

RESULTS OF PLAINFIELD TOWN MEETING- MARCH 6, 2018

Articles 1, 2, and 3 will be voted by Australian ballot:

Art. 1 OFFICERS

MODERATOR	# OF VOTES	COLL OF DEL TAX	VOTES
CHARLES BARASCH	241	GEORGE CUSHING	251
TOWN CLERK		CEM COMM 1 YR	
LINDA B WELLS	252	Not enough writeins	
TOWN TREASURER		CEM COMM 3YRS	
LINDA B WELLS	251	PAULA ACKEL 205	
SELECTBOARD		CEM COMM 4 YRS	
TAMMY FARNHAM	206	EDWARD HUTCHINSON	222
LISTER		CEM COMM 5YRS	
SANDY ROSS 235		Not enough writeins	
AUDITOR 1 YR		SCHOOL DIRECTOR 1YR	
Not enough writeins		28	
		Scott Harris by 28 writein votes	
		TOWN GRAND JUROR	
		JAMES JAMELE	230

AUDITOR 2 YR

Not enough
writeins

AUDITOR 3 YRS

LORRAINE CAPPETTA 198

TOWN LAW
AGENT

JAMES JAMELE
232

Art. 2 Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to purchase the Gallison House property at 25 High Street for the purpose of providing parking for the Town Hall Opera House, and to finance this purchase for a sum not to exceed \$70,000 payable over a term not to exceed ten years?

Voters approved 138 to 120

Art. 3 Shall the action taken at the 2017 annual Town meeting authorizing \$200,000 of bonded indebtedness to purchase a new fire truck be validated and confirmed?

Voters approved 225 to 33

Art. 4 To hear reports of Town Officers and act on same.

Voters approved

Art. 5 Shall the Town establish a reserve fund for the Emergency Operations Center and Shelter?

Voters approved

Art.6 Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Emergency Operation Center and Shelter Reserve Fund?

Voters approved

Art.7 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,333.00 as its share of the eighth year cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier? This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares.

Voters approved

Art.8 Shall the Town voters authorize the expenditures for the following not-for-profit service agencies as recommended by the appointed Social Concerns Committee?

American Red Cross	\$ 100.00
Central VT Adult Basic Education	\$ 400.00
Capstone (Central VT) Comm. Action	\$ 500.00
Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,350.00
Central VT Home Health Hospice	\$ 2,500.00
CIRCLE	\$ 525.00
Family Center of Wash County	\$ 500.00
Friends of the Winooski River	\$ 300.00
Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$ 300.00
Green Mountain Transit Agency	\$ 786.00
Home Share Now	\$ 325.00
Onion River Foodshelf	\$ 1,000.00
OUR House	\$ 100.00
People's Health and Wellness	\$ 700.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 50.00
Twinfield Learning Center	\$ 400.00
Twinfield Together Mentoring	\$ 250.00
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 2,800.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 200.00
Washington CTY Court Diversion	\$ 250.00
Washington CTY Mental Health	\$ 500.00
Washington CTY Youth Service Bureau	\$ 325.00
Total	\$14,161.00

Voters approved

Art. 9 Shall the Town voters authorize an appropriation of \$37,500 to the Cutler Memorial Library to pay for the librarian and the purchase of materials and services that the library acquires to make accessible to the community?

Voters approved

Art.10 To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay for Water and Wastewater departments for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Voters approved budgets

Water \$193,539

Wastewater \$264,565

Art.11 To see what amount of money the Town will vote to pay for highways, bridges, fire department, and administrative operations of the Town of Plainfield for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Voters approved to add \$1,000 to the Emergency Mgmt Line of the Budget for an approved total budget of \$967,706.05

Art.12 Shall the Town of Plainfield authorize the Selectboard to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

Voters Approved

Art.13 Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of public statutes relating to the collection of taxes by the Town Treasurer, (VSA 32 Section 4791) and vote to collect municipal taxes thirty days from mailing and not prior to August 15, 2018 and collect school taxes on November 14, 2018 and February 13, 2019, collecting half of the total school taxes on each of those dates?

Voters approved

Art.14 Shall the Town of Plainfield enter into a communications union district to be known as Central Vermont Internet, under the provisions of 30 VSA Ch82?

Voters approved

Art.15 To transact any other non-binding business that may properly come before the meeting.

WE, the undersigned voters of the Town of Plainfield, request that the Selectboard warn the following resolution for the 2018 Plainfield Town Meeting:

WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing Plainfield, our state, our nation, and the world;

WHEREAS the State of Vermont has stated a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to obtain 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town of Plainfield urges the State of Vermont to:
 - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to pipelines; and,
 - b. Firmly commit to, at least, 90% renewable energy by 2050 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
 - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized, or rural communities.
2. That the residents and the government of the Town of Plainfield will do our parts to meet or exceed these goals and achieve **95%** renewable energy by **2040** by committing to efforts such as:
 - a. Protecting town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, such as denying easements or agreements for any pipelines transporting fossil fuel products across town lands;
 - b. Address transportation issues in the Town and School District by embracing the use of alternatively-fueled vehicles, such as biodiesel or electric-powered units, and supporting public transportation;
 - c. Working together to weatherize all town buildings and schools in the town and school district, 80% of residences, and ensuring that all new construction and renovation comply with the current state energy codes, and renewables with Act 174 planning standards;
 - d. Enlisting state or independent support to install photovoltaic solar on suitable town and school property, and continuing the discussion to install low-head hydroelectric generation at the Plainfield Mill St. dam site;
 - e. Embracing other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life, while helping to reduce overall energy use in Plainfield.
3. That the Plainfield Energy Team will report at town meeting annually on the town's progress on these efforts.

Voters approved this non-binding resolution

Adjourned at 1:35pm