

**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 12th 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 Select Board member for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, Two Library Trustees for three years, one Library Trustee for two years, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, one Town Clerk for three years and any other necessary town officers.

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

**Question 1.** In order to clarify the criteria for the granting of special exceptions **delete** section 5.6II a) & b) which read

**5.6II CONDITIONS TO BE MET**

**II. Special Exceptions**

In order for the Board to grant a special exception it must find that the special exception being sought by the applicant is in fact permitted and specified in the Zoning Ordinance and that all of the conditions for the special exception are met.

a) A special exception as specified in this ordinance may be permitted only if the Board of Adjustment makes the following findings of fact:

- (1) The use is one that is ordinarily prohibited in the district.
- (2) The use is specifically allowed as an exception under the terms of the Ordinance.
- (3) Appropriate and adequate facilities will be provided for the proper operation of the proposed use.
- (4) The proposed use will comply with the applicable regulations of the district in which it is to be located.

b) For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following are established as general conditions for the granting of all special exceptions (subject to further conditions as may be defined elsewhere herein as to the uses concerned) namely:

- (1) That the use will not be detrimental to the character or enjoyment of the neighborhood.
- (2) That the use will not be injurious, noxious, or offensive and thus detrimental to the neighborhood;
- (3) That the use will not be contrary to the public health, safety or welfare by reason of undue traffic congestion or hazards, undue risk

to life and property, unsanitary or unhealthful emissions or waste disposal, or similar adverse causes or conditions.

**Replace the deleted text with**

## **5.6II CONDITIONS TO BE MET**

### **II. Special Exceptions**

A special exception as specified in this ordinance may be permitted only if the Board of Adjustment makes the following findings of fact:

1. The use is specifically allowed as a special exception under the terms of the Ordinance.
2. That the use will not be detrimental to the character or enjoyment of the neighborhood.
3. The proposed use will comply with the applicable regulations of the district in which it is to be located.
4. The granting of a special exception must include remedy for any existing zoning violations on the property.
5. The capacity of existing or planned community services or facilities, including streets and utilities will not be adversely affected.
6. Traffic on roads and highways in the vicinity shall not be adversely affected.
7. The use will not be contrary to the public health, safety or welfare by reason of traffic congestion or hazards, undue risk to life or property, unsanitary or unhealthful emissions or waste disposal, or similar adverse conditions.
8. Appropriate and adequate facilities will be provided for the proper operation of the proposed use.
9. No undue municipal expense will be created.

Renumber the section as indicated.

[ ] Yes      [ ] No

**Question #2.** In order to clarify the local appeal process the following replacement of section 5.5 APPEALS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT is proposed.

**Delete the existing section 5.5 which reads**

### **5.5 APPEALS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

If it is alleged that an error has been made, any aggrieved person, officer, department, board or bureau of the town affected by any decision of the administrative officer may appeal to the Board. Such appeals must occur within fifteen days of the granting or denial of a zoning permit by filing with the Zoning Board of Adjustment a notice of appeal specifying the grounds for appeal. Work may not continue during an appeal unless the administrative officer states that work stoppage would cause imminent peril to life and property.

An appeal stays all proceeds under the action appealed from unless the officer from whom the appeal is taken certifies to the Board of Adjustment after notice of appeal shall have been filed with him or her, that, by reason of facts stated in the certificate, a stay would, in his or her opinion, cause imminent peril to life or property. In such case, proceedings shall be stayed by a restraining order which may be granted by the Board of the Superior Court.

**Replace with**

**5.5 APPEALS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** If it is alleged that an error has been made by any decision of a town administrative official, any aggrieved person, department, or board affected may appeal to the Zoning Board. Such appeals must occur within fifteen days of the decision or the granting or denial of a zoning permit. Such appeal shall be made by filing with the Zoning Board of Adjustment a notice of appeal specifying all the grounds for the appeal.

Any activity or work may not continue during an appeal unless the town administrative official certifies to the Zoning Board of Adjustment that work stoppage would cause imminent peril to life and property.

Yes       No

**You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 16th 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 **\$975,000** for the replacement of the Meriden Library building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$487,500 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and at least \$464,000 of the project cost will come donations raised on behalf of the Meriden Library Foundation created in 2019.

The Board of Trustees for the Plainfield Public Libraries and the Select Board recommends this appropriation (2/3 ballot vote required)

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$135,200** for the purchase of retiring all outstanding debt of the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. Note this article is part of the fire department municipalization project approved at the 2017 town meeting.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,358,950** to defray town charges for the 2019 fiscal year. The Select Board proposes the following budget:

<b>1. Executive</b>	<b>\$223,650</b>
<b>2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics</b>	<b>16,030</b>
<b>3. Financial Administration</b>	<b>77,050</b>
<b>4. Revaluation of Property</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>5. Legal Expenses</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>6. Personnel Administration</b>	<b>10,300</b>
<b>7. Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>1,700</b>
<b>8. General Government Buildings</b>	<b>17,025</b>
<b>9. Cemeteries</b>	<b>34,100</b>
<b>10. Insurance</b>	<b>65,200</b>
<b>11. Regional Associations</b>	<b>6,100</b>
<b>12. Police</b>	<b>431,000</b>
<b>13. Ambulance Service</b>	<b>38,000</b>
<b>14. Fire</b>	<b>60,000</b>
<b>15. Building Inspection</b>	<b>11,900</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>38,000</b>
<b>19. Highway Administration</b>	<b>21,550</b>

<b>20. Highways and Streets</b>	<b>721,535</b>
<b>21. Road Projects</b>	<b>119,000</b>
<b>22. Street Lights</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>23. Solid Waste Collection</b>	<b>170,500</b>
<b>24. Solid Waste Disposal</b>	<b>50,810</b>
<b>25. Health Agencies</b>	<b>13,610</b>
<b>26. Animal Control</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>27. Welfare</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>28. Recreation Commission</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>29. Library</b>	<b>157,040</b>
<b>30. Patriotic</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>31. Conservation Commission</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>32. Principal Long-term debt</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>33. Interest Long-term debt</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,358,950</b>

This budget is exclusive of other warrant articles.  
The Select Board recommends this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$242,500** 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.
\$25,000	Meriden Library Replacement Fund created in 2017.
\$25,000	Fire Department Equipment Fund created in 2017
\$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 Select Board 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 Select Board recommends this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$155,000** for the purchase of a dump truck with plow and sanding equipment for the use of the highway department, further to authorize the Select Board to sell or

trade the town's existing truck #8. If approved, the Select Board will withdraw said sum from the Highway Equipment Fund. The Select Board recommends this appropriation. The Select Board was named agent to expend the highway equipment fund at the 2015 town meeting.

**ARTICLE 8.** Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Plainfield based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$64,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$92,000; for a person 80 years or older, \$141,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 years; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his/her spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$28,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than \$35,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$65,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

**Note:** If approved this article will raise the maximum income eligibility requirements for a single person from \$23,500 to \$28,000 and for a married couple it raises the maximum income from \$30,000 to \$35,000.

**ARTICLE 9.** Shall we modify the exemption for the disabled, as outlined in RSA 72-37-b? The exemption, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$47,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$28,000 or if married a combined net income of not more than \$35,000; and own net assets of not more than \$65,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

**Note:** If approved this article will raise the maximum income eligibility requirement for a single person from \$23,500 to \$28,000 and for a married couple it raises the maximum income from \$30,000 to \$35,000.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will adopt pursuant to RSA 72:38-b an exemption from property tax in the town of Plainfield for the deaf or severely hearing impaired. Said exemption shall be \$47,000. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his/her spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$28,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than \$35,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$65,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. See RSA 72:38-b II for the necessary medical qualifications to be satisfied.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the town will direct the Select Board 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 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 Select Board and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town.

**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:**

Judith A. Belyea  
Ron C. Eberhardt  
Robert W. Taylor

Plainfield Select Board

**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

We, the undersigned Select Board of Plainfield, hereby certify that on the 20th day of February in the year 2019, 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:**

**Judith A. Belyea**  
**Ron C. Eberhardt**  
**Robert W. Taylor**

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

**Michelle Marsh**  
Notary Public