

**Plainfield Town Meeting**  
**March 5, 2019**  
**Draft Minutes**

**Town Moderator Charlie Barasch called the meeting to order at 10:05am.**

Moderator Barasch explained that Town Meeting follows Robert's Rules of Order except where State statute takes precedence, and cited other general procedures to which the meeting would adhere. He noted that there were items being sold around the room to help fundraise for various entities. He then read a poem by Mary Oliver entitled *Winter and the Nuthatch*.

Moderator Barasch recognized Glenda Bissex from the floor, who wished to acknowledge that Plainfield Town Meeting participants were meeting on the traditional lands of the Abenaki, the native people who stewarded it for many generations.

Moderator Barasch recognized State Representative Janet Ancel and, hearing no objections, invited her to address the meeting. Ancel noted that she had posted her mid-session report on Front Porch Forum, and highlighted topics that are currently in play at the State House, including: the minimum wage bill; the paid leave bill; funding for clean water; child care; the taxing and regulating of cannabis; and a bill calling for the delay of provisions under Act 46. Ancel responded to questions posed by Alexandra Thayer and David Strong regarding closing down the fish hatchery and shifting the tax burden for school funding more toward income, respectively.

Ross Sneyd invited Jon Copans, Climate Economy Model Communities program director at the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD), to speak. Hearing no objections, Moderator Barasch allowed Copans to address Town Meeting. Copans stated that VCRD will be coordinating and facilitating community conversations around the climate economy. He outlined upcoming events and meetings with the purpose of identifying some opportunities between the Towns of Plainfield and Marshfield to strengthen the local economy while also tackling climate change.

Moderator Barasch began consideration of the items on the Warning, beginning with reading aloud **ARTICLE 1:** To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectboard, Lister, Auditor, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Town Grand Juror, Town Law Agent, Cemetery Commissioner, and School Director.

**ARTICLE 2:** To hear reports of Town Officers and act on same.

- **AUDITORS CERTIFICATE:** Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Auditors Certificate. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **The Auditors Certificate was accepted.**
- **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **The Town Clerk's Report was accepted.**
- **TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Town Treasurer's Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **The Town Treasurer's Report was accepted.**

- **COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Collector of Delinquent Taxes Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Delinquent Tax Collector's Report was accepted.
- **LISTERS REPORT:** Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Listers Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Listers Report was accepted.
- **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Planning Commission Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. David Strong asked about the status of the revised zoning regulations. Ross Sneyd explained that the first step is to approve a new Town Plan, which, after proceeding through the required warnings and public hearings, will hopefully be completed by the end of June 2019. At that point, consideration of the new zoning regulations should follow and will also need to adhere to a similar public review process before being approved. Sneyd noted the importance of an updated Town Plan, which is key to both planning, being eligible for various grant opportunities, and to demonstrate compliance with various State laws. Jamie Spector asked for more information regarding density in the Village center. Planning Commission member Bram Towbin noted that prior to approving an updated Town Plan, the Town will be using the current 2014 version, which does not speak directly to density issues. Towbin noted that two new elements will be added to the updated Town Plan: an energy section and a section on Act 171, which refers to forest corridors for wildlife preservation. Towbin will be putting together a public survey where input on such issues as density will be welcomed. Betsy Ziegler asked about term limits on members of the Planning Commission and how they affect the Commission's ability to do its work. Sneyd responded that the Select Board had recently considered and decided to eliminate the term limits on various committees, and encouraged anyone interested to step up and serve on a Town board. Moderator Barasch noted that there is a volunteer application form on the last page of the Town Report. Ziegler added that she hoped that the new Town Plan will address the Route 2 corridor so that everyone can access the Town Hall Opera House and both sides of Plainfield's Route 2 community in a safe way. **The Planning Commission Report was accepted.**
- **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Development Review Board Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Development Review Board Report was accepted.
- **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Report was accepted.
- **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Zoning Administrator Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The Zoning Administrator Report was accepted.
- **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Social Concerns Committee Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. George Cushing requested that the amount allocated to the Twinfield Valley Senior Center be raised from \$2,800 to \$3,500. Moderator Barasch stated that Cushing's motion was out of order because the current discussion related to accepting the report from the Social Concerns Committee, not debating the amounts. Consideration of the amounts will occur during Article 4. **The Social Concerns Committee report was accepted.**
- **SELECT BOARD REPORT:** Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Select Board report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion. Ross Sneyd reported that the Select Board has been working on the

problem of the Route 2/Main Street intersection. The current Select Board has built on the work of previous Select Boards and recently sent a letter regarding the intersection to the Secretary of Transportation that was copied to a list of others involved. Sneyd noted the complications involved with the various remediation options that have been put forth by VTRANS. Sneyd stated that progress is being made regarding the unsafe conditions, especially to those crossing Route 2 to access the Town Hall Opera House. He thanked the Friends of the Town Hall Opera House for its work in that area. Sneyd stated that construction of the Pedestrian Sidewalk project will hopefully begin in August 2019, and explained how that sidewalk coming up from the Village and a new crosswalk in front of the Town Hall Opera House will help to improve safety. Steven Farnham asked if there was any possibility for a bypass so that the intersection can be taken out of commission during construction. Noting that a bypass would hurt businesses in the Village, Sneyd responded that there are complications both with rebuilding the intersection and the construction season itself. Jeremy Matt asked if there was any kind of parking enforcement for the island area at the intersection and noted a recent parking situation that made the intersection difficult to get through. Road Commissioner Bram Towbin agreed that the island is a dangerous spot and noted that there are questions regarding who owns what in that area. He assured Matt that he is aware of the problem. Alexandra Thayer expressed her appreciation to Ross Sneyd for his work on the Select Board. **The Select Board Report was accepted.**

- **WATER/WASTEWATER COMMISSION REPORT: Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Water/Wastewater Commission Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Water/Wastewater Commission Report was accepted.**
- **TOWN CONSTABLE/ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Town Constable/Animal Control Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Constable/Animal Control Report was accepted.**
- **CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT: Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Conservation Commission Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Conservation Commission Report was accepted.**
- **HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Hazard Mitigation Committee Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** Hazard Mitigation Committee secretary Michael Billingsley provided an update to what is in the Town Report, including addressing various erosion problems; representing the Select Board in two cases before the Vermont Public Utilities Commission regarding safety at the #6 dam in Marshfield; making progress on the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan; and providing information regarding household preparedness especially with regard to flooding and landslides. Billingsley thanked former Hazard Mitigation Committee member Theresa Bienz for her many years of good service on the Committee. He stated that funds have been successfully raised to hire an outside engineering firm to redesign the Brook Road bridge. Alexandra Thayer noted that a draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is available in hard copy at the meeting and on the Town's website. She encouraged people to review and comment on the draft. Serena Matt asked if there was a summary available regarding the issues at the #6 Marshfield dam. After providing a brief summation, Thayer agreed that a summary of the case would be beneficial to the public. Hazard Mitigation Committee chair Amos Meacham noted that additional information is available in past articles in the *Hardwick Gazette* and the *Times Argus* as well as by registering on the Vermont Utility Commission website, where numerous documents related to the issue can be found. **The Hazard Mitigation Committee Report was accepted.**

- **E911 REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the E911 Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The E911 Report was accepted.**
- **RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Recreation Committee Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The Recreation Committee Report was accepted.**
- **CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT: Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Cemetery Commission Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** Karen Storey asked when the investment account would run out and the \$37,000 would need to come from the Town. Cemetery Commission member Ed Hutchinson responded that it will depend upon the market because not enough income comes from people buying lots. He estimated that depletion likely would not occur within his lifetime. Alexandra Thayer asked if the Cemetery Commission would accept endowments, to which Hutchinson replied affirmatively. **The Cemetery Commission Report was accepted.**
- **ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT: Scott Stewart made a motion to accept the Energy Coordinator Report. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** Energy Coordinator Bob Atchinson reported on the Town's progress over the past year regarding efforts to meet the State's goal of 90% use of renewable energy by 2050. Atchinson stated that Plainfield has upped the ante to using 95% renewables by 2040. He cited the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's recent report stating that in 12 years there would be a tipping point after which it will be virtually impossible to bring the planet back to life as we know it, and encouraged everyone to work toward turning this situation around. Atchinson reported that the Energy Team has partnered with Efficiency Vermont in terms of buttoning up buildings, a program he believed would be running again next year. The Plainfield-Marshfield Climate Action Team had applied for a grant to install an electric vehicle charging station at Twinfield Union school, which did not receive funding. Weatherization efforts at Twinfield Union School have been hindered due to budget restrictions and uncertainty regarding what actions it will take regarding Act 46, although a group solar plan on campus is being considered. He noted that Act 174 will give the Town substantial deference in preventing an oversized solar farm in the Town. Atchinson also reported on last year's Drawdown event regarding the climate crisis and participation with 350 Vermont. He noted available efficiency items at the table in the back of the room and encouraged people to contact him with questions or for more information. Brenda Lindemann commended Atchinson for his work over the years in the area of energy and asked for a round of applause. **The Energy Coordinator Report was accepted.**
- **CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REPORT: Tim Phillips made a motion to accept the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Report. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** Plainfield representative to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District's Board of Supervisors Betsy Ziegler directed meeting participants to information available on the table in the back of the room regarding various solid waste-reducing strategies, resources, and programs. Brenda Lindemann asked whether mattresses can be recycled, to which Jan Lloyd responded that the issue is still being worked on with the facility that would accept the mattresses. **The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Report was accepted.**
- Moderator Barasch announced that this concluded the Reports of Town Officers in Article 2. He noted again the volunteer application form in the Town Report.
- Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells thanked outgoing Select Board chair Ross Sneyd for a job well done and presented him with several departing gifts in acknowledgement of his service. Wells also recognized Jan Waterman, who has served on the Conservation Commission for 15 years; Carol

Smith, who has been with the Town for 25 years; and Charlie Barasch, who has served as Town Moderator for 40 years. Moderator Barasch noted his desire to serve as Town Moderator for 50 years and briefly described how he has approached the position.

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,333.00 as its share of the ninth year cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier? This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and passenger fares.

- **Scott Stewart made a motion to approve Article 3. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** Bob Atchinson announced that due to shuffling State employees out of the National Life building and relocating them to Barre, Vermont, the US Route 2 commuter bus will be going to City Place in Barre starting 4/1/19. Steven Farnham asked why there are two separate entries for funding Green Mountain Transit in the Warning. Ross Sneyd explained that Article 3 pays for the US Route 2 commuter service and the other, in the Social Concerns Committee’s recommendations in Article 4, pays for special rides to doctors’ appointments for people who otherwise cannot get to them. **The motion to approve Article 3 was approved.**

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town voters authorize the expenditures for the following not-for-profit service agencies as recommended by the appointed Social Concerns Committee?

Central VT Adult Basic Education	\$ 400.00
Capstone (Central VT) Comm. Action	\$ 500.00
Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,300.00
Central VT Home Health Hospice	\$ 2,500.00
CIRCLE	\$ 525.00
Family Center of Wash County	\$ 500.00
Friends of the Winooski River	\$ 300.00
Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$ 300.00
Green Mountain Transit Agency	\$ 786.00
Home Share Now	\$ 325.00
Onion River Foodshelf	\$ 1,000.00
People’s Health and Wellness	\$ 700.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 100.00
Twinfield Learning Center	\$ 400.00
Twinfield Together Mentoring	\$ 250.00
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 2,800.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 150.00
Washington CTY Court Diversion	\$ 350.00
Washington CTY Mental Health	\$ 600.00
Washington CTY Youth Service Bureau	\$ 400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,186.00</b>

- **Steven Farnham made a motion to approve Article 4. Peter Youngbaer seconded the motion.** Noting that surrounding communities that use the Twin Valley Senior Center (TVSC) have allocated larger amounts while the majority of users come from Plainfield, **George Cushing made a motion to**

**amend the amount allocated to the Twin Valley Senior Center from \$2,800 to \$3,500. Winona Johnson seconded the motion.** Alexandra Thayer noted that TVSC offers a lot of programs without asking people to pay for them. Greg Light asked how the Social Concerns Committee came up with the allocation amount. Ross Sneyd explained that TVSC had requested the full \$3,500 and was granted the \$2,800 based partly on both the number of Plainfield residents who are active at TVSC and previous funding levels. Social Concerns Committee member Mary Niebling noted that the amount given to TVSC has increased in the past 10 years by 400%, adding that the Committee looked at the number of people served, compared it to requests made by other organizations, and decided to fund it at last year's level. Rachel Cogbill questioned the number of 28 Plainfield residents that use TVSC. Mary Niebling noted that 28 was the number given in the application and the number on which the decision was made. Acknowledging the worthiness of TVSC and his respect for the work of the Social Concerns Committee, Amos Meacham voiced his opposition to the amendment. In response to the question about the number 28, George Cushing stated that it is the number of Meals on Wheels that TVSC serves. Hearing that there was no further discussion on the amendment, Moderator Barasch called for a vote to change the amount appropriated to TVSC from \$2,800 to \$3,500. It was unclear from the voice vote if the amendment was approved, therefore Moderator Barasch called for voters to stand and raise their hands. Moderator Barasch announced that the result was 51 in favor of the amendment and 22 opposed. **The amendment was approved.** Hearing no further discussion, Moderator Barasch called for a vote on Article 4 as amended with a new total expenditure of \$14,886. **The motion to approve Article 4 as amended was approved.**

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Town voters authorize an appropriation of \$37,500 to the Cutler Memorial Library to pay for the librarian and the purchase of materials and services that the library acquires to make accessible to the community?

- **Steven Farnham made a motion to approve Article 4. Michele Clark seconded the motion.** Hearing no objection, Moderator Barasch allowed Cutler Memorial librarian Loona Brogan, who resides outside of Plainfield, to speak. Brogan thanked the Select Board, the Town office staff, and Lisa Ryan for help in obtaining a grant to plan an expansion/addition of the existing Library. Board of Trustees chair Marcy Hale thanked the Friends of the Cutler Library for selling primroses at Town Meeting and noted that a painting is being raffled downstairs to raise funds. She also thanked those who contributed to the Library's annual appeal. Hale recognized and thanked Treasurer Bob Rosenfeld, who is departing the Board of Trustees after five years, noting that it creates an opening on the Board of Trustees. Loona Brogan announced new hours for the Library starting the first week of April: 2pm-8pm on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; and 10am-6pm on Fridays.
- **The motion to approve Article 5 was approved.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay for Water and Wastewater departments for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

- Moderator Barasch stated that separate votes be taken for the Water and Wastewater appropriations.
- **Ross Sneyd made a motion to appropriate the amount of \$206,034 for the Water Department to be paid for by the users of the system. Josh Pitts seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion to appropriate the amount of \$206,034 for the Water Department to be paid for by the users of the system was approved.**

- **Ross Sneyd made a motion to appropriate the amount of \$272,326 for the Wastewater Department to be paid by the users of the system. George Cushing seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion to appropriate \$272,326 for the Wastewater Department to be paid by users of the system was approved.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay for highways, bridges, fire department, and administrative operations of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

- **Ross Sneyd made a motion to appropriate the amount of \$983,082 for the next fiscal year. Tim Phillips seconded the motion.** Sneyd explained that the increase from the current fiscal year largely was due to the need to provide funding for road paving and repair projects. While cuts were made to various line items in the budget, there were increases that will cover the cost of new tires for the Highway Department's grader, a rise in the health insurance premiums for Town employees, and a cost-of-living adjustment for Town employees. He acknowledged the work that the Road Crew does every day as well as the work of Linda Wells and Carol Smith at the Town offices. **Noting an error in the budget figures, Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells made a motion to amend the total of the Select Board budget to \$982,982. Steven Farnham seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The amendment was approved.** Amos Meacham asked about the budget amount for the Town Hall Opera House, remembering it to be \$10,000. David Strong clarified that the \$10,000 Meacham was probably referring to was the Town Hall Opera House reserve fund, which does not show up as an appropriation in the budget because it is drawn out of the surplus at the end of the year. Ross Sneyd stated that any surplus beyond monies that go toward the Municipal building and the Town Hall Opera House go toward reducing the tax rate. Jeremy Matt asked about the negative \$82,892.67 variance in the paving line item for the Highway Department. Linda Wells noted that that figure refers to an over-cost in a culvert project that was left in in error and should not have been part of the budget. Peter Youngbaer requested clarification regarding which figure on page 33 of the Town Report, the reserved funds or the unreserved funds, is used when determining the amount that goes toward reducing the tax rate. Linda Wells stated that it was the unreserved fund. **The motion to appropriate \$982,982 to pay for highways, bridges, fire department, and administrative operations of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 was approved.**

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town of Plainfield authorize the Selectboard to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

- **Tim Phillips made a motion to approve Article 8. Scott Stewart seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion to approve Article 8 was approved.**

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of public statutes relating to the collection of taxes by the Town Treasurer, (VSA 32 Section 4791) and vote to collect municipal taxes thirty days from mailing and not prior to August 14, 2019 and collect school taxes on November 13, 2019 and February 12, 2020, collecting half of the total school taxes on each of those dates?

- **John Monahan made a motion to approve Article 9. Janna Osman seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion to approve Article 9 was approved.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To transact any other non-binding business that may properly come before the meeting.

- Brenda Lindemann asked if there has been any activity regarding planning for affordable housing, particularly for seniors. Sneyd responded that he was not aware of any, but encouraged that the issue be raised during the upcoming Vermont Council on Rural Development community forums. Jamie Spector encouraged the Select Board and Planning Commission to start a conversation with Down Street Housing and Community Development, where she previously served on its board, regarding a project to create affordable senior housing. Brenda Lindemann offered to be part of a group to discuss the issue.
- David Strong reported that the Friends of the Plainfield Town Hall Opera House (Friends) was able to negotiate with the seller to purchase the Gallison property across the street to provide needed additional parking for the Town Hall Opera House. He noted that parking is now available behind the Gallison house for events at the facility for the increased number of people attending events. The Friends currently are waging a campaign to pay off the mortgage and to take down the building, funds for which he hopes can be raised by Old Home Day. Approximately \$20,000 has been raised thus far toward the \$50,000 goal. The Friends are looking for major donors, people who can contribute more than \$500, to get to the \$40,000 point before opening it back up to all donations. Strong stated that the pie sale going on in the back of the room will also help to pay for the parking area.
- Donna Watts, who volunteers at Capstone Community Action, reminded everyone that those whose incomes are below \$55,000 can have their taxes prepared for free by calling Capstone.
- Michael Birnbaum noted that last year the Town voted to join with 12 other towns in a new communications union district called Central Vermont Internet, which has been rebranded and is now called CV Fiber. As the Select Board-appointed delegate to represent Plainfield on the CV Fiber board, Birnbaum reported that the plan is to try to bring either fiber or fixed wireless super high-speed internet to every location in the now 17 towns comprising the union. Noting that a \$12,500 grant to fund a feasibility study and business plan had been successfully applied for, he stated that the grant requires that matching funds be raised and requested contributions toward that goal. In response to a question from Lew Christie, Birnbaum jokingly responded that the goal was to extend connectivity even out to Bean Road. Dan Marcus asked if it included those who are off the grid, to which Birnbaum replied that it is not a guarantee, but that they would try to reach everyone within reason. Steven Farnham asked if they would be subcontracting with existing providers, to which Birnbaum responded that it would be determined by the study. Julie Hackbarth asked if property owners are putting in a conduit on their land, should they allow for the possibility that fiber optics could go in that conduit. Noting that the issue is a little premature, Birnbaum responded that fiber optics cannot go in the same conduit as a power conduit therefore the property owner should consider installing two conduits. He added that the project is going to take years, and some towns will come first. Brenda Lindemann asked if the project will include cell service, to which Birnbaum responded no, although it might have collateral benefit to some cell servers because there will be more fiber optics in place.
- Bram Towbin announced that Plainfield, Marshfield, and Cabot are working together in helping land owners to secure good water quality, and on 3/30/19 at Twinfield Union school, there will be a pancake breakfast with experts, loggers, and others who work with land.
- Cemetery Commission member Greg Light noted that the Commission has a need for volunteers to help with the work of maintaining the cemetery in the summer, which if not done by volunteers,

they have to hire workers to do it. He also noted that the Cemetery Commission needs more members and encouraged those interested to join.

- Jamie Spector stated that with the goal of there being more participation at Town Meeting, there should be some group or mechanism that could assist parents in figuring out a plan for childcare during Town Meeting. She encouraged people to sign up if they are interested in working on this issue.
- Brenda Lindemann noted that the TLC program at Twinfield Union school offers programs during holidays and vacations.
- **Peter Youngbaer made a motion to adjourn. Greg Light seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was overturned.**
- Regarding Greg Light's statement that no one volunteered to help with cemetery maintenance last summer, Ed Hutchinson noted that Dale Bartlett, who is not on the Cemetery Commission, is its most loyal volunteer. He thanked Dale Bartlett for his work.
- Sarah Albert announced that Nicko Rubin is going to be giving a talk on 3/13/19 at 7pm at the Jaquith Library regarding fruit trees, which he is doing in conjunction with the Annual Tree and Shrub sale.
- Steven Farnham asked if the Town Report could be provided electronically rather than in printed form. When asking if it could be posted online, Carol Smith and Linda Wells responded that it is on the Town's website, but probably could be posted more prominently. Michael Birnbaum noted that according to a recent VTDigger, a lot of towns are now printing a smaller number of hard copies and encouraging its citizens to read them online, which saves both postage and printing costs.
- Owen Bradley noted Cora Copping's dedication and Rick Walsh's drawing at the end of the Town Report. Bradley recognized Rick Walsh as an exceptional person, who passed away this year. Bradley stated that he wanted to embrace the diversity of this place, that we all at the end of the day take care of each other, and how much he loves living in Plainfield.

**Ross Sneyd made a motion to adjourn at 12:25pm.** Moderator Barasch noted that there was still chili and pie available. **Peter Youngbaer seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved.**