

## **Charge for the Meriden Library Study Committee**

**Whereas** the Meriden Library is a relatively small elevated building built in the 1960's on a conforming lot in the Village Residential Zoning District served by municipal water and sewer.

**Whereas** the Meriden Library has been found not be in compliance with the American's with Disability Act (ADA).

**Whereas** a recent survey of the community demonstrated there is wide support for bringing the building into ADA compliance.

**Whereas** an earlier study committee has documented, in detail, this noncompliance issue and brought forward broad approaches to bring the building into material compliance.

**Whereas** there exists a proposal to develop an access ramp along the side and front of the Meriden Library, but this ramp only addresses one aspect of ADA compliance.

**Whereas** Kimball Union Academy has declared an intention to relocate the Meriden Post Office, which leases space in a campus building, out of the Main Street area.

**Whereas** Article 6 of the 2016 town meeting sought to study combining these two uses (library and post office), but failed to pass.

**Now comes** the Board of Selectmen acting on a nonbinding vote of the legislative body at the 2016 town to establish a committee of Plainfield community members to undertake the following charge:

**To engage the Meriden Village community in a discussion of alternatives for bringing the Meriden Library into meaningful compliance with the Americans with Disability Act including opportunities to consolidate and enhance existing town and public services and facilities in the village of Meriden.**

The deliverable of said committee is to be a report that will be published in the 2016 annual report. To insure ample time to consider the report during the 2017 budget and town meeting preparations, this report is to be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

**PLAINFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN**