

**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 10th day of March next at eight 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 Selectman for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, two Library Trustee for three years, 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 questions relative to the Plainfield Zoning Ordinances, **said changes being recommended by the Planning Board:**

**Question 1.** In order to clarify questions that have risen with the administering of the newly adopted Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance (approved in 2014) the following minor changes are proposed:

**Amend Criteria which apply to detached ADUs, #2 which reads**

2. The peak of the ADU roof may not be higher than 25'.

**To read**

2. For buildings constructed after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 maximum building height is 25' for ADU's. Ornamental cupolas measuring less than 30" in width and 30" in depth and that are no higher than 48" may be excluded from the 25' building height limit.

**Amend Criteria which apply to detached ADUs, #3 which reads:**

3. When located in an outbuilding such as a barn or garage, whether existing or new, only the portion of the structure used for the ADU must conform to the dimensional requirements above.

**To read**

3. When located in an outbuilding such as a barn or garage built before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, the maximum height restriction does not apply. However, the ADU portion must conform to all other dimensional requirements for ADUs as listed in this ordinance.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 2.**

To provide a basic regulatory framework for the establishment of solar energy projects the following is proposed:

Add a new section **3.8 SOLAR ENERGY 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 and wind powered generating systems (WPGS) solar energy systems (SES) have the potential to impact other properties, including view sheds. Therefore, no building permit for a SES shall be issued without the project first having been granted a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment unless the SES meets the following criteria:

- 1) Roof top mounted or wall mounted system, in all zones, that does not extend beyond the exterior perimeter of the building on which the system is mounted and does not rise up more than 5' from the exterior surface of the roof.
- 2) Ground mounted systems in the Rural Residential (RR), Rural Conservation I (RCI) and Rural Conservation II (RCII) zones that do not rise more than 14' from the ground measured from the surface of the existing grade to the top of collector at its highest point and are not more than 7kw in size.

For SES that do not require a special exception the arrays will be considered an accessory use and will be permitted with a building permit in all zones except the Conservation Zone.

All ground mounted systems proposed in the Village Residential Zone (VR) shall require a special exception.

All ground mounted solar installations which are connected to a commercial metering system shall require a site plan review by the Planning Board.

**Application Requirements for Solar Energy System (SES) requiring a special exception and or site plan review:**

- a. Names and addresses of the owners of the property where the SES is proposed
- b. Abutter list
- c. Written description of the project
- d. Site map of the property and proposed facility design
- c. Visual analysis
- d. Decommissioning plan (if applicable)

**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 SES must satisfy all of the following:

**Location:** Systems will be located and or screened so as to minimize the visual impact from abutting properties. For the purpose of this ordinance a ground mounted solar array shall be considered a structure.

**Fencing:** While generally not required in cases where the town's land use boards deem it necessary to protect public safety, perimeter fencing may be required around all or some of the system components.

**Utilities:** Unless specifically waived by the Zoning Board all distribution lines associated with the system will be underground.

**Approved Solar Components:** All electric solar components must have UL listing or equivalent.

**Utility Company Approval:** The applicant, as part of the application process must show a letter of acceptance from any utility company which will receive the electric power from the system.

**Decommissioning:** All proposals for SES, which require either a special exception or a site plan review, will include provisions, acceptable to the town, to insure that once the facility is no longer in use, it will be completely removed from the site.

**Add** to the list of special exceptions for the VR, RR, RCI and RCII zones: #24 Approved Solar Energy System.

Renumber the zoning ordinance as required.

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_

**No** \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 3.**

To provide homeowners with all of the pool barrier options permitted by the town's adopted building code **delete** from the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1 FENCES, WALLS and HEDGES #3 which reads:

3. Every in-ground swimming pool shall be entirely enclosed with a good quality chain link wire, stockade or other equivalent fence of not less than five (5) feet in height measured from the ground level unless a special exception is granted.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

**You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 14th 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 **\$2,101,932** to defray town charges for the 2015 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

<b>1. Executive</b>	<b>\$194,950</b>
<b>2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics</b>	<b>3,380</b>
<b>3. Financial Administration</b>	<b>68,700</b>
<b>4. Revaluation of Property</b>	<b>13,000</b>
<b>5. Legal Expenses</b>	<b>8,100</b>
<b>6. Personnel Administration</b>	<b>5,500</b>
<b>7. Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>8. General Government Buildings</b>	<b>9,425</b>
<b>9. Cemeteries</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>10. Insurance</b>	<b>36,600</b>
<b>11. Regional Associations</b>	<b>5,100</b>
<b>12. Police Department</b>	<b>356,598</b>
<b>13. Ambulance Service</b>	<b>27,000</b>
<b>14. Fire Departments -Plainfield</b>	<b>49,500</b>
<b>-Meriden</b>	<b>44,500</b>
<b>15. Building Inspection</b>	<b>8,900</b>
<b>16. Emergency Management</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>17. Hydrant &amp; Forest Fire Expense</b>	<b>4,100</b>
<b>18. Dispatching for Fire, Police &amp; Ambulance</b>	<b>27,000</b>
<b>19. Highway Administration</b>	<b>20,050</b>
<b>20. Highways and Streets</b>	<b>680,200</b>
<b>21. Road Projects</b>	<b>99,900</b>

<b>22. Street Lights</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>23. Solid Waste Collection</b>	<b>153,000</b>
<b>24. Solid Waste Disposal</b>	<b>48,810</b>
<b>25. Health Agencies</b>	<b>18,370</b>
<b>26. Animal Control</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>27. Welfare</b>	<b>8,500</b>
<b>28. Recreation Commission</b>	<b>19,000</b>
<b>29. Library Department</b>	<b>124,649</b>
<b>30. Patriotic</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>31. Conservation Commission</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>32. Principal Long-term debt</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>33. Interest Long-term debt</b>	<b>1,850</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,101,932</b>

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 **\$149,500** 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:

\$15,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$50,000	Highway Equipment Fund created in 1987.
\$55,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.
\$5,000	Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created 1994.
\$5,000	ADA Access Fund created in 2003.
\$6,000	Police Equipment Fund created in 2011.
\$5,000	Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund created in 2012.

RSA 31:19a funds:

\$6,000	Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
\$2,500	Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend on the Highway Equipment Fund created in 1987.

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

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund to be called the Town Facilities Maintenance Fund for the purpose of making repairs to town buildings and grounds and to appropriate the sum of **\$60,000** from the town's unassigned fund balance for this purpose, pursuant to RSA 35:1. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend for this fund. The Selectboard recommends this article.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** for the purchase of a brush chipper to be used by the highway department and to authorize the Selectboard to withdraw up to the sum of \$12,000 from the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created in 1987 pursuant to RSA 35:1 and to further authorize the Selectboard to sell or trade the town's existing brush chipper. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 7.** 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 eighty (80) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will direct the Selectboard to appoint 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 9.** 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 Selectboard and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will, pursuant to RSA 202-A:6, vote to create, beginning April 1, 2015, two separate boards of trustees, one for the Meriden Library and one for the Philip Read Memorial Library. The present board members to be distributed between the two newly created boards, as determined by the current board of trustees, with the Selectmen to be responsible for approving the final make-up and appointing a sixth trustee. Each library shall be administered by a three member board, each trustee to serve a three year term. Further, to authorize and instruct the Selectboard and the existing trustees to take all necessary action to achieve the purpose of this article (Article by petition).

**ARTICLE 11.** To request that the Town of Plainfield, NH, stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting influence of big money in our political system, by calling upon our legislators to amend the United States Constitution to establish that:

- Only individual human beings are endowed with constitutional rights, and
- Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

And that the People of Plainfield, NH hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort, and to

reduce the influence of big money and increase transparency and voter participation in our electoral system.

And that the record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Plainfield's Congressional delegation, and to Plainfield's State Legislators, and to the Governor of New Hampshire, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by the Town Administrator's office within 30 days of the vote. (Article by Petition).

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to send a message to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, the Vermont Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources, and the State of Vermont requesting that they take all appropriate and needed measures to fully mitigate the shooting noise nuisance emanating from the Hammond Cove Shooting Range in Hartland, Vermont into Plainfield, New Hampshire and to fully restore the quiet, peaceful character of nearby Plainfield residences and recreation areas to levels that existed prior to the 2012 Hammond Cove site construction (Article by Request).

**ARTICLE 13.** To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

**ARTICLE 14.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**A True Copy Attest:**

Robert W. Taylor  
Judith A. Belyea  
Ron Eberhardt  
Plainfield Selectboard

#### **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

We, the undersigned Selectboard of Plainfield, so hereby certify that on the 18th day of February in the year 2015, 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.

**Signed:**

Robert W. Taylor  
Judith A. Belyea  
Ron Eberhardt