

WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING

Plainfield, Vermont

March 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Town of Plainfield are hereby notified and warned to meet at Plainfield Town Hall Opera House, 18 High Street, on Tuesday, the sixth day of March 2018 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business and to vote by Australian ballot. Voting polls are open from 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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

Art. 1 To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectboard, Lister, Auditor, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Town Grand Juror, Town Law Agent, Cemetery Commissioner, and School Director.

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?

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?

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

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

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

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.

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

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?

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.

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.

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?

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?

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?

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.

Betsy Ziegler, Chair
Ross Sneyd
Sasha Thayer
Plainfield Selectboard

Dated at Plainfield, Vermont
January 25, 2018
Received for recording January 25, 2018
Attest: Linda B. Wells, Town Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS for Town Meeting

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerk's Office by February 4, 2018. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **Sample ballots** will be posted by February 24, 2018.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to olvr.sec.state.vt.us.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone email, or online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us. The latest you can request ballots for Town Meeting is the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 5, 2018. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the Town Clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballots out of the Clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Town Meeting Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Town Meeting Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Town Meeting Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)