

Plainfield Special Select Board Meeting
Joint Meeting with Marshfield Select Board and Twinfield/CCSU School Board
December 29, 2020
Minutes-draft

Present were: Sasha Thayer (Select Board Chair), Tammy Farnham, Jim Volz, Linda Wells (Plainfield Town Clerk/Treasurer), Charlie Cogbill (Plainfield resident), Marshfield Select Board members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan, Bobbi Brimblecombe (Marshfield Town Clerk), Marshfield Justices of the Peace Mary Leahy, Chris Bellamy, Ellen Halperin, and James Arisman, and Patrick Healy (School Board Chair).

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Bobbi Brimblecomb updated the Plainfield attendees about the Town's decision to use Australian ballot for the 2021 Marshfield Town Meeting, and to count ballots using the tabulator. Changing the town meeting date from March 2 to April 6, 2021 was discussed. Patrick Healy explained that the school would be in favor of moving the meeting date, but the school intends to work with the towns and whatever they decide. Marshfield Select Board chair Chris Martin explained that the extra time would allow the school more time to work on their budget.

There was also discussion of the pros and cons of mailing ballots to every voter as occurred for the November General Election. Linda Wells described the difficulties this presented for her as a town clerk as a significant number of ballots were returned as undeliverable and had to be logged, and additional ballots had to be mailed out to absentee voters at corrected addresses. Linda Wells didn't favor the approach of mailing ballots to all those on the check list.

Sasha Thayer explained that the Plainfield Select Board has not had any discussion about this so it will need more time to make a decision about the change in date and whether or not to mail ballots to all voters. The Boards will get together again to discuss this.

Minutes prepared by Sasha Thayer