



TOWN OF PELHAM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT 2008 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 the Pelham Elementary School on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 7:00PM. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles numbered 5 through 25. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording 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 in Pelham, on March 11, 2008 between the hours of 7 A.M. and 8 P.M. to vote by official ballot to choose all necessary town officials for the ensuing year and to vote on warrant articles numbered 1 through 25.

THE TOWN OF PELHAM
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT

2008 TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 1: To see what action the Town will take in the election of the following officers: two (2) Selectmen for a period of three (3) years; one (1) Town Moderator for a period of two (2) years; one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for a period of three (3) years; one (1) Town Treasurer for a period of three (3) years; Three (3) Budget Committee Members for a period of three (3) years; two (2) Library Trustees for a period of three (3) years; two (2) Planning Board Members for a period of three (3) years; two (2) Cemetery Trustees for a period of three (3) years; one (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for a period of three (3) years; one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for a period of two (2) years and one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for a period of one (1) year

ARTICLE 2:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Pelham Zoning Ordinance as follows: This amendment would add a new article, Article XV, to allow Conservation Subdivisions in all residential districts. Among the goals of this Conservation Subdivision Ordinance is to promote the conservation of undeveloped land and to limit the length of new roads so as to minimize the impact of their future and ongoing maintenance. This article is intended to provide a flexible method of residential development that is consistent with principles of sound planning and prudent land use that is not specifically permitted in the current Zoning Ordinance. All Conservation Subdivision applications shall be reviewed under the Special Permit authority of the Planning Board to insure that Conservation Subdivision opportunities will not adversely impact neighboring properties, town citizens, or the Town of Pelham. The requirements to apply for a Conservation Subdivision include establishing density by the yield plan method so that the overall density of a Conservation Subdivision will not exceed that of a conventional subdivision. The Planning Board will have the discretion to grant minor density offsets if the application meets the standards set forth in the zoning which, for example, could include making roadways private, creating on-site amenities such as playgrounds, parks or community centers, providing innovative design that promotes a village or neighborhood environment, or the elimination of frontage lots to minimize the conservation subdivision's impact on existing road view sheds. (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 Town of Pelham Zoning Ordinance as follows: this amendment would revise and amend Article XII Special Exceptions, Section 307-76 II, Minor Home Occupations to clarify the distinction between minor and general home occupations regarding the amount of the property that can be dedicated to the business, to add specificity to the types of

businesses not considered minor home occupations and to restrict minor home occupations within duplex or multi-family structures. (RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

ARTICLE 4:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Pelham Zoning Ordinance as follows: this amendment would revise and amend Article XI Sign Definitions and Restrictions, Section 307-69 CC, Political Signs to eliminate time restrictions on political signs that are unenforceable under state and federal law? (RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,273,000 for the purpose of erecting a Fire Station and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue Bonds or Notes in compliance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq. , as amended); to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take any other action they deem appropriate to effectuate the sale and/or issuance of said bonds or notes and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the first year interest and costs? (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (3/5 Vote Required)

ARTICLE 6: 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 \$ 10,877,184? 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 only. (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in the Compensated Absence Trust Fund for the purpose of disbursing accrued time (annual vacation and sick leave) to terminating employees as required by law or negotiated contracts? The balance of the fund is \$100,000 and the unfunded liability is \$525,000.

(Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)
(Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the purpose of funding assessment updates in 2008? Annual updates will replace complete town wide revaluations and provide greater annual assessment accuracy at a lower total cost.

(Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)
(Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to approve cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement spanning from April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2010 which has been ratified by the Board of Selectmen and the AFSCME Local 3657, Pelham Police which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,049 to fund the first year of the agreement, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year?

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Cost</u>
2006	\$ 0	\$ 0
2007	\$ 0	\$ 0
2008	\$ 140,049	\$ 140,049
2009	\$ 119,483	\$ 259,532

(Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)
(Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to approve cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement spanning from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2011 which has been ratified by the Board of Selectmen and the AFSCME Local 1801, Pelham Public Works and Municipal Employees which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,572 to fund the first year of the agreement, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year?

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Cost</u>
2007	\$ 0	\$ 0
2008	\$ 44,572	\$ 44,572
2009	\$ 69,446	\$ 114,018
2010	\$ 69,096	\$ 183,114

(Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)
(Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$285,000 for the purpose of constructing two soccer fields at Raymond Park? This project has been approved for an additional \$45,000 grant which will be lost if this Article is not approved.

(Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)
(Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,328 for the purpose of funding a Fire Command Vehicle and associated electronic radio equipment. This vehicle replaces a twelve year old vehicle with approximately 99,000 miles, has multiple maintenance issues, and does not conform to current incident management guidelines and will be disposed of. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,063 for the purpose of hiring and equipping one new Police Officer? The amount raised equals the costs from June to December, 2008 after which the position, if approved, will be funded through the Police Department operating budget? (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,500 for the purpose of purchasing a 4-wheel drive pick up truck with plow for use by the Highway Department? (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 15: 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? This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 4 year lease agreement for \$127,097 for the purpose of lease/purchasing a 6 wheeled, Highway Plow Truck complete with dump body, plow frame and sander and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,720 for the first year's payment for that purpose? This agreement will have a non-appropriation and non-replacement clause as prescribed by state statute. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town vote to establish a Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building a garage to protect highway equipment from weather and to provide an enclosed space to perform routine maintenance and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be placed in this fund? (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be placed in the Senior Center Building Capital Reserve Fund established in 2007 by Warrant Article 27? The fund currently has a balance of \$100,000. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 19: 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 to be placed in that fund?

(Recommended by Selectmen) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee)
(Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of obtaining state permits and designing a second egress from George M. Muldoon Park on to Nashua Road? (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town vote to establish as Town Forests pursuant to RSA 31:110-113 the following parcels and add them to existing Town Forests as follows:

Add to the Merriam Conservation Area:

Tax Map 39, Lot 1-50: End of Westfall Road

Tax Map 39, Lot 1-51: "Cutter Woods" Conservation Area

Add to the Calitri Conservation Area:

Tax Map 31, Lot 12-42: Spring Street

Tax Map 24, Lot 12-14: End of Stone Post Road

Tax Map 24, Lot 12-13: End of Stone Post Road

Tax Map 24, Lot 12-39: End of Trailside Lane

Add to Costa Conservation Area:

Tax Map 36, Lot 10-15: Birch Lane

Tax Map 36, Lot 10-10: Dutton Road

And to further authorize the Forestry Committee to manage the parcels as town forests and to place any proceeds from forest management activities into the Forestry Maintenance Fund to be used for stewardship of said parcels?

(Recommended by Conservation Commission) (Recommended by Selectmen)
(Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 from the Forest Maintenance Fund for the purpose of forest management, stewardship (signage, trail maps, parking, etc.), security, public education and other costs associated with the maintenance and care of town forestland? All expenditures are to be approved by the Board of Selectmen. This is a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7.

(Recommended by Conservation Commission)(Recommended by Selectmen)
(Recommended by Budget Committee)
(Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following roads as Class V Town roads: Bear Hill Road, Blue Jay Avenue, Arlene Drive (*beginning at Map 4 Lot 9-*

146-7), Kathleen Lane (*Small side road connecting Arlene Drive to Moekel Road between Map 4 Lot 9-146-7 and Map 4 Lot 9-146-6*), Irene Drive (*beginning at Map 34 Lot 6-206-1*), Litchfield Circle (*beginning at Map 38 Lot 1-112-4*), Susan Drive, Fineview Circle, Diamond Hill Drive (*portion of road between Map 35 Lot 10-352-16 and Map 38 Lot 10-352-17*), Meadowview Road, Holstein Drive (*beginning at the cul-de-sac and ending at Meadowview Road*), Longview Drive (*beginning at Map 13 Lot 4-137-15 and ending at Map 13 Lot 4-137-22*). (Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$148,164 for the purpose of constructing a Cemetery Garage?
(Recommended by Cemetery Trustees) (Recommended by Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 25: To hear reports of auditors, agents, and any committees heretofore chosen and pass any votes relating thereto.

Given under our hands this 28th day of January, 2008

Victor Danevich, Chairman

Harold Lynde, Vice Chairman

Robert Haverty

Douglas Viger

William McDevitt

I, the undersigned Town Administrator for the Town of Pelham, do hereby certify that on the 28th of January, 2008, I did post signed copies of the 2008 annual Town Meeting at the Pelham Town Hall on Village Green and the Pelham High School on Marsh Road and at the Pelham Elementary School on Marsh Road of said Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas R. Gaydos, Town Administrator

Linda Y. Newcomb, Notary Public