TOWN OF

Plainfield

NEW HAMPSHIRE

2025 ANNUAL REPORT























The Town of Plainfield had a full year in 2025 both in future planning efforts and actual in the field projects (from left to right, top to bottom): The KUA Study Committee met with the private school's administration several times learning about future capital plans for the campus. The Conservation Commission began updating the town's Natural Resource Inventory which will be included as part of the Planning Board's Master Plan Update. The Fire Department conducted several training exercises. The town's Facility Department rebuilt the access ramp to the Plainfield Town Hall. The town's Solid Waste Committee completed the voter approved conversion to toter based refuse collection. The Highway Department completed the River Road lane shift, moving a 1000' of the road away from an eroded section of the Connecticut River bank near the intersection with Pierce Rd. The Plainfield Town Hall Committee continued its largely grant funded work to repair the historic townhall building, focusing the first two years on foundation and roof repairs. Plainfield welcomed a new Police Chief and a new Fire Chief. The newly formed Water Department worked hard on deferred maintenance.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

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2025

Annual Reports
of the
Officers and Selectmen
and the
School District

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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
MODERATOR	Daniel F. Cassedy	2026
TOWN CLERK	Michelle Marsh	2028
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	Sarah Berman	2026
SELECT BOARD	Ron C. Eberhardt	2026
	Amy S. Lappin	2027
	Elise Angelillo	2028
TREASURER	Ann Rogers	2026
TAX COLLECTOR	Michelle Marsh	2026
DEP. TAX COLLECTOR	Sarah Berman	2026
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Jesse Stalker	2028
	Stephen Surgenor	2026
	Edward Stansfield	2027
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Devan Tracy	2027
	Michael Adams	2027
	Rosemary Mills	2026
	Sally Rubb	2028
	Michelle Feller-Kopman	2028
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	Fern Wilder	2026
	Beverly Widger	2028
	Melissa Longacre	2030
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	Margaret Drye	2028
	Bradford Atwater	2026
	James Taylor	2027

BALLOT CLERKS	Sarah Goldsmith Stephanie Berman Terry McNamara Cindy Huett
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	Stephen Halleran
HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR	Stephanie Schell
EMERGENCY MGT.DIRECTOR	Stephanie Schell
DEPTUTY EMD	Robert Taylor
TOWN TRUMPETER	Ron C. Eberhardt
POLICE DEPARTMENT	Eric Gutsfeld, Chief Robert DePietro, III Sgt.
PLANNING BOARD	Jane Stephenson, Chair Mike Sutherland Elise Angelillo Eric Sutphin Ross Wood Stephen Halleran, Alt
ZONING BOARD	Richard Colburn, Chair Bradford Atwater Peter Martin Matthew Decker Michael Button
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Megan Chapman, Chair William Knight David Grobe David Taylor Judy Ptak Victoria Ramos-Glew Anne Donaghy, Alt
UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	John Yacavone

FINANCE COMMITTEE	Mike Sutherland, Chair Kathleen Cassedy Mark Hardy Eric Sorenson Dana Scaduto Jose Samson
ENERGY COMMITTEE	Evan Oxenham, Co-Chair Ron Eberhardt Jennifer Lenz Lee Oxenham
PLAINFIELD FIRE CHIEF	Bruce Elder
DEPUTY CHIEF	Christopher Berry - Plainfield Station
DEPUTY CHIEF	Matthew Tucker - Meriden Station
FOREST FIRE WARDENS	Bruce Elder, Warden Christopher Berry, Deputy William Taylor, Deputy Daniel Boone Rondeau, Deputy Matthew Tucker, Deputy Tom Robb, Deputy Jamie Ordway, Deputy
KUA STUDY COMMITTEE	Stephen Beaupre John Yacavone Andrea Bueno Keen Robert Hewett James Bonney Jenny Ramsey, School Board Chair Audra Bucklin, PES Principal Gerard Murphy, CFO KUA Stephen Halleran, Select Board Rep.

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Hillary Sundell
Susan Liebowitz
Betsy Morse
Judy Ptak

PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Beverly Widger, Chair
Hillary Sundell
Robert Gattie
George Grabe
Erika Smith
Diane MacDonald
Bruce Elder
Ralph Patalano
David Grobe
Nancy Norwalk
Diane Rogers



Will Sheehan and family took home the Golden Turkey & pie at this year's snow-free Turkey Trot Photo: S. Halleran

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 10th day of March next at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles:

[Polls will remain 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, one Library Trustees for three years, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, one Supervisor of the Checklist for five years, one Town Clerk for two years, one Town Moderator for two years and any other necessary town officers.

You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday the 14th of March at one o'clock (1pm) in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$3,262,816** to defray town charges for the 2026 fiscal year. The Select Board proposes the following budget:

1. Executive	**$304,300**
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	**5,180**
3. Financial Administration	**140,000**
4. Revaluation of Property	**25,000**
5. Legal Expenses	**8,000**
6. Personnel Administration	**23,500**
7. Planning & Zoning	**3,000**
8. General Government Buildings	**96,612**
9. Cemeteries	**40,500**
10. Insurance	**91,900**
11. Regional Associations	**8,100**
12. Police	**433,290**
13. Ambulance Service	**48,485**
14. Fire	**72,000**
15. Building Inspection	**14,100**
16. Emergency Management	**1,000**
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	**4,100**
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	**73,000**

19. Highway Administration	**29,250**
20. Highways and Streets	**883,320**
21. Road Projects	**122,000**
22. Street Lights	**12,500**
23. Water Department	**80,300**
24. Solid Waste Collection	**370,000**
25. Solid Waste Disposal	**95,310**
26. Health Agencies	**16,900**
27. Animal Control	**500**
28. Human Services	**36,800**
29. Recreation Commission	**25,995**
30. Library	**195,374**
31. Patriotic	**1,500**
32. Conservation Commission	**1,000**
33. Principal Long-term debt	**0**
34. Interest Long-term debt	**0**
Total:	**$3,262,816**

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 $2.97 of the town's projected tax rate.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$355,000** to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a allocations 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:

$50,000	Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996
$5,000	Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992

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 $.65 of the town tax rate.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of **$100,000** to make structural improvements to the highway garage roof structure and replace the existing standing seam roof. The entire $100,000 for this article will come from unassigned fund balance. The Select Board (3-0) recommends this appropriation That tax rate impact of this project is $0.00.

ARTICLE 5. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the TOWN OF PLAINFIELD on **day of week, Month, date, 2026?** 3/5 Majority Paper Ballot Vote Required. This article is by petition. This article is not supported by the Select Board (0-3).

ARTICLE 6. Should RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) be passed on **day of the week, Month date, 2026**, should we adopt the creation of an official **Budget Committee** under **RSA 32:1** for the TOWN OF PLAINFIELD? This article is by petition. This article is not supported by the Select Board (0-3).

ARTICLE 7. 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. This article is supported by the Select Board (3-0).

ARTICLE 8. 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. This article is supported by the Select Board (3-0).

ARTICLE 9. To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

ARTICLE 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A True Copy Attest:

Ron C. Eberhardt
Amy S. Lappin
Elise C. Angelillo
Plainfield Select Board

TOWN AND SCHOOL MEETING RULES

This is YOUR meeting, and the moderator's job is to keep it going forward in a productive and organized manner and to ensure clarity as to what is being voted upon. Think of the moderator as the referee, not the chief executive officer. We try to follow a few straightforward rules, and the moderator has the authority to define the rules. **BUT REMEMBER:** this is your meeting, so any ruling by the moderator may be challenged by seven voters and then overruled if a majority vote to agree with that challenge.

Speaking

- In general, only registered voters are allowed to speak at the meeting. I may allow non-voters to speak, but only to provide information, not to advocate a position or make motions.
- No one is allowed to speak unless recognized by the Moderator.
- Please use the microphones — you may think you have a loud voice, but many people, including me, have hearing issues, and it's important that everyone be able to hear what you say.
- The first time you are recognized to speak, please state your name and where you live in town.
- Please practice respect and civility at all times. It's OK to disagree, but not OK to be disagreeable or disrespectful.
- Please do not applaud or cheer after people speak — this is not a rally, and motions will not be decided by an applause meter.

Motions

- Motions must be moved and seconded, and the "mover" will be the first person permitted to speak.
- If an amendment is made, it must be given to the clerk in writing before we vote on it.
    - Only one motion/amendment at a time — no amendments to amendments.
    - Any amendments involving money must include a dollar amount.
    - A motion to call the question (which means stop discussion and vote immediately) needs to be supported by seven voters, is not debatable, and needs a 2/3 majority to carry.
    - However, the Moderator shall have the right to refuse to recognize a motion to call the question if, in the Moderator's opinion, the voters have not yet had an adequate opportunity to

discuss the issue.

- I will not entertain a motion to pass over an article; State law requires that all warrant articles be acted upon before the final adjournment of the meeting.

Voting

Only registered voters can vote. When you arrive at the meeting, you should check in with the ballot clerks and receive a voter's packet, which includes a voter's card as well as numbered tear-offs. All voting on appropriations and financial obligations will be done using the numbered tear-offs you have been given.

Daniel Cassedy

Moderator, Town of Plainfield & School District



The 2nd new Mack Truck delivered to the Highway Department. 25% of the truck was paid for with a State of New Hampshire Clean Diesel Grant.

Photo: Richard Collins

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2026 to December 31st 2026

EXPENDITURES Item	2025 Approved	2025 Expenditures	2026 Request	Dollar Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Executive	$ 306,908	$ 321,468	$ 304,300	-$ 2,608
Election/Registration	$ 3,680	$ 2,927	$ 5,180	$ 1,500
Financial Administration	$ 121,000	$ 117,110	$ 140,000	$ 19,000
Revaluation of Property	$ 25,000	$ 27,270	$ 25,000	$ 0
Legal Expense	$ 8,000	$ 14,715	$ 8,000	$ 0
Personnel Administration	$ 13,600	$ 14,778	$ 23,500	$ 9,900
Planning and Zoning	$ 2,000	$ 3,596	$ 3,000	$ 1,000
General Government Buildings	$ 98,512	$ 94,920	$ 96,612	-$ 1,900
Cemeteries	$ 38,000	$ 41,889	$ 40,500	$ 2,500
Insurances	$ 96,000	$ 122,213	$ 91,900	-$ 4,100
Regional Associations	$ 7,100	$ 6,627	$ 8,100	$ 1,000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police	$ 392,054	$ 350,677	$ 433,290	$ 41,236
Ambulance	$ 45,000	$ 40,724	$ 48,485	$ 3,485
Fire	$ 68,400	$ 68,033	$ 72,000	$ 3,600
Building Inspection	$ 13,400	$ 14,865	$ 14,100	$ 700
Emergency Management	$ 1,000	$ 0	$ 1,000	$ 0
Hydrant Rentals/FFT	$ 4,100	$ 3,600	$ 4,100	$ 0
Dispatch Service	$ 66,500	$ 68,241	$ 73,000	$ 6,500
HIGHWAYS, STREETS				
Highway Administration	$ 27,050	$ 28,938	$ 29,250	$ 2,200
Highway and Streets	$ 875,820	$ 817,314	$ 883,320	$ 7,500
Road Projects	$ 120,000	$ 110,110	$ 122,000	$ 2,000
Streetlights	$ 13,500	$ 11,703	$ 12,500	-$ 1,000
WATER DEPARTMENT				
Water operations	$ 80,300	$ 83,770	$ 80,300	$ 0
SANITATION				
Solid Waste Collection	$ 350,000	$ 357,660	$ 370,000	$ 20,000
Solid Waste Disposal	$ 82,310	$ 83,655	$ 95,310	$ 13,000
Health				
Health Department	$ 15,863	$ 9,082	$ 16,900	$ 1,037
Animal Control	$ 500	$ 0	$ 500	$ 0
HUMAN SERVICES				
General Assistance	$ 36,800	$ 53,456	$ 36,800	$ 0

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2026 to December 31st 2026
(Continued)

	2025 Approved	2025 Expenditures	2026 Request	Dollar Change
CULTURE AND RECREATION				
Recreation Commission	$ 24,975	$ 24,474	$ 25,995	$ 1,020
Libraries	$ 190,514	$ 187,533	$ 195,374	$ 4,860
Patriotic Purposes	$ 1,500	$ 511	$ 1,500	$ 0
Conservation Commission	$ 750	$ 708	$ 1,000	$ 250
DEBT SERVICE				
Principal Long-term debt	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Interest Long-term debt	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	**$3,130,136**	**$ 3,08,568**	**$3,262,816**	**$132,680**
				4.2 %

EXPENDITURES Item	**2025 Approved**	**2025 Transfers**	**2026 Request**	**Dollar Change**
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Hwy Transportation Fund	$ 75,000	$ 75,000	$ 75,000	$ 0
Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 0
Hwy Bridge Fund	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 0
Hwy Gravel Reclamation Fund	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 0
Facilities Fund	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 0
Revaluation Fund	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 0
Town Hall Repair Fund	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 50,000	$ 30,000
Library Repair Fund	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 0
ADA Access Fund	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 0
Police Equipment Fund	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 0
Fire New Equipment Fund	$ 60,000	$ 60,000	$ 60,000	$ 0
Highway Roof Project	$ 0	$ 0	$ 100,000	$100,000
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	**$ 325,000**	**$ 325,000**	**$ 455,000**	**$130,000**
GROSS EXPENDITURES	**$3,455,136**	**$ 3,407,568**	**$3,717,816**	**$262,681**
				7.6%

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2026 to December 31st 2026
(Continued)

REVENUES Item	2025 Anticipated	2025 Received (Dec)	2026 Anticipated	Dollar Change
TAXES				
Land Use Change Tax (1/2)	$ 15,000	$ 16,705	$ 35,000	$ 20,000
Yield Taxes	$ 15,000	$ 12,360	$ 15,000	$ 0
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 0
Interest & Penalties	$ 25,000	$ 15,964	$ 16,000	-$ 9,000
Excavations	$ 150	$ 124	$ 150	$ 0
LICENSES AND PERMITS				
Licenses & Fees	$ 6,000	$ 5,886	$ 6,000	$ 0
Motor Vehicle Registrations	$ 725,000	$ 746,415	$ 790,000	$ 65,000
Trash User Fees	$ 150,000	$ 174,499	$ 175,000	$ 25,000
STATE REVENUE				
Rooms and Meals Dist	$ 251,799	$ 251,799	$ 251,799	$ 0
Highway Block Grant	$ 122,380	$ 122,770	$ 122,000	-$ 380
Other State Aide	$ 59	$ 59	$ 60	$ 1
CHARGES FOR SERVICE				
Income from Departments	$ 40,000	$ 43,449	$ 40,000	$ 0
Reimbursements	$ 0		$ 0	$ 0
Water Department	$ 84,700	$ 82,726	$ 80,300	-$ 4,400
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE				
Sale of Town Property	$ 10,000	$ 20,400	$ 10,000	$ 0
Interest on Deposits	$ 60,000	$ 78,425	$ 75,000	$ 15,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Longterm Borrowing	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Private Fundraising	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Capital Reserve Funds	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Trust Funds	$ 10,000	$ 13,107	$ 10,000	$ 0
Fund Balance Utilization	$ 0	$ 0	$ 100,000	$ 100,000
BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS	$ 1,516,088	$ 1,585,688	$ 1,727,309	$ 211,221
NET APPROPRIATION	$ 1,939,048	$ 1,821,880	$ 1,990,507	$ 51,460
Change in dollars from taxation:			$51,460	2.7%
Projected tax rate impact (total package)			**$0.09/$1,000**	

TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2025
Plainfield, New Hampshire

The annual meeting for the Town of Plainfield began at the Plainfield Elementary School on Bonner Road on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Moderator Dan Cassedy opened the meeting at 8:00 am with the reading of Article 1 and the posting certifications. Michelle Marsh made a motion to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant, seconded by Steve Halleran. 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, two Library Trustees for three years, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, one Supervisor of the Checklist for five years, and any other necessary town officers.

Number on Checklist: 1824 Same Day Registrants: 2
Number of Regular Ballots Cast: 235 Number of Absentee Ballots Cast: 7

Select board Member for three years:

Elise Angelillo	135
Trevor Marsh	100

Elise Angelillo was declared elected.

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years:

Jesse R. Stalker	241

Jesse R. Stalker was declared elected.

Two Library Trustees for three years:

Michelle Feller-Kopman	241
Sally Harris Rub	239

Michelle Feller-Kopman and Sally Harris Rub were declared elected.

Cemetery Trustee for three years:

Margaret Drye	138

Margaret Drye was declared elected.

Town Clerk for three years:

Michelle Marsh 242

Michelle Marsh was declared elected.

Supervisor of the Checklist for five years:

Melissa Longacre 241

Melissa Longacre was declared elected.

The Moderator closed the polls at 7:00pm. Moderator Cassedy made a motion to recess the Town Meeting until Saturday, March 15 at 2:00pm for the deliberative session. It was seconded by Ron Eberhardt and a unanimous voice vote was in the affirmative. The moderator announced the results and recessed the Town Meeting.

Elise Angelillo, Michelle Marsh, Margaret Drye and Michelle Feller-Kopman were sworn in by Moderator Daniel Cassedy on March 15, 2025.

On Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 2pm, Moderator Dan Cassedy re-opened the Town meeting at the Plainfield Elementary School with a pledge to the flag. He then introduced the panel of officers and explained the rules of the meeting. Moderator Cassedy recognized Selectboard Chair Ron Eberhardt, who presented the Stephen H. Taylor Community Service Award to Paul Franklin. Paul has served the town in many capacities and received a well-deserved standing ovation for his contributions.

Stephen Taylor 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 Stephen Halleran, who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption**:** That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$3,130,136** to defray town charges for the 2025 fiscal year. The Select Board proposes the following budget:

1. Executive	**$306,908**
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	**3,680**
3. Financial Administration	**121,000**
4. Revaluation of Property	**25,000**
5. Legal Expenses	**8,000**
6. Personnel Administration	**13,600**

7. Planning & Zoning	**2,000**
8. General Government Buildings	**98,512**
9. Cemeteries	**38,000**
10. Insurance	**96,000**
11. Regional Associations	**7,100**
12. Police	**392,054**
13. Ambulance Service	**45,000**
14. Fire	**68,400**
15. Building Inspection	**13,400**
16. Emergency Management	**1,000**
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	**4,100**
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	**66,500**
19. Highway Administration	**27,050**
20. Highways and Streets	**875,820**
21. Road Projects	**120,000**
22. Street Lights	**13,500**
23. Water Department	**80,300**
24. Solid Waste Collection	**350,000**
25. Solid Waste Disposal	**82,310**
26. Health Agencies	**15,863**
27. Animal Control	**500**
28. Human Services	**36,800**
29. Recreation Commission	**24,975**
30. Library	**190,514**
31. Patriotic	**1,500**
32. Conservation Commission	**750**
33. Principal Long-term debt	**0**
34. Interest Long-term debt	**0**
Total:	**$3,130,136**

The motion was seconded by Amy Lappin.

Mr. Halleran highlighted completed projects from the previous year and plans for this year.
The floor was then open to debate and discussion.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.
Yes: 127 No: 22
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 **$325,000** to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a allocations as follows:

RSA 35:1 funds:

$15,000	Town Facilities Maintenance Fund created in 2015
$20,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993
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$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

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. This appropriation equates to approximately $.59 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: 130 No: 15
It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 4. The Moderator recognized Amy Lappin, who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption: To see if the town will vote to 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 Elise Angelillo.

The floor was open for discussion.

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

ARTICLE 5. The Moderator recognized Elise Angelillo, who offered the following resolution 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 Steve Halleran.
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 Moderator recognized Amy Lappin who offered that we vote to accept the reports as written by Town Officers.

The motion was seconded by Ron Eberhardt.

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

ARTICLE 7. The Moderator recognized Sandra Steele, who offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town vote to direct the Select Board to send the following message to the Governor and Legislators of the State of New Hampshire:

Whereas, taxpayers have a right to know how their money is spent and deserve clear, verifiable evidence that it is being spent wisely and delivering results; and

Whereas, taxpayer dollars are being diverted from public schools to private and religious education through Education Freedom Accounts, and this shift does not reduce public school expenses, leaving local taxpayers to cover the difference through higher property taxes; and

Whereas, unlike public schools, private education funded by taxpayers through Education Freedom Accounts lacks key accountability measures, such as reporting how funds are used, tracking student performance, ensuring services for students with disabilities, and conducting background checks for staff;

Therefore, **we, the voters of Plainfield, New Hampshire, call on our state elected officials to uphold their duty to fiscal responsibility** by rejecting any expansion of taxpayer funding for private education until we have full accountability, transparency, and a sustainable funding plan that ensures no further strain on public schools or local property taxpayers.

We further direct the **Plainfield Select Board** to deliver this warrant article and results in writing to New Hampshire's Governor and members of the State Legislature within thirty days of this vote.

The motion was seconded by Susan Taylor.

Sandra Steele spoke to the petitioned warrant article and the floor was opened up for debate and discussion. After some time, the question was called by Virginia Drye to go to the vote. She received support from seven voters and a unanimous vote in the affirmative followed and was so declared.

A vote by paper ballot was then taken on Article #7.
Yes: 118 No: 20
It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

Stephen Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Donna Beaupre and a unanimous voice vote in the affirmative followed. Moderator Cassedy declared the meeting closed at 4:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Marsh
Town Clerk



Toter Swap Day: Saturday April 26th 2025.
A day that will not soon be forgotten.
Photo: S. Halleran

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1st, 2025		
Cash-Checking	$	3,350,566
Cash-Investments	$	4,165
Cash-Petty	$	250
Total	**$**	**3,354,981**
Receipts/ transfers in during the year	$	11,814,172
Total available	**$**	**15,169,153**
Less Select Board's orders/transfers out	$	11,016,211
Cash On Hand, December 31st, 2025	**$**	**4,152,942**
Cash-Checking	$	4,152,692
Cash-Petty	$	250
Total	$	**4,152,942**

Respectfully Submitted,
Treasurer, *Ann Rogers*

ONGOING AUTHORITIES

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 fourteen 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
Water Department Fund created in 2024

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS - 2025 (MS 232)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT
Operating Budget Article 3.

Executive	$ 306,908
Election & Registration	3,680
Financial Administration	121,000
Revaluation of Property	25,000
Legal Expense	8,000
Personnel Administration	13,600
Planning and Zoning	2,000
General Government Buildings	98,512
Cemeteries	38,000
Insurances	96,000
Advertising and Regional Expense	7,100
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police Department	392,504
Ambulance	45,000
Fire Protection.	68,400
Emergency Management	1,000
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense	70,000
Building Inspection	13,400
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES	
Administration	27,050
Highways and Streets	875,820
Road Projects	120,000
Streetlights	13,500
WATER DEPARTMENT	
Water Operations	80,300
SANITATION	
Garbage Collection	350,000
Solid Waste Disposal	82,310
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	
Health Department	15,863
Pest Control	500
WELFARE	
Welfare Department	36,800
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Recreation Commission	24,975
Libraries	190,514
Patriotic	1,500
Conservation Commission	500

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS - 2025 (continued)

DEBT SERVICE	
Principal on Long-term debts	0
Interest on Long-term debts	0
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	**$3,130,136**
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	20,000
Article 3 Library Building Repair Fund	5,000
TOTAL TO RESERVES	**$325,000**
TOTAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS	**$3,455,136**

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION (MS-1) - 2025

Land, Improved and Unimproved	$168,168,294
Buildings	378,473,118
Public Utilities	10,154,800
Total value before exemptions	**$556,796,212**
Blind Exemption	82,000
Elderly Exemption	2,567,300
Deaf Exemption	0
Total and Permanently Disabled Exemption	0
Solar Energy Exemption	2,450,520
Wind Power Exemption	3,500
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (state law)	150,000
Total exemptions allowed	**$5,253,320**

Net value used for local tax rate $551,542,892
Net value used for state education rate $541,388,092
(local tax rate value less utilities)

Electric Utility Property

Liberty Utilities	$3,287,700
New England Power Company	$3,748,400
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative	$1,769,500
Public Service of NH dba Eversource	$1,349,2000
Total	**$10,154,800**

VETERAN'S CREDITS

Total and Permanently Disabled Veterans	$8,400
Standard Exemptions ($500/Veteran)	$38,500
All Veterans ($500/Veteran)	8,000
Total War Service Credits	**$54,900**

CURRENT USE REPORT

Land Categories	**Acres**
Farm Land	3,007
Forest Land	19,219
Forest Land (w/documented stewardship)	4,461
Unproductive Land	528
Wetlands	843
Total acres in current use (includes conservation restrictions)	**28,058**

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation		$3,455,136
Total Revenues and Credits	less	1,516,088
Fund Balance Usage	less	$80,000
Overlay	add	15,499
War Service Credits	add	54,900
A) **Net Town Tax Effort**	**Equals**	**$1,929,447**
Net Local School Budget		7,416,684
Adequate Education Grant	less	727,009
State Education Taxes	less	589,820
B) Approved Local School Assessment	**Equals**	**$6,099,855**
C) Approved State Education Assessment	**Equals**	**$589,820**

D) Approved County Tax Assessment	**Equals**	**$1,076,964**
Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)	**Equals**	**$9,641,186**

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Tax Effort	$9,696,086
Less War Service Credits	54,900
Total Property Taxes to be Raised	**$9,641,186**

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	3.72	3.50
County	2.02	1.95
School local	10.79	11.06
School state	1.07	1.09
Combined tax rate	**$17.60**	**$17.60**
Net value on which local tax rates are computed	$546,697,153	$551,542,892
Net value on which state tax rate is computed (Net local value less utility valuations)	$536,519,353	$541,388,092



Members of the Plainfield Town Hall Committee with Executive Council Member Karen Liott Hill receiving a $125,000 matching LCHIP grant for the Plainfield Town Hall. Committee Members Erika Smith, Hillary Sundell, and Chair Beverly Widger accepting the award.

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) 71,317,037
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)..... 1,059,800
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

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES (continued)

Meriden Grange (104/25) 175,000

LAND OWNED BY OTHER TOWNS

Cornish (271/07) 18,000

Grantham (248/01) 12,100

TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTIES $92,365,837

SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS

Plainfield Town Hall (map 107/lot 27) $493,300

Meriden Town Hall (includes Police Dept.) (102/1) 841,100

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

Plainfield Village Water District (260-41,256-15) 525,100

Meriden Volunteer Fire Department (104/29) 347,100

Plainfield Elementary School (105/11) 8,781,300

Burnap's Island (203/14) 85,300

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 (262/3T) 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) 18,100

Ssumner's Falls Ledges (238/6A 32,200

Stage Road Land Hewes Field (240/01) 204,200

Stage Road (253/10) 17,200

Hedgehog Road Land (236/4) 31,300

Plainfield Village Water (260-41, 256-15) 525,100

TOTAL $16,493,900

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The big change on the DMV side this year is no more state inspections. New law went into effect as of January 31, 2026. Now the state needs to recoup some of the loss funds. You will feel that pinch to your wallet when you do anything motor vehicle related. Fees have gone up. You won't notice as much on your actual registration fee but if you need a title, new plates, a new decal, a copy of your registration or if you have vanity plates you will pay higher fees. The vanity plates went up from $40 to $60!

Mid Term Elections will be coming up and there are many recent law changes that will change some of the process. If you are registering to become a Plainfield voter, you MUST have proof of age, citizenship, domicile and identity. Plan on finding your birth certificate unless you have a passport. There are no more affidavits so you must have the documents with you when you come to register.

On the office side of things, thank you all for working together with us as we rolled out and continue to work out wrinkles with the toter program! The toter permit you currently have lasts until May 31st. We will send out reminder letters in late February to renew.

As for me, this is my last Town Clerk report as I officially resigned from my position after 16 years on January 7, 2026. Many of you have met Sarah who has been working in the office for a year now. Please welcome her as she transitions into her new role. She has my full support going forward to fill the position and I will continue to work part time as your tax collector and deputy town clerk.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve my Plainfield friends and neighbors for so long, thank you for the years of support.

Michelle Marsh, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR (MS-61)

Fiscal Year ending December 31st 2025

-Debits-

Uncollected Taxes			
	Beginning of fiscal year	**2025**	**2024+**
	Property taxes		$180,481
	Timber yield tax		$0
	Land use change tax		$0
	Excavations		$0
	Water Fees		$31,916
	Property tax credit balance	$(848)	
Taxes Committed to Collector			
	Property taxes	$9,641,196	$0
	Land use change taxes	$33,410	$0
	Yield taxes	$12,360	$0
	Excavation taxes	$124	$0
	Water Fees	$72,624	$0
Overpayments			
	Property taxes	$14,218	$0
	Interest collected on delinquent taxes	$1,210	$6,362
TOTAL DEBITS		**$9774,294**	**$218,760**

-Credits-

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year			
	Property taxes	$9,504,477	$145,961
	Land use changes taxes	$33,410	$0
	Yield Taxes	$12,360	$0
	Water Fees	$68,389	$3,698
	Excavation	$124	$0
	Interest on taxes	$1,211	$5,577
	Penalties	$0	$786
	Converted to liens (principal only)	$0	$34,905
Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year			
	Property Taxes	$225	$0
	Land Use change	$0	$0
	Water Fees	$0	$27,833
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year			
	Property taxes	$164,426	$0
	Yield tax	$0	$0
	Land use change tax	$0	$0
	Water Fees	$4,234	$0
	Property tax credit balance	$(14,562)	$0
TOTAL CREDITS		**$9,774,294**	**$218,760**

TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT
December 31st 2025

	-Debits-		
Unredeemed Liens	**2024**	**2023**	**2022**
Beginning of year	$0	$37,698	$70,581
New liens	$37,037	$0	$0
Interests/Penalties	$228	$3,433	$4,981
TOTAL DEBITS	**$37,265**	**$41,131**	**$75,562**
	-Credits-		
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions	$12,445	$17,118	$10,457
Interest/Penalties	$277	$3,433	$4,981
Abatements of Unredeemed liens	$0	$0	$0
Liens Deeded to Municipality	$0	$0	$0
Unredeemed liens	$24,593	$20,580	$60,124
TOTAL CREDITS	**$37,265**	**$41,131**	**$75,562**

REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT
Year ending March 31st, 2025

Total reports filed 8
Total yield tax assessed $12,360
Softwood cut, MBF 748,580
Hardwood cut, MBF 145,935
Cordwood cut, cords 73
Pulpwood/chips, tons 195,511
Pulpwood, cords 0
Whole tree chips, tons 1,495

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Halleran,
Yield Tax Agent

SELECT BOARD REPORT

Here is a summary of our year, organized by department.

Police

On March 3, we were pleased to welcome our new Chief, Erik Gutsfeld, a 27-year veteran from Connecticut. Prior to Chief Gutsfeld's arrival, we operated as a "one-person department" led by Officer Rob DePietro. We thank Officer DePietro for his extraordinary work as a department of one for seven months. In August, Officer DePietro was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

We are still trying to hire a third officer, but, as is the case throughout the Upper Valley and beyond, there is a shortage of qualified applicants.

Under Chief Gutsfeld, directed patrols resumed in villages to address commuting-time traffic issues, and the department also deployed new safety-grant-funded portable speed signs and a speed trailer for traffic calming.

The department collaborated with Human Services to educate residents about financial scams, and we participated in the National Drug Take Back Day in April.

Chief Gutsfeld introduced a new mission statement for the department focused on inclusiveness, community policing, and civic engagement. This received unanimous support from the Select Board.

In December, the Chief proposed a draft ordinance to limit through truck traffic on Daniels and Chellis Roads and discussed reducing speed limits to 25 mph on most town roads to improve safety.

Highway

As usual, Road Agent Rich Collins and his crew had a busy year in Highway. The River Road project, which involved relocating a small section of River Road, was a primary focus for much of the year. Work included lane excavation in collaboration with outside contractors and was completed in October 2025. Paving and Grading: Significant paving occurred on Bonner Road, Redhill Road, and Grantham Mt. Road. The department also conducted regular spring and fall road grading and roadside mowing to manage knotweed and maintain sightlines.

Truck Replacements: The town received a $117,000 Clean Diesel grant (covering 70% of the cost) to replace Truck #1. Additionally, a separate state grant for $65,000 was utilized for another truck replacement, which required the decommissioning of the old vehicle (Truck #4).

Grader Issues: The town's grader suffered a major motor failure, leading to discussions about whether to buy a new or used machine, rent one seasonally, or contract out all grading work. For the time being, we are going to try to outsource our grading to private contractors, rather than buying a new or used grader.

Highway Garage Repairs: We have begun planning to replace the 43-year-old highway garage roof. The project will include structural reinforcement of trusses. Communication Upgrades: We have been discussing the feasibility of improving highway department communication by utilizing old police frequencies and reinstalling a repeater to provide better coverage than we currently have.

Staffing: We are currently down two employees. As is the case with potential police officers, it has been difficult to find interested applicants.

Human Services

Throughout 2025, the Human Services department, led by Stephanie Schell, focused on assisting residents with seasonal challenges, health and safety education, and community support through the Schell Fund. The department actively supported residents during severe cold weather, as the winter months often bring financial and emotional strain.

When a February snowstorm closed the food pantry, the department offered home delivery of necessary items for those unable to access food. By September, the department relied on increased local donations to the food pantry to compensate for reductions in federal assistance.

The department planned for future health screening opportunities at the Plainfield Fire Station and successfully organized a flu shot clinic in October. Collaborating with the Police Department, Stephanie worked to educate residents on how to identify and avoid financial scams.

The department coordinated several social events, including regular community luncheons and a highly successful Sunapee Boat cruise in September.

Facilities

In 2025, Facilities Manager Brad Atwater split his time between management and care of Town buildings (2/3) and the Water Department (1/3).

Building work:

Plainfield Town Hall: Update of the fire alarm system, which was required by the fire department for continued use of the building. Major rebuilds of the front ramp and steps, including foundation repair and ADA access replacement. He also worked on securing handrails and milling custom molding for the building.

Stage Repairs**:** Addressed stability issues with air register grates on the stage.

Meriden Town Hall: Repaired the front steps and monitored condensation issues. Conducted annual testing of alarm systems and replaced faulty sensors. Completed flooring work and worked on a shelving project for the Police Department.

Water Department: Asset Management: Obtained a matching grant from the NHDES to develop a new Water Department Asset Management system.

System Maintenance: Coordinated the installation of a new chlorinator and system monitoring devices.

Initiated a program to replace aging residential water meters with remote reading capable units, with a goal of 40 units per year. Managed system flushing and conducted federally mandated lead and copper line surveys.

Monitored water quality, including responding to bacteria tests and seeking grants to improve pump house configurations for water treatment.

Highway Department and Garage: Developed proposals and bid requests for a major roof replacement project scheduled for 2026, which will include structural reinforcement for possible future solar panels.

Installed salvaged heat pumps in the garage break room for better efficiency and cooling.

Performed repairs and painting on the garage equipment shed.

Assisted the Highway Department with snow and ice removal from town parking lots and walkways.

Managed the installation of new portable speed signs across town.

Fire Department

In June, Chief Bill Taylor announced his resignation as Fire Chief, effective July 2, 2025. He served as Chief for eight years and will be remaining with the department following his resignation. We thank him for his competent and dedicated leadership.

Bruce Elder was appointed as the new Fire Chief, and we are confident that the department will see continued success under Bruce's leadership.The Plainfield Fire Association funded the conversion of the Plainfield fire station to LED lighting early in the year.

In November, the department recommended purchasing a used 2005 fire truck from Hanover for $50,000 to replace an existing vehicle. The purchase was funded by the Fire Department Equipment Fund.
The department plans to sell the truck being replaced, with an estimated value of $10,000 to $20,000.

Facilities manager Brad Atwater coordinated annual fire extinguisher inspections, alarm testing, and emergency lighting tests for all town buildings in December.

The department moved toward a model of modest compensation for volunteer members based on their annual call response volume, with payments ranging from under $100 to $500.

The department hosted a health screening event for residents at the Plainfield Fire Station in collaboration with Human Services.

Department members participated in a town-wide "tabletop" emergency training exercise in June to practice responses to real-world emergency challenges.

Solid Waste/Recycling
The town transitioned to a new automated toter program in March 2025. The first pickup using the new toters occurred the week of March 24, 2025. New annual trash stickers were made available for purchase in mid-February. The addition of the new toter service added approximately $100,000 to the town budget.About 50 Plainfield households participated in the first Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day of the year. Residents have access to a total of six such collection events annually, with the four held in Lebanon being the most popular.

Emergency Management
Stephanie Schell organized our “tabletop" emergency service drill with town departments, supported by NH Emergency Management. The exercise highlighted challenges during emergencies. Stephanie also attended online emergency management training sessions and applied for grants to improve our emergency operations and communication systems.

Plainfield Town Hall Committee
The Plainfield Town Hall Committee has been actively working on the preservation and improvement of the historic Plainfield Town Hall. They have secured multiple grants, including a $125,000 LCHIP matching grant, which requires the town to contribute an equal amount. They have also organized fundraising efforts to meet the matching grant requirements. All told, they have contributed over 2,000 volunteer hours to the preservation and improvement of the building, while continuing their efforts to secure funding for long-term

preservation and maintenance. We greatly appreciate their dedication and hard work in preserving this community asset.

Town Administrator

After nearly 37 years of service, Steve Halleran has announced plans to retire sometime between July 1, 2026 and July 1, 2027. It is an understatement to say that Steve will be greatly missed. The Select Board has been discussing the desired staffing structure for the town office moving forward, and the 2026 budget includes funding for a staffing study to evaluate the town office's structure and plan for the transition. This study is expected to cost around $10,000 and will help guide decisions on how the town office will be staffed after Steve's retirement.

The Selectboard meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Meriden Town Hall. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend. In addition, all meetings can be attended virtually via Zoom. We appreciate and value input from all citizens. The greater the involvement of community members, the more likely that our decisions will reflect the wishes of our community.

As always, we express our heartfelt appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our town employees. We are all in this together.

Select Board - *Ron Eberhardt (Chair), Amy Lappin, Elise Angelillo*



Paul Franklin receiving the Stephen Taylor Community Service Award at the 2025 Town Meeting. 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 2025:

Trash and Recycling Toter Program: The new program is now up and running. Residents seem to be on board with the once-a-year sticker for the toter as opposed to the per bag sticker used for many years. While not perfect for all residents most have adapted to the new toters and found a way to make them work for their homes. Year 2026 will be the second of a five-year contract for the toters. The full term runs through 2029.

Plainfield Village Water District: Our local government continues to adjust to owning and operating a water department. This project has required changes in our accounting methodology, the addition of a new billing system and contributed to increasing our staff levels. Building on the work done by the then Water District Commissioners the Select Board, town office staff and our facility manager are working to ensure the long-term viability of the district as well as making improvements to the water quality.

River Road: We were finally able to complete the lane shift moving the road away the damaged riverbank. While there may still be some final landscaping in the Spring of 2026, but effectively this work is now completed. The entire project, over three years, cost about $171,000 and was funded mostly from monies received from the State of New Hampshire (SB 401) related to the COVID pandemic.

Plainfield Town Hall Committee: The town office continues to assist the committee in its work to improve and preserve the Plainfield Town Hall for generations to come. Much of our involvement again this year has centered on accepting and accounting for grants received by the committee for work on the building's foundation. The ADA capital reserve fund and our Facility Manager was used to rebuild the access ramp on the front of the building.

FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant: Just as the grant for the Grantham Mountain Road bridge was about to be approved the Federal Government cancelled the program. The NH Office of Homeland Security has since been assisting the town with converting our application to other FEMA programs that might be able to fund the culvert to bridge conversion. Unfortunately, these programs are much more costly to apply for and the approval process is very long. The Town has hired the engineering firm of Fuss & O'Neil to help navigate the new application process.

New Police Chief: It has been a pleasure to work with new Police Chief Erik Gutsfeld. Erik is still acclimating to the NH law enforcement system. Erik brings

to Plainfield a management style of citizen centered community policing that is in keeping with Plainfield's way of going about its police business for many years now. The highest compliment that Chief Gutsfeld receives is being positively compared to the late Chief Gordon Gillens.

New Fire Chief: In 2025 we thanked former Chief William Taylor for his service to our community as Fire Chief and we welcomed long time member of the department Bruce Elder as our new fire Chief. Bill and Bruce have worked closely with their department on the transition and the town office has played a role as requested. Both Bruce and Bill have many years of fire department experience and Plainfield is fortunate to have both of them still involved in our municipal department.

Town Administrator, *Stephen Halleran*



The Police Department helping out the Human Services Department with distributing food at the food pantry. Sgt Robert Depietro, Human Services Director Stephanie Schell, and Chief Erik Gutsfeld with Brooke.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

Case 2025-01 **Marsh Trucking and Excavation, LLC:** Special Exception #3 Removal of Natural Material at 102 Culter Road (map 205-02). Approval affirmed by the ZBA upon rehearing.

Case 2025-02 **Leon Rogers Special Exception** #35 Approved Business Project at #1078 Route 12A (map 107 lot 9) to include a residence, a rental apartment and 800 sq feet of retail space in the existing barn.

Case 2025-03 **Grace Alden:** Special Exception #24 Approved Solar Energy System to install three solar trackers at #297 Porter Road (map 223-07).

Case 2025-04 **Trevor and Britny Marsh**: Special Exception #35 Approved Business Project at #373 Route 120 (map 226-17) to include a rental home, a welding shop and small engine repair shop.

Case 2025-05: **Cloud 10 Properties LLC:** A Combination of Approved Uses Special Exception (4.3 B Plainfield Zoning Ordinance) to add an apartment above the attached residential garage at #710 Route 120 (map 103-09)

Case 2025-06 **Allen and Stephanie Shapiro:** Special Exception #24 Approved Solar Energy System at #40 Columbus Jordan Road (234/8).

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:

Subdivision: Chris Jewell Dividing map 254-25 into two parcels. Lot 25 to be 7.10 acres with a commercial shop and lot 254-25.1 to be 1.97 acres with a residence.

Franklin Family Trust: Dividing lot 203-01 15 acres fronting on Route 12A into two parcels lot 1 11.75 acres with a residence and lot 2 3.51 undeveloped acres.

Site Plan Review: Kearsarge Solor for a one-megawatt solar array to be located on 13.2 acres owned by Schelewa at #936 Route 120, map 106-14

Scenic Road Hearings: NH Electric Coop Underhill and Whitaker roads. Liberty Utilities, Black Hill, Pierce and River Roads.

Excavation Permit: Marsh Excavating LLC: 102 Culter Road (map 205-02).

Annexations: Tassinari to Marsh Transfer of 1.8 acres on Route 120 from map 226-15 (Tassinari) to tax map 226-17 (Marsh). As a result, 226-17 is now a conforming lot in the Rural Residential Zone.
Harris to Jewell: Stage Road 1.5 acres from map 254-lot 26 to 254-25. **Jewell to Harris**:.47 acres from 254-25 to 254-26. This project made it possible to subdivide lot 254-25 owned by Jewell.

Annexation Revocation: Queneau to Queneau 1979 transfer of 4.57 acres from map 264-14 to 263-13 was annulled.

In addition to the above applications, the Planning Board worked on an update to the the town's Master Plan. A community survey has been conducted and various chapters updated. This work will continue into early 2026.

Submitted,
Jane Stephenson, Chair, Plainfield Planning Board

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Zoning Administrator:	Stephen Halleran	1-603-469-3201
Building Inspector:	David Lersch	1-603-381-1929

Permits for the following projects were issued in 2025:

02	New single-family residences		
02	Accessory Dwelling Unit	01	Multi family residences
02	Commercial Projects	08	Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings
05	Garages	06	Electrical upgrades
08	Renovations/Misc.	03	Additions
04	Decks/porches	05	Solar panels
20	Generators/heat pumps/batteries		

Permit total= 66



Select Board Chair Ron Eberhardt presenting the Boston Post Cane to Plainfield's oldest resident, Marian Biebel.
Photo: S. Halleran

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Plainfield Conservation Commission (PCC) completed another year in service to our community. In the course of our work, the PCC held 10 public meetings and contributed to the enhancement and protection of the Town's natural resources in an advisory and educational capacity. The main focus of our work in 2025 was the update to the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). We contracted with Jeff Littleton of Moosewood Ecological to conduct the research and produce the report. The NRI is statutorily required, helps to inform the Town Master Plan and Town regulatory documents, and is the basis for a future Conservation Plan.

The following is a list of this year's other activities.

Outreach/Educational workshops

February

- Online Mapping, presented by Plainfield resident Jason Olivier, GIS professional

March

- Wildlife Sightings Interactive Display and Information Table at Town Meeting
- Invasive Species, presented by Dode Gladders, Sullivan County Extension Forester

May

- Bird Migration with live birds presented by VINS, co-sponsored with the Meriden Bird Club and Friends of the Meriden Library

October

- Community Forum for the NRI update, presented by Moosewood Ecological

Advisory

- The stream crossing survey conducted by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, in collaboration with Facilities and Highway, was completed and presented. The data is available to view on the NH Department of Environmental Services mapper
- Per town planning regulations, provided a recommendation to the Planning Board in review of a gravel pit planning application
- Discussed Legislative Bills effecting class VI roads and ways in which the Conservation Commission can further the protection of our historic rights-of-way
- Reviewed and signed one minimum impact wetland application

Conservation Easement Monitoring

- Monitored conservation easements held by the town and completed reports for Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) oversight
- Met with the compliance specialist from Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) in order to facilitate their monitoring of two town owned lands

Public Hearings and Outcome

- Voted to set aside $5,000 from the Conservation Fund in order to facilitate attendance at conservation related camps for Plainfield residents age 8 to 17. More information about the application process is forthcoming.
- Voted to contract with Moosewood Ecological for the NRI update

As a member of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) our dues support the education and advocacy provided by the statewide organization. Megan attended the annual conference in November and enjoyed catching up with fellow Commissioners from Cornish and around the state.

Conservation Fund

Starting Balance Jan 1, 2025	$135,072
Current Use Penalty Addition	$13,900
Interest	$6,027
Distributions	$9,845
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2025	$145,154

Forest Maintenance Fund

Starting Balance Jan 1, 2025	$22,510
Interest	$987
Distributions	$0.00
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2025	$23,497

Please join us at our monthly meetings, the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Meriden Town Hall. Agendas and minutes can be found on the Town website. If you have any interest in joining the Conservation Commission, please come to a meeting or send an email to pcc@plainfieldnh.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Chapman, PCC

pcc@plainfieldnh.org

RECREATION COMMISSION

Our regular 2024-2025 basketball season wrapped up in February. This program included the 3/4 boys' team, made up of 8 boys and coached by Stacey Dameron, and the 3/4 girls team, made up of 10 girls and coached by Chaz Rice and Amanda Rice. These two teams started practices at PES in early November and eight or nine games were played by each team with other area recreation teams starting in January. Our coaches worked with these two teams teaching them individual skills and team skills, along with the importance of sportsmanship and respect. It was a lot of fun watching these two groups improve throughout the season thanks to the great coaching and the work put in by our students. Home games were played at PES Gym with officiating by Joe Bretton and Miles Saunders. The 1st and 2nd grade had a group of 14 boys and girls and was coached by Kristina Smith-Ouellette, and Dennis Ouellette, and Nick Lamper as well as help from Bode Bucholtz. Our coaches did a great job leading practices and scrimmages at PES, providing fun and teaching basic skills. Our young players showed significant improvement throughout the season. This group also played a game with our neighbors in Cornish. We were very fortunate to have a very committed and dedicated group of coaches for all three groups.

Our spring T-ball program this year had 8 1st and 2nd graders participating and coached by Kristina Smith-Ouellette and Dennis Oullette. We had an additional 14 participants to make up our kindergarten farm team, coached by Marc Ramsey, Robert Mayo, and Jerry Lombardo. 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 7th in Blood Brook behind the Meriden Deli. It was unfortunately a very rainy day, but that didn't stop many young anglers from coming out and enjoying the day. Trophies for first, second, and third place in each of the five age groups were handed out. Hot dogs were cooked on the grill for the kids to enjoy with chips and drinks. Meriden deli provided a free ice cream to all participants. A total of 53 kids participated in the derby and the big catch of the day was made by Theodore Marsh with a trout of 13". Because of the heavy rains and rushing brook, there was only a total of 18 fish caught during the derby this year. We recorded 14 participants catching at least one fish and 4 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, JoAnn Morgan, Terry McNamara, Pam Lewis, Reggie Tyler and Kandi Downs. Also, donations and participation from Mark Fisk: Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm. Thank you to all our volunteers, Meriden Deli, Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm, Plainfield

Police Chief Erik A. Gutsfeld and officer Robert DePietro as well as Eric Brown from NH Fish & Game.

It is always great to see our community, so full of friends and neighbors during our Fourth of July event, and this year was no exception. "Celebrating Our Local Farmers" was our theme and we were proud to honor these people who are so much a part of our local heritage. Our parade was led by Margaret Drye and Virginia Drye, followed by our grand marshals Harold and Sylvia Clark riding in a 1950 Packard victory convertible driven by John Austin. We had many parade participants including local farmers and 4H groups, local Scout Troops and color guard, Civil Air Patrol Cadets with color guard, Saint Gaudens National Historical Park Members, The Meriden Library, Friends of The Philip Read Memorial Library, Clowns, and many young participants. The American Legion Riders Post #22, many classic cars and trucks, Plainfield Police, Plainfield Fire, and Cornish Rescue. Sharon Merchant put together a band again this year to ride and play in the parade, pulled by our town road crew. Following the Parade, former Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer read the Declaration of Independence in front of the Plainfield Town Hall. 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 "Artifacts Related to the Cornish Colony" exhibit. There was a Fireman's BBQ held by the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department with burgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Music was provided by Rob Oxford following the parade. Thanks to Smiths Action Gallery for the location, tents, and power for this.

Our 13th annual Spirit Day was held on August 24th. An evening for our community to come together and visit with friends and neighbors. The event started at 5:00 pm and went through to around 8:45 pm. Music was provided by BorderStone. They played throughout the evening while we enjoyed a delicious corn roast with corn from Edgewater Farms, that was prepared and cooked by Cody Cantlin. Grills were provided for all to cook on. Liz McNamara served great Maple Creamees from Mac's Maple. Both corn and creamees were delicious and from our local businesses. Cow Paddy Bingo was held to benefit Plainfield's 6th grade class. 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 Cody Cantlin, Janna Downs, and Brad Atwater.

The soccer program in the fall included the 3/4 boys' team, made up of 13 boys and coached by Dan Dameron and Jamie Ordway. The 3/4 girls' team was made up of 17 girls, coached by Nick MacLeay and Jesse Cook. These two teams played other area recreation teams and practiced and played home games on Hewes Field with officiating by Paige MacLeay, Nick MacLeay, Brooke Walker, and Kieran Lord. This group worked on individual skills, working as a team, and sportsmanship. Both the girls and the boys played in a mid-season jamboree held by Mascoma. The 1st and 2nd grade had three teams made up of a total of 31 players and coached by Tim Lang, Elizabeth Sheehan, Marc Ramsey, Pattie Hall, Rachael Altman, Ashley Mayo, and Madison Wainwright. These teams practiced basic skills and played games with each other at the Prescott Field. Our kindergarten group with 19 participants and coached by Jono Newton, Jesse Cook, worked on basic skills of the game. Our pre-school group this year had 18 participants coached by Trevor McGraw and Emily Carey. This continues to be a large program with 98 participants in our preschool through 4th grade soccer groups this year.

The 2025-2026 basketball season for our 3/4 grade boys (Coached by Stacey Dameron) and 3/4 grade girls (Coached by Garrison Parker), as well as our grade 1/2 group (Coached by Stacey Dameron, Nick Lamper, Jason Altman, and Rob Mayo) started in mid-November. 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



They say fishing is better in the rain, not true! It's just wetter.
Photo: D. Cantlin

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

It has been another busy and productive year for the Plainfield Libraries. Our director, Jim Allen, continues to curate an interesting and community-oriented series of programs and activities. The visiting author series has been a great success, with many of the writers waiving their usual speaker's fees. We certainly appreciate their generosity. The game days, Yoga classes and Children's story hours have been very well attended. We have had several generous donations over the past year which puts us even closer to our goal of funding a solar conversion for the Meriden Library. Our Friends groups and volunteers have been very busy with fundraising programs and we cannot thank them enough for all their hard work and dedication.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank the Select Board, the town officials and all the residents of Plainfield for your ongoing support. We couldn't do it without you. We are looking forward to the upcoming year with great anticipation. Hope to see you at the library!

Sincerely, *Mike Adams*
Chair for the Plainfield Public Libraries Board of Trustees

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Plainfield Libraries	Totals
Meeting Room Uses	470
Inter Library Outgoing:	1,490
Inter library Loan Incoming:	897
Total Circulation of Materials:	32,670
Patron Visits to the Library:	9,505

Mission Statement
The Plainfield Public Libraries are a strong community partner providing programs and services that unite people, foster creativity, and encourage lifelong learning. We preserve our storied past, enrich present lives, and prepare for an ever-changing future.

Vision Statement
To be the welcoming heart of our community, where all are invited to learn, discover, create, and connect.

Plainfield Public Libraries will guide the accomplishment of our Mission & Vision by:

- Being a warm and welcoming place for community members to gather.
- Being actively engaged in the community.
- Employing a collaborative, creative, and positive staff focused on library users' interests and needs.
- Being good stewards of the Plainfield Public Libraries' financial and material resources.
- Ensuring ready, equal, and equitable access to library materials.
- Protecting the confidentiality of library patron records.
- Championing everyone's right to intellectual freedom.

2025 Reflection: The library continues to serve the community through a diverse collection of library materials, programming, and technology support, and as a welcoming and inclusive meeting space for local groups and services. As a community hub, Plainfield Libraries' programs are thriving and driven by patron interest and requests, focusing on learning, personal growth, and well-being. As such, programs and activities foster opportunities for community connection, as new friendships are formed, providing a sense of belonging and social support. During the reporting period, the Plainfield Libraries continued to serve as an active and well-used community resource, reflected in strong usage across multiple service areas.

The libraries recorded 470 meeting room uses, demonstrating steady demand for shared community space. These uses supported a wide range of activities, including public meetings, educational programs, civic engagement, and informal community gatherings, underscoring the libraries' role as accessible hubs for connection and collaboration.

Resource sharing through Inter library Loan (ILL) remained robust. The libraries loaned 1,490 items to other libraries while borrowing 897 items for local patrons, indicating that Plainfield Libraries contribute significantly to the regional library network while also ensuring residents have access to materials beyond the local collection. The higher number of outgoing loans highlights the strength and

relevance of the libraries' collections.

Overall engagement with library materials remained strong, with 32,670 total circulations recorded. This figure reflects consistent community reliance on library resources, including books, media, and other materials, and sustained interest in reading, learning, and lifelong education.

In-person use of the libraries also showed healthy activity, with 9,505 patron visits during the year. These visits represent not only borrowing and returning materials, but also participation in programs, use of public computers and WiFi, and informal use of library spaces.

Taken together, these figures illustrate Plainfield Libraries' continued importance as centers for information access, community connection, and shared resources, serving residents' educational, cultural, and civic needs throughout the year.

FOML Highlights, 2024–2025: The Friends of the Meriden Library (FOML) continued to play a vital role in strengthening the library as a center for learning, creativity, and community connection throughout 2025. This dedicated group of volunteers supported a wide range of programs and resources that benefited residents of all ages, from young children and families to older adults. Through financial support and active engagement, the Friends helped fund museum passes, children's summer reading initiatives, and a variety of programs that enriched the community.

The Friends sponsored and co-sponsored numerous community events, including Soup & Good Books, Poetry & Pie, a magician's performance, wellness programming, and family-centered activities. Collaborative partnerships with local organizations such as Plainfield Elementary School, the Conservation Commission, the Meriden Bird Club, and the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library expanded the reach of library programming and new audiences to the Meriden Library. With an active steering committee, a growing membership, and a strong spirit of collaboration, the Friends of the Meriden Library continue to help ensure that the library remains a welcoming and vibrant resource for the entire community.

PRML Friends of the Library Highlights, 2024–2025: The Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library continued to play an essential role in strengthening library services, expanding programming, and deepening community engagement throughout 2024–2025. With a dedicated membership that includes 29 Lifetime Members and 19 annual dues-paying members—most of whom are active volunteers—the Friends provided steady support across events, fundraising, and day-to-day needs. In addition to formal members, a large network of non-dues-paying volunteers stepped forward throughout the year, including 35 volunteers who run the annual book sale. The group met regularly,

holding six full meetings and six subcommittee sessions to plan events and manage ongoing projects.

The Friends' fundraising efforts remained central to their mission, providing financial assistance for programs, special collections, and museum passes. Their ongoing support enabled them to offer a vibrant calendar of programs for all ages. Highlights included sponsoring or co-sponsoring a variety of workshops and events — from calligraphy, Japanese culture, pysanky eggs, indigo dyeing, and bottle painting, to a ventriloquist performance, a wildlife presentation, and multiple community puzzle competitions. The Friends also supported recurring activities such as Meditation Mondays, harpist Pam Stohrer, and hosted popular Flower Potluck workshops throughout the year. Attendance across these programs was consistently strong, with some events drawing more than 100 participants. Beyond programming, the Friends continued their tradition of enhancing the Library's special collections with a $1,000 contribution and funded various program materials, posters, and refreshments. They also provided access to local and regional cultural institutions through museum passes, ensuring that families and individuals could enjoy affordable learning opportunities.

Their community impact extended far beyond library walls. The Friends once again contributed a float and drill team to Plainfield's 4th of July parade, maintained two Little Free Libraries in town, supported the annual Halloween celebration (attended by 178 residents), and continued their long-standing participation in New Hampshire's Adopt-a-Highway program, helping clean a two-mile stretch of Route 12A four times each year. Their scholarship program remained an important part of their service, awarding annual scholarships to graduating Plainfield seniors — a tradition going back to 1916 and now totaling nineteen awards across multiple schools. Through their energy, generosity, and unwavering commitment, the Friends of the Library remain a cornerstone of support for the Philip Read Memorial Library and the broader Plainfield community. Their work continues to enrich the cultural, educational, and civic life of the town in countless meaningful ways.

A small portion of program funding comes from our municipal budget, with much of it provided by the Friends groups of both libraries. The Friends of the Meriden Library and the Friends of Philip Read Memorial Library are instrumental in funding and supporting our summer reading programs. Our libraries are further supported by an annual generous contribution from the Elizabeth Sweet Dunlap Fund, which supports adult programming, and an annual senior luncheon organized by Stephanie Schell.

We are grateful for the support of three fundraising organizations: the Friends of Philip Read Memorial Library, the Friends of the Meriden Library, and the Meriden Library Foundation. Their contributions help fund programs and other essential needs. The Meriden Library Foundation is dedicated to raising funds for

the Meriden Library building.

The Plainfield Libraries are deeply grateful to the many volunteers who generously give their time, talents, and energy in support of our libraries. Their dedication plays a vital role in keeping both the Meriden Library and the Philip Read Memorial Library welcoming, vibrant, and responsive community spaces. Throughout the year, volunteers help behind the scenes with organization and preparation, and they are often the friendly faces that greet patrons, answer questions, and ensure that library spaces remain inviting and well cared for.

Our Friends groups and individual volunteers have been especially instrumental in supporting programs, maintaining collections, and strengthening connections between the libraries and the broader community. Their efforts not only extend our capacity as a small library system but also reflect the strong sense of civic engagement and shared stewardship that defines Plainfield.

We extend our sincere thanks to every volunteer who contributes their time and expertise. The success of the Plainfield Libraries would not be possible without their continued commitment and support and the libraries are fortunate to benefit from such an engaged and generous community.

Notable gift from the Tracy Estate: In 2025, the Meriden Library received a notable gift from the Tracy Estate: a gesture that honored both a deep love of learning and a long-standing commitment to the community. The Tracy family's generosity reflected a belief that libraries remain essential civic spaces: places where curiosity is sparked, opportunity is shared, and neighbors come together. More than a financial contribution, the Tracy Estate's gift reaffirmed the Meriden Library's role as a cornerstone of civic life and underscored the power of philanthropy to shape the future.

Plainfield Libraries' staff includes:

- Anita Brown - Circulation
- Lori Estey - Library Assistant
- Rob Healy - Circulation
- Madison Jarvis - Circulation
- Peter Legare - Library Assistant
- Jim Allen - Library Director

Plainfield Libraries Board of Trustees includes:

- Mike Adams (2025) - Chair
- Rosemary Mills (2025) - Vice-Chair
- Devan Tracy (2027) - Treasurer
- Sally Rub (2026) - Secretary
- Michelle Feller-Kopman (2027)

A Heartfelt Thank You to the Patrons of the Plainfield, NH Libraries
On behalf of the entire team at the Plainfield Libraries, we extend our deepest thanks to the many patrons who make our libraries such welcoming, vibrant, and essential community spaces. Your continued support — whether through regular visits, participation in programs, thoughtful donations, or generous volunteerism — has a meaningful and lasting impact on everything we do.

Each time you borrow a book, attend a program, use our meeting spaces, or stop in for research, conversation, or quiet reflection, you help affirm the library's role as a cornerstone of lifelong learning and civic connection in Plainfield. Your engagement allows us to offer inclusive programs for all ages, maintain and expand our collections, preserve local history, and provide access to information and resources that enrich daily life.

We are especially grateful for the community spirit that surrounds our libraries. The encouragement, feedback, and trust you share inspire us to continually improve our services and respond to the evolving needs of our town. Because of you, the Plainfield Libraries remain not only places of books and information, but spaces where neighbors connect, ideas are shared, and curiosity is encouraged.

Thank you for being part of our library family and for helping ensure that the Plainfield Libraries remain strong, welcoming, and responsive for generations to come. We look forward to continuing to serve you and to growing together in the years ahead.

With deepest appreciation,
The Plainfield Libraries Team

Plainfield Public Libraries Proposed Budget

Income	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Proposed
Town Appropriation	$181,524	$176,429	$185,300
Town Approp - FICA	$8,990	$8,482	$9,440
Gifts	$3,900	$6,473	$3,900
Trust Funds	$3,650	$6,300	$3,650
Fees / Copier	$74	$0	$74
Private / Grant Funding	$0	$0	
Total Income	**$198,138**	**$197,684**	**$202,364**
Expense			
Salaries	$125,769	$118,666	$132,057
Electricity	$14,625	$14,730	$14,918
Library Materials	$17,200	$24,713	$17,700
FICA	$8,990	$8,482	$9,440
Maintenance	$7,424	$8,712	$7,647
Programs	$5,175	$5,266	$2,588
Elevator	$2,805	$3,472	$2,861
Professional Services	$2,700	$1,792	$2,700
Supplies	$2,500	$2,075	$1,250
Telephone	$2,550	$4,221	$4,004
Computer/Software	$2,400	$1,812	$1,200
Automation/Cataloging	$2,200	$2,120	$2,200
Professional Activities	$1,000	$346	$1,000
Water/Sewer	$850	$773	$850
Furniture/Equipment	$800	$195	$800
Trustee Expenses	$650	$0	$650
Postage	$300	$19	$300
Misc Expense	$200	$185	$200
Total Expense	**$198,138**	**$197,579**	**$202,363**

Plainfield Public Libraries Proposed Budget (Continued)

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Proposed
Other Income, Expense and Liabilities			
Accrued/Encumbered year end expenses		$5,958	
Income/Transfers			
Meriden - Private Moneys	$200	$60,878	$200
Meriden Building Fund - Interest	$400	$3,324	$1,000
PRML Fees - Interest	$10	$2	$5
PRML - Private Moneys	$200	$2,829	$200
Transfer from Building Fund - Meriden	$59,550	$0	$59,550
Transfer from Fees Accounts	$2,000	$0	$1,000
Expense			
Meriden - Building Funds Expense	$59,550	$22,250	$60,000
PRML - Private Moneys Expense	$8,000	$1,647	$8,000
Fund Balances - Year End			
Mascoma Checking Account		$14,032	
Philip Read Fees Account		$2,343	
Philip Read Donations Account		$12,151	
Meriden Fees Account		$1,114	
Meriden Donations Account		$104,026	

PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Annual Report 2025

Message from the Chief of Police:

On behalf of the Plainfield Police Department, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the year 2025. This report highlights the work, challenges, and accomplishments of the department as we continue our mission to serve and protect the residents and visitors of Plainfield, New Hampshire.

Despite limited resources and the diverse responsibilities that come with serving a small rural community, the department adopted the following mission statement, "The Plainfield Police Department is committed to protecting and serving our community with integrity, professionalism, and respect. We strive to build strong relationships with residents through transparency, accountability, and community engagement. Our mission is to uphold the law, ensure public safety, and promote a peaceful and inclusive environment where all individuals feel safe and valued."

I would like to thank the citizens of Plainfield for their continued support and cooperation, as well as our partner agencies for their collaboration. I look forward to continuing to provide leadership for the Plainfield Police Department.

Respectfully,

Erik A. Gutsfeld

Chief of Police
Plainfield Police Department

Department Overview

The Plainfield Police Department is responsible for providing law enforcement services to the Town of Plainfield, New Hampshire, a community of approximately 2500 residents. The department operates with two full-time officers currently, a Chief of Police and a Sergeant, providing coverage for patrol, emergency response, traffic enforcement, and investigative services.

Operations and Services

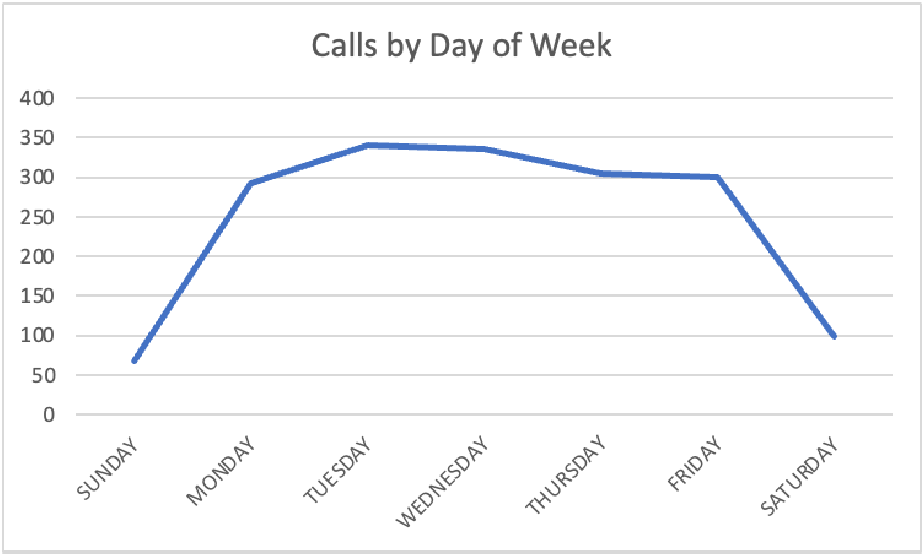
During 2025, the Plainfield Police Department responded to a wide range of calls for service, including, but not limited to:

- Emergency and non-emergency calls
- Traffic enforcement and motor vehicle accidents
- Criminal investigations
- Welfare checks
- Community assistance calls
- Court-related duties and administrative responsibilities

We remained proactive in addressing traffic safety concerns, responding to citizen complaints, and assisting residents in non-criminal matters, which continue to be a significant part of policing in a small community.

Calls for Service and Activity Summary

- Total calls for service: **1740**, Busiest time of day for calls, 0800-1600, With a total of 905 calls during this timeframe.
    - Significant calls: 11 Thefts, 1 Burglary, 10 Frauds, 5 fights/domestics, 8 criminal mischief, 2 drug offenses.
- Motor vehicle stops: **66**
- Motor vehicle accidents investigated: **65,** (40 reportable to the State, 6 with injury, 1 serious, 5 minor) Busiest day of the week for crashes: Tuesday, Busiest time of day for crashes: Noon and 6PM.
- Arrests (all offenses): **9**
- Criminal investigations completed: **27**
- **N**HSP covered 20 calls for service and backed up Plainfield 7 times.



These figures reflect both reported incidents and officer-initiated activity throughout the year.

Community Policing and Outreach

Community policing remains a core focus of the Plainfield Police Department. We regularly interact with residents, attend town events, and work closely with local officials and neighboring agencies.

In 2025, the department participated in:

- Community events and town meetings
- Public safety assistance and welfare checks
- Coordination with Fire and EMS services

- Mutual aid responses with surrounding towns

These efforts strengthen trust and foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the community.



Training and Professional Development

Ongoing training is essential to maintaining a professional and effective police force. During the year, officers completed mandatory and specialized training in areas such as:

- Deescalation
- Ethics and Implicit Bias
- Use of Force
- Firearms Qualification
- Taser Certification
- First aid, CPR, and AED certification
- NIBRS Training

This training ensures we remain prepared to respond safely and appropriately to a wide variety of situations.

Challenges and Looking Ahead

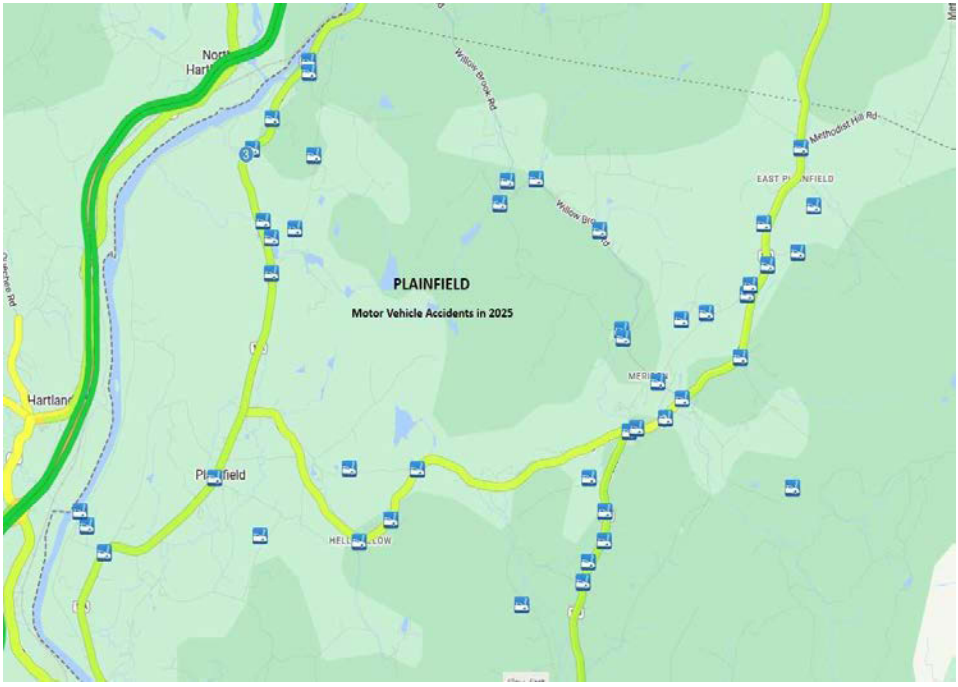
Like many small departments, the Plainfield Police Department continues to face challenges related to staffing, budget constraints, and increasing service demands. Despite these challenges, the department remains committed to improving services, maintaining transparency, and adapting to the evolving needs of the community.

In the coming year, priorities include staffing, continued training, strengthening regional partnerships, and maintaining a visible and approachable police presence throughout the town.

Conclusion

The Plainfield Police Department is proud to serve the residents of the Town of Plainfield with professionalism, dedication, and respect. This annual report reflects the hard work of the Plainfield Police Department and the strong support of the community we serve.

We look forward to continuing our mission in the year ahead.



Reported motor vehicle accidents, Plainfield Police Department 2025

PLAINFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT
Chief's Report 2025

The fire department remained busy throughout 2025, totaling 139 calls for service. Over 1/3 of our calls were for alarm activations for smoke, Carbon Monoxide (CO) or propane. Reasons for the alarms ranged from smoke from cooking, steam from a shower, low battery or system malfunctions to an outlet fire. CO alarms continue to be a concern as carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless so should not be ignored. Detectors should be replaced 7-10 years from manufacture and there is no way to tell when it activates if the detector is at its end of life, or there is a CO problem in your house, so ALWAYS call for the fire department to meter the building with our portable gas meter when there is a question.

Other high volume calls were for 30 trees in the roadway or on power lines, and 27 motor vehicle accidents. We assisted Cornish Rescue with 10 medical incidents providing additional personnel for transfer of patients to/from the ambulance and also in performing CPR. A safety zone was set up for DHART helicopters to land in town twice in July for patients that required expedient transport to DHMC. We extinguished a few non-permitted camp and brush fires, a car fire and a fire in a garage where luckily the homeowner had it under control before our arrival. Throughout the year we responded to assist our mutual aid partners with 2 structure fires each in the towns of Cornish and Lebanon with 1 in Canaan and Hartford VT, as well as providing area coverage for Lebanon while they were busy with other calls.

In July, we had a change in leadership. After 8 years as Chief, Bill Taylor swapped places with Captain Bruce Elder. In Bill's 8 years, he was chief of the 2 non-profit fire departments and worked through the transition to the towns one municipal fire department. Many thanks to Bill for taking the lead through this complex transition to town ownership, transferring equipment titles, property deeds and funds. Bill is still heavily involved with the fire department, so you can expect to see him responding around town. On paper, this transitions the paperwork side of the fire department over to Bruce (budgeting, school inspections and emergency operations reviews, home foster care inspection, regional meetings with other towns, vehicle maintenance etc.) Again, many thanks for Bill's years of organizational leadership to the fire department. We would not be where we are today without Bill's involvement.

In October we received a generous donation of a set of hydraulic vehicle extrication tools (JAWS of Life) from the Reading Fire Department, after a merger with other excess equipment from the Hartland Fire Department, there remained a working set of jaws that were no longer needed, thus they donated them to Plainfield. This will allow us to gain access to a patient while waiting for the ambulance to arrive. Entirely by chance, this equipment is from the same vendor as the equipment already carried by Cornish Rescue so the components and training in use are interchangeable. We have performed 2 basic extrication trainings with Cornish Fire and Rescue, and have plans for a ½ day training session this spring to fine tune our skills.

Our 1997 Engine 1 was supposed to be replaced in 2027. Due to the astronomical price increase of fire apparatus in the past 5 years, there are not enough funds in the capital reserve to purchase a new engine at this time. Instead of asking the taxpayers for another $300,000, we have purchased a 2005 E-one fire engine from the Hanover Fire Department. This engine carries 1000 gallons of water, has onboard foam capabilities, and is in better operational shape than our 30-year-old engine. The Plainfield Fire Association is upgrading the truck to a more modern look (New light bar, minor aluminum corrosion, lettering the doors, application of reflective chevrons on front and back, etc.). The firefighters would all love to have a new fire truck, but this engine will serve the town well for the next 7-10 years while the capital reserve fund grows to fund the new engine. Hanover was happy that this truck was going to a local department to continue to provide use in the fire service in the upper valley. Prior to taking delivery of the engine, they made some minor repairs, performed the yearly maintenance and yearly inspection. By the time this is printed, the truck will be in service.

The fire department is 28 members strong on paper, but in reality, there are 14 members that respond regularly. We are always looking for more assistance, especially during the day when the majority of our members are working out of town. No prior training required. We hold twice monthly trainings, both practical and classroom, and would train you in the methods and duties of firefighting. Please contact any firefighter if interested in joining the fire department team!

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Elder, Fire Chief
603-381-0424, Belder23@comcast.net

LOCAL FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Once again, I thank and commend the residents of Plainfield who burned safely and abided by the rules set forth by the State of New Hampshire for outside fires throughout 2025. Starting in early summer our area experienced a quick shift from wet spring weather (t rained almost every weekend) to a period of extreme drought. Brooks and streams were so low, they almost stopped flowing and any pond you drove by was 1-2 feet below the normal water level. This resulted in the rules for outdoor burning to change almost daily. The rule changes are based upon wind speed, temperature and humidity that are modeled and reviewed by state forest rangers every morning. Then the Governor proclaimed a ban on outdoor fires statewide which lasted for 39 days. With only a few exceptions, residents abided by the burn ban, and in all cases where a fire was reported, it was a case of misunderstanding the rules and the fire was extinguished immediately. Over the course of the year, we responded to a couple of fires in Plainfield and Cornish that were caused by trees on a power line, that created sparks and a resulting fire. Reminder to all, if you come across a fire on the side of the road, be sure that there are no power lines involved that started the fire before approaching. All that can be done in this instance is to wait for the power company to arrive and confirm the power is off, before the fire can be extinguished.

Online permitting for outside fires has been operating smoothly with 94 permits purchased online in 2025. https://nh.burnsafeamerica.com/ A frequent question that is asked is "Why won't the system let me purchase a permit?" On days where the fire danger is a class 3 or higher (out of 5 levels), the online system will not let you purchase a single use "brush pile" permit, similarly you can't obtain one from a fire warden either. This would be the dry windy evenings where the danger is high of a large fire spreading through the woods. It is still possible to obtain a free paper permit in person from one of the forest fire wardens (this was accomplished more than 75 times in 2025) and the wardens can be contacted with any questions about the burning rules, or if you have trouble with the online system. New in 2026 when requesting a burn permit, it is now required to list a driver's license number and date of birth. These are rules passed down from the State of NH, so please be patient with the wardens when they ask for the added information.

Lastly, a few answers to the frequently asked questions that we receive.

- The only items permitted to burn are natural vegetation. NO boards, plywood, trash, tires…
- All outside fires require a permit no matter what that fire is contained in unless there is snow on the ground.

- When it is raining – burning is allowed during the day WITH a permit.
- Brush pile permits allow the permittee to burn from 5pm to 9am and must then be completely extinguished by 9am, such that you can put your hand on the ashes, i.e. no hot coals.
- While a fire is burning it MUST BE ATTENDED until it is completely out.
- All fire pits need to have an annual permit and are issued each calendar year.
- Fires pits, rings, solo stoves etc. must be a minimum of 25 feet away from structures and are NEVER allowed on a deck, porch 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
Tom Robb	Deputy	359-7724
Boone Rondeau	Deputy	675-6951
William Taylor	Deputy	469-3342
Matt Tucker	Deputy	306-1208
Jamie Ordway	Deputy	709-7184

REPORT OF THE STATE FOREST RANGER

In 2025, New Hampshire experienced a lower-than-average spring wildfire season. However, flash drought conditions quickly took hold as New Hampshire experienced the driest summer on record in 130 years. This led to deep burning wildfires across the state. The state assisted local fire departments on these multi-day events, providing resources and technical assistance. This included our thermal imaging unmanned aircraft system, which was deployed on multiple incidents, including in North Hampton where a wildfire burned for 5 days. Wildfire risk increased to the level where the Governor and Council set forth a statewide prohibition on outdoor burning. This resulted in fewer wildfires and reduced the risk until rain came in late October.

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. In 2025, New Hampshire properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were impacted, with 10 structures threatened 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 2026 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 or using the QR code. 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.nhdfl.dncr.nh.gov. For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STATISTICS

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED-25	
Explosives	04
Smoking	01
Railroad	00
Recreation	17
Natural	08
Equipment	18
Arson	01
Debris	87
Power lines	16
Misc	04
Undetermined	62

Year	# FIRES	ACRES
2025	157	146
2024	123	125
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

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

As we have closed out 2025, we would like to thank the communities of Cornish and Plainfield, for all their generosity and support, that allows us to operate.

2025 started off with a bang. In the first 93 days of the year, we averaged one call a day. Some of the days we had no calls, other days we had 6 calls in day, that stretched us thin.

2025 provided a 5th consecutive record setting year, for emergency response calls, with a total of 339 calls. An increase of 35 calls from 2024 and an increase from 2020 of 100 calls a year.

With the increase in calls, comes the need for more first responders in our community. If you live in Cornish or Plainfield, are interested in becoming an EMT and want to join the Rescue Squad, please reach out!

Friendly reminder, please ensure your house and or driveway is clearly marked (preferably reflective) with your house number. This makes it much easier for us to find your home in a time of need.

Thank you all for your support and donations. Have a happy and safe 2026. As always if you think you might need our help, don't hesitate to call

Submitted,
Chris Chilton, President

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

SIX YEAR PROJECTION OF CAPITAL SPENDING

Description	Source of Funding	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	TOTAL
Highway Department								
Dump Truck	Reserves	$42,500		$250,000		$250,000		**$542,500**
Grader	Reserves	$31,500						**$31,500**
Roadside Mower	Reserves		$100,000					
Backhoe	Reserves				$150,000			**$150,000**
Police Department								
Cruisers 3	Res/Grant	$17,000	$17,000					**$34,000**
Body Cameras	Reserves	$5,300						**$5,300**
Fire Department								**$0**
Large Diameter Hose	Reserves	$10,000		$10,000				**$20,000**
Radios-Portables	Reserves		$125,000					**$125,000**
Town Facilities/ Buildings								
PTH Landscaping	Grants/Res	$3,500						
PTH Humidity/Heat	Grants/Res	$37,200						**$37,200**
PTH Wood Repair/Paint	Grants/Res	$44,000	$57,000					**$101,000**
PTH Electric Upgrage	Grants/Res		$60,000					
Roof (Highway Garage)	FB	$100,000						**$100,000**
Libraries								
PRML-New addition roof			$30,000					**$30,000**
Roads								
Baynes Rd	Reserves	$100,000						**$100,000**
Beauty Hill /River Rd I	Reserves		$100,000					**$100,000**
River Rd II	Reserves			$100,000				**$100,000**
River Rd III/Freeman Rd	Reserves				$100,000			
Colby Hill/Tallow Hill Rd	Reserves					$100,000		**$100,000**
TOTAL		**$391,000**	**$489,000**	**$360,000**	**$250,000**	**$350,000**	**$0**	**$1,576,500**

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2025

Captial Reserve/ Expendable Funds	PRINCIPLE Principle Balance Begin Year	New Funds Added	Funds Expended	GAIN/ LOSS	Principle Balance Year End	INTEREST Income Balance Begin Year	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End	TOTAL
School Spec Ed Fund	$ 350,805.34			$ 304.79	$ 351,110.13	$ 58,754.49	$ 13,849.85		$ 72,604.34	$ 423,714.47
Library Repair Fund	$ 11,741.43	$ 5,000.00		$ 5,012.04	$ 16,753.47	$ 588.67	$ 492.71		$ 1,081.38	$ 17,834.85
Town Hall Fund	$ 21,401.99	$ 20,000.00	$ (4,677.05)	$ 15,355.24	$ 36,757.23	$ 6,569.72	$ 1,248.89		$ 7,818.61	$ 44,575.84
ADA Access Fund	$ 20,034.34	$ 5,000.00	$ (5,820.33)	$ (798.21)	$ 19,236.13	$ 5,836.79	$ 950.61		$ 6,787.40	$ 26,023.53
Police Equipment Fund	$ 34,792.83	$ 5,000.00		$ 5,032.66	$ 39,825.49	$ 5,232.21	$ 1,429.26		$ 6,661.47	$ 46,486.96
Town Facilities Maint Fund	$ 61,766.57	$ 15,000.00	$ (18,170.19)	$ (3,109.61)	$ 58,656.96	$ 8,074.17	$ 2,589.01		$ 10,663.18	$ 69,320.14
* Schell Community Assist Fund	$ 99,908.40	$ 29,958.01	$ (27,507.93)	$ 2,547.81	$ 102,456.21	$ 11,656.16	$ 4,216.30		$ 15,872.46	$ 118,328.67
Bridge Reserve Fund	$ 89,850.52	$ 15,000.00	$ (2,750.00)	$ 12,341.69	$ 102,192.21	$ 21,787.47	$ 4,002.45		$ 25,789.92	$ 127,982.13
New Equipment Fund	$ 287,908.89	$ 100,000.00	$ (257,124.00)	$ (156,831.75)	$ 131,077.14	$ 27,744.28	$ 12,189.20		$ 39,933.48	$ 171,010.62
Revaluation Fund	$ 54,805.80	$ 20,000.00		$ 20,061.19	$ 74,866.99	$ 11,982.44	$ 2,561.53		$ 14,543.97	$ 89,410.96
Meriden Water Reserve Fund	$ 67,045.31	$ 25,000.00		$ 25,051.53	$ 92,096.84	$ 2,192.58	$ 2,341.37		$ 4,533.95	$ 96,630.79
Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund	$ 65,127.49	$ 5,000.00		$ 5,056.07	$ 70,183.56	$ 10,234.60	$ 2,548.48		$ 12,783.08	$ 82,966.64
School Building Fund	$ 28,566.40			$ 24.85	$ 28,591.25	$ 4,822.21	$ 1,129.08		$ 5,951.29	$ 34,542.54
School Benefits Payable	$ 49,117.55			$ 43.96	$ 49,161.51	$ 9,973.81	$ 1,998.26		$ 11,972.07	$ 61,133.58
Cemetery Care Fund	$ 42,449.63			$ 37.28	$ 42,486.91	$ 7,634.89	$ 1,693.68		$ 9,328.57	$ 51,815.48
Townsend Bridge & Trail Fund	$ 4,378.42			$ 3.87	$ 4,382.29	$ 839.87	$ 176.46		$ 1,016.33	$ 5,398.62
Plainfield History Fund	$ 15,484.15			$ 16.09	$ 15,500.24	$ 6,145.73	$ 731.44		$ 6,877.17	$ 22,377.41
Gravel Pit Reclaim Fund	$ 65,129.50	$ 5,000.00		$ 5,057.71	$ 70,187.21	$ 8,572.77	$ 2,568.09		$ 11,140.86	$ 81,328.07
Town Beauty Fund	$ 150.39			$ 0.12	$ 150.51	$ 25.35	$ 5.93		$ 31.28	$ 181.79
Transportation Imprvmnt Fund	$ 71,733.28	$ 75,000.00	$ (100,000.00)	$ (24,889.07)	$ 46,844.21	$ 19,504.59	$ 4,221.53		$ 23,726.12	$ 70,570.33
Fire Dep't Equipment Fund	$ 303,092.52	$ 60,000.00	$ (50,000.00)	$ 10,277.48	$ 313,370.00	$ 23,537.97	$ 11,954.43		$ 35,492.40	$ 348,862.40
Meriden Library Bldg Fund	$ 0.58			$ 0.24	$ 0.82	$ 308.69	$ 10.47		$ 319.16	$ 319.98
*School Expend Trust Fund	$ 30,011.72			$ 22.77	$ 30,034.49	$ 570.65	$ 1,034.18		$ 1,604.83	$ 31,639.32
School Cap Improve Fund	$ -	$ 10,000.00		$ 10,006.93	$ 10,006.93	$ -	$ 278.42		$ 278.42	$ 10,285.35
Water Dept Equip/Rep Funf	$ 140,054.58		$ (27,825.00)	$ (27,719.23)	$ 112,335.35	$ 2,073.89	$ -		$ 6,880.20	$ 119,215.55
TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS	$ 1,915,357.63	$ 394,958.01	$ (493,874.50)	$ (97,093.55)	$ 1,818,264.08	$ 254,664.00	$ 74,221.63	$ -	$ 333,691.94	$ 2,151,956.02

* Expendable Trust Fund

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2025

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 Year End
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS										
Daniels Cemetery	$ 14,768.34		$ 424.78	$ 15,193.12		$ 508.80	$ 561.40	$ (443.72)	$ 626.48	$ 15,819.60
East Plainfield Cemetery	$ 6,953.86		$ 199.94	$ 7,153.80		$ 238.20	$ 264.28	$ (208.88)	$ 293.60	$ 7,447.40
Freeman Cemetery	$ 5,121.49		$ 147.30	$ 5,268.79		$ 175.32	$ 194.64	$ (153.85)	$ 216.11	$ 5,484.90
Gilkey Cemetery	$ 731.98		$ 21.05	$ 753.03		$ 25.09	$ 27.82	$ (21.99)	$ 30.92	$ 783.95
Gleason Cemetery	$ 49,703.21		$ 1,429.26	$ 51,132.47		$ 1,702.16	$ 1,888.88	$ (1,493.05)	$ 2,097.99	$ 53,230.46
Methodist Hill Cemetery	$ 731.98		$ 21.05	$ 753.03		$ 25.09	$ 27.82	$ (21.99)	$ 30.92	$ 783.95
Mill Cemetery	$ 63,215.09		$ 1,817.12	$ 65,032.21		$ 2,140.83	$ 2,401.49	$ (1,898.22)	$ 2,644.10	$ 67,676.31
Moulton Cemetry	$ 14,772.29		$ 424.86	$ 15,197.15		$ 505.98	$ 561.35	$ (443.72)	$ 623.61	$ 15,820.76
Penniman Cemetery	$ 2,195.96		$ 63.14	$ 2,259.10		$ 75.21	$ 83.45	$ (65.96)	$ 92.70	$ 2,351.80
Plainfield Cemetery	$ 108,819.90		$ 3,129.17	$ 111,949.07		$ 3,726.74	$ 4,135.57	$ (3,268.83)	$ 4,593.48	$ 116,542.55
Raynsford Cemetery	$ 2,927.94		$ 84.19	$ 3,012.13		$ 100.32	$ 111.28	$ (87.96)	$ 123.64	$ 3,135.77
River Cemetery	$ 3,892.37		$ 111.93	$ 4,004.30		$ 133.21	$ 147.92	$ (116.92)	$ 164.21	$ 4,168.51
Westgate-Peterson Cemetery	$ 1,829.97		$ 52.64	$ 1,882.61		$ 62.71	$ 69.55	$ (54.97)	$ 77.29	$ 1,959.90
Town Cemeteries	$ 7,319.73		$ 210.49	$ 7,530.22		$ 250.60	$ 278.18	$ (219.94)	$ 308.84	$ 7,839.06
TOTALS	$ 282,983.61	$ -	$ 8,136.92	$ 291,121.03	#	$ 9,670.28	$ 10,753.63	$ (8,500.00)	$ 11,923.90	$ 303,044.93
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS										
Meriden Library	$ 46,848.64		$ 1,336.75	$ 48,185.39		$ 1,235.47	$ 1,759.52	$ (1,600.00)	$ 1,394.99	$ 49,580.38
Philip Read Memorial Library	$ 134,799.62		$ 3,846.56	$ 138,646.18		$ 3,568.69	$ 5,062.86	$ (4,700.00)	$ 3,931.55	$ 142,577.73
TOTALS	$ 181,648.26		$ 5,183.31	$ 186,831.57		$ 4,804.16	$ 6,822.38	$ (6,300.00)	$ 5,326.54	$ 192,158.11

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2025

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 Year End
MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS									
Ward Christmas Fund	$ 7,348.95		$ 211.62	$ 7,560.57	$ 264.03	$ 278.52	$ (264.00)	$ 278.55	$ 7,839.12
Ward Worthy Poor Fund	$ 20,974.57		$ 1,136.61	$ 22,111.18	$ 19,905.05	$ 1,502.13		$ 21,407.18	$ 43,518.36
Ward Essay Prize Fund	$ 7,594.24		$ 229.05	$ 7,823.29	$ 737.18	$ 301.70	$ (200.00)	$ 838.88	$ 8,662.17
Elijah Burnap Poor Fund	$ 35,252.32		$ 1,835.71	$ 37,088.03	$ 30,770.67	$ 2,426.04		$ 33,196.71	$ 70,284.74
Earl Mower Fund	$ 3,030.17		$ 87.23	$ 3,117.40	$ 108.60	$ 114.82	$ (108.60)	$ 114.82	$ 3,232.22
Duncan Piano Fund	$ 3,514.95		$ 155.91	$ 3,670.86	$ 2,093.13	$ 206.08		$ 2,299.21	$ 5,970.07
Vernon Hood Fund	$ 974.20		$ 43.15	$ 1,017.35	$ 579.06	$ 57.09		$ 636.15	$ 1,653.50
Bill Hendrick Vision Fund	$ 4,464.95		$ 181.69	$ 4,646.64	$ 2,070.78	$ 239.65		$ 2,310.43	$ 6,957.07
Mother's & Daughter's Fund	$ 4,113.63		$ 118.43	$ 4,232.06	$ 147.36	$ 155.89	$ (147.36)	$ 155.89	$ 4,387.95
Beulah Pickering Fund	$ 18,547.49		$ 76.09	$ 18,623.58	$ 39,976.59	$ 1,906.73		$ 41,883.32	$ 60,506.90
Ruth F Koe Brady Camp Fund	$ 2,258.92		$ 69.59	$ 2,328.51	$ 391.43	$ 91.20	$ (250.00)	$ 232.63	$ 2,561.14
Stage Set Fund	$ 20,524.86		$ 865.44	$ 21,390.30	$ 10,601.61	$ 1,143.75		$ 11,745.36	$ 33,135.66
Mericrafters Fund	$ 951.71		$ 18.37	$ 970.08	$ 34.10	$ 36.06	$ (34.10)	$ 36.06	$ 1,006.14
Stalker Cemetery Flag Fund	$ 25,487.15		$ 737.82	$ 26,224.97	$ 1,033.78	$ 974.66	$ (436.00)	$ 1,572.44	$ 27,797.41
TOTALS	$ 155,038.11	$ -	$ 5,766.71	$ 160,804.82	$ 108,713.37	$ 9,434.32	$ (1,440.06)	$ 116,707.63	$ 277,512.45
TOTAL: ALL TRUST FUNDS	$ 619,669.98	$ -	$ 19,086.94	$ 638,757.42	$ 123,187.81	$ 27,010.33	$ (16,240.06)	$ 133,958.07	$ 772,715.49

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
Water Department Equipment/Repair Fund 2024

Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 2025 were:

Library Repair Fund		
	Deposits-	$5,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals-	**$0**
Bridge Fund	Deposits-	$15,000
	Town Meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals-	**$2,750**
	Grantham Mt. Road Bridge	
Town Hall Repair Fund	Deposits-	$20,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals-	**$4,677**
	PTH Fire alarm Upgrade	$2,814
	PTH Building Assessment	$5,650
	PTH Foundation Repair	$10,000
	PTH Drainage/basement	$2,611
	PTH Grants/Donations	($18,116)
	MTH Shelving/Window	$1,718

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

Revaluation Fund	Deposits-	$20,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals-	**$0**
ADA Compliance	Deposits-	$5,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals-	**$5,820**
	PTH Ramp Material	$1,584
	PTH Ramp handrail	$4,236
Transportation Fund	Deposits	$75,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	**$100,000**
	Portion of River Rd	
	Beauty Hill and Bonner Paving.	
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	**$18,170**
	Repair Town Office Steps	$1,421
	Paint Hwy Equip shed	$6,400
	Hwy Equip Shed new door	$5.290
	Hwy Annex structural wk	$2,223
	Police Dept Flooring	$806
	Highway Garage Roof	$2,030
	Engineering	
Town Gravel Pit Fund	Deposits	$5,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	**$0**

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

Highway Equip Fund	Deposits	$100,000
	Withdrawals	**$257,124**
	Road Agent Truck	$62,399
	New Dump Truck	$194,725
Fire Equipment Fund	Deposits	$60,000
	Withdrawals	**$50,000**
	Town of Hanover Firetruck purchase	
Water Department Repair Fund		
	Deposits	$140,000
	Withdrawals	**$27,825**
	Chlorinator	$6,062
	Monitoring System	$9,240
	Asset Management Prj	$3,199
	New Meters (80)	$5,842
	Remote Readers (80)	$3,482

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 (MS 535)

Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2025	$**0**
New debt during the year	$0
Debt retirement during the year	$0
Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2025	**$0**

TOWN AUDIT

The firm of Plodzik and Sanderson completed the 2025 audit in January of 2026. 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 2025

ASSETS:		
	CASH:	
	CHECKING ACCOUNT	$4,152,692
	INVESTMENTS	$0
	PETTY CASH	$250
	TOTAL CASH	**$4,152,942**
	PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE	$164,426
	TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE	$105,295
	TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE	**$269,721**
	DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES	$13,596
	DUE FROM OTHERS (Conservation Fund)	$7,745
	DUE FROM STATE OF NH	$65,350
	TOTAL ASSETS:	**$4,509,354**
LIABILITIES:		
	DUE TO CONSERVATION FUND	$16,705
	DUE TO GENERAL FUND	$16,705
	DUE TO WATER FUND	$2,271
	DUE TO STATE OF NH	$4,641
	PAYABLES:	
	SCHOOL	$2,953,462
	INVOICES	$51,534
	PAYROLL (Aflac)	$40
	ST of NH LCHIP	$7,059
	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DONATIONS	$5,350
	TOTAL PAYABLES	**$3,017,445**
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	**$3,057,767**
	FUND BALANCE	**$1,451,587**
	RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES	($40,000)
	RESERVE-HIGHWAY BRIDGES GMR	($63,694)
	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	**$1,347,893**
	GRAND TOTALS:	**$4,509,354**
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2024		**$1,298,978**
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2025		**$1,347,893**
CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION		**$48,915**

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2025

REVENUES	
Taxes	$ 1,882,675
Licenses and permits	926,801
Intergovernmental	440,623
Charges for services	39,404
Miscellaneous	107,404
Total revenues	3,396,907
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
General government	823,309
Public safety	596,144
Highways and streets	1,212,083
Sanitation	441,317
Health	9,082
Welfare	80,966
Culture and recreation	212,593
Conservation	709
Capital outlay	257,124
Total expenditures	3,633,327
Excess of expenditures over revenue	(236,420)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
Transfers in	515,085
Transfers out	(325,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	190,085
Net change in fund balances	(46,335)
Fund balances, beginning	1,457,922
Fund balances, ending	$ 1,411,587

SCHEDULE 3

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

General Fund

Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2025

Unassigned fund balance, beginning (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)		$ 1,298,978
Changes:		
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce 2025 tax rate		(80,000)
Amounts voted from fund balance		(74,592)
2025 Budget summary:		
Revenue surplus	$ 57,932	
Unexpended balance of appropriations	50,325	
Budget surplus		108,257
Decrease in nonspendable fund balance		20,658
Decrease in restricted fund balance		74,592
Unassigned fund balance, ending (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)		$ 1,347,893

HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT/ROAD PROJECT
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

2025	**Block Grant Allocation**	**$120,000**
	Transportation Fund	**$100,000**
	Total Available	**$220,000**
Bonner Road Paving		
	Pike Industries overlay	$112,820
River Road/Beauty Hill Rd Pavement Shim		
	Springfield Paving	$60,000
Red Hill Road/Grantham Mt. Rd Pavement		
	Pike Industries	$34,663
	Total Paving Expenditures	**$207,483**
2025 Operating Budget	Road Maintenance	$12,517
	Grant Total	**$220,000**

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 **Completed**
'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. **Completed**
’25	Bonner Road Project/River Road Repair. **Completed**
’25	Beauty Hill, River Road shimming. **Completed**
‘26	Baynes Road
’27	Beauty Hill Rd/River Rd I
’29	River Rd II
‘29	River Rd III/Freeman Rd
’30	Colby Hill/Tallow Hill/Whitaker Hill

SUMMARY OF STATE GRANTS (AMERICAN COVID RECOVERY)

American Recovery Funds		**$**95,368
Expenditures	Portion of Willow Brook Rd paving	$95,368
Balance		**$0**
House Bill 2 Money (Roads and Bridges)		**$**57,214
Expenditures		$0
Balance		**$57,214**
(Planned Use- Town Share Grantham Mt. Bridge)		
Senate Bill 401 Road Money- River Road		$**81,158**
Expenditures	Soil Testing	$2,132
	Excavation	$19,387
	Road fabric	$ 1,927
	Roller Rental	$5,600
	Paving	45,546
Balance		**$6,566**
(Planned Use- Town Share Grantham Mt. Bridge)		
Total Balance Remaining 12/31/25:		**$63,694**
(Reserved for Highway Grantham Mt Bridge		

TOWN EMPLOYEE SALARIES - 2025

Allen, James	Library Director	$60,208.88
Anderson, Maura	Water District Operator	$9,544.50
Angelillo, Elise	Select Board	$3,000.00
Atwater, Bradford	Facilities/Plainfield Water	$85,702.32
Berman, Sarah	Deputy Town Clerk	30,736.75
Berman, Stephanie	Election Staff	$272.00
Brown, Anita	Library Substitute	$6,955.31
Cantlin, Daniel	Recreation Director	$8,874.99
Cassedy, Daniel	Moderator	$450.00
Collins, Michael	Truck Driver	$68,102.16 includes overtime
Collins III, Richard	Road Agent	$94,795.00
DePietro III, Robert	Patrolman	$126,243.33 overtime
Eberhardt, Ron	Selectman	$3,000.00
Elder, Bruce	Fire Chief	$4,800.00
Estey, Lori	Library Assistant	$8,952.69
Goldsmith, Sarah	Election Staff	$272.00
Gutsfeld, Erik	Police Chief	$85,664.64
Halleran, Stephen	Town Administrator	$104,023.00
Healy, Paul	Seasonal Highway	$8,925.00
Healy, Robert L.	Library Assistant	$9,691.29
Huett, Cynthia	Election Staff	$88.00
Jarvis, Madison	Library Circulation Aide	$15,171.27
Kennett, Joshua	Truck Driver	$66,788.48 includes overtime
Lappin, Amy	Select Board	$3,000.00
Legare, Peter	Library Circulation Aide	$9,903.72
Lersch, David	Building Inspector	$11,251.90
Longacre, Melissa	Supervisor of the Checklist	$160.63
Marsh, Michelle	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	$79,150.52
McNamara, Terry	Election Staff	$272.00
Rogers, Ann	Treasurer	$9,900.00
Schell, Stephanie	Human Services Director	$24,465.00
Smith, Sean	Truck Driver	$69,114.33 includes overtime
Stalker, Jesse	Trustee of Trust Funds	$1,000
Taylor, William	Fire Chief	$4,500.00
Widger, Beverly	Supervisor of Checklist	$212.50
Wilder, Fern	Supervisor of Checklist	$276.50
Woodman, Stephen	Truck Driver	$60,563.04
	TOTAL	**$1,076,031.25**



HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

The year 2025 came and went so fast. We experienced a lot of challenges with state & federal funding cuts, but our community rallied and successfully provided all necessary resources & service requests. 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. During the months of October & November when the SNAP program was suspended, Plainfield & Cornish stepped up to help those neighbors fighting food insecurity. Our food pantry provides nutritional care packages to those neighbors in Plainfield, Meriden & Cornish who find it difficult to purchase nutritious foods for themselves and their families. *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 aiding 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, the Blackhawk Breakfast Club 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. 2,592 meals were distributed through the community food pantry in 2025.

The Plainfield Community Senior Luncheons take place each month and remain very popular. On average we have about 60 guests that come together at various

community buildings in town to share friendly conversation & delicious meals with one another. These monthly gatherings are truly a highlight for many aging in place. The schedule of our luncheons can be found in PlainFacts & on the Town Website.

Donations continue to build our inventory of durable medical equipment in our Community Health Closet. This local resource has provided many residents with 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 well attended with 324 vaccinations being administered.

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 up & 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.

It continues to be a pleasure working closely with our Police Department to provide all residents with a sense of wellbeing & safety when situations occur that are uncomfortable & difficult. Both Chief Gutsfeld & Sergent DiPietro are dedicated to keeping lines of communication open with all residents and building trust throughout our community. I appreciate having them actively involved with welfare home visits, our monthly luncheons and at the Food Pantry. Their active participation in our community is essential, and I look forward to a long working relationship with them both.

As health officer I conducted numerous inspections for state licensing requirements for schools, daycares & foster care homes.

The Emergency Response Team for the Town of Plainfield continues to meet a few times a year to have crucial round table discussions for preparedness. We also participate in various trainings supported by our state assigned liaisons. We all stand ready together to assist if & when a crisis should occur in our hometown.

In the year 2025, a total of $27,119 was disbursed to assist households in need of assistance.
The breakdown for monies disbursed in 2025 is as follows:

Housing	**$4,290**
Electric	**$3,840**
Heating	**$3,000**
Medical	**$1,509**
Community Outreach	**$14,480**
(NH Food Bank Purchases, Community Lunches, Summer Camps)	
Total	**$27,119**
Private Donations/Grants	$16,560
Schell Fund Expenditures	**$27,508**

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. Here are some examples of what assistance has been provided:

** Housing assistance was provided for families who were facing eviction.
** Electrical assistance was provided to families who received shut-off notices
** Emergency heating fuel was delivered to neighbors in need during the winter months
** Funds were provided to help purchase much needed medications & medical supplies.
** Allocated necessary funds for Respite Care Services.
** Provided financial hardship monies to assist with covering the costs of two final arrangements with local funeral homes.
** Provided financial support & transportation on a short-term basis due to necessary medical treatments.
** Assisted with home improvements, weatherization, electrical & plumbing repair expenses for community members.
** Provided financial support to connect *LifeLine Medical Alert Systems* for those vulnerable residents aging in place.
** Continue to provide support to the Community Food Pantry, Plainfield School Blackhawk Breakfast Club & Snack programs to ensure all those with food insecurity have what they need to stay healthy.

Thank you to all those who have made donations to this incredible trust fund that has a powerful impact on our immediate community.

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
Listen	The Haven

May 2026 bring peace, health & happiness to you all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie M. Schell

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

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

During the 2025 legislative year, the General Court acted on multiple hundreds of bills on a variety of issues, including housing, education, energy policy, bail reform, healthcare, safety, and, of course, a budget.

Some of the bills that passed are already affecting daily life here in Plainfield:

- The bell-to-bell cell phone ban in schools took effect at the beginning of this school year. A number of teachers testified in favor of this bill.
- Vehicle inspections ended January 31, 2025, although there is a pending ruling on an injunction related to Clean Air Act requirements.
- One accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is now allowed as a matter of right on a lot containing a single-family dwelling. Our town has already changed size requirements to conform with the new law.
- The maximum annual amount of disaster relief funding a municipality can get from the state disaster relief fund was increased. If you remember the recent flood damage on the east side of town, you'll know why this is important.
- We established a dedicated fund to help provide AEDs at school athletic events and venues where practices are held. This was inspired by a successful resuscitation at a sports event at KUA a number of years ago.

On January 1, 2025, the first laws protecting NH covered bridges in 62 years took effect. Cornish Police Chief Doug Hackett's desire to protect the iconic Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge turned into a bill that will help protect all the covered bridges in New Hampshire (including Plainfield's), a fitting cap to his 39-year career in law enforcement.

In addition to writing and voting on legislation, constituent service is part of the job of a representative. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Rep. *Margaret Drye*
603-443-2125
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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.

Again, this year our committee and the administration of Kimball Union Academy remain concerned about the decreasing number of local families who are choosing Kimball Union for their high school education needs. Kimball Union continues to admit nearly all academically qualified Plainfield students to the academy. At this time, we have six local students attending Kimball Union, that number has, in the past, been thirty or more students. There are certainly many reasons for the reduction, including declining student enrollment at PES.

The committee feels that perhaps with the sunsetting of the optional tax exemption back in 2018, some residents may feel that local tuition assistance for Plainfield kids is no longer available. This is not correct. The only way for a family to know what help is available is to meet with the KUA admissions team. Essentially, all students with demonstrated financial need receive assistance with tuition costs.

Kimball Union continues to consider the establishment of a Plainfield student tuition rate. This is a complex issue that will require approval of the Board of Trustees.

This year the committee held an informative meeting with the school's Director of Capital Projects & Facilities. This was a great opportunity to learn about KUAs master planning process and the possibility of upgrading the school's gymnasium into an athletic and wellness center to be located near the indoor soccer facility known as the "Red Barn." Fund raising is currently underway for this project.

Regarding the Meriden Village Post Office, as it has for many years a future location remains unclear. In the short term the facility will stay in its current location. In the longer-term interest remains in moving the facility out of the center of the Kimball Union campus. For the second time in recent years the front of the building was struck by a vehicle being driven by a Post Office customer. The facility is located directly adjacent to one of the main student road crossings on the campus making for less-than-ideal vehicle and pedestrian interactions.

Kimball Union Academy continues to make many of their facilities available to Plainfield residents and organizations. One of the favorites is "Community

Skating" during the wintertime is reserved at the Akerstrom hockey arena for residents to skate from 2:30pm to 4:00m on Sunday afternoons.

Facts:
*Kimball Union employs 149 people, 90 live in town (59 on campus, 31 off campus).
*Currently, 18 local kids attend the private school, 6 of these are from families unaffiliated with KUA.
*It costs about $32,892 per year to educate a Plainfield Elementary Student.
*There are 21 students at PES from families of KUA faculty/staff.
*The student tuition at Lebanon High School is $18,900
*The day student tuition at Kimball Union is $50,500.
*The boarding student tuition at Kimball Union is $80,100.
*At maximum capacity the school could have 340 students (90 day and 250 boarders).
*Kimball Union is the town's largest property taxpayer, its 2025 payment exceeded $296,000.

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.

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

Recommendations: The committee continues again this year to support cooperative linkages between the Plainfield Elementary School and Kimball Union. Benefits accrue to both the town and the academy when local kids choose Kimball Union as their high school.

That Kimball Union hold a local student informational night on their campus in late summer for families of 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

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

2025/26 Kimball Union Study Committee: *Stephen Beaupre, John Yacavone, Andrea Bueno Keen, Gerard Murphy, Robert Hewett, James Bonney, Audra Bucklin, Stephen Halleran*



KUA Study Committee learning about the school's future building plans.
Photo: S. Halleran

2025 Annual Report
Plainfield Energy Committee

Energy Committee Members: Evan Oxenham, Ron Eberhardt, 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.

Over the course of 2025 our community, and the Plainfield Energy Committee, lost three long-serving and committed public servants. The contributions of Robert Jordan and Nick Cohen, who passed away, will be missed. Steve Ladd, a strong supporter of the Energy Committee, will be spending most of his time in Pacific Northwest, and his work will also be missed.

Town Master Plan

In 2025, the work of the Energy Committee most notably focused on a major update and redesign of the Energy Chapter of the Plainfield Master Plan – with a focus on achieving the town's commitment to 100% renewable energy use by 2030. We can all take considerable pride in the fact that Plainfield already obtains more than 25% of its electricity from renewables, well above the national norm, and new locally-based renewable sources continue to come on line. Reaching Plainfield's 100% target will not be easy, but the Town Master Plan now identifies local needs and opportunities that can bring it within reach. Most importantly, in creating Plainfield Community Power (PCP) and becoming a member of the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) in 2022-23 we now have access to the necessary expertise, processes and mechanisms to achieve this long-sought goal.

Programs and Activities

The Plainfield Energy Committee (PEC) sponsored and helped staff the Upper Valley EV Expo in mid-2025. This regional effort brought a variety of electrical vehicle models together for community members to examine, and "seat test." This enabled interested potential users to examine a wide range of screen designs, data displays, and vehicle layouts, although insurance restrictions prevented test drives.

Energy committee members from PEC and the surrounding area provided one-on-one advice to participants and details on their cars' individual merits. A number of presentations and a Group Discussion extolled EVs' many merits – particularly their unparalleled acceleration, quiet and pollution-free performance

– while answering questions re road handling and planning ahead for worry-free long-distance roads trips.

As always, we continued to support our sister Energy Committee in Cornish on a number of programs and to assist their effort to move from membership in CPCNH to full participation. These programs included home improvements including battery backup systems, the mechanics of condensation that causes water damage and how to manage electrical loads without upgrading service.

NH Climate Action Plan

In October 2025, PEC took the lead on issues of national concern, bringing the NH Department of Energy (NHDES) to the Upper Valley to discuss its work on its soon to be completed NH Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP). We hosted a "Speak Up for Climate Action" Public Meeting at the Kilton Library that was co-sponsored with a large number of Upper Valley Energy Committees, including Lebanon, Hanover, Enfield, Cornish, and the NH Chapter of the Sierra Club.

The Biden era Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 included grants for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and in August 2023, EPA awarded NHDES a grant to develop a Priority Climate Action Plan in March 2024 and a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan in July 1, 2026. In 2025 NH further received funding for a Heat Pump Accelerator program.

Our event brought roughly 50 people, including State Reps from Lebanon and Enfield, together to develop and submit comments on the NHDES draft CCAP. Chief among them were the need for developing a clean energy, renewables-focused strategy, rather than the "all of the above" approach suggested, as well as the need for specific and measurable deliverables. The complete absence of any real targets — dismissed as "mandates" — was widely panned. We encourage everyone to add their comments when NH's completed Climate Action Plan is released in the Spring of 2026.

Plainfield Community Power (PCP)

2025 was a very difficult year. As we all know, electricity costs are high in New England — owing to our geographic location, transmission constraints, but most of all our over reliance on natural gas. Increasingly unstable weather, political instability in gas producing areas, and wars only make it worse. But we know the way forward is to increase efficiency and innovation, and most importantly to reduce our reliance on natural gas, bringing on-line as much renewable energy, as rapidly as possible.

As a member of the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH), we can claim a share in the imminent 2026 opening of the largest solar array in NH at Poverty Plains in Warner — capable of producing just under 5 megaWatts of power — at

an abandoned gravel pit just off I-89. In addition, Plainfield Community Power advocated for the creation of a 1 megaWatt solar array just off Route 120 at the intersection with Stage Road. Construction of this array is expected to be completed by Summer 2026. Plainfield's planned new Town Garage roof will be able to support a solar array, as is the roof of the Meriden Library. In the future these locations could be sites for more renewable energy.

CPCNH made a huge impact on electricity rates when we first launched in 2023 and provided substantial savings to our customers in 2023 and 2024. However, we ran into trouble in 2025 — as did all the Utilities — when a severe cold spike hit one year ago in Jan-Feb. All of the power suppliers were hit with unexpected, and dramatic price spikes. However, as the energy supplier with (1) the lowest rates, (2) without investor backers or shareholders, and (3) no long term, well-established credit history, CPCNH was hit hardest.

Most notably the Utilities, often in tandem with the PUC, tried a number of strategies to delay action on their outstanding arrears. As a result, Utility rates were kept artificially low throughout 2025, while the competitive market continued to force CPCNH to raise ours. Those strategies included a deliberate effort to put CPCNH out of business, and efforts to portray us as the source of the Utilities' difficulties. Eversource actually tried to spread the costs of their arrears to our members using the non-bypassable Stranded Asset charge — which would have resulted in our customers paying twice to cover Jan.-Feb. losses. Fortunately, CPCNH and the Consumer Advocate were able to fight those efforts in several PUC legal proceedings — and won.

Despite considerable difficulties, CPCNH successfully ended 2025 in the black. And at the very end of the year the PUC ordered the utilities to recover their losses by August 2026. We thank all our customers who stood by us during a very difficult 2025, and we look forward to offering the lowest rates, bringing on-line the most renewables, and continuing to make NH's electricity markets more efficient and affordable in 2026. In view of the PUC's most recent order, a more level playing field and the utilities being held accountable for loss recovery. that should be by August 1, 1926.

As you know, CPCNH is not simply in the business of supplying the lowest rates. We are engaged in reshaping NH's electricity markets — by introducing competition, innovation, and transparency to a monopoly sector with an outsize impact not only on NH's economy, but also its legal and regulatory regimes. We are committed to bringing on-line far more renewable energy and continuing to make NH's electricity markets more efficient and affordable Energy supply rates are only a part of customer's electricity bill — roughly 50%. What you pay depends in large part on how much electricity you use. It matters if your home is well insulated, your thermostat's settings, if you heat with wood, or use a heat

pump. Please reach out and talk to us — your Plainfield Energy Committee — about your options and how you can minimize your costs — we can help. And please consider joining the PCP and the Energy Committee. We need you, and you can make a real difference in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Evan Oxenham, Chair
Plainfield Energy Committee



The start of another Plainfield 4th of July parade!
Photo D. Cantlin

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE REPORT

The biggest change for 2025 Recycling and Trash was the use of toters. There were a few headaches to begin with and along the way. We believe that most of them have been ironed out, icy weather not withstanding.

Another new change this year was the collection of Styrofoam at both of the libraries. As well, we are still enjoying the accessibility to Cornish's Styrofoam collection on Saturdays at their transfer station. There were also very successful Styrofoam collections three times this year in the Upper Valley. All Styrofoam (not the soft squishy packing material that looks like Styrofoam) collected goes to Guilford, NH where it is processed into ingots that are then turned into many different products, from deck planking, siding and picture frames and so much more. Most importantly, not into the landfills!

We are joining up with the Conservation Commission to organize Plainfield's Green-up day and possible townwide "Yard or Free" sale this spring and early summer.

This committee has been contributing articles, updates and ideas to PlainFacts, our local newsletter for some time. We have made these articles available on the Town's website - www.plainfieldnh.org or more directly: www.plainfieldnh.org/documents.aspx?categoryid=0&id=55857&catid=891

Some of the subjects covered are:
Composting, recycling cosmetics, water usage, plastic updates and so much more. Take a look at these articles. Contact us with questions, comments, and ideas or if you would like to join our merry little band of trash talkers.

Contact us at Recycle@plainfieldnh.org or hth.sundell@gmail.com or at the Town Offices at 603-469-3201 or Hillary Sundell at 603-675-5464.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Liebowitz, Betsy Morse, Judy Ptak, Susan Williams and Hillary Sundell

PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

The Plainfield Town Hall Committee would like to thank the Select Board, Town Administrator, Facilities Manager, the Highway Crew, in-kind donors, and the residents of Plainfield for their support of the Plainfield Village Town Hall project over the past year. Your support has motivated the committee to continue this important work to preserve and protect this historic town building, which is home to the one-of-a-kind 1916 Maxfield Parrish Stage Set.

The entire committee, along with community members, logged more than 2,249 volunteer hours in 2025 — at an average hourly rate of $25/hour, the labor value is $56,225 — saving town office administrative time and performing work such as landscaping, cleaning, managing rentals, coordinating outside contractors, accepting donations for the stage set and town hall, writing grants, and thank-you notes.

The work completed this year was supported by the first LCHIP grant of $78,000, half of which was provided through LCHIP matching funds. Final grant requirements included completion of a Stewardship Plan, a Capital Improvement Plan, and a commitment to annual inspections. Grant funds and the Town's match paid for repointing and repairing the entire foundation to prevent water intrusion and wildlife entry into the basement. A protective membrane was added to the exterior to further reduce moisture infiltration.

In addition, the chimney for the active furnace was extended, repaired, repointed, lined, and brought into code compliance. Overgrown trees and bushes were removed, and the entire parking lot was regraded through donated services and resurfaced with new hardpack. Thanks to the efforts of the Facilities Manager and other Plainfield contractors, the handicapped access was fully rebuilt.

After receiving the Historic Building Assessment (HBA) Report — required for a larger LCHIP grant — the committee established priorities and applied for the next phase of preservation funding. This LCHIP matching grant request totaled $250,000, of which LCHIP would fund 50%. The remaining $125,000 must be raised through Town appropriations, grants, and a capital campaign. We were selected to receive the grant and were complimented on our previous work and new application.

The LCHIP funding will support full rehabilitation, including exterior repairs and painting, basement moisture control, electrical upgrades, improved fire detection, replacement of the kitchen and bathroom heating system, and dedicated environmental controls for the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set. These improvements will protect the building's structural and artistic features while enhancing safety, efficiency, and public use.

Over the past four years, preservation of the Plainfield Village Town Hall and the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set has been guided by nationally recognized conservation and fire-protection experts and supported through competitive grants. Since 2022, the committee has **secured more than $107,000 in external funding**, including multiple Moose Plate grants from the New Hampshire Council on the Arts to address critical fire safety, electrical capacity, lighting and heating backstage, and historically appropriate rigging. These preventive measures — such as the fire-retardant proscenium curtain and window shades, upgraded stage electrical systems, and conservation-grade mold protection of the stage set wings — have significantly reduced risk to the artwork and the building. This phased approach reflects best practices in stewardship and underscores the importance of maintaining the building itself, as the long-term survival of the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set is directly dependent on a stable, well-maintained structure.

These improvements will further stabilize the building and provide long-term protection for the stage set. The $250,000 LCHIP matching grant funds must be expended by December 31, 2027. Although the hall remains in remarkable condition for its age — with original beams dating from the construction in 1798, moved to the Plainfield Cemetery area, moved again and reconstructed in 1846, and the stage added in 1916 — important work is needed to meet modern standards and address deferred maintenance following the last major renovation in 1995, nearly thirty years ago.

2025 Building Rental Statistics

Days available for use: 239
Rented days: 135 (59%)
Days not used: 104
The facility was closed during portions of December, January, February, and March, and was unavailable from July 8–31 while repairs were completed to the handicapped access.
Rental income in 2025 totaled $**3,400,** an increase of $1,336 over 2024 and $2,600 over 2023. Operating expenses for the Plainfield Village Town Hall are currently averaging $11,400 annually over a three-year period.

Programs and Events

The Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Committee sponsored **26 events**, including dances, Saint-Gaudens Arts in the Parks Parrish Education Day, the Fourth of July Art Show, the Parrish Vintage Print and Collectible Show, meetings, and private tours.

Nonprofit programs, events, and private functions accounted for **32 additional events**, many involving multi-day use. The Plainfield Town Hall Committee supported events including plays by Plainfield Elementary School and three other organizations, Democratic Committee forums, a Discover Sugar River Region

meeting, jigsaw puzzle competitions, dances, a wedding, two family events, and memorial services.

Income to the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Fund (Plainfield Historical Society 501(c)3)
From events and donations in 2025, we received $27,352. Many of the donations are restricted for the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set only.

Attendance
The estimated number of visitors in 2025, based on rental agreements and the guestbook, was approximately **1,650 people**, including both public and private events.

Volunteers Needed
To keep operating costs low, volunteers are essential. If you are interested in joining the Plainfield Village Town Hall Committee — or assisting with events, tours and presentations, historical research, photography, social media, landscaping and plantings, or administrative support — please contact PTHC@plainfieldnh.org.

Conclusion
As Chair of the Plainfield Town Hall Committee, I am deeply appreciative of the commitment, expertise, and steady leadership shown by every member of the committee this past year in service of the Town. Together, the committee has strengthened the long-term stewardship of the Town Hall and its extraordinary Maxfield Parrish Stage Set. The committee remains focused on protecting this historic asset, responsibly managing public investment, and sustaining community access.

The Plainfield Village Town Hall is more than a historic building — it is a working civic space that houses a nationally significant 1916 Maxfield Parrish Stage Set found nowhere else in its original setting. The long-term survival of the stage set depends on the condition of the building itself, making preservation of both inseparable. Strategic investment now — supported by grants, expert guidance, and volunteer effort — reduces future costs, prevents irreversible loss, and ensures the Plainfield Village Town Hall remains safe, accessible, and in active use for generations to come.

Please visit our new website devoted to the Plainfield Village Town Hall and the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set at www.maxfieldparrishstageset.org. Please contact us at info@maxfieldparrishstageset.org or pthc@plainfieldnh.org for more information or to make a tax deductible donation.

Submitted, *Beverly Widger,* Chair

BROADBAND REPORT

Hub66 has installed the head end (hub for the town) in the Plainfield town office. As of today (Jan 23), representatives at Hub66 project that they will be starting to string fiber in Plainfield in March. Regardless of when they start, they will complete installation of fiber to our town by September.

To summarize (see last year's annual report, page 81, for details):

Cornish and Plainfield partnered to determine which company to support in a grant application process to bring high speed internet to our towns. The grant was to bring internet to those who were unserved or underserved by cable or fiber. We recommended that the selectman support Hub66, which, in addition to bringing fiber to the designated residences covered by the grant, has promised to bring its fiber to all residences of the two towns. There have been disappointing delays, primarily administrative, first from other companies challenging the grant and then the logistics of licensing access to utility poles. There will be no cost to the town or individual residences for bringing fiber to Plainfield (except a minimal, per foot, fee for connecting to residences further than 250 feet from the road). Service will become available in sections, as the fiber is installed, with the entire town having availability by the fall, as required by the grant.

This process has been prolonged, much longer than we'd hoped, but it seems the end is in sight!

Peter Martin
(Plainfield's representative to Cornish Broadband Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Introduction
The Plainfield Finance Committee remains centrally focused on serving, in our advisory capacity, as a fiscal sounding board for both the Select Board and the School Board as they develop their annual budgets and prepare to present those to Plainfield residents at the annual Town Meeting. This year's budget process for both boards saw challenges that reflect national level economic issues: sharply increasing health insurance costs, increases in materials and equipment (road salt, graders/trucks, etc.), and growing uncertainty over citizens' ability to control escalating costs. The town and school budgets as presented by their respective boards represent strong efforts by both to minimize increases in budget, and thereby in our 2026 taxes.

The School Board in particular made a difficult decision in directing the school administration to reduce the initial draft budget request by $1 million, knowing that such a level of cuts would require staffing reductions. Declining enrollment levels supported this guidance, but eliminating personnel has real and direct effects, which the Finance Committee will watch closely in the coming year.

As this Committee noted last year, change is coming to Plainfield. Long-time leadership and institutional knowledge will be replaced with new employees. New processes, new staffing, and new ideas are coming. Costs will not decrease any time soon, if ever. We urge our fellow citizens to engage with the running of our community, expressing your ideas and concerns in the appropriate forums, and continually asking ourselves, "What do we want Plainfield to look like in the near and distant future?" Our Town Meeting is one of the best opportunities to hear and be heard. We hope to see you there.

PLAINFIELD TOWN BUDGET SUMMARY

PLAINFIELD TOWN BUDGET

BUDGET YEAR (Ends December 31)	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	Change $	Change %
Operating Expenses	3,130,136	3,262,816	132,680	4.2%
Capital Reserves	325,000	355,000	30,000	9.2%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**3,455,136**	**3,617,816**	**162,680**	**4.7%**
Non Tax Revenue/ Tax Credits	(1,525,689)	(1,636,910)	(111,221)	7.3%
PLAINFIELD PROPERTY TAX	**1,929,447**	**1,980,906**	**51,459**	**2.7%**

TAX YEAR	2025	2026	Change $	Change %
Town (Municipal) Tax Rate	$ 3.50	$ 3.59	$ 0.09	2.7%

TOWN TAX INCREASE BY HOME VALUE

Home Value	2025	2026	Change $	Change %
$ 300,000	$ 1,049.48	$ 1,077.47	$ 27.99	2.7%
$ 450,000	$ 1,574.22	$ 1,616.21	$ 41.99	2.7%
$ 600,000	$ 2,098.96	$ 2,154.94	$ 55.98	2.7%

Article 2 – Town Operating Budget $3,262,816 – an increase of $132,680 (4.2%) from 2025.

Finance Committee recommendation: Support (Vote 6-0)

Rationale: The 2026 budget request reflects the impact of rising costs and ongoing 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, which are the subject of the next warrant article.

This year's budget includes the cost for a municipal study to review and improve, where recommended, the efficiency and function of town offices. This study anticipates leadership changes in town management in 2027 and was suggested by the Finance Committee in the 2025 Town Report. Money is also budgeted to fill two vacant positions, one in the police department and one in highway. The Town has not budgeted for the full year of salary and benefits for either position, anticipating that even if hiring is successful, the positions will not be filled for the entire year. Technology expenses also increased, including new financial management software, a town domain name change, technical support, and updating office computers. Given the cost of town-wide solid waste collection and disposal, the Finance Committee recommends annual review and assessment of this service for its benefit to the community.

Article 3 – Contribute $355,000 to Capital Reserve and General Trust Funds.

Finance Committee recommendation: Support (Vote 6-0)

Rationale: One of the goals of the budget building process is to ensure and maintain a level of predictability of the town tax rate from year-to-year. Reserve funds are one of the tools used to stabilize town expenditures, effectively spreading taxpayers' payments for capital projects over a period of years and often avoiding the need for financing. The Town of Plainfield has successfully used reserve funds for most capital expenses for quite some time.

This year's reserve funds request represents an increase of $30,000 compared to last year. The increase is completely accounted for by an increase in the Town Hall Repair Fund. This fund supports maintenance and repair of both Meriden and Plainfield Town Halls. However, the current focus is on the Plainfield Village Town Hall which contains the historically significant Maxfield Parrish stage set. The Plainfield Town Hall Committee has worked tirelessly and successfully to secure funding to offset the cost of substantial deferred maintenance to this unique town resource. Most recently, the Committee received a $125,000 matching grant from New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). That grant can only be accessed when the Committee raises matching funds. The $30,000 in this article will effectively release $60,000 to begin work on the projects included in the grant. Although this is expected to be a one-time increase, a similar request may appear next year to secure additional matching funds. We encourage the Committee and the town to keep careful watch on the extent of town contributions to support these efforts.

Article 4 – Highway Garage Roof.

Finance Committee recommendation: Support (Vote 6-0)

Rationale: In 2025-26, the Town created a working group to study the current highway facility on Stage Road and make recommendations for repairs and improvements to the facility. As a result, several safety and environmental improvements were made. In addition, the garage itself was professionally examined which identified structural deficiencies in the roof. The current Article

will fund necessary maintenance and repair of the garage roof: the roof truss system will be strengthened, and a new metal roof will be installed. These repairs ensure the garage will continue to be used for the foreseeable future.

Article 5 – Petitioned: Adoption of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2).
Finance Committee recommendation: Do Not Support (Vote 6-0)
Rationale: See Expanded Comments, following the School Budget section.

Article 6 – Petitioned: Adopt Creation of an Official Budget Committee Under RSA 32:1.
Finance Committee recommendation: Do Not Support (Vote 6-0)
Rationale: See Expanded Comments, following the School Budget section.

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL BUDGET SUMMARY

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL BUDGET

SCHOOL YEAR (Ends June 30)	2026 Actual	2027 Budget	Change $	Change %
Operating Expenses	8,742,098	8,761,921	19,823	0.2%
Other Warrant Articles	12,500	100,000	87,500	700.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**8,754,598**	**8,861,921**	**107,323**	**1.2%**
Non Tax Revenue	(2,064,923)	(1,667,734)	397,189	-19.2%
PLAINFIELD PROPERTY TAX	**6,689,675**	**7,194,187**	**504,512**	**7.5%**

TAX YEAR	2025	2026	Change $	Change %
School Tax Rate	$ 12.15	$ 13.06	$ 0.91	7.5%

SCHOOL TAX INCREASE BY HOME VALUE

Home Value	2025	2026	Change $	Change %
$ 300,000	$ 3,644.72	$ 3,918.76	$ 274.04	7.5%
$ 450,000	$ 5,467.09	$ 5,878.15	$ 411.06	7.5%
$ 600,000	$ 7,289.45	$ 7,837.53	$ 548.08	7.5%

Article 2 – Operating Budget.
Finance Committee recommendation: Support (Vote 6-0)
Rationale: The town's school is our single largest municipal employer and consequently its operating budget is the single largest component of the tax rate assessed every year to Plainfield property owners. The proposed FY2027 School District Operating Budget is $8,761,921, representing an increase of $19,823 (0.2%) over the FY2026 approved operating budget request. This budget is the result of an extended process undertaken by the school administration, at the direction of the School Board, to aggressively manage the impact of enrollment trends, inflation, contractually mandated salary increases, and substantial

unforeseen increases in health insurance costs. Offsets to these increases were affected predominantly by staff reductions (with resultant shifts to contracted services) and other small spending cuts.

The Finance Committee supports the work to mitigate the impact of the above-mentioned financial stressors on the school's budget request. The proposed budget reflects a difficult series of decisions that minimize the adverse effects of cuts on *all* stakeholders (i.e., students/families, faculty/staff, and taxpayers). We encourage the administration and School Board to view management of the costs of education in a small system as an ongoing exercise, and to look for opportunities to maintain and even improve the quality of educational outcomes for all students while maintaining affordability to the taxpayers who both fund and benefit from these expenditures.

Article 3 – Petitioned: Adoption of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2).
Finance Committee recommendation: Do Not Support (Vote 6-0)
Rationale: See Expanded Comments, following the School Budget section.

Article 4 – Petitioned: Adopt Creation of an Official Budget Committee Under RSA 32:1.
Finance Committee recommendation: Do Not Support (Vote 6-0)
Rationale: See Expanded Comments, following the School Budget section.

Article 5 – Contribution to Benefits Payable Trust Fund.
Finance Committee recommendation: Support (Vote 6-0)
Rationale: Similar to the town's trust funds, the school's trust funds serve to buffer the impact to the school's annual operating cost of certain large, predictable expenditures as well as expenditures prone to significant fluctuation outside of the school system's control. This article serves to re-establish the balance (set goal of $50,000) of a previously established trust fund for benefits. The fund was depleted through an insurance assessment in early October 2025.

Article 6 – Contribution to Special Education and Tuition Trust Fund.
Finance Committee recommendation: Support (Vote 6-0)
Rationale: This article requests $35,000, to increase this fund to about $564,000. The fund's target goal is $650,000, which is the potential cost for a single special education out-of-district placement.

Article 7 – Contribution to Building Maintenance Trust Fund.
Finance Committee recommendation: Support (Vote 6-0)
Rationale: This article seeks the sum of $15,000 to be added to the Building Maintenance Trust Fund. This sum will reset the fund to its targeted level of $50,000. The school's facilities are in generally good repair and a renovation project approved and funded at the 2025 annual meeting will be providing substantial improvements to the school's Middle School facilities.

EXPANDED COMMENTS ON PETITIONED ARTICLES RE: TOWN BUDGET AND SCHOOL BUDGET

The State of New Hampshire provides two ways to modify the budget process for schools and towns with a Town Meeting form of government. Both are intended to give community members more direct control over the budgeting process. They are independent of each other, and a school district or town can adopt either, neither, or both at the will of the voters.

RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) requires that voting on all warrant articles must be by ballot. This generally results in increased participation as more people will cast a ballot than will attend Town Meeting. It also requires a "deliberative session" to be held in advance of the voting where warrant articles are explained to the community. The warrant articles can be amended by the community members present at that meeting. However, a NH Municipal Association report indicated that fewer people attend the deliberative session than would normally attend Town Meeting[1]. Some communities have experienced a small number of voters making major changes to the proposed budget in the deliberative session, which then limits voters' choices. Adopting a SB2 process must have the support of 3/5 of the voters at Town or School District meetings.

RSA 32:1 allows the formation of a formal Budget Committee. It can have from 3 to 12 members-at-large, who can be appointed by the Moderator or elected by ballot, along with one Select Board member and one School Board member. The budget committee would have full responsibility for developing both town and school budgets (RSA 32:16). Town and school administrators, along with School and Select Boards, would provide information to the budget committee as needed. The budget committee process can be adopted by a simple majority of voters at Town or school district meetings. Note that a positive vote at the school district meeting would apply only to the school. However, the RSA provides that a positive vote at the Town Meeting would apply to both the Town and the School District.

Finance Committee Position

First, the Finance Committee supports the right of petitioners to submit warrant articles and to advocate for changes they believe will better respond to their needs. The concerns that have been raised about the expense of town and school services are not trivial and are indicative of the fiscal mood of some members of the Plainfield community. Accordingly, regardless of the outcome of the vote,

[1] Porter, Chris. "SB2 at 15: Trends in Official Ballot Voting and Deliberative Session Attendance." New Hampshire Municipal Association, May 2012. https://www.nhmunicipal.org/sites/default/files/uploads/legal/sb2_at_15_2012_trends_report.pdf.

these concerns should be addressed to the extent possible by both boards and the community, writ large.

That said, the Finance Committee believes that the current process for developing School and Town budgets works well for this community. It is an open and transparent process that invites public participation, and our elected board members work hard to provide the services that this community demands while limiting the related costs as much as possible. This year, the Select Board's decisions to purchase used highway and fire department equipment rather than new and the School Board's effort to contain the school budget are clear evidence of that. Finally, our Town and School District meetings are integral to our community's identity, and they provide a unique opportunity for community members to share in the democratic process we value.

The Finance Committee doesn't have authority to make changes in either budget, but our experience is that the School Board and the Select Board solicit and value our input. Our 'power' is that members of both boards know that we will give honest and thoughtful input and that protecting the interests of the community is our main goal. We hope that the community views us that way as well.

In this case, we do not believe that these petitioned warrant articles are necessary, nor that either would add value to the budgeting process.

Mike Sutherland, Chair

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT - 2025

2025 has been a very active year for the water department. Operator Maura Anderson has managed to keep the water flowing while we addressed a number of plumbing issues in the pumphouse. We have installed a long-recommended automatic chlorine analyzer and a control system which proactively sends a notification if chlorine residual gets out of range. The system also gives us other alerts that help us maintain the safe supply of water to the district.

We have begun replacing water meters, many of which are original equipment. We will complete the change out over the next couple of years, ensuring that all meters are accurately measuring use.

As we swap meters, we are documenting each service line material type to meet our obligation under the Lead and Copper Rule. As expected, all of the service lines inspected so far are plastic or copper. We have found no lead service lines. We expect to complete the inspection of all customer service lines (from meter to curb stop valve) by 2027. Eventually we will have to identify the district side of

all service lines (curb stop to water main). We are investigating to find the most cost-effective way to meet this obligation.

We have begun collecting data about the components of the water system as part of the Asset Management grant. Once we complete the inventory of all water district assets, we will apply expected life and replacement cost information that will support the capital planning process, keep the system running smoothly and maintain sustainable water rates. The Asset Management and Capital Improvement plans will be completed this year.

We successfully completed a Leak Detection Survey (none were detected) and a Cyber-Security review (We receive a "B" grade and have since taken action on a couple of recommendations). Both of these were conducted under grants, at no cost to the district.

Two issues continue to challenge operations over the past year: We treat all of our water with chlorine which, among other helpful things, causes Iron and manganese to drop out of suspension and we then filter all water to try to remove as much of those precipitates as possible. We used to change filters approximately every 10-11 days ($100+ labor each). We are now needing to replace them every 5-6 days, suggesting that the chemical and particulate composition of our wells may be changing. The second issue is arsenic treatment. We have two wells that we draw from, one at a time, alternating each week. One well has historically tested above limit so we've had to treat it by passing it through a special media to remove arsenic. The other well has, historically, been below the threshold for treatment. However, following our Q2 and Q3 test results, the second well now requires treatment. Although we are fortunate in that we have the required equipment already in place, the process requires a reduced flow rate, so we produce less water per day.

Both processes suggest that we need to take a look at our current sources, our current demand, and current treatment technology to see if we are producing sufficient, quality water as efficiently as possible. We have applied for, and received approval for a grant to have an engineering firm conduct a thorough review of our system and make appropriate recommendations. This work will likely be completed by early summer. Initial indications are that they will recommend we alter our treatment approach and the sizing and type of equipment. There are funding sources available that incentivize this kind of project, but we will take it one step at a time. We will keep you posted as we learn more.

Brad Atwater
Facility Manager/Water Department Head

Meriden Village Water District
2025 Operator's Report

2025 started off on the dry side coming off a dryer than normal 2024. By June groundwater levels had returned to near normal. But by the time July came along, Mother Nature decided to take a break from providing adequate rainfall. Mid-September found us in extreme drought. The Commissioners asked for voluntary water conservation from users in mid-August. Static water levels in the 2 MVWD wells were lowered by over 5 feet due to the drought as of September 22. During the last 3 months of the year several rain events have helped to return water levels to near normal. The levels seen this past fall were the lowest since we began logging the water levels in the wells 10 years ago.

Several water leaks were identified and repaired during the summer. One of the leaks was identified by a leak detection survey that was performed by Granite State Rural Water Assn. The leak detection survey is performed every year and often finds leaks that would never come to the surface to be seen. Finding and repairing these leaks saves a lot of water annually. A 2 gallon per minute leak that goes undetected wastes over a million gallons of water per year.

The sewer manholes located along Bonner Road were rehabilitated prior to road paving by the Town of Plainfield. The manhole covers had become weakened by decades of New England winters and needed to also be raised up to match the new pavement surface. Manhole Menders from Claremont, NH performed the work in late June and early July.

PFAS testing of influent, effluent and wastewater sludge at the wastewater treatment facility took place during the year. PFAS chemicals are often called "forever chemicals" and have been in the news recently. Many water systems across New Hampshire have been contaminated by these chemicals. The State and the EPA are still assessing the extent of the contamination. Fortunately, we do not have any PFAS contamination in our drinking water wells.

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

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

WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SULLIVAN, SS. **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 seventeenth day of March 2026 at 7:00 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 Water 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 created in 1997 for replacing or upgrading the wastewater treatment facilities and equipment, pursuant to RSA35:1, 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 $315,350 for general district operations, with $287,400 to come from user charges and solar generation, and $27,950 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 ninth day of January, 2026

Bud Hill

Greg Castell

Derek Gueldenzoph

Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

To the Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

SUBJECT: 2025 Audit Findings

Commissioners:
I have reviewed the MVWD Treasurer's 2025 financial records, per RSA 41:31a to 41:31d, and find these records to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Michael Urnezis, Auditor, Meriden Village Water District
January 16, 2026

Meriden Village Water District
Water Department Balance Sheet as of 12/31/25

Assets:	
Checking account balance	$61,905
Undeposited funds	$0
Capital Reserve Fund	$96,631
Accounts due District: Water charges due	$19,269
Total Assets	$177,804
Liabilities:	
Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	$96,631
Total Liabilities	$96,631
Fund Balance- Current Surplus	$81,174
Grand Total	$177,804
Principal Balance Long Term Debt:	
State of NH Revolving Fund	$42,932
Mascoma Savings Bank	$167,732

Sewer Department Balance Sheet as of 12/31/25

Assets:	
Checking account balance	$71,642
Undeposited funds	$0
Capital Reserve Fund	$82,967
Accounts due District: Sewer charges due	$22,520
Total Assets	$177,129
Liabilities:	
Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	$82,967
Total Liabilities	$82,967
Fund Balance- Current Surplus	$94,162
Grand Total	$177,129
Principal Balance Long Term Debt:	
State of NH Revolving Fund	$31,959

MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT, SEWER DEPT. BUDGET

Income	Budget 2024	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
Sewer Charges	$158,000	$159,173	$163,300	$161,274	$176,800
Hook-Ups	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Interest	$0	$21	$0	$29	$0
From Surplus	$15,720	$0	$17,030	$22,610	$13,000
Solar Energy Generation	$5,000	$10,186	$4,000	$5,294	$4,000
Other Income	$0	$2	$0	$121	$0
Total Income	**$178,720**	**$169,382**	**$184,330**	**$189,328**	**$193,800**

Expenses	Budget 2024	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
Office	$1,200	$1,302	$1,200	$1,597	$1,500
Legal	$200	$0	$200	$0	$200
Electricity	$9,500	$8,299	$9,500	$11,673	$9,500
Insurance	$30,460	$27,612	$32,600	$28,369	$32,600
Maintenance	$20,000	$10,446	$20,000	$23,290	$25,000
Telephone	$1,400	$1,248	$1,400	$1,267	$1,400
Wages	$59,200	$55,492	$57,000	$56,895	$58,800
FICA, Medicare	$5,750	$5,591	$6,000	$5,741	$6,000
Retirement	$7,000	$10,435	$10,750	$10,590	$11,000
Interest on debt	$2,230	$2,229	$1,700	$1,672	$1,120
Principal on debt	$15,980	$15,979	$15,980	$15,979	$15,980
Supplies	$2,000	$1,610	$2,000	$1,559	$2,000
Effluent Testing	$1,300	$2,315	$1,300	$3,415	$4,000
Capital Reserve	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Grd. Wtr. Monitoring	$7,500	$8,620	$9,700	$9,885	$9,700
Special Projects					
I & I Project	$10,000	$0	$10,000	$12,396	$10,000
Total Expenses	**$178,720**	**$156,179**	**$184,330**	**$189,328**	**$193,800**

MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT, WATER DEPT. BUDGET

Income	Budget 2024	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
Water Rents	$123,000	$123,597	$129,000	$127,292	$133,000
Hook-Ups	$0	$1,500	$0	$0	$0
Hydrant Rentals	$3,600	$3,600	$3,600	$3,600	$3,600
Interest	$0	$30	$0	$21	$0
From Surplus	$23,650	$12,396	$18,000	$8,419	$14,950
Total Income	**$150,250**	**$141,123**	**$150,600**	**$139,332**	**$151,550**

Expenses	Budget 2024	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
Office	$1,200	$965	$1,200	$1,364	$1,500
Legal	$200	$0	$200	$0	$200
Electricity	$6,500	$5,616	$6,500	$5,968	$6,500
Insurance	$6,800	$4,383	$7,500	$6,848	$7,500
Maintenance	$20,000	$19,418	$20,000	$14,688	$20,000
Telephone	$450	$421	$450	$425	$450
Wages	$18,400	$17,596	$18,000	$18,148	$18,500
Retirement	$2,300	$3,487	$3,750	$3,434	$3,900
Interest on debt	$9,900	$9,892	$8,200	$8,545	$6,400
Principal on debt	$53,000	$52,559	$54,300	$53,906	$56,100
Supplies	$2,000	$0	$1,000	$0	$1,000
Water Analysis	$4,500	$1,785	$4,500	$1,005	$4,500
Capital Reserve	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Total Expenses	**$150,250**	**$141,123**	**$150,600**	**$139,332**	**$151,550**

MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 18, 2025

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 eighteenth of March 2025 at 7:00pm., 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: The following slate of officers be elected:
Moderator for one year: Stephen Taylor
Clerk for one year: TBD
Commissioner for three years: Bud Hill
Treasurer for one year: Jen Lenz
Auditor for one year: Mike Urnezis
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 facilities and equipment, 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 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.
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 2024 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 shall be increased to $9,935 per month.
2. That District charges for water service to Kimball Union Academy shall be increased to $7,525 per month.
3. That District charges for sewer service to Plainfield Elementary School shall be increased to $580 per month.
4. That the district charges for residential sewer service shall be increased to $150 per quarter.
5. That District charges for residential water service shall be increased to $125 per quarter.

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

ARTICLE 07. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:30pm.
Posting of Warrant and Budget were in accordance with the law.

Sarah Taylor,
District Clerk

VITAL RECORDS 2025
MARRIAGES

DATE	APPLICANTS	RESIDENCE	TOWN OF ISSUANCE	TOWN OF MARRIAGE
8/19/2025	Shannon Lea Wetherington Jeffrey Morgan Hadley	Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
9/19/2025	Cassandra Ray Young Maxwell Alexander Thompson	Plainfield	Plainfield	Hampstead

BIRTHS – 2025

D.O.B.	NAME	PLACE	MOTHER	FATHER
1/21/25	Juniper Sage Lynd	Lebanon	Natalie Ruppertsberger Lynd	Noah Rybeck Lynd
2/18/25	Jack Louis Mathenge Riley	Lebanon	Njambi Mathenge	Sean Riley
2/28/25	Maeve Walsh Bockus	Lebanon	Bryn Bockus	Scott Bockus
3/4/25	Scout Maureen Janes	Lebanon	Lauren Bogosian	Walter Janes
3/9/25	Nolan River Goulet	Lebanon	Katelyn Goulet	Jeremiah Goulet
4/9/25	Hector Piha Sheehan	Plainfield	Sarah Porter	William Sheehan
4/13/25	Hudson Taylor McNamara	Lebanon	Lauryn Taylor McNamara	Patrick McNamara
4/19/25	Logan Thomas Custer	Lebanon	Tara Custer	Matthew Custer
5/14/25	Violet Rachel Craig	Lebanon	Stephanie Craig	Corin Craig
5/16/25	Carson James Stevens	Lebanon	Heidi Webber	Joshua Stevens
6/1/25	William Reese Rivellini	Lebanon	Taisa Haluszka Rivellini	William Rivellini
8/2/25	Arcadia Eve Hawley	Lebanon	Seisha Graf	Travis Hawley
8/17/25	Florence Kutvirt	Lebanon	Lucie Jelinkova	Gregory Kutvirt
8/25/25	Bennett Gordon Harned	Lebanon	Rachel Harned	Taylor Harned
8/26/25	Nora Jane Nuschke	Lebanon	Kayla Nuschke	John Nuschke III
9/10/25	Azalea Jane Alberts	Lebanon	Charlotte Herbert Alberts	George Alberts
9/26/25	Arlo Dukuly Sanchez-Moran	Lebanon	Tasheana Sanchez-Moran	Austin Sanchez-Moran
10/16/25	Millie James Rogers	Lebanon	Maddison Ouellette	Joseph Rogers
12/03/25	Easton Anthony Maclaren	Lebanon	Mackenzie Lee Davis	Brett Maclaren
12/22/25	Benaiah Yuuki Herman Thiele	Lebanon	Katherine Thiele	Yoshihito Herman Thiele

DEATHS – 2025

Date	Name	Place	Mother	Father
1/19/25	Susan Rand Pullen	Plainfield	Julie Pullen	David Rand
1/31/25	Daniel Gene Henry	Plainfield	Pauline Brown	Don Henry Jr.
2/12/25	Sebastiano Michael Cordima	Plainfield	Maria Dimodica	Dominic Cordima
2/16/25	Clifton Roy Marsh	Plainfield	Grace Cutler	Roy Marsh
3/12/25	Nicholas Cohen	Plainfield	Betsy	Henry Cohen
3/14/25	Agnes June Bushey	Lebanon	Henrietta Kerr	Carl Shepherd
4/17/25	Albert Chester Norwalk	Lebanon	Rose Cerny	Albert Norwalk
4/19/25	Barry Jay Larrabee	Lebanon	Lelia Hodgdon	Charles Larrabee
5/8/25	Ralph R. Stearns Jr.	Lebanon	Jessie Finn	Ralph Stearns Sr.
5/29/25	Robert Lewis Jordan	Plainfield	Alice Tucker	Otis Jordan Sr.
6/17/25	Hazel M. “Dolly” Griswold	Plainfield	Margaret Porter	Roy Wilcox
7/11/25	Herman G. Martin	Plainfield	Doris St. Peter	Raoul Martin
8/3/25	Mark H. Horne	Lebanon	Dorothy Raymond	Angelo Horne
9/11/25	Andrew James Guerin	Lebanon	Mary Lawrence	Arthur Guerin
9/19/25	Robert M. Dupuis	Plainfield	Fernande Carignan	Modesta Dupuis
9/25/25	Marian L. Biebel	Lebanon	Mary Thomas	Wilbur Miller
9/27/25	Douglas Daniel Ditzel	Lebanon	Pauline Hyrnk	Russell Ditzel
10/13/25	Valerie Jean Dodge	Plainfield	Sally Card	Joseph Morin
12.01/25	Sandra A. Yeaton	Windsor	Augusta Comstock	Henry Burtrum
12/04/25	Alan Kerr Bushey	Plainfield	Agnes Shepherd	George Bushey
12/17/25	Nick James Coronis	Plainfield	Lorraine Parizo	James Coronis
12/17/25	Nancy Lee Henry	Lebanon	Norma Ferren	Walter Freeman
12/31/25	Edward Joseph Connolly	Concord	Anna Emily Doyle	Patrick Connolly

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
2025



ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR
Daniel Cassedy

DISTRICT CLERK
Sue Liebowitz

TREASURER
Ann Rogers

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Jenny Ramsey, Board Chair
(Term expires 2028)

Sydney Johnstone
(Term expires 2028)

Jennifer Rybeck Houde
(Term expires 2026)

Norm Berman
(Term expires 2027)

Jordan Green
(Term expires 2027)

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PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
Audra Bucklin

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CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Kyle A. Riley

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 fourteenth day of March, 2026, 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 $8,761,921 (EIGHT MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE 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. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Plainfield School Board on day of week, Month, date, 2026?
Plainfield School Board does not recommend this article. (3/5 Majority Paper Ballot Vote

Article IV. Should RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) be passed on _____day of the week, Month date, 2026, should we adopt the creation of an official Budget Committee under RSA 32:1 for the Plainfield School Board?
Plainfield School Board does not recommend this article.

Article V. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000 (FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS) to be added to the Benefits Payable ETF previously established. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board. (Majority vote required)

Article VI. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $35,000 (THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS) to be added to the

Special Education and Tuition Trust Fund, ETF, previously established. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board. (Majority vote required)

Article VII. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000 (FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS) to be added to the Building Maintenance Trust Fund, ETF, previously established. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board. (Majority vote required)

Article VIII. 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.

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 10, 2026).

Given under our hands at said Plainfield this 27 day of January, 2026.

A True Copy Attest:

Jenny Ramsey, School Board Chair
Jordan Green, School Board Vice Chair
Norm Berman, School Board Member
Jennifer Rybeck Houde, School Board Member
Sydney Johnstone, School Board Member
Plainfield School Board



PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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 tenth of March 2026 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; one School Board Members for a three-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 14, 2026 at 9 a.m. at the Plainfield Elementary School.

Given unto our hands at said Plainfield this 27th day of January 2026.

A True Copy Attest:

Jenny Ramsey, Chair

Norm Berm

Sydney Johnstone

Jordan Green, Vice Chair

Jen Rybeck-Honde

Plainfield School Board

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2025

At a legal meeting of the voters of the School District of Plainfield, Moderator Daniel Cassedy called the meeting to order at 9:05am on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at the Plainfield Elementary School. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Cassedy read the statement by Melinda Russo, clerk of the School District of Plainfield, NH, that hereby certifies the posting of the true and attested copy of the within warrant on the 13th day of February, 2025, in public places within the district. Notarized by Michelle Marsh, Notary Public. The Moderator read the Certification of Posting and Certification of the Checklist, noting that 1,826 names were listed on the Checklist.

Moderator Cassedy introduced the school board members and school staff. Newly elected school board member Sydney Johnstone introduced herself.

Moderator Cassedy reviewed the rules of the meeting.

A motion was made by Steve Taylor and seconded by Amy Lappin to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant. There was no discussion. The vote by voice was in the affirmative and it was so declared.

The Moderator recognized School Board Chair Jenny Ramsey who provided an overview of the year and the school board proposals.

ARTICLE I: Moderator Cassedy read Article I. The Moderator then recognized Jenny Ramsey who offered the following resolution:

Resolved: That the district vote to hear reports of agents, committees, and other officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

The resolution was seconded by Jordan Green. There was no discussion. The vote by voice was in the affirmative and it was so declared.

ARTICLE II: Moderator Cassedy read Article II. The Moderator then recognized Jenny Ramsey who offered the following resolution:

Resolved: That the district vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500,000 (gross budget) for the design, permitting, construction, and equipping of a renovation to the Plainfield School (the "Project"); to authorize the School Board to accept and expend a donation in the amount of $1,000,000; to authorize $500,000 of such sum to be raised

through the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Ch. 33); to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or notes; to authorize the School Board to apply for, accept, and expend any federal, state, or private funds that may become available in respect of the Project to reduce the amount that must be bonded or to pay debt service on such bonds or notes; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,500 to make the first debt service payment due in the upcoming fiscal year. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board. (⅗ ballot vote required)

The resolution was seconded by Jordan Green.

Moderator Cassedy recognized Jenny Ramsey who presented more details from the board about Article II. The Moderator then opened the floor for discussion of and questions about Article II. Discussion ensued, and questions were asked and answered.

The question was called to go to the vote.

During the voting, the School Board presented awards to Plainfield School 8th graders. The Claude Sutherland Civics Award was presented to Lucie Marsh. The Beth Houde ELA Award was presented to Kaleigh Ferri. The School Board presented an award of appreciation to outgoing board member Andrew Martin.

The vote by secret ballot for Article II resulted in:
YES 175 NO 86

The resolution was adopted, and it was so declared.

ARTICLE III: Moderator Cassedy read Article III. The Moderator recognized Jenny Ramsey who offered the following resolution:

Resolved: The Plainfield School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of $8,742,098 (EIGHT MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY TWO THOUSAND NINETY-EIGHT 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.)

The resolution was seconded by Jordan Green. Moderator Cassedy recognized Jordan Green who presented more detailed information about Article III.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion of and questions about Article III. Questions were asked and answered. The question was called to go to the vote.

During voting, a Plainfield School student shared information about the middle school play. Moderator Cassedy recognized Superintendent Sydney Leggett who provided updates about the Preschool Task Force's work over the past year.

The vote by secret ballot for Article III resulted in:
YES 162 NO 54

The resolution was adopted, and it was so declared.

ARTICLE IV: Moderator Cassedy read Article IV. The Moderator recognized Jennifer Rybeck Houde, who offered the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Plainfield School District vote to raise and appropriate up to $100,000 the amount of unanticipated fund balance greater than $389,604 to be added to the Special Education and Tuition Trust, ETF, previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2025 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2025. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Plainfield School Board. (Majority vote required.)

The resolution was seconded by Norman Berman.

A voter noted that there was an inconsistency in the dollar amount for this resolution in the Town Report compared to the amount in the motion presented by Jennifer Rybeck Houde. Superintendent Leggett confirmed that the correct amount is $389,604 and apologized for the error. Board Chair Jenny Ramsey confirmed that this $389,604 amount matches the signed and posted warrant and the motion put forth today. The error was a misprint in the printed Town Report.

The Moderator recognized Jennifer Rybeck Houde who shared a presentation with more details and explanation regarding Article IV. Moderator Cassedy opened the floor for discussion of and questions about Article IV. There was no discussion. The question was called to go to the vote.

During voting, Moderator Cassedy recognized Superintendent Sydney Leggett who provided updates about the Cooperative Planning Team's work over the past year. Moderator Cassedy recognized Principal Audra Bucklin who shared information about an upcoming intergenerational storytelling project and performance. Moderator Cassedy recognized Bev Widger who gave updates about the work of the Plainfield Town Hall Committee.

The vote by secret ballot for Article IV resulted in:
YES 181 NO 30

The resolution was adopted, and it was so declared.

Moderator Cassedy recognized Peter Martin, who gave an update on the work of the Broadband Committee. Questions were asked and answered.

Moderator Cassedy read Article V. The Moderator recognized Jenny Ramsey who offered the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Plainfield School District 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.

The resolution was seconded by Jordan Green.

Jenny Ramsey shared more information about the responsibilities of this committee. Moderator Cassedy opened the floor for discussion of and questions about Article V. There was no discussion. The question was called to go to the vote.

In the vote by voice for Article V, the affirmative votes were in the majority and it was so declared.

Article VI: Moderator Cassedy recognized Jennifer Rybeck Houde who offered the following resolution:

Resolved: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

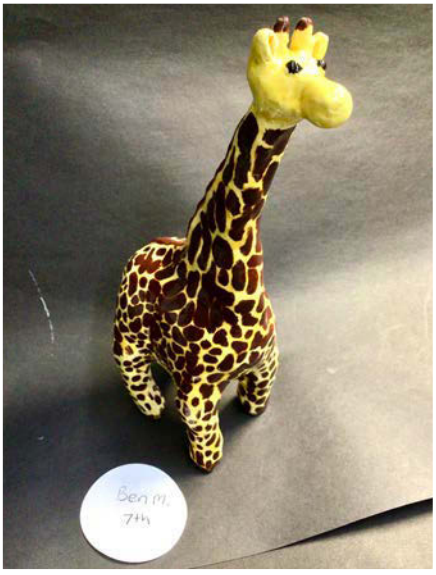
The resolution was seconded by Norman Berman. The Moderator opened the floor to new business. There was no discussion, and the question was called to go to the vote.

The vote by voice for Article VI was in the affirmative and it was so declared.

Boone Rondeau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jenny Ramsey seconded the motion. The vote by voice to adjourn the meeting was in the affirmative and Moderator Cassedy adjourned the meeting at 11:43am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Russo
Plainfield School District Clerk





PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2025

The election of School District officials took place at the same time and place as the election of Town officials on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Polls were opened at 8:00am by Moderator Daniel Cassedy after reading the certification of the posted warrant. The polls closed at 7:00 PM.

ARTICLE 1: Balloting results were as follows:

Two For School Board (3 Year Term):

Sydney Johnstone 182

Jenny Ramsey 194

Write Ins:

Laura Ward 30

Eric Sutphin 1

Paul Yates 1

Elected: Sydney Johnstone and Jenny Ramsey

For School District Treasurer (1 Year Term):

Ann Rogers 224

Elected: Ann Rogers

For School District Clerk (1 Year Term):

Melinda Russo 224

Elected: Melinda Russo

For School District Moderator (1 Year Term):

Daniel F. Cassedy 221

Elected: Daniel F. Cassedy

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Russo
Plainfield School District Clerk

Superintendent's Report

To the Plainfield Community,

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Superintendent this year. I have truly felt welcomed. This school year had us balance between a declining enrollment rate of students and continuing academic growth that has been built on from our immediate past.

Learning:

I felt fortunate to have visited classrooms and seen the student engagement at a high level. It didn't matter if it was a Spanish class in the upper grades or our kindergarteners celebrating learning both in the building and on our grounds.

I know that this year there has been an excitement around the middle school project that is projected to be started and completed this summer. I have been told it's called a "summer slam". The school's steering committee has been meeting regularly to enhance the learning to match the renovation that the town has generously committed to this past year.

With the core curriculum now fully articulated across content areas and grade levels, the focus in the coming year will shift from development to refinement and implementation. Teachers will use the established curriculum maps to ensure consistent pacing, instructional priorities, and clear learning expectations for all students. This next phase includes deeper vertical and horizontal alignment, ensuring that skills and concepts build intentionally from one grade level to the next. In parallel, staff will continue the essential work of aligning assessments to the articulated curriculum, with an emphasis on measuring not only content knowledge and skill application, but also students' depth of understanding. This continued work will strengthen instructional coherence, improve the reliability of student data, and better inform instructional decision-making across classrooms and grade levels.

Finance:

Plainfield has experienced significant unexpected budget costs with the high increase of insurance rates this year and next. It was October of 2025 that we learned there was an additional cost associated with our pooled insurance. With

the town's foresight, the district was able to sustain this cost utilizing funds saved for emergencies like this one. What we knew next was that there was a 26% increase for the 2026/2027 school budget as well. This really gave the School Board, Finance Board and I an opportunity to take a deep dive into what a "reset or reorganization" of staff and services could look like fiscally and academically. As I mentioned earlier, there is a decrease in projected enrollment for 2026/2027 school year; 169 students. This is a 12 student swing in one year but just as important it is roughly a 136 student decrease in the last 20 years. The school board is proposing a well thought out and fiscally responsible budget that still holds academic growth as the focal point. We thank the finance committee who, as in the past, have participated fully as a sounding board for this process. We balanced staffing reductions across the SAU, Teachers and support staff associations.

Committee Work:

Building Committee

The School Administration team and School Board representatives have met with our middle school building project Architect and (OPM) Owners Project Manager on a regular monthly basis. Gordon Bristol OPM, starts every meeting with the same verse of "we are on time and on budget". The District has made all documents available on our school website. There is also an opportunity for local vendors to bid as sub-contractor portions of the project. This is an exciting project for our middle school students and staff. Please stay informed through our postings.

Cooperative Planning

A Cooperative Planning Team was elected at last year's annual district meeting to study the feasibility of combining the two SAUs into a single district. The committee, made up of three representatives from both Plainfield and Cornish, has met monthly since its formation and has engaged in a thoughtful, collaborative review of what a shared district could look like. To date, the team has developed draft language addressing key structural elements, including school board governance, board member elections, annual meeting procedures, high school appropriations (with both districts intending to maintain their current high school models), and an initial framework for shared expenses.

Upcoming phases of the work were scheduled to include the development of mock budgets for a unified district, discussion of an equitable apportionment formula between the two towns, and clarification of responsibilities related to capital assets. This process has been thorough, productive, and collegial, and I am deeply appreciative of the committee members for their commitment and careful consideration of all options. As required by law, this type of study spans a minimum of two to three years. At this time, however, the committee's work has been temporarily paused to allow the Town of Cornish to focus on and complete its ongoing discussions regarding the renovation of Cornish Elementary School. Once those discussions conclude, the committee will be in a strong position to resume its work and continue the study.

Looking Ahead to 26-27:

In closing, I want to extend my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the entire Plainfield Elementary School community for the unwavering support, professionalism, and care shown throughout this past year. The Plainfield School Board has provided steady leadership, thoughtful oversight, and a clear commitment to doing what is best for students while navigating complex financial and organizational challenges. Our SAU team has been instrumental in ensuring continuity, compliance, and collaboration, offering expertise and guidance that has strengthened decision-making at every level. I am especially thankful for our Principal, whose dedication, steady presence, and ability to lead with both compassion and clarity set the tone for our school each day. To our teachers and support staff, your daily work—often behind the scenes and always student-centered—continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children, and your flexibility, professionalism, and commitment to excellence do not go unnoticed. Finally, I want to thank the families and broader Plainfield community for their trust, engagement, and advocacy for our school. Your support, whether through participation, conversation, or encouragement, reinforces the shared responsibility we all hold in educating and supporting our students. Together, this collective effort reflects the strength of Plainfield Elementary School and the community that stands behind it.

With our children in mind,

Kyle

Kyle A. Riley, Superintendent



Dear Plainfield Community,

I share this annual update on the health and direction of Plainfield Elementary School as demonstrated through four key indicators - enrollment, staffing, student performance, and program.

ENROLLMENT

We ended the 24/25 school year with 183 students. We graduated a class of 25 8th graders and enrolled 22 kindergarteners. We are standing at 181 students for the 25/26 school year. This year we will graduate a class of 23 and are projecting an incoming class of approximately 10 students. The recent trend of enrolling a single kindergarten class has resulted in decreased homeroom sections:

	ENROLLMENT BY GRADE & YEAR					
	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
K	30	17	16	10	16	21
1	22	31	15	16	11	15
2	20	21	30	18	18	10
3	32	23	24	30	16	22
4	22	28	26	23	30	15
5	29	23	28	25	22	31
6	23	29	24	24	23	23
7	14	21	26	24	22	21
8	28	18	18	28	25	23
TOTAL	220	211	207	198	183	181

STAFFING

Elective turnover continues to decrease. This year we welcomed two new staff as follows:

- Jack Maling was hired as a social studies teacher to replace Phoebe Buckman who took a position at her alma mater, Lebanon Middle School.
- Jen Thompson, who served as a substitute teacher last year, filled an unanticipated need for a part-time paraprofessional position this year.

The proposed 26/27 operating budget represents a decrease of one full-time teacher to reflect enrollment. We are going from two 5th grade classrooms down to one. We are also decreasing .6 FTE as we return to a contracted services model for English Language Learners.

In our ongoing effort to be staffed appropriately based on educational needs and enrollment AND in an effort to ease the burden of a substantial increase in the cost of health insurance premiums, we are presenting a staffing model that reduces the number of staff providing direct services to students and families by 6.5 FTE:

- 1.0 Classroom Teacher - one 5th grade classroom (down from 2)
- 1.6 Specialists (one ELL & one BCBA) - return to contracted services model for BCBA services
- 2.9 Paraprofessionals - 1.4 of these are individuals who are not returning after this school year 1. 5 are reductions in force.
- 1.0 FTE reduction in front office support

The decisions above do not take into account any as of yet unidentified special education needs and/or staffing needs for students who may tuition in under a possible agreement with Cornish. If Cornish votes to tuition their middle school students to Plainfield, we would return to an enrollment of over 200

students. In order to ensure we have the capacity in the middle school to hit a home run as we implement the new middle school model, it would be prudent to restore 1.0 FTE teacher. Likewise, restoring 1.0 FTE in the front office would allow us to maintain the strong operational systems that serve our entire school community - students, teachers and families - especially as we welcome and incorporate nearly 40 new students and families into our fold. Interestingly, even with these restored positions, we would be operating the building with 5.5 fewer FTEs than we did during the 22/23 school year. Additionally, with the tuition revenue from Cornish, the Board would still be able to significantly reduce the proposed tax increase - something we would all very much like to achieve.

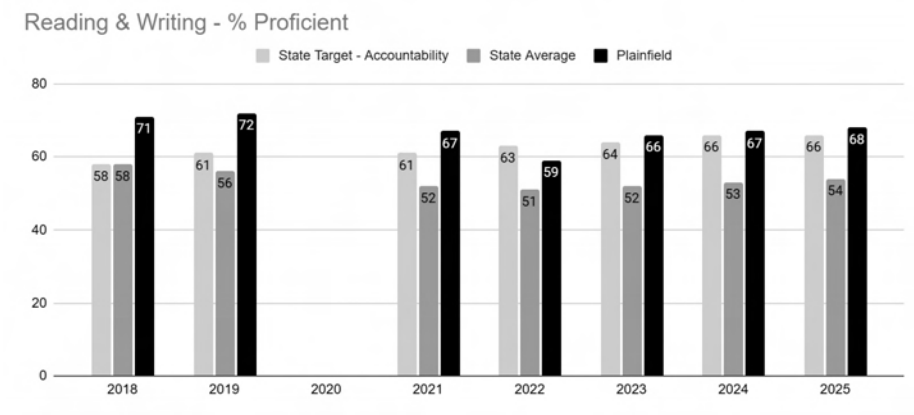
Any additions or reductions in SAU staffing are represented in the Superintendent's report.

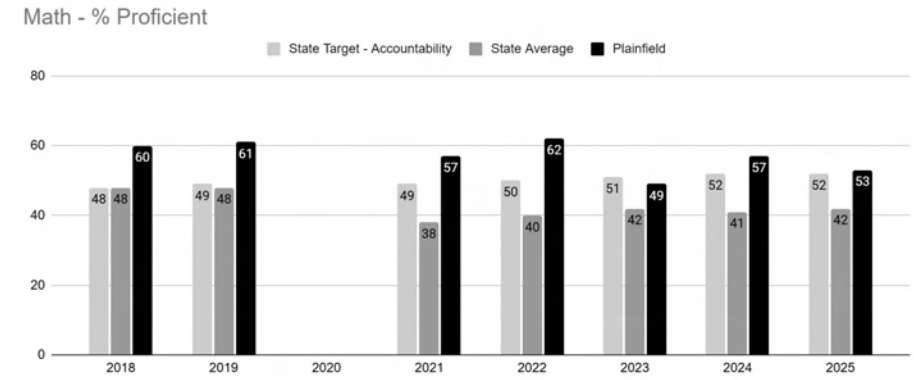
STUDENT PERFORMANCE

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

Plainfield's scores held steady in ELA and math. More detailed analysis - including growth over time - is available on the NH DOE site via their iPlatform, iReports, iAchievement, and iExplore platforms.

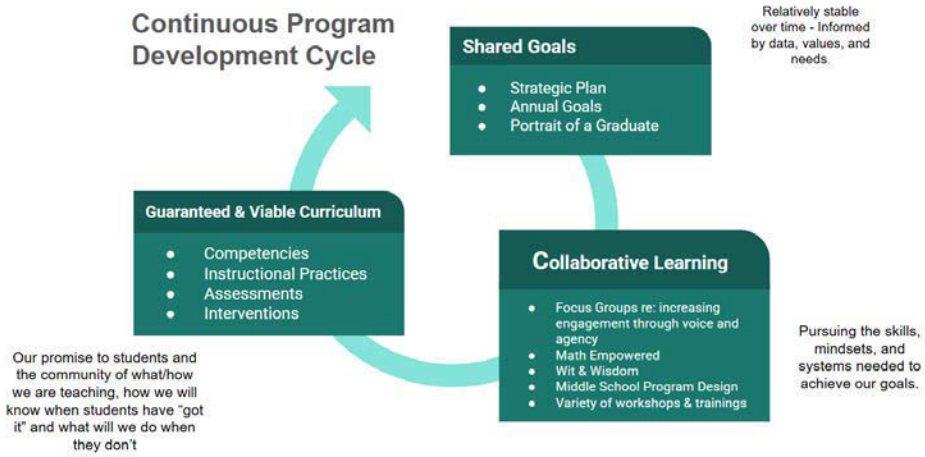




PROGRAM

A high functioning and successful school program is one that is fully engaged in a cycle of continuous improvement. Continuous improvement is achieved only when we:

1. know where we are going (shared goals),
2. support one another in the pursuit of skills and resources needed to achieve our goals (collaborative learning), and
3. establish a clear roadmap detailing what we expect our students to know, how we will know when they know it, and what we will do when they don't (guaranteed & viable curriculum).



Over the past few years, the Plainfield staff has leaned heavily into collaboration and learning. We have been guided by the District's Strategic Plan as well as annual school goals that are established based on ongoing review of student, staff and community data. We've honed instructional practices and behavioral expectations to increase student engagement. We adopted new curricula in English Language Arts. We have shored up our multi-tiered systems of support and attended training that enables us to deliver increasingly effective interventions to students who demonstrate gaps in critical skills and knowledge. And currently, our attention is focused on revising and aligning our K to 8 curriculum competencies.

Moving forward, we are committed to completing our work on a guaranteed & viable curriculum and sharing it with the wider community. As we dive more and more deeply into this task, one thing has become abundantly clear: it is time to work with our wider community - with all of you - to establish a "Portrait of a Plainfield Graduate." If the guaranteed and viable curriculum is the map, think of "the portrait of a graduate" as the destination. We look forward to partnering on this work and will share the "Portrait" in next year's Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,
Audra Bucklin, Principal

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Report

The Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment serves both Plainfield and Cornish School Districts. With each district contributing 50% of the position's costs, the Director is in Plainfield two and a half days a week and in Cornish the other two and a half days. The essential duties focus on developing, maintaining, and implementing effective curriculum resources; supporting staff in improving instruction; and managing the system of assessments and the data they provide to learn our strengths and areas to focus on to increase learning and achievement. I partner with the SAU leadership team, the principal, and school staff to support learning and growth for all.

A Snapshot of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment at Plainfield Elementary School

- **The three-year goal to *increase engagement through student voice and agency*** has guided our work in a powerful way as we have:
    - Worked with Education for Sustainability to inventory existing place based learning models and planned to develop more.
    - Worked with Demonstrated Success to strengthen co-teaching in the various ways educators collaborate at PES.
    - Formed focus groups to research and try project-based learning and other ways to give learners choice and leadership opportunities, create authentic learning scenarios, and structure units around inquiry.
    - Continued developing and revising unit plans, incorporating elements of student choice, authentic learning, and inquiry as well as executive functioning skills.
- **The Math Curriculum Committee has planned for a comprehensive look at math instruction at PES in the next three years:**
    - Professional development for teachers through the Math Empowered statewide cohort, this school year and next.
    - This year, reflect on curriculum resources and potentially choose one or two new resources to pilot next year.
    - Collaborate to study data, observe colleagues, share learning, and support schoolwide implementation of common language, a

coherent progression of skills, and consistent instructional practices.

- **Staff continue to develop, revise, and implement Plainfield's guaranteed and viable curriculum:**
    - Teachers are working to finalize *competencies* that articulate what students will know, understand, and be able to do in each content area, K-8.
    - For each competency, teachers are developing and adapting *success criteria* to describe, in student-friendly language, what evidence will demonstrate competence for that topic or skill. This critical step will provide for clarity and consistency in scoring, as well as communicate to learners and families the expectations for essential learning.
    - Teachers and teams are also updating and finalizing *unit plans* that map competencies across the school year and describe the ways learners will engage with the knowledge, concepts, and skills they need.
    - Included in unit plans will be the *assessments* or *evidence* teachers will gather to determine where each learner is in their progress toward meeting the competencies. We are applying what we have learned about authentic learning and student choice, and special educators are involved in the planning process to ensure that reasonable accommodations can be implemented, giving all learners the opportunity to demonstrate the essential learning outcomes.
    - While PES is discontinuing the Atlas curriculum mapping software, there will be an in-house format to publish unit plans and the overview of the school year for each grade level and content area.
- **Teams routinely look at assessment data to celebrate strengths and address areas of concern:**
    - All staff take part in "Data Think Tanks," wherein they analyze standardized testing results to highlight classroom or grade level trends, individual gaps in learning, and potential solutions to boost growth.
    - The Student Support Team (SST) meets monthly to look at the big picture of how PES is supporting all learners, and weekly to

focus on specific students and meeting their needs in the least restrictive ways.

- Teacher teams (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and Essential Arts) meet regularly and use data from standardized assessments as well as classroom observations and tasks to reflect on instruction and respond with interventions to empower students to succeed.

Plainfield is a strong community that supports an exceptional school. The collaborative spirit of this staff is commendable, and there is so much exciting learning and growing happening at PES. Thank you to everyone – staff, students, families, and community members – who makes this such a special place!

Respectfully submitted,

Silas St. James

Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Plainfield School District, SAU #32



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.

2025-26 Special Education Data

Age Group	Students with IEPs
Preschool (age 3 - 5)	1 (includes out-of-district)
K - Grade 8	31 (includes out-of-district)
Grade 9 – Age 21	8 (includes out-of-district)

- Percent of PES students on IEPs: 17.1%
- NH State average in October of 2024: 19.9%[1]

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: 20
- Number of identified students receiving occupational therapy at PES: 18
- Number of identified students receiving physical therapy at PES: 0

The combined figure for Federal IDEA ($123,617.55) and Preschool ($1,458.38) grant funds available to supplement portions of the 2025-26 Special Education budget is: $125,075.93 an increase of $3,907.27 compared to 2024-25.

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@sau32.nh.gov or by calling (603) 469-3250.

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

1 https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/student-count-trends_0.pdf

Board Report 2025

Plainfield School had another year brimming with activity and learning. Our dedicated & talented staff foster a vibrant learning environment for our students. Thanks to the approval of the $500,000 bond at last year's District Meeting, we are thrilled to be breaking ground in early June on our updated Middle School wing. With the $1 million grant from the NH Charitable Foundation, this $1.5 million project will renovate one of the older areas of our building while also creating up-to-date learning spaces for our 6th-8th graders. As of the time of this printing, the project is under budget and on track for completion prior to the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

This year's operating budget warrant article reflects two significant developments influencing Plainfield School. The first is rising health care costs. In October of 2025 Plainfield received a $139,000 contribution assessment from SchoolCare, our health benefits provider. This contribution assessment was authorized by the SchoolCare Board of Directors to restore their reserves to required levels. In November we were notified that Plainfield's premiums would be rising 25.4% in the 2026-2027 school year. If we had kept all staffing levels equal this would have been a $580,348 increased cost to the District. Instead, after significant reductions in staffing the increased cost to the District is $296,665.

The second significant factor influencing the budget is declining enrollment. Our projected enrollment for next year is 169 students. This represents a decline of 54 students since 2020.

In light of these harsh realities, the board and administration have worked together to create a fiscally responsible budget that still supports a high-quality education. To achieve this, significant reductions in staffing are planned and will be acutely felt in every area of our District. This budget reflects cuts in staffing in the classroom, the front office, and the SAU that reflect our current decline in enrollment.

A budget hearing held on January 27, 2026 welcomed public input and discussion and during the following school board meeting the School Board approved the proposed operating budget of $8,761,921 for the 2026-2027 school

year. This reflects a 0.08% increase in the expense budget between this year and last year and a 6.03% total education taxpayer effort.

The budget proposed reflects a concerted effort to reduce expenses as much as possible.The areas of significant reduction include the removal of 1.6 FTE teacher positions, 2.9 FTE paraprofessionals, the shared Facilities Director and Curriculum and Information and Assessment (CIA) director. The teaching and paraprofessional position reductions are due to decreased enrollment. The Facilities and CIA Director positions have been each 1 FTE and split with Cornish. Plainfield will return to a contracted services model for our Facilities Director. Over the past three years the CIA Director has laid the foundation for improved academic outcomes and the remaining staff are ready to continue this work. The CIA Director's role will be reassigned in part to the principal and an administrative assistant to Technology. As these two positions are shared but on the Plainfield budget, the savings to Plainfield are reduced by the loss of incoming revenue from Cornish. This is reflected in the difference between the very small increase in expenses and the larger increase in the proposed tax burden.

Areas of significant increases include the above mentioned health benefits cost and salary increases contained in the Plainfield Educators Association and Plainfield Support Staff Association negotiated contracts. We are entering the third year of a three year agreement.

It is a school board budget principle to continue our practice of preparing for the future by filling our trust funds. We are requesting a total of $100,000 be considered in three separate warrant articles. The importance of trust funds was made evident this past fall with the $135,000 contribution assessment from SchoolCare which was partially offset by utilizing the School Benefits Trust fund set up in 2010. The board recommends raising and appropriating $50,000 to replenish the Benefits Trust fund, $35,000 to increase the reserve in the Special Education Trust Fund and Tuition Trust fund and $15,000 to the Building Reserve Trust fund.

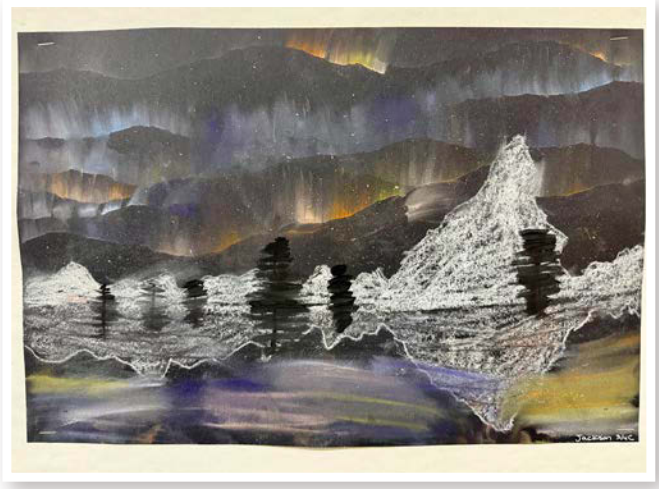
If the operating expense warrant article passes, along with all the Trust Fund articles, the cumulative effect on the overall tax rate would be $0.98. After accounting for non-tax revenue, Plainfield taxpayers are being asked to support a

total local school education effort of $7,194,187. This amount would translate into $98.17 per $100,000 of home value.

If approved by Cornish voters in March, our strategic partnership with Cornish has resulted in a set rate tuition agreement. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, Cornish students in grades 6-8 will attend Plainfield School. With the addition of 38 students we will not need to increase staff or personnel. The $608,000 in revenue will be used to offset the tax rate. We have agreed on a minimum of 5 years with an increase of 3% each year. In this agreement, special education costs are covered by the sending district, in this case, Cornish. We hope that this partnership will benefit students and taxpayers for years to come.

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
Sydney Johnstone
Jennifer Rybeck Houde



Facilities Director Report

To the Plainfield Community,

It has been my pleasure to serve as Facilities Director for Plainfield School since July 2025. During this time, the facilities team has worked to maintain what is functioning well while developing new strategies to improve areas in need. Thank you to the Plainfield community for its continued commitment to providing outstanding facilities for both students and the community.

Outdoor Basketball Court:

A generous donation to Plainfield School funded the refurbishment of the outdoor basketball court. Using available funds, the district installed new hoops, resurfaced the pavement, and repainted all court lines. The basketball lines are white, and three additional pickleball courts are outlined in orange.

The school has also acquired pickleball equipment to introduce students to another recreational activity. To help preserve the new surface for years to come, the facilities team has decided not to plow or apply salt or sand to the court during the winter months, unlike in the past.

Electrical Panel Upgrade:

The 2025–2026 budget included funding to replace five Federal Pacific electrical panels. These panels, widely installed from the 1950s through the 1980s, present significant safety concerns, including high failure rates, increased fire risk, and noncompliance with current safety standards.

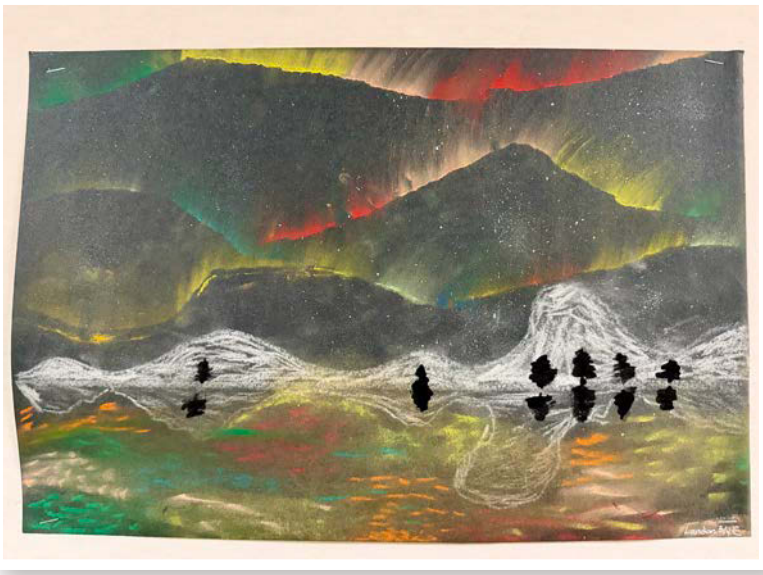
During the summer, a local electrical contractor replaced the panels. The project was completed on time and under budget.

Middle School Renovation Project:

The renovation project is scheduled to begin in June and be completed before the start of the 2026–2027 school year. The work includes constructing a new vestibule that will serve as the middle school entrance and the common entrance for basketball games, town events, and family events.

The project scope is to enhance the middle school experience for Plainfield students, including the addition of a DaVinci Lab. Other highlights include a new flexible learning space, updated classrooms, and fully renovated bathrooms.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cody Schoolcraft – Facilities Director





Plainfield School Technology Report

Infrastructure & Network Improvements

This year marked a significant milestone for technology infrastructure at Plainfield School. A major network and wireless upgrade has been completed successfully, substantially improving reliability, performance, and coverage throughout the building.

The upgraded network provides a stronger foundation for instructional technology, administrative systems, and future digital initiatives, while also improving security and manageability.

Migration to NH .GOV Domain

Plainfield School has successfully migrated its systems and staff accounts to the **sau32.nh.gov** domain as part of the State of New Hampshire's .GOV initiative.

Moving to a .GOV domain enhances security by:

- Restricting domain registration exclusively to verified government entities
- Reducing the risk of phishing, spoofing, and impersonation
- Enabling stronger identity verification and trust for email and online services
- Aligning the district with state-level cybersecurity standards and protections

This transition strengthens Plainfield School's digital identity while ensuring long-term compliance with evolving cybersecurity best practices.

Technology Support & Operations

From **July 1, 2025 through January 5, 2026**, the technology department closed **233 help desk tickets**, reflecting both the volume of daily technology use and the responsiveness of support provided to staff and students. Requests ranged from device troubleshooting and account support to instructional technology assistance and infrastructure maintenance.

Classroom Technology Enhancements

Over the summer, **six aging classroom projection systems were replaced** with modern **Promethean interactive boards**. These upgrades significantly enhance instructional capability by providing:

- Touch-based interactive instruction
- Improved visibility and accessibility for students
- Seamless integration with Chromebooks and instructional software

- Increased reliability compared to legacy projection systems

These improvements directly support classroom engagement and instructional effectiveness.

Looking Ahead

With the successful completion of the network and wireless upgrade, Plainfield School is now positioned to build upon a more stable, secure, and modern technology foundation. Upcoming priorities will focus on **maintaining system reliability**, **continuing cybersecurity best practices**, and **maximizing the instructional value of existing technology investments**.

Future efforts will include ongoing evaluation of classroom technology needs, continued support for staff and students as instructional tools evolve, and proactive maintenance of network and device infrastructure. The technology department will also continue working closely with school leadership to ensure technology planning aligns with educational goals, operational needs, and long-term sustainability.

These efforts will help ensure that Plainfield School remains prepared to support teaching, learning, and daily operations in a secure and efficient manner.



PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT – BUDGET ANALYSIS

2025-2026–

We anticipate ending the 2025/2026 school year with a surplus. As such, we have carried this amount over to the 2026/2027 proposed Revenue Sheet. The Plainfield School Board has a practice of returning any remaining tuition surplus to taxpayers at the end of the fiscal year. We anticipate a surplus in high school tuition for the fiscal year ending in 2026.

2026-2027 Expenditures –

Proposed expenditures for the 2026/2027 school year total $8,761,921, a decrease of $1,492,677 from the current total voted budget with warrants, $10,254,598.

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 2025/2026 Budget (Total Includes all Warrants voted)	***10,254,598***
FY27 Increases:	
Regular Instruction K-8	*126,862*
Regular Instruction High School	*118,503*
Special Education	*45,175*
Co-Curricular	*4,940*
School Counselor	*23,362*
Health	*9,767*
Staff/Curriculum Development	*35,496*
Library	*21,362*
School Board	*6,500*
Federal Grant	*1,200*
Transportation	*11,846*
Food Service	*8,000*
Debt Service	*104,124*
Transfer – Food Service	*5,000*
Subtotal Increases	***+$522,137***
FY27 Decreases:	
Special Education High School	*148,000*
Information Services	*54,111*
SAU Office (Providing Cornish Services-Offsetting Revenue	*134,370*
Principal's Office	*61,158*
Operation of Building	*117,175*
Warrant	*1,500,000*
Subtotal Decreases	***-$2,014,814***
Total Net Budget Decrease	***1,492,677***
Proposed 2026/2027 Budget (Excluding Additional Warrants)	***$8,761,921***

LHS Tuition –

The A.R.E.A. agreement, which regulates Plainfield Students' tuition rates, calculates tuition for Plainfield and Grantham. The high school tuition rate for the 2026/2027 school year is $19,344, an increase of 2.84% over the 2025/2026 rate. The budget projects 81 students attending LHS in 2026/2027, up from 77 in 2025/2026. This demographic change, along with the New Year tuition, represents an increase in tuition expense of $118,503.

Benefits –

This year, the Plainfield School District is seeing increases in the cost of district-provided medical insurance (25.4%) and dental insurance (5.00%). The budget for all district-provided benefits increased by $200,616. The New Hampshire Retirement System, pursuant to RSA 100-A: 16, III, and the retirement fund's actuarial valuation on June 30, 2023, certified employer rates on August 13, 2024. Employer contribution rates payable to the retirement system changed on 7/1/25 and ran through 6/30/27. The new rate for the certified class is 19.23%, and the employee class is 12.75%. The new rates represent reductions of 0.41% and 0.88%, respectively.

SAU Operation-

The Plainfield School Administration will begin our ninth year of 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: four, along with other administrative services to their PreK-8 school. The Shared Services Agreement commenced on November 2, 2016, with the SAU assuming responsibilities on July 1, 2017. Each school remains its own SAU. In this budget cycle, the SAU has removed the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment position. With a robust platform established in this area over the past three years, the District is ready to assume the responsibilities of this position with existing staff.

2026/2027 Revenues **-**

Estimated Non-Tax Revenues are $1,667,734. This amount is a decrease of $1,897,189 from the 2025/2026 MS24 budget. At this time, we anticipate receiving $762,596 in NH Adequacy Aid. This amount is an increase of $35,587 compared to the 2025/2026 adequacy allocation. We will receive a small amount of special education aid from the State of New Hampshire. This aid program is associated with Special Education. A revenue amount of $422,137 for SAU services, including Custodian, Technology Director, Art Teacher, and COTA cost share, is included in the local revenue budget for SAU 100 (Cornish School District).

2026/2027 Bottom Line **-**

The estimated total local tax effort (Education and SWEPT) for the operating budget is $7,094,187 for 2026/2027. The full effort includes $6,541,393 for local school tax and $552,794 for the State Education Grant. The total rate increase for full local education funding of the operating budget is estimated $.80/1000. All warrant article costs are below:

Proposed Tax Impact All Articles - $450,000 Home					Total
	Operating Budget	Benefits Payable Trust	Special Education Trust	Bldg Maint. Trust	
Article	**$8,761,921**	**$50,000**	**$35,000**	**$15,000**	**$8,861,921**
Tax Impact	**Local $ .80** **SWEPT $1.02** **$1.82**	**.09**	**$.06**	**$.03**	**$0.98** **$1.02** **$2.00**
450,000 Home Combined Tax	**$819**	**$40.50**	**$27.00**	**$13.50**	**$900**

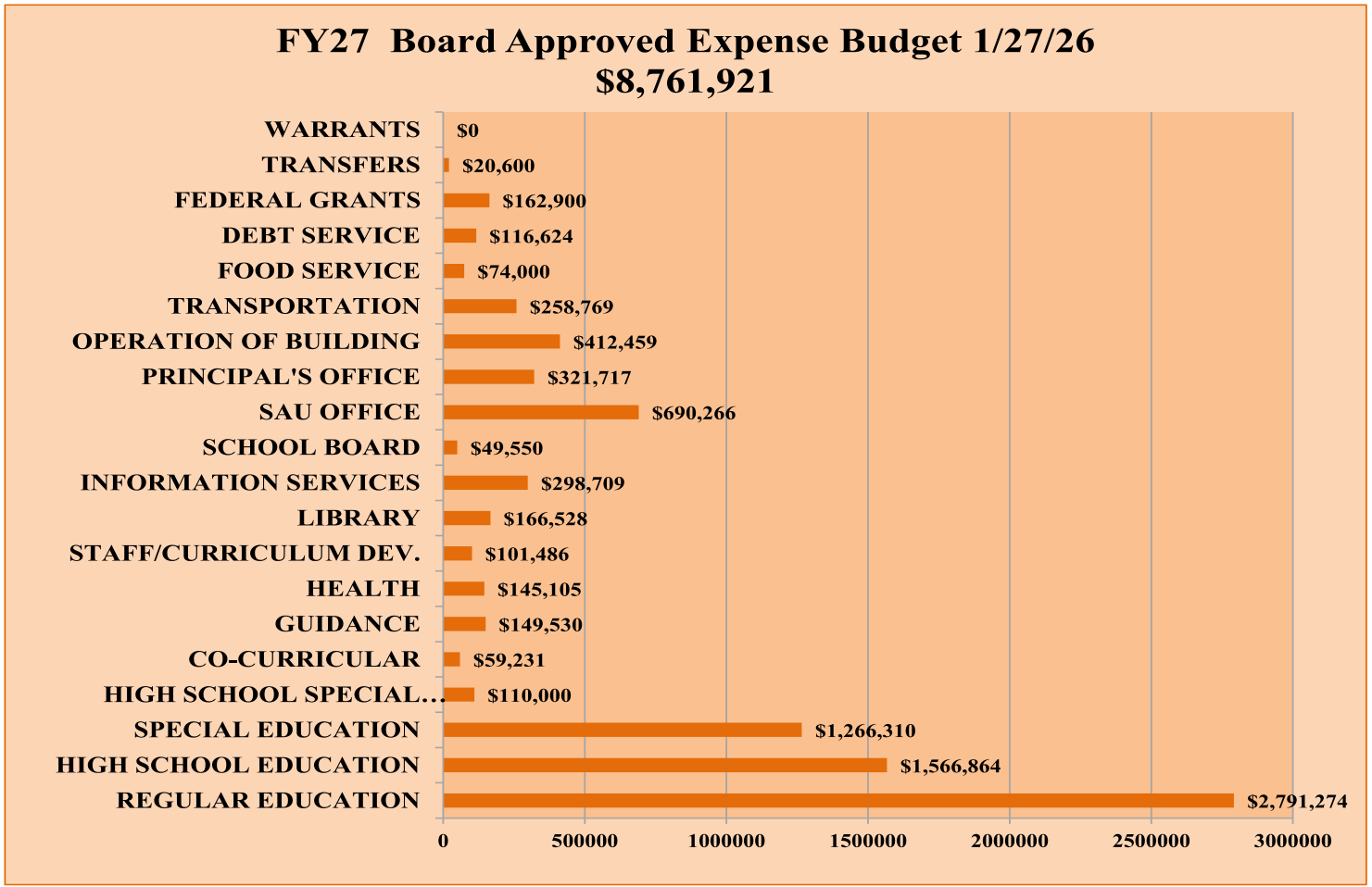
2026/2027 Budget Documents-

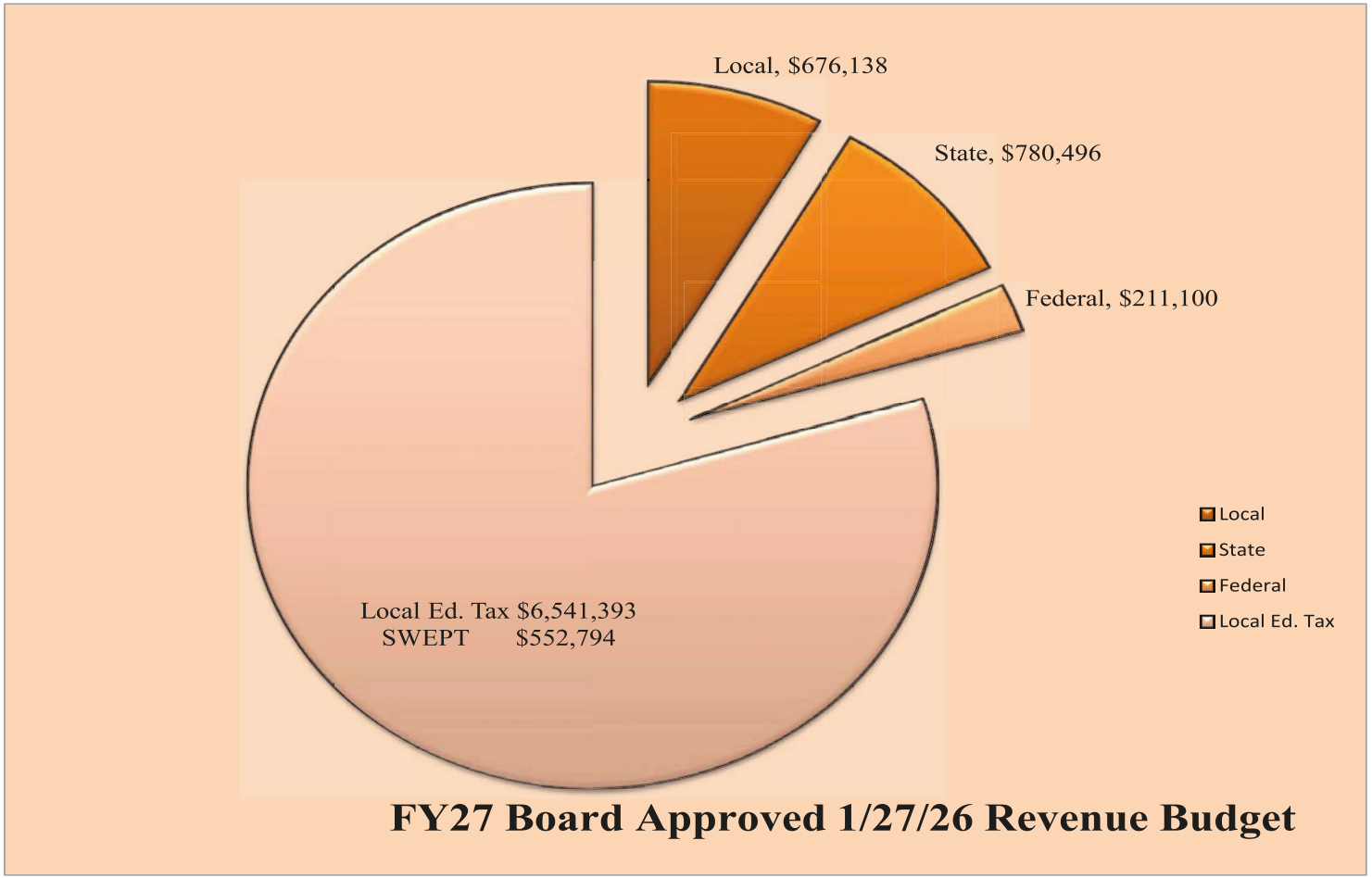
All documents are located on the Plainfield School Website: www.plainfieldschool.org under the District Meeting documents tab at the top of the page.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Bierwirth – Business Administrator



PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE SUMMARY						
Category:	2024-2025	2025-2026	2025-2026	**2026-2027**	$$Increase	% Increase
	ACTUAL	APPROVED	ESTIMATED	**PROPOSED**	or(Decrease) vs.	or(Decrease) vs.
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	**BUDGET**	2025/26 budget	2025/26 budget
REGULAR EDUCATION	3,981,199	**4,112,773**	4,017,784	**4,358,138**	245,365	5.97%
SPECIAL EDUCATION	1,935,070	**1,479,133**	1,467,569	**1,376,308**	(102,825)	-6.95%
CO-CURRICULAR	49,869	**54,291**	54,291	**59,231**	4,940	9.10%
GUIDANCE	141,255	**126,168**	137,876	**149,530**	23,362	18.52%
HEALTH	125,535	**135,338**	135,338	**145,105**	9,767	7.22%
STAFF/CURRICULUM DEV.	63,498	**65,990**	65,990	**101,486**	35,496	53.79%
LIBRARY	137,851	**145,166**	145,166	**166,528**	21,362	14.72%
INFORMATION SERVICES	242,376	**352,820**	360,262	**298,709**	(54,111)	-15.34%
SCHOOL BOARD	41,550	**43,050**	43,050	**49,550**	6,500	15.10%
SAU OFFICE	711,297	**824,638**	812,134	**690,266**	(134,372)	-16.29%
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	366,809	**382,875**	382,875	**321,717**	(61,158)	-15.97%
OPERATION OF BUILDING	465,226	**529,634**	527,194	**412,459**	(117,175)	-22.12%
TRANSPORTATION	277,022	**246,923**	246,923	**258,769**	11,847	4.80%
FOOD SERVICE	66,000	**66,000**	66,000	**74,000**	8,000	12.12%
DEBT SERVICE	0	**12,500**	12,500	**116,624**	0	0.00%
FEDERAL GRANTS	166,700	**161,700**	161,700	**162,900**	1,200	0.74%
TRANSFERS	15,600	**15,600**	18,600	**20,600**	5,000	32.05%
GEN.ED. SUBTOTAL	***8,786,857***	***8,754,598***	***8,655,252***	***8,761,921***	***(96,803)***	***-1.11%***
Warrants	10,000	1,500,000	1,560,000	**0**	(1,500,000)	-100.00%
Total GEN.ED. With Warrant	***8,796,856***	***10,254,598***	***10,215,252***	***8,761,921***	***(1,492,677)***	***-14.56%***
FY27 Warrant Proposed*				**100,000**		
TOTAL Proposed EXPENDITURES	***8,796,856***	***10,254,598***	***10,215,252***	***8,861,921***	***-1,492,677***	***-14.56%***


FY27 Board Approved Expense Budget 1/27/26
$8,761,921
WARRANTS $0
TRANSFERS $20,600
FEDERAL GRANTS $162,900
DEBT SERVICE $116,624
FOOD SERVICE $74,000
TRANSPORTATION $258,769
OPERATION OF BUILDING $412,459
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE $321,717
SAU OFFICE $690,266
SCHOOL BOARD $49,550
INFORMATION SERVICES $298,709
LIBRARY $166,528
STAFF/CURRICULUM DEV. $101,486
HEALTH $145,105
GUIDANCE $149,530
CO-CURRICULAR $59,231
HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL... $110,000
SPECIAL EDUCATION $1,266,310
HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION $1,566,864
REGULAR EDUCATION $2,791,274
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Local, $676,138
State, $780,496
Federal, $211,100
Local Ed. Tax $6,541,393
SWEPT $552,794
Local
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Federal
Local Ed. Tax
FY27 Board Approved 1/27/26 Revenue Budget

PES Expense Budget School Board Recommended - January 27, 2026

	2022-2023 Total Year Actual	2023-2024 Total Year Actual	2024-2025 Total Year Actual	2025-2026 Voted BUDGET	2025-2026 Estimated Actual	2026-2027 Proposed BUDGET	2026-2027 $$ Increase 25-26 Budget	2026-2027 % Incr. Over 25-26 Budget
1- REGULAR INSTRUCTION - 1100								
Teacher Salaries	$ 1,248,905	$ 1,260,356	$ 1,394,812	$ 1,414,352	$ 1,393,945	$ 1,321,780	$ (92,572)	-6.55%
Retiree Payout	$ 80,454	$ -		$ -	$ -		$ -	0.00%
Retiree Benefit	$ 23,066	$ -		$ -	$ -		$ -	0.00%
Ed Assistant Salaries	$ 23,183	$ 46,442	$ 61,485	$ 103,877	$ 106,414	$ 111,972	$ 8,095	7.79%
Extended Year Program	$ -	$ 8,844	$ 9,272	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Substitutes	$ 43,135	$ 35,073	$ 51,217	$ 35,000	$ 35,000	$ 35,000	$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits	$ 789,015	$ 661,081	$ 841,961	$ 981,204	$ 995,705	$ 1,172,694	$ 191,490	19.52%
Contracted Services	$ 34,502	$ 24,224	$ 26,949	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 40,000	$ 20,000	100.00%
Tuition	$ 18,410	$ 13,466		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Contracted Services 504		$ -		$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ -	0.00%
Equipment Repair	$ 197	$ 744	$ 282	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
Supplies	$ 21,942	$ 25,545	$ 26,471	$ 29,434	$ 29,434	$ 27,939	$ (1,495)	-5.08%
Print Materials	$ 5,369	$ 3,542	$ 2,125	$ 5,150	$ 5,150	$ 5,212	$ 62	1.20%
Curriculum Adoption		$ 1,439	$ 5,755	$ 9,500	$ 9,500	$ 6,637	$ (2,863)	-30.14%
Software	$ 6,329	$ 11,385	$ 21,355	$ 26,756	$ 26,756	$ 26,454	$ (302)	-1.13%
New/Replacement Equipment	$ 2,690	$ 1,329	$ 1,708	$ 1,290	$ 1,290	$ -	$ (1,290)	-100.00%
Furniture	$ 5,937	$ 3,761	$ 8,325	$ 2,889	$ 2,889	$ 10,900	$ 8,011	277.29%
Dues & Fees/Graduation	$ 19,840	$ 19,988	$ 24,144	$ 28,960	$ 28,960	$ 26,685	$ (2,275)	-7.86%
Sub Total Regular Instruction K-8	$ 2,322,973	$ 2,117,217	$ 2,475,861	$ 2,664,412	$ 2,661,043	$ 2,791,274	$ 126,862	4.76%
Tuition Lebanon High School	$ 1,126,855	$ 1,168,390	$ 1,330,411	$ 1,448,361	$ 1,356,741	$ 1,566,864	$ 118,503	8.18%
Total Regular Instruction K-12	$ 3,449,828	$ 3,285,607	$ 3,806,272	$ 4,112,773	$ 4,017,784	$ 4,358,138	$ 245,365	5.97%
2- SPECIAL EDUCATION - 1200								
Teacher Salaries	$ 141,419	$ 189,907	$ 201,657	$ 227,584	$ 227,584	$ 195,223	$ (32,362)	-14.22%
Ed Assistant Salaries	$ 217,411	$ 259,617	$ 352,556	$ 336,689	$ 352,070	$ 280,139	$ (56,550)	-16.80%
Extended Year	$ 7,976	$ 10,661		$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ -	0.00%
Substitutes	$ 25,030	$ 18,732	$ 9,242	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits	$ 274,551	$ 347,597	$ 349,832	$ 448,780	$ 456,333	$ 492,216	$ 43,436	9.68%
Contracted Services	$ 228,756	$ 249,187	$ 226,317	$ 170,500	$ 170,500	$ 261,730	$ 91,230	53.51%
Tuition	$ -	.	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Legal	$ 1,337		$ 667	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ -	0.00%
Supplies	$ 584	$ 1,106	$ 461	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
Books	$ -	$ 197	$ -	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
Software	$ -	$ -	$ 720	$ 580	$ 580	$ -	$ (580)	0.00%
Testing	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
Equipment	$ 843	$ 190	$ 578	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
Furniture	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
New/Replacement Computers	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Dues/Fees/Travel	$ 600	$ 755	$ 1,030	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ -	0.00%
Sub Total Special Education K-8	$ 898,508	$ 1,077,949	$ 1,143,060	$ 1,221,133	$ 1,244,067	$ 1,266,308	$ 45,175	3.70%
Life Skills Coach HS	$ 6,661	$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits	$ 510	$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Contracted Services	$ 2,716	$ 1,479	$ 232	$ -		$ -	$ -	0.00%
High School Special Education Tuition	$ 667,557	$ 659,121	$ 391,885	$ 258,000	$ 223,502	$ 110,000	$ (148,000)	-57.36%
Sub Total Special Education 9-12+	$ 677,444	$ 660,600	$ 392,118	$ 258,000	$ 223,502	$ 110,000	$ (148,000)	-57.36%
Total Special Education K-12	$ 1,575,952	$ 1,738,549	$ 1,535,178	$ 1,479,133	$ 1,467,569	$ 1,376,308	$ (102,825)	-6.95%

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	2022-2023 Total Year Actual	2023-2024 Total Year Actual	2024-2025 Total Year Actual	2025-2026 Voted BUDGET	2025-2026 Estimated Actual	2026-2027 Proposed BUDGET	2026-2027 $$ Increase 25-26 Budget	2026-2027 % Incr. Over 25-26 Budget
3 - CO-CURRICULAR - 1410								
Stipend	$ 11,550	$ 9,200	$ 9,200	$ 9,600	$ 9,600	$ 10,150	$ 550	5.73%
Benefits	$ 2,970	$ 3,943	$ 3,369	$ 5,096	$ 5,096	$ 5,606	$ 510	10.01%
Coaches	$ 4,700	$ 9,250	$ 10,600	$ 9,500	$ 9,500	$ 11,500	$ 2,000	21.05%
Athletic/FAST Director	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ 4,000	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ -	0.00%
Officials	$ 4,970	$ 4,215	$ 6,590	$ 7,320	$ 7,320	$ 8,600	$ 1,280	17.49%
Supply	$ 5,286	$ 4,056	$ 6,428	$ 10,275	$ 10,275	$ 10,725	$ 450	4.38%
M&R	$ -		$ -	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
Equipment	$ -	$ 1,960	$ 734	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
Dues & Fees	$ 1,341	$ 2,800	$ 2,443	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ 3,150	$ 150	5.00%
Total Co-Curricular/Athletics	$ 38,318	$ 42,924	$ 43,363	$ 54,291	$ 54,291	$ 59,231	$ 4,940	9.10%
4 - SCHOOL COUNSELOR - 2120								
Salaries	$ 64,003	$ 69,892	$ 64,244	$ 81,036	$ 89,951	$ 95,930	$ 14,894	18.38%
Employee Benefits	$ 49,966	$ 45,984	$ 28,397	$ 37,355	$ 40,148	$ 46,421	$ 9,066	24.27%
Contracted Service	$ -	$ 315	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	0.00%
Testing/Services	$ 1,251	$ 5,000	$ 438	$ 400	$ 400	$ 600	$ 200	50.00%
Supplies/Curriculum	$ 1,081	$ 697	$ 2,151	$ 1,749	$ 1,749	$ 1,700	$ (49)	-2.80%
Books	$ 295	$ 153	$ -	$ 650	$ 650	$ 650	$ -	0.00%
Software	$ 300	$ 3,325	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 750	$ 750	0.00%
Equipment/Furniture	$ 461	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Dues	$ 5,834	$ 1,308	$ 5,510	$ 4,979	$ 4,979	$ 3,479	$ (1,500)	-30.13%
Total Guidance	$ 123,192	$ 126,673	$ 100,740	$ 126,168	$ 137,876	$ 149,530	$ 23,362	18.52%
5 - HEALTH - 2130								
Salaries	$ 75,301	$ 75,654	$ 82,248	$ 87,715	$ 87,715	$ 90,347	$ 2,632	3.00%
Employee Benefits	$ 37,380	$ 34,232	$ 37,949	$ 41,153	$ 41,153	$ 47,786	$ 6,633	16.12%
Supplies	$ 2,040	$ 1,095	$ 1,205	$ 2,087	$ 2,087	$ 2,654	$ 567	27.17%
Books	$ -	$ -	$ 78	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Equipment/Equipment Repair/Furniture	$ 913	$ 266	$ 2,653	$ 3,363	$ 3,363	$ 3,358	$ (5)	-0.15%
Dues/Fees	$ 130	$ 965	$ 979	$ 1,020	$ 1,020	$ 960	$ (60)	-5.88%
Total Health	$ 115,763	$ 112,213	$ 125,112	$ 135,338	$ 135,338	$ 145,105	$ 9,767	7.22%

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	2022-2023 Total Year Actual	2023-2024 Total Year Actual	2024-2025 Total Year Actual	2025-2026 Voted BUDGET	2025-2026 Estimated Actual	2026-2027 Proposed BUDGET	2026-2027 $$ Increase 25-26 Budget	2026-2027 % Incr. Over 25-26 Budget
6 - STAFF/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT - 2210								
Stipends	$ 5,645	$ 10,600	$ 6,903	$ 9,700	$ 9,700	$ 8,500	$ (1,200)	-12.37%
Curriculum Work	$ 1,447	$ 7,500	$ -	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ -	0.00%
Benefits	$ 2,207	$ 10,019	$ 7,470	$ 2,963	$ 2,963	$ 4,405	$ 1,442	48.68%
Substitutes	$ 481	$ 1,416	$ 3,300	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ -	0.00%
Staff Development-Teachers	$ 8,697	$ 15,344	$ 11,960	$ 11,500	$ 11,500	$ 10,500	$ (1,000)	-8.70%
Staff Development-Support Staff	$ 2,373	$ 1,083	$ 2,600	$ 2,800	$ 2,800	$ 2,400	$ (400)	-14.29%
Prof. Dvlp-College Coursework	$ 7,328	$ 3,573	$ 15,500	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ -	0.00%
Staff Training Workshops	$ 18,141	$ 11,500	$ 11,477	$ 3,650	$ 3,650	$ 42,510	$ 38,860	1064.66%
Staff Travel	$ -	$ 385	$ 434	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,000	$ (500)	-20.00%
Software		$ -	$ -	$ 5,877	$ 5,877	$ 4,671	$ (1,206)	0.00%
Supplies/Resource Books/Software	$ 1,367	$ 2,138	$ 2,450	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 1,500	$ (500)	-25.00%
Total Staff/Curric Development	$ 47,686	$ 63,559	$ 62,094	$ 65,990	$ 65,990	$ 101,486	$ 35,496	53.79%
7 - LIBRARY - 2220								
Teacher Salaries	$ 82,219	$ 66,355	$ 70,043	$ 74,696	$ 74,696	$ 79,660	$ 4,964	6.65%
Employee Benefits	$ 35,136	$ 45,355	$ 33,337	$ 59,670	$ 59,670	$ 76,418	$ 16,748	28.07%
Contracted Services/Fees	$ 980		$ 1,171	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ -	0.00%
Supplies	$ 379	$ 510	$ 530	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
Books	$ 6,378	$ 5,454	$ 5,507	$ 5,500	$ 5,500	$ 4,750	$ (750)	-13.64%
Software	$ 2,713	$ 4,316	$ 3,354	$ 3,600	$ 3,600	$ 4,000	$ 400	11.11%
Equipment/Furniture/Technology	$ -	$ -	$ 7,500	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Dues/Fees	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Total Library	$ 127,805	$ 121,989	$ 121,443	$ 145,166	$ 145,166	$ 166,528	$ 21,362	14.72%
8 - INFORMATION SERVICES - 2124								
Salary	$ -	$ 86,500	$ 91,690	$ 95,883	$ 95,883	$ 126,948	$ 31,065	32.40%
Benefit	$ -	$ 33,754	$ 42,161	$ 41,082	$ 48,524	$ 61,116	$ 20,034	48.77%
Supplies	$ 169	$ 842	$ 2,652	$ 2,371	$ 2,371	$ 2,610	$ 239	10.08%
Software	$ 13,910	$ 16,421	$ 20,509	$ 21,745	$ 21,745	$ 23,696	$ 1,951	8.97%
Printing	$ -	$ -	$ 19,310	$ 18,400	$ 18,400	$ 18,900	$ 500	2.72%
New/Replacement Equipment	$ 4,424	$ 8,441	$ 12,977	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 14,933	$ (85,067)	-85.07%
New/Replacement Computer/Network Equip.	$ 18,134	$ 12,138	$ 26,558	$ 50,299	$ 50,299	$ 27,136	$ (23,163)	-46.05%
Contracted Services	$ 82,067	$ 27,403	$ 29,619	$ 20,390	$ 20,390	$ 20,455	$ 65	0.32%
Repairs & Maintenance	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,200	$ 200	10.00%
Dues/Fees	$ 1,347	$ 212	$ 1,180	$ 650	$ 650	$ 715	$ 65	10.00%
Total Information Services	$ 120,050	$ 185,712	$ 246,656	$ 352,820	$ 360,262	$ 298,709	$ (54,111)	-15.34%

PES Expense Budget School Board Recommended - January 27, 2026

	2022-2023 Total Year Actual	2023-2024 Total Year Actual	2024-2025 Total Year Actual	2025-2026 Voted BUDGET	2025-2026 Estimated Actual	2026-2027 Proposed BUDGET	2026-2027 $$ Increase 25-26 Budget	2026-2027 % Incr. Over 25-26 Budget
9 - SCHOOL BOARD - 2130								
School Board Stipends	$ 3,550	$ 3,550	$ 3,550	$ 3,550	$ 3,550	$ 3,550	$ -	0.00%
Treasurer Stipend	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
Advertising	$ 1,747	$ 189	$ 2,084	$ 1,800	$ 1,800	$ 2,000	$ 200	11.11%
Board Travel, Meetings, Misc.	$ 5,546	$ 1,840	$ 714	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ -	0.00%
Criminal Records Checks	$ 1,525	$ 1,071	$ 1,650	$ 1,700	$ 1,700	$ 1,700	$ -	0.00%
Recording Secretary	$ 2,585	$ 2,697	$ 3,633	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	$ -	0.00%
Dues	$ 5,136	$ 3,411	$ 4,098	$ 4,500	$ 4,500	$ 4,800	$ 300	6.67%
Legal Services	$ 3,665	$ 6,983	$ 12,544	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 15,000	$ 5,000	50.00%
Auditor Services	$ 10,950	$ 12,305	$ 12,925	$ 13,000	$ 13,000	$ 13,500	$ 500	3.85%
District Meeting Expenses	$ 976	$ 1,751	$ 2,035	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 2,000	$ 500	33.33%
Total School Board	$ 36,179	$ 34,297	$ 43,733	$ 43,050	$ 43,050	$ 49,550	$ 6,500	15.10%
10 - SAU OFFICE - 2320								
Salaries	$ 323,217	$ 333,045	$ 409,581	$ 465,063	$ 463,472	$ 378,178	$ (86,885)	-18.68%
Contracted Services	$ 51,226	$ 114,418	$ 54,883	$ 79,688	$ 79,688	$ 80,146	$ 458	0.57%
Employee Benefits	$ 134,123	$ 171,028	$ 261,502	$ 255,487	$ 244,573	$ 205,841	$ (49,646)	-19.43%
Telephone	$ 1,308	$ 1,323	$ 1,400	$ 1,400	$ 1,400	$ 1,600	$ 200	14.29%
Supplies/Advertising	$ 5,401	$ 3,393	$ 1,568	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,500	$ 500	10.00%
Dues, Fees, Meetings, Travel	$ 8,288	$ 2,608	$ 5,888	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ -	0.00%
Software/Equipment	$ 390	$ 5,000	$ 4,462	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ 4,000	$ 1,000	33.33%
Total SAU Office	$ 523,954	$ 630,816	$ 739,284	$ 824,638	$ 812,134	$ 690,266	$ (134,372)	-16.29%

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11 - PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - 2400								
Administrative Salaries	$ 100,843	$ 102,860	$ 110,060	$ 113,362	$ 113,362	$ 116,763	$ 3,401	3.00%
Assistant to the Principal Salary		$ 56,000	$ 59,360	$ 61,736	$ 61,736	$ 64,212	$ 2,476	4.01%
Information Service	$ 55,236	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Office/Secretarial Salaries	$ 68,836	$ 39,480	$ 41,906	$ 43,523	$ 43,523	$ -	$ (43,523)	-100.00%
Employee Benefits	$ 124,588	$ 139,324	$ 147,460	$ 149,454	$ 149,454	$ 125,542	$ (23,912)	-16.00%
Contracted Services	$ 2,860	$ 4,343	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Telephone	$ 1,766	$ 1,396	$ 1,442	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,600	$ 400	33.33%
Postage	$ 2,494	$ 2,452	$ 1,895	$ 2,800	$ 2,800	$ 3,100	$ 300	10.71%
Printing/Advertising	$ 1,363	$ 1,515	$ 1,727	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ -	0.00%
Travel	$ 1,364	$ 1,031	$ 977	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ -	0.00%
Supplies	$ 913	$ 1,084	$ 1,059	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,200	$ 200	20.00%
Books	$ 119	$ 187	$ 27	$ 250	$ 250	$ 250	$ -	0.00%
Software	$ 449	$ 500	$ 1,093	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ -	0.00%
Equipment	$ 427	$ 723	$ 397	$ 500	$ 500	$ 250	$ (250)	-50.00%
Furniture & Fixtures	$ 492	$ 159	$ 480	$ 500	$ 500	$ 250	$ (250)	0.00%
New Computers & Networking Equip		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Dues & Fees	$ 3,839	$ 3,099	$ 2,834	$ 3,850	$ 3,850	$ 3,850	$ -	0.00%
Total Principal's Office	$ 365,587	$ 354,152	$ 370,717	$ 382,875	$ 382,875	$ 321,717	$ (61,158)	-15.97%
12 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 2410								
Medical Insurance	$ 768,637	$ 200,000	$ 1,142,906	$ 1,097,660	$ 1,124,057	$ 1,394,317	$ 296,657	27.03%
Dental Insurance	$ 49,344	$ 20,000	$ 73,010	$ 83,214	$ 83,630	$ 69,511	$ (13,703)	-16.47%
Life & AD&D Insurance	$ 5,630	$ 1,000	$ 10,188	$ 11,424	$ 11,431	$ 10,346	$ (1,078)	-9.44%
Disability Insurance	$ 11,472	$ -	$ 19,714	$ 22,107	$ 22,125	$ 19,998	$ (2,109)	-9.54%
Flex Plan Administration	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
F.I.C.A.	$ 214,562	$ -	$ 231,166	$ 258,752	$ 258,949	$ 234,677	$ (24,075)	-9.30%
Retirement	$ 445,466	$ -	$ 483,713	$ 532,831	$ 527,772	$ 482,371	$ (50,460)	-9.47%
Workers' Comp Insurance	$ 13,246	$ -	$ 18,932	$ 20,687	$ 20,649	$ 18,580	$ (2,107)	-10.19%
Annuities	$ 48,879	$ -	$ 89,366	$ 100,571	$ 99,822	$ 98,065	$ (2,506)	-2.49%
Unemployment Comp Insurance	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Subtotal Employee Benefits	$ 1,558,235	$ 222,000	$ 2,069,995	$ 2,128,247	$ 2,149,434	$ 2,328,863	$ 200,616	9.43%
Transfer to Other Functions	$ 1,558,235	$ 1,893,384	$ 2,069,965	$ 2,128,247	$ 2,149,434	$ 2,328,863	$ 200,616	9.43%
Net Total Employee Benefits								
13 - FEDERAL GRANTS								
IDEA (Spec Ed)	$ 162,434	$ 140,145	$ 116,879	$ 120,000	$ 120,000	$ 124,000	$ 4,000	3.33%
Pre School	$ 1,379	$ 1,200	$ 2,315	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,400	$ 200	16.67%
ESSER/CARES	$ 59,766	$ 22,432	$ 3,737	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Title 1 (Improving Academic Achievement)	$ 43,989	$ 6,539	$ 7,147	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ -	0.00%
Title 2 (Quality Teachers)	$ 2,676	$ 19,000	$ 8,827	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 6,000	$ (4,000)	-40.00%
SAFE Grant		$ 30,436		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Title 4	$ 10,000	$ 8,089	$ 11,911	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ -	0.00%
Robotics	$ 1,621			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Rural Education (REAP) Grant	$ 37,947	$ 26,829	$ 16,959	$ 15,500	$ 15,500	$ 16,500	$ 1,000	6.45%
Total Grants	$ 319,814	$ 254,670	$ 167,775	$ 161,700	$ 161,700	$ 162,900	$ 1,200	0.74%
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14 - OPERATION OF BUILDING - 2600								
Custodial Salaries/Wages	$ 172,677	$ 169,919	$ 187,298	$ 191,152	$ 188,901	$ 118,309	$ (72,843)	-38.11%
Employee Benefits	$ 84,522	$ 87,594	$ 97,634	$ 105,004	$ 104,816	$ 89,817	$ (15,187)	-14.46%
Contracted Services	$ 21,929	$ 16,583	$ 17,347	$ 26,188	$ 26,188	$ 54,240	$ 28,052	107.12%
Building Repairs	$ 32,464	$ 33,168	$ 39,745	$ 112,000	$ 112,000	$ 50,000	$ (62,000)	-55.36%
Property & Liability Insurance	$ 12,817	$ 11,796	$ 17,854	$ 19,970	$ 19,970	$ 21,334	$ 1,364	6.83%
Supplies	$ 14,913	$ 15,738	$ 17,427	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ -	0.00%
Electricity	$ 28,629	$ 38,683	$ 36,721	$ 32,400	$ 32,400	$ 34,800	$ 2,400	7.41%
Propane	$ 15,503	$ 14,897	$ 15,768	$ 17,000	$ 17,000	$ 17,000	$ -	0.00%
Sewer Fees	$ 6,630	$ 6,720	$ 6,780	$ 6,720	$ 6,720	$ 6,960	$ 240	3.57%
Equipment (New & Replacement)	$ 13,685	$ 5,422	$ -	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 2,000	$ 800	66.67%
Staff Travel	$ 869	$ 1,096	$ 2,533	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ -	0.00%
Dues/Fees	$ 885	$ 481	$ 952	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
Total Operation of Building	$ 405,522	$ 402,098	$ 440,060	$ 529,634	$ 527,194	$ 412,459	$ (117,175)	-22.12%
15 - TRANSPORTATION - 2700								
Student Transportation	$ 210,643	$ 221,175	$ 230,022	$ 236,923	$ 236,923	$ 248,769	$ 11,846	5.00%
Special Ed Transportation (M&R)	$ 41,532	$ 69,808	$ 5,950	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Athletic Trips	$ 102	$ -	$ 945	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ -	0.00%
Field Trips	$ 5,168	$ 7,632	$ 7,903	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	$ -	0.00%
HS Student Transportation			$ -			$ -	$ -	0.00%
Total Transportation	$ 257,446	$ 298,615	$ 244,819	$ 246,923	$ 246,923	$ 258,769	$ 11,846	4.80%

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16- FOOD SERVICES - 3100								
Salaries	$ 2,625	$ 2,500	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits	$ 201	$ 191	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Contracted Services	$ 59,768	$ 62,185	$ 48,563	$ 62,500	$ 62,500	$ 70,500	$ 8,000	12.80%
Repairs/New Equipment			$ 2,219	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ -	0.00%
Transportation			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Supplies	$ 1,776	$ 852	$ 1,385	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ -	0.00%
Total Food Service	$ 64,370	$ 65,727	$ 52,167	$ 66,000	$ 66,000	$ 74,000	$ 8,000	12.12%
17 - DEBT SERVICE - 5100								
Principal	$ 50,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 95,000	$ 95,000	0.00%
Interest	$ 1,000	$ -	$ -	$ 12,500	$ 12,500	$ 21,624	$ 9,124	72.99%
Interest BAN/Bond (Estimated)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	0.00%
Contracted Debt Service	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	0.00%
Total Debt Service	$ 51,000	$ -	$ -	$ 12,500	$ 12,500	$ 116,624	$ 104,124	832.99%
18 - TRANSFERS - 5200								
Capital Outlay - Building Improvement Banwell Architectural Design			$ 21,758			$ -	$ -	0.00%
Middle School Building Project			$ -	$ 1,500,000	$ 1,500,000	$ -	$ (1,500,000)	-100.00%
Trans. Spec. Ed. Trust			$ 100,000			$ -	$ -	0.00%
Trans. Food Service	$ 15,041	$ 16,180	$ 13,846	$ 15,600	$ 18,600	$ 20,600	$ 5,000	32.05%
Encumber & Payable						$ -	$ -	0.00%
Total Transfers	$ 15,041	$ 16,180	$ 135,604	$ 1,515,600	$ 1,518,600	$ 20,600	$ (1,495,000)	-98.64%
SUB TOTAL GENERAL ED EXPENDITURES K-12	$ 7,637,504	$ 7,733,780	$ 8,235,016	$ 10,254,598	$ 10,155,252	$ 8,761,921	$ (1,492,677)	-14.56%
								0.00%
19- Other							$ -	0.00%
Building and Ground Study			$ -	$ -			$ -	0.00%
SPED/Tuition Trust		$ 30,000	$ 10,000	$ -			$ -	0.00%
Warrant Revenue Fluctuations/Emergency		$ 10,000	$ -	$ -	$ 60,000		$ -	0.00%
Terrazzo Flooring	$ 45,000		$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	0.00%
Total Other	$ 45,000	$ 40,000	$ 10,000	$ -	$ 60,000		$ -	0.00%
							$ -	0.00%
TOTAL GENERAL ED EXPENDITURES K-12	$ 7,682,504	$ 7,773,780	$ 8,245,016	$ 10,254,598	$ 10,215,252	$ 8,761,921	$ (1,492,677)	-14.56%
Comparison Removing the Middle School Building Project								
Removing Bond / Donation								
Capital Outlay - Building Improvement Banwell Architectural Design				$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Middle School Building Project				$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Trans. Spec. Ed. Trust				$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Trans. Food Service				$ 15,600	$ 18,600	$ 20,600	$ 5,000	32.05%
Encumber & Payable				$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Total Transfers				$ 15,600	$ 18,600	$ 20,600	$ 5,000	32.05%
							$ -	0.00%
Sub Total General Ed Expenditures K-12				$ 8,754,599	$ 8,655,252	$ 8,761,921	$ 7,322	0.08%
19- Other								
Building and Ground Study				$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
SPED/Tuition Trust				$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Warrant Revenue Fluctuations/Emergency				$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Terrazzo Flooring				$ -	$ 60,000	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Total Other				$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
				$ -	$ 60,000	$ -	$ -	0.00%
TOTAL GENERAL ED EXPENDITURES K-12								
				$ 8,754,599	$ 8,715,252	$ 8,761,921	$ 7,322	0.08%

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	2022-2023 Total Year Actual	2023-2024 Total Year Actual	2024-2025 Total Year Actual	2025-2026 Voted BUDGET	2025-2026 Estimated Actual	2026-2027 Proposed BUDGET	2026-2027 $$ Increase 25-26 Budget	2026-2027 % Incr. Over 25-26 Budget

Projected Trust Fund Balance & Targets 6/30/26

	2024-2025 Trust Fund Balance	2024-2025 Trust Fund Addition Warrant UFB	2025-2026 Expected Withdrawl	2025-2026 Projected Interest	2025-2026 Projected 6/30/26 Balance	2026-2027 Budget Target Goal	2026-2027 $ Over/Under Target Goal	2026-2027 % Over/Under Target Goal
Trustee of Trust Funds								
Builiding Reserve Fund	$33,958	$0	$0	$1,019	**$34,977**	$50,000	-$15,023	**-30.05%**
School Benefits Fund	$60,099	$0	$60,000	$901	**$1,000**	$50,000	-$49,000	**-98.00%**
Special Education/Tuition Tfund	$416,545	$100,000	$0	$12,496	**$529,041**	$650,000	-$120,959	**-18.61%**
School Revenue Fund	$31,104	$0	$0	$62	**$31,166**	$50,000	-$18,834	**-37.67%**
School Capital Reserve Fund	$10,111	$0	$0	$20	**$10,131**	$100,000	-$89,869	**-89.87%**
Total All Trust Funds	**$551,817**	**$100,000**	**$60,000**	**$14,499**	**$606,316**	**$900,000**	**-$293,684**	**-32.63%**

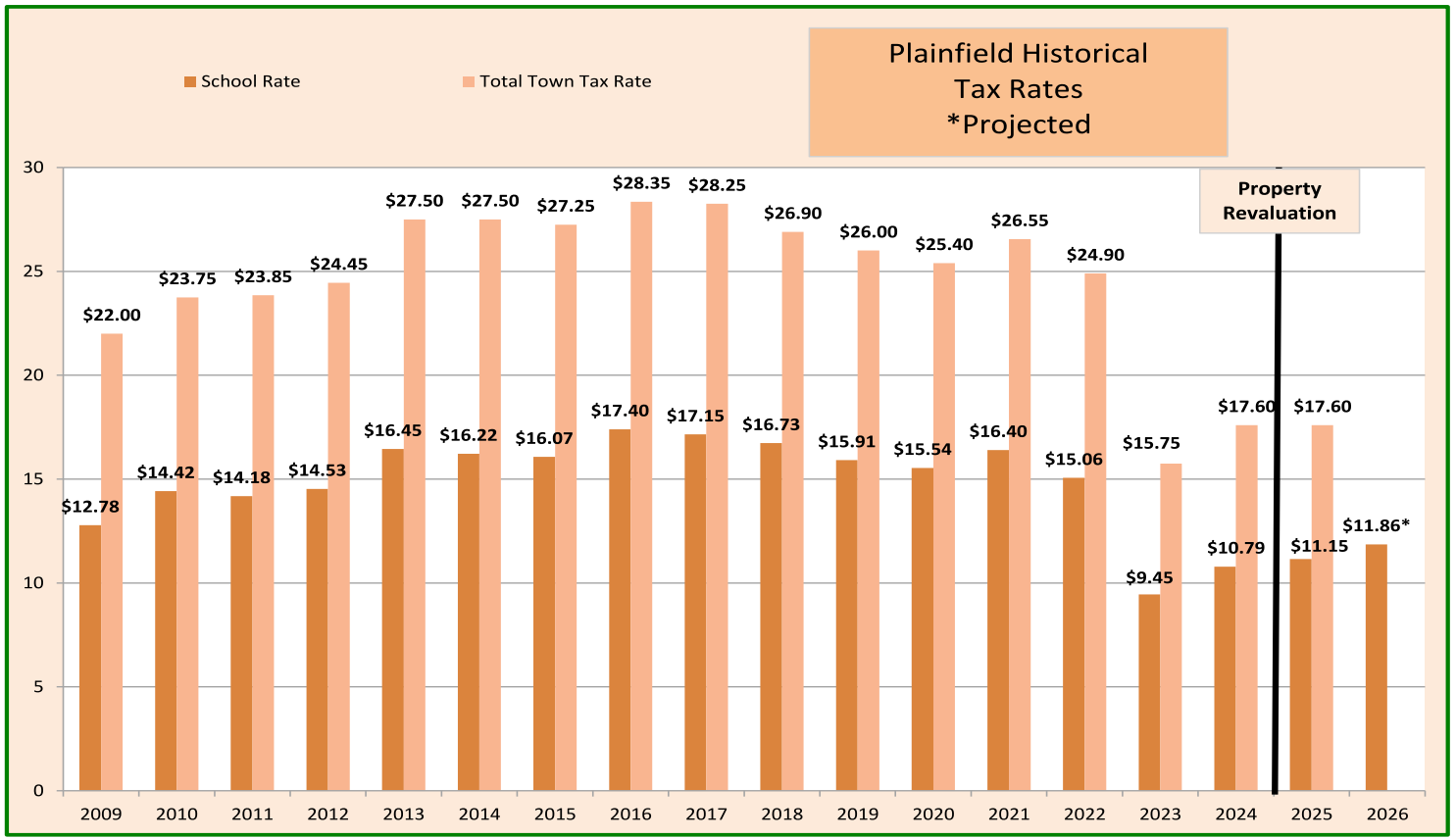
FY27 - Revenue Budget School Board Recommended - January 27, 2026

	'2022/2023 Total Year Actual	2023/2024 Total Year Actual	2024-2025 Total Year Actual	2025/2026 Official MS-24	2025/2026 Estimate ACTUAL	2026/2027 Proposed BUDGET	2026/2027 $$ Increase 25/26 Budget	2026/2027 % Incr. Over 25/26 Budget
LOCAL SOURCES:								
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	$ 511,278	$ 385,091	$ 270,076	$ 389,604	$ 389,604	$ 118,346	$ (271,258)	-69.62%
Interest Income	$ 27,783	$ 18,381	$ 46,570	$ 35,000	$ 42,000	$ 15,000	$ (20,000)	-57.14%
Food Service Revenues	$ 34,523	$ 36,027	$ 29,456	$ 30,000	$ 39,000	$ 45,000	$ 15,000	50.00%
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)		$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Sale of Bond/Note	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 500,000	$ 500,000			0.00%
Tuition Revenues		$ 21,962	$ 28,055	$ 28,055	$ 28,055	$ 28,055	$ -	0.00%
Transfer in Food Service	$ 15,041	$ 16,180	$ 13,846	$ 15,600	$ 18,600	$ 20,600	$ 5,000	32.05%
Transfer from Reserve Funds		$ -		$ -	$ 60,000		$ -	0.00%
Transfer from Bld Maint Reserve Fund		$ -		$ -		$ -	$ -	0.00%
Transfer from Capital Trust		$ -		$ -	$ -		$ -	0.00%
Fund Balance Retained	$ 281,493	$ -		$ -	$ -		$ -	0.00%
Deficit/Supplemental Appropriation		$ -		$ -		$ -	$ -	0.00%
Local SAU Revenue	$ 314,227	$ 365,574	$ 477,947	$ 560,027	$ 560,027	$ 422,137	$ (137,890)	-24.62%
Other (Includes Local Grants)	$ 59,019	$ 9,527	$ 49,369	$ 1,052,669	$ 1,052,669	$ 27,000	$ (1,025,669)	-97.44%
Total Local	$ 1,243,364	$ 852,742	$ 915,318	$ 2,610,955	$ 2,689,955	$ 676,138	$ (1,934,817)	-74.10%
STATE SOURCES:							$ -	0.00%
NH Adequacy Grant	957,630	777,136	$ 777,136	$ 727,009	$ 727,009	$ 762,596	$ 35,587	4.89%
NH Building Aid	0	0		$ -	$ -		$ -	0.00%
Special Education Aid	380,795	349,635	$ 255,788	$ 16,659	$ 16,659	$ 17,500	$ 841	5.05%
Child Nutrition	569	767	$ 698	$ 400	$ 400	$ 400	$ -	0.00%
Other	$ 38,031	$ 63,438	$ 624	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Total State	1,377,026	1,190,976	1,034,246	$ 744,068	$ 744,068	$ 780,496	$ 36,428	4.90%
FEDERAL SOURCES:								
Federal Grant Programs	$ 284,710	$ 254,670	$ 174,665	$ 161,700	$ 161,700	$ 162,900	$ 1,200	0.74%
OEP Capital Improvement Grant				$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)				$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Child Nutrition	$ 13,439	$ 10,129	$ 5,309	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	$ -	0.00%
Medicaid	$ 29,615	$ 10,891	$ 15,692	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ -	0.00%
Other		$ 5,670	$ 16,959	$ 20,200	$ 20,200	$ 20,200	$ -	$ -
Total Federal	327,764	281,360	212,625	209,900	209,900	211,100	$ 1,200	0.57%
							$ -	$ -
TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUES	2,948,155	2,325,078	2,162,190	3,564,923	3,643,923	1,667,734	$ (1,897,189)	-53.22%
Property Tax Dollars Needed	4,693,649	5,126,496	$ 5,896,331	6,099,855	6,099,855	6,541,393	$ 441,538	7.24%
SWEPT	425,791	592,282	$ 576,099	589,820	589,820	552,794	$ (37,026)	-6.28%
	5,119,440	5,718,778	6,472,430	6,689,675	6,689,675	7,094,187	404,512	6.05%
TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET	8,067,595	8,043,856	8,634,620	10,254,598	10,333,598	8,761,921	$ (1,492,677)	-14.56%
							$ -	
TOTAL REVENUES	8,067,595	8,043,856	8,634,620	10,254,598	10,333,598	8,761,921	$ (1,492,677)	
							$ -	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,682,504	7,773,780	8,245,016	10,254,598	10,215,252	8,761,921	$ (1,492,677)	
							$ -	
SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)	385,091	270,076	389,604	0	118,346	0	0	

FY27 Estimated Tax Rate - School Board Recommended 1-27-26						
Plainfield School District						
Proposed 26-27 Budget						
			Estimated	Actual	2026-2027	Increase/
			Tax Rate	As Set	Budget	(Decrease)
			At March 2025	2025/2026		MS-24
			Annual Meeting	MS-24		
Revenues:						
	Interest Income		15,000	35,000	15,000	-20,000
	Local SAU Revenue		560,027	560,027	422,137	-137,890
	Other Local Revenue		80,724	1,580,724	55,055	-1,525,669
	Special Education Aide		0	16,659	17,500	841
	Other State/Federal Sources (EFA Phase Out)		20200	20,200	20200	0
	Medicaid		20,000	20,000	20,000	0
	Unassigned Fund Balance		389,604	389,604	118,346	-271,258
	Adequate Education Grant		743,719	727,009	762,596	35,587
	State Education Tax		589,820	589,820	552,794	-37,026
			2,419,094	3,939,043	1,983,628	-1,955,415
Budget						
	Total Operating Budget (All Funds)		8,742,098	8,742,098	8,761,921	19,823
	Warrant Articles Approved		0	1,512,500	0	-1,512,500
			8,742,098	10,254,598	8,761,921	-1,492,677
	Less:					
	Food Service		66,000	54,000	74,000	20,000
	Grants		161,700	161,700	162,900	1,200
	Total General Fund		8,514,398	10,038,898	8,525,021	-1,513,877
	Less Revenues		2,419,094	3,939,043	1,983,628	-1,955,415
	Local Property Tax Amount		6,095,304	6,099,855	6,541,393	441,538
	Property Tax Calculation:					
	Assessed Valuation with Utilities		546,687,153	551,542,892	551,542,892	542,261,444
	Assessed Valuation without Utilities		536,519,353	541,388,092	541,388,092	532,365,744
	Local Tax Rate		11.15	11.06	11.86	0.80
	State Education Tax Rate		1.10	1.09	1.02	-0.07
	Total School Tax Effort Operating Budget		12.25	12.14	12.88	0.73

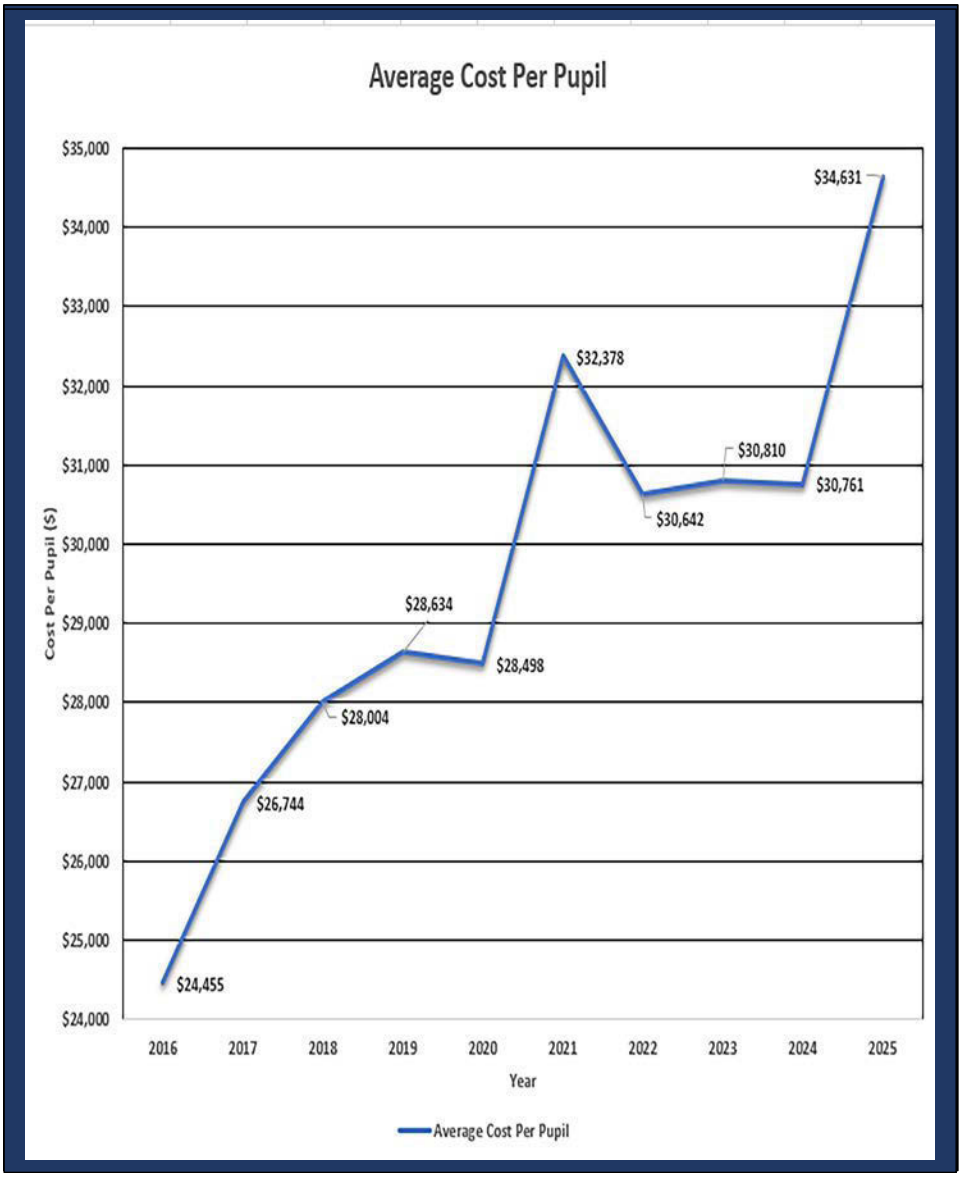


Plainfield School District
Historical Tax Data 2009-2026*

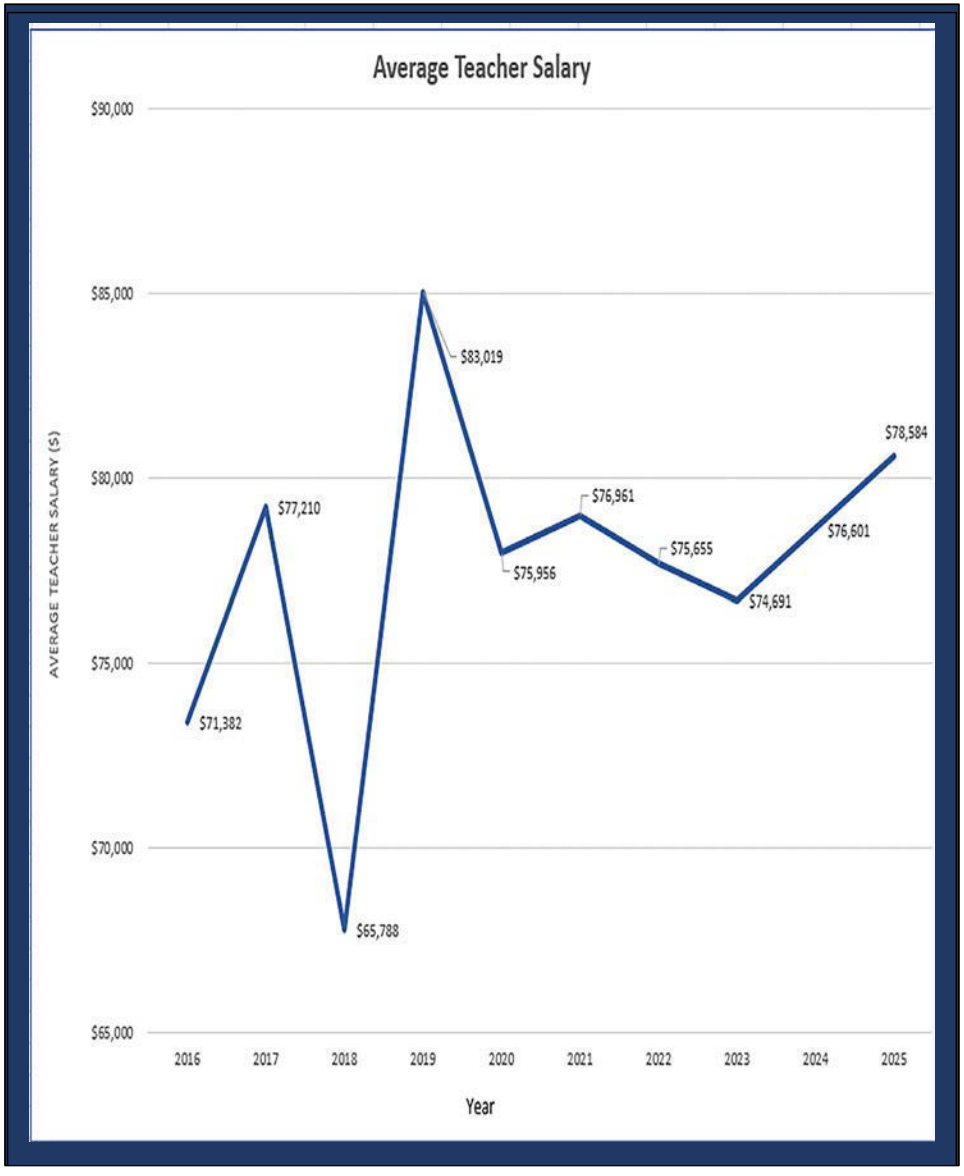


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Plainfield School District, SAU#32

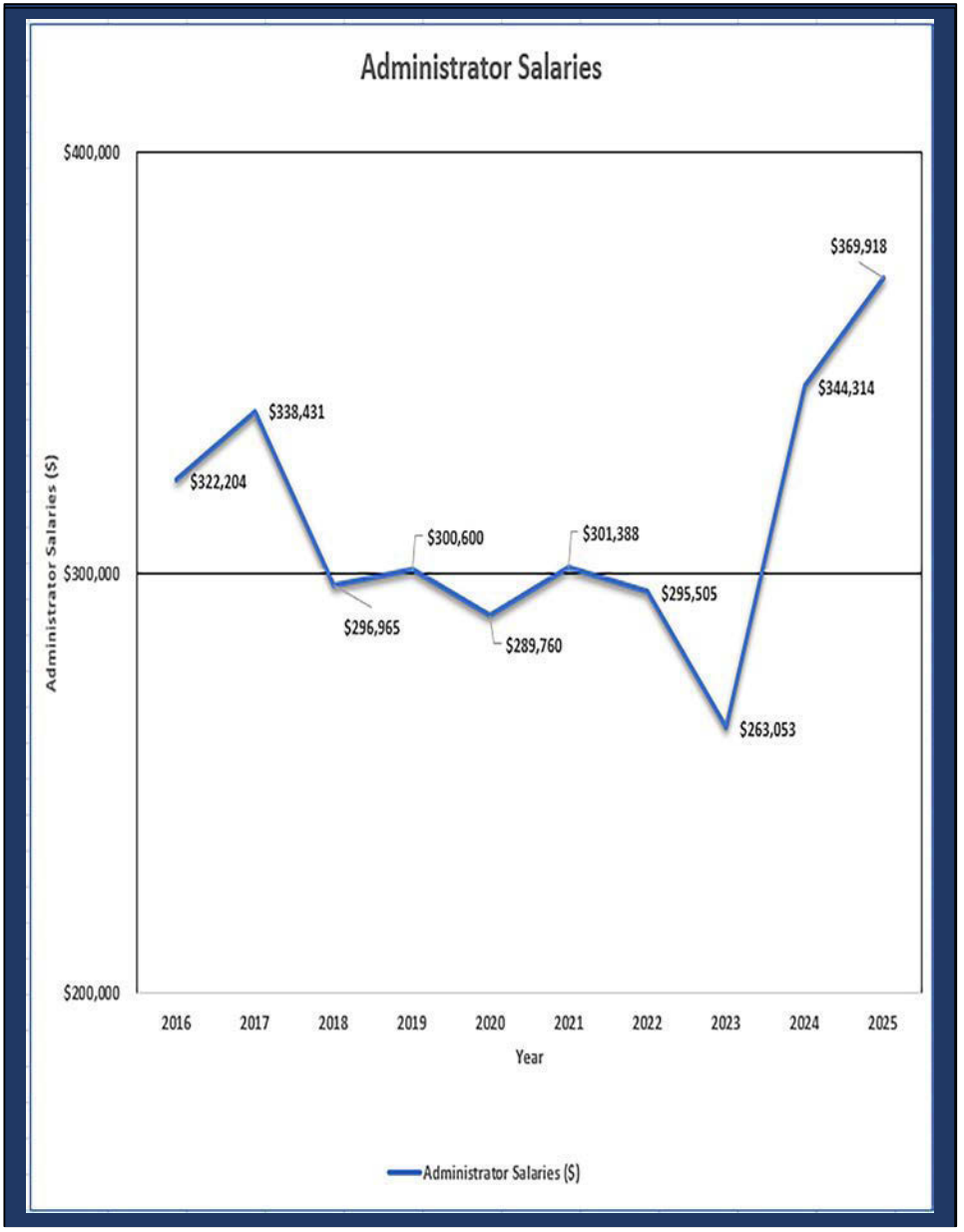


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Top Administrator Salaries	
Administrator Title	Current Salary
Principal	$113,362
Superintendent	$74,800
Business Administrator	$72,915
CIA Director	$49,920

2025 SERIES B NON GUARANTEED

5 YEAR DEBT SCHEDULE FOR

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE PREPARED:	07/17/25	Total Proceeds	$500,000.00
BONDS DATED:	07/15/25	Premium to Reduce Loan	$24,200.00
INTEREST START DATE:	08/14/25	Amount of Loan to be Paid	$475,800.00
FIRST INTEREST PAYMENT:	02/15/26		
TRUE INTEREST COST:	3.24%		

DEBT YEAR	PAYMENT DATE **	PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING	PRINCIPAL	RATE	INTEREST	TOTAL PAYMENT **	FISCAL YEAR TOTAL PAYMENT	OUTSTANDING INTEREST
	02/15/26				$12,080.69	$12,080.69	$12,080.69	$60,064.71
1	08/15/26	$475,800.00	$95,200.00	5.050%	12,013.95	107,213.95		48,050.76
	02/15/27				9,610.15	9,610.15	116,824.10	38,440.61
2	08/15/27	380,600.00	95,150.00	5.050%	9,610.15	104,760.15		28,830.46
	02/15/28				7,207.61	7,207.61	111,967.76	21,622.85
3	08/15/28	285,450.00	95,150.00	5.050%	7,207.61	102,357.61		14,415.24
	02/15/29				4,805.08	4,805.08	107,162.69	9,610.16
4	08/15/29	190,300.00	95,150.00	5.050%	4,805.08	99,955.08		4,805.08
	02/15/30				2,402.54	2,402.54	102,357.62	2,402.54
5	08/15/30	95,150.00	95,150.00	5.050%	2,402.54	97,552.54	97,552.54	(0.00)
	TOTALS		$475,800.00		$72,145.40	$547,945.40	$547,945.40	

NHMBB New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank

PLAINFIELD ENROLLMENT – October 1, 2025

GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
K	8	13	21
1	7	8	15
2	7	3	10
3	9	13	22
4	9	7	16
5	15	16	31
6	9	14	23
7	11	10	21
8	12	10	22
Subtotal	**85**	**98**	**181**

Home Study Students: 0

Total Enrollment including Home and Remote Study: **181**

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2025

Rylie Arruda
Jace Buckwold
Mason Darak
Kaleigh Ferri
Mallory Givent
Ryan Jewell
Piper Lundrigan
Lucie Marsh
Jonathan Pringle
Aidan Ramirez
Benjamin Saunders
Cheyenne Tyler
Lyla Weinstein
Duncan Barnett
Elizabeth Button
Emma Fellows
Ava George
Ellis Harrington
Regan Lighthiser
Jackson Klocek
Caden Piper
Logan Pushee
Warren Ramsey
Madison Surrette
Bristol Webster

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL RECOGNITION AWARDS 2025

TEACHERS' AWARDS: Kaleigh Ferri and Aidan Ramirez

CORY TABER AWARD: Warren Ramsey

PTO CITIZENSHIP AWARD: Lucie Marsh

EXCELLENCE IN ART: Madison Surrette and Warren Ramsey

EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC: Kaleigh Ferri & Jackson Klocek

GROBE-REISCH SPORTSMANSHIP: Mason Darak and Bristol Webster

GARIPAY-BEAUPRE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE: Ellis Harrington & Warren Ramsey

PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:
Duncan Barnett, Elizabeth Button, Kaleigh Ferri, Ellis Harrington, Jackson Klocek, Warren Ramsey and Madison Surrette

PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:
Mason Darak, Regan Lighthiser, Caden Piper, Benjamin Saunders and Bristol Webster

NELMS SCHOLAR LEADER AWARDS: Regan Lighthiser and Benjamin Saunders

THE HERBERT E. WARD MEMORIAL ESSAY CONTEST:

1st place: Kaleigh Ferri
2nd place: Jackson Klocek
3rd place: (tie)Emma Fellows, Madison Surrette

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kimball Union Academy 2024-2025

Plainfield Residents

Grade 9

Clairette Bretton	Grayson Davies
Brinley Dodge	Iris Handy
Benjamin Lewis	Griffin McClure
Gracie Porter	Audrey Underhill

Grade 10

Eden Brown	Carter Rogers
Miko Stephens	Bryson Tucker

Grade 11

Jackson Davies	Chloe Dixon
Reid Gueldenzoph	

Grade 12

Aiden Bean	Sebastian Keen
Sylvia McClure	Ian Surgenor
Michael Winham	





Lebanon High School
Class of 2025
Senior Awards ~ Plainfield Recipients

President's Award for Educational Excellence	Rebecca Ball Nina Ellingson Reeve Green Kyle Hines
President's Award for Educational Achievement	Katelyn Billingham
School Council Senior Representatives	Reeve Green *Moderator*

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Excellence in Art Award	Laura Hines Anya Zabski
Excellence in Woodworking	Caleb Swinson
Society of Women Engineers Award	High Honor: Nina Ellingson Honor: Rebecca Ball
Social Studies Award	Reeve Green
Technology & Computer Science Award	William McGonigle

HACTC Honors & Awards

The Northern Motorsports Award	David Champagne
The White River Junction Rotary Chef Jerry Cote HACTC Culinary Award	Andrew Singleton

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

American Legion Post22 Ed Lalumiere Military GestureAward	Mark Givent
American Legion Post 22 Past Commander Trades Award	Katelyn Billingham
Charles R. Chamley & Langdon R. Metcalf Girls Basketball	Nina Ellingson
Dollars for Scholars Award	Rebecca Ball
Frank & Olive Gilman Foundation Scholarship	Rebecca Ball
Kendall-Stevens Memorial Award	Reeve Green
LHS Faculty Good Citizenship Award in Memory of Ray Plante	Nina Ellingson
Oberkotter Family Foundation Scholarship	Augustin Ramos-Glew
Paul Shores Family Scholarship for Creative Arts	Reeve Green

Plainfield Elementary School PTA Award	Nina Ellingson
Read, Philip Memorial Library Scholarship	Rebecca Ball
	Nina Ellingson
	Reeve Green
STEM Internship Award for Excellence	Paul Yates
Take Flight Recognition	Rebecca Ball
	Kyle Hines
Tyler Simms Memorial Scholarship	Laura Hines
USMC Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence	Reeve Green
William J. English Memorial Award	Kyle Hines

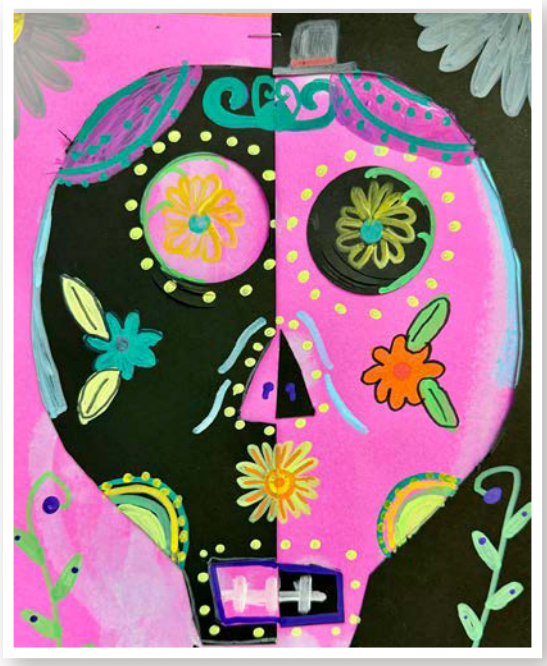
Lebanon High School
2024-2025 Underclassmen Awards
Plainfield Recipients

Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award	Sara Forman
Lassell	Roark (Alex) Wheelock
Choral Music	Paige Falcone
Model United Nations	Sara Forman
Science Award	John Rendahl
	Nolan Hewett
School Council Representatives	Audrey Newton ‘26
	Annella Marsh ‘26
	Maximus Perriello ‘27
	Mara Caastell ‘28
	Tucker Green ‘28
	Calvin Ramos-Glew ‘28



Plainfield Honor Society Members
2025

Lebanon Chapter of the National Honor Society	Evelyn Button Ian George Kieran Lord Lucas Rodriguez Miles Saunders Sylvia Twarog
Science Honor Society	Sara Forman
Spanish Honor Society	Evelyn Button Sara Forman Lucas Rodriguez Sylvia Twarog



Lebanon High School
Plainfield Tuition Students 2024-2025

Grade 9

Jayden Aremburg
William Balch
Ayden Billingham
Caelan Boynton
Mara Castell
Lucinda Crouse
Michael Demidov
Paige Falcone
Tucker Green
Hannah Henderson
Nolan Hewett
Derik Lapan
Talon Lord
Andrew Newton
Andrew Pearse
Asher Perry
Calvin Ramos-Glew
John Rendahl
Marques Samerson
Isak Tell
Chandler Wetherington
Gardell Wetherington
Jay Zabski

Grade 10

Kayden Balch
Evelyn Button
Ian George
Kristen Higgins
Zachary Illsley
Casey Jordan
Connor Noyes
Maximus Perriello
Lucas Rodriguez
Jacob Singleton
Nathaniel Thorpe
Logan Timme
Telemos Tomlinson
Sylvia (Sylvie) Twarog

Grade 11

Maezie Angles
Sara Forman
Clayton Godfrey
Kieran Lord
Ryan Lundrigan
Annella Marsh
Fricis Mitenbergs
Minji Moeykens
Audrey Newton
Isaac Perry
Miles Saunders
Vincent Sites
Alyssa Warner
Roark (Alex) Wheelock
Esther Wilmot

Grade 12

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



PLAINFIELD TEACHERS: 2025-2026 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	1.0	$48,688		$50,342		$52,055		$53,825		$55,653
2	1.0	$50,410		$52,125		$53,886		$55,728		$57,623
3	1.0	$52,195		$53,969	0.8	$55,802		$57,702		$59,664
4		$54,043		$55,880		$57,779		$59,743		$61,775
5		$55,955		$57,857		$59,824		$61,861		$63,962
6		$57,936		$59,905		$61,943		$64,049		$66,227
7		$59,989		$62,026		$64,135		$66,315		$68,571
8		$62,112		$64,224		$66,407		$68,663		$70,999
9	1.0	$64,308		$66,496		$68,755		$71,095	1.02	$73,511
10		$66,586		$68,848		$71,191		$73,609		$76,114
11		$68,943	1.0	$71,287		$73,712		$76,218		$78,809
12		$71,384		$73,811	1.0	$76,319		$78,915		$81,598
13		$73,910		$76,424	1.0	$79,023	1.0	$81,708		$84,486
14		$76,526	1.0	$79,128	1.0	$81,820		$84,601		$87,478
15		$79,236	1.0	$81,930	1.0	$84,715	1.03	$87,596		$90,576
16		$82,043		$84,830	6.0	$87,715	1.7	$90,698	2.0	$93,781
FTE	4.0		3.0		10.8		3.69		3.02	**24.51**
#of Staff										

Plainfield School District
2025-2026 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
Bridge	Viki	B.A. University of New Hampshire, M.Ed. Plymouth State College
Bucklin	Audra	B.A. College of the Holy Cross, M.Ed. Plymouth State College
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
Dressler	Amy	M.Ed. Castleton State College
Ellis	April	B.S. Keene State College
Harrington	Abigail	M.S. University of Vermont, M.A. Upper Valley Educators Institute, B.A. Brown University
Hunnewell	Joshua	B.A. Colby College
Kelly	Melissa	M.Ed. Franklin Pierce University, B.S. Colby Sawyer College
Klocek	Erin	B.A., Franklin and Marshall College; M.A., Johnson State College
Kondratowicz	Jessica	B.S. State University at Oneonta, M.S. State University at Albany
Lizotte	Jennifer	B.S. Keene State College, M.Ed.S. NH University
Maling	Jackson	B.A. Dartmouth College
McKittrick	Lindsay	B.A. Smith College
Mellow	Erin	B.S. Saint Lawrence University, M.A. School for International Training
Parker	Amanda	B.A. Granite State College, MEd Plymouth State University
Peters	Patricia	B.S. Bridgewater State College
Riley	Kyle	B.A. Suffolk University/Univ. of Massachusetts Dartmouth, M.S. Cambridge College
Russo	Melinda	BFA Boston University, MSEd Northwestern University
Smith	Angela	M.S. Plymouth State Univeristy, B.A. Willamette University
Smith	Jennifer	B.S. Springfield College
St. James	Silas	B.A. Dartmouth College, M.A. George Washington University
Taber	Melinda	B.S. University of New Hampshire, M.Ed. UNH
Whitford	Audrey	M.S. National University
Winrow	Alaina	B.M. University of New Hampshire
Wolfinger	Giuseppina	M.S. Nazareth College

Plainfield School District
2025-2026 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. UNH, CAS, IBCCES Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders Antioch Univ New England
Downs	Janna	Certified School Facility Manager, NHASBO
Goerke	Shelley	Certified Para II
Goodrow	Fawn	B.S. Merrimack College
Holmes	Elizabeth	
Jacobson	Cate	
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
Schoolcraft	Cody	B.S. University of New Hampshire
Smith-Oullette	Kristina	B.S. Colby Sawyer College
Stone	Leah	
Truman	Brooke	
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



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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 **$125,075.93** in FY **2026.** 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 special education staff, supplies, 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 2025. Delivery of the services proposed is contingent upon the approval of the application and the actual receipt of funds.













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

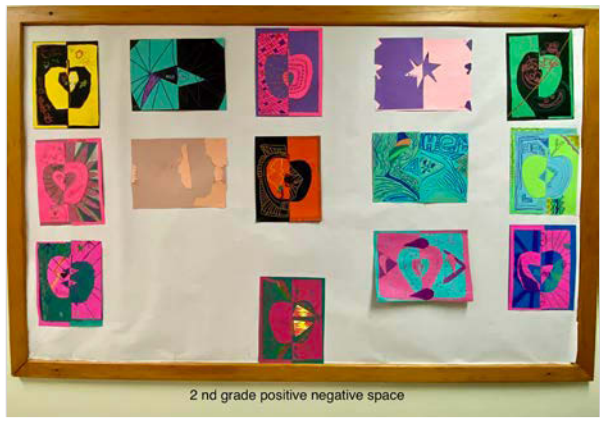
NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

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.


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Plainfield Weather Summary 2025

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	19.6	39.6	-14.6	81.2	15.9	30.40	29.23	0.93	31.54	4	30	0	0
February	21.4	48.2	-13.2	80.4	20.6	30.58	29.01	0.35	41.20	6	27	0	0
March	35.5	65.3	-6.9	77.5	17.2	30.22	29.20	4.29	71.11	1	27	0	0
April	45.4	83.5	18.0	75.1	18.3	30.50	29.31	3.09	102.22	0	12	1	0
May	54.8	84.6	32.0	88.8	13.6	30.36	29.08	10.75	97.40	0	0	3	0
June	65.5	94.8	37.4	87.4	13.6	30.30	29.36	2.73	126.09	0	0	10	3
July	71.2	91.9	43.9	89.5	14.8	30.28	29.67	3.09	143.77	0	0	24	5
August	65.5	94.6	39.7	84.5	12.5	30.46	29.76	0.51	131.08	0	0	18	5
September	60.1	84.4	29.1	84.8	11.4	30.41	29.67	3.92	91.14	0	1	9	0
October	48.6	86.9	24.4	86.7	20.6	30.52	29.04	4.25	62.37	0	11	3	0
November	35.0	58.3	17.2	88.9	18.3	30.45	29.07	2.43	27.49	0	25	0	0
December	22.0	55.9	-11.2	84.7	18.3	30.37	29.09	0.66	21.07	5	31	0	0
2025	43.4	94.8	-14.6	84.1	20.6	30.58	29.01	37.00	946.47	16	164	68	13
2024	45.7	94.5	-11.2	85.1	30.9	30.87	28.92	36.89	968.00	4	150	65	4
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 — April 27

First fall frost — September 21

Lowest temperature — January 22

Highest temperature — June 19

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

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

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