

Overview of the logistics for the 2021 Plainfield School District and Town Meetings

Both the School District and Town business sessions (budgets and warrant articles) will be held on June 5 at the recreational fields behind the School, - the School District meeting convening at 9am and concluding mid-day and the Town meeting convening at 2pm.

Yes, it will be a long day. But the following logistics will help in understanding how the meetings will proceed so Plainfield voters can expeditiously fulfill their legislative responsibilities of hearing, debating and voting on the District's and Town's operating budgets and warrant articles.

- There will be two large tents with adequate chairs and field bleachers; dress according to whatever June 5 brings but know we plan to proceed with the meetings even if raining. We will only postpone the meetings (June 12) if there is extreme dangerous weather.
- You will check in as always with the election officials and receive your voting/tear-off cards. Because the two meetings comprise separate governing entities, you will have to check in again in the afternoon for the Town meeting to receive a new voting card.
- When the District meeting ends, we are asking voters to leave the meeting site and go home or elsewhere to have lunch and return for the 2pm Town meeting. This will allow election officials time to do the same and get prepared for checking in voters for the Town meeting.
- Parking will be in the school parking lot but there will be parking closer to the tents for those who need easier access.
- There will be cold water, sanitation centers and porta-potties available (the school will not be open).
- Please wear masks. We understand that many, but not all, will be vaccinated by June 5 coupled with being outside with some distancing will contribute to a lower Covid-19 risk. But because there will be a range of risk tolerance among those attending, wearing a mask will be a thoughtful way to make all comfortable in attending. As we did last year, there will a separate area for those who choose not to wear masks.
- There will be "travelling" microphones so you can speak from where you are seated.
- Other than that, the regular Moderator rules (copies available when you check-in) will govern the proceedings.

We know this is certainly a different format than what we are all accustomed to, but with patience and flexibility, it should work and we can be proud of getting it done as we did last year.

If you have any questions, please call me at 603-298-8519.
Paul Franklin, Moderator

