Expenditures**	**Request**	**Change**	**Change**
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Hwy Wood Chipper	$ 50,000	$ 47,800	$ 0	-$ 50,000	
Hwy Transportation Fund	$ 75,000	$ 75,000	$ 75,000	$ 0	0.0%
Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 250,000	$ 150,000	150.0%
Hwy Bridge Fund	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 0	0.0%
Hwy Gravel Reclamation Fund	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 0	0.0%
Facilities Fund	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 0	0.0%
Revaluation Fund	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 0	0.0%
Town Hall Repair Fund	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 20,000	$ 10,000	100.0%
Library Repair Fund	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 5,000	$ 2,500	100.0%
ADA Access Fund	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 0	0.0%
Police Equipment Fund	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 0	0.0%
Fire New Equipment Fund	$ 60,000	$ 60,000	$ 60,000	$ 0	0.0%
Water Department Fund	$ 0	$ 0	$ 140,000	$ 140,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	**$362,500**	**$360,300**	**$615,000**	$252,500	28.3%
GROSS EXPENDITURES	**$3,109,924**	**$3,068,093**	**$3,613,500**		11.4%

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024
(Continued)

REVENUES Item	2023 Anticipated	2023 Received	2024 Anticipated	Dollar Change	Percent Change
TAXES		Dec			
Land Use Change Tax (1/2)	$ 15,000	$ 1,640	$ 15,000	$ 0	0.0%
Yield Taxes	$ 10,000	$ 7,801	$ 10,000	$ 0	0.0%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 0	0.0%
Interest & Penalties	$ 20,000	$ 18,295	$ 20,000	$ 0	0.0%
Excavations	$ 0	$ 124	$ 150	$ 150	
LICENSES AND PERMITS					
Licenses & Fees	$ 6,000	$ 5,427	$ 6,000	$ 0	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Registrations	$ 670,000	$ 674,024	$ 680,000	$ 10,000	1.5%
Trash User Fees	$ 100,000	$ 105,380	$ 110,000	$ 10,000	10.0%
STATE REVENUE					
Rooms and Meals Dist	$ 235,500	$ 235,500	$ 235,500	$ 0	0.0%
Highway Block Grant	$ 116,988	$ 116,973	$ 116,973	-$ 15	0.0%
Other State Aide	$ 60	$ 0	$ 0	-$ 60	-100.0%
CHARGES FOR SERVICE		$ 0	$ 0		
Income from Departments	$ 60,000	$ 80,787	$ 70,000	$ 10,000	16.7%
Reimbursements	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	
Water Department	$ 0	$ 0	$ 56,000	$ 56,000	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		$ 0	$ 0		
Sale of Town Property	$ 20,000	$ 50,841	$ 10,000	-$ 10,000	-50.0%
Interest on Deposits	$ 4,000	$ 2,506	$ 5,000	$ 1,000	25.0%
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	
Long-term Borrowing	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	
Private Fundraising	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	
Capital Reserve Funds	$ 0	$ 47,800	$ 0	$ 0	
Trust Funds	$ 10,000	$ 11,344	$ 10,000	$ 0	0.0%
Fund Balance Utilization	$ 0	$ 0	$ 290,000	$ 290,000	
BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS	$ 1,268,548	$ 1,359,442	$ 1,635,623	$ 367,075	
NET APPROPRIATION	$ 1,841,376	$ 1,708,651	$ 1,977,877	$ 136,501	7.4%
Change in dollars from taxation:			$136,501		
Projected tax rate impact (total package)			**$0.25**		

TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2023
Plainfield, New Hampshire

The annual meeting for the Town of Plainfield began at the Plainfield Elementary School on Bonner Road on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Moderator Paul Franklin opened the meeting at 8:00 am with the reading of Article 1 and the posting certifications. Stephen Halleran made a motion to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant, seconded by Eric Brann. A unanimous voice vote in the affirmative followed and the Polls were declared opened.

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot: One Select Board member for three years, One Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, One Library Trustee for three years, One Cemetery Trustee for three years and any other necessary town officers.

Number on Checklist: 1778 Same Day Registrants: 0
Number of Regular Ballots Cast: 98 Number of Absentee Ballots Cast: 5

Select board Member for three years:

Ron C. Eberhardt 93

Ron C. Eberhardt was declared elected.

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years:

Stephen D. Surgenor 100

Stephen D. Surgenor was declared elected.

One Library Trustee for three years:

Rosemary Mills 94

Rosemary Mills was declared elected.

Cemetery Trustee for three years:

Bradford Atwater 94

Bradford Atwater was declared elected.

The Moderator closed the polls at 7pm. Dewey Jones made a motion to recess the Town Meeting until Saturday, March 18 at 1:00pm for the deliberative session. It

was seconded by Steve Halleran and a unanimous voice vote was in the affirmative. The moderator announced the results and recessed the Town Meeting at 7:45pm.

Stephen Surgenor was sworn into office by Town Clerk Michelle Marsh 3/15/2023.
Ron Eberhardt was sworn into office by Town Clerk Michelle Marsh 3/18/2023.
Bradford Atwater and Rosemary Mills were sworn in by Moderator Paul Franklin on 3/18/2023.

On Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 1pm, Moderator Paul Franklin re-opened the Town meeting at the Plainfield Elementary School. The meeting began with a salute to the flag, a round of America the Beautiful and remarks from the Reverend Harold "Dewey" Jones who took pause to remember all those lost during the past year. Moderator Franklin introduced the panel of elected officials and turned the microphone over to the Selectboard to present the Stephen H. Taylor Community service award for 2023. Eric Brann awarded the 2023 honors to Beverly Widger for her long-time dedication and service through her work on various town boards and committees.

Rob Drye made a motion to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant and proceed to Article number 2. His motion was seconded and passed unanimously by a voice vote and so declared.

ARTICLE 2. The Moderator recognized, Steve Halleran who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$2,747,424** to defray town charges for the 2023 fiscal year. The Select Board proposes the following budget:

1. Executive	**$241,100**
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	**3,530**
3. Financial Administration	**112,100**
4. Revaluation of Property	**18,000**
5. Legal Expenses	**10,000**
6. Personnel Administration	**15,000**
7. Planning & Zoning	**6,000**
8. General Government Buildings	**28,775**
9. Cemeteries	**35,000**
10. Insurance	**66,000**
11. Regional Associations	**6,100**
12. Police	**490,754**
13. Ambulance Service	**45,000**
14. Fire	**62,500**
15. Building Inspection	**15,400**
16. Emergency Management	**1,000**
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	**4,100**

18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	**56,500**
19. Highway Administration	**27,550**
20. Highways and Streets	**835,100**
21. Road Projects	**117,600**
22. Street Lights	**11,000**
23. Solid Waste Collection	**215,000**
24. Solid Waste Disposal	**69,610**
25. Health Agencies	**15,610**
26. Animal Control	**500**
27. Welfare	**30,000**
28. Recreation Commission	**23,725**
29. Library	**182,870**
30. Patriotic	**1,500**
31. Conservation Commission	**500**
32. Principal Long-term debt	**0**
33. Interest Long-term debt	**0**
Total:	**$2,747,424**

This budget is exclusive of other warrant articles.
This appropriation less corresponding anticipated revenues equates to approximately $4.75 of the town's projected tax rate.

The motion was seconded by Ron Eberhardt.

Steve Halleran reported back on the completed projects from last year. He presented a breakdown on the budget and the floor was then open to debate and discussion.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.
Yes: 117 No: 10
It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 3. The Moderator recognized Ron Eberhardt, who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$312,500** to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows:
RSA 35:1 funds:

$15,000	Town Facilities Maintenance Fund created in 2015
$20,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993
$100,000	Highway Equipment Fund created in 1987
$75,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006
$60,000	Fire Department Equipment Fund created in 2017
$15,000	Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created 1994
$5,000	ADA Access Fund created in 2003
$5,000	Police Equipment Fund created in 2011
$5,000	Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund created in 2012

RSA 31:19a funds:

$10,000	Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996
$2,500	Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992

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The Select Board is named agent to expend for the bridge fund, the town hall repair fund, the library building repair fund, the revaluation fund, the transportation improvement fund, the police equipment fund, the facilities maintenance fund, fire department equipment fund and the highway equipment fund. The Select Board (3-0) recommends this appropriation. This appropriation equates to approximately $1.00 of the town tax rate.

The motion was seconded by Amy Lappin.

The floor was open for discussion.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.
Yes: 120 No: 11
It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 4. The Moderator recognized Eric Brann, who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$50,000** for the purpose of purchasing a new wood chipper for the highway department and further to authorize the Select Board to sell or trade the existing wood chipper. This appropriation equates to $0.22 of the town tax rate.
The motion was seconded by Steve Halleran.

The floor was open for discussion.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.
Yes: 120 No: 8
It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

Moderator Franklin passed the gavel to assistant moderator, Dan Cassedy who was recently elected as School Moderator to give him some practice.

ARTICLE 5. The Assistant Moderator recognized Amy Lappin, who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. That the town vote to readopt the town's current optional RSA 72:28 veterans tax credit established at $500. Qualifications for receiving the credit to be as outlined in RSA 72:28 as amended in 2022.
The motion was seconded by Ron Eberhardt.

The floor was open for discussion.

A voice vote was taken.
The Ayes were unanimous, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 6. The Assistant Moderator recognized Amy Lappin, who offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b as amended in 2022, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who meets the requirements as outlined in RSA 72:28-b. The credit granted will be $500, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Plainfield under RSA 72:28

The motion was seconded by Steve Halleran.

A voice vote was.taken.
The "Ayes" were unanimous, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

Assistant Moderator Dan Cassedy returned the floor to Moderator Franklin.

ARTICLE 7. The Moderator recognized Ron Eberhardt, who offered the following motion and moved its adoption: To see if the town will direct the Select Board to appoint a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including any agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting.

The motion was seconded by Amy Lappin.

A voice vote was taken.
The "Ayes" were unanimous, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 8. The Moderator recognized Eric Brann, who offered the following motion and moved its adoption: To see if the town will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield voters to advise the Select Board and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town.
The motion was seconded by Amy Lappin.

A voice vote was taken.
The "Ayes" were unanimous, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 9. The Moderator recognized, Steve Halleran who offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town vote to accept the

reports of town officers as they appear in the 2022 annual report, subject to any corrections. A certified copy to be kept by the Town Clerk.
The motion was seconded by Eric Brann.
Steve Halleran reported on a change he was making to the finance committee report to correctly list a member.

A voice vote was taken.
The "Ayes" were unanimous, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

Cemetery Trustee, Margaret Drye gave an update on green burials.

Joe Crate moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Bonney and a unanimous voice vote in the affirmative followed. Moderator Franklin declared the meeting closed at 2:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Marsh
Town Clerk



The Boston Post Cane presented to Warren Biebel on May 18th 2023 by the Plainfield Select Board. Photo S. Halleran

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1st, 2023	
Cash-Checking	$ 3,991,179
Cash-Investments	$ 3,757
Cash-Petty	$ 250
Total	**$ 3,995,186**
Receipts/ transfers in during the year	$10,237,825
Total available	**$14,233,011**
Less Select Board's orders/transfers out	$9,771,154
Cash On Hand, December 31st, 2023	**$4,461,857**
Cash-Checking	$4,457,654
Cash-Investments	$3,953
Cash-Petty	$250

Respectfully Submitted,
Treasurer, *Ann Rogers*

ONGOING AUTHORITIES

The town endorses the organizational structure of the two fire departments, per RSA 154:1 III. Article 18 ,1995 Town Meeting.

Authority for the Select Board to convey real estate acquired by tax collector's deed. RSA 80:80. Article 4, 1995 Town Meeting.

The Select Board to apply for, accept, and expend without further action of the town unanticipated money from state, federal or governmental units. RSA 31:95-b. Article 5, 1994 Town Meeting.

The Select Board to accept gifts of personal property, other than cash to the municipality for any public purpose. RSA 31:95-e. Article 6, 1995 Town Meeting.

The Select Board to accept, on behalf of the town, gifts, legacies and devices made to the town in trust for any public purpose RSA 31:19. Article 7, 1995 Town Meeting.

Library trustees to apply for, accept, and expend without further action of the town unanticipated money from state, federal or governmental units. RSA 202-A:4-c Article 8, 1995 Town Meeting.

The Select Board to borrow funds on behalf of the municipality in anticipation of taxes. RSA 33:7 Article 9, 1995 Town Meeting.

ONGOING AUTHORITIES (continued)

The Select Board to accept the dedication of any street shown on a subdivision plan approved by the Planning Board. RSA 674:40 Article 10, 1995 Town Meeting.

Library trustees to accept gifts, legacies and devices made to the town in trust for any public purpose. RSA 202-A:4-d Article 15, 2006 Town Meeting.

Select Board to appoint a Treasurer to an annual term as allowed by RSA 41:26-e. Article 7, 2010 Town Meeting.

Select Board to appoint a Tax Collector to a term of three years as allowed by RSA 41:2, 41:33 and RSA 669:15. Article 9, 2013 Town Meeting.

Indemnification of Town Officials/Employees, see April 6th 2016 Select Board minutes.
Official locations of posting of public notices, see August 1st 2018 Select Board minutes.

Further the Select Board is named agents to expend for thirteen funds:

The Library Building Repair Fund created in 1992
The Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994
Town Hall Repair Fund created in 1996
Town Revaluation Fund created in 1993, authority 2002
Town Building ADA Access Fund created in 2003
Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006, authority 2008
Townsend Bridge Fund created in 2006, authority 2006
Town Beautification, Fund created in 2009
Police Department Equipment Fund created in 2011
Town Facilities Maintenance Fund created in 2015
Highway Equipment Fund created in 1987, authority 2015
Fire Department Equipment Fund created in 2018
Meriden Library Building Fund created in 2018

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS- 2023

GENERAL GOVERNMENT
Operating Budget Article 3.

Executive	$ 254,500
Election & Registration	3,530
Financial Administration	112,100
Revaluation of Property	18,000
Legal Expense	10,000
Personnel Administration	15,000
Planning and Zoning	6,000
General Government Buildings	28,775
Cemeteries	35,000
Insurances	66,000
Advertising and Regional Expense	6,100
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police Department	490,754
Ambulance	45,000
Fire Protection.	62,500
Emergency Management	1,000
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense	60,600
Building Inspection	15,400
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES	
Administration	27,550
Highways and Streets	835,100
Road Projects	117,600
Street Lights	11,000
SANITATION	
Garbage Collection	215,000
Solid Waste Disposal	69,610
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	
Health Department	15,610
Pest Control	500
WELFARE	
Welfare Department	30,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Recreation Commission	23,725
Libraries	182,870
Patriotic	1,500
Conservation Commission	500
DEBT SERVICE	
Principal on Long-term debts	0
Interest on Long-term debts	0
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	**$2,747,424**

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS- 2023(continued)

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Article 4 New Chipper	$50,000
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	**$50,000**

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT TO RESERVES

RSA 35:1 Funds

Article 3 Facilities Fund	15,000
Article 3 Revaluation Fund	20,000
Article 3 Highway Equipment Fund	100,000
Article 3 Transportation Improvement Fund	75,000
Article 3 Bridge Fund	15,000
Article 3 ADA Access Fund	5,000
Article 3 Police Equipment Fund	5,000
Article 3 Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund	5,000
Article 3 Fire Department Equipment Fund	60,000

RSA 31:19a Funds

Article 3 Town Hall Repair Fund	10,000
Article 3 Library Building Repair Fund	2,500
TOTAL TO RESERVES	**$312,500**

TOTAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS $3,109,924

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
2023 REVALUATION YEAR

Land, Improved and Unimproved	$167,497,283
Buildings	368,110,001
Public Utilities	9,895,700
Total value before exemptions	**$545,502,984**
Blind Exemption	47,000
Elderly Exemption	1,194,800
Deaf Exemption	0
Total and Permanently Disabled Exemption	0
Solar Energy Exemption	1,846,240
Wind Power Exemption	3,500
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (state law)	150,000
Total exemptions allowed	**$3,091,540**
Net value used for local tax rate	**$542,261,444**
Net value used for state education rate	**$532,365,744**

(local tax rate value less utilities)

Electric Utility Property

Liberty Utilities	$3,114,200
New England Power Company	$3,748,400
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative	$1,698,500
Public Service of NH dba Eversource	$1,334,600
Total	**$9,895,700**

VETERAN'S CREDITS

Total and Permanently Disabled Veterans	$8,400
Standard Exemptions ($500/veteran)	$49,000
Total War Service Credits	**$57,400**

CURRENT USE REPORT

Land Categories	**Acres**
Farm Land	2,995
Forest Land	19,473
Forest Land (w/documented stewardship)	4,242
Unproductive Land	528
Wetlands	809
Total acres in current use (includes conservation restrictions)	**28,047**

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation		$3,109,924
Total Revenues and Credits	less	1,268,548
Fund Balance Usage	less	$48,059
Overlay	add	19,533
War Service Credits	add	57,400
A) **Net Town Tax Effort**	**Equals**	**$1,870,250**
Net Local School Budget		6,495,914
Adequate Education Grant	less	777,136
State Education Taxes	less	592,282
B) Approved Local School Assessment	**Equals**	**$5,126,496**
C) Approved State Education Assessment	**Equals**	**$592,282**
D) Approved County Tax Assessment	**Equals**	**$940,606**
Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)	**Equals**	**$8,529,634**

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Tax Effort	$8,529,634
Less War Service Credits	57,400
Total Property Taxes to be Raised	**$8,472,234**

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	5.39	3.46
County	3.05	1.73
School local	15.06	9.45
School state	1.40	1.11
Combined tax rate	**$24.90**	**$15.75***

*Revaluation year.

Net value on which local tax rates are computed	$311,584,776	$542,261,444
Net value on which state tax rate is computed (Net local value less utility valuations)	$304,417,676	$532,365,744



NH Council on the Arts presents: "The Shire" by NSquared Dance Company on the Plainfield Town Hall Parrish Stage. Photo: B. Widger

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Community Baptist Church & parsonage (map107/lot 6)	$1,336,400
First Baptist Church & parsonage(104/3)	1,068,600
Meriden Congregational Church & parsonage (102/06)	2,459,400
Connecticut Valley Christ Community Church (259/7)	7,271,100

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Kimball Union Academy (state law educational prop)	63,129,469
Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop)	150,000

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

New England Wildflower Association (239/02)	295,100
Plainfield Historical Society (107/25)	272,000
Singing Hills Conference Facility (253/24)	5,348,300

PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

The Nature Conservancy (256/01)	32,100
Meriden Village Water and Sewer District .(105/14, 102/18.01)	1,059,800
Plainfield Village Water District (260-41,256-15)	525,100
Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department (259-34)	472,400

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Land on Stage Road (253/11)	17,200
Duncan State Forest (231/9,232/10),	238,200

GRANGES

Blow-Me-Down Grange (107/39)	823,100
Meriden Grange (104/25)	313,700

LAND OWNED BY OTHER TOWNS

Cornish (271/07)	18,000
Grantham (248/01)	12,100
TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTIES	**$84,842,069**

SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS

Plainfield Town Hall (map 107/lot 27)	$841,100
Meriden Town Hall (includes Police Dept.) (102/1)	524,000
Libraries –Plainfield (107/8)	1,421,400
-Meriden (104/23)	1,068,800
Highway Garage (253-01)	556,000
Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department (259-34)	472,400
Meriden Volunteer Fire Department (104/29)	347,100
Plainfield Elementary School (105/11)	8,781,300
Burnap's Island (203/14)	85,300

SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS (continued)

Stage Road land (252/27)	54,400
Gravel Pit lot (258/12)	175,500
Gravel Pit Annex lot (258/11)	259,600
Spencer Lot (242-04)	211,500
Whitaker Road Intersections (262/3)	14,100
Tallow Hill Intersection (254-19)	6,300
French's Ledges (243/1)	30,400
Benson Donation (225/15,225/19)	79,900
Thompson Donation (Moulton Cemetery) (106/7)	91,400
Farnum Lot (234/6)	46,300
Town Pound (241-15)	3,400
School Street Land (105/12.1)	101,200
Meriden Covered Bridge Lot (101/9)	18,900
Sumner's Falls Ledges (238/6)	32,200
Stage Road Land Hewes Field (240/01)	204,200
Stage Road (253/10)	17,200
Hedgehog Road Land (236/4)	31,300
TOTAL	**$15,475,200**

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Our office is running smoothly as Hilary has transitioned nicely into helping all of you with your town office needs. Thank you all for welcoming her.

The big change of the year has been the Lebanon Landfill! We will continue to try and help you as much as we can but we will not be selling their required purple bags. We still sell our Plainfield curbside green stickers for the same $2.50 each but no more landfill coupons. Please go to our website for all the latest information.

It's a big election year as we will have 4 total in 2024! We have some new ballot clerks and a new moderator so expect some unfamiliar faces as you head to the polls. Please call the town office if you have any election related questions, sometimes the media can cause confusion and we are ready and able to give you accurate information anytime.

Thank you all for your continued support, it's a pleasure to serve you.

Michelle Marsh, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR
Fiscal Year ending December 31st 2023

	-Debits-		
Uncollected Taxes			
	Beginning of fiscal year	**2023**	**2022+**
	Property taxes		$159,195
	Timber yield tax		$0
	Land use change tax		$ 3,941
	Excavations		$0
	Property tax credit balance	(7,568)	
Taxes Committed to Collector			
	Property taxes	$8,567,013	
	Land use change taxes	$3,250	
	Yield taxes	$7,801	
	Excavation taxes	$124	
Overpayments			
	Property taxes	$8,167	
	Interest collected on delinquent taxes	$1,783	$6,380
TOTAL DEBITS		**$8,580,570**	**$169,516**
	-Credits-		
Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year			
	Property taxes	$8,255,157	$104,960
	Land use changes taxes	$1,640	$3,942
	Yield Taxes	$7,801	$0
	Excavation	$124	$0
	Interest on taxes	$1,783	$5,572
	Penalties	$0	$807
	Converted to liens (principal only)	$0	$54,235
Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year			
	Property Taxes	$100,876	$0
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year			
	Property taxes	$213,484	$0
	Yield tax	$0	
	Land use change tax	$1,610	
	Property tax credit balance	(1905)	
TOTAL CREDITS		**$8,580,570**	**$169,516**

TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT
December 31st 2023

	-Debits-		
Unredeemed Liens	**2022**	**2021**	**2020**
Beginning of year	$0	$41,705	$93,453
New liens	$57,517	$0	$0
Interests/Penalties	$50	3,110	8,975
TOTAL DEBITS	**$57,567**	**$44,815**	**102,428**
	-Credits-		
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions	$9,664	16,146	24,109
Interest/Penalties	$50	$3,110	$8,975
Abatements of Unredeemed liens	$0	$0	$0
Liens Deeded to Municipality	$0	$0	$0
Unredeemed liens	$47,853	$25,559	$69,344
TOTAL CREDITS	**$57,567**	**$44,815**	**$102,428**

REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT
Year ending March 31st, 2023

Total reports filed 4
Total yield tax assessed 7,801
Softwood cut, MBF 351,880
Hardwood cut, MBF 50,125
Cordwood cut, cords 79
Pulpwood/chips, tons 709
Pulpwood, cords 0
Whole tree chips, tons 2,672

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. Belyea,
Yield Tax Agent

SELECT BOARD REPORT

Years rarely go as expected from beginning to end and 2023 was not an exception. Wild weather throughout the year impacted Plainfield residents and roads to varying degrees. Our road crew along with local contractors and citizens spent significant time and money rebuilding from washouts caused by flooding. These major storms also kept our police and emergency management director working hard. While the town reacted as best it could, there needs to be long term planning and preemptive actions taken to prevent road loss in the future. It appears the weather will continue to have more unpredictable swings. Minimizing the impact on infrastructure and staffing will take leadership and planning.

Early in the year, the Plainfield Village Water District notified the select board that the PVWD would be dissolving at the end of 2023. The transition from a privately run operation to a town department took months of discussion and planning. Thanks go to the town office staff and the PVWD commissioners for getting us to where we can confidently keep water flowing in Plainfield Village.

Under the direction of Facilities Manager, Brad Atwater, ARC Environmental installed heat pumps in the Philip Read Memorial Library improving the energy reliability and costs in the library. The select board offered congratulations to the Plainfield Library Trustees and Library Foundation on the opening of a new library in town. The Meriden Library opened in the spring.

The Plainfield Town Hall Committee chaired by Bev Widger regularly attended select board meetings to update the board on the fundraising and work progress by the committee. This included successful grant applications for chimney, foundation, and grading. This dedicated group continues to explore ways to preserve the extraordinary Maxfield Parrish stage set while upgrading and preserving the building for use by future generations of residents.

A contract was signed with the Community Power of NH Coalition Project (CPNHP) providing savings and renewable energy opportunities to most residents. Evan Oxenham and the Plainfield Energy Committee did a great amount of work over the past few years to make these rate options available to Plainfield. It was gratifying to see this work become a reality.

Plainfield resident Peter Martin joined the Cornish Broadband Committee which continues to work to find ways to bring high speed internet options to the underserved areas of our community.

Other annual highlights for the select board members are participating in community celebrations and events. In 2023, this included presenting the Boston Post Cane to Warren Biebel at his home on May 18th, participating in the Memorial Day commemoration, and grilling hot dogs and hamburgers at a community luncheon.

The select board continues to meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Philip Read Memorial Library in Plainfield village and on the third Wednesday of the month at the Plainfield Town Offices in Meriden. Additionally, all public sessions of the selectboard are open to all on Zoom. Public participation is not only welcome, but

encouraged. The select board is composed of three residents doing our best to get it right, but we value input, ideas, and questions from all members of the town. Please continue to let us know where we've got it right and where we can be doing better. We may not always agree on how to achieve the town's business, but we all want the best for our neighbors and community and communicating is the key to achieving this goal.

We end this year with great thanks to the incredibly dedicated staff of the town offices, police department, fire department, road department, human services, libraries, recreation, and facilities who help us all on a daily basis with a variety of tasks, some more pleasant than others. They do this with an unmatched competence, fortitude, and good spirit that is truly remarkable and much appreciated.

Select Board *Amy Lappin Chair, Ron Eberhardt, Eric Brann*



Select Board meeting with town EMS staff after June 17th rain event
Photo S. Halleran

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As directed by the Select Board, in addition to daily town management duties, the Town Office worked on the following projects during 2023:

Community Power Project: Resident Evan Oxenham from the town's Energy Committee has been the driving force behind Plainfield's involvement in this important project to help our town achieve both lower energy costs and our Ready for 100 goals. The Town Office provided whatever support or documentation we could to help the Select Board and Evan get Plainfield enrolled in this new program.

Emergency Management Director: Human Services Director Stephanie Schell agreed to take over the Emergency Management Director responsibilities from James McCarragher who move out of town in early 2023. Stephanie has brought that same energy to this new post as she maintains with her Human Services work.

Plainfield Village Water District: Many hours have been spent this year making preparations for the town to begin managing and operating the former Plainfield Village Water District in January of 2024. The water district will likely need some upgrading in the coming years.. The Select Board intends to recover all costs associated with the operation of the district through water usage fees.

River Road: For another year this project has continued to frustrate. We are close now to having the necessary wetland permit. To date the town has spent about $11,000 on the permit process. A change in landownership in the area of the slide may provide an opportunity to shift the road slightly to the east minimizing the work that is necessary on the river bank. We continue to explore this option with the new owners. Thankfully, the riverbank has remained unchanged since the initial slide.

American Recovery Funds: The town has received about $250,000 in funds from the Federal Government as part of its COVID 19 response. About $125,000 of this money has been used to convert the Plainfield Library from fossil fuel heating to air sourced electric heat pumps that do both heating and cooling.

Plainfield Town Hall Committee: The town office has assisted, as needed, the committee in its work to improve and preserve the Plainfield Town Hall for generations to come.

Storm Damage Recovery: Father's Day weekend began a weather pattern that brought over 16" of rain to our town over the next two months. During these random freshets extensive damage was done to Grantham Mt. Road, Red Hill Road, Jordan Road, Hell Hollow Road to name the worst. The town is working with FEMA to recover some of the costs spent rebuilding these roads. Unfortunately, much of the damage in Plainfield occurred during rain events not covered by the FEMA declaration for Sullivan County.

Replacing the large culvert on Grantham Mt. near Cricket Song Farm with a bridge is now a top priority. We are in hopes to be able to obtain federal hazard mitigation money for this project. **Town Administrator,** *Stephen Halleran*

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

During the year the Zoning Board **GRANTED** the following appeals:

Case 2023-01 Craig and Katherine Lanzim, Special Exception #24 ground mounted solar array, 1,500 sq ft in size, #230 Porter Rd

Case 2023-02 Steve and Jill Tassinari Special Exception #37 an Accessory Dwelling Unit in their barn located at 345 Route 120 in Plainfield.

Case 2023-03 David and Erin Klocek Special Exception #37 an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) in their detached garage at #478 Old County Road.

Case 2022-04 Ziegelhaus LLC**:** Approved Combination of Related Uses Special Exception (#30) to convert the brick home at #1211 Route 12A from 3 apartments (2-1 bedroom and 1-2 bedroom) to 4-1 bedroom units. Due to the size of the lot, 1.3 acres and the number of units (4), the Approved Combination of Related Uses approach was taken. See section 4.3 B.

Case 2003-07 **Christopher Laundry:** To modify his approval in case 18-05 to include one additional two-bedroom apartment to be located over an existing barn on the property located at #142 Route 12A.

Case 2023-08 **Thomas Lappin dba Poor Thom's Tavern:** Retention of the additional outdoor seating that was utilized during the COVID pandemic.

During the year the zoning board **Denied** the following appeals:

Case 2022-04 **Michael Venditto:** A rehearing request on the previous denial of an Appeal of an Administrative Decision by the Planning Board that excluded the use of the wetland buffer area in the calculation of contiguous developable land for subdivision purposes.

Case 2023-05 **Steven Heffer**: Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) in a detached garage at #131 Ladieu Rd. The height of the garage was deemed to be too high for the ADU to be permitted under the current regulations. See section 4.3 C#2.

Submitted,
Richard Colburn, Chair
Zoning Board of Adjustment

PLANNING BOARD

During the year the planning board approved or worked on the following applications:

Subdivisions/Annexation: Micheal Venditto, five lots Bean Road, tax map 250-10
BG&A Corp, one lot subdivision, Center of Town road tax map 254-16.
Elizabeth Church, Annexation between two Hayward Rd lots owned by the applicant.
Michael Venditto, four lots, Gleason/Bean Roads tax map 250-03
Robert Mayo Subdivision, one lot subdivision, Route 12-A tax map 221-7.
Jaynes to Stone, Annexation of 10 acres, Willow Brook Rd tax map 224-17.1 and 2-15.
Legere to DEG llc, Annexation 1.53 acres on Main Street tax map 102-19 and 102-18.
Michael Venditto: four lots, Bean Road tax map 250-09

Site Plan Review: Kimball Union Academy, Kilton and Welch Dormitory expansion Main Street.

In addition to the above applications, the Planning Board worked with our Regional Planning Commission on an update to the Plainfield Zoning ordinance to be voted on in March of 2024. This work focused on 1) improving the documents organization layout 2) Ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations 3) Creating enhanced opportunities for the establishment of accessory apartments and renewable energy systems.

Submitted
Jane Stephenson, Chair
Plainfield Planning Board

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Zoning Administrator:	Stephen Halleran	469-3201
Building Inspector:	David Lersch	381-1929

Permits for the following projects were issued in 2023:

05	New single-family residences		
05	Accessory Dwelling Unit	00	Multi family residences
03	Institutional projects	06	Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings
08	Garages	07	Electrical upgrades
11	Renovations/Misc.	05	Additions
09	Decks/porches	22	Solar panels
16	Generators/heat pumps/batteries		

Permit total= 96

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Plainfield Conservation Commission was established for "the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources" of the town of Plainfield, New Hampshire. Our Conservation Commission page on the town website can be found under Government/Boards & Commissions.

Currently the Plainfield Conservation Commission consists of eight members and has regular bi-monthly meetings. We are busy with many projects such updating our town natural resource inventory, compiling a list of conservation resources, monitoring town conservation easements, assisting the town in monitoring wetland zoning ordinances, assisting landowners seeking conservation grants and with habitat development and invasive species control. We also share work with and attend conferences with other conservation commissions and groups such as the Connecticut River Conservancy.

Forest Maintenance Fund

January 01, 2023	$20,305.62
2023 Interest	$1,062.70
December 31, 2023	**$21,368.32**

Conservation Fund

January 01, 2023	$120,374.59
Current Use Penalty money ($13,479) / 2023 Interest ($6,518.90)	$19,997.90
December 31st, 2023	**$140,372.49**

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Donaghy, PCC
pcc@plainfieldnh.org

RECREATION COMMISSION

Our 2022-2023 basketball season wrapped up in February. This program included the ¾ boys' team made up of 11 boys, coached by Stacey Smith and Taylor Friedman, and the ¾ girls, team made up of 10 girls coached by Miguel Ramirez. These two teams started practices at PES in November and games were played with other area recreation teams starting in January. Our coaches worked with these two teams teaching them individual skills and team skills, leading them to a very successful season. Our young players, through hard work showed tremendous improvement both individually as well as a team. They led these teams to show respect and with the best sportsmanship that we hope for. Home games were played at PES Gym with officiating led by Audrey Underhill some additional officiating by Nolan Hewett and Tucker Green. These young officials did a wonderful job and I hope they continue with the interest in officiating in the future. The 1st and 2nd grade had a group of 14 boys and girls and was coached by Chaz Rice with some assistance from Emily Marrazzo. These coaches led practices and scrimmages at PES, teaching basic skills. Our young players showed significant improvements throughout the season.

Our spring T-ball program this year had 17 1st and 2nd graders participating, making up two teams and coached by Marc Ramsey and Christina Martin. We had an additional 14 participants to make up our kindergarten farm team, coached by Devin Singh, Josh Bean, Craig Pike, and Sarah Whittaker. 1st and 2nd graders practiced skills and played games. The Farm Team worked on basic skills of throwing, catching, batting, and rules of the game. These teams practiced and played on Prescott Field. Our 3rd and 4th graders who were interested, participated in baseball in the LYBA or softball with the Lebanon Recreation Department

Our annual fishing Derby was held on the morning of June 3rd in Blood Brook behind the Meriden Deli. To help with the crowded brook, we added an additional group and aligned the age groups so that we would have smaller groups at the brook at each group. We also renamed the groups this year with the five groups being Bears, Eagles, Herons, Ravens, and Cubs. It was a very cool and overcast day with a little rain early but it did not discourage many young anglers from coming out and enjoying the day. We had 54 kids and the big catch of the day was made by Savo Florek with a trout of 14 1/4". There was a total of 75 fish caught during the derby this year. We recorded 42 participants catching at least one fish and 33 of them catching the derby 2 fish limit. As always, it was a lot of fun watching the excitement as the fish were hooked. All kids had the opportunity to fish the brook at the completion of the derby, following NH law. Volunteers for this event were Marty Morgan, Terry McNamara, Pam Lewis, Les Bouchier, and Reggy Tyler. Also, donations and participation from Terry McNamara: Meriden Deli, Mark Fisk: Hy-On-A-Hill, McNamara Dairy, Eric Brown & NH Fish & Game.

It was great to see our community so full of friends and neighbors during our Fourth of July event this year. This year's theme was "Fourth of July

Traditions." We had many parade participants including local Scout Troop 332, Girl Scout Troops, The Meriden Library, Friends of The Philip Read Memorial Library, McNamara Dairy with their McNamara chocolate milk, Horse Huggers 4-H Club along with local horses and riders, The American Legion Riders Post #22, many classic cars and trucks, Plainfield Police, Plainfield Fire, Cornish Fire, and Cornish Rescue. We also had the wonderful addition of a great band this year which was gathered together by Sharon Merchant. They rode on a float put together by Rich Collins, Brad Atwater and our town crew, decorated by Sharon and the band, and pulled with the towns brand new Mack truck. The Plainfield Community Church held a pancake breakfast in the morning and later had strawberry shortcake in front of the church. There was the annual Art Show held at the Plainfield Town Hall. The Blow-Me-Down-Grange held a huge yard sale with lots of food and drinks available. The Historical Society held their annual silent cake auction with cakes and desserts baked by local townspeople. They also had an exhibit of antique toys and dolls. There was a Fireman's BBQ held by the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department with burgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Music was provided by Oxford & America's Most Wanted. Thanks to Smiths Action Gallery for the location, tents, and power for this.

Our 11th annual Spirit Day was held on August 27th. An evening for our community to come together and visit with friends and neighbors. The event started at 4:30 pm with a celebration of our schools 50th anniversary sponsored by the Plainfield Historical Society who provided history and information in the school gym. Our outside festivities kicked off at 5:00 pm with music provided by the band Loose Cannons. They played throughout the evening while we enjoyed a delicious corn roast with corn from Edgewater Farms along with butter donated by Taylor Farm, that was prepared and cooked by Cody Cantlin. Grills were provided for all to cook on. Liz McNamara served the greatest Maple Creamee's from Mac's Maple. Both corn and creamee's were delicious and from our local businesses. Cow Paddy Bingo was held to benefit Gretchen Taylor Childrens Fund. Plainfield's 7th grade class ran a fundraiser bake sale during the event and followed up with some community service, cleaning up the school grounds the following morning. The Plainfield Police, Plainfield Fire department as well as Cornish rescue squad were there for our safety and welcomed everyone to visit and view equipment and ask any questions they may have. The evening ended with the playing of our National Anthem as our fire department displayed a large American flag hanging high from their ladder truck, followed with a spectacular display of fireworks by Northstar Fireworks. It was a great evening spent visiting with our friends and neighbors. Helping with the set up and pick up were Steve Taylor, Cody Cantlin, Aaron Newman, Janna Downs, and our Town Crew.
The Soccer program in the fall included the ¾ boys' team made up of 18 boys, coached by Jess Nordman, with assistance from Michael Venditto. The ¾ girls' team made up of 20 girls coached by Chaz Rice, with assistance from Matt Lewis These two teams played other area recreation teams and practiced and played home games on Hewes Field with officiating by Marc Ramsey, Audrey Underhill, Betsy Underhill, Liam Rich, Ellis Harrington, and Lyla Weinstein.

This group worked on individual skills, working as a team, and sportsmanship. The 1st and 2nd grade had three teams made up of a total of 35 players and coached by Paige MacLeay, Jesse Cook, Jono Newton, Lexi Mardanes, Ryan McGraw, Vinny DiNapoli, and Lucas McKittrick. These teams practiced basic skills and played games with each other at the Prescott Field. We had 11 players that participated in the kindergarten group coached by Tim Lang, Kyle Ackerman, and Matt Mersel. They worked on basic skills of the game. Our pre-school group this year had 22 participants coached by Jesse Cook, Matt Mersel, Jono Newton. Field measurements and layouts were completed with the help of Darlene Sprague and Delinda Dupree. This continues to be a large program this year with 106 participants in our pre-school through 4th grade soccer groups. The 2023-2024 basketball season for our ¾ grade boys and ¾ grade girls, as well as our grade 1 and 2 group started in early December. A full report will follow in the next town report.

I would like to thank our many volunteer coaches, officials, and helpers that provide an opportunity for our local youth to participate in the sports programs that we offer. Thank you to those at the Plainfield School and facilities group for providing a place to hold our games, practices, events, and all the help provided. I would also like to thank our local businesses, the Fishing Derby Crew, Fourth of July help and participants, and the Spirit Day Crew and participants for all your help in the preparation and work that you do during these events. Thank you to all those at the Town Office and Select Board for all your help and support. It is those in our great community that make these programs and events available and successful.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel P. Cantlin, Recreation Director



Grade 3rd/4th Plainfield girls playing Macoma girls.
NCAA Women's Basket Ball stars in the making. Photo D. Cantlin

PLAINFIELD LIBRARY SYSTEM TRUSTEE REPORT

What a year it has been for the Plainfield Libraries! We are lucky to have both the Philip Read Memorial and the Meriden Library to serve as community resources for our town. We opened the new Meriden Library, and we hired a new library director upon Mary King's retirement. Those two tasks kept us pretty busy, but there were also programs and new books and gatherings to celebrate both our excellent libraries.

In the spring we opened the new ADA compliant Meriden Library. It is a one floor, open, light-filled structure that people seem to be very happy with. There is a Children's Section named in honor of Mary King who worked so tirelessly to oversee the building project. Mary King gave our town 13 years of dedicated service. Her dogged determination to see that the Meriden Library was built is much appreciated. There is also a community room and a smaller meeting place for people to use. All in all, we couldn't be happier with it.

Mary King announced her plans to retire in the fall, so the trustees didn't have much time to relax before we launched into finding a new director. After our search we offered the job to Jim Allen who has spent most of his library career working and directing academic libraries. He is local and knows our community well (his wife taught at Plainfield School for many years); we are sure he is a good fit for us! We will miss Mary, but are grateful to be moving forward with a new director who has many strengths and much energy.

If you haven't seen the new library or met Jim yet, do stop in. Your two wonderful libraries await your visit.

Jeanne Woodward-Poor, Chair
for the Plainfield Library Trustees

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The year 2023 saw many changes for the Plainfield Libraries. We said goodbye to staff members and welcomed others. A brand new library building opened in Meriden, and, responding to patrons' preferences, we modified our open hours. It was a busy and exciting year, with a return to more typical, pre-COVID operations.

There were 8,987 library visits in 2023, a sixty percent increase from 2022. We saw a smaller increase in circulations but finally surpassed the number of items checked out in 2019, the last typical year for our libraries. In 2023, there were a total of 25,479 items checked out, 13,623 at Philip Read Memorial Library and

11,856 at the Meriden Library. We witnessed these great numbers even though one of the libraries was closed for a quarter of the year, and we expect to see continued growth in 2024. There was an increase in the usage of our electronic resources, New Hampshire Downloadable Books, Hoopla, Kanopy, and the New York Times Online. Our patrons downloaded 8,438 audiobooks, ebooks, music, and videos. Nonetheless, seventy percent of circulations were physical items checked out from one of the libraries.

A fun part of being a librarian is adding new and exciting materials to the libraries. The least favorite responsibility for most librarians is removing outdated, unused, or damaged materials, but it must be done to keep the collection current and clean. One thousand twenty-six items were added to the collections in 2023, and six hundred thirty-one were removed.

On April 10, 2023, the new Meriden Library opened its doors. It's not every day that a brand-new building opens in Plainfield, so there was a lot of excitement. The Meriden Library was closed for a year and a half, and patrons were thrilled to be able to visit once again. Opening those doors required much work and could not have happened without community volunteers. I want to offer special thanks to Ryan Boynton, Matt George, Marianna McKim, Reinhart Sonnenburg, and the Kimball Union Academy Library staff. A Grand Celebration was held on June 10, 2023, allowing the entire community to celebrate the new library.

A library is more than books, and that is evidenced by the programming that is offered to people of all ages. Highlights of some of the special programs held in 2023 include Virtual Art Appreciation, Covered Bridges of New Hampshire, Are We Ready for the Return of Wolves?, Wildlife Encounters, Magician Jason Purdy, and Preschool Music and Movement with the Upper Valley Music Center. Ongoing programs include monthly book groups for adults and summer book groups for children, Story Time, Game Times, Cookbook Group, artists' receptions, and visits from Scooter, the therapy dog. More than 2,100 children and adults attended library programs in 2023.

Only a small amount of funding for programs comes from our municipal budget. The Friends groups for both libraries make many programs possible throughout the year. The Friends of the Meriden Library and the Friends of Philip Read Memorial Library fund our summer reading programs. The Friends of Philip Read Memorial Library made the popular Friday Afternoon Art series possible. The Friends of the Meriden Library hosted the Grand Opening activities. The Libraries also receive a generous annual gift from the Elizabeth Sweet Dunlap Fund that is used for adult programming and an annual Senior Luncheon coordinated by Stephanie Schell.

We are fortunate to have the support of three fundraising groups: the Friends of Philip Read Memorial Library, the Friends of the Meriden Library, and the

Meriden Library Foundation. Their support and funding provide not only for programs but also for other important needs. With the assistance of our Friends groups, we can offer the very popular digital media platform Hoopla. The Meriden Library Foundation raises funds for the Meriden Library building. By supporting these organizations, you support our libraries; we are all grateful.

I cannot report on the year without mentioning the changes to staff. In March, Terri Crane left her role as Assistant Library Director for a full-time position. Terri started working at the Meriden Library as a substitute in 2011 and grew into the roles of Circulation Assistant, Library Assistant, and Library Assistant Director. She was a welcoming presence at both libraries and left her mark on the Library system. Terri's contributions to the libraries will always be remembered, from her very popular craft programs to her diligent work getting library materials to patrons during our COVID shutdown.

Robert Healey was an addition to our staff, coming on board as a substitute and then as a circulation assistant. I will be forever grateful to Sarah Gillens for coming out of retirement to help fill our staffing needs. Peter Legare, Madison Jarvis, and Anita Brown do much more than greet you and check out books. They keep the libraries running efficiently.

Library Assistant Lori Estey oversees the Interlibrary Loan program. Along with Anita and Rob, Lori manages the behind-the-scenes work of borrowing from and lending materials to other New Hampshire libraries. In 2023, 758 items were requested for our patrons, and 1,268 items were sent to other libraries. That is a lot of books to track.

The 2023 Plainfield Public Libraries Board of Trustees, Adrienne Cedeno, Jennifer Lenz, Rosemary Mills, Judy Ptak, and Jeanne Woodward-Poor, are elected officials who take their roles seriously. They spend countless volunteer hours providing oversight to the library system. I'm grateful for the guidance they provided.

This is the last annual Director's report that I will write for the Plainfield Libraries. After thirteen years working in Meriden and Plainfield, I announced my retirement in September and left my role at the end of the year. The Meriden Library and the Philip Read Memorial Library have seen growth and many positive changes in my years. I leave knowing that the libraries will continue to grow and evolve under the direction of Jim Allen.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. King

Plainfield Public Libraries
MERIDEN LIBRARY &
PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2023 By the Numbers

Circulation	**25,613**	**Visits**	**8,987**
Meriden	11,923	Meriden	4,551
Plainfield	13,690	Plainfield	4,436
Registered Patrons		**Items Owned**	
	997		**33,387**
Meriden	533	Meriden	12,609
Plainfield	464	Plainfield	20,778



Mary King and Terri Crane checking out new children's books provided by Subaru Photo: A Milo

Plainfield Public Libraries Proposed Budget

Income	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
Town Appropriation	$174,974	$164,634	$178,600
Town Approp - FICA	$7,906	$7,644	$8,553
Trust Funds	$3,650	$4,700	$3,650
Gifts	$3,900	$9,750	$3,900
Book Fines / Copier	$80	$462	$80
Book Sales	$0	$50	$0
Private / Grant Funding	$0	$250	$0
Misc Income	$0	$0	$0
Total Income	**$190,510**	**$187,490**	**$194,783**
Expense			
Salaries	$114,154	$110,715	$119,780
FICA	$7,906	$7,644	$8,553
Library Materials	$17,200	$20,551	$17,200
Legal Expense	$0	$185	$0
Telephone	$2,600	$2,601	$2,500
Electricity	$12,700	$10,551	$19,500
Fuel	$10,000	$3,153	$0
Water/Sewer	$400	$938	$850
Supplies	$2,500	$2,373	$2,500
Postage	$300	$331	$300
Professional Activities	$500	$228	$1,000
Programs	$4,500	$6,500	$4,500
Furniture/Equipment	$800	$909	$800
Elevator	$2,500	$3,557	$2,750
Maintenance	$6,400	$6,223	$6,400
Automation/Cataloging	$2,100	$2,120	$2,200
Trustee Expenses	$650	$180	$650
Professional Services	$2,700	$3,175	$2,700
Computer/Software	$2,400	$4,982	$2,400
Misc Expense	$200	$1,317	$200
Total Expense	**$190,510**	**$188,235**	**$194,783**

Town of Plainfield Library System
(Continued)

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
Other Income, Expense and Liabilities			
Accrued/Encumbered year end expenses		$4,443	
Income/Transfers			
Meriden - Private Moneys	$200	$17,283	$200
Meriden Building Fund - Interest	$10	$845	$400
PRML Fines - Interest	$10	$6	$10
PRML - Private Moneys	$200	$893	$200
Transfer from Building Fund - Meriden	$19,662	$60,000	$60,265
Transfer from Fines Accounts	$2,000	$850	$1,800
Expense			
Meriden - Building Funds Expense	$19,662	$38,290	$60,265
PRML - Private Moneys Expense	$3,000	$2,686	$4,000
Fund Balances - Year End			
Mascoma Checking Account		$25,636	
Philip Read Fines Account		$1,680	
Philip Read Donations Account		$4,170	
Meriden Fines Account		$140	
Meriden Donations Account		$60,265	

PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Chief's Report

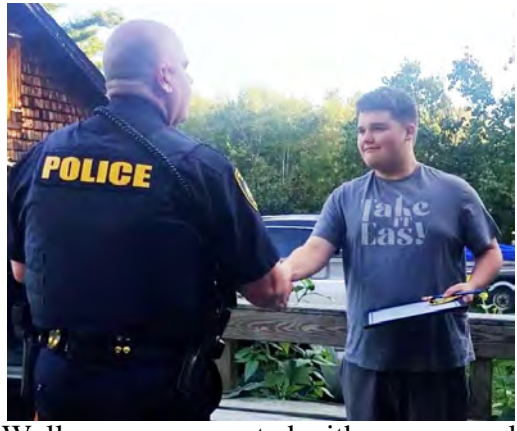
2023 was a busy year for the department and I would like to personally thank the entire staff, Sergeant Anthony Casale, Officer Rob DePietro, Officer Roland Daniels and our administrative assistant, Wanda Daniels, for their commitment and dedication.

We started the year off with the new police cars for the department. It took approximately three months to get all three cars up and running from the upfitters (MHQ). We had multiple investigations that were time-consuming. However, at the end of the investigations we were very successful in apprehending all parties involved.

We are still working on some of our old equipment that needed updating due to the equipment being old, outdated, and the manufacturers no longer making parts. The equipment that we updated was our Tasers, and a new handheld Lidar (Laser) Radar Unit. We were able to purchase some of the equipment from grants, donations, and some funds from the equipment fund.
We appreciate the continued support and help from the Plainfield Fire Department, Cornish Rescue Squad, and Stephanie Schell (Community Resource Director). As a small community, we are very lucky to have such dedication and commitment from our volunteers, who are willing to sacrifice time away from their families to help in our small community.

On behalf of the Plainfield Police Department, I would like to thank our Selectboard, Town Administrator, and the entire community for their continued support!

Anthony Swett, Police Chief



Resident Taylor Wallace was presented with a commendation from Chief Swett for a road safety suggestion he made to the Select Board.

Police Department Statistical Data

	2023	2022	2021	2020
911 Calls	13	13	12	12
Accidents	58	65	34	44
Alarms	36	43	47	47
Animal Complaints	68	61	46	94
Arrest	25	46	47	40
Assault	2	0	3	3
Assist Other Agencies	67	75	65	19
Bad Checks	1	3	1	2
Building/House Checks	275	441	421	410
Burglary	0	0	2	3
Motor Vehicle Unlocks	10	11	4	9
Calls For Service	3225	3807	4545	4233
Citizen Request Assistance	45	66	72	51
Community Relations	174	102	71	13
Criminal Mischief	5	4	6	6
Deaths	6	3	2	0
Disorderly Conduct	7	4	2	6
Domestic Distrubance	4	15	5	4
Drug Violations	3	4	9	1
DWI/DUI	3	4	1	8
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Fingerprints	14	38	38	32
Firing Weapon Complaint	4	4	5	8
Fraud	6	13	12	21
Larceny/Theft	11	17	20	34
Missing Person	4	0	2	7
Motor Vehicle Complaints	68	70	62	77
Noise Complaints	4	3	5	6
Protective Custody	0	1	1	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Sex Offender Registration	4	7	9	5
Sexual Assault	3	2	3	2
Suspicious Activity	62	73	77	86
Motor Vehicle Stops	1013	1475	1037	861
Warnings	845	1301	983	794
Citations	54	34	54	64

PLAINFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Report 2023

The Plainfield Fire Department had several structure fires during the year that resulted in significant property loss but luckily no one was injured. In February a family on Freeman Road lost their home to a fire that began in the basement in a woodstove. Plainfield received help in putting the fire out from our mutual aid partners including Cornish, Windsor and Lebanon.

This fire is a reminder to all who use wood heat to check and maintain clearances between wood burning appliances and combustible materials such as wood. All stove manufacturers set minimum clearances to combustibles in their stove manuals.

In April on a very windy early morning Plainfield Fire was called out to a fully involved barn fire on Rt 120 in East Plainfield. The barn was located within 10 feet of an occupied house. Upon arrival Plainfield firefighters were able to stop the fire from spreading to the home. The exterior wall of the house was scorched and the attic space above an office was charred significantly. The barn was a total loss but the house was saved and the owner was able to continue to occupy the house following the fire.

Once the fire was extinguished it was discovered that one of three cars that were being stored in the barn was no longer present. An investigation by the Plainfield Police Dept. resulted in the arrest of several individuals who have been charged with arson. It is believed that these individuals set the barn on fire to cover their tracks in the theft of one of the vehicles. The elderly resident of the property was at home and asleep at the time the fire was set. We are thankful for the awareness of several of her East Plainfield neighbors who entered her house during the fire and alerted her to the fire, potentially saving her life.

Two members of the KUA Fire Brigade were on the first engine on scene and played a key role in getting water on the house initially to prevent the fire from spreading. The young people who make up the KUA Fire Brigade are often valuable assets to the Plainfield Fire Dept. when we are called out.

In January we responded to a car that had crashed on River Rd and ended up in the river. The driver had to be rescued from the freezing cold water. We are fortunate to have mutual aid partners who have swiftwater rescue training, experience and equipment to help with emergency calls on the river. Lebanon, Hanover and Hartford fire departments all have swiftwater rescue expertise available to us whenever it is needed. During the flooding experienced in June and July in Plainfield, we were called out on several occasions to assist with the closing of roads and the placement of traffic cones to alert drivers to road washouts.

We held 20 trainings during the year and were grateful to have guest trainers from the Lebanon Fire Dept including Chief Wheatley, Deputy Chief Libbey and Captain Copeland. A live fire training for wildland fire fighting was held with Cornish on East Rd. Plainfield hosted the Upper Valley Mutual Aid Assn. meeting in November.

Thank you to all Plainfield firefighters and their families for their support during the year. Please keep your own family safe by having working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home and make sure that you have your house identified by its 911 street address and that the number is clearly visible from the street.

The Plainfield Fire Department is always in need of volunteer firefighters. If you are interested in becoming a firefighter, feel free to call Chief Bill Taylor (603-359-7014) to arrange an interview and a tour of the department.

2023 Fire Department Run Summary

Motor Vehicle Accident	17	Powerline Problem	18
Structure Fire	3	Weather Event	3
Wildland Fire	0	Smoke Investigation	8
CO Alarm	1	Mutual Aid Lebanon	13
Road Hazard	4	Mutual Aid Cornish	1
Medical	1	Mutual Aid Windsor	0
Chimney Fire	0	Mutual Aid Claremont	1
Car Fire	0	Other	16
Alarm Activation	51		

Total Runs 140

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief, *William S. Taylor*
Plainfield Fire Department.

LOCAL FOREST FIRE WARDEN

2023 was a very wet year with few days of elevated fire danger in New Hampshire with bare ground conditions continuing right through the New Year. I thank the residents of Plainfield who burned safely and abided by the rules set forth by the State of New Hampshire for outside fires. The fire department was called to only one incident that fell under outside burning throughout the year. That incident involved the burning of items in a 55 gallon barrel. The barrel itself is not the issue – it is what was being burned in the 2 barrels creating a toxic smoke condition in the area (Plastics, metals, aerosol cans, trash etc and an

amount of fuel to "get it burning"). The online permitting for outside fires has been operating smoothly with over 150 permits purchased online in 2023. https://nh.burnsafeamerica.com/ It is still possible to obtain a permit in person from one of the forest fire wardens (this was accomplished more than 50 times in 2023) or they can be contacted with any questions about the burning rules.

We completed the 2022 matching grant through the NH Department of Forests and Lands for added forest firefighting equipment and protective clothing. The fire departments trained jointly with the Cornish fire department that entailed "live fire" burning and extinguishment of grass and low brush conditions. Each department brings different equipment, knowledge and capabilities so it is essential that we conduct these joint trainings. With limited resources, any actual fire in the surrounding communities will pull expertise and equipment from our mutual aid partners. We also had a firefighter complete the 3 day – federally recognized S-130 Basic Wildland Firefighting course. This not only increases knowledge and skills for fires in Plainfield but also allows them the possibility to travel with a State of NH crew to assist at larger incidents in the US and Canada.

Lastly, a few answers to the frequently asked questions that we receive.
- Any outside fire requires a permit unless there is snow on the ground.
- When it is raining – burning is allowed WITH a permit during the daytime.
- Brush pile permits are single use but can be given for a few consecutive days to allow the permittee leeway for which night to burn (5pm to 9am)
- All fire pits and rings need to have permits and can be issued for the calendar year.
- Fires pits, rings, solo stoves etc must be sufficiently away from structures (25 or 50ft dependent on size) and are NEVER allowed on a deck or patio attached to a structure.

Bruce Elder-Plainfield Forest Fire Warden

As Smokey Bear says "**Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

Plainfield Forest Fire Wardens

Bruce Elder	Warden	298-0408
Chris Berry	Deputy	843-5204
Doug Plummer	Deputy	443-9616
Boone Rondeau	Deputy	675-6951
William Taylor	Deputy	469-3342
Matt Tucker	Deputy	306-1208

REPORT OF THE STATE FOREST RANGER

This past year we observed wet weather in late spring and throughout the summer. This led to reduced wildfire activity throughout the state and allowed many of our state firefighting resources to respond to Nova Scotia and Quebec to assist our Canadian neighbors with their record wildfire season. We were also able team up with local fire departments and provide many wildfire trainings throughout the state.

This time of year, we see fires caused by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Even with the lower wildfire threat in New Hampshire in 2023, properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were still impacted, with 8 structures threatened and 3 destroyed by wildfires. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! We ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: **A**lways **B**e **C**areful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. "**Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2024 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nh.gov/nhdfl/. For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**

NH FIRE STATISTICS

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED-2023	
Explosives	00
Smoking	01
Railroad	00
Campfires	00
Lightning	00
Equipment	04
Arson	02
Debris	80
Children	00
Misc*	12

Year	# FIRES	ACRES
2023	**99**	**64**
2022	**66**	**217**
2021	**66**	**86**
2020	**113**	**89**
2019	**015**	**23.5**
2018	**053**	**46**
2017	**064**	**107**
2016	**351**	**1090**
2015	**124**	**635**
2014	**112**	**72**
2013	**182**	**144**
2012	**318**	**206**
2011	**125**	**42**

*Misc: power lines, fireworks, etc.

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

1974-2024

We are proud to say this year marks 50 years of service for the Cornish Rescue Squad. We are one of very few in New England , who are operated by volunteers and run by donations.

Over the last 10 years we have seen an increase in emergencies for our small Squad. From an average of 200 calls per year, to a record number of 264 calls in 2023. These calls were a mix between lift assists, car accidents, CPR, injured hikers, dog bites, welfare checks, sick persons, car accidents and mutual aid to structure fires.

Thank you to the residents of Cornish and Plainfield for your generous donations.

Cornish Rescue Squad is a volunteer, privately run non profit, that runs solely by your donations. With out these donations we would not be able to operate.

If you are interested in becoming an EMT, or already have your license, and would like to join the Rescue Squad, please contact Chris Chilton or Jon Hackett.

Have a happy and healthy 2024! As always, don't hesitate to call us for help. Our members are ready and willing to help when needed.

Thank you again for your support,

Chris Chilton, President

Jon Hackett, Vice President

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

SIX YEAR PROJECTION OF CAPITAL SPENDING

Description	Source of Funding	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	TOTAL
Highway Department								
Dump Truck	Reserves	$250,000		$250,000		$250,000		**$750,000**
Road Agent Truck	Reserves	$57,000						**$57,000**
Grader	Reserves						$250,000	**$250,000**
Backhoe	Reserves							**$0**
Loader	Reserves							**$0**
Police Department								
Cruisers 3	Res/Grant	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000			**$68,000**
Tasers	Reserves	$7,000						**$7,000**
Body Cameras	Reserves	$5,300	$5,300	$5,300				**$15,900**
Fire Department								**$0**
SCBA (air packs)	Reserves							**$0**
Hose	Reserves	$25,000						**$25,000**
Radios	Reserves		$36,000					**$36,000**
FireTruck						$300,000		**$300,000**
Town Facilities/ Buildings								
Foundation/Chimney (PTH)	Grants/Res	$50,000						**$50,000**
Stage Set Mold Rem (PTH)	Grant							**$0**
Fire Protection (PTH)	Reserves			$50,000				**$50,000**
Roof (Highway Garage)	ARPA				$50,000			**$50,000**
Libraries								
								$0
Roads								
WBR II/River Road Move	State Grant	$400,000						**$400,000**
Bonner Road Project	Grant/Res		$300,000					**$300,000**
Beauty Hill /River Rd I	Reserves			$200,000				**$200,000**
River Rd II	Reserves				$200,000			**$200,000**
River Rd III/Freeman Rd	Reserves					$200,000		**$200,000**
TOTAL		**$811,300**	**$358,300**	**$522,300**	**$267,000**	**$750,000**	**$250,000**	**$2,958,900**

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2023

	PRINCIPLE			Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds			INTEREST			
Fund	Principle Balance Begin Year	New Funds Added	Funds Expended	GAIN/ LOSS	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Begin Year	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End	TOTAL
School Spec Ed Fund	$ 350,391.46			$ 161.02	$ 350,552.48	$ 33,653.08	$ 11,754.04		$ 45,407.12	$ 395,959.60
Library Repair Fund	$ 5,032.86	$ 2,500.00	$ (800.00)	$ 2.13	$ 6,734.99	$ 84.70	$ 193.49		$ 278.19	$ 7,013.18
Town Hall Fund	$ 41,606.05	$ 10,000.00	$ (1,683.80)	$ 18.52	$ 49,940.77	$ 2,929.77	$ 1,510.54		$ 4,440.31	$ 54,381.08
ADA Access Fund	$ 10,013.52	$ 5,000.00		$ 6.03	$ 15,019.55	$ 4,565.11	$ 519.91		$ 5,085.02	$ 20,104.57
Police Equipment Fund	$ 35,852.48	$ 5,000.00		$ 15.93	$ 40,868.41	$ 2,412.37	$ 1,244.86		$ 3,657.23	$ 44,525.64
	$ -									
Town Facilities Maint Fund	$ 38,114.17	$ 15,000.00		$ 17.56	$ 53,131.73	$ 4,342.67	$ 1,520.64		$ 5,863.31	$ 58,995.04
* Schell Community Assist Fund	$ 79,636.70	$ 24,350.00	$ (24,576.36)	$ 36.11	$ 79,446.45	$ 4,996.61	$ 3,145.42		$ 8,142.03	$ 87,588.48
Bridge Reserve Fund	$ 65,873.72	$ 15,000.00		$ 33.89	$ 80,907.61	$ 15,511.56	$ 2,712.09		$ 18,223.65	$ 99,131.26
New Equipment Fund	$ (14,427.75)	$ 100,000.00	$ (47,800.00)	$ 0.94	$ 37,773.19	$ 20,368.55	$ 1,656.56		$ 22,025.11	$ 59,798.30
Revaluation Fund	$ 88,710.61	$ 20,000.00	$ (65,486.25)	$ 39.68	$ 43,264.04	$ 6,679.79	$ 3,214.46		$ 9,894.25	$ 53,158.29
	$ -									
Meriden Water Reserve Fund	$ 17,010.75	$ 25,000.00		$ 7.25	$ 42,018.00	$ 223.41	$ 527.48		$ 750.89	$ 42,768.89
Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund	$ 55,058.42	$ 5,000.00		$ 25.62	$ 60,084.04	$ 6,070.62	$ 1,870.91		$ 7,941.53	$ 68,025.57
School Building Fund	$ 28,532.66			$ 13.12	$ 28,545.78	$ 2,775.88	$ 958.22		$ 3,734.10	$ 32,279.88
School Benefits Payable	$ 49,057.83			$ 23.24	$ 49,081.07	$ 6,352.18	$ 1,695.87		$ 8,048.05	$ 57,129.12
Cemetery Care Fund	$ 42,399.01			$ 19.70	$ 42,418.71	$ 4,565.28	$ 1,437.39		$ 6,002.67	$ 48,421.38
	$ -									
Townsend Bridge & Trail Fund	$ 4,373.14			$ 2.06	$ 4,375.20	$ 520.06	$ 149.76		$ 669.82	$ 5,045.02
Plainfield History Fund	$ 15,462.30			$ 8.50	$ 15,470.80	$ 4,820.07	$ 620.75		$ 5,440.82	$ 20,911.62
Gravel Pit Reclaim Fund	$ 55,060.37	$ 5,000.00		$ 24.83	$ 60,085.20	$ 4,369.55	$ 1,892.66		$ 6,262.21	$ 66,347.41
Town Beauty Fund	$ 150.19			$ 0.08	$ 150.27	$ 14.57	$ 5.04		$ 19.61	$ 169.88
Transportation Imprvmnt Fund	$ 206,457.80	$ 75,000.00	$ (210,321.86)	$ 88.72	$ 71,224.66	$ 7,807.30	$ 7,663.83		$ 15,471.13	$ 86,695.79
	$ -									
Fire Dep't Equipment Fund	$ 182,826.38	$ 60,000.00		$ 78.73	$ 242,905.11	$ 7,286.12	$ 6,703.39		$ 13,989.51	$ 256,894.62
Meriden Library Bldg Fund	$ 0.28			$ 0.12	$ 0.40	$ 289.71	$ 8.87		$ 298.58	$ 298.98
Plainfield Water Fund	$ 55,581.67			$ 24.64	$ 55,606.31	$ 3,249.15	$ 1,800.53		$ 5,049.68	$ 60,655.99
TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS	$ 1,412,774.62	$ 366,850.00	$ (350,668.27)	$ 648.42	$ 1,429,604.77	$ 143,888.11	$ 52,806.71	$ -	$ 196,694.82	$ 1,626,299.59

* Expendable Trust Fund

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2023

NAME OF TRUST FUND	Principle Balance Begin Year	New Funds Created	Gains or Losses From Sale	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Begin Year	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End	Total Balance
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS									
Daniels Cemetery	$ 14,769.90		$ (51.52)	$ 14,718.38	$ 317.16	$ 445.36	$ (365.42)	$ 397.10	$ 15,115.48
East Plainfield Cemetery	$ 6,954.58		$ (24.26)	$ 6,930.32	$ 147.94	$ 209.71	$ (172.02)	$ 185.63	$ 7,115.95
Freeman Cemetery	$ 5,122.03		$ (17.86)	$ 5,104.17	$ 108.86	$ 154.42	$ (126.70)	$ 136.58	$ 5,240.75
Gilkey Cemetery	$ 732.06		$ (2.56)	$ 729.50	$ 15.58	$ 22.09	$ (18.11)	$ 19.56	$ 749.06
Gleason Cemetery	$ 49,708.45		$ (173.38)	$ 49,535.07	$ 1,057.19	$ 1,498.68	$ (1,229.58)	$ 1,326.29	$ 50,861.36
Methodist Hill Cemetery	$ 732.06		$ (2.56)	$ 729.50	$ 15.58	$ 22.09	$ (18.11)	$ 19.56	$ 749.06
Mill Cemetery	$ 63,221.84		$ (220.43)	$ 63,001.41	$ 1,320.98	$ 1,905.25	$ (1,563.25)	$ 1,662.98	$ 64,664.39
Moulton Cemetry	$ 14,773.84		$ (51.53)	$ 14,722.31	$ 314.18	$ 445.44	$ (365.43)	$ 394.19	$ 15,116.50
Penniman Cemetery	$ 2,196.19		$ (7.66)	$ 2,188.53	$ 46.71	$ 66.21	$ (54.32)	$ 58.60	$ 2,247.13
Plainfield Cemetery	$ 108,831.32		$ (379.61)	$ 108,451.71	$ 2,314.56	$ 3,281.40	$ (2,692.01)	$ 2,903.95	$ 111,355.66
Raynsford Cemetery	$ 2,928.25		$ (10.22)	$ 2,918.03	$ 62.29	$ 88.30	$ (72.43)	$ 78.16	$ 2,996.19
River Cemetery	$ 3,892.79		$ (13.60)	$ 3,879.19	$ 82.61	$ 117.43	$ (96.29)	$ 103.75	$ 3,982.94
Westgate-Peterson Cemetery	$ 1,830.17		$ (6.39)	$ 1,823.78	$ 38.92	$ 55.22	$ (45.27)	$ 48.87	$ 1,872.65
Town Cemeteries	$ 7,320.50		$ (25.53)	$ 7,294.97	$ 155.58	$ 220.72	$ (181.06)	$ 195.24	$ 7,490.21
TOTALS	$ 283,013.86	$ -	$ (987.11)	$ 282,026.87	$ 5,998.14	$ 8,532.32	$ (7,000.00)	$ 7,530.46	$ 289,557.33
LIBRARY TRUST FUND									
Meriden Library	$ 46,847.08		$ (155.91)	$ 46,691.17	$ 774.11	$ 1,398.17	$ (1,200.00)	$ 972.28	$ 47,663.45
Philip Read Memorial Library	$ 134,794.96		$ (448.37)	$ 134,346.59	$ 2,259.94	$ 4,023.57	$ (3,500.00)	$ 2,783.51	$ 137,130.10
TOTALS	$ 181,642.04		$ (604.28)	$ 181,037.76	$ 3,034.05	$ 5,421.74	$ (4,700.00)	$ 3,755.79	$ 184,793.55

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.

MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS — **REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2023**

Ward Christmas Fund	$ 7,349.80		$ (25.75)	$ 7,324.05	$ 195.02	$ 222.69	$ (195.00)	$ 222.71	$ 7,546.76
Ward Worthy Poor Fund	$ 20,975.53		$ (131.02)	$ 20,844.51	$ 17,393.70	$ 1,132.60		$ 18,526.30	$ 39,370.81
Ward Essay Prize Fund	$ 7,592.04		$ (23.42)	$ 7,568.62	$ 615.00	$ 238.51	$ (200.00)	$ 653.51	$ 8,222.13
Elijah Burnap Poor Fund	$ 35,253.86		$ (211.61)	$ 35,042.25	$ 26,714.79	$ 1,829.18		$ 28,543.97	$ 63,586.22
Earl Mower Fund	$ 3,030.09		$ (10.18)	$ 3,019.91	$ 79.13	$ 91.07	$ (79.13)	$ 91.07	$ 3,110.98
Duncan Piano Fund	$ 3,514.33		$ (16.70)	$ 3,497.63	$ 1,972.45	$ 160.44	$ (110.00)	$ 2,022.89	$ 5,520.52
Vernon Hood Fund	$ 974.24		$ (4.97)	$ 969.27	$ 483.65	$ 42.98		$ 526.63	$ 1,495.90
Bill Hendrick Vision Fund	$ 4,465.12		$ (20.94)	$ 4,444.18	$ 1,669.31	$ 181.02		$ 1,850.33	$ 6,294.51
Mother's & Daughter's Fund	$ 4,113.53		$ (13.83)	$ 4,099.70	$ 107.44	$ 123.66	$ (107.44)	$ 123.66	$ 4,223.36
Beulah Pickering Fund	$ 18,279.31		$ 234.59	$ 18,513.90	$ 37,076.63	$ 1,263.75		$ 38,340.38	$ 56,854.28
Ruth F Koe Brady Camp Fund	$ 2,256.96		$ (5.40)	$ 2,251.56	$ 666.82	$ 82.47	$ (200.00)	$ 549.29	$ 2,800.85
Stage Set Fund	$ 20,525.58		$ (99.76)	$ 20,425.82	$ 8,689.66	$ 862.17		$ 9,551.83	$ 29,977.65
Mericrafters Fund	$ 951.70		$ (3.20)	$ 948.50	$ 24.82	$ 28.53	$ (24.82)	$ 28.53	$ 977.03
Stalker Cemetery Flag Fund	$ 25,489.29		$ (88.63)	$ 25,400.66	$ 460.93	$ 765.94	$ (441.00)	$ 785.87	$ 26,186.53
TOTALS	$ 154,771.38	$ -	$ (420.82)	$ 154,350.56	$ 96,149.35	$ 7,025.01	$ (1,357.39)	$ 101,816.97	$ 256,167.53
TOTAL: ALL TRUST FUNDS	$ 619,427.28	$ -	$ (2,012.21)	$ 617,415.19	$ 105,181.55	$ 20,979.07	$ (13,057.39)	$ 113,103.23	$ 730,518.41

SELECT BOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS

The select board is named agents to expend for eleven reserve funds:

The Library Building Repair Fund created in 1992
The Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994
Town Hall Repair Fund created in 1996
Town Revaluation Fund created in 1993
Town Building ADA Access Fund created in 2003
Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006
Townsend Bridge Fund created in 2007
Town Beautification Fund created in 2009
Police Department Equipment Fund created in 2011
Highway Department Equipment Fund created 1987 (expenditure authority 2015)
Town Facilities Fund created in 2015
Fire Department Equipment Fund created in 2018
Meriden Library Replacement Fund created in 2018

Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 2023 were:

Library Repair Fund		
	Deposits-	$2,500
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals-	**$0**
	PRML Painting	$800
Bridge Fund	Deposits-	$15,000
	Withdrawals-	**$0**
Town Hall Repair Fund	Deposits-	$10,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals-	**$1,683**
	PTH Sensors	$640
	PTH Plumbing Repairs	$257
	PTH Stage Set lights	$436
	MTH ADA Access repair	$350

SELECT BOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS (continued)

Revaluation Fund	Deposits-	$20,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals-	**$65,486**
	Avitar Associates	$46,686
	George Hildum	$18,800
ADA Compliance	Deposits-	$5,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals-	**$0**
Transportation Fund	Deposits	$75,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	**$210,322**
	Portion of paving Bean, Camp and Willow Brook Rd	
Townsend Bridge Fund	Deposits	$0
	Withdrawals	**$0**
Town Beautification	Deposits	$0
	Withdrawals	$0
Police Equipment Fund	Deposits	$5,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	**$0**
Town Facilities Fund	Deposits	$15,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	**$0**
Town Gravel Pit Fund	Deposits	$5,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	**$0**

SELECT BOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS (continued)

Highway Equipment Fund	Deposits	$100,000
	Withdrawals	**$47,800**
	New Chipper	$47,800
Fire Equipment Fund	Deposits	$60,000
	Withdrawals	**$0**

See the report of the trustee of trust funds for complete details on beginning and year ending balances for each of these funds.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2023	$**0**
New debt during the year	$0
Debt retirement during the year	$0
Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2023	**$0**

TOWN AUDIT

The firm of Plodzik and Sanderson completed the 2023 audit in January of 2024. The full document will be available both in printed form and as an electronic file, from the town office and will be posted on the town's website **www.plainfieldnh.org**. once available, usually in June.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET December 31st 2023

ASSETS:		
	CASH:	
	CHECKING ACCOUNT	$4,457,654
	INVESTMENTS	$3,953
	PETTY CASH	$250
	TOTAL CASH	**$4,461,857**
	PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE	$213,483
	TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE	$142,756
	LAND USE TAX RECEIVALBE	$1,610
	TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE	**$357,849**
	DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES	$12,950
	DUE FROM OTHERS	$0
	TOTAL ASSETS:	**$4,832,656**
LIABILITIES:		
	DUE TO CONSERVATION FUND	$0
	DUE TO GENERAL FUND	$0
	DUE TO SCHELL FUND	$0
	PAYABLES:	
	SCHOOL	$3,318,778
	INVOICES	$72,387
	LIBRARY	$0
	ACCRUED PAYROLL	$0
	TOTAL PAYABLES	**$3,391,165**
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	**$3,391,165**
	FUND BALANCE	**$1,441,491**
	RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES	($40,000)
	RESERVE-HIGHWAY RIVER ROAD	($120,690)
	RESERVE-HIGHWAY BRIDGES	($24,214)
	RESERVE-HUMANE SERVICES	($7,690)
	RESERVE-AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS	($95,369)
	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	**$1,153,528**
	GRAND TOTALS:	**$4,832,656**
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2022		**$1,048,059**
FUND BALANCE USED TO REDUCE 2023 TAXES		**($48,059)**
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2023		**$1,153,528**
CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION		**$105,469**

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

REVENUES	
Taxes	$ 1,825,398
Licenses and permits	784,834
Intergovernmental	536,126
Charges for services	80,787
Miscellaneous	60,658
Total revenues	3,287,803
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
General government	603,342
Public safety	679,511
Highways and streets	1,253,675
Sanitation	294,692
Health	5,935
Welfare	60,755
Culture and recreation	199,814
Conservation	250
Capital outlay	173,039
Total expenditures	3,271,013
Excess of revenues over expenditures	16,790
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
Transfers in	371,147
Transfers out	(312,500)
Total other financing sources (uses)	58,647
Net change in fund balances	75,437
Fund balances, beginning	1,230,685
Fund balances, ending	$ 1,306,122

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

Unassigned fund balance, beginning (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)		$ 1,048,059
Changes:		
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce 2023 tax rate		(48,059)
Budget summary:		
Revenue surplus	$ 111,850	
Unexpended balance of appropriations	41,678	
Budget surplus		153,528
Unassigned fund balance, ending (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)		$ 1,153,528



Live music at the 2023 4th of July parade!! **Photo D. Cantlin**

HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT/ROAD PROJECT
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

2023	**Block Grant Allocation**	**$117,600**
	Transportation Fund	**$210,322**
	Total Available	**$327,922**
River Road Culvert Replacement (see 2022 report)		
	Paving	$8,950
	Total	**$8,950**
Hedgehog Road Culvert Liner		
	EJ Prescott ($39,500 total cost) Not covered by SB 40	$9,500
	Total	**$9,500**
Willow Brook Road paving:		
	Culverts	$2,366
	Pike Industries	$215,111
	Total	**$217,477**
Bean/Camp Rd Paving		
	Ferguson, water system risers	$1,694
	Pike Industries	$75,210
	Total	**$76,904**
Grantham Mt Rd storm damage		
	Culverts	$6,500
	Stone	$1,584
	Misc	$3,500
	Total	**$11,584**
	Total Expenditures	**$324,415**
2023 Operating Budget		$3,507
	Grant Total	**$327,922**

SIX-YEAR ROAD PROJECT PRIORITIES

As required by the passage of article ten at the 1998 Annual Meeting, the following represents the select board's road reconstruction priorities for the next five years. Note: order of work and timing is subject to change as new information, time and available funds dictate.

Year	Road	Work
'99	River Rd	phase III-prep completion and base paving. **Completed**
‘00	River Rd	phase IV-topcourse paving, shoulder work. **Completed**
'01	Jenney Rd	base reconstruction/paving C**ompleted**
'02	Daniels Rd	base reconstruction/paving. **Completed**
'04	Bean Rd	base reconstruction/paving. **Completed**
‘05	Bean Rd/Westgate Rd culvert/drainage work. **Completed**	
‘06	Westgate Rd base reconstruction/paving. **Completed**	
’07	Beauty Hill Rd base reconstruction/paving **Completed**	
’08	Colby Hill Rd base reconstruction/paving **Completed**	
‘08	Willow Brook Rd base reconstruction/paving phase 1 **Completed**	
‘09	Freeman Rd base reconstruction **Completed**	
’10	Freeman Rd paving/Willow Brook Road phase 2 **Completed**	
‘11	Willow Brook Rd base reconstruction/paving phase 3 **Completed**	
’12	Main Street/Bonner Road resurfacing. **Completed**	
’13	Center of Town Rd resurfacing **Completed**	
’14	River Rd Pavement shim Phase I **Completed**	
’15	River Rd Pavement shim/Penniman Road resurfacing I C**ompleted**	
’15	Ferry Hill Rd resurfacing-**Completed**	
’16	Penniman Rd resurfacing II- **Completed**	
’16	Thrasher Rd resurfacing **Completed**	
’17	Methodist Hill Rd resurfacing **Completed**	
’18	Jenney Rd resurfacing **Completed**	
’19	Daniels Rd resurfacing/Hell Hollow Rebuild-**Completed**	
	Mill Village Rd resurfacing-**Completed**	
’20	Meriden Covered Bridge steel painting/new deck- **Completed**	
’21	None	
’22	Westgate Rd/Chellis Rd, Main Street resurfacing-**Completed**	
‘23	Bean Rd / Camp Rd resurfacing/ Willow Brook Phase I-**Completed**	
‘24	Willow Brook Rd Phase II/River Road Repair	
’25	Bonner Road Project	
’26	Beauty Hill Rd/River Rd I	
’27	River Rd II	
‘28	River Rd III/Freeman RD	



Highway Crew welcoming the new 2023 Mack to the snow fighting team.
Photo S. Halleran

SUMMARY OF STATE GRANTS (AMERICAN COVID RECOVERY)

American Recovery Funds	**$220,608**
Expenditures Plainfield Library Heat Pumps	$125,240
Balance	**$95,368**
(Planned use: Highway garage roof $50,000)	
Senate Bill 401 Bridge Money	**$83,446**
Expenditures	
Modern Protective Coatings Culter Rd Bridge	$53,000
EJ Prescott Hedgehog Rd culvert liner	$30,456
(Total project was $39,556 balance from Operating Budget)	
Balance	**$0**
House Bill 2 Bridge Money (new 2023)	**$24,214**
(Planned Use- Town Share Grantham Mt. Bridge Replacement)	
Senate Bill 401 Road Money	**$99,181**
Expenditures (Engineering wetland permit River Rd	$11,405
Balance	**$87,776**
(Planned use: River Road relocation)	
House Bill 2 Road Money (new 2023)	**$32,914**
(Planned use: River Road relocation)	
Total Balance Remaining 12/31/23:	**$240,272**

TOWN EMPLOYEE SALARIES -2023

Allen, James	Library Director	$3,348.00
Blish, Keith	Truck Driver	$53,049.69 includes overtime
Brann, Eric	Selectman	$1837.50
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Treasurer	$3036.63
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Election Staff	$228.75
Brown, Anita	Library Substitute	$4,600.02
Cantlin, Daniel	Recreation Director	$7,725.00
Casale, Anthony	Patrolman	$90,814.06 includes overtime
Collins, Michael	Truck Driver	$55,549.20 includes overtime
Collins III, Richard	Road Agent	$89,904.68 incl storm repairs
Crane, Terri	Library Assistant	$6,661.20
Daniels, Roland	Part-Time Patrolman	$20,506.50
Daniels, Wanda	Police Administrative Ass't	$5,095.52
DePietro III, Robert	Patrolman	$83,191.75 includes overtime
Eberhardt, Ron	Selectman	$1,837.50
Estey, Lori	Library Assistant	$11,802.70
Falcone, Daniel	Library Substitute	$533.06
Franklin, Paul	Moderator	$300.00
Gillens, Sarah	Library Assistant	$3,176.02
Halleran, Stephen	Town Administrator	$96,375.00
Healy, Robert L.	Library Assistant	$5,458.85
Jarvis, Madison	Library Circulation Aide	$7,651.63
Jones, Harold	Supervisor of Checklist	$202.50
Kennett, Joshua	Truck Driver	$54,519.50 includes overtime
King, Mary	Library Director	$47,484.91
Lappin, Amy	Select Board	$1,837.50
Legare, Peter	Library Circulation Aide	$9,195.60
LeMere, Jason	Truck Driver	$32,939.21 includes overtime
Lersch, David	Building Inspector	$11,711.00
Liebowitz, Susan	Dep. Tax Collect/Twn Clerk	$98.00
Lurie, Elizabeth	Election Staff	$228.75
Marsh, Michelle	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	$36,078.87
Noyes, Hilary	Office Manager/Dep TC/TC	$49,448.70
Rogers, Ann	Treasurer	$4,840.00
Rogerson, RoAnne	Ballot Clerk	$228.75
Schell, Stephanie	Human Services Director	$21,150.00
Smith, Sean	Truck Driver	$57,088.09 includes overtime
Stalker, Jesse	Trustee of Trust Funds	$1,000.00
Swett, Anthony	Police Chief	$90,377.68
Taylor, William	Fire Chief	$7,725.00
Widger, Beverly	Supervisor of Checklist	$322.75
Wilder, Fern	Supervisor of Checklist	$191.25
Wright, Scott	Truck Driver	$2,723.40 includes overtime
	TOTAL	**$982,074.72**

HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Dear Plainfield Neighbors,

Another year has come to a close and it is with deep appreciation and gratitude that I express my thanks for everyone's patience, random acts of kindness and continued donations to support all of our unique community outreach programs. The Community Resource Room & Food Pantry has received many monetary & nonperishable food item donations to keep our shelves stocked. Our food pantry provides nutritional care packages to those neighbors in Plainfield, Meriden & Cornish who are experiencing food insecurity. *Willing Hands* continues to be instrumental in providing fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, and bread products on a bi- weekly basis. The NH Food Bank & Feeding America remain instrumental in providing assistance to our food pantry activities. The Upper Valley Humane Society continues to help support our pet lovers with their monthly Free Mobile Pet Pantry. The Food Pantry continues to support the *Fight 68 Hours of Hunger* program and the snack programs at the Plainfield & Cornish Elementary Schools to ensure our young learners have the nourishment they need to get through their school day. 1,503 meals were distributed through the community food pantry in 2023.

The Plainfield Community Lunches take place each month and remain very popular. On average we have about 55 guests that come together at various community buildings in town to share friendly conversation & delicious meals with one another. Donations continue to build our inventory of durable medical equipment in our Community Health Closet. This local resource has provided many residents a sense of security while recovering at home. The Community Resource Room partnered with the Upper Valley Public Health Council & Dartmouth Medical School to host a Flu Shot Vaccination Clinic. The clinic was a huge success with administering 340 vaccinations. Our Caring Neighbor Volunteers list continues to grow with folks willing to lend a helping hand. Tasks completed by volunteers include, making phone calls to check in on neighbors, picking & delivering groceries & mediations, sharing time by visiting those who are unable to leave their homes, dropping off meals to neighbors and for providing rides to medical appointments.

In the year 2023, a total of $13,161 in tax dollars and current year donations were disbursed to assist 47 households in need of assistance.

In addition, another $24,576 from the private Schell Community Assistance Fund was used to assist community members in need.

The breakdown for monies disbursed in 2023 is as follows:

Housing	$1,775
Utilities	$2,621
Medical	$645
Food (includes Senior Social Luncheons)	$5,006
Summer Camp Scholarships & Community Outreach (from donations)	$3,114
TOTAL	**$13,161**
Schell Fund Expenditures (Private Trust Fund)	**$24,576**

The Schell Community Assistance Trust Fund has had a significant impact on our community again this year. With the generous monetary donations received, assistance has been provided to several residents experiencing challenging times. This Trust has been an *incredible* financial resource to lend a hand up for those struggling in our community. Thank you to all those who have made donations to this amazing fund. Thank you again for all your continued support of our community outreach projects. Together we are here for one another, and we are making a *difference*!
May 2024 bring health & happiness to you and yours.

In addition to our local resources, residents have access to the following Upper Valley human service organizations, many of these requests and receive town funding each year:

Grafton County Senior Center	Willing Hands
VNNHVT	Southwest Community Services
West Central Services	Public Health Council

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie M. Schell

cr.director@plainfieldnh.org
Stephanie M. Schell, Community Resource Director

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

As Plainfield's legislative delegation in Concord, we would like to provide information on how to contact us, monitor issues you are interested in, and register your positions.

- Our emails and phone numbers are below.
- Please put your name and town on emails so that we can know which ones comes from contituents.
- The website for the General Court is gencourt.state.nh.us. Each week you can view the calendars for the House of Representatives and the Senate which contain committee meeting dates and legislation under consideration. The calendars also contain information for our full-day session meetings. By visiting the home page of the General Court website, you can access direct links to most of the information available. Some things which are specific to the House or Senate (House and Senate Rules, staff listings) can only be accessed through the House or Senate pages.
- Under "Meeting Resources," you will find how to sign in and register your opinion. Additionally, under "Calendars and Meetings Schedules," you can access live streaming of committee meetings and session days for the chamber of your choice.

Representative Bill Palmer is on the Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee. This will be a busy year as there are about 1100 bills filed for this session, which ends mid-June. Some of the bills coming to the committee will deal with mental health and mental illness, lead level testing for children, immunization requirements, patient rights, medical records, therapeutic cannabis,

Medicaid reimbursements, refugee resettlement, and much more. Please contact me for information on any legislation you support or have concerns about.
Contact Information: William Palmer
603-443-1041 William.Palmer@leg.state.nh.us

Representative Margaret Drye is on the Education Committee. The Education Committee will see over 100 bills this year, covering everything from education funding and school meals to building aid and education freedom accounts. Special education costs, the education funding formula, and building aid are some of the larger, more complex issues that may get studied by commissions or subcommittees, but other subjects are also being considered for commissions, study committees, or pilot programs. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me.
Contact information: Margaret Drye
603-443-2125 Margaret.Drye@leg.state.nh.us

Senator Sue Prentiss is on the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee and Education Committees in the Senate. Although it's a non-budget year, the NH Senate is busy with close to 360 bills; this includes both newly-introduced bills and bills retained from last session. Some notable issues coming up are Housing bills concerning tax relief and zoning and Working Families & Hunger bills expanding eligibility for the child care scholarship program, increasing the minimum wage, and expanding programs to reduce hunger for children, older adults, and people with disabilities. Please contact me with concerns or questions.

Contact Information: Sue Prentiss
603-381-9195 Suzanne.Prentiss@leg.state.nh.us



Resident Beverly Widger Receiving the Stephen H. Tayor Award
Photo S. Halleran

KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY STUDY COMMITTEE

The charge of this committee is to meet with representatives of Kimball Union Academy (KUA) administration to maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, and to report its findings at annual town meeting. The committee held three meetings between November and January.

The study committee continues to spend most of its time working with KUA and Plainfield School (PES) staff on ways to build lasting connections between the private school and our elementary school kids. These "touches" often enhance the chances that a local student and her family might select Kimball Union for high school. Kimball Union has made it clear that it is eager to work with local students and their parents to determine if KUA is a good fit for them.

Community connections with Kimball Union continue to open up post pandemic. By example the return of public skating in January and February and having most KUA athletic and cultural events open to residents has been great.

Kimball Union is currently adding on to both Kilton and Welch dormitories. Additional faculty housing is part of the project as well as improving the quality of the dormitories for boarding students. In total, the two projects will add 40 new beds and 4 new faculty residences. However, renovations in other dormitories will reduce some of the available beds as those spaces are improved. The project is not intended to significantly increase the student population of Kimball Union but rather improve the residential experience for students and faculty. In keeping with its commitment to renewable energy sources the new Kilton and Welch facilities will be heated and cooled with geothermal heat pumps.

Regarding the Meriden Village Post Office, the Academy's leadership team and board of trustees continue to evaluate future options for the post office because its current location is not conducive to pedestrian safety and is not in alignment with KUA's Campus Master Plan.

Installing sidewalks on Bonner Road from the school access drive east to Main Street remains a priority shared by the Town, Kimball Union and the Plainfield School. A non-property tax funding source for this project continues to be elusive. While this project is a huge concern for our community, the amount of vehicle and pedestrian traffic on the road does not result in the project ranking highly for outside funding opportunities.

Facts:
*Kimball Union employs 149 people, 84 live in town (52 on campus, 32 off campus).
*Currently, 19 local kids attend the private school, 9 of these are from families unaffiliated with KUA.
*It costs about $26,047 per year to educate a Plainfield Elementary Student.
*There are 19 students at PES from families of KUA faculty/staff.
*The student tuition at Lebanon High School is $17,786
*The day student tuition at Kimball Union is $46,800.
*The boarding student tuition at Kimball Union is $73,700.
*At maximum capacity the school could have 340 students (90 day and 250 boarders).

Findings affirmed by your committee again this year:

Kimball Union remains committed to helping to educate those local students who are identified as likely to benefit from its education program, regardless of the student's ability to pay.

The only way for a local student's family to know whether Kimball Union is a viable option is to apply to the school. Many of the students attending the school receive significant financial aid.

Kimball Union has a direct interest in maintaining the high quality of the Plainfield Elementary school which educates the children of many staff members.

Plainfield Elementary students have traditionally performed very well at Kimball Union and Lebanon High School.

The town benefits financially from the many local students who choose Kimball Union over our publicly funded high school.

Recommendations: The committee continues again this year to support existing and to advocate for new cooperative linkages between the Plainfield Elementary School and Kimball Union. It is your committee's view that these connections provide the best possible educational opportunities for local students and the best opportunities for saving tax money.

The Kimball Union Study Committee should be continued into the future.

2023/24 Kimball Union Study Committee *Stephen Beaupre, John Yacavone, Andrea Bueno Keen, Gerard Murphy, Robert Hewett, James Bonney, Audra Bucklin, Jenny Ramsey, Stephen Halleran*

PLAINFIELD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Energy Committee Members

Evan Oxenham, Steven Ladd, , Nick Cohen, Ron Eberhardt, Robert Jordan, Jennifer Lenz, Lee Oxenham.

The Plainfield Energy Committee's mission is to encourage energy conservation, energy efficiency practices and to promote the use of renewable energy in homes, businesses and public buildings through education and community outreach.

1. Plainfield Community Power

Plainfield Community Power (PCP) is a member of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH). CPCNH is a nonprofit power agency established as a governmental instrumentality and formed by over fifty New Hampshire cities, towns, and counties participating as Members. Our rates are set by our Board of Directors which is elected by the Membership.

The mission of CPCNH is to foster resilient New Hampshire communities by empowering them to realize their energy goals. The Coalition creates value for its Community Power member municipalities by jointly contracting for services, developing projects and programs together, educating and engaging the public, and advocating for communities and customers at the Legislature and Public Utilities Commission.

Since launching in April 2023 CPCNH membership has grown from 16 to 53 municipalities, currently serving 80,000 customers. In 2024 CPCNH expects another 29 towns to be providing power to their communities, for a total of 122,000 customers.

PCP successfully launched in April 2023 with a default Granite Plus energy service rate of 16.2 c / kWh. This rate was 4.02 cents less than the Eversource rate of 20.221 cents / kWh and 5.81 cents less than the Liberty rate of 22.007 cents / kWh. Since then, PCP changed its rates in both August and December, to remain competitive with the rates offered by the utilities. The latest rate change announced in January 2024 will become effective in February 2024. Note that this rate is the energy service rate; it does not reflect your entire electric bill as that also includes such utility charges as the customer charge, distribution charge, transmission charge, and other utility specific charges.

As you probably know by now, PCP offers four power options, with different percentages of renewable energy content: Granite Basic (24.3%), Granite Plus

(33%), Clean 50 (50%) and Clean 100 (100%). Of the 721 accounts served by PCP 2% are Granite Basic, 95.3% are Granite Plus, 0,4% are Clean 50 and 1.4% are Clean 100. The current rates are always available at the Plainfield Community Power website (https://www.communitypowernh.gov/plainfield) where ratepayers can change their power option by opting-up, opting down and opting-in and even opting out.

Unfortunately, the utilities are still not providing CPCNH with the data needed to support net-metered customers. despite this support being required under both the Municipal Aggregation statute and in the PUC community power administrative rules and despite their earlier commitment to do so. The utilities and CPCNH have been discussing technical solutions to the provision of the required data and though progress is being made in these negotiations, it is unlikely that net metering customers will be fully supported before the end of 2024.

If you self-consume all or a large part of your solar production and you want to join PCP, this is possible. Please let us know and we will help you opt-in.

2. Plainfield Energy Committee Events Organized Jointly with the Cornish Energy Committee

The following events held during 2023 were organized and run jointly with the Cornish Energy Committee

a. Weatherize 2023

The first event of 2023 was a Weatherize campaign. This began with a virtual launch event that explained the benefits of weatherizing one's home. The following topics were covered:

- The principles of weatherization (it's not the windows!)
- The NHSaves program – for qualified homes this covers 75% of the cost of weatherizing, up to $6,000.
- The free visual audit
- How to schedule an energy audit for your home
- How soon you should sign a contract (before funds run out!)
- Meet the weatherize contractors

Thirty-six residents of Plainfield and Cornish attended the kickoff and heard presentations from contractors offering their services. Of those residents thirteen contacted a contractor, although only two residents proceeded with a weatherization project.

b. Cordless Outdoor Power Tools Showcase

In August the committees held a cordless outdoor power tools showcase

at the Cornish Town Hall in the Fairgrounds. A variety of cordless outdoor tools were available for participants to examine. These included string trimmers, brush cutters, chain saws, lawn mowers and even a snow blower.

All the tools on display were cordless battery-operated equipment. The people showing the tools discussed their experience using them and what they considered to be the advantages and disadvantages of the tools.

c. E-Bike Loaner Program

For the fourth straight year, the Plainfield Energy Committee in partnership with the Upper Valley E-Bike Lending Library and the Cornish Energy Committee ran another two-week **E-Bike Loaner Program** in the last 2 weeks of August. All the slots for the 3-day rentals were filled again!

d. Home Battery Systems Forum

At the end of October, the Cornish and Plainfield Energy Committees held a Home Battery Systems Forum which discussed home battery systems in general, and what to consider before investing in a battery system.

Tom Hobbs from Revision Energy spoke about residential storage in general, including how to size a battery system and the differences between grid-tied vs off-grid storage systems. He also summarized specific residential storage systems, such as the Tesla Powerwall, Tesla Powerwall+, Solaredge PV-Storage systems, Generac PV-Storage systems.

Chris Sparadeo of Catamount Solar discussed both AC coupled and DC coupled battery storage systems and outlined a few manufacturers' offerings, specifically FranklinWH and Fortress Power with the Sol Ark inverter.

Brian Callnan of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire explained transactive energy and bi-directional EV charging. This is important for the homeowner because many EV's support bi-directional EV charging, and they have large batteries that can be used as emergency backup power for your home.

The forum was well attended with 97 participants.

3. Please Volunteer!

We continue to look for new volunteers to serve on our **Energy Committee** and **Electric Aggregation Committee**. If interested, you will help monitor Plainfield Community Power and build a local coalition to support the 100% renewable energy transition. You will also help choose topics and direct our educational seminars and workshops and maintain and expand our relationships with other local communities and organizations. Please contact any committee member if you would like to get involved.

Plainfield residents are always welcome to participate in the Plainfield Energy Committee meetings, so if you are interested in attending look for the meeting announcements on Connect Cornish, Nextdoor and on the Plainfield website calendar. All meetings will be hybrid zoom meetings with a physical location. If you would like to be added to our e-mail list contact one of our energy committee members and we will put you on our mailing list to receive the zoom meeting links.

Respectfully submitted,
Evan Oxenham and *Steve Ladd* Co-chairs
Plainfield Energy Committee

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Recycling and Solid Waste Group of Plainfield (previously, The Solid Waste Group of Plainfield) was initially brought together to research possibilities for removal of our town's trash and recyclables; we remain together to communicate with and advise our residents about better recycling, composting and trash disposal.

We have been asked again to help address our Town's ongoing relationship with Casella Zero-Sort Recycling & Trash removal. To continue to contract with Casella, with vendor-mandated use of mechanical arm truck, and wheeled Toters, and of course like everything else, a rise in the price tag for these services, and a longer contract. Other possibilities, include private hauling contracts and/or residents utilizing the Lebanon Landfill. The current contract with Casella runs till the end of June. If the Town votes to enter into another contract with Casella, it's likely major changes to the pick-up process won't happen until 2025, due to Casella's equipment procurement timeline. Whether or not to continue to contract with Casella will be discussed and voted on at the Annual Town Meeting on March 16, 2024 at 9:00am. We hope to see you there.

We had two successful Styrofoam collections this year, in April and in October. These special days are offered by the partnership of Sustainable Lebanon and the Lebanon Rotary Club. There are two more collection days scheduled for the upcoming year – Saturday, April 6, 2024 behind Jake's Coffee, 227 Mechanic Str. Lebanon and on TBD October 2024, same location. Save your Foam!

There were also numerous Hazardous Waste collection days this year around the area. Hopefully everyone who wanted to, was able to avail themselves of this resource. Hopefully, if you wanted to have a new permit (needed as of Jan. 1st, 2024) for the Lebanon Recycle and Landfill, you were able to access and sign up without any difficulty. Still need help? Please check the Town's website – plainfieldnh.org, or stop by the offices.

This past year we have been adding helpful tidbits, useful hints, and updates to the Town Website – plainfieldnh.org - please check us out! – as well as unique ways to reuse and reduce on our Facebook page **Solid Waste Group of Plainfield.** Also, check out our new helpful brochure, included as an insert to the Town mailing for Inventory arriving in February, to help simplify the complicated world of recycling in Plainfield. We would appreciate your input for concerns, questions, ideas and thoughts on this very important part of our Town's services. None of us wants to see trash dumped along our beautiful roadways. Please send your e-mails to Hillary Sundell – hth.sundell@gmail.com or call the Town Offices at 603-469-3201

We have had changes to our committee this year! Please welcome Judy Ptak, Betsy Morse, Megan Chapman and, on special assignment, Susan Williams to our group of Trash Talkers!

We have some exciting new ideas for 2024! Please join the group or share any ideas with us! We hope to continue bringing more current and helpful information to our friends and neighbors for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Chapman, Susan Liebowitz, Betsy Morse, Judy Ptak and Hillary Sundell

PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

The Plainfield Village Town Hall Committee continued to have a busy year in 2023. We were pleased to learn in October that the NH Preservation Alliance selected the Plainfield Village Town Hall and the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set as one of New Hampshire's "Seven to Save." To find out more and view the video at https://bit.ly/3u5ubxN or on the Plainfieldnh.org website.

Below are some highlights of accomplishments this year:

- Addressed humidity that caused mold on the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set, which long term could destroy the Set. Building humidity was tracked and moisture in the crawl space was checked regularly. Hundreds of volunteer hours by Committee members, contractors, humidity experts, and others have focused on the water and humidity solutions.
- Match grants were received from the Land Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) in 2022 and 2023 totaling $42,000 which will pay for chimney upgrades to bring to code, stone foundation repointing and repair, and grading around the building to move water away from the foundation. Work to begin in 2024.
- Eric Durett of Lakeman Theatrical Services thoroughly restored the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set's 100-year-old rope rigging. This work was funded by a 2022 Moose Plate Grant from the NH Council on the Arts. A grant from the Tasker Bridge Fund enabled us to have JAM (Junction Arts & Media) produce an educational 8-minute video for the Plainfield Historic Society's archives. The video can be found on the town website or at https://bit.ly/497lwtD
- Williamstown Art Conservation Center came and removed the corrugated backing on the wings that had mold and replaced the backing with plexiglass. This will prevent new mold from forming on the wings. The 2022 Moose Plate Grant funded their work. Further work is necessary to clean and remove mold on all of the set and grant writing is still in process. A JAM video of the work done by the Center was funded by a Tasker Bridge fund grant.
- A 2023 Moose Plate grant for $20,000 was received to fund a new fire-retardant stage curtain for the proscenium and to complete some needed electrical work on the stage in 2024.
- Nick Artim, Director of Heritage Protection Group of the Fire Safety Network, an international consulting and fire protection engineering group that specializes in heritage protection, completed the fire safety report on the town hall and will be presenting the results and recommendations in 2024.
- Partnerships were made with the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park to facilitate more visitation to the town and Town Hall. This resulted in tour buses stopping for tours and other historical parks and groups visiting to see the Set. Plainfield Elementary School is partnering with us for a production directed by Samantha Davidson Green in March 2024.
- The NH Humanities Council chose the Parrish Stage Set for "The Shire: An Exploration of New Hampshire Through Contemporary Dance." The audience jumped to a spontaneous standing ovation at its conclusion. NSquared Dance professionals were enthralled by the Stage Set and the inspiration it provided them. Hypertherm was a corporate sponsor of the event.
- A fun "Parrish Pop Up" gathering in October featured the mesmerizing "Dawn To Dusk" light show after 357 new colored bulbs were installed. Interestingly, a

Town Meeting survey indicated that of Plainfield residents who have seen the Parrish Stage Set "many times," only 1 in 3 have witnessed the light show.

- The Plainfield Town Hall Committee along with the Stage Set Committee of the Plainfield Historical Society co-sponsored the Amplified Arts production of Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet."
- The Plainfield Town Hall Committee with the Stage Set Committee designed a holiday ornament featuring the Stage. It was produced by the same company that does the White House ornaments. Over 200 were sold from October to December with profits going to the Stage Set Fund.
- Other special events at the Town Hall included a reception for poet Pennie Armsrong and "Kiss The Joy," a collection of her poetry. Traditional events included community luncheons organized by Community Resource Director Stephanie Schell, the Fourth of July Art Show, the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library Book Sale and the Maxfield Parrish Show & Sale (proceeds benefit the Plainfield Historical Society's Maxfield Parrish Stage Set fund). The Plainfield Historical Society had full-house programs at the hall.
- New rental policies and procedures were developed for private and public events.

More events, fundraising, a capital campaign, and grant writing are planned for the future. We thank the Selectboard for their support and all the volunteers and committee members who helped with various events and projects. If you would like to volunteer for a project and become involved in our effort to preserve and protect the Plainfield Village Town Hall and Maxfield Parrish Stage Set, a national treasure, please contact us at pthc@plainfieldnh.org

Submitted, *Beverly Widge*r, Chair



Governor John Sununu Representatives Margaret Drye and William Palmer, Plainfield Town Hall Chair Beverely Widger, and Committee Member Clint Swift meeting with LCHIP Chair Ben Wilcox and his staff to accept a NH Land & Community Heritage Investment Program Grant for the Plainfield Town Hall. Photo Governor's Office

BROADBAND REPORT

The following report has been submitted to the Town of Cornish and represents the joint effort of the two towns. I was invited to participate as a representative from Plainfield, after they had done much of the work. We worked with the FCC National Broadband map, the towns' E911 lists and, satellite images (Google or NH maps), in an effort to identify addresses that were underserved or unserved. There were some inconsistencies in lists which we passed on to UNH, which is managing broadband coverage data. We are assured that, when the project is completed, all addresses will be served. In March, we hope to hear if the grant application is funded in this first round, which should have the project built out by year's end. A second round, for which timing is unclear, is expected to cover all need in the state that wasn't funded in the first.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Martin

Cornish Broadband Committee-2023- Annual Report

The Broadband Committee met regularly during the year. Midyear, we invited Plainfield to join our effort. Peter Martin joined us, representing Plainfield.
Our work focused on:

1. Monitoring the several broadband funding initiatives, federally funded, and managed by the State Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA);
2. Meeting with Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to determine their interest in working with the town to bring high speed broadband to Cornish.

The committee met with Matthew Conserva, Broadband Program Manager, for BEA. He reviewed the state broadband grants that have been awarded to date and the two pending broadband grant programs. The 2 programs are:

1. The Broadband Matching Grant Initiative (BMGI) designed to fund broadband infrastructure projects delivering high-speed internet (>100/100 Mbps) to unserved (<25/3 Mbps) and underserved (<100/20 Mbps) locations. BMGI is a 75% federal grant and a 25% match by ISPs and/or municipalities. Although not required, ISPs in NH are willing to pick up the additional 25% without contribution by municipalities. This program initially brings $25,000,000.00 to NH and initial applications for funding were required to be filed in October 2023. Unlike previous grant programs the municipalities are integral parties to the application process and must be signatories to any application with the ISP.
2. The Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program (BEAD). This program is designed to fund the hard to reach, "last mile" addresses. This program is not yet operational.

The committee met with representatives of Consolidated Communications and HUB66. There were also communications with Comcast, regarding the BMGI grant application process.
After reviewing options and other due diligence the Committee recommended that we jointly apply for a BMGI grant with HUB66. The Selectmen agreed. Additionally, the Town of Plainfield agreed to join in the application.

HUB66 has worked successfully with several municipalities in NH, including Enfield and Bristol and most recently is working on an agreement with Grantham. The grant is pending review with the BEA. If approved, it will provide high speed broadband access to substantially all the unserved and underserved addresses in Cornish and Plainfield. There are 575 address locations in Cornish, of which 181 (22.1%) are underserved and 64 (7.8%) are unserved. Plainfield has 155 addresses that are unserved or underserved,14.4 % of the town.
By comparison, the statewide average is 2.6% for underserved and 2.0% for unserved address locations.
The grant would cover 75% of the cost; HUB66 will be picking up the 25% match required by the grant and intends to provide fiber coverage to the entire Towns' underserved and unserved addresses, running approximately 98 miles of fiber. NH Electric Coop will be providing fiber coverage to approximately 61 addresses in Cornish.

The University of New Hampshire has established an interactive map of broadband coverage around the State, which will be updated regularly. The map is available to the public. The Broadband Dashboard and Web Map and other resources can be accessed through this website: https://broadbandnh.sr.unh.edu/portal/apps/sites/#/new-hampshire-broadband-mapping. The Broadband Web Map provides tabs that allow anyone to easily enter a location challenge or to conduct a speed test. We encourage Cornish and Plainfield residents to use the speed test.

Michael Fuerst
Steve Jameson
Jessica Butel
Shelley Brookings
Corey Stevens
Kevin Noble
Jason Bourne

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The proposed School and Town budgets for 2024-25 will create a difficult tax year for Plainfield families. Inflation has affected salaries, benefits, supplies and everything else. During the budget deliberations the School Board and Select Board have worked hard to maintain the programs and services that the community expects and to limit any additions to essential items like replacement of failed equipment or required program materials. At the end of the budgeting process, after many cuts and adjustments had been made, both the School Board and the Select Board directed that additional cuts of more than $100,000 be made to reduce the tax impact of their proposed budgets. Could additional cuts be made? Absolutely. For example, the community could direct the Select Board to eliminate the trash and recycling service and shift the responsibility to every family to take their own refuse to the Lebanon landfill. The community could also direct the School Board to reduce its budget knowing that any meaningful reduction would result in program and/or staffing changes. Remember that a one-dollar reduction in the tax rate would require a budget reduction of $542,261; without a doubt, that would change the level of service provided to the community. The right to make that choice is why we have Town and District meetings.

Town

PLAINFIELD TOWN BUDGET SUMMARY

BUDGET YEAR (December 31)	**2023 Budget**	**2024 Budget**	**Change $**	**%**
Operating Expenses	2,747,424	2,998,500	251,076	9.1%
Capital Reserves	312,500	325,000	12,500	4.0%
Other Warrant Articles	50,000	140,000	90,000	180 %
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**3,109,924**	**3,463,500**	**353,576**	**11.4%**
Non-Tax Revenue	(1,268,548)	(1,485,623)	(217,075	17.1%
PLAINFIELD PROPERTY TAX	**1,841,376**	**1,977,877**	**136,501**	**7.4%**

TAX YEAR	**2023**	**2024**	**Change $**	**%**
Town (Municipal) Tax Rate	**$ 3.46**	**$3.71**	**$0.25**	**7.3%**

Article 3 – Town Operating Budget $2,998,500 Tax impact: $2.94/1000

Recommendation: Support (Vote: 6-0)

Rationale: The Town's Operating Budget of $2,998,500 represents an increase of 9.1%. It reflects the impact of rising costs and staffing challenges, balanced against affordability for the town's taxpayers and the scope of services desired by the town. It does not include the cost of reserve funds.

The Select Board considered the addition of a Facilities Director or a Public Works Director position to assist with and plan for:

- Upgrades and maintenance of town infrastructure in the face of changing weather patterns
- Upgrades and maintenance of the new water department equipment and infrastructure
- Preventative maintenance of town facilities.
- Major equipment replacement cycles

Ultimately, instead of a new position, the Select Board included funding for a temporary, contracted position to assess the value of such positions. The Finance Committee supports this approach to addressing the Town's future needs.

Article 4 – Reserve Funds $325,000 Tax impact: $0.60/1000
Recommendation: Support (Vote: 6-0)

Rationale: Reserve funds effectively spread taxpayers' payments for capital projects over a period of years and often avoid the need for financing. The Town of Plainfield has successfully used reserve funds for most capital expenses.

- It is not clear that current fund contribution rates account for the rising cost of capital equipment purchases and construction needs.
- See Suggestions at the end of our report.

Article 5 – Water Dept. Equipment/Repair Fund -- $140,000 Tax Impact: None

Recommendation: Support (Vote: 6-0)

Rationale: The Plainfield Village Water District (PVWD) served the residents of the village of Plainfield. It has been disbanded as a separate corporation, and the Town of Plainfield has assumed responsibility for those services as a public utility. Existing PVWD funds were transferred to the Town; this article establishes a reserve fund and transfers those funds to it.

- This article establishes a fund for future expenditures related to the replacement and maintenance of water department equipment and infrastructure.
- The current operating costs of the water district will be completely funded by customer payments.
- It should be noted that future town financial contributions may well be necessary to maintain water district functions.

Article 6 – Solid Waste and Recycling – 5 year contract - $1.5 million in cumulative costs

Recommendation: No Position Taken

Rationale: ***The fundamental issue raised by this article is whether the Town should continue a town-wide collection program for solid waste and recycling.*** If the program continues, there is no alternative vendor to Cassella which leaves the Town with minimal negotiating power. Anyone participating in the program after this year will be required to use toters which will make pickup more efficient for Cassella and should improve service. Continuing with Cassella in the

next year will cost $328,810 with a Tax Impact: $0.61 per $1000**.** Community members must decide if the benefits of this service justify their continued

support.

Issues of Concern as discussed at Select Board meetings:

- Continuing town-wide collection has a significant impact on the Town's budget and taxes.
- Some community members may have difficulty managing the use of toters and/or the need to transport their refuse to Lebanon.
- Recycling is encouraged when it is easy. Lack of a collection program may result in less recycling.

Articles 7-10 – Tax Exemptions

Recommendation: Support (Vote: 6-0)

Rationale: The recent tax revaluation process increased the taxable value of properties in Plainfield by a significant amount. Although the tax rate was adjusted, the resulting increase in taxes was particularly impactful for families with limited resources. To compensate for these increases, the Select Board raised the maximum asset and income limits to qualify for an exemption and also raised the amount of the exemptions for qualified individuals and families.

- Collectively these property-value exemptions total approximately $1,600,000 which is deducted from the 'grand list' and thus increases the tax rate ~$.05 per $1000 ($22 for a $450k property).
- Providing support for individuals and families-in-need is a signature value in our community.

School

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL BUDGET SUMMARY

	2024	2025	Change	
SCHOOL YEAR (Ends June 30)	**Actual**	**Budget**	**$**	**%**
Operating Expenses	7,819,763	8,533,015	713,252	9.1%
New Teacher/Staff contracts	-	253,841	253,841	100.0%
Other Warrant Articles	70,000	70,000	-	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**7,889,763**	**8,856,856**	**967,093**	**12.3%**
Non-Tax Revenue	(2,170,985)	(2,208,508)	(37,523)	1.7%
PLAINFIELD PROPERTY TAX	**5,718,778**	**6,648,348**	**929,570**	**16.3%**

			Change	
TAX YEAR	**2023**	**2024**	**$**	**%**
School Tax Rate	**$10.56**	**$12.28**	**$1.72**	**16.3%**

SCHOOL TAX INCREASE BY HOME VALUE

			Change	
Home Value	**2023**	**2024**	**$**	**%**
$300,000	$3,168.00	$3,684.05	$ 516.05	16.3
$450,000	$4,752.00	$5,526.07	$ 774.07	16.3
$600,000	$6,336.00	$7,368.10	$ 1,032.10	16.3

Article 2 – School Operating Budget - $8,533,015

Recommendation: Support (Vote: 5-1)

Rationale: The School Operating Budget of $8,533,015 represents an increase of 9.1%. It does not include the year-one expenses from the negotiated agreements in Articles 3 & 4 or the reserve fund request in Article 5. In addition to inflation related adjustments, the primary sources of this increase are benefit costs, special education expenses and Lebanon tuition costs.

- Increases in benefit costs resulted from insurance program increases and employee elections.

- Special education increases include $90,000 for a new out-of-district placement.
- Lebanon tuition costs will increase $144,591 because of an increase in the number of Plainfield students attending Lebanon High School (LHS).
- At the 2023 District Meeting, the community (at the request of the School Board) ended a program which allowed the School Board to retain a portion of unexpended funds and returned the retained funds ($281,493) to taxpayers, effectively lowering the tax rate for the current year. However, returning those funds decreased the revenue available for the proposed budget by $226,032.

Finally, the School Board and Administration have worked hard to develop a budget which is consistent with its goals and the school's Strategic Plan. In addition, this budget reflects staffing and program decisions specifically designed to address the academic and social issues worsened by the pandemic which are still affecting Plainfield's children. The Finance Committee supports that effort.

Article 3 – Plainfield Education Association (PEA) 3-Year Contract

Recommendation: Support (Vote: 6-0)

Rationale: The three-year teacher contract provides yearly increases to the base salary of 5%, 3% and 3%. The estimated cost increases are $187,006 in 2024-25, $135,117 in 2025-26 and $135,540 in 2026-27. Although approval of this article applies to all three years, only the first year's expense will be included in the 2024-25 budget.

- The base salary increases in the current three-year contract averaged a little over 2% each year. During those same years the Consumer Price Inflation (CPI) increases averaged 5.6%. The current salary increases recognize that disparity.
- The salary adjustments in this contract maintain Plainfield's competitive position in the middle range of our cohort school districts which allows it to attract and retain qualified teachers.
- In addition, this agreement addresses the cost of benefits by increasing employee contributions 2% over the three years, reducing the hours of sick leave which can be accrued, and offering a 25% buyback for employees who decline school district insurance.

Article 4 – Plainfield Support Services Association (PSSA) Contract

Recommendation: Support (Vote: 6-0)

Rationale: The three-year support employee contract provides yearly increases to the base salary of 14%, 4% and 4% for paraeducators and 6%, 4%, 4% for other support staff positions. The estimated cost increases are $66,835 in 2024-25, $32,871 in 2025-26 and $35,348 in 2026-27. Although approval of this article applies to all three years, only the first year's expense will be included in the 2024-25 budget.

- As with the teacher contract above, the base salary increases recognize the disparity between the previous contract and the 5.6% average increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the last three years.
- The salary adjustments in this contract maintain Plainfield's competitive position in the middle range of our cohort school districts which allows it to attract and retain qualified staff.
- As with the teacher contract, this agreement addresses the cost of benefits by increasing employee contributions 2% over the three years, reducing the hours of sick leave which can be accrued, and offering a 25% buyback for employees who decline school district insurance.

Article 5 – Capital Reserve Fund - $75,000

Recommendation: Does not Support (Vote 1-5)

Rationale: As presented, a reserve fund for capital improvements to the Plainfield School building and grounds would be funded by $5,000 taken from unexpended reserves and $70,000 from taxes.

- Reserve funds effectively spread taxpayers' payments for capital projects over a period of years, and the finance committee supports their use. However, in the absence of approved Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) or a specific project that needs funding, this expense seems unnecessary in a tough budget year.

Articles – 7 & 8 Cooperation & Consolidation – No Direct Cost or Tax Impact

Recommendation: Because these programs have no financial impact this year, the Finance Committee has not taken a position on either of the articles.

Rationale: Plainfield and Cornish have been sharing staff and other resources for several years to control costs and increase efficiencies. This has benefited

both districts by making it easier to hire qualified staff for small programs, decreasing costs for professional development activities, and adding program flexibility.

- Exploring the possibility of creating a Cooperative School District which includes both Plainfield and Cornish is fiscally responsible in a time of shrinking enrollment and rising educational costs.
- Considering the possibility of consolidating Plainfield and Cornish middle school programs is also fiscally and educationally responsible.

Suggestions:

Capital Improvement Plans:
The purpose of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is to identify and schedule predictable needs for capital investments and purchases. Determining the useful life and replacement cost of major equipment and infrastructure and identifying future building maintenance needs allows the Town and School to schedule the necessary spending in a way that spreads the costs evenly over the years and avoids large variances in the tax rate. The fact that material, equipment, and labor costs are increasing significantly makes this planning function even more important. This is why we strongly recommend both the Town and the School implement comprehensive Capital Improvement Plans as the best way to manage major expenses and provide Town residents the information they need to make informed decisions about capital spending and budgets.

Strategic Planning:
While the Finance Committee supports the efforts of both the town and the school to include capital improvement planning in the budget process, the committee would urge the town as a whole to engage in more strategic planning. Given increases in inflation and living expenses, a concerning decrease in affordable housing for many in town, and long-term shifts in the town's demographics, this may be an appropriate time to consider an update to the town's Master Plan. Gaining insight into what residents really want the nature of Plainfield to look like should help town and school administrators better prepare and budget for the next decade.

Mike Sutherland, Chair

Meriden Village Water District
2023 Operator's Report

The Meriden Village Water District lost our "iron man" with the passing of long time MVWD Commissioner and Treasurer Don Garfield in February. Don first got involved with the MVWD shortly after the District was created. Don began as a Commissioner in 1974 and served in that capacity until he took over as Treasurer in 2011 and served in that role up until his death. 2024 would have marked 50 years of service by Don Garfield to the MVWD.

Don was instrumental in many of the MVWD projects over the years. Don helped to get the wastewater treatment facility built in the early 1980's. Don also helped to get the water storage tank built that greatly expanded fire protection in the village in 1989.

Don's experience as a mechanical engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers came in handy over the years in reviewing plans, drawings and specifications for major projects. In the later years as Treasurer Don set up the accounting for the District on Quickbooks and created spreadsheets to evaluate District finances as well as system user rate calculations.

Don will be missed greatly and his contributions to the MVWD over his many years of service will not be forgotten.

Following Don's passing, Jen Lenz agreed to serve as MVWD Treasurer. Jen brings with her a background in finances, accounting and bookkeeping from her years in that capacity with the Meriden Library. Jen has been learning the accounting and finances of the District since June and has agreed to put her name forth at the annual meeting in March to be officially elected to the position.

Several projects were completed during the year including hydrant painting, valve exercising and flushing. The water storage tank was inspected in May by a team of underwater divers. The tank is in very good condition, and several items were found that will need to be repaired or replaced in 2024.

The grant from the Northern Borders Regional Commission for the construction of the rapid infiltration basins at the WWTF was closed out in August. The grant brought over $400,000 to the District for upgrades at the WWTF.

The MVWD Commissioners meet the second Thursday of every month at the Meriden Fire Station.

Respectfully Submitted,

William S. Taylor, Certified Operator, Meriden Village Water District

Derek Gueldenzoph
Greg Castell
Bud Hill
Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SULLIVAN, SS **TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield in the said county of Sullivan in said State, who are legal voters residing in the Meriden Village Water District, and qualified to vote in said District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the MERIDEN FIRE STATION in said Meriden Village Water District on Tuesday the nineteenth day of March 2024 at 7:30 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 01.
To choose the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year, or otherwise as the by-laws direct:

1. A moderator for one year.
2. A clerk for one year.
3. A commissioner for three years.
4. A treasurer for one year.
5. An auditor for one year.
6. Such other officers and agents as the voters may judge necessary for the managing of the District's affairs, or as may be directed by law to be chosen.

ARTICLE 02. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system facilities and equipment, pursuant to RSA35:1, with funds to come from user charges. The commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 03. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to be added to the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with funds to come from user charges. The commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 04. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $298,970 for general district operations, with $259,600 to come from user charges, and $39,370 to come from unassigned fund balance. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual warrant articles addressed separately. The commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 05. To see what action the District will take with regard to the reports of the District officers.

ARTICLE 06. To see what action the District will take with regard to water and sewer user charges.

ARTICLE 07. To enact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this eighth day of February, 2024.

A true copy attest:

Derek Gueldenzoph
Greg Castell
Bud Hill
Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

To the Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

SUBJECT: 2023 Audit Findings

Gentlemen:
I have reviewed the MVWD Treasurer's 2023 financial records, per RSA 41:31a and 41:31d, and find these records to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Michael Urnezis, Auditor Meriden Village Water District 01/26/24

Meriden Village Water District
Water Department Balance Sheet as of 12/31/23

Assets:	
Checking account balance	$81,740.15
Undeposited funds	$0.00
Capital Reserve Fund	$42,768.89
Accounts due District: Water charges due	$1,696.00
Total Assets	$126,205.04
Liabilities:	
Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	$42,768.89
Total Liabilities	$42,768.89
Fund Balance- Current Surplus	$83,436.15
Grand Total	$126,205.04
Principal Balance Long Term Debt:	
State of NH Revolving Fund	$124,663.61
Mascoma Savings Bank	$192,863.42

Sewer Department
Balance Sheet as of 12/31/23

Assets:	
Checking account balance	$80,169.52
Undeposited funds	$0.00
Capital Reserve Fund	$68,025.57
Accounts due District: Sewer charges due	$2,295.00
Total Assets	$150,490.09
Liabilities:	
Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	$68,025.57
Total Liabilities	$68,025.57
Fund Balance- Current Surplus	$82,464.52
Grand Total	$150,490.09
Principal Balance Long Term Debt:	
State of NH Revolving Fund	$63,917.29

MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Income	**Budget 2022**	**Actual 2022**	**Budget 2023**	**Actual 2023**	**Budget 2024**
Water Rents	$105,000	$105,266	$105,000	$117,680	$123,000
Hook-Ups	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Hydrant Rentals	$3,600	$3,600	$3,600	$3,600	$3,600
Interest	$0	$32	$0	$29	$0
Finance charges	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
From Capital Reserve	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Transfer From Sewer	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
From Surplus	$29,090	$0	$42,010	$20,421	$23,650
Other Income					
Total Income	$137,690	$108,898	$150,610	$141,729	$150,250

Expenses	**Budget 2022**	**Actual 2022**	**Budget 2023**	**Actual 2023**	**Budget 2024**
Office	$1,200	$1,253	$1,200	$1,563	$1,200
Legal	$200	$0	$200	$0	$200
Electricity	$4,000	$5,172	$5,500	$9,611	$6,500
Insurance	$7,000	$10,630	$8,500	$100	$6,800
Maintenance	$20,000	$9,831	$20,000	$20,383	$20,000
Telephone	$450	$397	$450	$0	$450
Wages	$15,000	$5,243	$15,000	$17,247	$18,400
Retirement	$3,000	$2,938	$3,000	$2,273	$2,300
Interest on debt	$14,470	$9,773	$9,900	$8,487	$9,900
Principal on debt	$48,010	$37,627	$55,000	$53,964	$53,000
Supplies	$2,000	$0	$2,000	$0	$2,000
Vehicle	$360	$0	$360	$0	$0
Water Analysis	$2,000	$4,135	$4,500	$3,100	$4,500
Special Projects					
Water Main	$15,000	$7,690	$0	$0	$0
Capital Reserve	$5,000	$5,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Total Expenses	$137,690	$99,688	$150,610	$141,729	$150,250

MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Income	**Budget 2022**	**Actual 2022**	**Budget 2023**	**Actual 2023**	**Budget 2024**
Sewer Charges	$150,000	$152,718	$150,000	$155,302	$158,000
Hook-Ups	$0	$1,500	$0	$3,000	$0
Interest	$0	$28	$0	$20	$0
Finance charges	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
From Capital Reserve	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Xfer from Water	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
From Surplus	$33,570	$64,591	$16,610	$0	$15,720
Solar Energy Generation	$5,000	$4,846	$5,000	$3,722	$5,000
Other Income	$168,240	$121,568	$0	$46,769	$0
Total Income	$356,810	$345,251	$171,610	$208,813	$178,720

Expenses	**Budget 2022**	**Actual 2022**	**Budget 2023**	**Actual 2023**	**Budget 2024**
Office	$1,200	$1,043	$1,200	$1,581	$1,200
Legal	$200	$0	$200	$163	$200
Electricity	$9,500	$7,978	$9,500	$7,123	$9,500
Insurance	$27,300	$24,373	$31,400	$29,986	$30,460
Maintenance	$20,000	$28,994	$20,000	$5,873	$20,000
Telephone	$1,400	$1,324	$1,400	$1,625	$1,400
Wages	$42,000	$49,482	$48,000	$46,257	$59,200
FICA, Medicare	$4,200	$4,157	$4,650	$4,858	$5,750
Retirement	$8,550	$8,775	$9,000	$10,381	$7,000
Interest on debt	$3,400	$3,344	$3,400	$2,787	$2,230
Principal on debt	$15,980	$15,979	$15,980	$15,979	$15,980
Supplies	$2,000	$445	$2,000	$2,157	$2,000
Effluent Testing	$2,200	$1,375	$1,300	$1,330	$1,300
Vehicle	$1,080	$0	$1,080	$0	$0
Capital Reserve	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Grd. Wtr. Monitoring	$2,500	$8,314	$7,500	$6,195	$7,500
Special Projects					
RIB Project	$210,300	$184,669	$0	$24,701	$0
I & I Project	$0	$0	$10,000	$0	$10,000
Total Expenses	$356,810	$345,251	$171,610	$165,994	$178,720

MINUTES
MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 21, 2023

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Meriden Village Water District, in the town of Plainfield, County of Sullivan, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs, held at the Meriden Fire Station on Tuesday the twenty-first of March 2023 at 7:30pm., the business was disposed of the following manner:

The Annual Meeting of the Meriden Village Water District was called to order by Moderator Stephen Taylor.

ARTICLE 01. The following resolution was offered, and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:
RESOLVED: That the following slate of District officers be elected:

Moderator for one year: Stephen Taylor
Clerk for one year: Sarah Prescott
Commissioner for three years: Greg Castell
Treasurer for one year: OPEN
Auditor for one year: OPEN

The vote was unanimous in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the individuals were elected.

ARTICLE 02. The following resolution was offered, and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:
RESOLVED: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system, pursuant to RSA35:1, with funds to come from user charges.
It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

ARTICLE 03. The following resolution was offered, and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:
RESOLVED: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to be added to the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with funds to come from user charges.
It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

ARTICLE 04. The following resolution was offered, and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:
RESOLVED: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of $292,220 for general district operations, with $245,610 to come from user charges, and $46,610 to come from unassigned fund balance. Said sum does not include special or individual warrant articles addressed separately.
It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

ARTICLE 05. The following resolution was offered, and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the reports of District officers as printed in the Town of Plainfield 2022 Town Report be approved, and that a correct copy be placed on file with the District Clerk.
It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

ARTICLE 06. The following resolution was offered, and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:
RESOLVED:

1. That District charges for sewer service to Kimball Union Academy be reduced from $9,980 per month to $9,625 per month.
2. That District charges for water service to Kimball Union Academy be increased from $6,610 per month to $7,215 per month.
3. That District charges for sewer service to Plainfield Elementary School be increased from $550 per month to $560 per month.
4. That the district charges for residential sewer service be increased from $120 per quarter to $145 per quarter.
5. That District charges for residential water service be increased from $95 per quarter to $120 per quarter.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

ARTICLE 07. Brought to the board by William Taylor, Operator of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, recognized Donald Garfield. Donald Garfield gave decades of service to the Meriden Village Water District as Treasurer and will be deeply missed after his passing on February 17, 2023.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Posting of Warrant and Budget were in accordance with the law.

Sarah Prescott**, District Clerk**

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
Commissioners' Annual Report

After discussion with the Plainfield Selectmen and our auditor from the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration, we added an article to the Meeting Warrant to ask whether the District should be dissolved. By statute, all of the District's assets and liabilities would revert to the Town of Plainfield. The commissioners and Selectmen sent notices to District residents, but meeting turnout was still sparse. The dissolution motion passed without opposition. We began to work with the Selectmen to plan for a smooth transition at the end of 2023. The budget contained money to allow for necessary legal work. The 2023 financials show a significant boost in revenue, the result of successful collection on a substantial number of overdue accounts.

Our arsenic treatment worked pretty well over the course of the year, though by December it became clear that our hope of it operating with only casual maintenance was not going to be fulfilled. In addition the well field and treatment house were hit with a windstorm in June, doing minor damage to some facilities.

The District has operated for half of a century, in the hands of Commissioners, Treasurers, Clerks and other officers, and the hands of dedicated operators. We hope that the foundation we laid for water service in the Village will continue to support the residents far in the future.

The Commissioners,
Robert Drye
Brad Atwater
Ron Bailey

Minutes of Plainfield Village Water District Annual Meeting

March 25, 2023

In attendance were Commissioners Robert Drye, Brad Atwater, Ron Bailey, Moderator Jeff Moore, and Clerk Virginia Drye.

Moderator Jeff Moore opened the meeting at 9:12 am, at the Phillip Read Library, declaring the warrant and MS-636 had been posted as required. Mr. Moore then took up the warrant. Robert Drye moved to dispense with the reading of the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Brad Atwater, and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Moore read Article I. Robert Drye made a motion and Brad Atwater seconded under Article I:

Article I. Resolved, that the District choose the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year or otherwise.

1. A moderator for one year.
2. A clerk for one year.
3. A commissioner for three years.
4. A treasurer for one year.
5. An auditor for one year.

Brad Atwater made the nomination of the following slate:

Jeff Moore moderator for one year.

Virginia Drye clerk for one year.

Robert Drye commissioner for three years.

Benjamin Drye treasurer for one year.

Beverly Widger auditor for one year.

Brad Atwater moved, and Ron Bailey seconded the motion. The voted was in the affirmative on a vote of 11-0.

Mr. Moore proceeded to the reading of Article II. Robert Drye made a motion under Article II:

Article II. Resolved, to see what action the district will take with regard to the reports of the district officers.

Robert Drye made the following motion under Article II:

Resolved, that the reports of the officers of the District as reported in the 2022 Plainfield Town Report on pages 97-103, along with a copy of the revised Warrant, be accepted and filed with the Town of Plainfield.

Ron Bailey seconded. Approved by voice vote.

Mr. Moore proceeded to the reading of Article III. Robert Drye made a motion under Article III:

Article III. To see if the village district will vote to raise an appropriate the sum of $36,140 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Robert. Drye made the following motion under Article III:

Resolved, that the village district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $36,090 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

The motion was seconded by Ron Bailey, and voted by ballot Yes 11, No 0.

Mr. Moore declared the motion passed.

Mr. Moore proceeded to the reading of Article IV.

Article IV. To see if the village district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be added to the System Maintenance Fund previously established. Tis sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Brad Atwater made the following motion under Article IV:

Resolved, that the village district vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be added to the System Maintenance Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Ron Lewis seconded. Voted by ballot. Yes 11, No 0

Article V. To see if the District will vote to dissolve effective December 31, 2023 pursuant to RSA 52:21, (Two thirds vote required for passage.) (The commissioners recommend this article.)

Robert Drye made the following motion under Article V:

Resolved, that the District vote to dissolve effective Dec 31, 2023 pursuant to RSA 52:21.

The motion was seconded by Brad Atwater, voted by ballot Yes 11, No 0.

Article VI. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Moderator Jeff Moore made several comments reflecting on the long service of the Commissioners and other officers over the life of the District.

Officers were sworn in by Moderator Jeff Moore.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Atwater, seconded byt Ronald Bailey, and voted in the affirmative on a voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.



Virginia Drye

Plainfield Village Water District Clerk

Minutes of Plainfield Village Water District Special Meeting

Sept 30, 2023

In attendance were Commissioners Robert Drye, Brad Atwater, Ron Bailey, Moderator Jeff Moore, and Clerk Virginia Drye.

Moderator Jeff Moore opened the meeting at 9:05 am, at the Phillip Read Library, declaring the warrant had been posted and advertised as required.

Mr. Moore read Article I. Robert Drye made a motion and Brad Atwater seconded under Article I:

> **Article I.** Resolved, that the District shall, upon its dissolution, convey all of its corporate property to the Town of Plainfield, New Hampshire.

Ronald Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was taken by tear-off ballot. & for, 0 against.
Moderator Jeff. Moore declared the motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Drye, seconded by Ronald Bailey, and voted in the affirmative on a voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 am.



Virginia Drye

Plainfield Village Water District Clerk

Plainfield Village Water District
Statement of Cash Flow for the year 2023

Opening Cash position	$96,732
Water Rent	$38,894
Other Income	$242
Total Income	**$39,136**
Admin Expenses	$18,393
Operations	$24,449
Bond Debt - Principal Reduction	$0
Bond Debt – Interest	$0
TAN notes – interest	$0
Total operating disbursements	**$42,841**
Capital Projects	$6,552
Transfers to Trust Funds	
System Maintenance Fund	$0
Transfers from Trust Funds	
System Maintenance Fund	$0
Net cash flow before TAN borrowings	
	-
Net TAN borrowings	$10,257
	$0
	-
Net change in cash balance	**$10,257**
Ending Cash position	**$86,475**

As part of the water district dissolution process, in early 2024 the Plainfield Village Water District turned over the following to the Select Board:

Check book cash	$93,993.23
Capital Reserve Fund	$60,655.99

Funds not needed to set up the Water District as a town department will, through action of the 2024 town meeting, be placed in a town capital reserve fund to benefit the water department.

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE DISTRICT
2023 BUDGET OUTCOME

	2023 Proposed	2023 Actual
General Government		
Executive	$1,290	$1,580
Financial Administration		
Legal Expense	$2,500	$8,764
Personnel Administration		
Insurance	$1,200	$982
Advertising & Regional Assoc.		
Other General Government	$2,500	$7,067
Water Distribution and Treatment		
Water Services	$16,500	$21,712
Water Treatment	$3,600	$2,736
Debt Service		
Princ. Log Term Bonds & Notes	$0	$0
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	$0	$0
Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		
Capital Outlay		
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		
Buildings	$3,000	$0
Improvements other than Bldgs	$5,500	$6,552
Operating Budget Subtotal	**$36,090**	**$49,393**
Individual Warrant Articles		
Improvements other than Bldgs		
To Capital Reserve Fund	$10,000	$10,000
SOURCE OF REVENUE		
Other	$0	$0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		
Water Supply System Charges	$46,080	$38,894
Miscellaneous Revenues		
Interest on Investments	$10	$242
From Capital Reserve Funds		
Amounts voted from Fund Balance	$10,000	$0
Total Estimated Revenue and Credits	**$56,090**	**$39,136**

MARRIAGES-2023

DATE	APPLICANTS	RESIDENCE	TOWN OF ISSUANCE	TOWN OF MARRIAGE
01/03/2023	Celaya Jr, Pedro Tassinari, Anna	Hanover Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
01/04/2023	Daniels, Guy Regione, Claudia	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
05/18/2023	Moodie, Shane Knight, Karen	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
06/03/2023	Ouellette, Dennis Smith, Kristina	Meriden Meriden	Plainfield	Andover
6/17/2023	York, Michael JR Herbert, Gillian Tess	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Cornish
6/25/2023	Gilbert, Ezra Michael Drye, Anne Meredith	Lebanon Plainfield	Plainfield	Hanover
7/29/2023	Taylor, John Donald Prescott, Sarah Michelle	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
11/16/2023	Contreras, Favian Nolan Kilfoyle, Emma Frances	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
12/22/2023	Forman, Noah David Keon, Michelle Evelyn	Plainfield Newark, Vermont	Plainfield	Plainfield

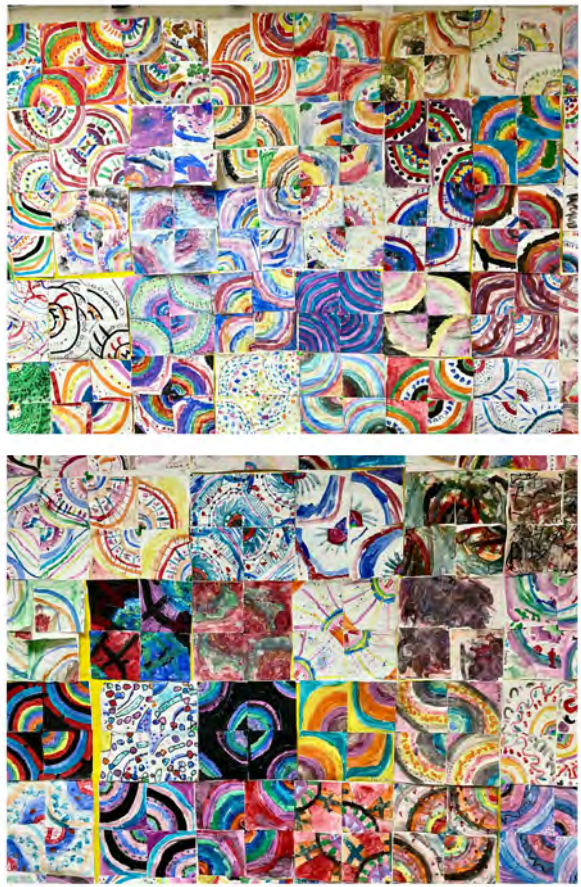
BIRTHS-2023

D.O.B.	NAME	PLACE	FATHER	MOTHER
05/02/2023	Perry, Clara Lyn	Lebanon	Perry, Jared	Perry, Morgan
05/21/2023	Powell, Owen James	Lebanon	Powell, Austin	Powell, Lillian
06/01/2023	Gattie, Declan Kevin	Lebanon	Gattie, Brian	Gattie, Emily
06/21/2023	Rogers, Lainey Lee	Lebanon	Rogers, Quentin	Hadlock, Aimee
06/22/2023	Rzemien, Samuel Alexander	Lebanon		Rzemien, Kristen
07/07/2023	Celaya, Camila Grace	Lebanon	Celaya Jr, Pedro	Tassinari, Anna
07/24/2023	Cantlin, Sora Laine	Lebanon	Cantlin, Cody	Lebrun, Jami-Lynn
08/20/2023	Leach Alvarez, Julia	Lebanon	Leach, Abraham	Alvarez Utrera, Maria Cintia
09/05/2023	Jozwiak, Rose Marie	Lebanon	Jozwiak, Christopher	Jozwiak, Kayla Rose
10/02/2023	Taylor, Sandra Stone	Concord	Taylor, Jeffrey	Taylor, Madison
10/03/2023	Rondeau, Genevieve Rose	Lebanon	Rondeau, Dorian	Rondeau, Alyssa
10/06/2023	Cummings, Sadie Katherine	Lebanon	Cummings, Colby	Cummings, Megan
10/27/2023	Harris, Theodore Michael	Lebanon	Harris, Bryant	Macleod, Jessica
11/14/2023	Eleanor Gene Marsh	Lebanon	Marsh, Travis	Marsh, Avery

DEATHS 2023

Date	Name	Place	Father	Mother
01/17/2023	Gillens, Gordon A	Plainfield	Gillens, Sherman	Eastman, Avis
01/29/2023	Clark, Nina L	Lebanon	Dickinson, Carroll	Lambert, Bernice
02/02/2023	Temple, Maurice R	Lebanon	Temple, Robert	Labounty, Pauline
02/03/2023	Comai, Roudolf R	Meriden	Comai, Rizieri	Jarvis, Mary
02/03/2023	Kelley, Russell E	Lebanon	Kelly Jr, Willis	Woods, Elsie
02/17/2023	Garfield, Donald E	Meriden	Garfield, Louis	Peterson, Agnes
02/17/2023	Tracy, Anne	Lebanon	Tracy, Stephen	Lougee, Dorothy
03/10/2023	Wheeler, Ruth Ann	Plainfield	Jerome, Edward	Lynch, Leola
03/18/2023	Bailey, Robin R	Lebanon	Bunker, Frederick	Colonese, Emily
04/18/2023	Chase, Pauline M	Lebanon	Labounty, Nelson	Trembly, Beatrice
04/21/2023	Sweet, Esther Mary	Plainfield	Dickerson, Herbert	Bacon, Frances
05/30/2023	Springer, Charles L	Plainfield	Springer, Layton	Angle, Joanne
06/07/2023	Cannon, Edna J	Lebanon	Keeley, Bernard	Kelly, Edna
07/17/2023	Marx-Wood, Cynthia	Lebanon	Marx, Paul	Rowe, Natille
08/03/2023	Watkins, Frances	Lebanon	Baker, Milton	Chapman, Gladys
08/28/2023	McNamara Jr, John H	Plainfield	McNamara Sr, John	Ferland, Doris
09/14/2023	Dupree, Wayne Roger	Lebanon	Dupree, Paul	Dennis, Menta
10/13/2023	Stygles, Durwood Gordon	WRJ, VT	Stygles, Norris G	Stott, Esther W.
10/22/2023	Coli, Waltraud Berger	Plainfield	Berger, Herman	Deegan, Herta
11/25/2023	Alden, Katherin Jean	Plainfield	Alden, Donald	Blackwelder, Margery
12/02/2023	Lee, Patricia Thomas	Plainfield	Lee, Richard	Gannon, Mary
12/05/2023	Hallam, Philip	Mass	Hallam Sr. Phillip	Hallam, Phyllis
12/17/2023	Stockwell, Bette L	Lebanon	Laclair, Arthur	West, Esther

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
2023



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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR
Daniel Cassedy

DISTRICT CLERK
Melinda Russo

TREASURER
Jeffrey Moore

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Jenny Ramsey, Board Chair
(Term expires 2025)

Andrew Martin
(Term expires 2025)

*Chris Forman
(Term expires 2026)

Norm Berman
(Term expires 2024)

Jordan Green
(Term expires 2024)

*Jennifer Rybeck-Houde appointed to fill term through 2024

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PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
Audra Bucklin

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CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Dr. Sydney Leggett

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
Amy Dressler

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
Beth Bierwirth

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sullivan, ss: **School District of Plainfield**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Plainfield, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield, New Hampshire, on Saturday the sixteenth day of March, 2024, at 9 a.m. to act on the following subjects.

Article I. To hear reports of agents, committees, and other officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Article II. To see if the Plainfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of $8,533,015 {Eight million, five hundred thousand thirty three, and fifteen dollars} for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board (Majority vote required)

Article III. To see if the Plainfield School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Educators Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:
Fiscal Year Estimated Increase 2024-25: $187,006
Fiscal Year Estimated Increase 2025-26: $135,117
Fiscal Year Estimated Increase 2026-27: $135,540
and further to raise and appropriate $187,006 {One hundred eighty seven thousand, and six dollars} for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board (Majority vote required)

Article IV. To see if the Plainfield School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Support Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:
Fiscal Year Estimated Increase 2024-25: $66,835

Fiscal Year Estimated Increase 2025-26: $32,871
Fiscal Year Estimated Increase 2026-27: $35,348
and further to raise and appropriate $66,835 {Sixty-six thousand eight hundred thirty five dollars} for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board (Majority vote required)

Article V. Shall the Plainfield School District, if Warrant Article III or IV is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article II or III cost items only. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board (Majority vote required)

Article VI. To see if the Plainfield School District will vote to establish a Plainfield School Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding capital improvements to the Plainfield School building and grounds and to appropriate the sum of $75,000 to be placed in this fund, $5,000 from 2024 unassigned fund balance, $70,000 to be raised through taxation. Further, to name the Plainfield School Board as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board (Majority vote required)

Article VII. To see if the Plainfield School District will vote to create a Cooperative School District Planning Committee pursuant to RSA 195:18, I (a) which will collaborate with the Cornish School District on a Cooperative School Board Planning Committee. There is no appropriation required by this Article. . Recommended by the Plainfield School Board (Majority vote required)

Article VIII. To see if the Plainfield School District will vote to create a Middle School Consolidation Study Committee to study the feasibility and advisability of jointly serving the needs of the Districts students with the students of the Cornish School District in grades 6-8, including the possibility of consolidating students into one school, and further to submit a report or reports of its findings and recommendations to the Plainfield School Board. (Majority vote required)

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sullivan, ss: **School District of Plainfield**

Article IX. To see if the District will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield residents to advise the School Board in the area of the School District Budget. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board

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

(NOTE: Election of School District officials will take place at the same time and place as election of town officials on March 12, 2024).

Given under our hands at said Plainfield this 23rd day of January, 2024.

A True Copy Attest:

Jenny Ramsey School Board Chair
Jordan Green, School Board Vice Chair
Norm Berman, School Board Member
Andrew Martin, School Board Member
Jennifer Rybeck-Houde, School Board Member
Plainfield School Board



Luke Decker
5th
Model Magic Sculpture
My Avatar

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To the inhabitants of the School District of Plainfield, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield, New Hampshire on Tuesday the twelfth of March 2024 at 8:00 a.m. to act on the following subjects:

Article I: To choose by ballot a Moderator, a School District Clerk and a Treasurer each for a one-year term; two School Board Members for a three-year term and one School Board Member for a two-year term. (Polls will open at 8 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.)

NOTE: All other school district business will be considered at the School District meeting to be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 9 a.m. at the Plainfield Elementary School.

Given unto our hands at said Plainfield this 23rd day of January 2024.

A True Copy Attest:

Jenny Ramsey, Chair
Jordan Green, Vice Chair
Norm Berman
Andrew Martin
Jennifer Rybeck-Houde
Plainfield School Board



Jace Buckwold
7th
Painted Earthenware Sculpture

Moderator, Paul Franklin opened the meeting and Steve Halleran moved to dispense the warrants. Meeting commenced with First Article.

Article 1: To Hear Reports
Motion: Jenny Ramsey, Second, Jordy Green
No discussion. Motion passed

Article 2: Plainfield School Operating Budget : To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of $7,819,763 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district and tc authorize the application against appropriations of such sums as are estimated to be received from state and federal governments, together with other income, the balance to be raised by taxation by the School District. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board.

Motion: Jenny Ramsey, Second, Jordy Green
Presentation delivered by Jenny Ramsey and Jordy Green.
Discussion ensued
Vote: Yes: 86 No: 20
Motion passed

Article 3: Discontinue Retained FB: To see if the school district will vote to discontinue the practice of retaining year-end unassigned general fund balance as described in RSA 198:4-B, II. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board.

Motion: Chris Forman, Second, Norm Berman
Discussion ensued
Vote: Yes: 88 No: 20
Motion passed

Article 4: State/Federal Revenues and Emergencies ETF: To see if the school district will vote to establish a Revenue Expendable Trust per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of budgeting for unanticipated fluctuations in state and/or federal revenues and emergencies, and to fund this trust with $5,000 from unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2023; no amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board.

Motion: Chris Forman, Second, Norm Berman
Discussion ensued
Vote: Yes: 86 No: 18



Ava Newton
1st Grade
Multimedia Poppy

*Chris Forman awarded PES student, Lucas Rodriguez the Sutherland Civics Award.

Article 5: Fund Revenue ETF: If Article 4 passes, to see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be placed in the Revenue Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of budgeting for unanticipated fluctuations in state and/or federal revenues and emergencies. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board.

Motion: Chris Forman, Second, Norm Berman
Vote: Yes: 82 No: 21

*Norm Berman made presentation regarding anonymous $1,000,000 donor to specifically be used to build on to the school. This has a 2:1 match requirement. Talks are only in the formative stage and the presentation was to inform the public of its potential

Article 6: Install New Flooring: To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $45.000 for the purpose of replacing sections of PES building flooring with the Epoxy Urethane surface. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board.

Motion: Andrew Martin, Second, Norm Berman
Discussion ensued
Vote: Yes: 90 No: 14

*Recognition of service: Paul Franklin recognized for his 12 years of service as Town Moderator Jennifer Rybeck Houde for 3 years as School Clerk

Article 7: Appoint Finance Committee: To see if the District will instruct the Moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield residents to advise the School Board in the area of the School District Budget. The School Board recommends this action.

Motion: Chris Forman, Second, Jordy Green
Voice vote, Ays have it

Motion to adjourn School District Meeting:
Motion: Ron Keene, Second, Margaret Drye

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rybeck Houde



Mallory Whitaker
5th
Model Magic Sculpture

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES
ELECTION MEETING-MARCH 7, 2023

The election of School District officials took place at the same time and place as the election of Town officials on Tuesday March 7, 2023. Moderator Paul Franklin declared the meeting open at 8:00 AM and read the School District Warrant and certification of posting provided by the School District Clerk. The ballot boxes were determined empty.

The polls closed at 7:00 PM. Moderator Paul Franklin made the motion to adjourn the School Election and was seconded by Stephen Halleran. Moderator Paul Franklin closed the meeting at 8 PM.

ARTICLE 1: Balloting results were as follows:

For School Board (3 year):

Christian Forman 96

ELECTED: Christian Forman

For School District Moderator (1 year)

Daniel Cassedy 97

ELECTED: DANIEL CASSEDY

For School District Clerk (1 year):

Melinda Russo 97

ELECTED MELINDA RUSSO

Clairette Bretton
8th grade
Marker / Collage



For School District Treasurer (1 year):

Jeffrey Moore 99

ELECTED: JEFFREY MOORE

Respectively Submitted,

Jennifer Rybeck Houde



Chase Goodwin
3rd Grade
1 pt Perspective watercolor & Marker



Olivia Rogers
3rd Grade
1 pt Perspective watercolor & Marker

Superintendent Report

To the Plainfield Community,

It is with great honor that I share this annual report with all of you concerning the Plainfield School District. This past year has seen a lot of hard work and careful thought as the District works diligently to foster improvement in achievement and return to stability. Several critical committees have been formed in order to provide the opportunity for multiple voices from the school community to participate in these positive changes.

Learning:

This year's focus has been on early literacy, data analysis, and early intervention. Almost all staff members participated in statewide professional development for early literacy, and we have aligned our programming to ensure that critical reading skills are the focus of instruction and intervention scheduling. Our teachers and paraeducators have worked diligently to ensure that we analyze data regularly and target interventions for whole classes, small groups, and individual students so everyone receives the personalized instruction they need. Our internal assessments thus far have shown that these measures are resulting in reading improvement. As all of these systemic pieces come together, the same measures and focus will be our next step in the area of mathematics.

One of the most significant sources for these systemic changes has been our shared Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (CIA). The addition of this position has afforded us multiple opportunities to develop consistency, alignment, coordination and collaboration among staff, grade levels, inter- and intra-district resources, and truly set the stage for our long-term improvement. This has included not only data review structures, but also the foundations of coordinated curriculum articulation and common assessments for our student competencies. As small districts usually cannot afford this position, we're fortunate to have Cornish and Grantham collaborate with us and share this resource, which is truly what makes it possible.

One of the major projects this year, led by Mrs. Bucklin and the Professional Development Committee, was the revision of our Professional Development Master Plan. Through this document, our staff has clear direction for expectations, professional growth, collaboration, and support in order to ensure they all have the resources needed to provide the best instruction possible for students.

Finance:

In addition to our usual budget process, this year the Board negotiated two new Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs) with the Plainfield Educators Association and the Plainfield Support Staff Association. These negotiations balance the need to attract

and retain the best staff for our students while simultaneously considering the impact on our local community. As we all know, inflation has had an impact on all costs over the past three years (the time since the last contract negotiations) and that unemployment is particularly low in our area, causing hourly wages to rise. The Board and CBA representatives had in-depth discussions about ensuring the outcome of negotiations produces the optimal balance of these two needs – and in every discussion, students are at the center.

The main drivers of this year's proposed budget increase are tuition, insurance costs, and special education. Together, those costs make up more than the total increase, meaning that we reduced other areas already to compensate for these rising costs.

School finances are another area where we are seeking to find stability, though that is not always the case with fluctuating revenues and expenses. The proposed operating expenses this year are 9%, and we had a decrease in local revenues at the same time. Meaning that our expenses are not in step with rising costs, resulting in a tax rate increase of 12.18%. This, and the lack of/inequitable state funding, is why the impact on local taxpayers continues to be problematic, especially in small towns. I can assure you the administration and Board does everything possible to ameliorate these impacts, though not at the expense of providing the basic needs of our students.

One critical step the Board is taking is to ask taxpayers to approve a Study Committee for the potential of a Cooperative School District with Cornish. It's important to note that approval of this Study Committee does not necessarily mean that the Districts will become a cooperative, but legally voters need to approve the study for such a change. While there are potential benefits to students and certainly areas for more efficiency in operations, there would likely also be financial benefits to both communities. Given the impact on small towns, this is, in my opinion, worth investigating.

Committee Work:

Middle School Study Committee:

Another warrant article this year will ask the community to approve an official Study Committee to continue researching the possibility of combining middle school students in grades 6-8 between Cornish and Plainfield. As with the Cooperative Study Committee, approval of this study does not indicate that it will happen – simply that the community is interested in investigating this possibility in greater detail.

The Middle School Study Committee received strong feedback from the Plainfield community survey about this possibility, citing that most areas of middle school instruction, social emotional factors, and co-curricular opportunities would be improved

by having a larger student population. This could be another benefit to both communities and provide more opportunities for students in a well designed middle school model.

Should this middle school model come to fruition, the current gift from a local donor would be leveraged to add the facilities space needed to accommodate the additional students.

Capital Facilities Planning Committee:
This year, the Capital Facilities Planning Committee had the significant task of revisiting prior work, assessing current needs, and soliciting information from the school community about future work. All of this culminated in a memo to the Board about building and grounds priorities and timelines which will help to inform future decision making.

The survey results indicated needs and priorities, and it was great to see that the majority of respondents feel that the school building and grounds are meeting our school community's needs. The grounds were seen as a particular asset to the community, and the building was not far behind, though there are a few indicated areas for improvement.

This committee will continue on its path with short- and long-term planning to ensure that the district continues – as history has shown – to maintain the facilities and grounds as the assets they are to our town.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee:
This committee continued and streamlined its work this year by focusing on training, community opportunities, educational materials, and student/parent/staff feedback.

The committee completed its own training in DEI work in order to come from a unified place and vision for the school. Such work has resulted in ensuring that our school resources contribute to a sense of student belonging and that we create opportunities to celebrate our local diversity in ways that involve the entire school community and town. We are once again happy to look at the Quaglia survey, which is completed by students, staff, and parents/guardians, to target student belonging and to focus on student voice in all aspects of their education. We know that the key to success in academics most often lies with a strong foundation of social-emotional security, and the information we get from this survey will help our staff make sure we're doing all we can.

Looking Ahead to 24-25:

First, I would like to thank the incredible educators at Plainfield School. Each day, they arrive with a commitment and dedication to the children of this community and do whatever is needed to lay a path for student success.

I'd like to thank our administrative team, including the SAU leadership and Ms. Bucklin. Their knowledge of and commitment to the school and community continually inform critical decisions this year, and we wouldn't be able to move forward without them. As a reminder, all SAU staff are shared with Cornish, so this group of administrators does an incredible job of going above and beyond for both districts, creating efficiency wherever possible.

Last and certainly not least, I'd like to thank the Plainfield School Board, whose tireless efforts at processing past and present information – and then combining that with future goals – has led to the development of the current budget proposal and several other study initiatives. The work that's being done now is complex and at the same time inspiring as we can look at defining the most sustainable and successful operational models in our district.

Thank you to all in the Plainfield community for giving me the opportunity to work with all of you for another year. You are a community dedicated to kids, learning, well-being, and the future. Your thoughts and input into all we do here at the school helps us all to move forward.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sydney Leggett
Superintendent



Warren Ramsey
7th
Glazed Earthenware Clay

Principal Report

Dear Plainfield Community,

I am pleased to share this annual update on the health and direction of Plainfield Elementary School. Updates are presented in relation to four key indicators - staffing, enrollment, student performance, and programs.

STAFFING

As mentioned in last year's report, consistency is critical to a school's ability to implement programs and improve student performance over time. We are pleased to report we had half the teacher turnover this year as compared to 22 to 23.

- Angela Smith replaced Viki Bridge who retired as our librarian.
- Jenny Smith replaced Heather Heinz as our Physical Education and Health teacher.
- Annemarie Stout replaced Haley Evans as an elementary teacher.

In addition, we welcome the following support staff to PES:

- Katie Lowery, Executive Assistant to the Principal
- Amanda Jewell, School Secretary
- Viki Bridge, Grade 2 Paraprofessional
- Heather Ball, PreK Paraprofessional
- Natalie Strout. Grade 5 Paraprofessional
- Taylor LaPlaca Grade 1 Paraprofessional

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ENROLLMENT

Despite a smaller than anticipated kindergarten, we welcomed a number of new students to PES and are standing at 200 students. We don't anticipate significant change to this demographic for the 24-25 school year.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

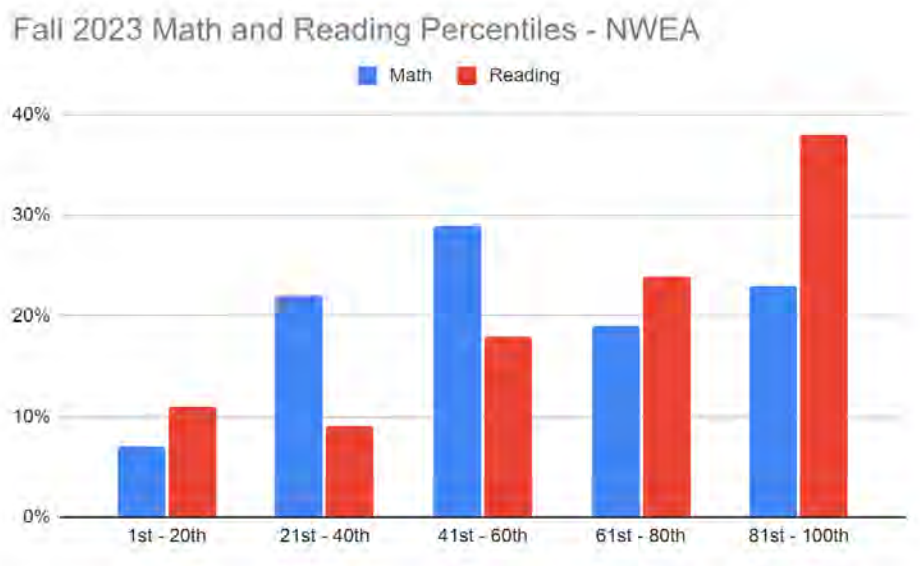
Student performance is our top priority and is monitored through:

- Benchmark testing - all students - three times per year (Fall, Winter, & Spring)
- Progress Monitoring - for students receiving intervention - every 6 to 8 weeks
- Localized Assessments - classroom performance and assessments

Results are shared with families via test reports and online report cards. The NWEA assessment is administered to all students in grades K to 8 in the early fall and

winter. Students in grades K to 2 take the NWEA in the spring as well. Students in grades 3 to 8 take the NH SAS in the spring in lieu of the NWEA. Performance on the SAS is analyzed locally and also as a state measure of accountability. Plainfield's 2023 scores represent an improvement in reading (59% proficient in 2022 and 66% proficient in 2023) and a decline in math (62% proficient in 2022 and 49% proficient in 2023.) More information is available on the NH DOE site via their iPlatform, iReports, iAchievement, and iExplore platforms. A comprehensive data presentation was made to the School Board in December 2023 and is available on the Plainfield website.

This is our first year of NWEA testing (previously used iReady.) The Fall data for both reading and math aligns closely with our spring 2023 SAS data. The median score for Reading was 70th percentile and the median score for math was 57th percentile. (NOTE: The median score is a tendency score. In a normal data set, the median is 50th. If the median is higher than 50th it means our students are tending to score better than the middle of the expected range.)



We are gaining traction in reading through the following:

- A common approach to phonics instruction (K to 3)
- Increased availability of small group and individual student interventions
- Targeted time and support for analyzing and applying student data to instruction
- Increased professional development for all staff, including participation in the LETRS program offered by the state and shared professional development with Cornish and Grantham (facilitated by our new Curriculum Director, Christine Downing.)

We are implementing similar efforts in math including deeper dives into student data and small group and individual intervention efforts in math. The greater needs in math are related to curriculum and instruction. We are turning our attention to intensive curriculum work, beginning with ELA and math. This work is critical to addressing any gaps in our current curricula and also to provide a clear and comprehensive roadmap for future program purchases and professional development. After a decade of high turnover at all levels, a fresh look at our curriculum will establish more solid footing for instruction and achievement here at PES.

From our Curriculum Instruction & Assessment Director:

The 2023-2024 school year marks the first year of a shared Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment position for the Cornish, Grantham, and Plainfield School Districts. The cost share for this position is 40% each for Grantham and Plainfield and 20% for Cornish. This equates to approximately 2 days of service each for Grantham and Plainfield and 1 day for Cornish. Mrs. Christine Downing was hired for the position and began on July 1, 2023. Mrs. Downing comes to the position with 30 years of educational experience ranging from middle level mathematics and science teacher, school principal, SAU leadership in curriculum, instruction, and assessment, and state department of education experience in mathematics curriculum, grants management, and large-scale assessment development. Duties include:

- Leadership support for various school committees, including professional learning and multi-tiered systems of support that provide interventions to students.
- Co-development and management of Title I, II and IV state grant activities.
- Facilitation of professional learning in collaboration with school principals/committees.
- Assistance with development of budget items related to curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional learning.
- Preparation of special board reports related to school data and state assessments.

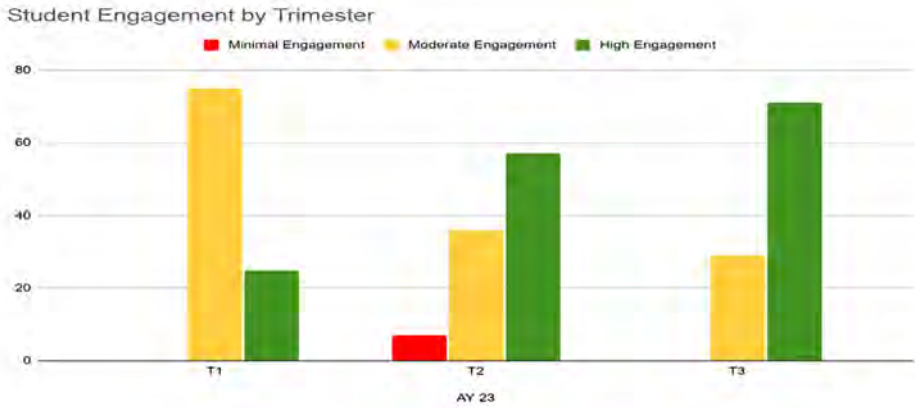
- Assistance with educator site-based licensing plans and growth plans, as requested.
- Development of curriculum cycles (incl. review of instructional resources and assessment tools)
- Negotiations with commercial vendors for shared resources at discounted costs.
- Monitors state and national best practices for integration in local curriculum, instruction, and assessment areas.

The impact of this position was evident during two days of professional learning across the three districts on October 23 and 24, 2023. In a feedback survey administered to all staff, 88% of educators and paraprofessionals indicated the overall quality of the professional learning for the two days met the goal of enhancing collegiality and collaboration among the three schools. These two days were organized and facilitated by the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. We extend our gratitude to the communities of Cornish, Grantham, and Plainfield for your support in making this position a reality for the 2023-2024 school year and look to future ways in which this position can continue to advance all three schools in achieving their greatest potential in providing a high quality educational experiences for all students.

PROGRAM

Plainfield staff continue to focus on three main priorities:

1) Student Growth & Closing the Covid Learning Gap as reviewed in the student performance section above.
2) Increased Student Engagement Our efforts to increase student engagement, as outlined in the previous school district report, are providing benefits in the following ways:
    1. Decreased student behaviors (See my January report on the SAU site)
    2. Thriving co-curricular programs and participation.
    3. Healthy and sustained community partnerships (e.g. Community Luncheon, 4-Winds, BridgeUp, Kid President, Hulbert Trip, etc.)
    4. Increased student engagement during instruction. The chart below represents the percentage of visits that meet the criteria for minimal, moderate, and high engagement levels as measured during classroom observations using a locally developed engagement “walkthrough tool.”



3) Mindsets & Skills for Successful Learners

Helping students develop critical skills and mindsets for success requires consistent expectations and support. We are committed through advisory, morning meetings, and classroom instruction, to teach the knowledge, skills and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions. We share feedback via our Habits of Mind scores on report cards. For more information on the Habits of Mind and the CASEL Framework, you can visit casel.org.

IN CLOSING

I am proud of our community's support of students and education. Nearly three years ago, the PES community embarked on a thoughtful strategic plan that defines success through academic achievement, a sense of self, and a connection to community. Our staff, students, and community are working diligently and collaboratively to achieve the goals in the Board's five-year plan. There is still work to be done and we are all in!

Respectfully submitted,

Audra Bucklin, Principal



¾ Class In progress watercolor & 1 point Perspective

Director of Student Services Report

Special Education in Plainfield provides for the needs of our students who have been identified with disabilities that affect their learning and/or life functions in a way that requires specialized instruction. These services allow for equity, access and equal opportunity among all students, enabling every child to grow to their full potential.

Every child who has been determined to be eligible for Special Education is entitled to a Free and Appropriate Public Education (F.A.P.E.) provided in the Least Restrictive Environment (L.R.E.) to meet their individual needs.

2023-24 Special Education Data

Age Group	Students with IEPs
Preschool (age 3 - 5)	5 (includes out-of-district)
K - Grade 8	28 (includes out-of-district)
Grade 9 – Age 21	10 (includes out-of-district)

- Percent of PES students on IEPs: 14.07%
- NH State average in October of 2022: 18.47%[i]

Other information regarding identified students in Preschool through Grade 8:

- Number of out of district placements: 2
- Number of identified students receiving speech services at PES: 15
- Number of identified students receiving occupational therapy at PES: 15
- Number of identified students receiving physical therapy at PES: 1

The combined figure for Federal IDEA ($120,118.43) and Preschool ($1,431.60) grant funds available to supplement portions of the 2023-24 Special Education budget is: $121,550.03 an increase of $367.80 compared to 2022-23.

The number of children in Special Education has remained rather stable over time and we compare closely to the state averages for types of disabilities, programming and costs. Special Education in Plainfield will continue to be responsive to the needs of children with disabilities, and their families. I welcome your calls and inquiries, and can be reached at adressler@plainfieldschool.org or by calling (603) 469-3250.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy M. Dressler
Amy M. Dressler, M.B.A., M.Ed.
Director of Student Services

[i] https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/student-count-trends-2022.pdf

Board Report 2023

Plainfield School had another year brimming with activity and learning. The board and administration have fostered a vibrant learning environment for our students with a dedicated and talented staff. It has been a productive and busy year of work in the Plainfield School District, with successes from Math Team meets to our middle school drama productions and much more. Work throughout this past year has accomplished great things for our kids, but most importantly it's all been building towards our excitement about the future.

Guided by our budget principles and the strategic plan, input from the Finance committee and a public hearing, and hundreds of hours of hard work from our staff and administration on Jan 23, 2024 the School Board approved the expense budget of $8,533,015 for FY 2024/25. This budget reflects every effort to minimize taxpayer cost while maintaining and supporting student outcomes.

As always, our district faces non-discretionary increases which include employee benefits, special education, and increases in High School tuition. There is a large increase in costs of overall health benefits provided to staff (medical, dental and retirement benefits.) New hires, change in plan electives, and health insurance company increases have had a significant influence on our budget. Special education costs are driven by individual student needs each year and we have seen a substantial increase for out of district placements. We are sending more students up to LHS, which contributes to our tuition increase.

Our partnership with Cornish has continued to be a positive experience and opportunity to share staffing. We share our Superintendent, Business Administrator, Student Services Director, Facilities Director, Technology

Director, and Curriculum Instruction and Assessment Director. These positions serve the district well and we believe the next step is to investigate further partnership opportunities. Warrant Article VII proposes a Cooperative School District Planning Committee. This is the first legal step in an exploratory process of a potential closer collaboration with Cornish. It is the expectation of the Board that cost savings be a priority to any future action. This warrant will also be on the ballot at Cornish's district meeting. Both districts would have to approve the measure for it to continue.

Warrant Article VIII Middle School Consolidation Study is the result of year-long committee work that explored the potential of a joint middle school with Cornish at Plainfield school. If this warrant is approved, the Middle School Study Committee will work collaboratively with Cornish constituents to answer the educational, financial and practical questions of a new middle school. They will present an extensive report to the Board in late 2024. This Article and Article VII have no cost to the district.

The Capital Facilities Trust Warrant Article VI is recommended by our Capital Facilities Planning Committee. Over the last year the committee reviewed prior building and grounds studies, plans, and community input to develop a list of priorities for the care and maintenance of our facility. This trust would eventually be used for capital improvements to the Plainfield School building and grounds. $5,000 in funding will come from the 2024 unassigned fund balance available on June 30, 2024. The remaining $70,000 would be funded through tax dollars with a tax impact of $13 per $100,000 of assessed home value. It's a Plainfield School Board responsibility to ensure the long-term care and planning of our school facility, one of the local community's largest assets.

Warrant Article III is the Plainfield Educators Agreement (PEA) negotiated agreement. The district agreed to salary increases of 5%, 3%, and 3% over the next three years. The PEA agreement also reduces district contributions to employee health insurance and decreases the number of personal days from 5 to 4. The district will increase its offer of a buyback to incentivize employees to seek other alternative health care coverage. The tax impact for this article to the homeowner is $34 per $100,000 of assessed value. The total cost for this current fiscal year is $187,006. The results of the pay increases keep Plainfield on average with area teacher compensation agreements.

Warrant Article IV is the collective bargaining agreement reached with the Plainfield Support Staff Association (PSSA). There is a $66,835 cost for fiscal year 24/25 with a tax impact of $12 per $100,000 of assessed home value. We reached similar negotiated agreements as the PEA with an increase of employee contributions to health insurance, the opportunity of buyback of health insurance and reduction of personal days. The PSSA had a large salary increase to match area hourly rates. Next year salaries will increase 12% or about $2 per hour. In the following two years salary increases will be 4% and 4%. Again, the results of the pay increases keep Plainfield on average with area support staff agreements.

All of these Warrant articles support our district in FY 24/25 but also in future years. The Board believes that these Warrant Articles are the prudent and necessary steps that we as a community can take to reduce the ever increasing tax burden on Plainfield citizens. The Plainfield community has historically supported proper planning and it has served us well.

If all expense related warrant articles pass (budget, PSSA and PEA contracts, and Capital Reserve) the total approved expenditures would be $8,856,856. When

accounting for non-tax revenue, if all warrants are passed, Plainfield taxpayers would support a total local school education effort of $6,648,348 (Local Education: $6,072,249 + State Education: $576,099) which translates to $1.72 on the tax rate ($172) increase taxes on a $100,000 home.

The Plainfield School Board would like to recognize with immense gratitude the efforts given by the staff, the students, and our many volunteers to make Plainfield School what it is. Small schools have unique challenges and require flexibility and creative use of resources. Our Plainfield community has shown again and again that we can meet those challenges and support our students in their growth and learning.

Respectfully submitted,
Plainfield School Board
Jenny Ramsey, Chair
Jordan Green, Vice Chair
Norm Berman
Andrew Martin
Jennifer Rybeck-Houde



Mariel Giacomo
6th
Colored Pencil & Marke
Personal Logo Design

Facilities Director Report

Greetings,

The start of a new school year is always a wonderful opportunity for us to shine a spot light on Plainfield school. The summer is always a busy time for our department deep cleaning, making repairs and preparing the school for students for the fall. Thanks to the School Districts passage of our warrant article to continue our floor replacement with epoxy terrazzo floors, we replaced the floors in two classrooms in the upper wing. These classrooms also received a fresh coat of paint and cove base to start the year off right. We also replaced the floors in the gym hall and two bathrooms which really improve the overall appearance of that area. General M&R included a new pocket door between two classrooms in the lower wing and giving the playground a face lift with new playground certified wood chips. General maintenance and inspections were performed for all of the building systems. Through a School Board allocation, we were able to purchase new lawn equipment. We have spent needed time in spring and fall cleaning up the campus from the previous season and preparing it for the next.

As we look ahead to spring and summer, we are beginning to plan for upcoming projects. The Plainfield school recently received grant funding for security upgrades which will include plans to upgrade access control for the facility. We will be modifying 12 exterior doors to ensure the building is completely secure. Safety film will be added to selected windows for added security. Moving forward, our focus will be on the buildings envelope that will include pressure washing, trim replacement and general maintenance.

The Plainfield School is a special place for the entire community. Our work will continue to support the campus that will meet all the needs and expectations of the town.

Sincerely

Aaron Newman

Technology Report

Introduction

I'm Corey Canfield, your Technology Director for the Plainfield Elementary School, with 23 years of experience across various industries. My role is to enhance technology resources for students and staff while ensuring cost-effective solutions. I'm committed to promoting innovation and efficient management, recognizing the significance of both digital platforms and traditional learning opportunities in our continuous efforts to provide a well-rounded education within our district.

Initiatives

The first few months on the job was understanding existing systems and doing a full audit of implemented technology. During the summer we had to move fast as the school had a dire need for new copiers. We signed an agreement with a local company that fixed our costs for 5 years and provided consistent printing and copying solutions.

Alongside this, we migrated away from our previous managed service provider while implementing crucial enhancements, including the installation of a new firewall, with the aim of bolstering our security measures.

Plainfield Elementary School continues to be a 1:1 implementation with Chromebooks and K-2 are using iPads. During the summer we refresh these devices, evaluate damage, repair and replace equipment as needed to keep our fleet healthy and running.

Looking Forward

This summer we'll be tackling some much-needed networking upgrades and setting the stage for a larger wireless upgrade during the summer of 2025. We'll continue to evaluate evolving classroom technology and work with staff and faculty to meet educational initiatives.

IT Services

Plainfield Elementary School is winding down the help desk relationship with Windsor Southeast. Windsor Southeast will continue to offer secondary support through the 2024 – 2025 school year.

No. of Tickets Closed (7/1/23-1/1/24): 181

It is my pleasure to serve our school community, students, and faculty, and I am committed to making our technology environment the best it can be.

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT – BUDGET ANALYSIS

2023-2024–

We anticipate ending the 2023/2024 school year with a surplus. As such, we have carried this amount over to the 2024/2025 proposed Revenue Sheet. The Plainfield School Board has a practice of returning to taxpayers any tuition surplus remaining at the end of the fiscal year. We currently are not anticipating a high school tuition surplus for the fiscal year ending 2024.

2024-2025 Expenditures –

Proposed expenditures for the 2024/2025 school year total $8,533,015, an increase of $643,252 over the current total voted budget with warrants, $7,889,763.

The items outlined in this analysis do not include any of the separate warrant articles, which, if passed, will increase the tax effort necessary to fund those articles.

Highlights of the Budget are as follows:

Voter-Approved 2023/2024 Budget (Total Includes all Warrants voted)	***7,889,763***
FY25 Increases:	
Regular Instruction K-8	*19,487*
Regular Instruction High School	*144,591*
Special Education K-8	*199,336*
Special Education High School	*41,676*
Co-Curricular	*5,842*
Guidance (Salary/Benefit)	*5,328*
Health	*2,068*
Library	*12,068*
Information Services	*70,151*
SAU Office (Providing Cornish Services – Offsetting Revenue)	*147,384*
Principal's Office	*22,746*
Federal Grant	*23,000*
Operation of Building	*20,090*
Transportation (Re-Negotiated Contract)	*8,880*
Food Service & Transfer	*2,440*
Subtotal Increases	***+$725,087***
FY25 Decreases:	
Staff/Curriculum Development	*8,025*
School Board	*2,250*
Food Service Transfer	*1,560*
Warrant Revenue Trust	*25,000*
Warrant Terrazzo Flooring	*45,000*
Subtotal Decreases	***-$81,835***
Total Net Budget Increase	*$643,252*
Proposed 2024/2025 Budget (Excluding Additional Warrants)	***$8,533,015***

LHS Tuition –

The A.R.E.A. agreement, which regulates Plainfield Students' tuition rates, calculates Plainfield and Grantham tuition. The tuition rate for the 2024/2025 school year is $18,291. This amount is an increase of 2.84% over the 2023/2024 rate. As presented, the budget projects 75 students attending LHS in 2024/2025, compared to 69 students budgeted for the 2023/2024 school year. This demographic change presents a significant increase in tuition expense, $144,591.

Benefits –

This year, the Plainfield School District is seeing an increase in the cost of District provided medical insurance, 8.9% and dental insurance, 4.7%. The budget for all district provided benefits increased $218,090. The New Hampshire Retirement System, pursuant to RSA 100-A:16,III and the retirement fund valuation on June 30, 2022, certified employer rates, which took effect on July 1, 2023 and will end on June 30, 2025. Current rate for certified class is 19.64% and employee class is 13.63%. New NHRS rates will be announced for the fiscal year 2026 budget cycle.

Technology-

We welcome Corey Canfield to the Plainfield School as our Technology Director. We are sharing his services with the Cornish Elementary School. His work this year has been instrumental in identifying and allocating appropriate resources to staff and students as well as troubleshooting everything technology. Corey has created a technology replacement cycle for hardware to allow for financial forecasting moving forward. In cooperation with the Business Administrator, a robust E-Rate reimbursement program is being utilized to obtain financial rebates for eligible hardware expenses. Corey's knowledge and expertise will be instrumental in moving our technology platform forward.

SAU Operation-

The Plainfield School Administration will begin our eighth year providing Administrative Services to the Cornish School District, SAU100. Under our current agreement with the Cornish School Board, Plainfield School provides superintendent services as outlined in RSA 194-C: 4 as well as other administrative services to their PreK-8 school. The Shared Services Agreement entered into on November 2, 2016. Each school currently remains its own SAU.

Operation of Building-

Our Facilities Director has been busy this past year. This position is split equally between Plainfield and Cornish. Our Director is involved in several large projects in both Plainfield and Cornish as well overseeing daily operations. The newly commissioned Capital Improvement Committee has provided invaluable guidance to the Administration and Director regarding the future of our facility along with a capital improvement long-range outline.

2024/2025 Revenues -

Estimated Non Tax Revenues are $2,208,508. This amount is a decrease of $37,523 over the 2023/2024 MS24 budget. At this time, we anticipate receiving $744,136 in NH Adequacy Aid. This amount remains the same as the 2023/2024 adequacy allocation. We

have budgeted special education aid from the State of New Hampshire at an anticipated amount of $365,000 representing an increase of $17,173 over the prior year's amount received. A revenue amount $332,409 for the payment of SAU services and $266,203 for Building Operations and Technology Director cost share provided to SAU 100, Cornish School District are included in the local revenue budget.

***2024/2025 Bottom Line* -**
The 2024/2025 estimated total local tax effort for the operating budget is $6,324,507. This represents $5,748,408 for local school tax. The remaining tax effort represents the State Education Grant $576,099. The total rate increase for full local education funding of the operating budget is estimated $1.12/1000. Additional warrant article costs are below:

Total Local Education Tax Cost Per Home					
	Operating Budget	**PEA CBA**	**PSSA CBA**	**Capital TF**	**Total**
Article	**$8,533,015**	**$187,006**	**$66,835**	**$70,000**	**$8,856,856**
Tax Impact	**Local 1.15** **SWEPT -.03** **$1.12**	**.35**	**.12**	**.13**	**$1.72**
450,000 Home	**$508.50**	**$153.00**	**$54.00**	**$58.50**	**$774.00**

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Bierwirth – Business Administrator



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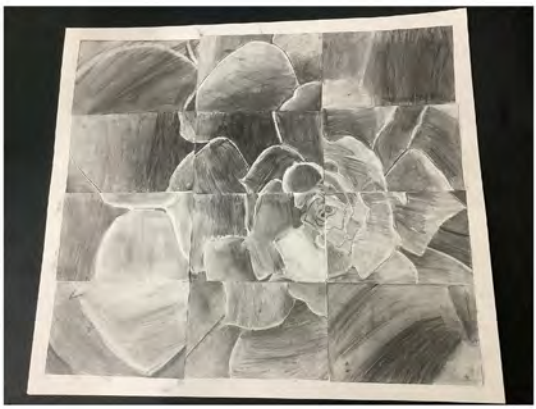

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PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE SUMMARY

Category:	2022-2023 ACTUAL	2023-2024 APPROVED BUDGET	2023-2024 ESTIMATED ACTUAL	**2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**	$$Increase or(Decrease) vs. 2023/24 budget	% Increase or(Decrease) vs. 2023/24 budget
REGULAR EDUCATION	3,449,825	3,667,467	3,608,420	**3,831,546**	164,079	4.47%
SPECIAL EDUCATION	1,575,952	1,635,076	1,660,614	**1,876,089**	241,013	14.74%
CO-CURRICULAR	38,318	44,027	44,027	**49,869**	5,842	13.27%
GUIDANCE	123,192	128,588	128,588	**133,916**	5,328	4.14%
HEALTH	115,763	114,877	114,877	**116,944**	2,067	1.80%
STAFF/CURRICULUM DEV.	47,686	60,663	58,663	**52,638**	(8,025)	-13.23%
LIBRARY	127,805	119,709	128,907	**131,777**	12,068	10.08%
INFORMATION SERVICES	120,050	172,225	177,565	**242,376**	70,151	40.73%
SCHOOL BOARD	36,179	43,800	41,950	**41,550**	(2,250)	-5.14%
SAU OFFICE	523,954	563,913	563,913	**711,297**	147,384	26.14%
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	365,587	339,090	360,226	**361,835**	22,745	6.71%
OPERATION OF BUILDING	405,522	437,766	406,564	**457,857**	20,091	4.59%
TRANSPORTATION	257,446	268,142	268,142	**277,022**	8,881	3.31%
FOOD SERVICE	64,370	63,560	63,560	**66,000**	2,440	3.84%
DEBT SERVICE	51,000	0	0	**0**	0	0.00%
FEDERAL GRANTS	319,814	143,700	143,700	**166,700**	23,000	16.01%
TRANSFERS	15,041	17,160	13,160	**15,600**	(1,560)	-9.09%
GEN.ED. SUBTOTAL	7,637,504	7,819,763	7,782,876	8,533,015	713,252	9.12%
Warrants	45,000	70,000	70,000	**0**	(70,000)	-100.00%
Total GEN.ED. With Warrant	***7,682,504***	***7,889,763***	***7,852,876***	***8,533,015***	643,252	8.15%
FY25 Warrant Proposed*	0	70,000	70,000	**323,841**	253,841	
TOTAL Proposed EXPENDITURES	**7,682,504**	**7,959,763**	**7,922,876**	**8,856,856**	**897,093**	11.27%

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FY25 Expense Budget PES Board Adopted - January 23, 2024

	2020-2021 Total Year Actual	2021-2022 Total Year Actual	2022-2023 Total Year Actual	2023-2024 Voted BUDGET	2023-2024 Estimated Actual	2024-2025 Proposed BUDGET	2024-2025 $$ Increase 23-24 Budget	2024-2025 % Incr. Over 23-24 Budget
1- REGULAR INSTRUCTION - 1100								
Teacher Salaries	$ 1,396,016	$ 1,275,645	$ 1,248,905	$ 1,293,435	$ 1,295,148	$ 1,300,749	$ 7,314	0.57%
Retiree Payout	$ 39,860	$ 76,054	$ 80,454	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Retiree Benefit		$ 21,805	$ 23,066	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1	0.00%
Ed Assistant Salaries	$ 24,136	$ 19,691	$ 23,183	$ 57,566	$ 55,492	$ 66,225	$ 8,659	15.04%
Extended Year Program	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ -	$ (10,000)	-100.00%
Substitutes	$ 46,927	$ 22,000	$ 43,135	$ 35,000	$ 30,000	$ 35,000	$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits	$ 678,166	$ 792,972	$ 789,015	$ 894,506	$ 883,277	$ 932,582	$ 38,076	4.26%
Contracted Services	$ 35,908	$ 33,489	$ 34,502	$ 37,383	$ 37,383	$ 22,900	$ (14,483)	-38.74%
Tuition	$ 21,741	$ 40,301	$ 18,410	$ 19,340	$ 13,456	$ -	$ (19,340)	-100.00%
Contracted Services 504	$ -	$ -		$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ -	0.00%
Equipment Repair	$ -	$ 715	$ 197	$ 2,000	$ 1,000	$ 2,000	$ -	0.00%
Supplies	$ 27,157	$ 20,952	$ 21,942	$ 29,416	$ 29,416	$ 27,375	$ (2,041)	-6.94%
Print Materials	$ 1,918	$ 9,212	$ 5,369	$ 4,542	$ 4,542	$ 4,428	$ (114)	-2.51%
Curriculum Adoption	$ -	$ 2,832		$ 4,900	$ 4,900	$ 9,500	$ 4,600	93.88%
Software	$ 11,041	$ 15,463	$ 6,329	$ 15,898	$ 15,898	$ 21,356	$ 5,458	34.33%
New/Replacement Equipment	$ 4,172	$ 4,661	$ 2,690	$ 610	$ 610	$ 1,462	$ 852	139.67%
Furniture	$ 1,155	$ 4,448	$ 5,937	$ 2,354	$ 2,354	$ 8,050	$ 5,696	241.97%
Dues & Fees/Graduation	$ 10,088	$ 6,392	$ 19,840	$ 28,283	$ 28,283	$ 23,094	$ (5,189)	-18.35%
Sub Total Regular Instruction K-8	$ 2,298,284	$ 2,346,633	$ 2,322,973	$ 2,440,233	$ 2,416,760	$ 2,459,721	$ 19,488	0.80%
Tuition Lebanon High School	$ 1,076,223	$ 1,206,111	$ 1,126,855	$ 1,227,234	$ 1,191,662	$ 1,371,825	$ 144,591	11.78%
Total Regular Instruction K-12	$ 3,374,507	$ 3,552,743	$ 3,449,828	$ 3,667,467	$ 3,608,422	$ 3,831,546	$ 164,079	4.47%
2- SPECIAL EDUCATION - 1200								
Teacher Salaries	$ 126,085	$ 125,505	$ 141,419	$ 162,149	$ 161,354	$ 204,832	$ 42,683	26.32%
Ed Assistant Salaries	$ 216,122	$ 230,800	$ 217,411	$ 257,046	$ 256,226	$ 292,570	$ 35,524	13.82%
Extended Year	$ 42,499	$ 12,234	$ 7,976	$ 15,000	$ 10,662	$ 15,000	$ -	0.00%
Substitutes	$ 10,225	$ 4,224	$ 25,030	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits	$ 244,340	$ 204,642	$ 274,551	$ 369,097	$ 336,087	$ 490,011	$ 120,914	32.76%
Contracted Services	$ 133,365	$ 202,003	$ 228,756	$ 195,784	$ 190,784	$ 200,000	$ 4,216	2.15%
Tuition	$ 322,436	$ -	$ -	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ -	0.00%
Legal	$ -	$ 126	$ 1,337	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ -	0.00%
Supplies	$ 642	$ 801	$ 584	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 1,000	$ (1,500)	-60.00%
Books	$ 64	$ 69	$ -	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
Software	$ 120	$ 119	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Testing	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 1,000	$ (1,500)	-60.00%
Equipment	$ 69	$ -	$ 843	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
Furniture	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	$ (500)	-100.00%
New/Replacement Computers	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Dues/Fees/Travel	$ 2,028	$ 605	$ 600	$ 3,000	$ 1,500	$ 2,500	$ (500)	-16.67%
Sub Total Special Education K-8	$ 1,097,994	$ 781,128	$ 898,508	$ 1,046,076	$ 1,000,613	$ 1,245,413	$ 199,336	19.06%
Life Skills Coach HS			$ 6,661	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits			$ 510	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Contracted Services			$ 2,716	$ -		$ -	$ -	0.00%
High School Special Education Tuition	$ 9,344	$ 414,573	$ 667,557	$ 589,000	$ 660,001	$ 630,676	$ 41,676	7.08%
Sub Total Special Education 9-12+	$ 9,344	$ 414,573	$ 677,444	$ 589,000	$ 660,001	$ 630,676	$ 41,676	7.08%
Total Special Education K-12	$ 1,107,337	$ 1,195,701	$ 1,575,952	$ 1,635,076	$ 1,660,614	$ 1,876,089	$ 241,012	14.74%

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3 - CO-CURRICULAR - 1410								
Stipend	$ 4,690	$ 8,150	$ 11,550	$ 8,350	$ 8,350	$ 9,100	$ 750	8.98%
Benefits	$ 1,461	$ 2,409	$ 2,970	$ 4,262	$ 4,262	$ 5,139	$ 877	20.58%
Coaches	$ 4,050	$ 7,890	$ 4,700	$ 9,500	$ 9,500	$ 11,250	$ 1,750	18.42%
Athletic/FAST Director	$ 2,000	$ 3,500	$ 7,500	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$ 7,500	$ 1,500	25.00%
Officials	$ -	$ 6,480	$ 4,970	$ 6,840	$ 6,840	$ 5,640	$ (1,200)	-17.54%
Supply	$ 2,532	$ 943	$ 5,286	$ 7,140	$ 7,140	$ 9,090	$ 1,950	27.31%
M&R			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Equipment	$ 1,885	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Dues & Fees	$ -	$ 960	$ 1,341	$ 1,935	$ 1,935	$ 2,150	$ 215	11.11%
Total Co-Curricular/Athletics	$ 16,618	$ 30,332	$ 38,318	$ 44,027	$ 44,027	$ 49,869	$ 5,842	13.27%
4 - SCHOOL COUNSELOR - 2120								
Salaries	$ 72,849	$ 62,511	$ 64,003	$ 69,892	$ 69,892	$ 69,892	$ (0)	0.00%
Employee Benefits	$ 49,116	$ 42,610	$ 49,966	$ 52,117	$ 52,117	$ 54,472	$ 2,354	4.52%
Contracted Service	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Testing/Services	$ -	$ 1,186	$ 1,251	$ 700	$ -	$ 400	$ (300)	0.00%
Supplies/Curriculum	$ 1,156	$ 1,800	$ 1,081	$ 900	$ 700	$ 3,199	$ 2,299	255.44%
Books	$ 549	$ 295	$ 295	$ 300	$ 900	$ 650	$ 350	116.67%
Software	$ -	$ -	$ 300	$ -	$ 300	$ 325	$ 325	0.00%
Equipment/Furniture	$ 120	$ 657	$ 461	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Dues	$ 852	$ 264	$ 5,834	$ 4,679	$ 4,679	$ 4,979	$ 300	6.41%
Total Guidance	$ 124,641	$ 109,323	$ 123,192	$ 128,588	$ 128,588	$ 133,916	$ 5,328	4.14%
5 - HEALTH - 2130								
Salaries	$ 73,078	$ 66,302	$ 75,301	$ 75,654	$ 75,654	$ 75,654	$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits	$ 47,241	$ 41,834	$ 37,380	$ 35,273	$ 35,273	$ 36,164	$ 892	2.53%
Supplies	$ 2,041	$ 4,071	$ 2,040	$ 2,200	$ 2,200	$ 1,750	$ (450)	-20.45%
Books	$ 168	$ -	$ -	$ 150	$ 150	$ -	$ (150)	-100.00%
Equipment/Equipment Repair/Furniture	$ 65	$ 950	$ 913	$ 500	$ 500	$ 2,308	$ 1,808	361.60%
Dues/Fees			$ 130	$ 1,100	$ 1,100	$ 1,068	$ (32)	-2.91%
Total Health	$ 122,593	$ 113,157	$ 115,763	$ 114,877	$ 114,877	$ 116,944	$ 2,068	1.80%

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6 - STAFF/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT - 2210								
Stipends	$ 5,700	$ 4,860	$ 5,645	$ 13,600	$ 13,600	$ 10,000	$ (3,600)	-26.47%
Curriculum Work	$ -	$ -	$ 1,447	$ 5,500	$ 5,500	$ 2,500	$ (3,000)	-54.55%
Benefits	$ 3,684	$ 2,805	$ 2,207	$ 2,738	$ 2,738	$ 2,738	$ (0)	-0.01%
Substitutes	$ 200	$ 1,826	$ 481	$ 2,500	$ 1,500	$ 2,500	$ -	0.00%
Staff Development-Teachers	$ 9,450	$ 5,416	$ 8,697	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 9,600	$ (400)	-4.00%
Staff Development-Support Staff	$ 2,800	$ 279	$ 2,373	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,600	$ 100	4.00%
Prof. Dvlp-College Coursework	$ 6,950	$ 4,500	$ 7,328	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ -	0.00%
Staff Training Workshops	$ 11,902	$ 14,157	$ 18,141	$ 11,825	$ 11,825	$ 10,700	$ (1,125)	-9.51%
Staff Travel	$ -	$ 153	$ -	$ 2,000	$ 1,000	$ 2,000	$ -	0.00%
Supplies/Resource Books	$ 1,503	$ 445	$ 1,367	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ -	0.00%
Total Staff/Curric Development	$ 42,190	$ 34,440	$ 47,686	$ 60,663	$ 58,663	$ 52,638	$ (8,025)	-13.23%
7 - LIBRARY - 2220								
Teacher Salaries	$ 73,354	$ 77,660	$ 82,219	$ 65,737	$ 66,708	$ 66,708	$ 971	1.48%
Ed Assistant Salaries	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits	$ 23,380	$ 27,907	$ 35,136	$ 43,322	$ 51,548	$ 53,939	$ 10,617	24.51%
Contracted Services/Fees	$ 907	$ 3,396	$ 980	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
Supplies	$ -	$ 500	$ 379	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
Books	$ 250	$ 5,509	$ 6,378	$ 5,750	$ 5,750	$ 5,500	$ (250)	-4.35%
Software	$ 1,832	$ 1,550	$ 2,713	$ 3,250	$ 3,250	$ 4,130	$ 880	27.08%
Equipment/Furniture/Technology	$ -	$ 200	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Dues/Fees	$ -	$ 190	$ -	$ 150	$ 150	$ -	$ (150)	-100.00%
Total Library	$ 99,723	$ 116,912	$ 127,805	$ 119,709	$ 128,907	$ 131,777	$ 12,068	10.08%
8 - INFORMATION SERVICES - 2124								
Salary			$ -	$ 80,000	$ 86,500	$ 93,090	$ 13,090	16.36%
Benefit			$ -	$ 46,135	$ 25,799	$ 52,601	$ 6,466	14.01%
Supplies	$ 2,654	$ 160	$ 169	$ 2,371	$ 2,371	$ 2,371	$ -	0.00%
Software	$ 13,361	$ 17,708	$ 13,910	$ 11,400	$ 12,700	$ 17,400	$ 6,000	52.63%
Printing			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 15,400	$ 15,400	0.00%
New/Replacement Equipment	$ 12,534	$ 3,330	$ 4,424	$ 2,442	$ 11,380	$ 29,050	$ 26,608	1089.60%
New/Replacement Computer/Network Equip.	$ 26,827	$ 28,397	$ 18,134	$ 8,262	$ 17,200	$ 6,000	$ (2,262)	-27.38%
Contracted Services	$ 89,174	$ 83,698	$ 82,067	$ 19,340	$ 19,340	$ 23,390	$ 4,050	20.94%
Repairs & Maintenance	$ 129	$ 750	$ -	$ 1,300	$ 1,300	$ 1,500	$ 200	15.38%
Dues/Fees	$ -	$ 1,183	$ 1,347	$ 975	$ 975	$ 1,574	$ 599	61.44%
Total Information Services	$ 144,680	$ 135,226	$ 120,050	$ 172,225	$ 177,565	$ 242,376	$ 70,151	40.73%

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9 - SCHOOL BOARD - 2130								
School Board Stipends	$ 1,550	$ 1,246	$ 3,550	$ 3,550	$ 3,550	$ 3,550	$ -	0.00%
Treasurer Stipend	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
Advertising	$ 2,005	$ 1,640	$ 1,747	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,800	$ 300	20.00%
Board Travel, Meetings, Misc.	$ 138	$ 1,597	$ 5,546	$ 3,500	$ 5,450	$ 4,000	$ 500	14.29%
Criminal Records Checks	$ 388	$ 2,324	$ 1,525	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,700	$ 200	13.33%
Recording Secretary	$ 2,096	$ 2,856	$ 2,585	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ -	0.00%
Dues	$ 3,411	$ 3,411	$ 5,136	$ 6,000	$ 4,500	$ 4,500	$ (1,500)	-25.00%
Legal Services	$ 22,864	$ 6,565	$ 3,665	$ 12,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ (2,000)	-16.67%
Auditor Services	$ 9,750	$ 9,950	$ 10,950	$ 11,250	$ 10,950	$ 11,500	$ 250	2.22%
District Meeting Expenses	$ 1,737	$ 1,000	$ 976	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
Total School Board	$ 44,439	$ 31,089	$ 36,179	$ 43,800	$ 41,950	$ 41,550	$ (2,250)	-5.14%
10 - SAU OFFICE - 2320								
Salaries	$ 312,854	$ 297,630	$ 323,217	$ 330,977	$ 330,977	$ 450,217	$ 119,240	36.03%
Contracted Services	$ 11,687	$ 42,294	$ 51,226	$ 51,962	$ 51,962	$ 57,534	$ 5,572	10.72%
Employee Benefits	$ 165,851	$ 165,496	$ 134,123	$ 167,074	$ 167,074	$ 184,646	$ 17,572	10.52%
Telephone	$ 1,238	$ 1,398	$ 1,308	$ 1,400	$ 1,400	$ 1,400	$ -	0.00%
Supplies/Advertising	$ 4,405	$ 3,397	$ 5,401	$ 4,500	$ 4,500	$ 5,000	$ 500	11.11%
Dues, Fees, Meetings, Travel	$ 4,777	$ 8,599	$ 8,288	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$ 10,000	$ 4,000	66.67%
Software/Equipment	$ 209	$ 1,000	$ 390	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,500	$ 500	25.00%
Total SAU Office	$ 501,020	$ 519,814	$ 523,954	$ 563,913	$ 563,913	$ 711,297	$ 147,384	26.14%

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11 - PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - 2400								
Administrative Salaries	$ 96,408	$ 96,500	$ 100,843	$ 102,860	$ 102,860	$ 108,003	$ 5,143	5.00%
Assistant to the Principal Salary	$ -	$ -		$ 53,031	$ 56,000	$ 56,000	$ 2,970	5.60%
Information Service	$ -	$ 55,236	$ 55,236	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Office/Secretarial Salaries	$ 55,089	$ 53,557	$ 68,836	$ 48,922	$ 39,480	$ 45,120	$ (3,802)	-7.77%
Employee Benefits	$ 132,981	$ 108,628	$ 124,588	$ 116,017	$ 143,626	$ 138,212	$ 22,195	19.13%
Contracted Services	$ 3,159	$ 2,798	$ 2,860	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	$ -	$ (3,500)	-100.00%
Telephone	$ 1,142	$ 1,323	$ 1,766	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ -	0.00%
Postage	$ 2,240	$ 2,476	$ 2,494	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ -	0.00%
Printing/Advertising	$ -	$ 2,797	$ 1,363	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ -	0.00%
Travel	$ 527	$ 536	$ 1,364	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ -	0.00%
Supplies	$ 2,344	$ 1,080	$ 913	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
Books	$ 175	$ 81	$ 119	$ 250	$ 250	$ 250	$ -	0.00%
Software	$ -	$ 420	$ 449	$ 500	$ 500	$ 1,200	$ 700	140.00%
Equipment	$ 299	$ -	$ 427	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
Furniture & Fixtures	$ -	$ -	$ 492	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
New Computers & Networking Equip	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Dues & Fees	$ 2,370	$ 15	$ 3,839	$ 4,810	$ 4,810	$ 3,850	$ (960)	-19.96%
Total Principal's Office	$ 296,733	$ 325,448	$ 365,587	$ 339,090	$ 360,226	$ 361,835	$ 22,746	6.71%
12 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 2410								
Medical Insurance	$ 669,119	$ 675,287	$ 768,637	$ 971,815	$ 925,235	$ 1,137,314	$ 165,499	17.03%
Dental Insurance	$ 65,814	$ 63,874	$ 49,344	$ 59,269	$ 58,632	$ 73,010	$ 13,741	23.18%
Life & AD&D Insurance	6,548	$ 6,194	$ 5,630	9,758	$ 9,758	$ 10,188	$ 430	4.41%
Disability Insurance	$ 12,531	$ 12,038	$ 11,472	$ 18,866	$ 18,865	$ 19,714	$ 848	4.50%
Flex Plan Administration	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
F.I.C.A.	$ 204,476	$ 209,667	$ 214,562	$ 221,318	$ 221,610	$ 231,166	$ 9,848	4.45%
Retirement	$ 398,254	$ 453,775	$ 445,466	$ 464,662	$ 466,489	$ 483,713	$ 19,051	4.10%
Workers' Comp Insurance	$ 12,152	$ 12,462	$ 13,246	$ 17,796	$ 13,588	$ 18,932	$ 1,136	6.38%
Annuities	$ 48,553	$ 46,301	$ 48,879	$ 81,830	$ 81,817	$ 89,366	$ 7,537	9.21%
Unemployment Comp Insurance	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Subtotal Employee Benefits	$ 1,418,448	$ 1,480,599	$ 1,558,235	$ 1,846,314	$ 1,796,995	$ 2,064,403	$ 218,090	11.81%
Transfer to Other Functions	$ 1,418,448	$ 1,480,599	$ 1,558,235	$ 1,846,314	$ 1,796,994	$ 2,064,403	$ 218,089	11.81%
Net Total Employee Benefits								
13 - FEDERAL GRANTS								
IDEA (Spec Ed)	$ 80,452	$ 83,688	$ 162,434	$ 89,000	$ 89,000	$ 120,000	$ 31,000	34.83%
Pre School	$ 1,881	$ 2,318	$ 1,379	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ -	0.00%
ESSER/CARES	$ 95,256	$ 56,496	$ 59,766	$ 10,800	$ 10,800	$ -	$ (10,800)	-100.00%
Title 1 (Improving Academic Achievement)	$ 10,432	$ 10,577	$ 43,989	$ -	$ -	$ 7,000	$ 7,000	0.00%
Title 2 (Quality Teachers)	$ 11,440	$ 12,328	$ 2,676	$ 14,000	$ 14,000	$ 10,000	$ (4,000)	-28.57%
Title 5 (Innovative)	$ -	$ -		$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	$ (1,000)	-100.00%
Title 4	$ 17,592	$ 10,241	$ 10,000	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 10,000	$ 8,800	733.33%
Robotics	$ -	$ 9,075	$ 1,621	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ -	$ (10,000)	-100.00%
Rural Education (REAP) Grant	$ 14,553	$ 11,514	$ 37,947	$ 16,500	$ 16,500	$ 18,500	$ 2,000	12.12%
Total Grants	$ 231,605	$ 196,237	$ 319,814	$ 143,700	$ 143,700	$ 166,700	$ 23,000	16.01%
$ 0								

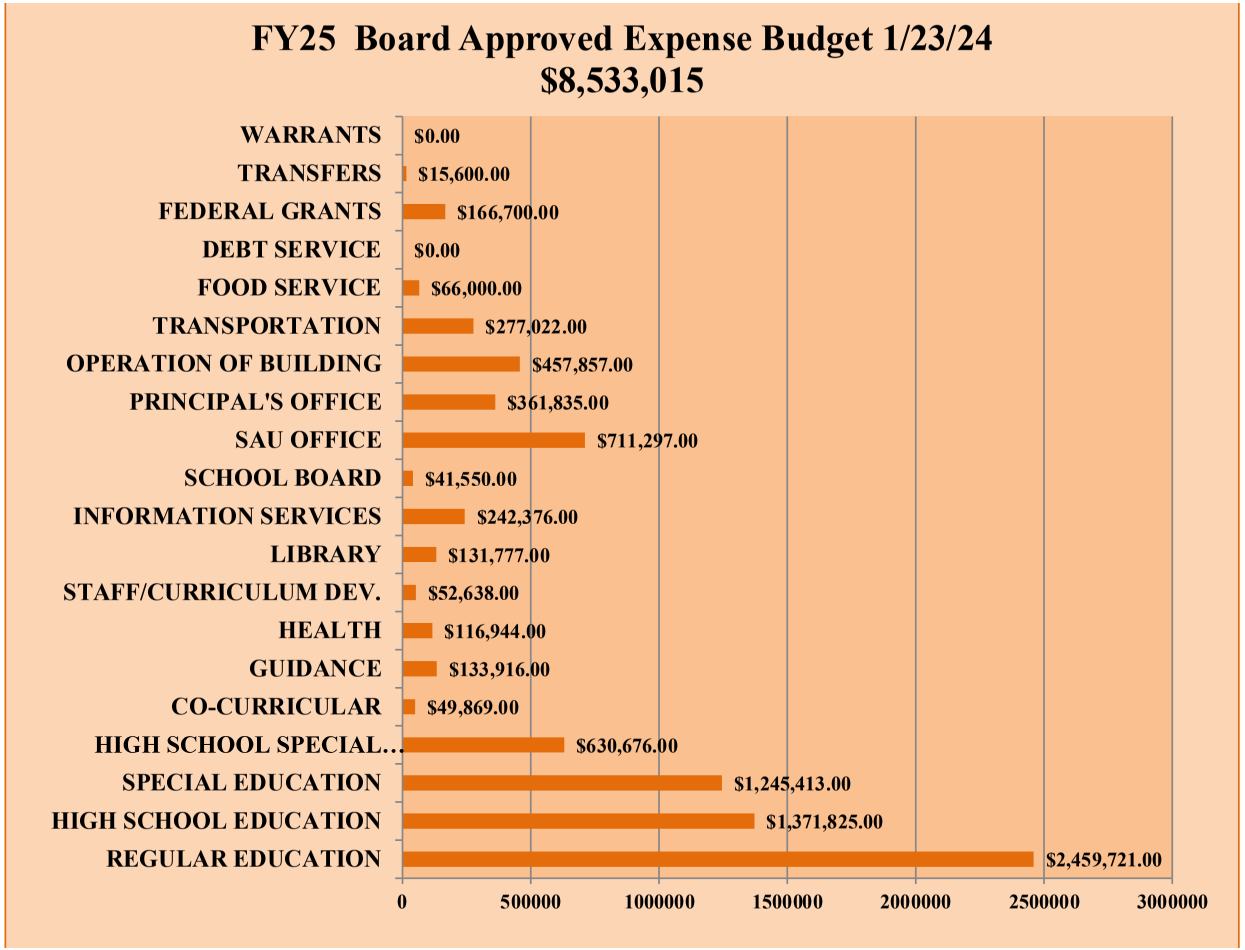
FY25 Expense Budget PES Board Adopted - January 23, 2024

	2020-2021 Total Year Actual	2021-2022 Total Year Actual	2022-2023 Total Year Actual	2023-2024 Voted BUDGET	2023-2024 Estimated Actual	2024-2025 Proposed BUDGET	2024-2025 $$ Increase 23-24 Budget	2024-2025 % Incr. Over 23-24 Budget
14 - OPERATION OF BUILDING - 2600								
Custodial Salaries/Wages	$ 89,981	$ 99,759	$ 172,677	$ 184,074	$ 184,074	$ 190,386	$ 6,312	3.43%
Employee Benefits	$ 71,227	$ 68,493	$ 84,522	$ 114,773	$ 92,873	$ 112,901	$ (1,873)	-1.63%
Contracted Services	$ 28,559	$ 26,986	$ 21,929	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 26,640	$ 11,640	77.60%
Building Repairs	$ 50,737	$ 49,394	$ 32,464	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ 35,000	$ 5,000	16.67%
Property & Liability Insurance	$ 11,275	$ 9,031	$ 12,817	$ 14,099	$ 11,796	$ 17,610	$ 3,511	24.90%
Supplies	$ 11,171	$ 12,231	$ 14,913	$ 13,000	$ 13,000	$ 15,000	$ 2,000	15.38%
Electricity	$ 32,560	$ 42,222	$ 28,629	$ 38,500	$ 31,500	$ 32,400	$ (6,100)	-15.84%
Propane	$ 11,992	$ 15,222	$ 15,503	$ 16,506	$ 16,506	$ 17,000	$ 494	2.99%
Sewer Fees	$ 6,600	$ 6,600	$ 6,630	$ 6,600	$ 6,600	$ 6,720	$ 120	1.82%
Equipment (New & Replacement)	$ 2,622	$ 443	$ 13,685	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 1,200	$ (800)	-40.00%
Staff Travel	$ -	$ 115	$ 869	$ 2,214	$ 2,214	$ 2,000	$ (214)	-9.67%
Dues/Fees	$ 400	$ 1,485	$ 885	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
Total Operation of Building	$ 317,125	$ 331,980	$ 405,522	$ 437,766	$ 406,564	$ 457,857	$ 20,090	4.59%
15 - TRANSPORTATION - 2700								
Student Transportation	$ 194,804	$ 198,720	$ 210,643	$ 221,142	$ 221,142	$ 230,022	$ 8,880	4.02%
Special Ed Transportation (M&R)	$ -	$ -	$ 41,532	$ 35,000	$ 35,000	$ 35,000	$ -	0.00%
Athletic Trips	$ 131	$ 76	$ 102	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	$ -	0.00%
Field Trips	$ -	$ 3,951	$ 5,168	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	$ -	0.00%
HS Student Transportation							$ -	0.00%
Total Transportation	$ 194,935	$ 202,747	$ 257,446	$ 268,142	$ 268,142	$ 277,022	$ 8,880	3.31%

FY25 Expense Budget PES Board Adopted - January 23, 2024

	2020-2021 Total Year Actual	2021-2022 Total Year Actual	2022-2023 Total Year Actual	2023-2024 Voted BUDGET	2023-2024 Estimated Actual	2024-2025 Proposed BUDGET	2024-2025 $$ Increase 23-24 Budget	2024-2025 % Incr. Over 23-24 Budget
16- FOOD SERVICES - 3100								
Salaries		$ 2,500	$ 2,625	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits		$ 191	$ 201	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Contracted Services	$ 58,339	$ 57,379	$ 59,768	$ 60,060	$ 60,060	$ 62,500	$ 2,440	4.06%
Repairs/New Equipment	$ 195	$ -		$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ -	0.00%
Transportation	$ -			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Supplies	$ 555	$ 676	$ 1,776	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ -	0.00%
Total Food Service	$ 59,089	$ 60,745	$ 64,370	$ 63,560	$ 63,560	$ 66,000	$ 2,440	3.84%
17 - DEBT SERVICE - 5100								
Principal	$ 85,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Interest	$ 6,300	$ 3,000	$ 1,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Interest BAN/Bond (Estimated)			$ -			$ -	$ -	0.00%
Contracted Debt Service			$ -			$ -	$ -	0.00%
Total Debt Service	$ 91,300	$ 53,000	$ 51,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
18 - TRANSFERS - 5200								
Capital Outlay - Building Improvement							$ -	0.00%
Transfer Revenue Trust Fund (New)	$ 29,954			$ -			$ -	0.00%
Trans. Spec. Ed. Trust				$ -			$ -	0.00%
Trans. Food Service	$ 25,112	$ 21,012	$ 15,041	$ 17,160	$ 13,160	$ 15,600	$ (1,560)	-9.09%
Encumber & Payable	$ 56,655			$ -			$ -	0.00%
Total Transfers	$ 111,721	$ 21,012	$ 15,041	$ 17,160	$ 13,160	$ 15,600	$ (1,560)	-9.09%
SUB TOTAL GENERAL ED EXPENDITURES K-12	$ 6,880,256	$ 7,029,905	$ 7,637,504	$ 7,819,763	$ 7,782,876	$ 8,533,015	$ 713,252	9.12%
19- Other								
Building and Ground Study	$ 20,000	$ -		$ -		$ -	$ -	0.00%
SPED/Tuition Trust	.	$ 25,000		$ -		$ -	$ -	0.00%
Warrant Revenue Fluctuations/Emergency	$ 28,179	$ -		$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ -	$ (25,000)	-100.00%
Terrazzo Flooring	$ -	$ -	$ 45,000	$ 45,000	$ 45,000	$ -	$ (45,000)	-100.00%
Total Other	$ 48,179	$ 25,000	$ 45,000	$ 70,000	$ 70,000	$ -	$ (70,000)	-100.00%
TOTAL GENERAL ED EXPENDITURES K-12	$ 6,928,435	$ 7,054,906	$ 7,682,504	$ 7,889,763	$ 7,852,876	$ 8,533,015	$ 643,252	8.15%

Trust Funds	Benefits Payable Expendable Fund	Special Education /Tuition Fund	Building Maintenance Reserve Fund	State/Federal Revenue ETF
Beginning Balance 7/1/2022	54,868.43	380,290.82	31,002.52	0.00
Deposit During Fiscal Year 2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Withdrawal During Fiscal Year 2023	$ -	$ -	0.00	0.00
Interest Earned During Fiscal Year 2023	1,327.34	9,199.75	749.99	0.00
Ending Balance June 30, 2023	**56,195.77**	**389,490.57**	**31,752.51**	**0.00**
Addition from Fiscal Year 2023 Warrant	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00
Anticipated Withdrawal During Fiscal Year 2024	0.00	107,000.00	0.00	0.00
Projected June 30, 2024 Balance	**$ 56,195.77**	**$ 282,490.57**	**$ 31,752.51**	**$ 30,000.00**
GOAL	**50,000.00**	**375,000.00**	**25,000.00**	**100,000.00**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INFORMATION SERVICES
LIBRARY
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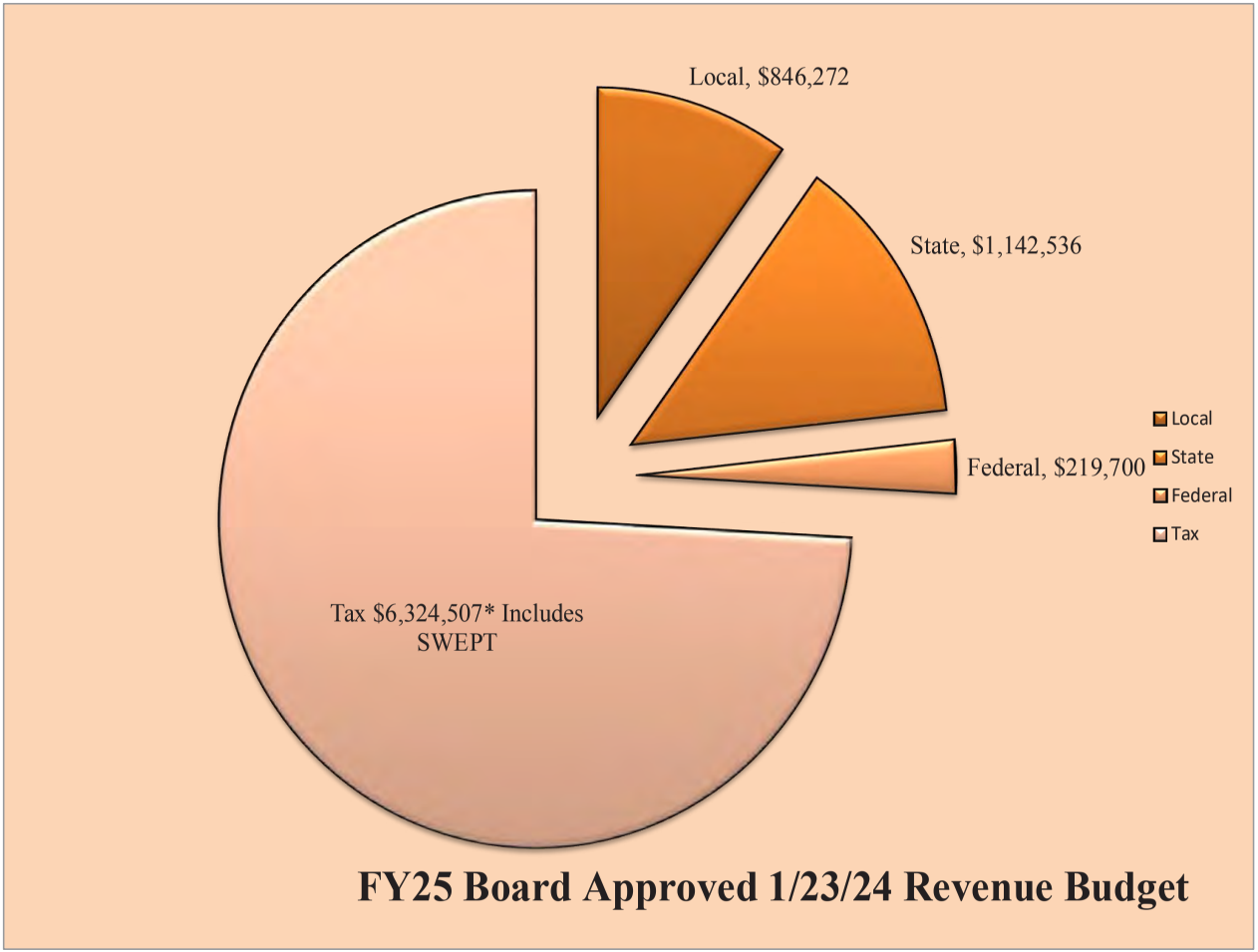
FY25 - Revenue Budget PES Board Approved - January 23, 2024

	2020/2021 Total Year ACTUAL	2021/2022 Total Year Actual	'2022/2023 Total Year Actual	2023/2024 Official MS-24	2023-2024 Estimate ACTUAL	2024-2025 Proposed BUDGET	2024/2025 $$ Increase 23/24 Budget	2024/2025 $$ Increase 23/24 ACTUAL (EST)	2024/2025 % Incr. Over 23/24 Budget
LOCAL SOURCES:									
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	$ 119,009	$ 298,000	$ 511,278	$ 385,091	$ 385,091	$ 159,059	$ (226,032)	$ (226,032)	-58.70%
Interest Income	$ 11,900	$ 9,220	$ 27,783	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 5,000	$ (5,000)	$ (5,000)	-50.00%
Food Service Revenues	$ 6,544	$ 37,845	$ 34,523	$ 38,000	$ 38,000	$ 42,000	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	10.53%
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Tuition Revenues	$ -	$ -		$ 25,720	$ 25,720	$ 26,000	$ 280	$ 280	1.09%
Transfer in Food Service	$ 25,112	$ 21,012	$ 15,041	$ 17,160	$ 17,160	$ 15,600	$ (1,560)	$ (1,560)	-9.09%
Transfer from Reserve Funds	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ 107,000		$ -	$ (107,000)	0.00%
Transfer from Bld Maint Reserve Fund	$ -	$ -		$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Transfer from Capital Trust	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	0.00%
Fund Balance Retained	$ 295,571	$ -	$ 281,493	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	0.00%
Deficit/Supplemental Appropriation	$ -	$ -		$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Local SAU Revenue	$ 215,907	$ 194,600	$ 314,227	$ 230,268	$ 230,268	$ 332,409	$ 102,141	$ 102,141	44.36%
Other (Includes Local Grants)	$ 38,856	$ 70,581	$ 59,019	$ 137,175	$ 152,347	$ 266,203	$ 129,028	$ 113,856	94.06%
Total Local	$ 712,899	$ 631,258	$ 1,243,364	$ 843,414	$ 965,586	$ 846,272	$ 2,858	$ (119,314)	0.34%
							$ -		
							$ -		
STATE SOURCES:							$ -		
NH Adequacy Grant	793,632	820,318	957,630	$ 777,136	$ 777,136	$ 777,136	$ 0	$ 0	0.00%
NH Building Aid	9,002	0	0	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	0.00%
Special Education Aid	248,441	237,855	380,795	$ 347,827	$ 347,827	$ 365,000	$ 17,173	$ 17,173	4.94%
Child Nutrition	690	534	569	$ 400	$ 400	$ 400	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Other	$ 1,266		$ 38,031	$ 5,508	$ 5,508	$ -	$ (5,508)	$ (5,508)	-100.00%
Total State	1,053,031	1,058,707	1,377,026	$ 1,130,871	$ 1,130,871	$ 1,142,536	$ 11,665	$ 11,665	1.03%
							$ -		
							$ -		
FEDERAL SOURCES:							$ -		
Federal Grant Programs	$ 263,062	$ 196,237	$ 284,710	$ 143,700	$ 143,700	$ 166,700	$ 23,000	$ 23,000	16.01%
OEP Capital Improvement Grant	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Child Nutrition	$ 6,292	$ 6,745	$ 13,439	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Medicaid	$ 19,376	$ 43,375	$ 29,615	$ 45,000	$ 45,000	$ 45,000	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Other	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Total Federal	288,730	246,357	327,764	196,700	196,700	219,700	$ 23,000	23,000	11.69%
							$ -		
TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUES	2,054,659	1,936,322	2,948,155	2,170,985	2,293,157	2,208,508	$ 37,523	(84,649)	1.73%
Property Tax Dollars Needed	5,355,266	5,629,862	4,693,649	5,126,496	5,126,496	5,748,408	$ 621,912	621,912	12.13%
SWEPT	0		425,791	592,282	592,282	576,099	$ (16,183)	-16,183	-2.73%
		5,629,862	5,119,440	5,718,778	5,718,778	6,324,507	605,729	605,729	10.59%
TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET	7,409,925	7,566,184	8,067,595	7,889,763	8,011,935	8,533,015	$ 643,253	643,253	8.15%
							$ -		
TOTAL REVENUES	7,409,925	7,566,184	8,067,595	7,889,763	8,011,935	8,533,015	$ 643,253		
							$ -		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,928,435	7,054,906	7,682,504	7,889,763	7,852,876	8,533,015	$ 643,252		
							$ -		
SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)	481,490	511,278	385,091	0	159,059	0	0		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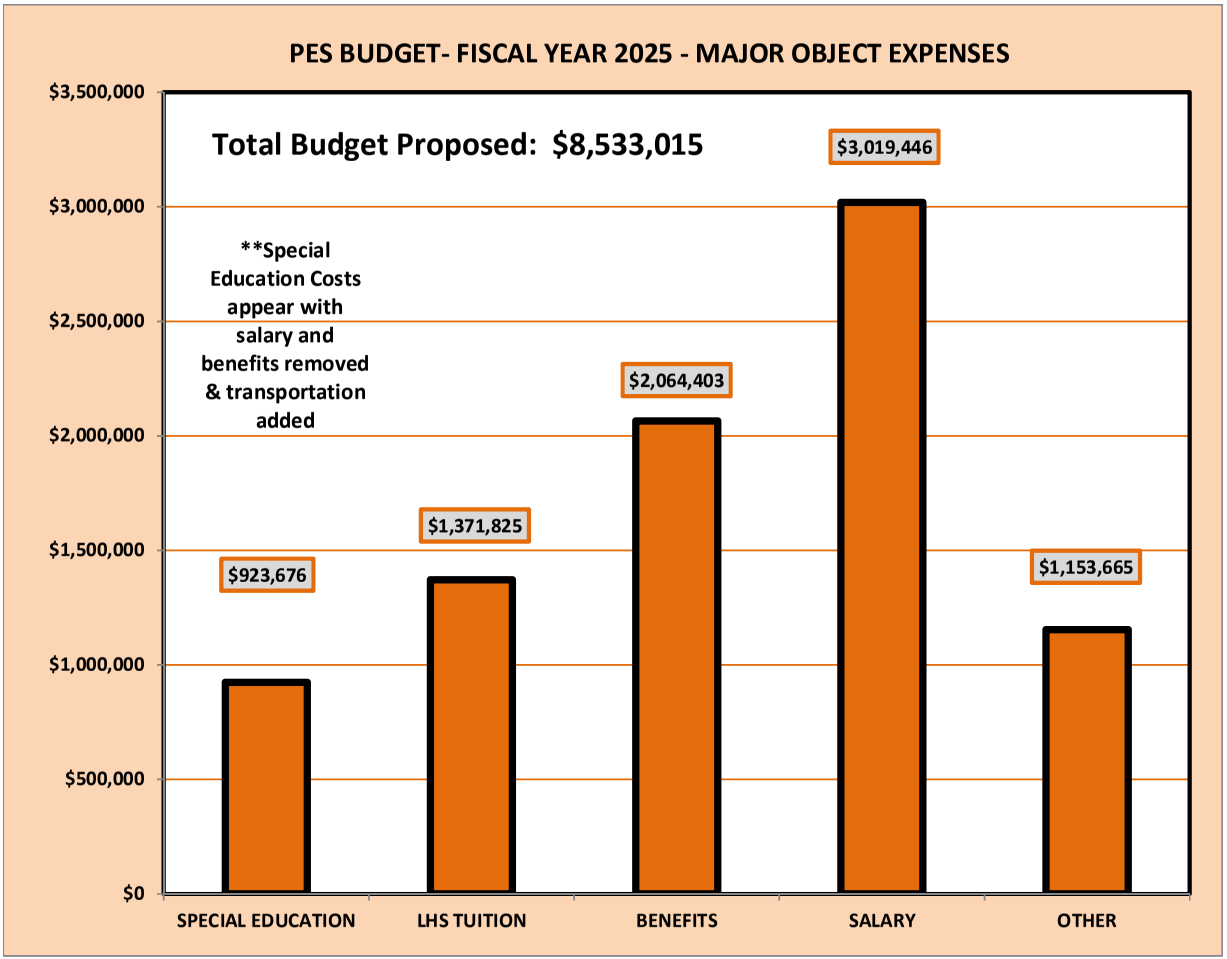
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Total Budget Proposed: $8,533,015
**Special Education Costs appear with salary and benefits removed & transportation added
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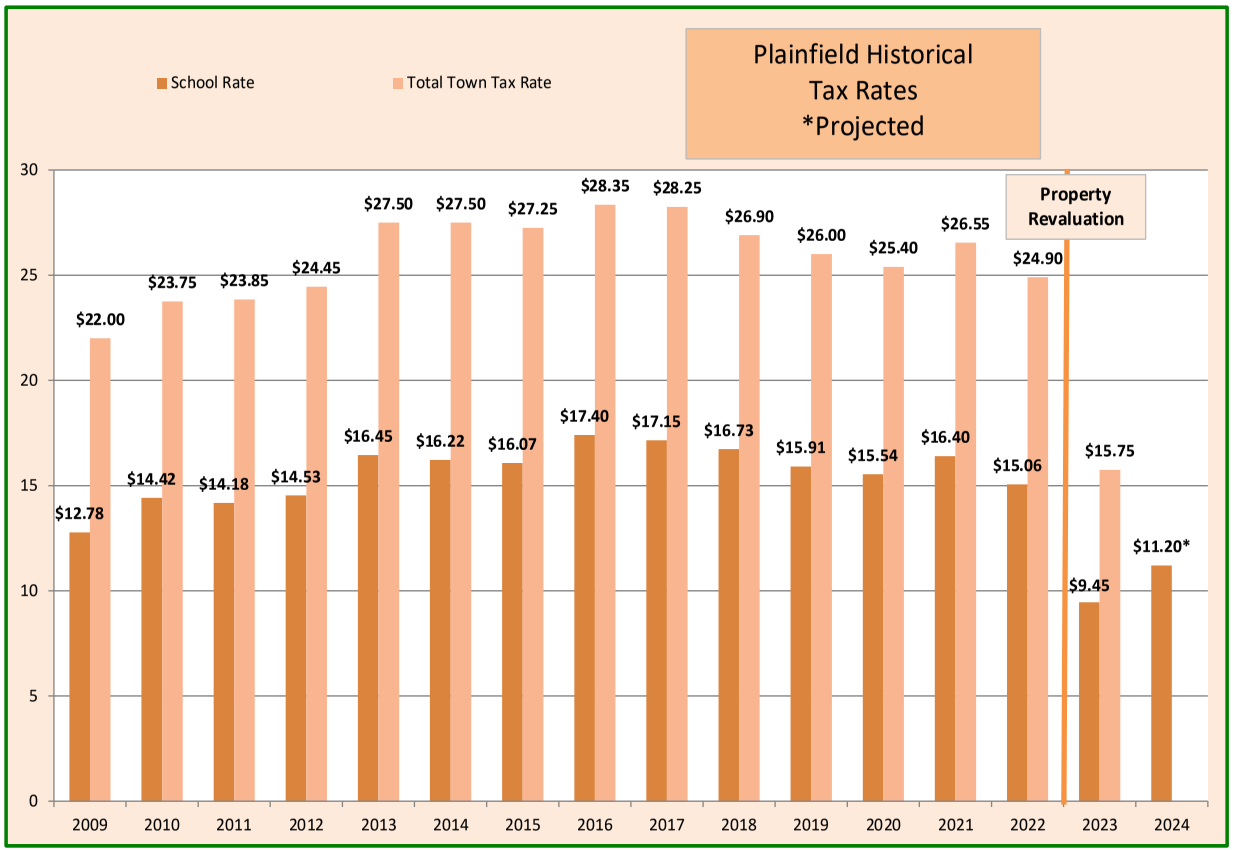
Plainfield School District
Historical Tax Data 2009-2023*



FY24 Estimated Tax Rate - Proposed						
Plainfield School District						
Proposed 24-25 Budget						
			Estimated			
			Tax Rate	Actual	Proposed	
			At March 2023	As Set	2024-2025	Increase/
			Annual Meeting	2022-2023	Budget	(Decrease)
				MS-24		MS-24
Revenues:						
	Interest Income		2,000	10,000	5,000	-5,000
	Local SAU Revenue		220,026	230,268	332,409	102,141
	Other Local Revenue		147,417	162,895	292,203	129,308
	Special Education Aide		392,772	347,827	365,000	17,173
	Other State Sources (EFA Phase Out)			5,508	0	-5,508
	Medicaid		45,000	45,000	45,000	0
	Unassigned Fund Balance		356,612	385,091	159,059	-226,032
	Adequate Education Grant		747,246	777,136	777,136	0
	State Education Tax		592,282	592,282	576,099	-16,183
			2,503,355	2,556,007	2,551,906	-4,101
Budget						
	Total Operating Budget (All Funds)		7,819,763	7,819,763	8,533,015	713,252
	Warrant Articles Approved		0	70,000	0	-70,000
			7,819,763	7,889,763	8,533,015	643,252
	Less:					
	Food Service		63,560	63,560	66,000	2,440
	Grants		143,700	143,700	166,700	23,000
	Total General Fund		7,612,503	7,682,503	8,300,315	617,812
	Less Revenues		2,503,355	2,556,007	2,551,906	-4,101
	Local Property Tax Amount		5,109,148	5,126,496	5,748,409	621,913
	Property Tax Calculation:					
	Assessed Valuation with Utilities		311,584,776	542,261,444	542,261,444	542,261,444
	Assessed Valuation without Utilities		304,417,676	532,365,744	532,365,744	532,365,744
	Local Tax Rate		16.40	9.45	10.60	1.15
	State Education Tax Rate		1.95	1.11	1.08	-0.03
	Total School Tax Effort Operatring Budget		18.34	10.56	11.68	1.12



Maisie Boynton
7th
Earthenware Pinch-pot Sculpture

TREASURER'S REPORT
2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

7/1/2022	Balance Mascoma Savings	266,814.70
7/1/2022	Balance NH Public Investment Pool	602,329.62
7/1/2022	Subtotal	869,144.32
	*Total Expenditures (7/1/22 through 6/30/23)	7,682,504.00
	*Total Receipts (7/1/22 through 6/30/23)	8,067,595.00
	Fund Balance	385,091.00
6/30/2023	Balance Mascoma Savings	88,502.43
6/30/2023	Balance NH Public Investment Pool	411,813.84
6/30/2023	Total Cash Available	500,316.27

*All Funds

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Moore
School Treasurer



Lily Clouse
Kindergarten
Crayon & Watercolor Turkey

PLAINFIELD ENROLLMENT – October 3, 2023

GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
K	6	3	9
1	6	10	16
2	8	9	17
3	15	15	30
4	6	17	23
5	13	12	25
6	13	12	25
7	10	14	24
8	19	9	28
Subtotal	96	101	197

Home Study Students: 3

Total Enrollment including Home and Remote Study: 200

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2023

Kayden Balch
Teo Gruntmanis
Zach Illsley
Connor Noyes
Lucas Rodriguez
Brian Rogers
Marek Rogers
Miko Stephens
Telemos Tomlinson
Ian George
Kristen Higgens
Casey Jordan
Maximus Perriello
Braedon Rogers
Carter Rogers
Jacob Singleton
Nathaniel Thorpe
Bryson Tucker

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL RECOGNITION AWARDS 2023

TEACHERS' AWARD: **Lucas Rodriguez**

CORY TABER AWARD: **Telemos Tomlinson**

PTO CITIZENSHIP AWARD: **Casey Jordan**

EXCELLENCE IN ART: **Brian Rogers**

EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC: **Lucas Rodriguez**

GROBE-REISCH SPORTSMANSHIP: **Ian George**

GARIPAY-BEAUPRE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE: **Teo Gruntmanis**

PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:
Lucas Rodriguez, Ian George

PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:
Teo Gruntmanis, Bryson Tucker, Zachary Illsey, Miko Stephens, Kristen Higgins, Telemos Tomlinson

NELMS SCHOLAR LEADER AWARDS**: Lucas Rodriguez**

THE HERBERT E. WARD MEMORIAL ESSAY CONTEST:
1st place: **Lucas Rodriguez**
2nd place: **Zach Illsey**
3rd place: **Miko Stephens**
Honorable Mention: **Kristen Higgins**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kimball Union Academy 2022-2023

Plainfield Residents

Grade 9

Jaxon Davies
Chloe Dixon
Reed Gueldenzoph

Grade 10

Aiden Bean
Ian Surgenor
Sebastian Keen
Michael Winham
Sylvia McClure

Grade 11

Isabel Brozen
Max McClure
Ariana Ftorek
Emma McKim
Zachary Heffer
Araya Claudia Russman
Piper Keen
Molly Sites

Grade 12

Tyler Dixon
Rachel Sites



Azlan Regan
4th Grade
Celluclay Sculpture

Lebanon High School
Class of 2023
Senior Awards Plainfield Recipients

President's Award for Educational Excellence	Anya Rendahl
President's Award for Educational Achievement	Joshua Ball Duncan Green Juliette Hampton Anna Numme
National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist	Anya Rendahl
School Council Senior Representatives	Duncan Green, *Asst. Moderator*

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Art	Owen Robb
Louis Armstrong Jazz Band Award	Juliette Hampton
Matilda Ernst Science Award	Anya Rendahl
Physical Education	Anna Numme
Spanish Department Award	Anya Rendahl

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Frederick E. Carver Memorial Award	Malayna Joslyn
Sheila S. Conrad Memorial Scholarship	Malayna Joslyn
Faculty Awards in Memory of Raymond Plante	Claire Falcone Duncan Green
Frank & Olive Gilman Foundation Scholarship	Joshua Ball Christopher Perriello Owen Robb
Mike Hathaway Memorial Award	Claire Falcone
LHS Alumni Association Scholarship Awards	Malayna Joslyn
Sterling Melendy Memorial Award	Claire Falcone
Lebanon Chapter of Dollars for Scholars Scholarship	Joshua Ball Claire Falcone Christopher Perriello Owen Robb
Ingrid Neuwirt Memorial Trades Scholarship	Griffin Urnezis
Plainfield Parent Teacher Organization Award	Juliette Hampton
Oberkotter Family Foundation Scholarship	Anya Rendahl Juliette Hampton
Philip Read Memorial Library Scholarship	Joshua Ball Claire Falcone Duncan Green

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Red River Computer Charitable Foundation Award	Anya Rendahl
James Schwedland Memorial Award	Christopher Perriello
Tyler Simms Memorial Scholarship	Christopher Perriello
Valley News Scholarship	Duncan Green
Roger White Memorial Trades Scholarship	Griffin Urnezis
WISE Scholarship in Memory of Natalie LaFlam Perriello	Christopher Perriello
Dr. Myric Wood Memorial Scholarship	Claire Falcone

Lebanon High School
2022-2023 Underclassmen Awards
Plainfield Recipients

The Brown University Book Award	Sophie Longacre
The Saint Anselm College Book Award	James Barnett
Western New England University Book Award	Nicole Suckow
English Department Awards	Sehan Moeykens
The Isaac Newton Award	James Barnett
Physical Sciences Award	Reeve Green
Social Studies: U.S. History Award	Levi Wilmot
Technology	Paul Yates
Technology: Woodworking Award	James Barnett
	Isaac Perry
	Caleb Swinson
Choral Music Award	Norah Falcone
Art Department Award	Laura Hines
	Paul Yates
Digital Art Award	Katelyn Billingham
School Council Representative	Sophie Longacre ‘24
	Nicole Suckow ‘24
	Seth Danen ‘25
	Reeve Green ‘25
	Audrey Newton ‘26
Class Marshal - Graduation 2023	Sophie Longacre

Plainfield Honor Society Members
2022-2023

Lebanon Chapter of the National Honor Society:

Chase Adams
Rebecca Ball
James Barnett
Katelyn Billingham
Lea Castell
Seth Danen-Lucier
Nina Ellingson
Norah Falcone
Reeve Green
Bennett Hewett
Kyle Hines
Laura Hines
Sophie Longacre
Anna Numme
Nicole Suckow
Maya Tomlinson
Benjamin Twarog

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Honor Society)

Duncan Green
Anya Rendahl
Will Sandmann



Ezra Lascel
7th
Charcoal Landscape

Lebanon High School
Plainfield Tuition Students 2022-2023

Grade 9

Maezie Angles
Sara Forman
Clara Givent
Clayton Godfrey
Kieran Lord
Ryan Lundrigan
Annella Marsh
Minji Moeykens
Audrey Newton
Isaac Perry
Miles Saunders
Vincent Sites
Alyssa Warner
Roark Wheeler
Esther Wilmot

Grade 10

Grayson Avery
Gracie Bagley
Rebecca Ball
Katelyn Billingham
David Champagne
Seth Danen-Lucier
Ainslee Delisle
Nina Ellingson
Mark Givent
Reeve Green
Kyle Hines
Laura Hines
Lyssette Mamaev
William McGonigle
Gavin Patch
Augustin Ramos-Glew
Andrew Singleton
Caleb Swinson
Brett Thorpe
Taylor Wallace
Alyssa Wyman
Paul Yates
Anya Zabski

Grade 11

Chase Adams
James Barnett
Lea Castell
Aiden Duprey
Norah Falcone
Bennett Hewett
Madison Jewell
Toms Linkaits
Sophie Longacre
Sehan Moeykens
Landon Nadeau
Talan Patkul
Jace Porter
Nicole Suckow
Maya Tomlinson
Benjamin Twarog
Levi Wilmot

Grade 12

Joshua Ball
Alena Demidova
Claire Falcone
Duncan Green
Juliette Hampton
Malayna Joslyn
Aidan Lewis
Madelyn Newton
Anna Numme
Christopher Perriello
Krists Putans
Anya Rendahl
Owen Robb
Will Sandmann
Vincent Ta
Griffin Urnezis

PLAINFIELD TEACHERS: 2023-2024 SALARY SCHEDULE GRID

Track	Bachelor		Bachelor +15		Bachelor + 30/ Masters		Masters + 15		Masters + 30	
step	FTE's	salary	FTE's	salary	FTE's	salary	FTE's	salary	FTE's	salary
1		$45,019		$46,548		$48,132		$49,769		$51,459
2	1.0	$46,611		$48,197		$49,835		$51,528		$53,281
3		$48,262		$49,902		$51,597		$53,354		$55,168
4		$49,970		$51,669		$53,425		$55,241		$57,120
5	1.0	$51,738		$53,497		$55,316		$57,199		$59,142
6		$53,570		$55,391		$57,275		$59,222		$61,236
7	1.0	$55,468		$57,352	1.0	$59,302		$61,318		$63,404
8		$57,431		$59,384		$61,403		$63,489	1.00	$65,649
9	1.0	$59,462		$61,485		$63,574		$65,737		$67,971
10		$61,568		$63,660	1.0	$65,826	1.00	$68,062		$70,378
11		$63,748		$65,915	1.0	$68,157		$70,474		$72,870
12		$66,005	1.0	$68,249	1.0	$70,568		$72,968		$75,449
13		$68,340	1	$70,665	0.6	$73,068		$75,551		$78,119
14		$70,759		$73,165	2.0	$75,654		$78,226		$80,886
15		$73,265		$75,756	1.0	$78,331		$80,995		$83,750
16		$75,860		$78,437	3.0	$81,105	2.0	$83,863	3.0	$86,714
FTE	4.0		2.0		10.6		3.00		4.00	**23.60**
#of Staff										24

Plainfield School District
2023-2024 Teachers/Professional Staff

Last Name	First Name	College
Bierwirth	Beth	B.S. Granite State College, S.F.O, MLD Granite State College, CAGS
Bilodeau	Lawrence	B.P.S. Acadia University
Bucklin	Audra	B.A. Holy Cross College, M.Ed. Plymouth State College
Buckman	Phoebe	M.Ed. Southern New Hampshire University, B.S. Keene State College
Chien	Brenda	B.M.E. Indiana University-Bloomington
Clifton	Elizabeth	M.S.N. Walden University, B.A. Goucher College, A.D.N NH Community Technical College
Cook	Hannah	M.Ed. Plymouth State College
Culligan	Jennifer	B.A. Montclair State Univ, M.Ed. Lyndon State
Doody	Michelle	B.S. Colby-Sawyer College
Downing	Christine	C.A.G.S. Plymouth State University M.S. Rivier University, B.A. Kansas State University
Dressler	Amy	M.Ed. Castleton State College
Ellis	April	B.S. Keene State College
Foley	Felecia	M.S. Keene State College, B.A. UNH
Harrington	Abigail	M.S. University of Vermont, M.A. Upper Valley Educators Institute, B.A. Brown University
Hier	Pamela	M.Ed. Lesley University, B.A. University of the Virgin Islands
Hunnewell	Joshua	B.A. Colby College
Kelly	Melissa	M.Ed. Franklin Pierce University, B.S. Colby Sawyer College
Kondratowicz	Jessica	B.S. State University at Oneonta, M.S. State University at Albany
Leggett	Sydney	Ed.D. Southern New Hampshire, M.Ed. Saint Michaels College; B.A. Oberlin College,CAGS
Lizotte	Jennifer	B.S. Keene State College, M.Ed.S. NH University
McKittrick	Lindsay	B.A. Smith College
Mellow	Erin	B.S. Saint Lawrence University, M.A. School for International Training
Parker	Amanda	B.A. Notre Dame College, M.A. Plymouth State College
Peters	Patricia	B.S. Bridgewater State College
Smith	Angela	M.S. Plymouth State Univeristy, B.A. Willamette University
Smith	Jennifer	B.S. Springfield College
Stout	Annemarie	M.Ed. UNH M.B.A. Southern New Hampshire University
Taber	Melinda	B.S. University of New Hampshire, M.Ed. UNH
Wolfinger	Giuseppina	M.S. Nazareth College

Plainfield School District
2023-2024 Support Staff

Last Name	First Name	College
Ball	Heather	B.A. Gettysburg College
Beloin	Linda	Certified Para II
Bridge	Viki	B.A. University of New Hampshire, M.Ed. Plymouth State College
Canfield	Corey	B.S. Southern New Hampshire University
Cassedy	Ruth	M.Ed. University of New England, B.A. University of New Hampshire
Downs	Janna	Certified Para II
Goerke	Shelley	Certified Para II
Goodrow	Fawn	B.S. Merrimack College
Jewell	Amanda	B.S. Plymouth State College
LaPlaca	Taylor	A.A. Community College of Rhode Island
Lowery	Katie	
McMahon	Andrea	Certified Para II
McPherson	Heidi	A.S. Mt. Ida College, B.S. Keene State College
Newman	Aaron	
Smith	Kristina	B.S. Colby Sawyer College
Stone	Leah	
Strout	Natalie	
Weinstein	Rory	B.S. State University of New York at Oswego
Wolke	Evy	B.A. Wesleyan University

PES Vision Statement – 2-15-18

PES is a community school that is committed to student growth and achievement through a rigorous education that reflects the New England values of sustainability, integrity, ingenuity, collaborative spirit and stewardship of the natural environment.

What these words mean to us:

A **community school** is important as a core institution in our town. We value its independence and our local control. Our school is welcoming to all members of our community, provides a center for community activities, nurtures each of our students equally, and fosters a sense of belonging for each of our students.

A **commitment to student growth and achievement** begins with a student-centered curriculum which promotes intellectual curiosity, global awareness and an appreciation of diversity. It supports differentiated instructional strategies and individualized learning goals which meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of our students. It embraces evolutionary changes in goals, curriculum, and strategies which improve student outcomes.

A **rigorous** education is defined by quality, not quantity. Every student is continuously challenged to think creatively as well as analytically, to grow personally, and to achieve according to his/her potential.

Sustainability - Plainfield School embraces a broad theme of sustainability that includes: our physical plant that is energy efficient and well maintained, a sound financial footing and organizational structure that flexes with student needs, and a commitment to promoting a healthy, sustainable lifestyle in our students including the knowledge and tools to pursue this end.

Integrity involves honest and open communication between and among students, staff, administration, school board, and community. Integrity involves an awareness of self and of the impact of one's actions. Integrity involves owning one's successes and failures.

Ingenuity is the ability to meet student needs through the creative use of school and community resources. Innovation, academic creativity, and thoughtful experimentation are modeled by staff and are supported by the administration and community.

Collaborative spirit refers to shared goals and ideas, open mindedness, and the assumption of good intentions from all parties who are working together: students, parents, staff, administration, school board, and community members. Collaborative spirit involves an opportunity for participation and compromise. It recognizes that we are stronger together than alone.

Stewardship of the natural environment is fostered by utilizing our unique outdoor space for learning, for physical activity, for reflection. We strive for students to understand the interconnectedness of ourselves and our environment, to learn respect for ourselves and for other lives, and to gain an appreciation for the scientific foundations of our living world.

2/14/2018

IDEA & Preschool Entitlement Funds: Application for Plainfield School District

IDEA entitlement and preschool funds are based on the actual number of special needs students in the district. Plainfield has qualified for a total grant of **$121,550.03** in FY **2024.** These funds must be used to supplement our local expenditures. They cannot be used to reduce an amount spent by local funds in a prior fiscal year. During the current fiscal year these funds were used to pay for such services as speech and language services, special education assistants, staff development, and a part time school psychologist. Some of the funds are used to help us actively seek out, find and evaluate children who may be eligible for special education services. Federal law requires that we do this. The specific manner in which we propose to spend these funds is outlined in a grant application which was submitted in August of 2023. Delivery of the services proposed is contingent upon the approval of the application and the actual receipt of funds.



Madison Surrette
7th
Colored Pencil



Benjamin Matulonis
5th
Chalk Pastel Jellyfish



Dave Lane
8th
Graphite & Colored Pencil

NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Plainfield School District does not discriminate in its education programs, activities, or employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation or disability under the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1965, Section 1981 of the Civil Rights Act of 1966, the Equal Pay Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the American With Disabilities Act of 1990, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Individuals with Disabilities Act, RSA 186-C, and RSA 354-A. Any person having inquiries concerning Plainfield School District's compliance with the regulations implementing these laws may contact: Superintendent of Schools, 92 Bonner Road, Meriden, NH 03770, (603) 469-3250.

Certain specific inquiries may be directed to the following: Title IX Coordinator, Audra Bucklin; Title VI, VII and 504 Coordinator, Amy Dressler.

Any person may also contact Title IX Coordinator, NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301. (603) 271-3196, for Title IX and Age Discrimination; Section 504 Coordinator, NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301, (603) 271-3610, for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Supervisor for National Origin & Equal Education Opportunity, NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301, (603) 271-3582, for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education or the Director, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Government, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

School Administrative Unit #32, in complying with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004), is required to locate and identify all school age children who may have educational disabilities including those who are homeless, migrant, wards of the state, or attending private schools within the Plainfield School district boundaries.

If you are a parent of, or know of a child age 3-21, who you feel may have an educational disability, please contact the School Principal or Director of Student Services at 603-469-3250. SAU #32 will provide free screening and evaluation of any child referred to them. Students found eligible for special education services will be offered a free appropriate public education.

A student with a disability who does not qualify for services under the IDEA 2004 may qualify for accommodations under Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act. Referrals under Section 504 may be made to the Principal.

Parents have the right to review the educational records of their children, as guaranteed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.



Mason Darak, Ben Saunders, Mason Darak, Warren Ramsey
7th
Glazed Earthenware pinch-pot sculptures

Plainfield Weather Summary 2023

Month	Temp Ave (°F)	Temp Max (°F)	Temp Min (°F)	Humidity Ave (%)	Wind Speed Max (mph)	Pressure Max (inHg)	Pressure Min (inHg)	Rain Total* (in)	Insolation Total** (kWh/m²)	Days <0°	Days <32°	Days >80°	Days >90°
January	29.4	46.9	4.5	90.6	13.6	30.30	29.33	2.19	18.42	0	28	0	0
February	26.3	55.6	-20.7	77.1	18.3	30.48	29.42	0.52	39.67	4	26	0	0
March	33.2	54.1	15.1	79.5	20.6	30.41	29.41	2.04	67.29	0	30	0	0
April	46.6	86.4	16.5	74.6	19.5	30.53	29.26	3.98	101.39	0	8	2	0
May	54.3	88.2	21.9	71.6	15.9	30.36	29.02	3.31	151.33	0	6	4	0
June	62.5	91.6	41.9	89.4	10.3	30.36	29.50	6.51	119.87	0	0	6	1
July	69.9	91.6	50.5	90.7	10.3	30.14	29.74	11.29	130.15	0	0	24	2
August	64.4	82.4	42.8	90.7	11.4	30.27	29.55	5.28	109.16	0	0	8	0
September	60.6	89.4	36.9	92.0	10.3	30.47	29.71	3.69	86.49	0	0	8	0
October	51.5	85.6	26.2	93.0	12.5	30.35	29.19	3.53	49.63	0	3	3	0
November	34.5	62.8	11.8	84.9	12.5	30.55	29.56	1.91	34.11	0	26	0	0
December	33.1	61.7	9.0	91.2	21.7	30.55	28.97	5.43	20.70	0	22	0	0
2023	45.8	91.6	-20.7	85.4	21.7	30.55	28.97	49.68	928.21	4	149	55	3
2022	43.6	93.4	-18.0	80.4	23.9	30.66	28.75	35.39	1055.75	20	155	60	10
2021	44.7	91.8	-10.1	82.1	20.6	30.67	29.20	45.05	944.60	7	148	51	5

Last spring frost — May 26

First fall frost — October 13

Lowest temperature — February 4

Highest temperature — June 1 & July 6

*** Rain values do not include accurate snow water content**

**** Solar radiation measured on a horizontal surface**

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