



**TOWN OF PELHAM  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
WARRANT  
2016 TOWN MEETING**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Pelham, in the County of Hillsborough and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs. You are hereby notified of the following annual Town Meeting schedule:

**First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative)**

You are hereby notified to meet at Sherburne Hall in the Pelham Municipal Building, 6 Village Green, Pelham, New Hampshire on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles numbered **2** through **14**. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles the wording of which is prescribed by law shall not be amended and (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended.

**Second Session of Annual Town Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)**

You are hereby notified to meet again at the Pelham High School, 85 Marsh Road, Pelham, New Hampshire on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM to vote by official ballot to choose all necessary town officials for the ensuring year and to vote on warrant articles numbered **1** through **14**.

### **Article 1**

To see what action the Town will take in the election of the following Officers: two (2) Selectman for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Town Moderator for a term of two (2) years; three (3) Budget Committee Member for three (3) years; two (2) Budget Committee Members for two (2) years; one (1) Cemetery Trustee for three (3) years; two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years; one (1) Library Trustee two ( 2 ) years; one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for three (3) years; one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for one (1) one year; two (2) Planning Board Members for three (3) years; and one (1) Planning Board member for two (2) years.

### **Article 2**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Pelham Planning Board for the amendment to the Pelham Zoning Ordinance, Article VI, *Mixed-Use Zoning Overlay District (MUZD)* for Pelham Center. This amendment would modify the language within the existing MUZD ordinance. The proposed changes are to section 307-25-3 *Table of Uses within the MUZD* eliminating the *Prohibited Uses* column from the Table leaving the *Allowed Uses* intact, also to remove "Town Houses" from the list of allowed uses and to add the following words at the bottom of the table "ANY USES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE PROHIBITED WITHIN THE MUZD". Additionally, in section 307-25-6 *Setbacks* the building setbacks are increased from ten (10) to fifteen (15) feet and in section 307-25-7 *Building Height* the maximum building height is reduced from forty (40) feet to thirty (30) feet with the Planning Board having discretion to allow taller heights for cupolas and other unoccupied architectural features. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

### **Article 3**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the amendment of the Pelham Zoning Ordinance, Article XV, *Residential Conservation Subdivision by Special Permit*. The proposed language changes to this existing ordinance are: Section 307-95 *Application Procedure*, requires all applicants to provide a conceptual conservation subdivision plan along with their yield plan, Section 307-97 *Special Permit Review* relocates a portion of language formerly located in 307-102 *Density offsets* replacing references to "density offsets" with "special permits" and adding new wording that the Planning Board may require a HOA for a conservation subdivision, Section 307-100 *Parcel Requirements* increases the minimum land area for a conservation subdivision from ten (10) acres to fifteen (15) acres, Section 307-102 *Density Offsets* adds the requirement of sidewalks and connectivity to a Pennichuck East water system when feasible, Section 307-103 *Standards for Approval* requires protection of existing trail systems, and 307-106 *General Requirements* adds several additional requirements, including: In the case of a community water system the HOA docs must prohibit irrigation wells; Roads within a conservation subdivision may be private roads and existing trail connectivity must be protected and if relocated must be within the development parcel. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

**Article 4**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately. The amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth herein totaling Fourteen Million, Two Hundred and Twenty-Nine Thousand , Eight Hundred and Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$14,229,887)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Thirteen Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty thousand and Six Hundred and Seventeen Dollars (\$13,830,617) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

Department	SELECTMEN 2016 Approved	BUDCOM 2016 Approved
Assessing	\$ 164,874	\$ 164,874
Budget Committee	\$ 4,180	\$ 4,180
Cable	\$ 112,573	\$ 112,573
Cemetery	\$ 144,520	\$ 143,236
Conservation	\$ 3,747	\$ 3,747
Debt Service Interest	\$ 133,490	\$ 133,490
Debt Service Principal	\$ 615,510	\$ 678,875
Elections	\$ 23,227	\$ 23,227
Emergency Management	\$ 8,296	\$ 8,296
Fire Department	\$ 2,021,002	\$ 2,012,977
Health Officer	\$ 43,766	\$ 43,766
Health Services	\$ 60,180	\$ 70,180
Highway Department	\$ 1,415,572	\$ 1,409,354
Human Services	\$ 88,040	\$ 88,040
Insurance	\$ 2,102,981	\$ 2,217,391
Legal	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000
Library	\$ 291,178	\$ 291,178
Parks & Recreation	\$ 204,333	\$ 202,948
Planning Department	\$ 302,870	\$ 302,430
Police Department	\$ 2,575,854	\$ 2,555,504
Retirement	\$ 1,452,133	\$ 1,452,133
Selectmen's Office	\$ 492,733	\$ 514,233
Senior Center	\$ 111,602	\$ 110,298
Town Buildings	\$ 655,988	\$ 675,984
Town Celebrations	\$ 9,452	\$ 9,452
Town Clerks Office	\$ 228,024	\$ 228,024
Transfer Station	\$ 668,958	\$ 667,314
Treasurer	\$ 11,113	\$ 11,113
Trust Funds	\$ 70	\$ 70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,041,266</b>	<b>\$ 14,229,887</b>

#### **Article 5**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new compactor and trailer to include a 50 foot by 30 foot wide new steel building to contain them in. The breakdown is as follows: new compactor; Forty Eight Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$48,500), new 45 foot compactor trailer; Sixty-Nine thousand and Eight Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$69,870) and the steel building and site work; One-Hundred and Thirty One Thousand and Six Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$131,630). This will be installed for the purpose of collecting and processing our single stream recyclables. The \$250,000 required for the cost of construction for this project will come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2020 or until the project is completed, whichever comes first. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

#### **Article 6**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred, Three Thousand and Twenty One Dollars (\$303,021) for repair, maintenance and upgrading of Town roads, to be offset by the State Highway Grant? This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2021 or until the project is completed, whichever comes first. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

#### **Article 7**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Senior Center Bus Capital Reserve Fund established in 2003 for the replacement of the Senior Center Bus? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

#### **Article 8**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Compensated Absence Trust Fund for the purpose of distributing accrued time (annual earned and paid time off) to terminating employees as required by law or negotiated contracts? The balance of the fund is One Hundred and Ninety-two Thousand Dollars (\$192,000) and the unfunded liability is Four Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$456,335).

#### **Article 9**

Shall the Town vote to establish a Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed into that fund for the purpose of constructing a highway maintenance facility to house office and equipment with the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend with one public hearing? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

#### **Article 10**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000) from the Forest Maintenance Fund for the purpose of forest management, stewardship, security, public education and other costs associated with the maintenance and care of Town Forests? Funds requested come from the revenues produced by timber harvesting, not property taxes. This is a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Recommended by the Conservation Commission) (Majority Vote Required).

#### **Article 11**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand (\$49,000) to be expended at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen in opposition to the proposed Northeast Energy Direct high pressure gas pipeline and/or to minimize the impact thereof on the land and people of the Town, including, but not limited to, expenditures for legal representation and consultants, land use planning and consultation, public information purposes, administrative and court filing fees, participation in multi-town coalitions, and any and all other expenses reasonable related to opposing Kinder Morgan pipeline project and/or mitigating the effects thereof. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2020. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

### Article 12

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a certain Town owned property shown on Tax Map lot 30 -11-164, approximately a 0.78 acre parcel, located off of Andover Road, to Kevin and Constance Crooker for the sum of Thirteen Thousand and Three Hundred Dollars (\$13,300)? Further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,300 to be added to the Conservation Fund with \$13,300 to come from the sale of this property. Said property will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Conservation Commission) (Majority Vote Required)

### Article 13

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a certain strip of unbuildable land, Town owned property shown on Tax Map 16, Lot 13-88-4, approximately 0.83 acre parcel, located off of St. Margaret's Drive, to J & S Investments for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000)? Further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Conservation Fund with \$5,000 to come from the sale of this property. Said property will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Conservation Commission) (Majority Vote Required)

### Article 14

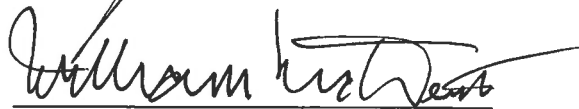
Shall the Town vote to replace the current 20 year old Exemption with a new Elderly Exemption from property tax in the Town of Pelham, based on assessed value, for qualified tax payers as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to and including 79 years of age, \$103,200.00; for persons 75 up to and including 79 years of age, \$133,200.00 and for persons 80 years of age and over, \$233,260.00. To qualify, the person must meet the requirements of State Law as designed in RSA 72:39-a and 72:39-b. In addition, a qualified taxpayer must have a net annual income of not more than \$37,740.00 if single, or if married, a combined net annual income of not more than \$47,760.00, and own assets excluding the value of the persons residence, of not more than \$132,340.00. The adoption of these figures bring us closer to what the 5 surrounding towns of Pelham offer. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Article Submitted by Petition)

Given under our hands this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016

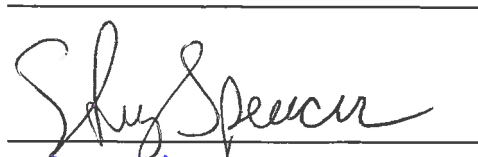
Harold Lynde, Chair



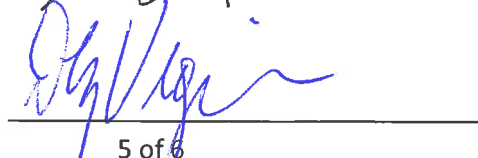
William McDevitt, Vice Chair



Paul Leonard, Selectman



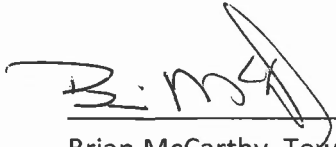
Amy Spencer, Selectman

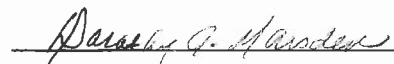


Douglas Viger, Selectman

I, the undersigned, Brian McCarthy, serving as the Town Administrator, do hereby certify that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, I did post signed copies of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant at the Pelham Town Hall, located at 6 Village Green and the Pelham High School, located at 85 Marsh Road and at the Pelham Public Library, located at 24 Village Green, of said Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Brian McCarthy, Town Administrator

  
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Dorothy A. Marsden, Notary Public

**DOROTHY A. MARSDEN, Notary Public**  
**My Commission Expires October 7, 2020**