



Plainfield Select Board Agenda

**Wednesday September 16th 2026 Meeting
Meriden Town Hall
6pm**

6:00pm Approval of Minutes/Public comment

6:15pm Flat Iron Road follow up

7:00P Department Reports

Exit interview with Chief Gutsfeld (nonpublic)

Adjourn

Town of Plainfield is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD'S MEETING
Wednesday September 2nd 2026
Meriden Town Hall

Select Board members present:

- Amy Lappin
- Kent Webber

Others present:

- Stephen Halleran
- Eric Gutsfeld PC
- Brad Atwater FM
- Michael Miller-Z
- Nancy Norwalk-Z
- Bev Widger-Z
- Bruce Elder FC
- Maria Guzman
- Mike Martin
- Sarah Martin
- Jamie Hynes
- Skip Lisle-Z
- Megan Chapman-Z
- Amy Beaupre-Z

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

The August 19 minutes were approved as amended.

Public Comment

Flat Iron Road / Truck Issue

Mike Martin, Sarah Martin, and Jamie Hynes presented a letter to the Select Board asking that the Board look into the practice of Scott Lamadeleine, 37 Flat Iron Road, bringing home his company's large commercial truck. Due to the size of the truck, it is backed down Flat Iron Road, leading to lawn damage at the Bean Road/Flat Iron Road intersection. The truck is parked on the Kimball Union Academy log landing across from the Lamadeleine residence.

This practice occurs year-round (though the truck size may change from season to season), regardless of whether the road is posted or not. Board members agreed to look into the matter.

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2 Maria Guzman questioned the Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) town office study,
3 stating she feels the document is poorly done and contains incorrect
4 conclusions. She again requested that both the Facility Manager and Town
5 Administrator positions be changed to part-time.

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7 Maria Guzman also asked for the details of the Police Department's contract for
8 services with the State Police. Chair Lappin noted that no such contract currently
9 exists. Maria Guzman next inquired about the search costs for the current Police
10 Chief and was informed that the effort cost approximately \$4,000.

11 12 **Highway Department**

13 Skip Lisle, owner of the Beaver Deceiver Company, who installed a beaver
14 deceiver unit on Hedgehog Road seven years ago (funded by the Conservation
15 Commission), expressed concern that the unit needs to be cleaned out and
16 rehabilitated. In his view, the deceiver is no longer working properly, and water is
17 building up in a large volume behind it.

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19 Road Agent Rich Collins agreed that the beaver deceiver has saved both the
20 beavers and the Highway Department a large amount of work. Without the
21 deceiver, trapping would likely have been required to remove beavers from this
22 valued wetland in order to protect Hedgehog Road.

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24 While not speaking for the Conservation Commission as a whole, Chair Megan
25 Chapman expressed her personal support for continued Conservation
26 Commission involvement in this project. Road Agent Collins and Skip Lisle will
27 work on a solution for the deceiver structure.

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29 It was noted that lowering the pond is dangerous work and, if done improperly,
30 can lead to road washouts and property damage.

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32 The Select Board again expressed support for Rich hiring out some of the early
33 fall grading and culvert work. The Highway crew is currently down two positions
34 and there is much work left to complete this construction season. Rich indicated
35 he would consider outside help with fall grading to free up additional crew hours
36 for tree and guardrail work.

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38 Roadside mowing is nearly complete for 2026. Gilkey Cemetery will be mowed
39 next week.

40 41 **Police Department**

42 The department responded to 143 calls for service in August. The department
43 relied heavily on the town's speed trailer and electronic signs as a means of
44 slowing down drivers.

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2 In response to a question, the Chief indicated that in New Hampshire, electronic
3 ticketing (speed) cameras are not permitted.
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5 **Fire Department**

6 Chief Elder reported 12 fire calls in August, several of which were false alarms.
7 The Fire Department assisted with Spirit Day, including the retrieval of a drone
8 aircraft that became lodged in a tree during the event.
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10 Recreation Director Dan Cantlin was thanked for his hard work in making this
11 annual event a success.
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13 **Facilities**

14 Fall water line flushing will begin later this month. Meter replacements, except for
15 Spruce Park, are now essentially complete.

16 A lighting and technology upgrade at the Town Office—which includes new
17 computers and a new phone system—has begun and will continue over the next
18 month.
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20 21 **Town Office**

22 **2028 Property Revaluation**

23 Letters soliciting interest for the 2028 property revaluation have been sent to all
24 NH DRA-qualified companies. To date, no responses have been received. There
25 are currently far too many assessing projects statewide and not enough available
26 firms.

27 Avitar Associates, the town's long-time revaluation firm, has indicated that they
28 cannot perform a 2028 revaluation for Plainfield. The NH Constitution requires
29 revaluation updates every five years. Plainfield's last update was in 2023.
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31 The 2026 budget, while tight, remains on track, and adjustments will be made as
32 needed.
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34 Moderator Dan Cassidy has reappointed the 2026 Finance Committee for 2027.
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36 **Town Administrator Search**

37 Consultant Bev Widger reported that she is working to reduce the applications
38 received down to approximately the 20 most viable candidates.
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1 The citizens' committee has a meeting scheduled at Town Hall tomorrow. A staff
2 committee will be organized in late September.

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4 **Adjournment**

5 The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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12 Stephen Halleran/Chat GPT

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14 Amy Lappin

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16 Kent Webber

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28% year left

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SEGMENT 2

ALL FUNDS Periods: 2026-09 (Sep 26) thru 2026-09 (Sep 26) [75% of Year] Include: - Expenditures (OPERATING BUDGET)

(Seg1-FUND - Seg2-FUNCTION)	Total Budget	PTD Expended	YTD Expended	Encumbered	Available	% Avail.
01 - GENERAL FUND						
4130 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT: EXECUTIVE	304,300.00	19,988.11	226,214.29	0.00	78,085.71	25.66
4140 - ELECTION, REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS	5,180.00	1,478.66	4,512.26	0.00	667.74	12.89
4150 - FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	140,000.00	7.64	98,679.20	0.00	41,320.80	29.51
4152 - REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	25,000.00	0.00	30,320.00	0.00	(5,320.00)	(21.28)
4153 - LEGAL EXPENSES	8,000.00	0.00	8,977.50	0.00	(977.50)	(12.22)
4155 - PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	23,500.00	0.00	12,037.74	0.00	11,462.26	48.78
4191 - PLANNING & ZONING	3,000.00	291.75	3,901.25	0.00	(901.25)	(30.04)
4194 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	96,612.00	7,362.71	93,866.74	0.00	2,745.26	2.84
4195 - CEMETERIES	40,500.00	0.00	25,371.67	0.00	15,128.33	37.35
4196 - INSURANCE NOT OTHERWISE ALLOCATED	91,900.00	0.00	91,408.50	0.00	491.50	0.53
4197 - ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION	8,100.00	0.00	6,715.37	0.00	1,384.63	17.09
4210 - PUBLIC SAFETY: POLICE	433,290.00	17,017.78	249,683.07	0.00	183,606.93	42.38
4215 - AMBULANCE	48,485.00	0.00	40,585.00	0.00	7,900.00	16.29
4220 - FIRE	21,900.00	254.92	13,900.29	0.00	7,999.71	36.53
4225 - FIRE	8,900.00	0.00	5,514.07	0.00	3,385.93	38.04
4230 - FIRE	41,200.00	524.80	9,980.23	0.00	31,219.77	75.78
4240 - BUILDING INSPECTION	14,100.00	0.00	3,232.27	0.00	10,867.73	77.08
4290 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00
4295 - HYDRANT RENTAL	4,100.00	0.00	236.85	0.00	3,863.15	94.22
4299 - OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY	73,000.00	0.00	42,880.05	0.00	30,119.95	41.26
4311 - HIGHWAY & STREETS: ADMINISTRATION	29,250.00	1,293.98	20,651.25	0.00	8,598.75	29.40
4312 - HIGHWAY AND STREETS	883,320.00	42,423.25	610,029.10	0.00	273,290.90	30.94
4315 - ROAD PROJECTS	122,000.00	0.00	40,966.80	0.00	81,033.20	66.42
4316 - STREET LIGHTS	12,500.00	793.12	6,254.80	0.00	6,245.20	49.96
4323 - SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	370,000.00	33,360.75	266,802.36	0.00	103,197.64	27.89
4324 - SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	95,310.00	5,256.05	48,025.38	0.00	47,284.62	49.61
4411 - HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	16,900.00	0.00	6,724.00	0.00	10,176.00	60.21
4414 - PEST CONTROL	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	100.00
4441 - WELFARE ADMINISTRATION	28,550.00	0.00	30,229.88	0.00	(1,679.88)	(5.88)
4442 - DIRECT ASSISTANCE	8,250.00	0.00	9,395.20	0.00	(1,145.20)	(13.88)
4520 - PARKS AND RECREATION	25,995.00	1,074.29	20,981.60	0.00	5,013.40	19.29
4550 - LIBRARY	195,374.00	5,173.29	132,388.25	0.00	62,985.75	32.24
4555 -	0.00	0.00	1,227.21	0.00	(1,227.21)	0.00
4583 - PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	1,500.00	0.00	665.11	0.00	834.89	55.66
4611 - CONSERVATION: ADMINISTRATION	1,000.00	0.00	219.83	0.00	780.17	78.02
01 - GENERAL FUND	3,182,516.00	136,301.10	2,162,577.12	0.00	1,019,938.88	32.05
40 - WATER FUND						
4331 - WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT: ADMINISTRATION	58,200.00	485.70	14,268.26	0.00	43,931.74	75.48
4332 - WATER SERVICES	22,100.00	0.00	10,035.09	0.00	12,064.91	54.59
40 - WATER FUND	80,300.00	485.70	24,303.35	0.00	55,996.65	69.73
	3,262,816.00	136,786.80	2,186,880.47	0.00	1,075,935.53	32.98

Plainfield Highway Report

8/1/2026 to 8/31/2026

Date	Name	Description
 Bridge Repairs		
8/10/2026	Ladieu-Houser Bridge	Put new 4" lags in runners that had broke
 Catch Basin Repair		
8/4/2026	Baynes Road	Started to repair bad storm drain Cut asphalt around catch basin, pulled up cover, cleaned around it and place circular Styrofoam in place of brick Designed for manhole tops Placed cover back down in Mator
8/5/2026	Baynes Road	Put concrete mix around top of metal cover and catch basin of storm drain
8/6/2026	Baynes Road	Put Perma-Patch around catch basin
 Check Routes		
8/3/2026	Route 3	Checked Route 3 for washouts, branches and Debris
8/4/2026		Checked Routes 4 and 5 for washouts, branches and debris
 Equipment Maintenance		
8/3/2026		Equipment Maintenance
8/17/2026		Equipment Maintenance
8/24/2026		Equipment Maintenance
8/31/2026		Equipment Maintenance
 Equipment Repairs		
8/13/2026	Tractor	Replaced innertube on tractor front right-side Tire was low/leaking
8/18/2026	Grader	Went to Townline to get new Hydro-line and male adapter Replace bad hydro-line on Grader
 Filled Potholes		
8/13/2026	Pierce Road	Filled in big pothole off edge of asphalt of Rte 12A right-side with crush
	Kenyon Road	Filled pothole off edge of asphalt with crush, Hell Hollow side
	Colby Hill Road - 2	Filled potholes after asphalt
8/17/2026	Ladieu Road	Fixed some sections of potholes with grader
	Colby Hill Road - 2	Fixed some sections of potholes with grader



Graded

8/20/2026 Whitaker Road - 2
8/27/2026 River Road - 2

Graded/Rolled road
Graded/Rolled road



Hauling Material

8/3/2026
8/5/2026
8/6/2026
8/18/2026
8/19/2026
8/20/2026

Hauled Winter sand from Pit to Shop A rainy day
Hauled Winter Sand from Pit to Shop
Hauled Winter sand from Pit to Shop
Hauled winter sand from Pit to Shop
Continued hauling winter sand from Pit to Shop
Hauled Crush from Pit to Shop



Line Stripped

8/25/2026 Daniels Road
Penniman Road
Bonner Road

Line stripped road
Line stripped road
Line Stripped to School Truck broke down, the glass material wouldn't dispense Repaired it, started to rain
Decided to stop



Mag Road

8/4/2026 Whitaker Road - 2
Underhill Road
Hayward Road - 2
Old County Road - 2
Hedgehog Road
8/12/2026 Chellis Road - 2
Old County Road - 2
Pierce Road
Freeman Hill Road - 2

Mag Road
Mag Road
Mag Road
Mag Road
Mag Road
Mag Chellis Hill by log landing
Finished mag road
Mag road
Mag road from Rte 12A side to top of back side of Freeman

8/20/2026 Whitaker Road - 2

Mag Road



Miscellaneous

8/3/2026
8/6/2026 Westgate Road - 1
8/10/2026 Sanborn Road
8/13/2026 Route 12A
8/26/2026 Plainfield Elementary School
8/31/2026

Went to Furguson's to get Materials
Worked on Computer
Assisted Brad with Backhoe removing cement cover off tiles at Westgate Condo's
Removed tree branch hanging in road from tree by wood processer area
Took down flags in the village area
Went to Pete's Tire to get tube for Tractor
Got new helmets at Joe's Equipment for crew
Put out cones in intersection at start of school day
Richard went to culvert class in Washington, NH
Worked on Computer



Move Equipment

8/25/2026

Brought truck to Town Hall Rte 12A



Repaired Driveway

8/24/2026

Methodist Hill Road

Repaired washout section of driveway, 200 Methodist with 3/4 Hardpack



Road Repairs

8/10/2026

Hayward Road - 2
Thompson Road

Fixed small sink hole on Hayward
Started to clean up sides of road, getting ready for Paving

8/12/2026

Thompson Road

Filled in low spot in road, a missing section of road at intersection of Stage and shimmed up the right-side of road with hot mix Preparing road for paving

8/13/2026

Chellis Road - 2

Spread dumped crush/graded repairing washouts in road

8/18/2026

Thompson Road

Continued to clean-up loam, sand and grass in backside of road Getting it ready for paving

Old County Road - 2

Started to fix washouts, spread dumping crush, then grading Grader blew a hydro line

8/19/2026

Thompson Road

Cleaned and filled in low sections back end/up right-side of road with Hot Mix



Roadside Ditching

8/4/2026

Chellis Road - 2

Roadside ditching by Marshes firewood area

8/10/2026

Center Of Town - 2

Ditched at each end of culvert at intersection of Plummer Road

8/11/2026

Chellis Road - 2

Continued with roadside ditching up from the log landing

8/13/2026

Chellis Road - 2

Continued ditching up road

8/24/2026

Ladieu Road

Roadside ditching

8/25/2026

Ladieu Road

Continue roadside ditching on Ladieu hill

8/26/2026

Ladieu Road

Continued roadside ditching

8/27/2026

Ladieu Road

Continued with roadside ditching

Center Of Town - 2

Cleaned around both ends of culvert intersection of Plummer and Center of Town

8/31/2026

Ladieu Road

Roadside ditching up near top of Ladieu Road



Roadside Mowing

8/4/2026

Grantham Mountain Road - 2
Gleason Road

Finished roadside mowing

8/5/2026

Bean Road - 2
Flat Iron Road

Roadside Mowing

8/6/2026

Camp Road - 1
Camp Road - 2
Harriman Road

Finished roadside mowing

Roadside mowing

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Roadside Mowing

8/11/2026	Croydon Turnpike - 1	Roadside mowing
	Croydon Turnpike - 2	Roadside mowing
	Croydon Turnpike - 3	Roadside mowing
	Croydon Turnpike - 4	Roadside mowing
	Eaton Road	Roadside Mowing
	Methodist Hill Road	Started roadside mowing
8/12/2026	Methodist Hill Road	Finished roadside mowing
	Harriman Road	Roadside mowing
	Old Stagecoach Road	Roadside mowing
	Andrews Lane	Roadside mowing
	Sanborn Road	Roadside mowing
8/13/2026	Tallow Hill Road - 1	Roadside mowing
	Tallow Hill Road - 2	Roadside mowing
8/17/2026	Jordon Road	Roadside mowing
	Farm Road	Roadside mowing
	Hell Hollow Road - 1	Roadside mowing
	High Street - 2	Roadside mowing
	Kenyon Road	Roadside mowing
8/18/2026	Spencer Road	Roadside mowing
	Mill Village Road	Roadside mowing
	Reeds Mill Road	Roadside mowing
	Center Of Town - 1	Roadside Mowing
8/19/2026	Westgate Road - 2	Roadside mowing
	Center Of Town - 2	Roadside mowing
8/24/2026	Daniels Road	Roadside mowing
	Westgate Road - 1	Roadside Mowing
8/25/2026	Whitney Road	Roadside Mowing
	Peterson Road - 2	Roadside Mowing
	Sugar Hill Road - 2	Roadside Mowing
	Westgate Road - 2	Roadside Mowing
	Thrasher Road	Roadside Mowing
8/26/2026	Lawton Lane	Roadside Mowing
	Mill Road - 2	Roadside Mowing
	Ferry Hill Road	Roadside Mowing
8/31/2026	Carvel Lane - 1	Roadside Mowing
	Carvel Lane - 2	Roadside Mowing



Roadside Trimming

8/11/2026	Thompson Road	Roadside trimming, continued getting ready for Paving
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Shoulder Work

8/20/2026	Methodist Hill Road	Had to repair shoulder / place some 3" rock across driveway's at 200/208 Methodist Hill
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Touch Up Road

8/5/2026	Gleason Road	Spread dumped crush, Graded certain sections
	Grantham Mountain Road - 2	Spead dumped crush, Graded Grantham Mountain Hill
8/6/2026	Freeman Hill Road - 2	Spead dumped crush from start of gravel, Rte 12A side to near cemetery, Graded and Rolled

8/11/2026	Chellis Road - 2	Spread dumped Crush on Chellis Hill, Graded and rolled - Around log landing
8/17/2026	Ladieu Road	Spread dumped crush, graded out
	Colby Hill Road - 2	Spead dumped crush, graded out
8/19/2026	Old County Road - 2	Continued fixing washing in road spread dumping Crush/Grading on Leb-side
8/24/2026	Ladieu Road	Spead dumped crush/graded road in different directions
	Colby Hill Road - 2	Spead dumped crush/graded road in different sections
8/25/2026	Spencer Road	Spead dumped crush/graded road in different sections
	Andrews Lane	Spead dumped crush/graded road in different sections
8/31/2026	Columbus Jordon Road	Spread dumped crush in different sections\Grading - Touching up road



Tree Clean Up

8/13/2026	Willow Brook Road	Picked up fallen tree in road at Keven's pit driveway The Fire chief had already started pulling it out of road
8/17/2026	High Street - 2	Picked up fallen tree in road aways from the end



Weed Wacked

8/12/2026	Beauty Hill Road	Started weed wicking the intersection of Rte 12A and Beauty Hill Ran out of string half completed
8/13/2026	Beauty Hill Road	Finished weed wacking intersection of Rte 12A and Beauty Hill Rd