



March 2018

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present this Voters' Guide to assist all voters who will be voting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at Pelham High School from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. Please note due to changes at the high school, parking is in the south side (student) lot.

The purpose of the guide is to help you make informed decisions as you vote. The way the Town operates and how much it spends is determined by your votes. Please note that the state's "No means no" law prohibits the Town from spending any funds for the purposes described in the articles you are voting on if the majority vote no. The sole exception is Article 4, the Town budget. See Article 4 for further explanation.

We most strongly encourage you to vote on March 13th. Your continued participation is vital.

Sincerely,

Pelham Board of Selectmen

Doug Viger, Chair - 2020
Hal Lynde, Vice Chair - 2019
William McDevitt - 2020
Paul Leonard - 2018
Amy Spencer - 2019



TOWN OF PELHAM
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT
2018 TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 1 – Election of Officers

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

ARTICLE 2: Zoning Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Pelham Planning Board for the amendment to the Pelham Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, Elderly Housing. This amendment adds the following requirement to section 307-51, Requirements for complex:

G. Each Elderly Housing complex shall provide not less than 10% of the buildable land (as described in 307-52) as open space for use by the residents for outside social and/or recreational purposes and shall be independent from the small areas of land located between units and those areas required for buffer(s). (Recommended by the Planning Board).

***Article 2 Explanation:** In the current Pelham Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, Elderly Housing the requirement for open space can be satisfied by counting the area between buildings and in setback buffers. The Planning Board has recommended this amendment because the Board believes the Elderly population choosing to live in such projects will be better served by the requirement for 10% of the buildable land area to be set aside for outside social and recreational uses.*

ARTICLE 3: - Conservation Bond

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) (gross budget) to purchase land and easements for conservation purposes, 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); provided, however, that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Town shall not issue more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) of bonds or notes in any one calendar year; to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to 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 additionally to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for the first year's interest and costs. Land or property interests to be purchased with bond proceeds shall be acquired in the name of the Town by the Conservation Commission, subject to the approval of the Selectmen, pursuant to RSA 36-A:4. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (3/5 Vote Required).

Article 3 Explanation: *The Town has now acquired 1,000 acres of public recreation and conservation land as a result of a similar bond voters approved in 1996. Those funds have now been exhausted. This article asks for a renewal which will allow the Conservation Commission to continue this work. If approved, funds will be borrowed as needed, not all at one time.*

ARTICLE 4: Town Operating Budget

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 Fifteen Million, Six-Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, and One Hundred and Sixty-Three Dollars (\$15,627,163)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Fifteen Million, Three-Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand and Five-Hundred and Fifty-Two Dollars (\$15,332,552) 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).

	Selectmen	Budcom
Department	2018 Approved	2018 Approved
Assessor	\$ 184,802	\$ 184,802
Budget Committee	\$ 162	\$ 162
Cable Department	\$ 131,392	\$ 131,392
Cemetery	\$ 145,196	\$ 145,196
Conservation Committee	\$ 3,947	\$ 3,947
Debt Service Interest	\$ 118,780	\$ 118,780
Debt Service Principal	\$ 648,815	\$ 735,672
Elections	\$ 19,631	\$ 19,631
Emergency Management	\$ 8,548	\$ 8,548
Fire Department	\$ 2,178,295	\$ 2,178,295
Health Officer	\$ 45,766	\$ 45,766
Health Services	\$ 73,500	\$ 73,500
Highway Maintenance	\$ 1,514,510	\$ 1,535,062
Human Services	\$ 88,040	\$ 93,040
Insurance	\$ 2,426,881	\$ 2,377,365
Legal	\$ 87,500	\$ 87,500
Library	\$ 422,391	\$ 420,402
Parks & Recreation	\$ 233,615	\$ 233,615
Planning Dept	\$ 384,507	\$ 390,287
Police Department	\$ 2,755,256	\$ 2,755,256
Retirement	\$ 1,674,851	\$ 1,674,850
Selectmen	\$ 477,526	\$ 477,526
Senior Center	\$ 122,872	\$ 122,872
Town Buildings	\$ 823,326	\$ 824,166
Town Celebrations	\$ 9,260	\$ 9,260
Town Clerk	\$ 233,902	\$ 233,902
Transfer	\$ 731,122	\$ 731,122
Treasurer	\$ 15,176	\$ 15,176
Trust Funds	\$ 70	\$ 70
		\$ -
Total	\$ 15,559,639	\$ 15,627,163

Article 4 Explanation: *This is the operating budget which the Budget Committee is requesting to support all activities of Town government for 2018. Should this budget vote fail, state law allows a default budget to be established automatically rather than have no budget at all.*

ARTICLE 5: Keno Article

Shall the Town vote to allow the operation of keno games within the Town of Pelham? (Submitted without Recommendation).

Article 5 Explanation: *Last year the State Legislature approved a bill allowing Keno games to be played in Towns at establishments State licensed to “pour” alcoholic beverages. The bill provides that Keno may only be played in Towns that have approved it. All monies collected goes directed to the State. Whether this article passes or not, the Town will receive additional kindergarten aid from the State. The Selectmen took no position on this but felt it important that the voters decide.*

ARTICLE 6: The Discontinuance of a Public Roadway (Old County Road)

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ARTICLE 7: The Discontinuance of Capital Reserve & Expendable Trust Funds

Shall the Town vote to discontinue the following Town Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) and Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) with said funds and accrued interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the Town’s General Fund? This is a Special Warrant Article.

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Date Established</u>	<u>Amount to General Fund</u>
Ambulance CFR	1991	\$0.00
Muldoon Park Private ETF	1996	\$102.00
Muldoon Park Public ETF	1996	\$83.00
Raymond Park Private	1996	\$5.00
Conservation Easement ETF	1995	\$0.00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Recommended by the Trustees of the Trust Funds).

Article 7 Explanation: *Over the years funds have been established by vote of Town Meeting. These funds served as “savings accounts” for the accomplishments of various projects. They have now served their purpose, but funds established by Town Meeting may only be eliminated by Town Meeting thus this vote is requested. This is a housekeeping request. Any balance will be returned to the general fund.*

ARTICLE 8: Municipal Building Boiler Replacement Project

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the amount of Six-Hundred and Sixty Thousand dollars (\$660,000) for the purpose of replacing the existing boiler system at the Municipal Building (Town Hall) with energy saving equipment (Natural Gas Boiler) and life safety equipment (Fire Suppression System) and to authorize the Selectmen to expend Two-Hundred and Sixty-Thousand dollars (\$260,000) from the Unassigned Fund Balance to offset the cost of the project; further, to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a ten (10)-year lease agreement for the remaining \$400,000. This agreement contains a non-appropriation clause. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority vote required).

Article 8 Explanation: *The current heating system in Town Hall was installed in 1974. It recently needed additional repairs to pass inspection. It is inefficient. The plan is to completely replace the system, along with new zones, with a natural gas fueled system. Included is the air-conditioning of Sherburne Hall for more tolerable summer use. Certain life safety improvements required by code will also be included.*

ARTICLE 9: Police Collective Bargaining Agreement (Contract)

Shall the Town vote to approve cost items included in the five (5) year collective bargaining agreement ratified by the Board of Selectmen and the Pelham Police, Local 3657 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees which calls for the following increases and benefits and to further raise and appropriate the sum of (\$73,747) to fund the first year of this agreement, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? This is a Special Warrant Article. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Year	Cost	Accumulated Cost
2018	\$73,747	\$73,747
2019	\$89,606	\$163,353
2020	\$53,248	\$216,601
2021	\$31,016	\$247,617
2022*	\$31,389	\$278,633

*Including 3 months of 2023.

Article 9 Explanation: *This contract has been agreed to by the Selectmen and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, which represents the police other than the Chief, Captain, and Lieutenant. Included are pay increases to make pay for Pelham police more competitive with surrounding communities.*

ARTICLE 10: Forestry Committee

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand three hundred dollars (\$36,300) for the purpose of forest management, stewardship (signage, trail building, maps, parking, etc.) security, public education and other costs associated with the maintenance and care of Town forest land? Said funds to come from the Forest Maintenance Fund. Funds which represents revenue produced by timber harvesting. No amount to be raised through taxation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 and shall not lapse until 12/31/2023 or until project is completed. (This is a Special Warrant Article) (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 10 Explanation: *The Forestry Committee has for years worked with a professional forester to manage most Town owned woodlands. This includes carefully controlled cutting of selected trees according to detailed plans prepared by the forester. Proceeds from the sale of wood is placed in the Forest Maintenance Fund and, if this article is approved, expended as requested in this article. This has no impact on property taxes.*

ARTICLE 11: Highway Block Grant

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Eighty-Three Dollars (\$321,583) for repair, maintenance and upgrading of Town roads, to be offset by the State Highway Grant? This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, IV. No money to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 11 Explanation: *This is a grant from the state. It is funded by state gasoline taxes. The Town uses the funds to improve Town roads. This has no impact on local property taxes.*

ARTICLE 12: Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Firefighter Grant

Shall the Town vote to accept a Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) grant, if awarded, for the purpose of hiring 4 fulltime firefighters. This 3-year FEMA/SAFER grant would cover 75% of the firefighters usual annual cost for the first year, 75% of the firefighters usual annual cost for the second year and 35% of the firefighters usual annual cost for the third year. After the completion of the grant programs 3 years the Town would be responsible for the costs of retaining the firefighters. Further, to raise and appropriate \$92,297 for the first-year costs. In future years, the amounts below will be included in the Town's operating budget and the default budget. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

First year of grant costs to the town	\$92,297
Second year of grant costs to the town	\$92,297
Third year of grant costs to the town	\$239,970
Yearly cost to the town after the grant ends	\$369,185

Note: This expenditure is contingent upon the approval of the (SAFER) grant.

Article 12 Explanation: *As the community has grown there is a need for additional firefighters to maintain response time. This grant will allow the department to hire one firefighter for each shift. As the grant winds down the Town will eventually bear the cost.*

ARTICLE 13: Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three Hundred-Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be placed into the Highway Department Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established 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).

Article 13 Explanation: *If approved, this will allow the Selectmen to add to the existing fund dedicated to the construction of a highway maintenance facility to be used to house and repair highway trucks and other equipment. It also provides for an office and storage. Currently, we are utilizing temporary rented trailers for both the Highway and the Transfer offices.*

ARTICLE 14: Sale of Town Owned Property

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned property shown on Map 22 lot 8-146, approximately a 0.098-acre parcel located off of 7 Greenwood Terrace, to Mr. and Mrs. Carver for the sum of three-thousand eight hundred dollars (\$3,800) with the proceeds from the sale to be deposited into the Conservation Fund? 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).

***Article 14 Explanation:** The Carver property abuts the Hobbs Community Center (Senior Center) on Nashua Rd. The Carvers approached the Town to purchase this sliver of land to slightly expand their property to allow for future septic needs. The land is of no use to the Town.*

ARTICLE 15: Appoint a Town Treasurer

Shall the Town vote to change the office of Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position in accordance with RSA 41:26-e? Such appointment shall be made in accordance with RSA 669:17-d by the Board of Selectmen. Such appointment shall be made in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. If approved, the person holding the elected office shall continue to hold such office until the next annual Town election following the vote to discontinue this elected office. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen).

***Article 15 Explanation:** The Selectmen recognize this currently elected position regularly handles and invests millions of dollars of Town funds. If approved, this will allow the Board of Selectmen to interview and appoint a qualified person.*

ARTICLE 16: Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant (Sherburne/Mammoth & Mammoth & Marsh Roads)

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two-million dollars (\$2,000,000) to install intersection control devices at the intersections of Sherburne Road and Mammoth Road and Mammoth Road and Marsh Road. Said appropriation will be offset by a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) Grant in the amount of one million-two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) and to be partially offset with exaction fees on deposit of one-hundred and thirty-thousand (\$130,000) dollars and to authorize the Selectmen to expend not more than six-hundred and seventy-thousand dollars (\$670,000) from the Unassigned Fund Balance to offset the remaining cost of the project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2023. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

***Article 16 Explanation:** The Town applied for and has been awarded a Federal grant to address the congestion problem at these two troublesome intersections. The grant covers 60% of the costs. Funds already on deposit cover a portion. The balance must be raised through this vote. We will utilize funds from the Unassigned Fund Balance to avoid any future tax impact for this project to the community.*

ARTICLE 17: Elderly Exemption

Shall the Town vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for an elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Pelham, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to and including 74 years of age, \$70,000; for persons 75 years of age up to and including 79 years of age, \$100,000; and for persons 80 years of age and over, \$130,000. To qualify, the person must meet the requirements of State Law as designated in RSA 72:39-a and 72:39-b. In addition, a qualifying taxpayer must have a net annual income of not more than \$35,000 if single, or if married, a combined net annual income of not more than \$45,000, and own assets, excluding the value of the person's residence, of not more than \$130,000. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen).

Article 17 Explanation: *If approved this will replace the existing exemption which has lower income limits, asset limits, and exemption amounts.*

ARTICLE 18: Citizen Petition

Shall the citizens of Pelham vote to discontinue the undeveloped portion of Gibson Road, so-called, from Jeremy Hill Road, between Tax Map 13, lot 3-168, known as 96 Jeremy Hill Road, and Tax Map 13, Lot 3-167, known as 30 Jeremy Hill Road, for a distance of eight-hundred feet (800'), pursuant to the provisions of RSA 231:43? (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 18 Explanation: *This article was submitted by a petition*

- Guide to Understanding Terms -

Articles: Individual numbered items with the warrant.

Budget Committee: Budget Committee: Elected body of 11 individuals which reviews and votes to approve or not all Town and School budgets and articles involving expenditure of funds. The budgets presented are the budgets prepared by the Budget Committee.

Capital Reserve Fund: Essentially a savings account created by action of a prior Town Meeting vote into which funds are placed for a designated purpose but limited to capital expenditure, such as major equipment, buildings, etc.

Map/Lot: This designates the exact location of a parcel of land on the Town tax map.

Non-capital Reserve Fund: Same as a capital reserve fund but not tied to equipment or buildings.

RSA: Refers to state law- Revised Statutes Annotated. Laws are on the state of N.H. website under Laws and Rules.

Special Warrant Article: As provided in State law, this designation identifies any appropriation in the article as non-lapsing and non-transferrable

Warrant: The official legal name for the group of items presented to the voters.

2018 Town Sample Ballot

SAMPLE BALLOT



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF
PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 13, 2018**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Dorothy A. Anderson
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- To vote, fill in the oval(s) ☐ opposite your choice(s) like this ☒
- To write-in a candidate not on the ballot, write the name on the line provided for the office and fill in the oval ☐ opposite the write-in line, like this ☒

TOWN OFFICES

Selectmen

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

HEATHER FORDE ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Moderator

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

PHILIP R. CURRIER ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Budget Committee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than THREE

MEG BRESSETTE ☐

DAVID CRONIN ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Budget Committee

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Budget Committee

ONE YEAR Vote for not more than ONE

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Cemetery Trustee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

NATE BOUTWELL ☐

DAVID PROVENCAL ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Library Trustee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

JENNIFER MASLANEK ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Trustee of Trust Funds

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Planning Board

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

BRUCE M. BILAPKA ☐

BLAKE CLARK ☐

ROGER J. MONTBLEAU ☐

JOSEPH PASSAMONTE ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

**Supervisor of the
Checklist**

SIX YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

LAURIE A. HOGAN ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

**TOWN WARRANT
ARTICLES**

**Article 2 – Zoning
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YES ☐

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YES ☐

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**ARTICLE 4 CONTINUED ON
BACK OF BALLOT**

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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CONTINUED ON NEXT BALLOT

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



**ABSENTEE
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TOWN OF
PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 13, 2018**

BALLOT 2 OF 2

Dorothy G. Mendenhall
TOWN CLERK

**TOWN WARRANT
ARTICLES CONTINUED**

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Note: This expenditure is contingent upon the approval of the (SAFER) grant. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

YES ☐NO ☐**Article 13 – Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three Hundred-Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be placed into the Highway Department Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established 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).

YES ☐NO ☐**Article 14 – Sale of Town Owned Property**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned property shown on Map 22 lot 8-146, approximately a 0.098-acre parcel located off of 7 Greenwood Terrace, to Mr. and Mrs. Carver for the sum of three-thousand eight hundred dollars (\$3,800) with the proceeds from the sale to be deposited into the Conservation Fund? 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).

YES ☐NO ☐**Article 15 – Appoint a Town Treasurer**

Shall the Town vote to change the office of Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position in accordance with RSA 41:26-e? Such appointment shall be made in accordance with RSA 669:17-d by the Board of Selectmen. Such appointment shall be made in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. If approved, the person holding the elected office shall continue to hold such office until the next annual Town election following the vote to discontinue this elected office. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

YES ☐NO ☐**Article 16 – Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant (Sherburne/Mammoth & Mammoth & Marsh Roads)**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two-million dollars (\$2,000,000) to install intersection control devices at the intersections of Sherburne Road and Mammoth Road and Mammoth Road and Marsh Road. Said appropriation will be offset by a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) Grant in the amount of one million-two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) and to be partially offset with exaction fees on deposit of one-hundred and thirty-thousand (\$130,000) dollars and to authorize the Selectmen to expend not more than six-hundred and seventy-thousand dollars (\$670,000) from the Unassigned Fund Balance to offset the remaining cost of the project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2023. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

YES ☐NO ☐**Article 17 – Elderly Exemption**

Shall the Town vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for an elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Pelham, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to and including 74 years of age, \$70,000; for persons 75 years of age up to and including 79 years of age, \$100,000; and for persons 80 years of age and over, \$130,000. To qualify, the person must meet the requirements of State Law as designated in RSA 72:39-a and 72:39-b. In addition, a qualifying taxpayer must have a net annual income of not more than \$35,000 if single, or if married, a combined net annual income of not more than \$45,000, and own assets, excluding the value of the person's residence, of not more than \$130,000. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen).

YES ☐NO ☐**Article 18 – Citizen Petition**

Shall the citizens of Pelham vote to discontinue the undeveloped portion of Gibson Road, so-called, from Jeremy Hill Road, between Tax Map 13, lot 3-168, known as 96 Jeremy Hill Road, and Tax Map 13, Lot 3-167, known as 30 Jeremy Hill Road, for a distance of eight-hundred feet (800'), pursuant to the provisions of RSA 231:43? (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

YES ☐NO ☐

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

- PLEASE NOTE -

For the 2018 Town Meeting, the Pelham School District has chosen to send the 2018 PSD Voter's Guide in a separate mailing to all residents.

They have however, kindly provided the Pelham School District's 2018 Sample Ballot for your convenience. It is located on the following page.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the SAU 28 office at 603-635-1145 or by visiting the Pelham School District website at www.pelhamsd.org.

2018 PSD Sample Ballot



ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

TOWN OF
PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

March 13, 2018

Samuelle Hilob
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- To vote, fill in the oval(s) ☐ opposite your choice(s) like this ☒
- To write-in a candidate not on the ballot, write the name on the line provided for the office and fill in the oval ☐ opposite the write-in line, like this ☒

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

For School Board Member

THREE YEARS

Vote for TWO

MEGAN LARSON

DEBBIE RYAN

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

OFFICIAL BALLOT SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

ARTICLE 1

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 of the annual school district meeting, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling Thirty-Two Million, Twenty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-One Dollars(\$32, 024, 971)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Thirty-One Million, Three Hundred Eleven Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars(\$31,311,475), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pelham School District or by law; or the Pelham School Board 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. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the School Board
Recommended by the Budget Committee

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Pelham School District create a new position for a special education coordinator to be shared between the Pelham Memorial and Pelham High Schools, to assist with the management of the special education processes and special education personnel in each building, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$116,605 to fund the salary and benefits for this new position. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the School Board
Recommended by the Budget Committee

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Pelham School District vote to authorize the Pelham School Board to convey an easement to Liberty Utilities for the purpose of installing an underground gas line beneath a portion of District property on Willow Street, on such terms and conditions as the School Board determines are in the best interest of the District. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the School Board

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Pelham School District vote to discontinue the Memorial Athletic Field Capital Reserve Fund? Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal (if any), are to be transferred to the general fund. There is no current balance in the fund. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the School Board
Recommended by the Budget Committee

YES ☐
NO ☐