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TOWN OF PELHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Haverty called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm.

PRESENT: Robert Haverty, Hal Lynde, Jaie Bergeron, Kevin Cote, Town
Administrator Brian McCarthy, Deb Padykula Finance Director

ABSENT: Douglas Viger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Haverty asked Mr. Cote to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES REVIEW:

July 6, 2021 Tabled for next meeting

OPEN FORUM:

As no one came forward, Mr. Haverty closed open forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

2021 BOS Budget Review

Mr. Haverty noted that this is the first cursory review. It is a chance for the department heads to review it, for the Boards to ask questions and will be further discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. McCarthy agreed and said there will be one other meeting to review and then a third meeting for the vote.

Elections - Town Clerk/Tax Collector Dorothy Marsden presenting.

Ms. Marsden noted that the increases are due to three elections next year versus the one this year. She reviewed the items and summarized the areas that had changed from the previous year. Election worker meals had previously been in the Selectmen's budget but has been moved into expenses under this budget.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector - Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Linda Newcomb presenting.

Ms. Newcomb noted that the salaries were all union contract salaries. The increase in tax bills is due to an increase in tax bills we are getting. The postage price has gone up which has caused an increase in some areas; also, the fact that more people are using e-reg's and mail-ins. There were other small increases within other line items, but no major areas were reported.

Ms. Newcomb also mentioned that there is a wish list item. It is for a 24 hour a week part-time person. The cost would be approximately \$20,667.

52 Mr. Haverty asked what the position would do.
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54 Ms. Newcomb replied that the person would train to do the same jobs that they are doing and waiting on
55 customers. The reason that the Department needs this is due to the increase in foot traffic since the town is
56 getting more residents. Also new vehicle transactions and boat registrations have increased incredibly. The
57 person would also cover time off and vacations. When hiring someone for this office, it takes time to train
58 that person because the state requires a new employee to be in place for thirty days before the person can
59 go for training at the state level to perform car registrations. The state also requires that they go through
60 training for vital statistics and elections. They have documents that need to be signed, HIPAA laws and
61 many RSA's that they have to learn. When you need coverage, you cannot easily pull someone from
62 another department to help out. The department is trying to be proactive to get someone in and they need
63 the coverage. The workload is increasing.
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65 Mr. Haverty mentioned that they are being proactive but also reactive due to increased foot traffic. He
66 asked her to estimate a percentage increase that is being seen.
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68 Ms. Newcomb estimated that it is 10%. They are also getting more marriage applications—those are being
69 handled by appointment now because they are trying to improve the flow.
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71 Mr. Lynde commented that he thinks it has been observed the burden that was on the Tax Clerk/Town
72 Collector's office this past year and the amount of time that they had to put into it. He thinks that the
73 request is founded and hopes that the public understands what they have been going through.
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75 **Assessor** – Susan Snide Assessing Assistant presented.
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77 Ms. Snide said overall the budget went down this year. The department no longer has a wish list item.
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79 Salaries are contractual. Most items either stayed the same or went down slightly. The cloud backup
80 increased minimally. They are going into a new contract with their consultant which went up slightly for
81 general assessing purposes.
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83 Mr. Cote questioned something on the numbers on the document at the bottom one side showed an increase
84 and the other side showed a decrease. There is a default budget and a requested budget.
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86 Mr. McCarthy replied that he thought it was a glitch in the software. He would have Brian Demers take a
87 look at it. But the budget has gone down. The default budget looks like it carried an extra \$1,400.
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89 Ms. Padykula noted that it appeared as though the default budget carried over the prior year amount for
90 items that had no increase when the proposed budget showed the decreased amount. She thinks that the
91 default is taking exactly what the 2021 budget was.
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93 Mr. Haverty noted for the purpose of this meeting tonight, they would concentrate on the requested budget
94 and they will tie it to the default another night.
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96 Mr. McCarthy said that he was sure that Mr. Demers could fix the default budget. For this meeting, they
97 would look at the requested and any increases or decreases. The bottom line increase or decrease is from
98 the actual budget. It will clear up once the default budget is adjusted.
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100 **Conservation Commission** – Paul Gagnon Conservation Commission Chairman presenting.
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102 Mr. Gagnon stated they are asking to be level funded.

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Mr. Lynde asked if the prime wetland studies are things that happen in different years.

Mr. Gagnon confirmed that was correct. The Commission has had four separate wetland studies. The last one not enough abutters were notified and the state did not approve it. They told the Commission that the people notified was insufficient. Abutters will have to notified again and there needs to be another warrant article to reestablish the prime wetlands that were established last March. It will have to be voted on again.

Parks and Recreation – Brian Johnson Parks & Recreation Director presenting.

Mr. Johnson asked as high priority in salaries to increase the Waterfront Director to \$17/hour and the Lifeguard pay rate to \$15/hour. It was extremely difficult this year to get lifeguards; they were able to get five. People can pretty much go anywhere and get \$15/hour and currently the rate is \$12/hour. This position has a lot more liability and stress to it than cashiering. The department is asking for additional funds for the skate park; it is getting old, and the ramp material is quite expensive. The other items in the budget were level funded.

Mr. Cote asked about the lifeguard increase.

Mr. McCarthy said that it was a wish list item. The Board could add it in either at the review or the vote.

Mr. Cote asked Mr. Johnson to talk about the skate park and what might get done.

Mr. Johnson noted that they spent about \$3,100 on the rink this year. They use a local contractor, John Jefferson, and that is at a discounted rate. The structure is made out of wood and much of the wood was rotting and had to be replaced. Several things had not been done right originally such as joist hangers on only one side and needed to be added to the other side. One of the big issues was that the transition from the pavement to the ramps was all rotted. They cut it all out and put concrete and it is a nice transition. The kids love it .

Mr. Cote said that Salem's skate park is a disaster; it has been condemned. There is a person in Pelham who got permission and is going to raise the money and fix it. He said that it is no small endeavor. Wyndham got rid of their skate park. Mr. Cote's kids go Pelham's state park religiously. There is always use there. It is right behind the Police Department and is a great asset to the town. To spend a little of extra money to maintain and keep it up is so much better than just letting it go. He has seen the skate park and is very impressed. He is proud of Pelham's skate park compared to other towns.

Mr. Johnson gave a real quick shout out to John Jefferson.

Budget Committee/Highway/Transfer – Mr. McCarthy presenting.

Mr. McCarthy explained the differences in the columns on the budget sheets and how it actually worked and he could see why it was confusing earlier.

Budget Committee is level funded.

Highway Department salaries are contractual, some green items shown are new people that start at a lesser rate. Emergency overtime increase is due to rate changes as a result of contractual obligations. Supplies and telephone lines are level funded. Gas numbers typically change in January at reconsideration; those will go up. Repairs and projects are level funded. Rentals have some increases due to the contracts with the sweeper and the paint company that does the safety lines. The office trailer rental has been negated.

154 The loader went up because it used to be for seven months, now it is for the whole year. Expenses and
 155 specials are level funded.

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 157 Transfer Station salary increases are contractual obligations. Supplies are level funded. Telephone has
 158 decreased; communications are consolidated. Fuel is level funded for now but will change in January.
 159 Repairs and projects and the office trailer are level funded. Equipment tech plan, the line item has \$20,000
 160 but the glass crusher that Transfer needs to do what they want it to do is \$120,000. Mr. McCarthy left the
 161 \$20,000 item in there looking for the Board’s guidance.

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 163 Mr. Lynde noted that he sat down with Rhonda, and she said that Transfer could take the glass to another
 164 town, and they will crush it for \$25/ton; there would be also transportation costs. But if you look at the
 165 total tonnage of glass, it may be less costly to do it this way than spending \$120,000 for a glass crusher. He
 166 thinks that should be explored a little more.

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 168 Mr. McCarthy said he needed to go back to Transfers’ wish list, but one of the things on there was a
 169 separator. That would allow them to separate the glass to transport. Then it could be transported to be
 170 crushed and then returned. In the wish list will be a request to purchase a separator. The estimate for the
 171 separator is \$40,000. Mr. McCarthy was asking if the Board is saying the glass crusher is out.

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 173 Mr. Haverty said what he heard so far was that it was \$120,000 for the glass crusher and the glass could be
 174 sent out to be crushed at \$25/ton. What needs to be done is to calculate what it would cost to send it out
 175 versus the cost of the glass crusher.

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 177 Mr. McCarthy continued with trash removal being up for a couple of reasons. One there is an increase from
 178 contract year four to contract year five and an additional trash run has been added. The additional run is
 179 due to the fact that more people are using the transfer station. There is a decrease for brush removal. The
 180 brush is now being burned since the areas are prepared and approved. The last increase is due to an increase
 181 in NRPC membership.

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 183 Mr. Lynde asked if they were pursuing getting an additional trailer.

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 185 Mr. McCarthy said that may be an additional wish list item. It would be roughly about a \$70,000 expense
 186 to purchase another trailer. He would like to do it this year if the budget allows.

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 188 Mr. Lynde said that he would support that.

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 190 Mr. Cote asked if there was a number to fix the current one.

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 192 Mr. McCarthy replied that will be \$4,500 to fix the current one and it will be done within the next week.
 193 The trailer will be fixed, but there is definitely a need for another one. He would like to do it this year if
 194 possible, if not it will be on the wish list.

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 196 Mr. Haverty concluded the budget review.

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 198 **Farmers Market update**

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 200 **Jenny Larson** Chairwoman of the Agricultural Commission and of the Farmers Market sub commission
 201 and **John Spottiswood** alternate on the Agricultural Commission.

202
 203 Ms. Larson said they have had four Saturdays of the market. It is unbelievably successful. The volunteers
 204 of the Farmers Market subcommittee have put in many hours. John has been a rock star with it all. They

205 have really gotten the whole town involved in this market. They have gotten the middle school and high
206 school kids involved. The art teacher and the high school kids were so ecstatic to be involved. They
207 designed the logo for the Farmers Market. The art teacher actually made it into a full curriculum for the
208 kids. Each week a different piece of their artwork is shown on Facebook. They are booked for the entire
209 market with high school kids to get their community service hours. One young gentleman shows up every
210 Saturday. He doesn't even need more hours; he is just amazing. They are starting to see the same faces
211 come every Saturday now. Many thanks are coming in both in person and on the Facebook page. There
212 are 21 possibly 22 vendors. One of the reasons that she thinks they are so successful with the vendors is
213 that they don't charge anything. They do ask for donations if they have a good selling day. They all do
214 make a small donation and that helps cover the head cost of the liability insurance as well as the porta potty.
215 Other towns have to charge because they are bigger. One of the goals when the Agricultural Commission
216 first started planning this was to not have to charge the vendors. She thanked the Board for supporting this
217 town and the Farmers Market.

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219 She wanted to comment relative to the last Board of Selectmen meeting with regards to the Hawkers &
220 Peddlers License. The Agricultural and Farmers Market subcommittee would like to respectfully ask the
221 Board to amend the ordinance that the Pelham Farmers Market be exempt from the requirement to obtain
222 that license every 30 days. If that isn't changed, it would severely impact the number of participating
223 vendors. Half of the existing vendors are Pelham residents.

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225 Mr. Cote asked Ms. Larson if any other Pelham organization had requested to be vendors at the Farmers
226 Market.

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228 Ms. Larson said that last Saturday the F.L.I.P. Friends of the Pelham Library were there for the first time
229 and they had story time every half hour. They read all agricultural books to the kids, and it was a hit. There
230 were quite a few people that joined F.L.I.P. which helped them with recruiting members.

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232 Mr. Cote asked her to talk about the importance of being able to say that you are a Farmers Market. What
233 does the term of Farmers Market have to do with the state of New Hampshire?

234
235 Ms. Larson said that the name Farmers Market is actually branded. They are registered with the state as a
236 true Farmers Market. It is branded so that people cannot just sell anything that they want. RSA 21:34-a
237 tells you exactly what a Farmers Market shall be. You have to have two or more vendors that sell
238 agricultural commodities.

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240 Mr. Cote asked that when you are a Farmers Market recognized by the state what can the state do, can they
241 come down and inspect?

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243 Ms. Larson said that Division of Agricultural Development of New Hampshire have been known to do
244 onsite popups with no advanced notice as well as Public Health. They can come in and ask for your scale
245 certification. If you are selling product that will be weighed, you need to go to Concord to get your scale
246 calibrated and get licensing for that in order to use it at a Farmers Market. Onsite, they can ask to see the
247 documentation for the scale. If selling eggs, they can check the temperature to be sure that they are being
248 kept at 45°. A meat vendor would have to produce their licensing for selling meat. Every Saturday they
249 keep all the licensing, all the certifications and applications onsite.

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251 Mr. Haverly read part of RSA 21:34-a aloud about vendors at a Farmers Market that are defined in
252 paragraphs 1-2. Then he mentioned some of the vendors from the Pelham Farmers Market Facebook page
253 that do for example baked goods and beauty supplies. He read a variety of non-agricultural vendors. He
254 noted that more than half of the vendors at the Farmers Market are not agriculturally, or farmer based.

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256 Ms. Larson replied that first Moon River is not a vendor, they are a sponsor. They are their premium
 257 sponsor. Their sponsorship is to help cover the overhead costs. The food truck has all of his licenses and
 258 legally he is able to be there.

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 260 Mr. Haverty noted that Grumman’s Grubs did not pull a Hawkers & Peddlers license since he would have
 261 known because he would have signed for it.

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 263 Mr. Spottiswood said that they did. When they contacted Mr. Spottiswood, he told them that first they had
 264 to make sure that they had their state license and that once they had that they needed to come to Pelham.
 265 They said that they did and filled it out. Mr. Spottiswood has a copy of it. He showed it to Mr. McCarthy.

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 267 Mr. McCarthy noted that it was just an application, and they should have gotten a certificate.

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 269 Mr. Spottiswood said that they were told that it was going to be waived.

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 271 Mr. Haverty asked who told them it was going to be waived.

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 273 Mr. Spottiswood replied that was what he was informed.

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 275 Mr. Haverty stated that the way the ordinance is set up right now, none of the vendors at the Farmers Market
 276 get a waiver. There is no allowance in the state law or town ordinance that allows anybody operating at the
 277 Farmers Market to operate without a Hawkers & Peddlers License. Pelham’s ordinance waives farm stands
 278 but says nothing about Farmers Market. That will be discussed in a while.

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 280 Ms. Larson respectfully noted that she has been before the Board a number of times talking about the
 281 Farmers Market and not one time has this ever been brought to anyone’s attention. The cakes and baked
 282 good are under RSA 143-A:12 under Homestead Food License.

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 284 Mr. Haverty said that he really wants the Farmers Market to succeed and that is why they will be talking
 285 about the Hawkers & Peddlers requirement later and try to find a way to make this work. He has nothing
 286 against the concept of the Farmers Market and supports the agricultural and farming community in Pelham.
 287 He wants it to succeed.

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 289 Ms. Larson stated that all of the vendors make things from scratch at home and legally they follow
 290 everything that the state requires of them.

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 292 Mr. Spottiswood summarized that the Farmers Market is overseen and regulated by the state of New
 293 Hampshire. They fall under Health & Human Services in the Department of Agriculture because Pelham
 294 is not a self-licensing town. All of the vendors are either approved or not by the state. The state has allowed
 295 through legislation to have these markets as a venue for homesteaders, startup businesses—people who do
 296 not have a store front. The state says that they can have a food truck, Kona Ice falls under food products
 297 and can be at the market.

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 299 Mr. Haverty noted that the state may say that they can be at the farmers market, but the state does not take
 300 away the town’s right to require a Hawkers & Peddlers License.

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 302 Mr. Spottiswood noted that the food truck is different where they can get a Hawkers & Peddlers license and
 303 sell seven days a week in town, while many of the vendors at the Farmers Market can sell for four hours a
 304 week.

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 306 Mr. Haverty agreed with that distinction.

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308 Mr. Spottiswood said that is why he sent the food truck to the Board. He agrees that there is a difference
309 with their vendors and a commercial business. On their list of vendors, they all qualify to be at a Farmers
310 Market. They could have had crafters but chose not to. If someone makes alpaca mittens, they can because
311 that is locally sourced.

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313 Mr. Haverty noted that they regulate the other commodity aspect.

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315 Mr. Spottiswood went through some of the vendors and explained how they fall under the Farmers Market
316 category. When they say local, it is not limited to New Hampshire, they are referring to New England.

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318 Ms. Larson said that she asked for the amendment to the ordinance. She stated that Pelham would be the
319 only town that the Commissioner has heard of that would require a Hawkers & Peddlers License for Farmers
320 Market vendors.

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322 Mr. Lynde participated in the last Farmers Market. He checked with Ms. Larson first to see if he qualified
323 following the prior meeting's discussion. He makes granola and he sold out Saturday and donated to
324 Farmers Market. He felt comfortable doing it and did not feel that he was violating anything in the town
325 and noted that Kona Ice does have a license.

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327 Ms. Larson mentioned that the Nashua Farmers Market in order to get people to come to the market will
328 have bands come or face painting—different things to lure the people to the market.

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330 Mr. Haverty said that he heard them and understands what they are saying, and he explained more what he
331 is trying to do.

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333 Mr. Cote made a comment that he felt it was not the Board's job to micromanage the Farmers Market; it is
334 their job to allow the Farmers Market to operate and give them the ability to be successful. He believes
335 that should be the Board's position. We established an Agricultural Commission that oversees that, and he
336 thinks that is the channel it should flow. By registering with the state and being overseen by the state, he
337 believes that they have done their due diligence and he believes it is the Board's job to allow them to be
338 successful and by not amending the ordinance we are setting them up for failure.

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340 Mr. Haverty agreed and thinks it was an oversight of the Board as Ms. Larson pointed out previously that
341 it is four weeks in, and the discussion of Hawkers & Peddlers Licensing is now just being discussed. He
342 stated that the Board missed this, and they are going to try to find a way to resolve it.

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344 Mr. Spottiswood said that when the vendors contact them, they have a set of criteria that they ask up front.
345 First being is it grown or made here. Then how does it support or does it support agriculture. That
346 eliminates a lot of vendors up front. They also have an agreement with the Church that is hosting them that
347 it is a community event. That is why they were willing to let them use their property. They have limited
348 space so part of it is keeping it local, support local.

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350 Mr. Bergeron asked both of them if in their opinion, did they think that the burger truck should have a
351 Hawkers & Peddlers License to operate at the Farmers Market.

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353 Mr. Spottiswood stated that is why he sent them in. It is a completely different business. They are allowed
354 to have them there and it serves a purpose for them as well as Kona Ice. They are mobile businesses and
355 have the ability to branch out and be active seven days a week where the other vendors do not. He thinks
356 that they understand that. When he told the food truck, there was no hesitation. For their \$50, they will get
357 a lot of use from that fee.

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359 Ms. Larson agreed with what Mr. Spottiswood said.

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361 Mr. Bergeron said they have the capabilities to police the vendors that come in, they just need to understand
362 that it needs to be the actual certified license not just an application.

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364 Mr. Haverly told Ms. Larson that he would like to see the application packet that she brought with her so
365 that he could take it home and read it.

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367 Ms. Larson closed with the hope that the ordinance would be amended, and they invite all of the Board
368 members to come check out the market.

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370 **DISCUSSION:**

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372 **Hawkers & Peddler Ordinance Review**

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374 Mr. Haverly read the first proposed change is under Section 2 and Section 6, the last sentence should be
375 changed to: *“If, after review of said application, the Board of Selectmen may issue a permit to the*
376 *applicant, which permit shall remain in force and effect for not more than one (1) calendar year from the*
377 *day of approval and shall be renewable annually thereafter at a renewal fee of \$50.00.”*

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379 Mr. Cote suggested making it good for calendar year: January 1 through December 31 regardless of what
380 time of year you get the license. There is more record keeping if you do it based on date of issue.

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382 Mr. McCarthy said that this didn’t require a public hearing. He recommended that he make the changes,
383 give the Board a fresh copy for the next meeting, then review it and vote on it. He would double check to
384 be sure that a public hearing is not required.

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386 Mr. Haverly agreed that the change will be effective for the calendar year, not from date of issue.

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388 Mr. Haverly read the last line in Section 5 as it stands now: *“This ordinance does not apply to farm stands*
389 *as defined in RSA 21:34-a.”* Section 3 of the RSA defines farm stands. He stated that Mr. Cote was
390 suggesting it to read: *“This ordinance does not apply to farm stands or farmers market as defined in RSA*
391 *21:34-a.”* The problem to him is that in this RSA other commodities can fall under the Farmers Market.
392 He believes that he heard Mr. Cote say to allow the Agricultural Commission to police this themselves
393 relative to the other commodities.

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395 Mr. Bergeron noted that the Farmers Market has a lot of state guidance. He feels that it is pretty well
396 controlled as it is. He agrees to leave it to them to police it.

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398 Mr. Cote commented that the Board doesn’t micromanager the Conservation Commission or the Forestry
399 Committee or the other commissions. He believes that this Commission is very committed and is doing a
400 lot of good work. He believes that having faith in them and giving them a little leeway is very important.

401
402 Mr. Haverly commented that he just doesn’t want a food truck saying that they don’t need a license because
403 it is a Farmers Market. Mr. Haverly agreed that the Commission had a stake in controlling it themselves
404 and that the Board has made their concerns and position clear.

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406 Mr. McCarthy confirmed that two public hearings are required to change the ordinance.

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408 Mr. Haverly agreed that they would do a public hearing in two weeks for the three changes.

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 410 **BOS vote on a proposal to purchase approximately 40 acres, defined as Map 31 Lots 11-31 to 11- 35**
 411 **(Off Blueberry Circle)**
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413 Mr. Haverty noted that during the last meeting they indicated that if someone presented a petition with 50
 414 registered voter signatures it would go to the town warrant. The Board was presented with a petition with
 415 94 signatures. After validation, there are 88 registered voter signatures on the petition requiring this to be
 416 placed on the town warrant in March for the purchase of the property.

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 418 Mr. Cote asked a clarifying question that you need to be a registered voter of the town to sign the petition
 419 and the reply was yes.

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 421 Mr. Haverty noted that the wording of the petition is incorrect. The construction of a telecommunication
 422 facility is a mutually exclusive topic from the town’s purchase of the parcel of land—one does not affect
 423 the other. He has been advised by Town Counsel that the Board should still take action. The item will
 424 appear on the warrant in March, the voters will get to vote on the purchase of the property. The Board
 425 should still be on record of voicing approval or non-approval of the purchase.

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 427 Mr. Cote stated that he was very angry when he saw this come in. He really would like to ask each person
 428 why do would do this. He spoke with two people, and they were under the impression that their signatures
 429 were in support of the purchase which is not the case. There is a lot of misinformation that is out there.
 430 Why would the people not want the town to purchase this land and save it?

431
 432 Mr. Haverty commented that if he was opposed to the cell phone tower, he would have signed it based on
 433 how the petition was written. The petition was written that would lead someone to believe that this could
 434 possibly halt the construction of the cell phone tower. That plan of constructing the cell phone tower has
 435 been approved and he believes that the permit has been issued. The tower will happen. The only thing
 436 being held up now is the purchase of approximately 40 acres of conservation land.

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 438 **MOTION:** (Lynde/Bergeron) To approve the purchase of 40 acres, defined as Map 31 Lots
 439 11-31 to 11- 35 (Off Blueberry Circle) for conservation purposes subject to
 440 approval at Town Meeting in March.

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 442 **VOTE:** (4,0,0) motion carried.

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 444 Mr. Lynde pointed out that he had asked a person who was opposing issues on the tower if he would be
 445 satisfied if the town did not purchase the conservation land because the tower is going to be stopped. He
 446 stated that the person never answered the question, but it looks like the Board got their answer now.

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 448 **Pelham School District Solar Committee request**
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450 Mr. McCarthy received an email from the superintendent of schools. The school has established a task
 451 force to investigate the possibility of solar energy for their district. They hoped that a Board member would
 452 want to be a part of the group. Mr. McCarthy asked if anyone on the Board would be interested in joining
 453 this endeavor.

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 455 Mr. Haverty felt very reticent about it after what the Board went through on this subject already. The school
 456 did not want to participate at that time and the Board spent eighteen months on it. He doesn’t feel that he
 457 would want to go through eighteen months again.

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 459 Mr. Cote stated that he would give them his notes and numbers if they want it.

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461 Mr. Bergeron felt the same.

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463 Mr. Cote said the Board asked the School to put a warrant article on so that they could go in tandem and
464 they refused. There was a lot of work put in on both sides and most of the work done was for the school,
465 the impact for the town was minimal. The vendor the Board was dealing with at the time was chasing the
466 school because that was where the deal was going to be most proficient.

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468 Mr. Lynde thinks whether the school or the town reduces electricity cost by using solar, it all benefits the
469 town. He supports doing it. He doesn't believe that they were insincere with not joining earlier, but it was
470 a disappointment.

471
472 Mr. McCarthy concluded that he had his answer.

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474 **Resignation**

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476 Mr. Haverty read into record the resignation of Louise Delehanty from the Conservation Commission.

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478 **Town irrigation systems**

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480 Mr. Haverty commented that this seems to be an annual topic about why the irrigation system is on when
481 it is raining.

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483 Mr. McCarthy that this has been discussed in years past. The system is old technology. The town looked
484 at putting rain sensors on this system before, but that are not efficient and not very dependable. Previously,
485 the Board determined that it was not worth the investment in the town's irrigation systems. The water
486 comes from wells. The electrical cost to run them is negligible. This year, since the end of June, Pelham
487 has gotten over a foot or rain. The town has not seen that much rain since 1910. It is up to the Board what
488 they want to do; he sent the Board some information relative to the cost to put some of the sensors in place.

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490 Mr. Bergeron asked if there was a type of plan to update them.

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492 Mr. McCarthy replied not in the near future. It is on the radar but not in the near term.

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494 Mr. Lynde asked if they run every day or every other day; he doesn't think it is necessary to run every day.

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496 Mr. McCarthy believes that they are running every day.

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498 Mr. Cote asked what Mr. McCarthy meant by rain sensors being inefficient.

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500 Mr. McCarthy replied that it was explained to him was that the sensors that would be installed on the system
501 would be either a small cup or a cork.

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503 Mr. Cote spoke at length about the advice given about the inefficiency of rain sensors and the fact that the
504 system is running all the time and other systems that require upgrading get upgraded.

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506 Mr. McCarthy replied that he would do what the Board wants him to do.

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508 Mr. Haverty interjected that Mr. McCarthy is not an irrigation specialist and is relying on what other people
509 are telling him. It is not fair to quiz him on irrigation. Mr. Haverty noted that Mr. Cote may know a lot

510 more about irrigation even then the people advising about the system, but the Board should be giving Mr.
 511 McCarthy direction to approach this to get the problem solved.

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 513 Mr. Cote advised that he should go to some outside vendors. Get two or three irrigation companies that
 514 can come in and give an analysis on the system.

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 516 Mr. Haverty asked if the Board wanted to do an RFP.

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 518 Mr. Bergeron asked if the town is in any current contract with anyone.

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 520 Mr. McCarthy didn't believe so, but he would check.

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 522 There was discussion around the science of what is required for grass, trees, plants to flourish. Mr. Cote
 523 explained some of how irrigation heads and systems are scientifically designed to control how the water is
 524 actually dispersed.

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 526 Mr. Haverty and Mr. Cote will work with Mr. McCarthy on an RFP.

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 528 **SELECTMEN/TOWN ADMINSTRATOR REPORTS**

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 530 Mr. Bergeron had no report.

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 532 Mr. Lynde had no report.

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 534 Mr. Cote reported that the Board of Selectmen approved the Pelham Council on Aging's plan to go forward
 535 with the pavilion. July 19th was probably one of the quickest Board of Selectmen meetings, but they adopted
 536 some Land Use Regulations in regard to the MS4 program for storm water. They also adopted new Rules &
 537 Regulations/By Laws. Danielle Mass-Quinn did an excellent job of updating and making the By Laws very
 538 detailed.

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 540 Mr. McCarthy said that they have two candidates for the Health Officer position. Both candidates are being
 541 scheduled for interviews. Karen McGlynn will also participate in the interviews. There are three candidates
 542 for recording secretary. He interviewed one on Monday and will interview two more on Wednesday. His
 543 plan is to have two recording secretaries and split up the boards. They will have coverage that way for
 544 vacations and absences. The theatre group is back in Sherburne Hall. They are getting the program back
 545 up and running. He received a call from Phil Currier asking where the Board is with respect to redistricting.
 546 He volunteered to help and make recommendations. For the town's population they should really have
 547 their own state representatives. He is willing to help in any way that he can so that the town can get their
 548 own representatives and break away from Hudson.

549
 550 Mr. Lynde remarked that you have to have people that will abide by the state's constitution. He said that
 551 he would reach out to Mr. Currier.

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 553 Mr. McCarthy stated that Mr. Currier seemed to infer that time was of the essence.

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 555 Mr. McCarthy received a request from the Historical Society. They would like to have the bathroom in
 556 their facility renovated. It needs to be renovated for a couple of reasons. It is very small and is not ADA
 557 compliant. This has been on his project's radar. The Society says that they have someone who is willing
 558 to donate the money to renovate it to make it ADA compliant. Mr. McCarthy agreed to bring it to the
 559 Board and get their guidance. It is a two phased approach—the bathroom has to be fixed and then a ramp
 560 access needs to be installed. Mr. McCarthy has someone looking at that project to get an estimate. Mr.

561 McCarthy suggested that he write an RFP, put it out to bid, select a contractor to do the work, and they will
 562 pay the bill in a form of a donation to the town. It would have to come before the Board.

563
 564 Mr. Lynda asked who is using that building.

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 566 Mr. McCarthy said that they are hoping to open Home Day. His impression is that they have not used the
 567 facility frequently because the bathroom is an issue. He believes that if the bathroom problem is resolved
 568 and a ramp is in place they will be open more often for people to come in.

569
 570 Mr. Lynde commented that a lot of money went into that building and there has not been much utilization.
 571 Hopefully that will change; he didn't realize that the bathroom was such an impediment. He supports
 572 having it done making it open to more people.

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 574 Mr. Haverty noted that if there was someone willing to cover the costs it is worth having the bathroom
 575 done.

576
 577 Mr. Haverty spoke with Karen McGlynn. Fyi New Hampshire vaccination rate is in the mid 60% range
 578 which is better than most states. As far as COVID there seems to be a little bit of a surge. Pelham went
 579 from no cases to right now 1-4 positive cases. Just a reminder to be diligent.

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 581 **REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

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 583 **MOTION:** (Lynde/Cote) Request for a non-public sessions per RSA 91-A:3, II, a
 584 (personnel).

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 586 **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Bergeron – yes
 587 Mr. Lynde – yes
 588 Mr. Hagerty – yes
 589 Mr. Cote – yes

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 591 (4,0,0) The motion carried.

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 593 It was noted that when the Board returned, after the non-public session, the Board would not take any other
 594 action publicly, except to seal the minutes of the non-public session and to adjourn the meeting. The Board
 595 entered a non-public session at approximately 8:54 pm.

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 597 **ADJOURN**

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 600 Respectfully submitted,
 601 Jordyn M. Isabelle
 602 Recording Secretary
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