

**Town of Plainfield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 6, 2020, 7:30 AM**

Jim Volz, Sasha Thayer, and Town Treasurer Linda Wells were present in person. Tammy Farnham was present by Zoom starting at 7:45 am. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 am.

Public Comment and Announcements: There was no public comment as no member of the public was present, and no announcements.

Set tax rate: The only item of business was to set the tax rate for the 2021-2011 fiscal year. **Based on the figures provided by Town Treasurer Linda Wells, the motion was made by Sasha Thayer to set the resident municipal tax rate at \$0.8611.** This tax rate takes in to account allocation of \$91,155.51 of surplus funds for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year to reduce the 2021-2022 tax rate. Tammy raised the issue of moving some of the surplus funds into Town reserve funds to make any tax increase for 2022-2023 less burdensome. There are a number of designated reserve funds establishe by vote at various town meetings, including one for the Pedestrian Bridge project, but none for the Rte 2 intersection remediation project. Tammy noted that construction materials are increasing and the amount approved for the cost of the pedestrian bridge is not a fixed figure, but could be more. Tammy advocated for \$20,000 of the surplus funds to be allocated to the pedestrian bridge project. Other considerations, including that the 2021-2022 budget approved by the voters at Town Meeting included \$15,000 for the pedestrian bridge project and whether that amount should be increased by allcation of 2020-2021 surplus funds were discussed. **The motion passed with Jim Volz and Sasha Thayer voting, “Aye” and Tammy Farnham voting, “No.”** **Sasha Thayer moved that rate for resident education tax be set at 1.7599 and the non-resident education tax rate be set at 1.7683 and the motion passed unanimously.** **Sasha Thayer m oved that the non-resident rate for municipal taxes be set at .8611 and the motion passed unanimously.** This sets a combined resident tax rate of \$2.621 and a combined non-resident tax rate of \$2.6294.

Tammy Farnham moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 AM.