

ANNUAL REPORTS
FOR THE
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS
2013

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Although we, the Plainfield Select Board, aspire to recognize and show our appreciation to those whose contributions to Plainfield make it a wonderful place in which to live, our aspirations are oftentimes supplanted by events beyond our control. While we posthumously honor the contributions James Pilgrim and James Drake have made to our town, we reflect upon and acknowledge those who give their time and efforts for the betterment of Plainfield. Indeed, "It takes a village".



JIM PILGRIM

Jim moved to Plainfield in the early 1990's with his wife Thelma after they renovated the family(Nye) farm on West Hill Rd. Jim was retiring from a successful insurance career while raising a family in Connecticut. Time to relax and enjoy his retirement? Not Jim, as he dived into multiple projects both on his farm and around town. In a few years, no matter where you looked...church, town baseball field, library, town meetings and offices; you probably saw Jim. In many ways, he was just what the town needed at that time. Soon he was on church committees, umpiring town Little League games, helping oversee the Library operations, assisting town office officials, volunteering on committees overseeing student athletes and the Carl Nilman Scholarship program at Mohawk Trail Regional School. He helped get the Plainfield Post out every two weeks, and sat on the regional Highland Ambulance Board of Directors as our Plainfield representative.

It was obvious he loved children and did so many things behind the scenes to insure that Plainfield's own had opportunities to enjoy as many activities as was possible. He made a HUGE difference in so many aspects of family life in town. Strong minded and not afraid to speak his mind on subjects he felt were important whether it be the annual town or church budget, making that called third strike, and reminding those who might have forgotten, the by-laws of a particular group or committee he was meeting with; Jim backed up his talk with hard work behind the scenes, that, in the end, made many of our lives easier.

Ultimately, Jim favorite spot was probably on his lawn mower mowing all those acres year after year; I hope it gave him time to pause and realize all that he gave all of us in the short time we had him.



EDGAR JAMES DRAKE, JR.

One year prior to his retirement from the United States Navy, Jim and his wife Carolyn purchased a farm in Plainfield, sight unseen, where they worked as a team raising and nurturing cattle, horses, donkeys, sheep, and other animals for the next 30 years. Both Jim's love of farming and his naval experience carried over into his Plainfield life. He was always willing to lend a helping hand when called upon by family, friends, and neighbors. Jim made himself available to support his farming neighbors as well as share his military knowledge with those considering military service. His pleasant demeanor and warm smile were always evident.

Writing about Jim wouldn't be complete without mentioning his love of Cummington Fair since it is where he and Carolyn reconnected on a Ferris Wheel ride in 1968 thus beginning their life together.

Apparently, Jim didn't grasp the concept of "retirement". Following his 26 years in the navy he held jobs as an electrician for more than one contractor, school bus driver, and served the Town of Plainfield in the capacity of Electrical Inspector for many years.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Assessors-3 Years

Claude E. Dupont III, Chairman	2015
Howard Hudson- appointed	2014
Dudley Williams	2016
Wayne E. Phillips, Jr.-Deceased	

Board of Health-3 Years

David A. Danielson, Chairman,	2014
David Crowell	2015
Ellen Dupont	2016
Ruby Goodnoff -Term-	expired 2013

Board of Selectmen-3 Years

Phillip S. Lococo, Chairman	2016
Judith Feeley	2014
Dennis Mimitz	2015

Constables-3 Years

1st-Merton Taylor, Sr.	2016
2nd-Edward E. Morann	2016

Councilor, Hampshire Council of Governments-2 Years

David A. Danielson-appointed	2014
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Library Trustees-3 Years

Sandra Morann, Chairman	2015
Ann Kohn	2016
Linda O'Dea	2014

Moderator- I Year

Penn Moulton	2014
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School Committee-3 Years

Heather Davis	2016
Robert Aeschback	2014

Tax Collector-3 Years

Mary Lynn Sabourin- term expired (Changed to Appointed per Town By-Laws)	2013
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Town Clerk-3 Years

Theresa A. Thatcher	2016
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Treasurer-3 Years

Linda Alvord -term expired 6/30/213 (Changed to Appointed per Town By-Laws)	
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Tree Warden- I Year

Claude E. Dupont III	2014
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Whiting Street Fund Disbursement Committee-3 Years

David W. Alvord, Chairman	2014
Ellen Baer	2015
Robert Persing	2016

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Accountant-3 Years

Paula J. King	2016
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Ad Hoc Road Status Committee- I Year

William Sheppard	2014
Merton Taylor, Jr.	2014
Edward Morann	2014

Agricultural Commission-3 Years

Anna Manning-Hanchett, Chairman	2015
Paul Dileo	2014
Derek Ritchie	2015
Edward Stockman	2016
John Taliaferro	2016

Agricultural Commission-Alternate- I Year

David Crowell	2014
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AMCO Officer

Philip Lococo	2014
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Americans with Disabilities Act Committee- I Year

William Adams	2014
Vacant	2014

Animal Aid Committee- I Year

Ronald A. Scott, Chairman	2014
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Animal Control Officer- I Year

Vacant	2014
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Board of Registrars-3 Years

John F. Westwood, Chairman	2014
Linda J. Melle	2015
Theresa A. Thatcher	2016
Vacant	2016
Thelma Pilgrim-Resigned	

Building Committee-3 Years

James Feeley, Chairman	2014
Claude E Dupont III	2015
Dennis Mimitz	2016
Andrew Sargenski	2016
Vacant	2015
Vacant	2015
Clara Pleun Bouricius-Resigned	

Building Local Inspector- I Year

Vacant	2014
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Burial Agent- I Year

Theresa A. Thatcher	2014
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Carl Nilman Scholarship Committee Rep.- I Year

Vacant	2013
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James Pilgrim-Resigned/Deceased

Cemetery Committee-3 Years

Theresa A. Thatcher, Clerk	2015
Merton D. Taylor, Sr.	2014
Vacant	2016
Betsy Howes-Resigned	

Conservation Commission-3 Years

Judith B. Williams, Chairman	2015
Emily Boss	2015
Susan LaRock	2016
John Nelson	2014
Alice Schertle	2016

Cori Officer- I Year

Edward E. Morann	2013
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Council on Aging-3 Years

Jay McMahon, Chairman	2016
Philip Alessio	2015
Ruby Goodnoff	2016
Ann Kohn	2015

Vacant 2014

Council on Aging -Alternate- I Year

James Feeley	2014
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Cultural Council-3 Years

David Kramer, Chairman-resigned	
Erik Burcroff	2015
Dario Coletta	2016
Rebecca Coletta	2016
Linda Christie	2016
Elaine Holder	2015
Perri Kelly	2015
Sarah Stull	2014

Emergency Management- I Year	
Merton D. Taylor, Jr., Chairman	2014
Dennis Thatcher, Co-Chairman	2014
Laurence D. Wood, Jr., Co-Chairman	2014
Field Driver- I Year	
David Crowell	2014
Finance Committee-3 Years	
Robert L. Persing, Chairman	2016
Bettie Briggs	2016
David Briggs	2016
Paul Walters	2015
Roberta Wooldridge	2015
Fire Department- I Year	
Dennis A. Thatcher, Chief	2014
David W. Alvord, Deputy Chief	2014
Edward E. Morann, Captain	2014
Merton D. Taylor, Jr., Captain	2014
Matthew Hardwick, Lieutenant	2014
Ellen Dupont, Lieutenant	2014
Stacey Magdycz, Lieutenant -took leave a absence	
Flags & Flowers Committee- I Year	
Ruth D. Fuhrmann, Chairman	2014
Susan M. Lococo	2014
Sandra J. Morann	2014
Bonnie F. Phillips	2014
Vacant	2014
Franklin Regional Transit Authority- I Year	
Judith Feeley	2014
Genealogist- I Year	
Betsey H. Howes	2014
Grant Writing Committee-3 Years	
Kimberly Longley	2014
Vacant	2015
Vacant	2016
Hazardous Materials Officer- I Year	
Dennis A. Thatcher	2014
Highland Ambulance -Town Representative - I Year	
Vacant	2014
James Pilgrim-resigned/Deceased	
Highland Valley Elder Services- I Year	
Ann Kohn	2014
Hilltown Community Development Corp. Rep,e- I Year	
Robert M. Baker	2014
Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative- I Year	
David A. Danielson	2014
John Nelson	2014
Historical Commission-3 Years	
Judy A. Williams, Chairman	2014
Laurie Austin	2015
Bettie Briggs	2015
Dario Coletta	2014
Dudley Williams	2016
Inspector of Animals- I Year	
Vacant	2013
Kyle Meservy- Resigned	
Master Street Address Guide Committee- I Year	
Edward E. Morann, Chairman	2014
Robert L. Persing	2014
Dennis A. Thatcher	2014
Theresa A. Thatcher	2014
Laurence D. Wood, Jr.	2014

MBI Community Rep. (Point of Contact)- I Year	
Brian Hawthorne	2014
Mohawk Municipal Advisory Committee- I Year	
Robert Persing	2014
MTRSD Long Range Planning Committee- I Year	
Maribeth Ritchie	2014
Moth Superintendent- I Year	
Judy B. Williams	2014
Municipal Hearing Officer/M.G.L. Chap. 148A- I Year	
Penn Moulton	2014
Plainfield's Delegation-Wired West- I Year	
Brian Holt-Hawthorne	2014
Joshua Shearer-Alternate	2014
Plainfield's Energy Committee- I Year	
Stephen Bushway	2014
Ruby Goodnoff	2014
Conrad Liebinow	2014
Susan Pearson	2014
Edward Stockman	2014
Sarah Stull	2014
Paul Walters	2014
Planning Board-3 Years	
Edward Morann, Chairman	2015
Claude E. Dupont III	2015
Brian Holt-Hawthorne	2015
Penn Moulton	2015
Robert L. Persing	2016
Police Department- I Year	
Laurence D. Wood, Jr., Chief	2014
Stacy Magdycz, Assistant Chief	2014
Joshua Shearer, Regular Officer	2014
Police Department-Special Officers	
Edward E. Morann	2014
Sandra Morann	2014
Merton D. Taylor, Sr.	2014
Bernard L. Forgea	
Recreation Committee-3 Years	
Sandra Morann, Chairman	2015
Heather Davis	2015
Justina Harrison	2015
Kenneth Magdycz	2015
Roxanne Shearer	2014
Recreation Committee Alternates- I Year	
(as needed only)	
Kara Kitchen	2014
Robert Jensen	2014
Gino Orlandi	2014
Right to Know Officer- I Year	
Gregor B. Prentice	2014
Route 116 Scenic Byway Corridor Management	
Plan Byway- I Year	
Dudley Williams	2014
Safety Coordinator- I Year	
Gregor B. Prentice	2014
School Council Community Representative- I Year	
Vacant	2014
Surveyors of Wood & Lumber- I Year	
Claude E. Dupont III	2014
Vacant	2014

Tax Collector- I Year	
Heather Davis	2014
Tax Collector Assistant- I Year	
Vacant	201
Town Clerk Assistant- I Year	
Vacant	2014
Betsy Howes-Resigned	
Treasurer - I Year	
Linda Alvord	2014
Treasurer Assistant- I Year	
Vacant	2014
Town Perambulator- I Year	
Erik Burcroft	2014
Town Administrative Assistant/Secretary-3 Year	
Paula King	2016
Uniform Procurement Officer- I Year	
Dennis Mimitz	2014
Veteran's Agent- I Year	
Leo J. Parent, Jr.	2014
Veterans' Graves Officer- I Year	
Dudley Williams	2014
Veteran's Service, Western Franklin Rep.- I Year	
Phillip S. Lococo	2014
Zoning Board of Appeals-3 Years	
Robert E. Mellstrom, Chairman	2014
Joan Wattman	2014
Dudley Williams	2016
Vacant	2015
Zoning Board of Appeals-Alternate I Year	
Edward Kohn	2014
Sandra J. Morann	2014

HIRED POSITIONS

Assessor's Assistant- I Year	
Catherine Hall	2014
Building Commissioner/Inspec.of Buildings-3 Years	
Gerald W. Garner	2015
Gas Fittings Inspector- I Year	
Donald Lawton	2014
Highway Superintendent- I Year	
Merton Taylor Jr.	2014
Library Director- I Year	
Denise M. Sessions	2014
Wiring Inspector- I Year	
William Graham	2014
Plumbing Inspector- I Year	
Donald Lawton	2014
Tax Collector Deputy- I Year	
Point Software	2014
Town Counsel- I Year	
Attorney Ronald Berenson	2014
Kopelman & Paige	2014
Attorney John H Fitz-Gibbon	2014
Town Custodian- I Year	
Bonnie Phillips	2014

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME-2013

Qty		Town Fees	Total Collected
1	Bicentennial Porcelain Plate	\$12.00	\$ 12.00
1	Bicentennial Coin	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
1	Bicentennial Plate	\$12.00	\$ 12.00
2	Bicentennial Tiles	\$ 3.50	\$ 7.00
8	Birth Certificate Copies	\$ 5.00	\$ 40.00
33	Death Certificate Copies	\$ 5.00	\$ 165.00
5	Dog Late Fee	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00
1	Dog Late Fee	\$25.00	\$ 25.00
2	Marriage Certificate	\$10.00	\$ 20.00
3	Plainfield Map	\$ 2.00	\$ 6.00
3	Town By-Law Copy	\$10.00	\$ 30.00
1	Town Post Cards - pk of 5	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Totals			\$338.00
Total Paid to Treasurer			\$338.00

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Description	Cost	no. of animals	Pd Town Treasurer	Pd County Treasurer	Total Collected
Males	\$6.00	6	\$4.50	\$31.50	\$36.00
Males-Neutered	\$3.00	51	\$38.25	\$114.75	\$153.00
Females	\$6.00	8	\$6.00	\$42.00	\$48.00
Females -Spayed	\$3.00	43	\$32.25	\$96.75	\$129.00
Kennels-10 or less	\$25.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Replace Tag	\$0.10	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Late Fee	\$5.00	1	\$0.75	\$4.25	\$5.00
Late Fee	\$10.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Late Fee	\$25.00	2	\$1.50	\$48.50	\$50.00
Totals			\$83.25	\$337.75	\$421.00
Paid to Town Treasurer					\$83.25
Paid to Hampshire Council of Government					\$337.75
Total Collected					\$421.00

COMPACTOR PUNCH CARDS ISSUED

Qty	Description	Town Fees	Total Collected
223	Compactor Cards	\$37.50	\$8,362.50
Totals		\$8,362.50	
Paid to Town Treasurer			\$8,362.50

Zoning Variances

Qty	Description	Town Fees	Total Collected
1	Zoning Variance	\$75.00	\$75.00
Totals		\$75.00	
Paid to Town Treasurer			\$75.00

Rabies Clinic - Donation to Library

Qty	Description	Town Fees	Total Collected
38	shots	\$6.00	\$228.00
Totals		\$228.00	
Paid to Town Treasurer			\$228.00



Plainfield Town Flag to hang in the State House in Boston. Designed by Jim Feeley

SELECT BOARD

The winter of 2013 saw weekly snowstorms stretching the Highway Department personnel and budget. After much thought and debate it was decided to ask the voters to hire a fourth person. At the annual meeting the proposal was accepted and pursued with interviews resulting in the hiring of a fourth person in October.

After advertizing both positions, one application for Treasurer and three applications for Tax Collector were received and reviewed. Interviews began in May with Linda Alvord appointed as Treasurer and Heather Davis appointed as Tax Collector each for a term of one year. The bond was increased to \$80,000 for each job. They began work on July 1, 2013. Scott Sawyer, C.P.A. was hired to verify/audit the Tax Collector's outstanding Receivables.

Brian Hawthorne kept the Board informed regarding developments with Wired West. The state approved a forty million (\$40,000,000) dollar General Bond Bill to help fund the installation of the "last mile" of fiber optic lines. In November M.B.I began testing all lines and were found to be in working order. Once the network has been accepted by AXIA, telephone and Internet service will be available for town-owned buildings. The Board voted to accept a three-year contract with Cornerstone to provide said service.

Brian Hawthorne and Dennis Thatcher discussed the establishment of a town website. The site would have a portal for the Blackboard Connect system. The Board designated Paula King as administrator, Theresa Thatcher as manager and Brian Hawthorne as technical contact to begin the registration process.

In March, Palmer Paving, seeking to rent Hathaway Hall for about six months, approached the Board. A contract was negotiated for \$700 per month and signed. The route 116 Road Reclamation Project problems never seemed to end. During the dry summer months and during road construction there were many reports of dust and flat tires.

October finally saw the end of the project with a final inspection.

Ashfield Select board Chair, Tom Carter, met with the Board requesting assistance to reconfigure bus routes for Smith Vocational students. His request is for Ashfield, Hawley, Charlemont and Plainfield to share bus expenses. Paula King agreed to meet with the group to coordinate a bus route.

Jamie Wooldridge was again given permission to use the bays at Hathaway Hall for workshops in Hybrid vehicle repairs.

Following a Tax Rate hearing, the Department of Revenue set the tax rate for Plainfield at \$18.56 using a single rate.

In July the Board reviewed bids for a front-end loader and accepted a bid from C.N Wood for a Komatsu front-end loader. The town will borrow \$137,550 /5 years at 2.60%. The new equipment was delivered and reviewed in early September.

The Board approved a 12-foot fire lane restriction near the handicap ramp on the East side of Union Street at the Town Hall.

The Board accepted a bid from Maguire Equipment Inc. to install a new compactor. This was installed in January.

During the year the Board conducts Pole hearings as necessary. The decision was made to include the Highway Superintendent as well as the Tree Warden to these hearings. Dog hearings are also conducted as necessary.

Appointments are made to fill vacancies. Re-appointments are made annually.

The Board wishes to thank all who serve on the town committees. We all value your time and dedication to Plainfield

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Feeley
Clerk for the Select Board

ANNUAL TOWN CAUCAS

March 20, 2013

The following Terms expire June 31, 2013:

Office	Term	
Incumbent		
Board of Assessors	3 Years	Howard Hudson
Board of Assessors (Balance of Term)	1 Year	Vacant
Board of Health	3 Years	Ruby Goodnoff
Board of Selectman	3 Years	Phillip S. Lococo
Constables		
1st Constable	3 Years	Merton D Taylor Sr.
2nd Constable	3 Years	Edward E. Morann
Councilor, Hampshire	Council of Governments	
	3 Years	David A Danielson
Library Trustees	3 Years	Sandra Morann
Moderator	1 Year	Penn Moulton
Town Clerk	3 Years	Theresa Thatcher
Tree Warden	1 Year	Claude DuPont III
Whiting Street Fund Disbursement Committee		
	3 Years	Robert Persing
Edward Morann		
Caucus Chairman		
Posted: March 2013		
Quorum for any meeting is:	15 Registered Voters	

A true record to the best of my knowledge.
ATTEST : Theresa A. Thatcher, Town Clerk
A True Copy:
ATTEST: Theresa A. Thatcher, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

May 4, 2013

The following are the results of the Ballots:

Office	Names	Results
Board of Assessors:	Dudley D. Williams	87
(3 Years)	Blank	2
Board of Assessors:	Blank	86
(1 Year)	Maggie Thomas	1
	Ellen Dupont	1
	H Messenger	1
	Unknown name	1
Board of Health:	Ruby Goodnoff	41
	Ellen M Dupont	46
	Blank	4
Board of Selectmen:	Phillip S. Lococo	80
	Robert Aeschback	1
	Claude Dupont	1
	Blank	7
First Constable	Merton Taylor Sr.	82
	Blank	7
Second Constable	Edward Morann	84
	Blank	5
Library Trustee	Ann Kohn	85
	Blank	4
Office	Names	Results
Moderator	Penn Moulton	83
	Blank	6

Town Clerk	Theresa Thatcher	83
	Sandy Powers	1
	Blank	5
Tree Warden	Claude F Dupont III	77
	Ed Stockman	1
	Merton Taylor, Jr	1
	Blank	10
Whiting Street Fund Disbursement Committee		
	Robert Persing	82
	Blank	7

Question#1:

Shall the Town of Plainfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition 2 and __, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for a front-end loader for the Highway Department?

Yes 60 No 29 Blank 0

Question #2:

Shall the Town of Plainfield be allowed assess an additional \$35,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of hiring a 4th Highway Department employee for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and thirteen?

Yes 55 No 33 Blank 1

A true record to the best of my knowledge.
ATTEST: Theresa A. Thatcher, Town Clerk
A True Copy:
ATTEST: Theresa A. Thatcher, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 11, 2013

Pursuant to the Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall on Saturday May 11, 2013. The quorum being 25 and 78 registered voters being present, the meeting was opened at 1:10 PM by Penn Moulton, Town Moderator

The Warrant was read by Penn Moulton and the following action was taken:

Article 1: Motion made and supported to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide such amounts of money as are reasonable and necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, or take any other action relative thereto.
 All Budgets items passed. All Unanimous Vote except Mohawk Regional District Capital Budget

Approved 77 Opposed 1

Article 2. Motion made and supported to return \$781.50 from book sales and fines to the Shaw Memorial Library, or take any other action relative thereto. Inserted by the Town Accountant Recommended by the Finance Committee

Unanimous Approved

Article 3: Motion made and supported to authorize the Assessors to apply \$80,000.00 from Free Cash to reduce the Fiscal 2014 tax rate, or take any other action relative thereto. Inserted by the Town Accountant Recommended by the Finance Committee Unanimous Approved

Article 4: Motion made and supported to authorize the Select Board to borrow up to \$150,000.00 for a front-end loader for the Highway Department for up to seven years, or take any action relative thereto. Inserted by the Highway Department Recommended by the Finance Committee Requires a 2/3 vote Approved 72 Opposed 2

Article 5: Motion made and supported to raise and appropriate the amount of \$35,000.00 for the purpose of hiring a 4th Highway

Department employee contingent upon the passage of a proposition 2 _ override referendum question, or take any action relative thereto. Inserted by the Select Board and Highway Department Requires a 2/3 vote

Approved 60 Opposed 12

Article 6: Motion made and supported to transfer the amount of \$18,000.00 from Free Cash for the purchase of a dump body for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto. Inserted by the Highway Department Recommended by the Finance Committee

Unanimous Approved

Article 7: Motion made and supported to raise and appropriate the amount of \$12,000.00 for the purchase of a compactor and related accessories, or take any action relative thereto. Inserted by the Board of Health Recommended by the Finance Committee Unanimous Approved

Article 8: Motion made and supported to transfer the amount of \$6,000.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of auditing the Tax Collector accounts. Inserted by the Select Board Recommended by the Finance Committee

Unanimous Approved

Article 9: Motion made and supported to raise and appropriate the amount of \$500.00 for the purchase of one or more Town Flags. Inserted by the Select Board Supported by the Finance Committee

Unanimous Approved

Article 10: Motion made and supported to transfer the amount of \$3,956.00 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto. Inserted by the Town Accountant Recommended by the Finance Committee Requires a 2/3 vote

Approved 74

Opposed 0

Article 11: Motion made and supported to transfer the amount of \$22,089.70 from the Fiscal 2013 Vocational Tuition Account to the Fiscal 2013 Winter Roads Account, or take any action relative thereto. Inserted by the Town Accountant Recommended by the Finance Committee

Unanimous Approved

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of \$8,000.00 from the Fiscal 2013 Veterans' Benefit Account to the Fiscal 2013 Tax Title Account, or take any action relative thereto. Inserted by the Town Accountant Recommended by the Finance Committee

Unanimous Approved

Article 13: Motion made and supported to transfer the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Fiscal 2013 Veterans' Benefits Account to complete the engineering/design for the Rte. 116 Reclamation Project, or take any action relative thereto. Inserted by the Select Board Recommended by the Finance Committee

Unanimous Approved

Article 14: Motion made and supported to accept as available funds any and all monies from the Executive Office of Transportation for Fiscal 2013. Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Unanimous Approved

Article 15: Motion made and supported if the Town will choose or create, as appropriate, any other Town Committees, Boards, Commissions, Trustees, Offices, etc., and to fix compensation for the same, or take any other action relative thereto. Unanimous Approved

Article 16: Motion made and supported to authorize the Select Board to retain legal counsel for the town, or take any other action relative thereto. Inserted by the Select Board

Unanimous Approved

Article 17: Motion made and supported to leave the care, maintenance and repair of the Town Hall, Shaw Memorial Library, Hallock Memorial School Building, Hathaway all, Firehouse, Town Garage, Police Station, Public Safety Building, and surrounding areas, in the charge of the Buildings Committee, or take any other action relative thereto. Inserted by the Buildings Committee

Unanimous Approved

Article 18: Motion made and supported to leave the care, maintenance and repair of the cemeteries in the charge of the Cemetery Committee, or take any other action relative thereto. Inserted by the Cemetery Committee

Unanimous Approved

Article 19: Motion made and supported to leave the care, maintenance and repair of the highways, public ways, including the alteration and widening thereof, railings and bridges in the charge of the Select Board, or take any other action relative thereto. Inserted by the Select Board

Unanimous Approved

Article 20: Motion made and supported to accept the reports of the Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Trustees, etc. as printed in the Town Report Unanimous Approved

Article 21: Motion made and supported to approve the following Moratorium:

Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Plainfield Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, no building permit shall be issued for the construction of any large-scale industrial solar energy facility, until July 1, 2015. Inserted by the Plainfield Energy Committee

Article 21 Addendum: Motion made and supported to table Article

Approved 52 Opposed 27

Article 22: Motion made and supported to approve the following Moratorium:

Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Plainfield Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, no building permit shall be issued for the construction of any large-scale industrial wind energy facility, until July 1, 2015. Inserted by the Plainfield Energy Committee

Article 22 Addendum: Motion made and supported to table to a certain date a Special Town Meeting to be held in September 2013

Approved 36 Opposed 26

Article 23: Motion made and supported to amend Article XIX * Right-to-Farm By-law by adding the following as Section 7.

Section 7. Plainfield Agricultural Pesticide Application Notification
Section 7.1. Purpose and Intent

To protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Plainfield by establishing pesticide application notification procedures.

Pesticide application notification signs will notify the residents of Plainfield when their abutting neighbors are having their property commercially treated with pesticides.

Pesticide application notification signs will encourage responsible agricultural practices per the Plainfield Right to Farm By-law.

Signage notification is meant to give abutters time to take measures to avoid exposure to themselves, their families, their crops and gardens, their pets and their livestock from the pesticides being applied.

Notification does not give the abutter the right to stop a neighbor from having their property legally treated with pesticides.

As is consistent with the Plainfield Right to Farm By-law, this amendment will minimize conflict between farmers and their abutters.

Notification is not regulation. In a neighborly but definitive way, notification puts an abutter on notice that pesticides will be sprayed in a certain timeframe on an abutting agricultural property.

Section 7.2. Definitions

Person - an individual, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the commonwealth or its political subdivisions, administrative agencies, public or quasi-public corporation or body, or any other legal entity or its legal representative, agent or assign, or a group of persons.

Pesticides - a substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest, and any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant.

Section 7.3. Provisions

Notification only applies to pesticide applications done by a commercial, certified applicator licensed (as defined in Section 2 of MGL Chapter 132B) in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

It is the responsibility of the "person" (as defined in Section 2 of MGL Chapter 132B) whose land will be treated with pesticides to carry out the provisions of this Section 7 of the Plainfield Right to Farm By-law.

Areas to be treated with pesticides shall be posted with clear and conspicuous caution signs located at the corners of the property to be treated and every 200 feet along the entire perimeter of the land to be treated.

The posted signs shall contain the following information; the written words - Caution Pesticide Application and the approximate dates on which the application of pesticides will commence and conclude.

Posted signs shall be installed at least two (2) working days before the commencement of the pesticide application and remain in place for at least seven (7) working days after the pesticide application has concluded. All signs must be removed within 21 working days after of the application of the pesticides.

Section 7.3. does not relieve the "person" as defined above or any other person of the necessity of complying with all other applicable federal and state laws, as well as local by-laws or regulations.

Section 7.4. Enforcement

If signage is not installed according to the timeline stated in Section 7.3 of this By-law amendment then the person responsible for the land being treated with pesticide or his permittees shall immediately cease and desist from all commercial pesticide application activities until all signage is properly installed per this By-law amendment.

A cease and desist order shall be issued and served by the Plainfield Police Department.

Pesticide application activities can resume after the pesticide caution signage is properly installed and the timeframes stated in Section 7.3. have been adhered to.

Inserted by "Voters Request" Not recommended by the Select Board Requires 2/3 Vote

Article 23 Addendum: Motion made and supported to table to a certain date a Special Town Meeting to be held in September 2013

Approved 79 Opposed 1

Article 24: Motion made and supported to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Unanimous Approved

Meeting was adjourned at: 4:15 PM

Meeting adjourned by: Penn Moulton

A true record to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST: Theresa A. Thatcher, Town Clerk

A True Copy:

ATTEST: Theresa A. Thatcher, Town Clerk

TREASURY RECEIPTS SUMMARY

From 07/01/2012 to 06/30/2013

Description	Amount
Personal Prop Taxes F2012	44,225.62
Personal Prop Taxes F2013	78,821.87
Real Estate Taxes F2008	787.79
Real Estate Taxes F2009	977.73
Real Estate Taxes F2010	2,815.37
Real Estate Taxes F2011	2,481.45
Real Estate Taxes F2012	114,418.48
Real Estate Taxes F2013	1,184,932.00
Motor Vehicle Ex F2004	165.00
Motor Vehicle Ex F2009	141.31
Motor Vehicle Ex F2010	80.80
Motor Vehicle Ex F2011	2,655.70
Motor Vehicle Ex F2012	14,563.10
Motor Vehicle Ex F2013	50,682.74
Farm Animal Excise	362.50
Tax Titles	20,628.33
Estimated Receipts	6,191.17
Interest on Property Tax	13,097.34
Interest on Excise Taxes	1,040.41
Interest on Tax Titles	8,167.20
In Lieu of Taxes	500.00
Garbage/Trash Charges	1,672.00
Liquor Licenses	900.00
Board of Health Permits	245.00
Building Inspection Permits	4,197.00
Collector Fees	1,585.00
Compactor Cards	7,912.50
Electrical Permits	1,650.00
Plumbing Permits	873.00
Police Department Permits	400.00
Other Licenses and Permits	166.00
Copier Receipts	45.00
State Owned Land	25,856.00
Comm of Mass Vet Blind	1,475.00
School Aid Chapter	7,051,024.00
Veterans Benefits	12,662.00
Lottery	42,434.00
Court Fines	825.00
Dog License Fees	63.00
Sale of Inventory	250.00
Interest on Savings	1,848.03
Contributions & Donations	540.00
Misc. Revenues N.O.C.	1,874.02
Room Tax	2,874.36
Mark Fees	100.00
Federal Withholding	29,288.97
ING	6,201.37
Medicare Withholding	3,596.85
State withholding	14,014.21
OBRA Voluntary	1,200.00
County Retirement	26,433.09
Dental Insurance With.	2,178.12
License to Carry/State	1,200.00
BC/BS-Officials	2,142.00
Health Insurance	13,108.00
Dog Licenses	228.00
Elections-State	480.00
Library Grant	1,531.78
Cultural Council	3,870.00
Council on Aging-State	2,439.21
Chapter 291B	411,225.47
FEMA/MEMA Trop Storm Irene	9,905.00
Septic System Rpr. Grant	1,483.02

October 2011 Snowstorm FEMA/MEMA	955.00
STRAP Grant	4,119.66
FEMA AFG Tanker Grant	65,123.00
Internet Donations Pub. Safety Bldg.	257.94
Council on Aging Gifts	260.40
Library Gifts	228.00
Recreation/General	3,822.77
Flag Gifts	100.00
Deputy Tax Collector Fees	135.00
Off-Duty Police Detail	17,320.50
Admin Fees Police Detail 1,293.84	
Cemetery PC Fund	0.78
Arts Lottery Fund	0.27
M.Arvilla Dyer Lib. Fund	0.79
Martha Smith Library Fund	1.12
Whiting Street Fund	1.63
Stabilization	467.63
County Tax	-410.00
Dog Fund	161.08
Cemetery Lot Int./Perpet.	327.09
Conservation Comm/Wetland	95.00
Library Sales & Fines	849.50
Burial Plots	200.00

Report Total **2,335,042.91**

HIGHLAND AMBULANCE EMS

Operations. Highland Ambulance is the primary ambulance service provider for the towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Plainfield and Williamsburg. Highland also provides primary back-up in the town of Worthington in support of Hilltown Ambulance of Huntington. Paramedics are on duty at Highland's station in Goshen from 6 AM until midnight seven days a week. During the midnight to 6 AM time period, Highland EMT's are assisted by Paramedics from other ambulance companies when the service of a Paramedic is required. Highland's active roster consists of 36 members including 12 Paramedics and 24 EMT's.

Emergency Responses. During 2013 Highland responded to 507 emergency calls. These are broken down by Town as follows:

Ashfield	95	Chesterfield	56
Cummington	64	Worthington	25
Goshen	54	Plainfield	44
Williamsburg	165	Other	4

Out of these responses, 320 required advanced life support services of a paramedic.

Training. The following special training events were held:
Advanced Cardiac Life Support training.

Advanced training in critical care for children with special needs.
Training in use of bone needle drill for use when standard IV access is not available.

Training for all area EMT's in the new State protocol on spinal immobilization.

Community Involvement. Highland provided support to our communities including:

- Ambulance Coverage for Community events including the Chesterfield 4th of July Parade, the Cummington Fair, the Ashfield Fall Festival and the Hilltown Bicycle Race.
- Safety Day programs at New Hingham School and at Sanderson Academy.
- A Flu shot clinic for area first responders and EMT's.
- Support for an evacuation Drill at Sanderson Academy.
- Participated with State and Local Police and Fire officials in a lock-down drill at Berkshire Elementary School.

Cash On Hand June 30, 2013

Operating Funds	\$ 12,749.29
Memorial Fund	19,394.35
Dresser Fund	2,737.25
Highland Fund	<u>6,982.65</u>
Total Cash On Hand	\$ 41,863.54

We were saddened by the death of Jim Pilgrim, a valued Plainfield representative on the Board. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashfield	Patricia Thayer
Plainfield	Vacant
Chesterfield	Spencer Timm
Williamsburg	Christopher Smith
Cummington	James Drawe
At-Large	Francis Dresser
Goshen	Donald Boisvert
At-Large	Bernard Forgea
At-Large	Douglas Mollison



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TAX COLLECTOR

	Balance	Commitment	Omitted	Payment	Abatements	Refunds	Adjustment	Tax Title	Balance
2013 Real Estate	\$0.00	\$1,289,836.46		\$1,184,932.00	\$3,894.89	\$4,302.71		\$14,956.99	\$90,355.29
Personal	0.00	79,086.70		78,821.87					264.83
Motor Vehicle		59,770.01		50,682.74	1,944.40	128.96			7,271.83
Farm Animal Excise		963.00		362.50					600.50
2012 Real Estate	142,785.63			114,418.48	1,708.63	1,111.59		2,386.02	25,384.09
Personal	43,519.84			43,142.62					377.22
Motor Vehicle	12,015.01	7,900.65		14,563.10	832.57	370.89			4,890.88
Farm Animal Excise	1,188.00			1,083.00					105.00
Roll-back	0.00								0.00
2011 Real Estate	24,903.92			2,481.45				4,266.59	18,155.88
Personal	0.00					0.00			0.00
Motor Vehicle	6,830.23	760.85		2,655.70	318.74	14.06			4,630.70
Farm Animal Excise	105.00								105.00
2010 Real Estate	7,764.60			2,815.37		0.00	0.00	540.92	4,408.31
Personal	0.00					0.00			0.00
Motor Vehicle	1,554.88			80.80	0.00	0.00			1,474.08
Farm Animal Excise	105.00								105.00
Forest Products Cut	0.00								0.00
2009 Real Estate	3,354.71		0	977.73		169.34	77.17	0.00	2,623.49
Personal	482.32				8,082.66	8,082.66	- 77.17		405.15
Motor Vehicle	574.87			141.31		0.00			433.56
Farm Animal Excise	980.50								980.50
Forest Products Cut	0.00								0.00
2008 Real Estate	610.44			787.79		0.00		0.00	(177.35)
Personal	0.00								0.00
Motor Vehicle	3,082.30			0.00		136.37			3,218.67
Farm Animal Excise	448.00								448.00
Roll-back	0.00								0.00
2007 Real Estate	2,155.41			0.00		0.00			2,155.41
Personal	0.00								0.00
Motor Vehicle	2,210.08			0.00					2,210.08
Farm Animal Excise	448.00								448.00
2006 Real Estate	1,277.18			0.00					1,277.18
Personal	2.26								2.26
Motor Vehicle	1,396.63			0.00					1,396.63
2005 Real Estate	720.18							0.00	720.18
Personal	343.08			0.00					343.08
Motor Vehicle	368.07								368.07
2004 Real Estate	708.69							0.00	708.69
Personal	143.81			3.89					139.92
Motor Vehicle	2,521.88			165.00					2,356.88
Farm Animal	(0.50)								(0.50)
2003 Real Estate	588.46								588.46
Personal	208.73			0.00					208.73
Motor Vehicle	925.08								925.08
2002 Real Estate	(815.25)								(815.25)
Personal Property	369.79								369.79
Motor Vehicle	845.55								845.55
Farm Animal Excise	0.30								0.30
2001 Real Estate	271.37								271.37
Personal Property	(152.82)								(152.82)
Motor Vehicle	130.67								130.67
Forest Products Cut	5.00								5.00
2000 Real Estate	979.41								979.41
Personal Property	203.96								203.96
Motor Vehicle	961.03								961.03
1999 Real Estate	1,216.62								1,216.62
Personal Property	499.10								499.10
Motor Vehicle	3,080.49								3,080.49
1998 Real Estate	(305.80)								(305.80)
Personal Property	(20.12)								(20.12)
Motor Vehicle	1,860.16								1,860.16
1997 Real Estate	617.26								617.26

	Balance	Commitment	Omitted	Payment	Abatements	Refunds	Adjustment	Tax Title	Balance
Personal Property	630.18								630.18
Motor Vehicle	526.80								526.80
Farm Animal Excise	653.50								653.50
1996 Real Estate	389.78								389.78
Personal Property	609.19								609.19
Motor Vehicle	122.75								122.75
1995 Personal Property	323.46								323.46
Motor Vehicle	1,230.17								1,230.17
1994 Personal Property	149.49								149.49
Motor Vehicle	1,389.78								1,389.78
1993 Personal Property	1,224.82								1,224.82
Motor Vehicle	800.84								800.84
1992 Personal Property	986.96								986.96
Motor Vehicle	573.86								573.86
1991 Personal Property	876.21								876.21
Motor Vehicle	960.00								960.00
1990 Personal Property	412.57								412.57
Motor Vehicle	646.47								646.47
1989 Personal Property	53.82								53.82
1988 Personal Property	18.50								18.50
1987 Personal Property	20.50								20.50
TOTALS	201,594.98	1,438,317.67	0.00	1,498,115.35	16,781.89	14,316.58	22,150.52		117,181.47

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Davis, Tax Collector

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Tax Rate Recapitulation for Fiscal Year 2013

July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013

Total amount to be raised:	\$1,732,615.09
Total estimated receipts and revenues from other sources:	363,710.48
Net amount to be raised by taxation (Tax Levy):	1,368,904.61

Valuation by Class

Residential	61,070,550.00
Commercial	7,515,378.00
Industrial	909,300.00
Personal Property	4,260,408.00

Total Property Valuation \$73,755,636.00

Tax Levy By Class

Residential	\$1,133,469.41
Commercial	139,485.42
Industrial	16,876.61
Personal Property	79,073.17

Total Tax Levy \$1,368,904.61

Number of real estate transfers received in calendar year 2012	20
Number of motor vehicle excise bills sent:	
For registration year 2011	23
For registration year 2012	136
For registration year 2013	863
Number of motor vehicle abatements granted:	
For registration year 2011	6
For registration year 2012	21
For registration year 2013	14
Exemptions for real estate granted	7
Abatements for real estate granted:	2
Tax Exempt Property:	
Value: Town, State, Charities, Audubon:	\$10,503,300.00
71 parcels tax dollars	\$194,941.24

Respectfully Submitted,
Claude DuPont III, Chairman
Howard B. Hudson
Dudley Williams



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TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Balance Sheet from 07/01/2012 to 06/30/2013

ASSETS**CASH**

General Cash

ASSETS LIABILITIES

533,394.37

TOTAL FOR CASH**533,394.37****PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES****Assets Liabilities**

Personal Prop Taxes F2000	203.96	
Personal Prop Taxes F2002	369.79	
Personal Prop Taxes F2003	208.73	
Personal Prop Taxes F2004	139.92	
Personal Prop Taxes F2005	343.08	
Personal Prop Taxes F2006	2.26	
Personal Prop Taxes F2009	405.15	
Personal Prop Taxes F2012	377.22	
Personal Prop Taxes F2013	264.83	
Personal Prop Taxes F1987	20.50	
Personal Prop Taxes F1988	18.50	
Personal Prop Taxes F1989	53.82	
Personal Prop Taxes F1990	412.57	
Personal Prop Taxes F1991	876.21	
Personal Prop Taxes F1992	986.96	
Personal Prop Taxes F1993	1,224.82	
Personal Prop Taxes F1994	149.49	
Personal Prop Taxes F1995	323.46	
Personal Prop Taxes F1996	609.19	
Personal Prop Taxes F1997	630.18	
Personal Prop Taxes F1999	499.10	

TOTAL FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES 8,119.74**REAL ESTATE TAXES****Assets Liabilities**

Real Estate Taxes F2000	979.41	
Real Estate Taxes F2001	271.37	
Real Estate Taxes F2003	588.46	
Real Estate Taxes F2004	708.69	
Real Estate Taxes F2005	720.18	
Real Estate Taxes F2006	1,277.18	
Real Estate Taxes F2007	2,155.41	
Real Estate Taxes F2009	2,623.49	
Real Estate Taxes F2010	4,408.31	
Real Estate Taxes F2011	18,155.88	
Real Estate Taxes F2012	25,384.09	
Real Estate Taxes F2013	90,355.29	
Real Estate Taxes F1996	389.78	
Real Estate Taxes F1997	617.26	
Real Estate Taxes F1999	1,216.62	

TOTAL FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES 149,851.42**MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES****Assets Liabilities**

Motor Vehicle Ex F2000	961.03	
Motor Vehicle Ex F2001	130.67	
Motor Vehicle Ex F2002	845.55	
Motor Vehicle Ex F2003	925.08	
Motor Vehicle Ex F2004	2,356.88	
Motor Vehicle Ex F2005	368.07	
Motor Vehicle Ex F2006	1,396.63	
Motor Vehicle Ex F2007	2,210.08	
Motor Vehicle Ex F2008	3,218.67	
Motor Vehicle Ex F2009	433.56	
Motor Vehicle Ex F2010	1,474.08	
Motor Vehicle Ex F2011	4,630.70	
Motor Vehicle Ex F2012	4,890.88	
Motor Vehicle Ex F2013	7,271.83	

Motor Vehicle Ex F1990	646.47	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1991	960.00	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1992	573.86	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1993	800.84	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1994	1,389.78	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1995	1,230.17	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1996	122.75	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1997	526.80	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1998	1,860.16	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1999	3,080.49	

TOTAL FOR MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES 42,305.03**FARM EXCISE TAXES****Assets Liabilities**

Farm Animal Excise	3,445.30	
Forest Products Cut 5.00		

TOTAL FOR FARM EXCISE TAXES 3,450.30**TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS Assets Liabilities**

Tax Titles	118,802.90	
Tax Possessions	7,603.03	

TOTAL FOR TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS 126,405.93**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE****Assets Liabilities**

Highway Chapter 291B	262,389.95	
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TOTAL FOR ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 262,389.95**LOANS AUTHORIZED****Assets Liabilities**

Due frm Whiting Strt Fund	1,043.49	
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TOTAL FOR LOANS AUTHORIZED 1,043.49**GRANTS Assets Liabilities**

BVP Grant	1,050.00	
Internet Donations Pub. Safety Bldg	257.94	

TOTAL FOR GRANTS 1,307.94**TOTAL ASSETS****1,128,268.17****LIABILITIES****PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES Assets Liabilities**

Personal Prop Taxes F2001		152.82
Personal Prop Taxes F1998		20.12

TOTAL FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES 172.94**REAL ESTATE TAXES****Assets Liabilities**

Real Estate Taxes F2002		815.25
Real Estate Taxes F2008		177.35
Real Estate Taxes F1998		305.80

TOTAL FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,298.40**REVENUE****Assets Liabilities**

Revenue Fiscal 2014		104,182.96
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TOTAL FOR REVENUE 104,182.96**AGENCY****Assets Liabilities**

Federal Withholding		359.63
ING		88.89
Medicare Withholding		52.81
State Withholding		199.65
County Retirement		255.62

Dental Insurance With.	53.93
BC/BS - Officials	1,200.04
Health Insurance Withholdings	183.43
Dog Licenses	17.50
Unclaimed checks	149.09
TOTAL FOR AGENCY	2,560.59

GRANTS	Assets	Liabilities
Elections - State		16.00
Library Grant		21,977.27
Cultural Council		3,648.11
Cult Council Enrich Fund		660.00
Council on Aging - State		644.67
Town Hall Project Gifts		610.00
Town Hall Association		4,256.40
Dog Kennel Gift		50.00
Emergency Management/FEMA		2,297.00
Homeland Security Grant		167.74
Septic System Rpr. Grant		58,424.64
Community Policing Grant		5,199.60
Health Bd Emer Prep Grant		1,469.30
FEMA AFG Tanker Grant		14,298.50
Council on Aging Gifts		1,621.57
Library Gifts		3,278.95
Cemetery Gifts		200.00
Cemetery (Funds Approp. for Use)		17.87
Recreation/General		4,315.64
Playstructure @ Ballfield		2,678.85
WiredWest Donations		4.76
Library Addition		1,497.63
Historical Comm Donation		11.74
TOTAL FOR GRANTS		127,346.24

REVOLVING	Assets	Liabilities
Deputy Tax Collector Fees		552.00
Off-Duty Police Detail		312.00
Insurance Claim		206.33
Insurance Claim - Fire House		9,160.58
Ch 148A Municipal Enforcement Fines		100.00
TOTAL FOR REVOLVING		10,330.91

RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP	Assets	Liabilities
Dog Fund		161.08
Cemetery Lot Int./Perpet. Care		977.93
Conservation Comm/Wetland		1,158.06
Library Sales & Fines		151.00
Sale of Real Estate		1,521.00
TOTAL FOR RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP		3,969.07

OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE	Assets	Liabilities
Overlay F1987		20.50
Overlay F1988		18.50
Overlay F1989		53.82
Overlay F1990		412.57
Overlay F1991		876.21
Overlay F1992		986.96
Overlay F1993		1,224.82
Overlay F1994		149.49
Overlay F1995		323.46
Overlay F1996		998.97
Overlay F1997		1,247.44
Overlay F1999		1,573.29
Overlay F2000		1,029.29

Overlay F2001	271.37
Overlay F2002	369.79
Overlay F2003	800.82
Overlay F2004	1,178.00
Overlay F2005	3,923.17
Overlay F2006	3,962.52
Overlay F2007	5,074.40
Overlay F2008	5,215.43
Overlay F 2010	7,761.18
Overlay F 2011	9,863.66
Overlay F2012	3,078.29
Overlay F2013	8,458.18
TOTAL FOR OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE	58,872.13

REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COL	Assets	Liabilities
Tax Title & Poss. Rev.		126,405.93
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev		42,305.03
Special Tax Revenue		3,450.30
Hwy Chapter 291B Revenue		262,389.95
Cemetery Lot Revenue		13,410.00
TOTAL FOR REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COL		447,961.21

SURPLUS REVENUE	Assets	Liabilities
Surplus Revenue		371,573.72
TOTAL FOR SURPLUS REVENUE		371,573.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,128,268.17

TRUST FUNDS	Assets	Liabilities
Trust Cash	299,972.12	
Due To General Fund		1,043.49
Cemetery PC Fund		2,708.06
Arts Lottery Fund		950.78
M. Arvilla Dyer Lib. Fnd		2,791.94
Martha Smith Library Fund		3,884.19
Whiting Street Fund		4,434.93
Stabilization		284,158.73
TOTAL FOR TRUST FUNDS	299,972.12	299,972.12

LONG TERM DEBT	Assets	Liabilities
Inside Debt Limit	373,894.00	
Hwy Dump Truck		40,120.00
Public Safety Building Loan		333,774.00
TOTAL FOR LONG TERM DEBT	373,894.00	373,894.00

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All Departments Expenditure Report

From 07/01/2012 to 06/30/2013

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CARRY FWD	ORIG BUD	AMENDED	EXPEND	UNENCUM BAL	% EXP
Board of Selectmen		5,000.00		5,000.00		100.00 %
Town Office Expense		9,000.00		7,463.48	1,536.52	82.92 %
Treasurer		11,015.00		11,015.00		100.00 %
Administrative Secretary		13,000.00		12,999.96	0.04	99.99 %
Moderator		30.00		0.00		100.00 %
Accountant		11,000.00		11,000.00		100.00 %
Tax Title Expense		3,000.00	8,337.01	11,337.01		100.00 %
Training/Seminar Expense		500.00			500.00	0.00 %
Town Counsel		6,000.00		1,945.00	4,055.00	32.41 %
Assistant Town Clerk Salary		500.00		500.00		100.00 %
Assessors		4,295.00		3,884.99	410.01	90.45 %
Assessors Salaries		39,216.00		39,047.03	168.97	99.56 %
Tax Collector		11,070.00		7,609.95	3,460.05	68.74 %
Collectors Salaries		10,694.00		10,694.00		100.00 %
Town Clerk		6,430.00		2,837.52	3,592.48	44.12 %
Town Clerk Salary		6,120.00		6,120.00		100.00 %
Conservation Commission		500.00	0.70	500.70		100.00 %
Finance Committee		150.00		126.00	24.00	84.00 %
Planning Board		400.00		230.00	170.00	57.50 %
Zoning Board		200.00			200.00	0.00 %
Hamp. Council of Govt.		804.56		804.56		100.00 %
Highway Salaries		145,000.00	-5,000.00	135,084.18	4,915.82	96.48 %
Highway General		40,000.00		36,582.13	3,417.87	91.45 %
Machinery Upkeep		50,000.00	7,000.00	54,139.57	2,860.43	94.98 %
Leaf Blower		4,000.00 3		,939.00	61.00	98.47 %
Snow Plow 11'		7,000.00		5,995.00	1,005.00	85.64 %
Dump Body		16,000.00		15,545.00	455.00	97.15 %
Winter Roads		50,000.00	22,089.70	72,089.70		100.00 %
Rte. 116 Engineering/Design			5,000.00	5,000.00		100.00 %
Street Lights		675.00		536.34	138.66	79.45 %
Mohawk Reg. School Operat		575,044.00		575,044.00		100.00 %
Mohawk Regional School		31,107.00		31,107.00		100.00 %
Vocational Tuition		196,029.00	-26,253.53	110,815.65	58,959.82	65.27 %
School Committee Expense		750.00		750.00		100.00 %
Shaw Memorial Library		14,384.08	189.00	14,573.08		100.00 %
C. Frank.Vet. Dist.		1,301.00		1,301.00		100.00 %
Veteran's Benefits		21,780.00	-13,000.00	4,223.71	4,556.29	48.10 %
Cemetery Commission		4,050.00		937.59	3,112.41	23.15 %
Veterans' Graves/Mem. Day		100.00			100.00	0.00 %
Police Department		10,872.00		6,240.66	4,631.34	57.40 %
Radio Repair & Maint.		2,000.00		1,534.00	466.00	76.70 %
Police Salaries		8,000.00		7,674.96	325.04 95.	93 %
Fire Department		17,600.00		16,922.90	677.10	96.15 %
Highland Ambulance EMS		10,277.00		10,277.00		100.00 %
Highland Ambulance Capital		1,154.00		1,154.00		100.00 %
Assistance to Firefighters Grant Ma	3,524.00			3,524.00		100.00 %
Blackboard Connect		2,000.00		1,453.73	546.27	72.68 %
Fire Chief Salary		4,193.00		4,193.00		100.00 %
Building Alarms		1,240.00		1,209.00	31.00	97.50 %
Building Inspector		9,000.00	400.00	9,400.00		100.00 %
Plumbing Inspector		1,800.00		1,800.00		100.00 %
Electrical Inspector		2,070.00		1,800.00	270.00	86.95 %
Emergency Management/CD		1,000.00			1,000.00	0.00 %
Animal Control Officer		1,000.00		916.63	83.37	91.66 %
Animal Control Off. Exp.		600.00		184.95	415.05	30.82 %
Barn & Cattle Inspector		200.00		166.68	33.32	83.34 %
Immunizations		500.00			500.00	0.00 %
EMT Training		2,000.00		650.00	1,350.00	32.50 %
Tree Warden		3,000.00			3,000.00	0.00 %
Compactor		24,409.00		19,942.47	4,466.53	81.70 %

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CARRY FWD	ORIG BUD	AMENDED	EXPEND	UNENCUM BAL	% EXP
Compactor Salary		5,320.00	20.22	5,340.22		100.00 %
Hilltown Res. Mgmt Coop		1,630.60		1,630.60		100.00 %
Pick-up Truck Loan		7,200.00		7,200.00		100.00 %
Public Safety Bldg. Bond Prin.		9,537.00		9,537.00		100.00 %
Hwy Dump Truck w/ Wing Loan		20,060.00		20,060.00		100.00 %
Int. Long-term Debt		17,789.80		17,789.79	0.01	99.99 %
Int. Short-term Debt		1,000.00	1,263.83	2,263.83		100.00 %
Stabilization			3,956.00	3,956.00		100.00 %
Insurance		62,005.00	-926.01	48,314.67	12,764.32	79.10 %
Town Building Repair	2,961.34	7,700.00	-1,791.81	7,883.00	986.53	88.87 %
ADA		100.00			100.00	0.00 %
Twn. Bldg. Operations		35,000.00	2,900.00	37,770.33	129.67	99.65 %
Twn. Bldg. Sup/Maint/Cust		8,000.00	1,791.81	9,791.81		100.00 %
Town Reports		1,000.00		738.00	262.00	73.80 %
Prior Years Bills			136.56	136.56		100.00 %
Council on Aging		737.00		737.00		0.00 %
Recreation Committee		2,760.00	-136.56	2,369.50	253.94	90.32 %
Flags/Flowers		300.00		156.66	143.34	52.22 %
Historical Commission		50.00			50.00	0.00 %
Agricultural Commission		200.00		64.00	136.00	32.00 %
County Retirement		36,414.00		35,720.00	694.00	98.09 %
Medicare		4,500.00		3,581.93	918.07	79.59 %
Unemployment		750.00		261.18	488.82	34.82 %
Chapter 32B Medical Ins.		52,600.00		39,329.00	13,271.00	74.76 %
Reserve Fund		3,000.00	-2,020.92		979.08	0.00 %
Total	6,485.34	1,676,713.04	3,956.00	1,543,746.21	143,408.17	
Total GENERAL FUND	6,485.34	1,676,713.04	3,956.00	1,543,746.21	143,408.17	
Grand Total	6,485.34	1,676,713.04	3,956.00 0.00	1,543,746.21	143,408.17	

Respectfully submitted,
Paula King, Town Accountant



Auction at the Guyette Farm

POLICE DEPARTMENT

During the calendar Year the Plainfield Police Dept responded to 191 incidents and conducted 34 motor vehicle stops. The breakdown by incident and type are listed below:

No classification	7	Fire	4
911 hang up	7	Harassment	1
Abuse – verbal	5	Investigation	1
Accident- damage	6	Language line	1
Accident-injury	2	Larceny	2
Accident –unknown	4	Medical	34
Alarm	29	Miscellaneous	6
Assault	2	Missing child	2
Assist other agency	7	Missing person	1
B+E Auto	3	Officer wanted	13
B+E Building	2	Paper work service	2
Bolo	2	Safety hazard	1
Building check	1	Shots fired	1
Burglary	1	Suspicious Person	1
Cell/Call trace	3	Suspicious Vehicle	2
Check welfare	4	Traffic hazard	6
Disabled MV	2	Trespass	1
Domestic	5	Wires Down	1

To report an emergency call 911, to report a crime call 911, if you need a Police Officer, Fire department or to speak to a Police Officer call 911.

If you need to speak to a Police Officer and feel it's not an emergency you can call Northampton Control and speak to a dispatcher by calling 413-586-1508.

The Plainfield Police Station number is 413-634-0139.

The Plainfield Police Dept. would like to remind everyone to be a good neighbor. Please report suspicious vehicles or persons. Most crimes are solved from people who take notice.

The Plainfield Police Dept. would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year. Plainfield services and other neighboring Towns Fire, Highway, Police and many more are what make our departments continue to be able to handle the many task set before us by supporting each other and working together. We Hope to increase are mutual aide in the near future with neighboring towns to increase safety to all.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacey Hudson, Acting Chief
Edward Morann , Officer
Sandra Morann, special Officer
Josh Shearer, Officer
Dave Wood, Special Officer
Dave Martin, Officer
Merton Taylor Sr., Special Officer

PLAINFIELD FIRE EMS DEPARTMENT

In August, we received our new 2014 International 3000 gallon Vacuum tanker built by Vermont Technologies in Williamstown Vermont. The funds for this truck came from a FEMA grant – “Assistant to Firefighter Grant”. The grant covered \$260,490.00, which is 95% of the cost. The town's portion was \$13,710.00, the remaining 5%. The total cost for the truck was \$274,200.00. This truck, known as Tank 2, is able to fill itself by the vacuum pump in two to three minutes and will dump in less than two minutes. The truck is able to draft water in locations that were NOT accessible to us in the past. This truck can draft at heights of 20 feet, fill from brooks and streams that are to shallow for a regular fire engine to draft.

We welcome new Firefighters Jamie and Roberta Wooldridge, Bob Aeschback and Keith Bohonowicz to the department. The fire

department is always looking for new members.

Jason Wooldridge and Finn McMillan joined as Junior Firefighters.

The state has a new program to train and certify fire personnel who do fire inspections and code compliance. The curriculum covers State Fire and Building codes. There are three levels of certification Basic, Level 1 and Level 2. Ellen Dupont became certified as a Fire Prevention Officer- Basic and Dennis Thatcher became certified as a Fire Prevention Officer- Level 1.

In October, we received a 2005 Ford F 350 through the Federal Excess Program. This program makes used federal vehicles available to fire departments. This vehicle will be converted into a brush truck. The Plainfield Volunteer Firefighters Association has raised funds for this project and will fund the project. The body was removed and the truck painted red. A flat bed body, tank and pump will be installed soon. We hope to have the truck inservice for this spring's brush fire season.

Calls for the year

Medical	44	Propane Leak	2
Illegal Burn	3	Structure Fire	2
False Alarms	12	Power Lines Down	8
MVC	7	Flooded Basement	1
Woodstove	1	Carbon Monoxide	3
Chimney Fire	1	Hazardous Condition	1
Search	1	Unattended Candle	1

Mutual Aid Given:

Cummington	9	Ashfield	2	Northampton	1
Worthington	2	Whately	1		

Total Calls 102

This year we experienced some EMS calls that were very difficult to deal with. I am both happy and proud of our fire department members with their handling of these calls. They are very professionally but are still compassionate. Plainfield is very fortunate to have firefighters and EMTs like this serving our Town.

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis Thatcher,
Fire Chief



Elaine Holder



At the Firemen's Barbeque with friends of Mike Melle.

SHAW MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Shaw Memorial Library is a member of the Massachusetts Library System, which has its main office in Marlborough, MA. Being a member gives us the opportunity to order materials thru inter-library loan for our patrons. This is something small town libraries use a lot, because we can't purchase all the materials our patrons want. The main base for this is in Oxford, MA. This past year over 600 inter-library loan requests were filled. We also belong to the material/supply co-op which gives us discounts on our orders. This year's events included:

- Two cooking classes led by Ruby Goodnoff. We had good turn outs and lots of little things were learned.
- The summer reading program "Dig Into Reading" was offered with very little response. June Nash did a very interesting and enjoyable talk on Mayan Creations in Mexico.
- Kathy Swanson and Vince O'Connell showed several of their short films that they produced and directed.
- A poetry reading, always a big turn out.
- Our annual Valentine Tea, along with a valentine basket raffle.

We also had our annual book sale.

- Several towns people show their art work throughout the year. Elizabeth Hawley's paintings and Erin Rose Messenger's photos Dario Colletta-his parents' art work; Ron Scott's wood and metal sculptures; Linda Pilgrim-wood paintings; A mini-craft exhibit with Jane Neri's quilts; R. Lobrose' wrought iron hooks; Ann Kohn's knitted hats; Larry Preston's art prints; Erin Kelly Dill's Snack-Taxi reuseable bags; Maud Geng's Dancing Bare Soap We received two monetary donations, the first was \$1,000.00 with a request to purchase some large print classics. The second was \$556.00 to be used toward purchasing large print books as well.

We need to Thank The Friends of The Shaw Memorial Library for purchasing a pass at both The Berkshire Museum and Mass Moca. They are both being used a lot. This was a good investment, hopefully one that the Friends can continue to do in the future.

Respectfully Submitted:

Denise Sessions-Director
Sandy Morann-Chair
Linda O'Dea-Secretary
Ann Kohn-Trustee



Arts Feast

UPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL^o

The educational improvement planning of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District and Hawlemont Regional School District is aligned to the District Standards and Indicators adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This report highlights progress made by Mohawk and Hawlemont during 2013 toward achieving these performance standards.

STANDARD 1

Leadership, Governance, and Communication. Mohawk and Hawlemont are developing and implementing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) at both the district and school levels. PLCs are collaborative structures used to distribute leadership and cultivate high performing school districts.

Professional Learning Communities: The districts continued their PLC initiatives. Administrative Council developed and implemented a PLC-based structure to facilitate its weekly meetings. This structure has been used to facilitate professional development in fundamental educational matters, such as educator evaluation. In their second year of implementation, Mohawk Middle-High School, Buckland-Shelburne Elementary (BSE), and Sanderson Academy made significant progress toward institutionalizing a culture of PLCs. BSE made the very important step of transitioning from administrator-led PLCs to teacher-led PLCs. Colrain Central School, Heath Elementary, and Hawlemont launched PLC initiatives.

STANDARD 2

Curriculum and Instruction Mohawk and Hawlemont are re-writing their curriculums to align with the revised Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. The districts are using a common web-based platform to promote collaboration, vertical alignment and continuous improvement. The curriculum is being written according to the Understanding by Design (UbD) model, which focuses on teaching for understanding.

Curriculum For the elementary schools, the districts purchased Houghton Mifflin Math Expressions, which will be used in grades K-5. Sixth grade teachers wrote three science units, thus completing the new Earth Science-based 6th grade curriculum. The teachers worked in coordination with seventh and eighth grade science teachers to create a meaningful and inclusive scope and sequence. For the middle and high school, the District purchased an Algebra I program. The middle and high school teachers received guidelines, structured Professional Learning time, and individualized support to continue writing UbD curriculum units.

Instruction The districts created a crosswalk document linking the new Educator Evaluation Rubric with the Characteristics for Standards-Based Teaching and Learning Continuum of Practice adopted by the MA DESE. This crosswalk provided educators with examples of evidence and observable practices of proficient teaching.

STANDARD 3

Assessment. Mohawk and Hawlemont are using student assessment results, local benchmarks, and other pertinent data to improve student achievement and inform all aspects of educational decision-making.

Collecting Assessment Data: Mohawk and Hawlemont established three assessment windows during the school year: fall, winter and spring. Assessments for English Language Arts include

the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) and the Benchmark Assessment System. Math assessments include the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP).

Using Assessment Data to Inform Instruction: In all of the districts' elementary schools, data team meetings were instituted to facilitate the use of student assessment data to inform instruction. The elementary teachers focused on DIBELS, Benchmark Assessments, and NWEA MAP data. The PK-6 Curriculum Director worked with the elementary principals after the fall data collection period to deliver professional development helping the teachers to analyze student data and form intervention groupings. At the middle and high school, the teachers focused on Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) data and NWEA MAP data. PLCs were used to conduct data-based inquiry.

STANDARD 4

Human Resources and Professional Development. The Mohawk School Committee and the Mohawk Educator Association reached agreement on the new educator evaluation system required by MA DESE. Similarly, the Hawlemont School Committee and the Hawlemont Teachers' Association reached agreement. Both districts began implementing the new evaluation system with fidelity.

New Educator Evaluation System Administrative Council completed administrator training for the new evaluation system and took responsibility for training all staff. Central Office purchased a software application designed to facilitate the new system electronically. Principals met with all educators to assist in self-assessment and setting goals. Educators submitted self-assessment and proposed goals. Principals met with educators to establish educator plans. Principals completed most of the educator plans and first observation of each educator. Educators have submitted some evidence supporting their performance.

STANDARD 5

Student Support The districts' new Professional Learning Days structure is designed to increase educator effectiveness and thus support students. All administrators are focused on scheduling as a way to improve student learning.

Mohawk and Hawlemont recognize that teacher support is essential to student support. With this connection in mind, the districts introduced Professional Learning Days (PLDs). PLDs replaced traditional half days and focused on educator training. Within the Mohawk Middle-High School, an Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) short block was negotiated by a Joint Labor Management Committee (JLMC) and implemented. The ELO structure introduced a time frame within the school day to provide academic support to all students, including at-risk students. Some elementary schools created after-school enrichment on Wednesday early release days. Additionally, Mohawk introduced summer enrichment camps.

STANDARD 6

Financial and Asset Management Mohawk and Hawlemont continued to struggle with financial sustainability. Both School Committees have charged Administration with the responsibility of proposing and operating affordable budgets that support quality education.

Chinese Tuition-Paying Students Mohawk worked with the Department of Homeland Security to become eligible to receive international tuition-paying students. The District researched various models to develop an international program and selected a sister school model. Mohawk contracted with an intercultural consulting firm. The high school principal traveled to China with this firm

and procured two sister school agreements. School Committee authorized the District to move forward with a summer program in 2014 and preparing to receive 1-2 Chinese students during the 2015-2016 school year.

Hawlemont Agricultural Program Hawlemont applied for a \$325K Community Innovation Challenge grant. The purpose of the grant is to reconstitute and rejuvenate Hawlemont by providing an innovative elementary education through hands-on, experiential learning that combines agriculture and community involvement with traditional curriculum. A financial goal of this initiative is to increase choice-in revenues and reduce choice-out expenses, which would support the district's financial sustainability.

In 2013, the Mohawk and Hawlemont School Districts made substantial progress toward meeting and exceeding the MA DESE District Standards and Indicators. These performance standards were set higher than ever. Indeed, the more rigorous MA Curriculum Frameworks and the new educator evaluation system reflect how extraordinary times have become within public education. After having served the Mohawk and Hawlemont school districts for nine years, I am extremely optimistic about the future of our children's education within this increasingly demanding environment. There is a remarkable resilience that characterizes our communities, our educators, and our students. Mohawk and Hawlemont are ready for today's challenges and tomorrow's. On behalf of our students, I thank our entire school community for your steadfast support of our children's education. Because of you, the future remains very bright for our students!

PRINCIPAL
Mohawk Trail Regional High School

Collaboration, initiative, and innovation have been major themes at Mohawk in 2013. This year our school system adopted a calendar that increased opportunities for educators to work together; students were released early on many Wednesday afternoons for a Professional Learning schedule that permitted staff time to work together for professional development, curriculum writing, and collaboration. This is the second year that Mohawk has participated in a state-wide Professional Learning Communities (PLC) initiative and our faculty are working together in new ways to support student learning and their own professional growth. With the introduction of the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) period into the high school schedule this year, students can meet with teachers to receive additional support or pursue enrichment opportunities during the school day.

The arts, athletics, and other extracurricular activities enrich students' learning experiences. This year Mohawk staff and students produced "The Hobbit" in March, a medley of short plays in June, and Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" in December. Our music program is dynamic, with the introduction of Strings Ensemble, Rock Band, and Percussion Lab courses in addition to the core vocal and instrumental courses. The Mohawk Music Association generously supports our music programming.

Mohawk student-athletes had a strong year with increasing levels of student participation. Nearly half of our student body, 246 student-athletes, participated in our fall 2013 athletic program. Through their involvement with Varsity M, our student-athletes volunteer in the elementary schools to read to younger students and serve as role models. The Mohawk Athletic Association generously supports our athletic program through their fundraising initiatives, including this year's Doug Turner Memorial Walkathon which raised over \$13,000.

Students are demonstrating initiative and leadership to make improvements for their school. Over the past two years Mohawk has established a composting program, introduced hydration station water dispensers for filling water bottles, and created a student newspaper, *The Mohawk Independent*. The Student Council, composed of representatives

from all grades, is taking on a greater role in the school, serving as a forum for advocacy as well as organizing activities for the school community. Students with the Anti-Bullying Youth Council organized a number of events within the school and the community to improve communication and strengthen the sense of community.

At the midpoint of the 2013-2014 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 501. There are 89 students in the seventh grade and 89 students in the eighth grade. There are 67 students in the ninth grade, 82 in the tenth grade, 90 students in the junior class, and 79 students in the senior class. Five students are enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn R. Dole
Principal

SPECIAL EDUCATION
and PUPIL SERVICES

A three-step process determines eligibility for Special Education services. Initially, the student has to have a specific, identified disability. The student then needs to fail to make effective progress in appropriate curriculum after general education interventions have been delivered. Lastly, the student must demonstrate the need for specialized instruction or related services to access the curriculum. Related services, including speech and language therapy, occupational and physical therapy, assistive technology and counseling are provided in each of the three districts. The Mohawk Trail Regional School System has made a commitment over the last year to implement tiered instruction. Tiered instruction is a regular education service provided to all students. Teachers and staff collect and utilize data to determine intervention groups. Intervention groups are often short term and target a specific identified area of concern. Student data is tracked to determine the effectiveness of the intervention. Historically in order for students to access support they were required to be identified for special education. The Professional Learning Days have enabled teachers and staff to meet on a regular basis to analyze data and determine groupings.

The number of students receiving special education has fluctuated minimally. While the student population in our districts is on a downward decline, many factors influence special education. Our districts have a high rate of mobility for both foster children and families who struggle with housing. In addition, for the small districts one or two students can impact the percentages.

Data collected from Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education indicates the following:

	2010	2011	2012	2013
MTRSD	19.5%	20.1%	20.6%	19.7%
Hawlemont	26%	24%	26%	27%
Rowe	10%	16%	14%	17%

Rowe and Hawlemont School Districts participated in the CPR (Coordinated Program Review). CPR includes staff and teacher interviews and record reviews. Both districts received no corrective action for student related services. They were cited for excluding newly required language in their school handbooks. The changes were made in the school year 2012-2013 handbooks. In addition, all districts are required to support a Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Please contact Leann Loomis if you are interested in participating. Mohawk Trail Regional School District will begin their CPR in March of 2014.

Leann Loomis
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall reside in the School District and be graduates of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School who desire and are deemed worthy of post high school education or training and who are in need of financial assistance.

This year the Awards subcommittee read 75 applications, 38 were from seniors and 37 from previous graduates of Mohawk.

\$30,900.00 is to be awarded using 30% for seniors and 70% for graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have far fewer resources. 28 scholarships totaling \$10,100.00 were awarded to seniors (74% of applicants). 30 scholarships totaling \$20,800.00 were given to graduates (81% of applicants). The awards committee is Sheila Graves, Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Eric Sumner (Heath), Michelle Hillman (Colrain) and Marion Scott (Buckland).

From 1991–2013 a total of \$810,125.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$250,575.00 and \$559,550.00 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates.

The same formula for determining what percentage of the funds should be distributed as scholarships, which has been established by the School Committee and the management firm of Bartholomew and Company, was used again this year.

The application has been revised and is now available on line to the graduates. Seniors can pick their applications up at Mohawk.

Co-chairs of the Committee are Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett. The Finance Committee is composed of David Engle, Marion Taylor and Jim Pilgrim. Other members of the Committee are Paula Consolo (member at large from Buckland), Jonathon Diamond from Heath and Rebecca Bradley. Susan Crawford (from Hawley) has been appointed to serve as the liaison between the School Committee and the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Committee.

This year we were saddened by the passing of Jim Pilgrim. Jim was a very valuable person on our Committee and will be dearly missed by one and all... Our condolences to Jim's Family.

The Mohawk community owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Nilman for his foresight in supporting higher education for the students of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The committee members are honored to bring the wishes of his will to fruition.

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk (and were living in the nine town area at the time of graduation) are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help meet their continuing education needs. Call the Guidance Office at Mohawk for information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion E Scott, Secretary

PRINCIPAL SANDERSON ACADEMY

It is my absolute pleasure to be appointed as the new Sanderson Academy principal. 2013 saw generally strong academic performances from students, some staffing changes, and work continuing on a number of mandates from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Our enrollment as of the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year was 109 students in grades K-6, a small reduction from the previous year. The number of students at each grade level was as follows: 14 children in kindergarten, 15 children in first grade, 11 children in grade two, grade three had 16 students, fourth grade had 18 students, fifth grade had 23 students and 11 students were in our sixth grade class. There were 75 students from Ashfield and 22 enrolled from Plainfield. We had 12 students who were classified as "school choice" students due to the fact that they were accepted from towns other than Ashfield or Plainfield. All classes are grouped heterogeneously.

The faculty for the 2013 – 2014 school year consists of seven full-time classroom teachers, one special education teacher, one full-time reading teacher, and one full-time math interventionist. Specialists providing services in our school include a psychologist three days per week, a speech/language pathologist that services students three days per week, a full time nurse, and occupational and physical therapists, each for less than one half day per week. We have part time Art, Music, and Physical Education teachers who provide students with one hour of class time weekly in each subject area. We also have a part-time library manager and five other paraprofessionals. In June, we said good-bye to Marie Hodgkins, our fourth grade teacher, and Budge Litchfield, school principal, who both retired. Jorie MacLeod rejoined our staff after teaching in Heath. We welcomed Ben Hause as our physical education teacher for the year while Liz Tyler spends time with her baby twins. We said good-bye to paraprofessionals Kachina Yuryan and Lauren Preston-Wells and welcomed Dan Girard.

The spring of 2013 saw Sanderson Academy students again performing well on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Achievement System (MCAS) tests. In the three areas assessed, English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science and Technology, our students performed at levels, which were similar to or better than the performances of other students in our District or State, but when compared to our own previous scores, our students showed some decline in the areas of Mathematics and English Language Arts. We use this data when planning our curriculum, assessments, and groupings of students.

We continue to devote a great deal of time addressing numerous state mandates. Much of our focus has been implementing the new statewide educator evaluation system. Educators completed self-assessments, wrote SMART goals, are observed by an administrator, and are required to submit evidence of proficiency. We have continued our work with Professional Learning Communities and Learning Walkthroughs.

Thank you citizens of Ashfield and Plainfield for all you do to support your community school!

Respectfully submitted,

**Emma Liebowitz M.Ed.
Principal**

MARY LYON FOUNDATION

Innovative Support of Local Education

This was a banner year for the Mary Lyon Foundation. The annual Community Spelling Bee raised approximately \$7,000 for the Mini-Grant program with a portion earmarked for the Harper and Paulyne Gerry Student Assistance Fund. A large gong acquired for the spelling bee was donated to the music department. This fall we funded 26 school-based mini-grants and during the year purchased various items for the schools including a reading desk and sleds for recess at the Buckland Shelburne Elementary School.

At our annual Spring Lyonnaise, a celebration of excellence in local education, school committee chairperson Bob Aeschback and superintendent Michael Buoniconti welcomed assembled guests and awards were presented as follows: Spirit of Adventure Award given to Michael McCusker, Career Award presented to Ruth Black of Mohawk Trail Concerts, Business Award given to The Optician, and the Mohawk Outstanding Alumni Award was presented to Elizabeth McGowan '79, a recent Pulitzer Prize winner. The Heath strings program provided music and a scene from the Hobbit was presented by Mohawk students led by Jonathan Diamond. The 23rd annual special education conference was once again held for 2 days in March at Deerfield Academy. In attendance were 710 educators from 31 school districts across western Massachusetts who registered for 50 concurrent workshops and listened to 2 keynote speakers.

We have two new scholarships, an art scholarship in honor of beloved K-12 itinerant art teacher Jack Shea and a scholarship spon-

sored by the Arms Academy class of 1963. For the first time the Mary Lyon Foundation participated in Valley Gives, an online charitable giving event, and we raised \$2,795 in one day. We are very appreciative of grants and matching gifts from the Cleveland Dodge Foundation, Myrtle Atkinson Foundation, The Recorder, Peoples United Community Foundation, Brookfield Community Foundation and Bristol Myers Squibb.

As winter approached we purchased about \$3,000 worth of warm winter clothing for local elementary school children, and the Mary Lyon Foundation was offered participation in Warm the Children. We continue to provide grocery certificates for food at Keystone Market for families in need, especially during school vacations.

For the past 23 years the Mary Lyon Foundation has been providing innovative support for local education in the schools and in our 9 West County communities. Board members are past president Marion Taylor, president Stefan Kostka, vice president Hugh Knox, corresponding secretary Sharon Hudson, recording secretary Suzanne Conway Lagreze, treasurer Karen Fairbrother, Amy Love and Beth Bandy. Gina Sieber is the business manager and we are proud to have approximately 60 volunteers, especially Sandy Gilbert of Heath. Our volunteers are from all corners of Franklin County and help sponsor events. We thank the community for such ongoing and enthusiastic support of our programs and services.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Samoriski, Ed.D.

Executive Director

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created 25 years ago and includes the Towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. The HRMC was created by a group of dedicated volunteers from each member Town who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns with volunteer local boards that had a desire to protect the environment, become more sustainable and manage the expensive problem of rapidly rising solid waste disposal costs.

In the past 25 years the HRMC has created cost saving recycling and sustainability programs. The past year has also been one in which the HRMC and the Hampshire Council of Governments continued their partnership by working closely together on sustainability and green energy development issues in Hilltown region. In fact the HRMC Administrator splits his time, spending 1/2 of each week being Administrator of the HRMC and 1/2 of each week being the Sustainability Director for the Hampshire Council of Governments.

WHAT PROGRAMS DOES THE HRMC HELP WITH?

The HRMC contracted Administrator, Eric Weiss, helps your Town manage disposal recycling and sustainability programs, including:

- Solid Waste Disposal and Hauling Contracting
- MRF Household Recycling and Hauling and Contracting
- Electronics, Paint, Propane Tank, Tire, and Clothes Recycling Programs
- Organize and Manage the Annual Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection
- Provide Sustainability and Recycling Outreach and Education efforts
- Assisting local Boards with DEP Compliance Related Issues
- Assisting with monitoring transfer station efforts costs and activities
- Advocating on behalf of the Towns with State Legislators
- Explore zero waste issues on behalf of member Towns
- Advocating on sustainability and green energy issues for its member Towns.

- Supporting and bidding green energy projects where appropriate

WHO MANAGES THE HRMC?

- Two residents (appointed by your Towns Board of Selectmen) from each of the ten member Towns serve on the HRMC Board which is responsible for the management and oversight of the HRMC.
- The current Chairman of the HRMC is Joe Kearns from Middlefield, the current Vice-Chairman of the HRMC is Adam Leach from Worthington and the current Treasurer of the HRMC is Tom Martin from Westhampton.
- The HRMC has a full time contracted administrator, Eric Weiss who works 25hrs each week to manage and operate the HRMC.
- The HRMC has an annual assessment which is approved by each Town at their annual Town meeting. The annual assessment is based on population and the amount of tonnage handled at your Towns transfer station. The Total (for the Ten Towns combined) annual assessments are currently \$39,487.56. After two years of budget reductions the HRMC has level funded its assessment budget for two the past three fiscal years in a row.
- The HRMC also receives grant and recycling revenues to supplement its budget and many efforts on behalf of its member Communities. The HRMC continues to be a very successful effort for the Hilltown region. It has become a program which local boards of Selectmen and Health have grown to depend on for sound technical assistance and guidance on recycling and sustainability issues.
- The HRMC works closely with local officials in every one of its member Towns by providing information and important technical assistance to the Towns.
- We also help your Towns obtain access to the resources needed for the management of successful solid waste, recycling, sustainability and green energy (solar) programs.

Last year the HRMC helped the 10 member Towns:

- Recycle and divert 1,811 tons of material from disposal
- Save \$122,272 in avoided disposal costs
- Save 5,198 tons of greenhouse gas emissions through recycling
- Earn over \$24,757 in recycling revenue

We look forward to continuing to assist your Town during this upcoming year. If you have any questions about recycling or have a waste disposal problem, please call us at (413) 268-3845 or o(413-687-3356 Or email us at hrrmc@crocker.com right away. You can also access our new upgraded web site at www.hrrmc-ma.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss

Administrator, HRMC

Sustainability Director, HCOG

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Hilltown Community Development Corporation (Hilltown CDC) was created in 1981 with a mission to "improve the quality of life for hilltown residents by addressing economic, housing, educational, social and community needs while preserving the rural character of the area." Its core service area includes the ten towns of Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. In recent years its small business assistance program has expanded to serve 20 Hilltowns. Hilltown CDC's four major program areas are affordable housing, small business assistance, social services and community development/planning. In 2013 Hilltown CDC began administering a regional program that secures federal grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to ensure housing

and services are provided to the homeless through a Continuum of Care model which serves Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire Counties.

Hilltown CDC works with the community to identify and secure financial resources to serve the community development needs of the region. In Fiscal Year 2013, Hilltown CDC helped the hilltown region care for the elderly, provided safe affordable housing to seniors and low income families, improved many hilltown homes and sponsored an annual hilltown spring festival celebrating the hilltown region. The following details provide more information about services delivered in 2013.

Social Services: Hilltown CDC's **Hilltown Elder Network (HEN)** Program delivered over 7,000 hours of in-home caregiving assistance (primarily chore and transportation assistance) to over 120 low-income Hilltown elders at no cost to the participants. HEN staff provided over 20,000 miles of transportation for medical visits and other purposes, including snow removal help. CDBG funding was awarded in 2013 allowing Hilltown CDC to provide CDBG funded HEN services again. This grant will allow these services to be delivered through calendar year 2014.

The following social service programs provided assistance to residents in the hilltowns:

- **The Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE)**, administered by Hilltown Community Health Centers (HCHC), provided free in-home nursing care and podiatric services to nearly 90 eligible homebound elders.
- **The Hilltown Food Pantry** distributed over 75,000 pounds of food to almost 281 hilltown individuals. The Pantry is administered by the Northampton Survival Center at the Goshen Town Hall.
- **Families Together**, another HCHC program, offered training and peer support activities focused on family issues such as parenting, family dynamics, and family health education to 60 hilltown households.
- **Child Care Subsidies**, 18 hilltown families were provided subsidies through this program to assist them with child care expenses.

Economic Development: Hilltown CDC, from July, 2012 to June, 2013:

- Provided individualized business consulting and/or training to 35 hilltown businesses, ranging from one hour to 30 hours per business.
- Published the 2013 Hilltown Business Directory, distributed to 13,000 hilltown households in 22 towns, with contact information and descriptions of 308 hilltown businesses in 84 categories. The Directory is also on-line at www.hilltowncdc.org.
- Organized the 7th annual Hilltown Spring Festival at the Cummington Fairgrounds, gathering 1,500 hilltowners to enjoy local music and dance groups, food from local vendors, displays by local businesses and non-profit organizations, and children's activities for all ages.

Affordable Housing: We actively pursue opportunities to preserve and create affordable housing to meet the needs of low and moderate income Hilltown residents.

- **Westhampton Woods Senior Housing:** Hilltown CDC secured funding to expand Westhampton Woods Senior Housing from 7 apartments to 15 apartments. Construction was completed in December 2013 and tenants moved in for the new-year.
- **Rental Housing:** Hilltown CDC received funding to renovate 24 units of scarce affordable rental housing in Williamsburg,

Westhampton and Chesterfield and is planning to do significant improvements to all existing properties in 2014. This includes the acquisition of a new property in Haydenville. Hilltown CDC has chosen a contractor for the work and is in the process of planning the phasing of the renovation to begin in the Spring/Summer of 2014.

- **New Project Development:** Hilltown CDC is working with the Town of Goshen and its Senior Housing Committee to purchase a piece of land in Goshen to build senior housing. Hilltown CDC applied for and was awarded \$80,000 in CPA funds in Goshen to acquire this land, obtain permitting and apply for permanent financing of the development.

- Housing Rehabilitation Program:** provides zero percent interest, deferred-payment loans to income eligible homeowners for use in making a wide variety of repairs to their homes, including roofs, septic systems, electrical, plumbing, and heating. In addition, the program provides a source of steady year round employment for area contractors. In FY 2013 HCDC:
- Hilltown CDC closed its FY 2011 CDBG grant which allowed 14 homes to be rehabilitated in the Towns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Peru, Plainfield and Williamsburg.
 - In 2013 Hilltown CDC received a regional FY 2013 CDCBG grant which will allow Hilltown CDC to rehabilitate 22 homes in the towns of Williamsburg, Cummington, Chesterfield, Westhampton and Plainfield.

- Community Planning:** We also work closely with municipalities and community groups in our service area to plan for, raise funds for and/or manage a range of projects. During FY13 HCDC:
- Hilltown CDC conducted a number of community engagement sessions in the hilltowns exploring the needs of the community from input by residents in many of the hilltowns. Residents expressed needs in the community regarding economic development/small business assistance, agricultural/farming, emergency preparedness, senior services and affordable housing. Hilltown CDC participated in a number of community discussions regarding sustainability.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Christopolis, Executive Director

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The Hampshire Council of Governments (Council) is a membership based organization that solves common challenges through regional solutions while retaining local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in Fiscal Year 2013 were \$52,256. The dues collected help support Council programs and services. It is the continued goal of the Council to increase revenues from a variety of sources to offset the assessment and to expand services.

For every dollar spent on Council programs, participating western Massachusetts communities receive at least three dollars back in taxpayer savings and value. All of our programs and services are designed to save taxpayer money, keep investments local, and contribute to a healthy, sustainable environment. All revenue generated is reinvested back into local communities.

In Fiscal Year 2013 the Town of Plainfield used the following Council programs and services with an estimated savings and value of \$29,722: Hampshire Power; Municipal Aggregation; Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative; Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust; Tobacco Free Community Partnership for Hampshire and Franklin Counties. *By taking advantage of the unused and underutilized programs and services the town can maximize value and increase savings.*

ADMINISTRATION

The Council began a campaign to address significant areas of deterioration of the structural integrity of the historic Courthouse. The cost to restore the Courthouse is in excess of \$3.7 million. The Council has approached local Community Preservation Act Committees requesting financial support. State and federal funding sources will also be identified because the building is owned by the 'inhabitants of Hampshire County' and is our shared historic legacy.

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT

Hampshire Power is the only local electricity supplier with a non-profit mission to save you money and keep electricity dollars in the local economy. Achievements in FY 2013:

- Expanded Product offerings to include Fixed Price product that offers long term rates designed to be below the default utility price.
 - Expanded customer base to cover all five western Massachusetts counties.
 - Community Choice Aggregation is a program for residential and business customers designed to bring choice and control and cost savings to the electricity market. Now with over 160,000 people covered under the Council's Aggregations, the buying power enhances the opportunity for savings. The program has moved forward with the filing of a plan on behalf of thirty-eight communities.
 - The Department of Energy Resources recommended approval of the plan by the Department of Public Utilities.
- Additional towns are lining up to join the program.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative: The Cooperative is celebrating its 32nd year serving western Massachusetts' communi-

ties and school districts. The program coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, human service agencies, and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County region. Buying in bulk generates added savings over lone bidding efforts while complying with state procurement statutes and eliminating duplication of administrative work. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for Fiscal Year 2013 was \$6,244,980.58 with an estimated savings of \$722,112.67 for participating communities.

Hampshire IT: The Council operates a professional, affordable, and comprehensive IT service tailored to municipalities and school districts by partnering with Paragus, Strategic IT. The program has experienced growth over the past year and continues to add new towns. The more towns join the contract, the lower the hourly rate for everyone participating in the program.

Regional Municipal Accounting and Bookkeeping:

Recognizing that towns have experienced a decline in available and qualified town accountants, the Council established a professional accounting and bookkeeping service. In Fiscal Year 2013 the Council provided accounting services for the Towns of Goshen and Granby, WiredWest, Springfield Materials Recycling Facility, Hampshire Group Insurance Trust, and Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative.

Healthy Hampshire/Mass in Motion Grant: The Council was awarded a multi-year grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to create Healthy Hampshire (HH) and we have been working through municipal and community leaders to effect changes to community policies and systems that have been shown to have a measurable impact on health. Goals of



Elaine Holder

Visiting various solar energy sites in town.

Healthy Hampshire include:

- Improve nutritional quality of school meals and snacks
- Increase the number of students walking and biking to school
- Increase the number of healthy options available to consumers in small retail outlets
- Create healthy design standards for municipalities to follow when considering any new development or retrofits

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY GROUP INSURANCE TRUST (HCGIT)

The Trust has once again held their costs down with no premium increases for the 2013 Insurance Year. The Hampshire Councilors serve as the trustees of the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust, a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance with excellent benefits at competitive rates. An Insurance Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of all participating units, meets regularly to discuss problems and possible solutions and to explore new ideas. The Trust manages a self-funded group of health insurance products.

In the Insurance Year 2013 (April 1, 2012, to March 31, 2013), the collective premium for the Trust was approximately \$48 million. Through the efforts and expertise of the Trust management, the volume of participation in the program, and the participation of the town representatives on the Advisory Board, the Insurance Trust is successful at managing costs while providing excellent health benefits.

Wellness Initiative Program

The Wellness Initiative is a worksite wellness program promoting healthier choices and behaviors amongst employees covered by the HCGIT. It utilizes health risk data and employees' needs and interest surveys to develop program strategies to address the risk factors of the insured. Mini grants awarded to fund Worksite Wellness Teams help to develop and implement wellness programs using the data to develop evidence based programs to address the risks of their populations. A few of the programs support by the Wellness Initiative included:

- Spring Challenge – 225 participated in this physical fitness challenge by walking, biking, raking leaves running logging thousands of hours, steps and miles.
- Passport to Health – screenings conducted at worksites to help employees know and understand their biometric numbers
- Nutrition programs including “Start your day the healthy way” and Healthy Local Potlucks
- Colonoscopy Promotion – a yearlong promotion beginning in April 2011 to encourage our subscribers to have a colonoscopy – for both prevention and diagnostic reasons – colonoscopies save lives.

SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Sustainability Department is to promote green energy development and energy conservation projects throughout the Western Massachusetts region. The Council is involved in a long term effort to support the local and regional economy and help it to become more sustainable. In Fiscal Year 2013 the Sustainability Department has:

- Initiated and managed a Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECS) brokering program which as of July 1, 2013, has 126 clients and 973kW under contract.
- Created and administered a large RFP to promote the development of solar PV projects in municipalities throughout western Massachusetts. Moving ahead with a 850kW solar array in Wilbraham.
- Monitored Massachusetts solar and green energy markets and provided guidance to member towns on the direction of the green energy markets.
- Assisted the Town of Middlefield in the implementation of its Green Community Energy Reduction Plan. Including the installation of a 12kW solar array.
- Worked closely with Hampshire Power to create and offer and financially viable solar net metering option for Hampshire Power member municipalities.
- Provided technical assistance to contracted clients on a fee for



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service basis through the position of the Sustainability Director.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)

RSVP of Hampshire & Franklin Counties is the Council's community service program that mobilizes adults age 55+ to meet community needs by recruiting, placing, and supporting volunteers in a diverse array of service opportunities at local non-profit and public agencies. The program benefits the senior population by keeping them active and engaged, and benefits our region by bringing these volunteers' dedication, wisdom, and expertise to bear on our communities' most pressing needs.

During Fiscal Year 2013, 681 RSVP volunteers gave more than 112,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than \$3 million.

RSVP volunteers serve at hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, after school programs, survival centers, and senior centers in towns across the two counties.

The following are some examples of the impact RSVP volunteers are having on our communities:

- Through RSVP's Osteoporosis Exercise Program, 67 volunteers led weekly strength training classes for more than 500 seniors
- 14 volunteers worked with students in schools and after school programs to improve academic skills
- 169 volunteers increased food security in our region through service at food banks, survival centers, and senior meal programs.
- 338 volunteers improved the quality of life for almost 14,000 seniors by leading activities and providing information at senior centers.

THE TOBACCO FREE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (TFCP)

The Hampshire and Franklin County Tobacco Free Community Partnership (TFCP) supports communities' efforts to lower smoking prevalence and exposure to secondhand smoke by enhancing state and local tobacco control efforts, exposing tobacco industry tactics, mobilizing the community to support and adopt evidence-based policies, and changing social norms. Funded by the Massachusetts Cessation and Prevention program, TFCP serves as a resource for local coalitions, health and human service agencies, municipalities, and workplaces on tobacco intervention efforts. The programs successes include:

- Passed updated tobacco regulations in three Hampshire County towns that prohibit the sale of tobacco in health care institutions (including pharmacies), restrict the sale of single cheap cigars, ban the sale of blunt wraps, and limit youth access to nicotine delivery products like e-cigarettes.
- A strong presence in creating Smoke Free Environments. In addition to efforts that resulted in the Yankee Candle Company implementing a tobacco free property policy at their flagship store, distribution center and corporate headquarters, Yankee Hill apartments (Easthampton) and the Ware Housing Authority have also adopted a smoke free policy within their housing developments. These policies eliminate the risk of secondhand smoke exposure.
- Individual presentations were made at over 16 community based organization regarding Other Tobacco Products (OTP) and smoking cessation and smoke free housing policy. These presentations were frequently addressed to family support staff within the organizations.

For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Administrative Office at 413-584-1300 ext. 2. You may also visit the Council website at

www.hampshirecog.org, [FB](#), and [Twitter](#).

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER

One Plainfield veteran passed away in the past year: Edgar James "Jim" Drake, Jr.

Jim Drake served in the United States Navy for 26 years and retired as a Chief Petty Officer in 1981. His service included seven six-month tours aboard ships during the Vietnam War. One of those tours was spent "in country" aboard a river patrol boat. Jim was stationed in San Diego, CA for the majority of his naval career.

205 flags were placed on the veterans' graves in the Hilltop Cemetery, in the West Hill Cemetery, and on the Veterans' Memorial in front of the Plainfield Congregational Church. As required by State Law, the flags are set before Memorial Day, and are removed after Veterans' Day to prevent them from becoming frayed and faded during the winter.

Respectfully submitted,
Dudley D. Williams
Veterans' Graves Officer

VETERANS SERVICES

The Central Franklin County District was formed in 1940 and provides Veterans Services for twenty three towns within Franklin County. Currently we are providing support for 76 veterans who reside in your district

The mission of the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) is to be the chief advocate for the nearly half-million veterans of the Commonwealth and their families.

Under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L. ch. 115), the Commonwealth provides a uniform program of financial and medical assistance for income eligible veterans and their dependents. Qualifying veterans and their dependents receive financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies, and medical care in accordance with a formula which takes into account the number of dependents and income from all sources. Eligible dependents of deceased veterans are provided with the same benefits as they would were the veteran still living.

The District office is located at 190 Millers Falls Road, Turners falls, Mass.01376. Our offices are open four days a week from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM (413-863-3205), and Friday by appointment. Leo Parent is the Director of Veterans Services, Mark Fitzpatrick is your Veterans Services Officer; and Donna Bezio is our Administrative Assistant. Leo and Mark held our first annual Job Fair for Veterans at the French King Bowling Center with great success; as well as, a Veterans Administration Health Fair

Many Veterans have been calling looking for the VA Web Sites here are a few for you.

- Educational Benefits: www.gibill.va.gov Home Loan Guaranty: www.homeloans.va.gov
- Federal Jobs: www.usajobs.opm.gov Returning Veterans: www.seamlessstranston.va.gov
- VA Home Page: www.va.gov Government Jobs: www.usajobs.gov/opm
- Massachusetts State Veterans Services: MassVets Advisor

Leo J. Parent, Director
Mark Fitzpatrick, VSO

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Having submitted our application for the center of Plainfield to be included in the National Register of Historic Places, we expect this process to be concluded and accepted in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Dario Coletta, Chair

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

It has been a very quiet year for the committee. No work was done with the with New Comm software to get Hilltop Cemetery completely computerized, due to time constraints of the committee members.

There were 6 (six) Burial in the Hilltop Cemetery and none in West Hill Cemetery in 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa Thatcher
Merton Taylor Sr.

THE BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

The Buildings Committee continues to provide maintenance, repairs and/or renovations to the Town's public access facilities.

Town Hall Community Center:

A long-term renovation endeavor of the Town Hall has begun starting with areas needing primary attention. Chimney exterior was dismantled (Timothy Nye – contractor) and rebuilt with a proper rain cap. A new flexible stainless steel insulated flu liner was installed and further repairs done to interior of chimney leading into furnace room, bringing the exhaust unit up to code.

Further attention regarding the roof was directed to the damaged raised portion on the east side of the roof, lifting the rain-cap and causing principle water damage to the southern interior of the second floor wall. Rick Smith (contractor) repaired the area with roof tiles found beneath kitchen of Town Hall eliminating any future water damage.

Library and Town Offices:

Roof and ceiling work needs attention in the children's room in the Library. For all practical purposes the shelving-project in the basement of the town offices have been completed.

When the winter months are over, the stone marquee in front of the Library will be raised upon another pedestal to become more visible and out of the way for plowing.

Painting of the Town Offices met with complications.

Contractor noted that the entire siding on all four sides of facility has been compromised with water damage necessitating major siding project. Attention to this will be brought before the town at the annual meeting due to size of funding needed far exceeds the committee's allocation. Chimney, flashing and repair was done by Timothy Nye (contractor); discovered that there already was a flu liner (only one section had to be replaced)

Hathaway Hall:

location was most compliant for their use. It will also add to the Town budget with a modest rental fee, in addition to wiring all the town facilities free of charge. Wired –West will expand the service from that location to outreaching homes and residential areas within all the hill-towns. This location has been under re-construction for said purpose and is finally finished. The old water heater located in the bay area of the facility was disconnected and taken away by George Propane. Another

smaller, more economical tank was put in place under the sink in the kitchen area of Hathaway Hall.

New proposals are underway for usage of the area.

New well pump had to be installed.

Other miscellaneous repairs were done like normal light fixtures replaced front door repaired and sink drain fixed.

Grounds:

Summer: Bob Aeschbach - mowing town property

Winter: Linda Pilgrim - snow removal

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Feeley, Chair

Phil Sargenski, Secretary

Claude Dupont, member

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Plainfield Board of Health consists of three members who are elected by the town's voters. The current members of the Board are Davio Danielson, David Crowell and Ellen Dupont. In addition, three people work part-time under the Board's auspices.

Most important is Allan Roberts, the attendant at the compactor and transfer station. Always well-organized and helpful, he is reliably there when the recycling station and compactor are open:

Saturday mornings 9 to 12

Sunday afternoons 4 to 6

Wednesday evenings 6 to 7.

We also employ Barbara Curren as a consultant and Plainfield's official witness for perc tests and Title V compliance issues. She is a registered soil scientist who can be reached at 413-584-7468 (o) or 413-30-8669 (c). Barbara asks us to remind everyone that she appreciates as much notice as possible when her services are going to be required.

In addition we occasionally utilize the services of Sanitarian Tom Leue of Ashfield to review complex plans for Title V septic repairs and installations and submit recommendations to the Board. This year we have also appreciated volunteer help from Jack Nelson who is an avid and energetic Plainfield environmentalist. When we were lagging in figuring out new state regulations for disposal of "sharps" i.e. injection needles, Jack took the lead in making cooperative arrangements with the Town of Cummington that has solved the problem. Jack has also been appointed to the Board of the HRMC with Danielson and is an active participant in setting recycling policies for the region.

The need to replace the compactor after 30 years of service finally became unavoidable. It was patched up by the master mechanics at DPV, but it still wasn't developing enough pressure, and the Town was spending more than it should hauling light loads to the landfill. The Board worked with Eric Weiss, Director of the HRMC and the Finance Committee to put forth a proposal for competitive bids to replace it. McGuire won the bid and the new equipment was installed just before the cold snap at the end of the year.

During the past year, Danielson and Dupont attended professional seminars to upgrade their skills on regulations and practices affecting food safety and Incident Command in the event of a public health emergency. Crowell received a computer through a grant from the Emergency Preparedness Coalition and is becoming adept at its use in applications to public health.

BPH-related revenues last year were \$9,584.50 and expenditures were \$26,912. The total cost for replacing the compactor was \$11,665.00. Because the amount being received on the world markets for recycled materials is falling we expect offsetting costs for the disposal of construction materials, electronics, furniture and the like to increase somewhat and be passed on to our residents. A reminder: Please hold on to your toxic materials for safe disposal in the Fall of each year when the HRMC sets up a special day and

place to accept them; watch for notices in the Plainfield Post. Anyone with public health questions is invited to write to us at P.O. Box 8 in town, attend a board meeting at Town Hall on the first or third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM, or call board members during the week with any urgent questions. If a scheduled meeting falls on election day or a holiday we usually move the meeting to the following Tuesday, but please check town bulletin boards to be sure of the schedule.

The Board of Health enforces myriad regulations affecting infectious diseases, safe housing standards, sanitation, food and environmental safety in restaurants and campgrounds, and swimming beaches. Each year brings requests from the state for reports and participation in new information systems. It gets more and more complex but we seem to be keeping up with the most important issues and things seem to be running pretty smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,

Davio Danielson, Chair

David Crowell

Ellen Dupont

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board had many items on its agenda this year. We wrote an amendment to the zoning bylaws to include a by right siting of large scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic installations. The article was brought before Town Meeting and after much discussion was tabled until a special town meeting in September when the amendment did not pass.

We have been working to update the Town's Master plan, starting with the land use section. Townspeople were asked to fill out a survey and return them to the board. The board also held several informational meetings and asked for input from the attendees. We had some very good input. We also worked closely with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission on this project.

Several ANR requests were reviewed and ok'ed.

The board would like to thank Leslie Rule for all of her help with the Master plan update.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Morann, chair

Robert Persing

Penn Moulton

Brian Hawthorne

Claude Dupont III

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee hosted several events this year, including an awesome baseball Little League team. One of the challenges facing our baseball team is having enough players. This year we lost half of our players due to age restrictions and players moving from the area. Coach Ken Magdycz is putting out an appeal to all boys and girls to consider joining the team. A big thank you to Ken Magdycz and Karl Magdycz for their dedication to the team. Congratulations for a great season by an awesome team.

The Halloween party was a huge success with the return of the bonfire. Thank you the PVFA for their support and help.

We had over 20 children in the Hiltown Jr. Olympics this year and many medals were won.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Morann

Plainfield Recreation Committee

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Building Inspection Department ensures that all new construction, alterations, renovations, repairs and demolitions are in conformance with 780 CMR, the Massachusetts State Building Code, Massachusetts General Laws, Town of Plainfield Zoning By-Laws and any other applicable codes and statutes enforced by the Building Inspector.

A total of 35 permits were issued

Job Code		
1	New Residential Homes	2
1A	Foundation only	1
2	Additions/Alterations-Residential	9
3	Accessory Buildings	2
4	Pools	0
5	Demolition	0
6	Other	11
7	Additions and Alterations Commercial	0
8	Garage Residential	1
9	Signs	0
10	Stoves	9
11	Fence	0
12	Commercial / New	0

Total Job Values.....\$ 829,523.00

Permit Fees Collected.....\$ 6225.00

The new, Eighth Edition Massachusetts State Base Code (Commercial Code) which is based on the **2009 International Building Code** (IBC) became effective August 6, 2010 and the Massachusetts Residential One and Two Family Building Code which is based on the **2009 International Residential Code** (IRC) became in effect on February 4, 2011. Both editions of the code had a six month concurrency period with the Seventh Edition of the Massachusetts State Building Code from the adoption dates. I would like to thank the Board of Selectman for their appointment to this position and all of the departments for their cooperation and dedication of service. I look forward to working with the citizens of Plainfield and assisting them in their endeavors to make this an enjoyable community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald W Garner

Building Commissioner / Inspector of Buildings

WHITING STREET FUND

During 2013 the WSF was pleased to have distributed funds to one Plainfield household in financial need. This fund, left by Mr. Whiting Street of Northampton over 100 years ago, is still available for use by any town resident in need of financial assistance. The fund is overseen by a committee of three members elected by the town. The committee meets as needed to review requests. All requests for assistance are kept in strict confidence throughout the process. If you are having financial difficulties or know of someone who is in need, please contact a member of the committee and they will be glad to explain the process to have your situation evaluated for possible assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Persing, Chair

Davis Alvord

Ellen Baer

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The year began with 471 registered voters consisting of 125 Democrats, 33 Republicans, 1 Green, 2 Green Rainbows, 1 Interdependent 3rd Party and 309 unenrolled. The year ended with 450 registered voters consisting of 125 Democrats, 31 Republicans, 1 Green, 2 Green Rainbows, 1 Interdependent 3rd Party and 290 unenrolled.

Respectfully submitted,
John Westwood, Chair
Linda Melle
Thelma Pilgrim
Theresa Thatcher

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Well, we knew it was coming sooner or later and sure enough the Town voted in the election held the week before Town Meeting to add an additional employee to the Highway Dept. forcing an override of the 2 ½ percent allowable annual increase in the Town budget. The override amount was only for \$35,000 but since it will be an annual operating expense, it had to be included in the operating budget rather than taken out of the stabilization fund as a one time payment.

Override aside, by tight budgeting by all departments and cutting back by \$14,500 in capital costs at the request of the Finance Committee, we would have stayed within the allowable 2½ percent increase.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Persing, Chair
Bettie Briggs, David Briggs
Tim Walter, Roberta Wooldridge

ENERGY COMMITTEE

The mission statement of the Plainfield Energy Committee (PEC), approved by the selectboard, states that the PEC "is dedicated to education about energy conservation and usage".

The PEC showed the PBS Nova video *Saved by the Sun* at town hall in October. It featured the promise of solar photovoltaic (PV) energy. About two dozen people attended and sat in a circle and had a discussion afterwards.

In November the PEC led 17 people on a solar tour of four solar installations. Three were in Plainfield and one was in Cummington. Three were PV systems (2 roof-mounted and one free-standing) and one was a solar hot water system. The owners were proud of and happy with their systems. The PEC thanks solar pioneers Emily Cavin and Michael Petrilli, Sebern and John Fisher, and Jack Nelson and Jeanne Sargent, all of Plainfield, and Jane Crosby and Eli Martin Schotz of Cummington.

The PEC will be exploring with the selectboard the possibility of joining nearby towns in the state project *Solarize Mass*, which would provide discounts for PV systems for homeowners depending on how many sign up.

The PEC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at town hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Walter, Chair
Steve Bushway, Conrad Liebenow,
Ruby Goodnoff, Susan Pearson
Ed Stockman, Sadie Stull

Memorial Day Parade



Elaine Holder

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2013 was another busy year—plowing and sanding of roads took precedence from January to mid-April (some exceptions include dealing with drainage issues during rain events, patching gravel and paved roads during very brief breaks in cold weather, and cleaning branches and trees after wind events).

May–September began with adding gravel to and grading some of the gravel roads, then sweepings and in the center of town. Intense downpours and occasional thunderstorm/wind events would require frequent fixing of washouts and cleaning debris throughout the spring and summer. Breakdowns of the grader and brush mower delayed grading and mowing this last year, but were completed after repairs were made. Beaver dams were also an issue in 2013, blocking culverts, which thereby threatened to flood roads, taking precious time to deal with in a very busy year.

Prospect St. was paved with 1.5" topcoat on top of the 2.5" of pavement put down the year before. Rte. 116 west of 8A was reconstructed from August–October — even though it was not a "smooth" process, it got completed and is much better than it was before.

Numerous street and other warning/caution signs were installed around town (some had been stolen/destroyed, requiring replacement).

New equipment bought in 2013 featured the replacement of the 1988 John Deere with a Komatsu loader—this was a much needed replacement, and greatly appreciated. Another dump body was also bought and installed on the #8 dump truck, giving our two 1996 Ford trucks a few more years of usefulness(hopefully).

Another employee (Keith Bohonowicz) was hired in October. October–November featured blowing leaves out of ditches, finishing mowing, patching potholes and washouts, and preparing equipment for winter. Late November–December again was primarily plowing and sanding of roads.

All throughout the year, the crew also maintained town equipment/apparatus (fire and highway)—overseeing and insuring they passed state inspection, and other odd jobs as requested by other town departments/committees.

Thanks go to Sparky, Karl, Keith, Dennis, Ed, Paula, Linda, Dave and Stacy for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merton Taylor, Jr
Highway Superintendent

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2013 fortunately was a quiet year for Plainfield — no state of emergency was declared for the town. The only activity of note was applying for and receiving reimbursement for a February snowstorm through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency). As is the case every year, I keep in contact with MEMA and town emergency services (fire, police, ems, highway) regarding training and readiness for potential emergencies/disasters.

My thanks go out to our emergency services (mostly volunteer) for "being there" whenever there is a 911 call or other type of emergency (no matter what time of day or night, or kind of weather). These folks possess various talents and knowledge which greatly helps responding to and dealing with emergencies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merton Taylor Jr
Emergency Management Director



Elaine Holder

Traditional Native American crafts by Jennifer Lee.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Plainfield Cultural Council met during 2013 to discuss and implement two important tasks: the annual grant cycle funding and the annual ArtsFeast exhibit. The Council received \$4250 from the Commonwealth, a 10% increase compared to last year's funding. This increase is the first increase since FY08 and is an important step towards restoring funding to prior funding levels.

The Council received 33 applications, and at its November meeting awarded \$4500 (included monies from local revenue) to 21 individuals and organizations. While the decisions were difficult, we supported projects that provided the most benefit for our community. Funding was awarded to the Plainfield Volunteer Firefighters Association for music at the barbecue; the Plainfield Congregational Church for its Concerts at 7 series; Community Contradance and Dance Band; Double Edge Theatre Arts Intensive, and a Native Ways Museum program at Sanderson Academy; Celtic Music for the Highland Hilltowns, a program for our COA and community members of all ages; a Franklin Land Trust Woodcock Workshop to be held at the Guyette property, and the Trustees of Reservation's Bryant Day, to name just a few.

The ArtsFeast exhibit, held during the firemen's barbecue, was again a success with 23 artists and artisans displaying their work in the spacious Meeting and Greeting room at the Shaw Memorial Library. Outdoor sculptures welcomed visitors to enjoy the "Feast." Thanks go to our librarian, Denise Sessions, for her assistance. We welcome all artistic media and urge anyone interested in participating to contact any member of the Council.

In September, representatives from the Council attended an informal "Meet and Greet" gathering of local cultural councils and Massachusetts Cultural Council staff at the Flywheel Arts Gallery in Easthampton to trade stories, ask questions and share expertise.

We thank Gail Fusco for her service during her six-year term that expired this year. Her graphics help has been invaluable.

The Council looks forward to supporting arts and cultural programs that are of the most value to our community in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Holder, Chair

Peri Kelly, Secretary

Sarah Stull, Treasurer

Erik Burcroff, Dario Coletta, Rebecca Coletta

Cynthia Poirier, Lynda Christie



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COUNCIL ON AGING

The council continues its membership w/ Ruby Good off and Jay McMahon as co-chairs. Phil Alessio and Anne Kohn are board members. Jane Neri began as coordinator in June, 2011.

We have pot-luck luncheons on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month, except for January and February, which is once per month. The lunches are open to all and a good opportunity to socialize. We thank our members for their good cooking (and the seniors) and setting up for meals. We thank Gail Fusco, Thelma Pilgrim, and Phil Alessio for their good work in pick-up and distributing the brown bag for people in town, who need a food supplement.

We had a flu clinic in October that was well received and managed by the Worthington Health Center. The pot luck lunches request a \$1.00 donation. This has accumulated to over \$600.00. We will meet during this year to decide how to best use these funds—either for a field trip or entertainment.

Beginning this year, we have a new van available, which is located in Goshen. The van has door to door pickups serving Plainfield. It goes to Northampton on Tuesdays and Thursdays and to Pittsfield on Wednesdays. It is for shopping and medical appointments. We urge you to take advantage of this comfortable, convenient and certainly inexpensive service. You need only to be age 60 or handicapped. The cost is \$4.00 round trip. It also accommodates a wheelchair. Please call Jane Neri for details. We look forward to a good year. Any suggestions are most welcome. Questions? call Jane at 634-5703. See you for lunch.

Respectfully
Jane Neri, coordinator

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals is your Town Board responsible for hearing and acting upon requests for variances and special permits in accordance with the Town of Plainfield Zoning Bylaw, and acting upon filed appeals of the building inspector as it pertains to the Zoning Bylaw. During the calendar year 2013, the Board conducted the following business:

In April the Plainfield Congregational Church (PCC) filed an application for Variance for the construction of a one story addition to the rear of the existing church. After further consideration, the PCC revised their plans, withdrew their application for Variance and submitted an application for Special Permit to construct a revised addition. On August 21, 2013, a Public Hearing was held at the Plainfield Town Hall. At our regularly scheduled meeting of September 11, 2013 the ZBA voted unanimously to issue a Special Permit, with conditions, and provided copies for filing.

The Board met regularly on the second Wednesday of each month and at the request of residents, had informal discussions regarding Zoning Bylaw matters. We encourage residents and property owners to come before the Board for such discussions prior to a request for public hearing.

During 2013, the Board consisted of Bob Mellstrom as Chairman, Dudley Williams and Joan Wattman as members. Sandy Moran and Ed Kohn remain as alternates. Ed Kohn participated in the PCC Special Permit process in place of Dudley Williams. We continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Plainfield Town Hall.

In closing, the Board reminds all residents to carefully review the Plainfield Zoning Bylaw prior to any proposed change in residential, commercial or business use and any proposed building construction for proper compliance with the Bylaw. Your Building Inspector and Board members are available to assist you.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Mellstrom, Chairman
Dudley Williams
Joan Wattman

TREE WARDEN

We have been removing as many dangerous trees as we can. Our Budget is small and very limiting. If you have any trees near the road ways you are concerned about call the Tree Warden at 634-5343.

Respectfully submitted,
Claude DuPont III
Tree Warden