WARRANT STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, SS

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 13th day of March next at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles:

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

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot: One Selectboard member 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, one Moderator for two 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 make the Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance (approved in 2014, amended 2016) in compliance with newly enacted RSA 674:73 Accessory Dwelling Units (effective June 2017) the following changes are proposed:

Amend Criteria #3 which reads

3. ADU's may be between 320 and 800 sq feet and cannot exceed 50% of the gross living area of the primary residence.

to read

3. ADU's may be no larger than 800 sq feet and may not exceed 50% of the gross living area of the primary residence.

Amend Criteria #5 which reads

5. The parcel on which the ADU is built must be conforming in lot size and road frontage for the zone in which it is located. The ADU, whether a new or an existing structure, must satisfy the front, side, and rear yard setbacks for the zone. Setback encroachments or variances involving the living area square footage requirements are not allowed.

to read

5. The parcel on which the ADU is built must be conforming in lot size and road frontage for the zone in which it is located. The ADU, whether a new or an existing structure, must satisfy the front, side, and rear yard setbacks for the zone.

Amend the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) definition which reads

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU): An attached or free standing independent residential unit, in addition to the primary residence on a single lot, which is between 320 and 800 square feet and which contains no more than one bathroom and two bedrooms

to read

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU): An attached or free standing residential unit, in addition to the primary residence on a single lot, which contains no more than one bathroom and two bedrooms and is no larger than 800 square feet.

[] Yes [] No

You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 17th 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 organize the municipal "Town of Plainfield Fire Department" in accordance with RSA 154:1, III, which provides that "a municipality may choose a form of fire department organization different from those set forth in paragraph I, including the election of fire chief, fire officers or firefighters, or all such persons, by the firefighters." The firefighters will recommend one Fire Chief for the town of Plainfield to be appointed by the select board. The selection of all other officers and firefighting positions will be at the discretion of the fire chief with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. The fire department will be formed from the buildings, equipment and fire apparatus, currently owned and managed by the two individual Fire Departments (Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department Inc.) In accordance with RSA 154:1, IV, this change, if approved, shall not take effect until one year after the approval of this Article. The Selectboard recommends this article.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,335,585 to defray town charges for the 2018 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

1. Executive	\$213,350
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statisti	cs 16,330
3. Financial Administration	71,450
4. Revaluation of Property	10,000
5. Legal Expenses	13,000
6. Personnel Administration	9,500
7. Planning and Zoning	1,700
8. General Government Buildings	17,025
9. Cemeteries	36,100
10. Insurance	56,500
11. Regional Associations	6,100
12. Police	412,688
13. Ambulance Service	37,000
14. Fire -Plainfield	55,000
-Meriden	44,500
15. Building Inspection	11,900
16. Emergency Management	250

17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	4,100
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	32,000
19. Highway Administration	21,550
20. Highways and Streets	703,510
21. Road Projects	117,360
22. Street Lights	12,000
23. Solid Waste Collection	167,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal	49,310
25. Health Agencies	18,485
26. Animal Control	500
27. Welfare	10,000
28. Recreation Commission	19,000
29. Library	153,227
30. Patriotic	1,500
31. Conservation Commission	500
32. Principal Long-term debt	12,500
33. Interest Long-term debt	150
Total:	\$2,335,085

This budget is exclusive of other warrant articles.

The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$192,500 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	Town Facilities Maintenance Fund created in 2015.
\$10,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$75,000	Highway Equipment Fund created in 1987.
\$55,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.
\$10,000	Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created 1994.
\$5,000	ADA Access Fund created in 2003.
\$5,000	Police Equipment Fund created in 2011.
\$5,000	Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund created in 2012.
RSA 31:19a funds:	
\$10,000	Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
\$2,500	Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

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

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to establish, pursuant to RSA 35:1 a capital reserve fund to be called the Fire Department Equipment Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund. Said purpose of the fund is for the future replacement of fire department equipment including vehicles. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to establish, pursuant to RSA 35:1 a capital reserve fund to be called the Meriden Library Building Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund. Said purpose of the fund is for the renovation and/or replacement the Meriden Library Building. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend. The existing Meriden Library Building does not meet the requirements of the American Disability Act (ADA). Any significant renovation or the replacement of the building will result in material compliance with the ADA. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation. The Library Trustees recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town of Plainfield will vote to commit to a goal of 100% reliance on renewable sources of electricity by 2030 and renewable sources for all other energy needs, including for heating and transportation, by 2050.

The impetus for this goal is to achieve the public benefits of protecting the economic, health and social well-being of our citizens; to reduce energy costs to the community and to keep energy dollars in the local economy; as well as to reduce the risks to the community associated with any future escalation in energy prices, and to address the threat of global climate change.

The intent of this article is to effect policy at the local level in a fiscally responsible manner that will support and encourage individual action to shift toward renewable energy. It does not mandate changes to private property or the behavior of private citizens. This article proposed by the town's Energy Committee. The Selectboard recommends this article.

ARTICLE 9. To see of the town will vote to **repeal and replace** its current wind(RSA 72:66) and solar power (RSA 72:62) exemption adopted at the 2008 town meeting which reads as follows: An exemption of 100% of the value of accessory use generation systems up to a maximum of \$50,000 in taxable value. Criteria for granting the exemption shall be that the installed system must generate energy for the owner's primary residence or place of business located on the site. The system, however, may transfer surplus energy to the electric grid. Commercial solar and wind generation facilities that represent the primary use of the property shall not be eligible for this exemption. The **replacement** exemption to read as follows: An exemption pursuant to RSA 72, from property taxation for solar (72:62), wind (72:66) and wood heating (72:69) energy systems in Plainfield. The exemption will be 100% of the energy system value up to a maximum of \$300,000. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 10. 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 11. 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 12. To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

ARTICLE 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. **A True Copy Attest:**

Robert W. Taylor Judith A. Belyea Eberhardt

Ron C.

Plainfield Selectboard

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

We, the undersigned Selectboard of Plainfield, hereby certify that on the 21st day of February in the year 2018, 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 C. Eberhardt

Personally appeared before me the above named, Robert W. Taylor, Judith A. Belyea, Ron C. Eberhardt, the Selectboard of Plainfield and took oath the foregoing statement is true.

Michelle Marsh

Notary Public