

**WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, SS

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, in the County of Sullivan, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Tuesday, the 9th day of March next at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

[Polls will be open until 7:00 P.M.]

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot: One Treasurer for three years, one Town Clerk for three years, one Tax Collector for three years, one Selectman for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee (west side) for three years, two Library Trustees (east side) one for three years, one for one year, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, one Supervisor of the Checklist for six years and any other necessary town officers.

ARTICLE 2. To see what action the town will take with regard to the following amendments to the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance, **said changes being recommended by the Planning Board:**

Amendment #1. In order to insure a defined process for handling wind powered generating systems (WPGS), the following additions to the town's zoning ordinance are proposed:

Add to the list of Special Exceptions in the Village Residential, Rural Residential, Rural Conservation I and Rural Conservation II Zoning Districts **#23 Wind Powered Generating Systems.**

Add to the zoning ordinance Section 3.17 WINDPOWERED GENERATING SYSTEMS

The town, through its policies and zoning ordinance in accordance with RSA 672:1 III & 674:62-66, supports and encourages the development of alternative energy systems. However, like telecommunication towers, wind powered generating systems (WPGS) have the potential to impact other properties, including view sheds, because of their height. Therefore, no building permit for a WPGS shall be issued without the project first having been granted a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and, in the case of projects where a single family house is not the primary use on the property, a site plan review by the Planning Board.

For proposed projects that are governed by RSA 162 H, the town's role in the review process shall be as allowed by the statute.

Since the visual impact of WPGS can transcend town lines, communities that may be visually affected shall be formally notified of applications for WPGS as projects having regional impact.

Projects that are limited to a single generating unit that is in keeping with the established primary use on the property and whose total height is less than or equal to 100' will be granted an expedited review. By example, these applications are not required to provide engineered stamped drawings.

In the case of an application involving more than one generating unit and or a height greater than 100', engineer stamped drawings and specifications are required. In addition, an applicant-funded peer review by a WPGS expert of the town's choosing may be required. The standard used for this review will consist of current industry best management practices. As part of developing the peer review scope of services, the applicant will be provided a copy of the BMP benchmark document to be used.

Standards to be met: In addition to evidence of conformance to all the general performance standards found in section 5.6II of this ordinance, proposals for WPGS must satisfy all of the following:

- a. **Setback:** To insure the safety of the general public, the property line setback for any new WPGS that exceeds 35' in height (measured from ground level at the base of the tower to the tip of one of the blades when in the vertical position) shall be a distance equal to 110% of the height of the WPGS. If the fronting street for the project is a designated scenic road the setback shall be 150% of the height of the WPGS.
- b. **Height:** Regardless of the type of mount, WPGS shall not be higher than 30' above the tree canopy height measured from ground level at the base of the tower to the tip of one of the blades when in the vertical position. If an applicant demonstrates that, due to specific site characteristics additional tower height significantly improves the proposed unit(s) performance without adversely impacting the local view shed, an additional 10' of height may be approved by the zoning board.

- c. **Signs:** The tower structure may not be used for any other purpose or to display any signs or banners other than those necessary for safety without specific written approval of the Zoning Board.
- d. **Lighting:** No lighting shall be permitted on towers except as may be specifically required by another governmental agency with jurisdiction, or where deemed necessary by the Zoning Board.
- e. **Sound Level:** The WPGS shall not exceed 60 decibels using the A scale (dBA), as measured at the site property line, except during short-term events such as severe wind storms and utility outages.
- f. **Vibrations:** WPGS units must not cause vibrations through the ground that are perceptible beyond the property line of the parcel on which it is located.
- g. **Reception Interference:** WPGS units shall not cause interference with television, microwave, navigational or radio reception in neighboring areas.
- h. **Visual Analysis:** All WPGS proposals must include a written plan for minimizing the visual impact of the tower, blades and related tower fixtures. Construction materials, colors, and landscaping shall all be addressed. The units must not cause shadow flicker upon any structure on a neighboring property.
- i. **Code Compliance:** All WPGS shall be required to demonstrate that they have been designed and built to satisfy local codes and nationally accepted design standards.
- j. **Blade Clearance:** Minimum clearance from blade tip to ground is twenty (20) feet.
- k. **Guy Wires:** If used to support the tower, these wires must be covered with a high visibility material to height of at least six (6) above the ground.
- l. **Access:** All towers will be fenced, have lowering mechanisms locked, or have bottom steps removed in a manner, which prevents unauthorized access.
- m. **Connections:** When a WPGS is not immediately adjacent to the structure, all power lines, control lines or other connections between the WPGS and any other structure shall be underground.

- n. **Visual Test:** Unless specifically waived by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, all applicants for WPGS will be required to raise a three foot diameter balloon for a period of three days at the maximum height of the proposed facility within 50' of the proposed location. Dates of test will be set by mutual agreement of the applicant and zoning board. A visual simulation of how the tower will look in its surroundings may be used at the discretion of the Zoning Board in lieu of the balloon test. Temporary towers used to position wind data gathering instrumentation may be used, without review, for up to a six month period.

- o. **Decommissioning:** All proposals for WPGS will include provisions to insure that once the facility is no longer in use, it will be completely removed from the site within ninety (90) days. The Selectboard may declare any WPGS which remains unused for more than one year as abandoned and require its immediate removal. The landowner shall be responsible for and guarantee the tower removal. The zoning board may require the applicant to post a bond to cover the decommissioning of the unit(s). Approvals shall run with and place a burden upon the land, which is enforceable by the town. See "Expiration of Permit "(currently section 6.5 of the Zoning Ordinance) for more information.

- p. **Enforcement:** See RSA 676:17.

Application Requirements: All applications for WPGS shall include the following items:

- a. Names and addresses of the owners of the property where the WPGS is proposed.
- b. Abutter list.
- c. Written description of the project which includes the specifications of the proposed generating unit (s).
- d. Site map of the property and proposed facility including topography, elevations, access roads and accessory structures.
- e. Average height of vegetation within 100' of the proposed facility.
- f. Visual analysis.
- g. Decommissioning plan.
- h. Hazard mitigation plan, to include fire prevention and security measures to be taken.

Add to the Article VIII the following definitions:

Wind Powered Generator System (WPGS): A wind energy conversion system which converts wind energy into power. A system includes a tower, pylon, or other structure, including all accessory facilities, on which one or more of the following are mounted:

1. A wind vane, blade or series of wind vanes or blades or other devices mounted on a rotor for the purpose of converting wind into electrical or mechanical energy.
2. A shaft, gear, or belt or coupling device used to connect the rotor to a generator, alternator, or other electrical or mechanical energy-producing device.
3. A generator, alternator or other device used to convert the energy created by the rotation of the rotor into electrical or mechanical energy.

Yes_____ No_____

Amendment #2.

To streamline opportunities for the creation of accessory and rental housing throughout town, the following is proposed:

Add to the list of permitted uses in the Rural Residential, Rural Conservation I and Rural Conservation II zones **Accessory Apartment**.

Remove from the Rural Residential, Rural Conservation I and Rural Conservation II zones list of possible special exception **#11 Accessory Apartment**.

A similar change was made in 1994 in the Village Residential Zone. Based on the positive experience with that change, the Planning Board is proposing this change to expand housing opportunities throughout the community.

Yes_____ No_____

You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 13th of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,885,544** to defray town charges for the 2010 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

1. Executive	\$163,325
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	8,080
3. Financial Administration	62,100
4. Revaluation of Property	10,000
5. Legal Expenses	10,100
6. Personnel Administration	10,950
7. Planning and Zoning	2,200
8. General Government Buildings	5,850
9. Cemeteries	28,000
10. Insurance	36,030
11. Regional Associations	5,100
12. Police Department	283,439
13. Ambulance Service	30,000
14. Fire Departments -Plainfield	43,000
-Meriden	38,000
15. Building Inspection	6,800
16. Emergency Management	250
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	6,900
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	18,000
19. Highway Administration	23,800
20. Highways and Streets	591,400
21. Road Projects	109,539
22. Street Lights	9,000
23. Solid Waste Collection	150,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal	52,110
25. Health Agencies	20,785
26. Animal Control	500
27. Welfare	6,250
28. Recreation Commission	18,925
29. Libraries - Plainfield	59,608
- Meriden	40,253
30. Patriotic	1,500
31. Conservation Commission	500
32. Principal Long-term debt	25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt	8,250
Total:	\$ 1,885,544

**This budget is exclusive of other warrant articles.
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.**

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$137,500** to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows:

RSA 35:1 funds:

\$0	Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.
\$15,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$50,000	Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.
\$60,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.
\$5,000	ADA Access Fund created in 2003

RSA 31:19a funds:

\$5,000	Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
\$2,500	Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

The Selectboard is named agents to expend for the bridge fund, the town hall repair fund, the library building repair fund, the revaluation fund and the transportation improvement fund. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$131,000** for the purchase of a new dump truck to be used by the highway department, and to authorize the selectmen to withdraw up to the sum of \$131,000 from the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created in 1987 pursuant to RSA 35:1 and to further authorize the selectmen to sell or trade the town's existing 1994 dump truck. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,500** to be used by the town's 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee which was appointed at the 2009 town meeting. Said funds to be used for the planning and implementation of the upcoming anniversary celebration. A second appropriation is likely for the 2011 annual meeting. All revenues from the celebration and grants awarded will be returned to the town's general fund to offset the appropriations for this event. The Selectboard recommends this article.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town, pursuant to RSA 41:26-e, will vote to authorize that the office of Town Treasurer be a Selectboard appointed office replacing the current procedure of electing a Town Treasurer every three years.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will, pursuant to RSA 202-A:6, vote to create, beginning in 2011, a unified library department for the town by merging the two existing boards of trustees. The resulting library department shall be administered by a library board of five members each to serve three-year terms; and further, to

authorize and instruct the Selectboard and the existing trustees to take all necessary action to achieve the purpose of this article.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,800** to upgrade the Librarian/Director's part-time position at the Philip Read Memorial Library to a full-time position. This upgrade is necessitated by the need to manage growth brought on by the increasing library services and demand. This change will allow the library to be open to the public an additional 9 hours per week. This amount represents the cost of increased salary and the addition of a benefits package from April 1st 2010 through December 31, 2010, after which, if approved, subsequent years will be funded through the library's regular operating budget. The cost of a full year of these additional hours and benefits at 2010 rates is \$20,565. This article is by request and is recommended by the Philip Read Memorial Library Trustees. The Selectboard does not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to increase the real estate exemption on dormitories, dining rooms, and kitchens of Kimball Union Academy above the required \$150,000 as allowed in RSA 72:23, to one hundred (100) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will direct the selectmen to appoint, within 60 days of town meeting, a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including any agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield voters to advise the Selectmen and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President. Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage". Article by petition.

ARTICLE 14. To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

ARTICLE 15. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A True Copy Attest:

Judith A. Belyea
Thomas P. Williams Jr.
Robert W. Taylor
Plainfield Selectboard

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

We, the undersigned Selectmen of Plainfield, so hereby certify that on the 17th day of February in the year 2010, we posted a true attested copy of the within warrant at the Plainfield School, it being the place of meeting, and a like true and attested copy of said warrant at the Meriden Town Hall and the Plainfield Town Hall, said locations being public places in the Town of Plainfield.

Judith A. Belyea

Thomas P. Williams

Robert H. Taylor.

PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD

Personally appeared before me, the above names Judith A. Belyea, Thomas P. Williams Jr. and Robert W. Taylor, the Selectmen of Plainfield and took oath the foregoing statement is true.

Before me,

Ruth Ann Wheeler

Notary Public

My Commission expires June 22nd, 2010.