

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 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, One Library Trustee for three years, One Library Trustee for one year, 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.

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 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,046,000** for the replacement of the Meriden Library building and to authorize the withdrawal of \$45,000 from the Town's ADA Capital Reserve Fund, \$18,000 from the Town's Meriden Library Replacement Fund and accept \$800,000 in donations raised on behalf of the Meriden Library by private sources (Meriden Library Building Fund \$214,000 and the Meriden Library Foundation created in 2018 \$586,000). The remaining \$183,000 will be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the replacement of the Meriden Library building is completed or December 2021 whichever is sooner. Funds from taxation equate to no more than \$.60 of the anticipated 2020 tax rate. A majority of the Board of Trustees for the Plainfield Public Libraries (4-1) and a majority of the Select Board (2-1) recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,449,621** to defray town charges for the 2020 fiscal year. The Select Board proposes the following budget:

1. Executive	\$231,350
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	20,930
3. Financial Administration	88,350
4. Revaluation of Property	12,000
5. Legal Expenses	7,000
6. Personnel Administration	12,500
7. Planning and Zoning	1,500
8. General Government Buildings	17,025
9. Cemeteries	34,600
10. Insurance	68,430
11. Regional Associations	6,100
12. Police	422,340
13. Ambulance Service	38,000
14. Fire	67,500
15. Building Inspection	15,400
16. Emergency Management	250
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	4,100
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	43,000
19. Highway Administration	21,050
20. Highways and Streets	747,035
21. Road Projects	120,165
22. Street Lights	10,000
23. Solid Waste Collection	180,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal	56,810
25. Health Agencies	13,610
26. Animal Control	500
27. Welfare	25,500
28. Recreation Commission	21,471
29. Library	161,105
30. Patriotic	1,500
31. Conservation Commission	500
32. Principal Long-term debt	0
33. Interest Long-term debt	0
Total:	\$2,449,621

This budget is exclusive of other warrant articles.

The Select Board (3-0) recommends this appropriation.

This appropriation less corresponding anticipated revenues equates to approximately \$4.42 of the town's projected tax rate.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$257,500** 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.
\$50,000	Fire Department Equipment Fund created in 2017
\$25,000	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 (3-0) recommends this appropriation. This appropriation equates to approximately \$.85 of the town tax rate.

ARTICLE 5. Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Plainfield under RSA 72:28. This article by request, the article is fully supported by the Board of Selectmen (3-0).

ARTICLE 6. 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 7. 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 8. To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

ARTICLE 9. We the town of Plainfield hereby call upon our state and federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

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

ARTICLE 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A True Copy Attest:

Ron C. Eberhardt
Robert W. Taylor
Eric R. Brann
Plainfield Select Board

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

We, the undersigned Select Board of Plainfield, hereby certify that on the 19th day of February in the year 2020, 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:

Ron C. Eberhardt
Robert W. Taylor
Eric R. Brann

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



Boston Post Cane Presentation to Elizabeth "Libby" Backofen
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