Vermont Open Meeting Law

The boards, commissions, and committees of the Town of Plainfield, Vermont conduct their work in compliance with the Vermont Open Meeting Law. For resources regarding the Open Meeting Law from the Vermont Secretary of State, click here. For the complete text of 1 VSA § 310 – 314 (Open Meetings) on the Vermont Legislature's website, click here. For the complete text of 1 VSA § 314 (the process to allege violation), click here.

If you believe a violation of Vermont Open Meeting Law has occurred, complaints directed to the Town of Plainfield must be filed with the Plainfield Selectboard (selectboard@plainfieldvt.gov), mailed to the Town Clerk's Office (Town of Plainfield, PO Box 217, Plainfield, VT, 05667) or delivered to the Town Clerk's Office at 149 Main St. A blank form is available below and a Google form is available at this link, but you need not fill out this form as long as what you submit contains substantially the same information requested in the form.

Upon receipt of the written notice of alleged violation, the Selectboard will respond publicly to the alleged violation within ten (10) calendar days by either acknowledging the violation of this subchapter and stating an intent to cure the violation within fourteen (14) calendar days; or by stating it has been determined that no violation has occurred and that no cure is necessary. Failure to respond to a written notice of alleged violation within ten (10) calendar days will be treated as a denial of the violation for purposes of enforcement of the Open Meeting Law.

Open Meeting Law complaints directed to Vermont's Attorney General can be sent to:

Vermont Attorney General's Office
109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609
(802) 828-3171
Email: ago.info@vermont.gov

Open Meeting Law Complaint Form

Town of Plainfield, Vermont
MAIL: Town of Plainfield
PO Box 217
Plainfield, VT
05667
PHONE: 802-454-8461
EMAIL: selectboard@plainfieldvt.gov

FACTUAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPLAINT: Prior to bringing a civil action in the Civil Division of the Superior Court in the county in which the alleged violation has taken place for appropriate injunctive relief or for a declaratory judgment, Vermont law requires any person aggrieved by an alleged violation of the Open Meeting Law to provide the public body with a written notice that alleges a specific violation and requests a specific cure of such violation.

- Date and Time Occurred:
- Name of Public Body:
- Specific Violation Alleged:
- Specific Cure Requested:

Please provide any additional facts that may assist the Town of Plainfield in its investigation below:

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If you need more space, please attach sheets to this form. Submit this document, and any supporting documentation, to the address at the top of this form.