

Town of Plainfield
149 Main Street
Plainfield, Vermont 05667

Town Resources and Policing Policy

In consideration of the commitment of the Town of Plainfield to treat all with fairness and consideration without regard to an individual's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, race, color, religion, national origin, immigration status, age, social class, or disability, it is the policy of the Town of Plainfield, Vermont that:

1. Relating to all individuals, the Town of Plainfield will uphold the entirety of Vermont's Fair and Impartial Policing policy.
2. Relating to all individuals, the Town of Plainfield affirms compliance with Act 5, an act relating to freedom from compulsory collection of personal information, passed by the Vermont Legislature and signed by the governor on March 28, 2017 and that compliance with 20 V.S.A. Ch. 207, § 4651 as enacted by Act 5 is the policy of the Town of Plainfield for its employees, officers and appointed officials.
3. The resources of the town of Plainfield are to be directed to carrying out the work of the town. This includes financial resources, money, facilities, property, equipment, and personnel, whether employed, elected, or appointed.
4. When acting as an employee or officer, or appointed official for the Town of Plainfield, a person shall not:
 - a. inquire about an individual's religion or immigration status;
 - b. make or maintain records regarding an individual's religion or immigration status;
 - c. respond to any request from a state or Federal agency which asks for or requires disclosure or identification of an individual's religion or immigration status except as ordered in a warrant or subpoena issued by a Federal Judge or magistrate;
 - d. in accordance with the provisions of the 1st, 4th and 5th Amendment of the United States Constitution and Articles 1, 3, 9 and 11 of the Vermont Constitution, shall not detain any individual and shall not participate in the detention of any individual, notwithstanding any request or order to the contrary from any state or Federal entity, agency, or employee *unless* provided with a warrant lawfully issued by a Federal judge or magistrate;
5. This policy does not prevent the Town Clerk or the Assistant Town Clerk from confirming that a resident seeking to be added to the voter list for the Town of Plainfield is a United States citizen solely for the purpose of adding an individual to the voter list for the Town of Plainfield.

The Selectboard for the Town of Plainfield states its commitment to devote the resources of the

Town of Plainfield to the needs of the Town of Plainfield and its residents and further states its commitment that such resources shall not be diverted to the enforcement of matters within the purview of the Federal government.

So adopted this this 8th day of May, 2017, at Plainfield, Vermont by the vote of the Selectboard of the Town of Plainfield.

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Select Board member

R. Reed
Select Board member

Alexandra Tracy
Select Board member