

WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING

Plainfield, Vermont

March 7, 2017

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 seventh day of March 2017 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business and to vote by Australian ballot from 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Article 1 and Article 2.

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 Town of Plainfield bond an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to be used for the purchase of a new fire truck?

Polls are open 9:00A.M. to 7:00P.M.

Art. 3 To hear reports of Town Officers and act on same.

Art. 4 Shall the Town establish a Personal Protection Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase equipment and gear for our volunteer firefighters?

Art. 5 Shall the Town appropriate \$12,500 annually to the Personal Protection Equipment Reserve Fund?

Art.6 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. 7 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	\$ 1,500.00
Central VT Home Health Hospice	\$ 2,500.00
Family Center of Wash County	\$ 475.00
Friends of the Winooski River	\$ 300.00
Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$ 300.00
Green Mountain Transit Agency	\$ 786.00
Home Share Now	\$ 350.00

Onion River Foodshelf	\$ 1,000.00
People's Health and Wellness	\$ 650.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 50.00
Twinfield Learning Center	\$ 400.00
Twinfield Together Mentoring	\$ 250.00
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 2,200.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 225.00
Washington CTY Court Diversion	\$ 250.00
Washington CTY Mental Health	\$ 500.00
Washington CTY Youth Service Bureau	\$ 325.00
 Total	 \$13,061.00

- Art.8 Shall the Town voters authorize an appropriation of \$37,500 to the Cutler Memorial Library to pay for the librarian and the purchase of books and materials to support the mission of the library?
- Art.9 Shall the Town of Plainfield appropriate the sum of \$1,243.00 (one dollar per resident) to the Cross Vermont Trail Association, a Vermont nonprofit organization, to help pay for a 200 foot long pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the Winooski River in the Town of East Montpelier to complete a vital link in the statewide Cross Vermont Trail, and thereby helping to secure matching funds from the City of Montpelier and other local towns?
- 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, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
- 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, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
- 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 1, 2017 and collect school taxes on November 8, 2017 and February 14, 2018, collecting half of the total school taxes on each of those dates?

Art. 14 To transact any other non-binding business that may properly come before the meeting.

Will the Voters of Plainfield, Vermont pass the following resolution :

Whereas nearly 60 million people worldwide are displaced by violence, political strife, or natural disaster and forced to become refugees; and

Whereas millions of additional people worldwide are driven to seek out immigration opportunities for better lives and well being for their families; and

Whereas the Town of Plainfield recognizes that the federal government and federal agencies have no legal authority to require local enforcement of immigration policy; and

Whereas Plainfield has no formal existing agreements to enforce immigration policy; and

Whereas the Town of Plainfield does not inquire about a resident's immigration status in providing municipal services or in the course of law enforcement; and

Whereas federal funding may not be withheld based on a municipality's willingness to enter into agreements regarding the enforcement of immigration policy.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Plainfield, Vermont select board the following:

The Town of Plainfield formally announces its intention to be a designated sanctuary town; and

As a sanctuary town, the Town of Plainfield, Vermont will have policies that direct employees to refuse the application of any request from a state or federal agency that requires the identification of a resident's immigration status; and

The Town of Plainfield, Vermont shall refuse any request to be an extension of any federal immigration policy enforcement actions and shall not enter into any agreement to carry out such enforcement; and

The Town of Plainfield, Vermont calls on Vermont's congressional representatives in the U.S. House and Senate to work vigorously for just immigration reform that protects the most vulnerable residents in our nation.

Bram Towbin, Chair

Betsy Ziegler

Ross Sneyd

Plainfield Selectboard

Dated at Plainfield, Vermont

January 24, 2017

Received for recording January 24, 2017

Attest: Linda B. Wells, Town Clerk