

**PELHAM BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008**  
**MINUTES**  
**APPROVED**

**RECONSIDERATION/PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEDIAL CENTER**

**ATTENDANCE:** John Lavallee, Dennis Viger, Larry Hall, Joe Puddister, Dan Guimond, Marti Lowe, Doug Viger (BOS Rep.), Eleanor Burton (School Board Rep.), Bob Sherman, Greg Farris

**EXCUSED:** Phil McColgan

**ALSO IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** Tom Gaydos, Janet Gallant, Fire Chief Walker, Deborah Waters, Paul Gagnon, Adam Steele, Kathleen Sargent, Dr. Frank Bass, Members of the Press and General Public

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**AGENDA:      TOWN BUDGET AND WARRANT ARTICLES**  
**SCHOOL BUDGET AND WARRANT ARTICLES**

Chairman John Lavallee opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an introduction and brief explanation of proceedings.

**ARTICLE B** - Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article 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 \$10,842,184.00 Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$10,583,535 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.

BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE:           10-0   PASSES

**ARTICLE I** - Shall the Town vote to establish a Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of establishing a fund for the replacement of vehicles and to furthermore raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 to be placed in that fund.

RECONSIDERATION: Motion by Dennis Viger, seconded by Doug Viger

BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE:           0-10   FAILS

**ARTICLE X** - Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the purpose of funding assessment updates in 2008.

BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE:           10-0   PASSES

**ARTICLE C** - Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$254,688 for repair, maintenance and upgrading of Town roads, to be offset by the State Highway Grant for highway construction.

BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE:           10-0   PASSES

**ARTICLE Y** - Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for the purpose of obtaining state permits and designing a second egress from George M. Muldoon Park onto Nashua Road.

RECONSIDERATION:                   9-1    Passes

BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE:           7-3 (   Lavallee, Guimond, Dennis Viger)

**ARTICLE W** - Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 from the Forestry Trust Fund for the purpose of forest management, stewardship security, public education and other costs associated with the maintenance and care of town Forestland

RECONSIDERATION 9-1 Passes  
BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE: 9-1 (Guimond) PASSES

**ARTICLE AB** - Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,328 for the purpose of funding a Fire Chief Command Vehicle and associated electronic radio equipment.

RECONSIDERATION - 8-2 PASSES  
BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE: 7-3 (Guimond, Puddister, Farris) PASSES

**SCHOOL - Warrant Article**

**ARTICLE 5** - Shall the Pelham School District 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 \$24,105,115. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$23,768,163.98. AMENDED FIGURE 24,165,115.00

RECONSIDERATION: 9 - 1 (Guimond) PASSES

Motion was offered by Greg Farris, seconded by Dan Guimond - amend figure to 24,155,115.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE: 9 -2 (Farris, Guimond) FAILS  
BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE: 9 - 1 (Guimond) PASSES 24,165,115.00

**MINUTES REVIEW:**

January 10, 2008- Motion (Dan Guimond/Joe Puddister) to approve the minutes of **January 10, 2008** as written was unanimously approved..

Adjournment: Motion (Bob Sherman/Greg Farris) to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Marti Lowe, Secretary