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APPROVED
TOWN OF PELHAM
BUDGET COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 7, 2014
APPROVED – April 21, 2014

CALL TO ORDER – at the conclusion of the School Deliberative Session

PRESENT: Mr. Dan Guimond, Mr. David Cate, Mr. Bob Sherman, Mr. Dave Cronin,
Ms. Daryle Hillsgrove, Mr. Leo Rush, Selectmen Representative Doug Viger

ABSENT: School Board Representative Megan Larson (who was meeting with the School
Board), Mr. Greg Smith, Mr. Ken Dunne, Mr. Everett Gibbons

RECONSIDERTION

The Board met to discuss the actions taken during the Town Deliberative and School Deliberative Sessions.

As presented, the Town Warrant Article #13 (by Petition) read:– *To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$680,000 to purchase a new fire truck. Of this amount, \$680,000 will come from the operating budget. (Not Recommended by the Selectmen) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee) (Article submitted by petition)*

The vote at Town Deliberative Session (February 4, 2014) amended the proposed petition article to read: *To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 to purchase a new fire truck. Of this amount, \$0 will come from the operating budget. (Not Recommended by the Selectmen) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee) (Article submitted by petition)*

Prior to the School Deliberative Session the Selectmen conducted a brief meeting, during which they modified the phrase “*Not Recommended*” to now read “*Submitted without recommendation*”. This modification will be reflected in the voter’s guide as well as the Town Meeting ballot.

Mr. Rush raised the question as to how a yes or no vote would be considered now that the dollar amount within the article was reduced. He wanted to know if a fire truck could be purchased. It was explained that the proposed budget contained a line for a lease payment; if the voters turn down the proposed budget a fire truck could not be purchased. The default budget contains budget lines for items already committed for purchase; there is no lease payment for a fire truck in the default budget.

30 **MOTION:** (Sherman/Viger) To modify the phrase in Town Warrant Article #13 from “Not
Recommended” to now read “Submitted without Recommendation”.

31 **VOTE:** (7-0-0) The motion carried.

32 As presented, the Town Warrant Article #14 (by Petition) read – *To see if the voters will authorize the reduction of the Town budget by*
33 *\$624,000.00 (Approximately 5%) (Not Recommended by the Selectmen) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Article submitted by*
34 *petition)*

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36 The vote at Town Deliberative Session amended the proposed petition article to read: *To see if the voters will authorize the reduction of the Town*
37 *budget by \$0 (Approximately 0%) (Not Recommended by the Selectmen) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Article submitted by*
38 *petition)*

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40 As with Article #13, the Selectmen voted to modify the phrase “*Not Recommended*” to now read “*Submitted without Recommendation*” for both
41 the voter’s guide and the Town Meeting ballot.

42 **MOTION:** (Cate/Cronin) To modify the phrase in Town Warrant Article #14 from “Not
Recommended” to now read “Submitted without Recommendation”.

43 **VOTE:** (7-0-0) The motion carried.

44 The Board then considered the recommendation listed on the School Petition Warrant Article.

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46 As presented, the School Warrant Article #7 (by Petition) read – *To see if the voters will authorize the reduction of the school budget by*
47 *\$1,375,000.00 (approximately 5%) (Majority vote required)*
48 *Not Recommended by the School Board (0-5-0)*
49 *Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (1-10-0)*

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51 The vote at School Deliberative Session amended the proposed petition article to read: *To see if the voters will authorize the reduction of the*
52 *school budget by \$0 (approximately 0%) (Majority vote required)*
53 *Not Recommended by the School Board (0-5-0)*
54 *Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (1-10-0)*

MOTION: (Cate/Hillsgrove) To modify the phrase in School Warrant Article #7 from “Not Recommended” to now read “Submitted without Recommendation”.

VOTE: (6-0-1) The motion carried. Mr. Rush abstained.

(vote count to correctly reflect the Board’s decision)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Sherman/Cate) To adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: (7-0-0) The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Charity A. Landry
Recording Secretary