

**Town of Plainfield Special Selectboard Meeting,
April 22, 2023
In-Person at Plainfield Municipal Office and by Zoom
Minutes**

Agenda:

- **Changes to Agenda**
- **Public Comment**
- **Executive Session regarding evaluation and/or appointment of Emergency Management Director pursuant 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3)**
- **Return from Executive Session/Decisions (if any) in Public Session**
- **Adjourn**

Present: Selectboard members Riley Carlson (Chair; in-person) and Bram Towbin (Zoom). Members of the public Alexandra 'Sasha' Thayer (in-person), Michael Billingsley (Zoom), and Eric Blaisdell (Times Argus; Zoom).

Chair Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Changes to Agenda:

There were no changes to the agenda.

Public Comment:

Alexandra Thayer read from a prepared statement detailing her history as Plainfield's Emergency Management Director (EMD). When the 10 minutes allotted for Public Comment had elapsed, the Chair asked the Selectboard if they would like to extend the Public Comment block to allow Thayer to finish. No members of the Selectboard indicated they would like to do so. At this point Thayer interrupted and was called out of order and deemed as disrupting the meeting by the Chair. Eventually, Thayer left with a promise from the Chair that she would be brought back into the room after the Executive Session and before the announcement of any decisions

Executive Session regarding evaluation and/or appointment of Emergency Management Director pursuant 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3)

Carlson moved to enter Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously. [All members of the public left the meeting.]

Return from Executive Session/Decisions (if any) in Public Session:

[All members of the public, including Thayer, returned to the meeting]

Towbin explained the board felt it was necessary to make a change and described the qualifications of Plainfield's former EMD, Michael Billingsley. **Towbin moved that Billingsley be appointed to the position of EMD effective immediately, with the understanding that it is on an interim basis and the town will promptly begin a search for someone more longterm. The motion passed unanimously.**

Carlson recognized Billingsley and asked if he was willing to take this on. Billingsley said he was willing, although at a future meeting he would like to discuss a couple concerns about the position not being a Town Officer and the need for reimbursement of expenses. Carlson assured Billingsley that those concerns would be taken up at a future meeting and welcomed him back to the position of EMD.

Adjourn:

Towbin moved to adjourn at 5:36PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Riley Carlson, Plainfield Selectboard Chair.