



The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present this Voters' Guide to assist all voters who will be voting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at Pelham High School from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

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. Historically, this voting is more lightly attended than State and Federal elections but has a greater impact on our daily lives and local taxes. Over the years, approximately two thirds of the registered voters do not vote in this election.

We most strongly encourage you to vote on March 10th.

Sincerely,

Pelham Board of Selectmen

Edmund Gleason, Chair - 2015
William McDevitt, Vice Chair - 2017
Robert Haverty - 2016
Harold Lynde – 2016
Douglas Viger – 2017



TOWN OF PELHAM
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT
2015 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 Sherburne Hall in the Pelham Municipal Building, 6 Village Green, Pelham, New Hampshire on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles numbered 2 through 20. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles the wording of which 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, 85 Marsh Road, Pelham, New Hampshire on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM to vote by official ballot to choose all necessary town officials for the ensuing year and to vote on warrant articles numbered 1 through 20.

ARTICLE 1

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 three (3) years; two (2) Budget Committee Members for one (1) year; two (2) Cemetery Trustees for three (3) years; one (1) Library Trustee for three (3) years; one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for three (3) years; and two (2) Planning Board Members for three (3) years.

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Pelham Planning Board for the Town of Pelham Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend the Impact Fee Enabling Ordinance, Sections F, G, I, K and L to clarify that only the current property owner(s) may apply for a refund of impact fees and to clarify the rights and responsibilities of an "applicant"? (Recommended by the Pelham Planning Board).

Article 2 Explanation: In March 1999 the Town adopted its first Impact Fee Enabling Ordinance. In that ordinance any refund of collected impact fees would be made to the current property owner in the event a refund was determined to be appropriate.

In March 2006 a revised Impact fee Enabling Ordinance was adopted by the voters that contained a more ambiguous description of who could apply for a refund and the rights and responsibilities of the "applicant".

Recently litigation was brought against the town by a group of developers claiming they were owed a refund of impact fees. Since the fees were collected under the 1999 Enabling Ordinance it was the language of that ordinance that was litigated. Both the lower court and, ultimately the NH Supreme Court sided with the Town of Pelham that it was within its right to establish in its Enabling Ordinance who could apply for a refund of impact fees.

In light of this decision, and after consultation with Town Counsel, the Pelham Planning Board held the required public hearing to consider its proposed changes to the wording of the March, 2006 Impact Fee Enabling Ordinance to clarify that only the current owner of a property may apply for a refund of impact fees and to clarify the rights and responsibilities of an applicant.

The complete enabling ordinance language showing proposed changes is available at the Planning Department, the Clerk's Office and on the Town Website under Planning Department.

ARTICLE 3:

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 \$13,773,308? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$13,518,996 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 Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Department	SELECTMEN	BUDCOM
	2015 APPROVED	2015 APPROVED
ASSESSING	\$ 152,184	\$ 152,185
BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$ 4,180	\$ 4,180
CABLE	\$ 105,552	\$ 105,552
CEMETERY	\$ 142,826	\$ 142,826
CONSERVATION	\$ 3,747	\$ 3,747
DEBT/INTEREST	\$ 127,491	\$ 127,491
DEBT/PRINCIPAL	\$ 687,180	\$ 687,180
ELECTIONS	\$ 9,465	\$ 9,465
EMERGENCY MANAGE	\$ 8,108	\$ 8,108
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 1,955,114	\$ 1,953,964
HEALTH OFFICER	\$ 43,766	\$ 43,766
HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 59,175	\$ 59,175
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$ 1,401,460	\$ 1,401,460
HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 86,480	\$ 86,480
INSURANCE	\$ 2,101,608	\$ 2,101,608
LEGAL	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
LIBRARY	\$ 272,643	\$ 272,643
PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 190,355	\$ 190,355
PLANNING	\$ 303,101	\$ 303,101
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 2,547,709	\$ 2,545,309
RETIREMENT	\$ 1,391,355	\$ 1,391,355
SELECTMEN	\$ 504,433	\$ 503,433
SENIOR CENTER	\$ 101,527	\$ 101,527
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$ 647,308	\$ 647,308
TOWN CELEBRATIONS	\$ 9,452	\$ 8,452
TOWN CLERK	\$ 222,267	\$ 222,267
TRANSFER STATION	\$ 589,319	\$ 589,319
TREASURER	\$ 10,982	\$ 10,982
TRUST FUNDS	\$ 70	\$ 70
Totals	\$ 13,778,857	\$ 13,773,308

Article 3 Explanation: This is the 2015 calendar year operating budget for the Town. The heading "BUDCOM" refers to the Budget Committee. The numbers in the BUDCOM column represent the amounts approved by the Budget Committee after their many weeks of hearings on each individual budget request. The budget you are asked to vote on is the Budget Committee's final number. Should this vote fail, rather than have no budget, State law prescribes a fallback or "default budget" which then takes effect.

ARTICLE 4:

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Article 4 Explanation: This is the Town’s share of State of N. H. gas tax revenues. If approved they will be used to improve and maintain over 100 miles of Town roads.

ARTICLE 5:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Senior Center Bus Capital Reserve Fund established in 2003 for the replacement of the Senior Center Bus? This is a Special Warrant article. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 5 Explanation: A capital reserve fund was created in 2003 to put money aside for purchasing a replacement bus. The Senior Center bus was purchased in 2007 and it currently has 75,187 miles and it is beginning to deteriorate. The goal is to start putting money aside for the purchase of a replacement bus in the next couple of years.

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Article 6 Explanation: The Firefighters have been working without a contract with the town. This article asks you to approve a new five year contract which provides for 2% annual increases. There are no other significant costs involved in this contract.

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***Article 7 Explanation:** This article seeks your approval of a new four year collective bargaining contract between the town and the bargaining unit which represents and includes non-management employees at the Transfer Station, Highway Department, and Town Hall. The contract provides for 2% annual increases. There are no other significant costs involved in this contract.*

ARTICLE 8:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be placed in the Compensated Absence Trust Fund for the purpose of distributing accrued time (annual earned and paid time off) to terminating employees as required by law or negotiated contracts? The balance of the fund is \$162,000 and the unfunded liability is \$594,335. This is a Special Warrant article.

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***Article 8 Explanation:** For many years the Town had a practice in place whereby many employees did not have paid sick days or vacation days. Instead, they accumulated "earned days" which were available to be used for paid time off. Therefore, contracts called for award of a designated number of compensated absence hours based upon the time of service. If they were not used the employee was paid the value of this accumulation upon termination of employment. This created an unfunded liability. Most employee and union agreements no longer allow this accumulation. This article asks approval to add additional funds to the fund created to offset the liability. This would cover potential retirement distributions shortfalls which could occur if long-term Town employee participants retire in the coming year or shortly thereafter.*

ARTICLE 9:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,016 for the purpose of hiring and equipping a Communications Center Supervisor? The amount raised covers costs from April through December 2015 after which the position, if approved, will be funded through the Police Department operating budget. The sum of \$65,016 includes a salary of \$38,485 plus benefits and

equipment. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 9 Explanation: *The Town of Pelham Police Department operates a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week Communications/Dispatch center that dispatches all police, fire, EMS (Emergency Medical Services) and 911 related calls in the town. It is also the central communications point for all police, fire and EMS radio communications. It is staffed by four full time communications specialists. This position would supervise all personnel, administrative, supervisory, regulatory and technical aspects of the center. The hiring of this position will improve emergency response efficiency and reduce overtime expenses. It is a full time, salaried, non-union position.*

ARTICLE 10:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,000 from the Forest Maintenance Fund for the purpose of forest management, stewardship, security, public education and other costs associated with the maintenance and care of Town Forests? Funds requested come from the revenues produced by timber harvesting, not property taxes. This is a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 10 Explanation: *The Pelham Forestry Committee and Conservation Commission have had a plan in place to professionally manage each of the Town owned forest lands. Part of these plans include regular timber cuts to allow for healthier tree growth and increased wildlife habitat. Funds raised from sale of timber are placed into the Forest Maintenance Fund. This article seeks approval to withdraw money from the Fund for the purposes stated. None of these funds come from property taxes.*

ARTICLE 11:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000 from the Raymond Park Capital Reserve for the purpose of forest management, trail maintenance, security and other costs associated with the maintenance and care of Raymond Park? Funds requested come from the revenues produced by timber harvesting, not property taxes. This is a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 11 Explanation: *The explanation is much the same as Article 10 above except restrictions approved by prior Town Meetings require funds raised from sale of timber grown in the park must be spent for this park only. This article seeks approval to withdraw money from the Raymond Park Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes stated. None of these funds come from property taxes.*

ARTICLE 12:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,657,500 for the purpose of design engineering, permitting, and replacement of the Willow Street Bridge? Of the \$2,657,500 appropriation, up to \$2,126,000 will come from New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) State Bridge Aid, \$74,804 from the existing Willow Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, \$175,000 from the existing 2013 Willow Street Bridge Warrant Article and **\$281,696 (requested herewith) from general taxation**. Any funds required for the on-going cost of construction will be taken from the existing fund balance pending receipt of the final NHDOT reimbursement at

project completion. This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2020 or until the project is completed, whichever comes first. This is a Special Warrant article. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 12 Explanation: *The Willow Street Bridge is considered a vehicular safety and flood risk because it is too narrow and does not meet current bridge safety standards. In addition, a study commissioned by the Town shows the current size and shape of the bridge contributes to upstream flooding. In 2013 voters approved an engineering study that has been completed and results in the \$2,657,500 maximum cost reflected in this warrant. The State of N. H. will reimburse the town for 80% of funds spent to replace this bridge but Pelham, must first raise and approve the expenditure. The New Hampshire State Dept. of Transportation (NHDOT) has scheduled this work for 2020 but has given some assurances if Pelham raises the funds now they will reimburse the Town sooner thus getting the project completed earlier than currently scheduled.*

ARTICLE 13:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,000 for the purpose of municipally managing a New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) State Bridge Aid grant for engineering design and permitting for scour protection and hydraulic improvements to Old Bridge Street (Abbott) Bridge? Of the appropriation, up to \$152,000 will be reimbursed from NHDOT State Bridge Aid, and \$38,000 will be funded with general taxation. This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2020 or until the project is completed whichever comes first. This bridge is the oldest double-arched stone bridge to survive in New Hampshire and has been red-listed by the NHDOT. This is a Special Warrant article. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 13 Explanation: *The Abbott Bridge on Old Bridge Street is the oldest functioning, double-stone arch bridge in the state. It was reconstructed in the late 1990's to be able to withstand heavier vehicles and modern traffic volumes. Recent investigation determined scouring, a water driven removal of sand and gravel, may weaken the bridge pillars if not addressed. The scouring appears to be caused by greater water volumes directed through the relatively narrow arches. In addition, the NHDOT, has identified this bridge as "Red Listed" which places a priority on its repair. This article seeks your approval to get started on a remedy by raising funds for engineering and design. The historical significance of this bridge will not be changed by this project.*

ARTICLE 14:

Shall the Town vote to enact a Town Noise Ordinance per RSA 31:39 to regulate the making, creation, or maintenance of excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noises that, in their time, place and manner adversely affect and are a detriment to public health, comfort, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Pelham, NH? (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 14 Explanation: *Both the Board of Selectmen and the Police Department receive complaints of excessive noise from time to time. Other than a polite request there is little the Town can do since we have no noise ordinance in place. This warrant article, if passed, will allow the Board of Selectmen to begin the process of creating a noise ordinance.*

ARTICLE 15:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant, from time to time, one day approval for the serving of alcohol at all Town Buildings (to exclude Fire and Police Department buildings) and to include the Village Green, for fundraising purposes by non-profit organizations? Prior to final approval being granted, the Selectmen shall require the sponsor of the activity to have obtained all training, permits, and approvals required by the State of New Hampshire in this regard. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 15 Explanation: This article seeks to clear up some confusion and go back to approvals the voters granted years ago. In 1978, Town Meeting voted to ban consumption of alcoholic beverages on all town owned property but allowed exceptions upon a permit being granted by the Selectmen. In 1988, according to the minutes of the discussion at Town Meeting, voters were asked to approve a minor change in the ordinance. The change had nothing to do with the permits. The voters approved the change but the official text of the approved article deleted all references to the permit, leaving the Town uncertain in 2015 what the voters in 1988 meant to do.

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell through public auction, Town owned property shown on Tax Map 22 Lot 7-277 on .69 acres located on 14 Atwood Road? 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 Board of Selectmen).

Article 16 Explanation: This and articles 17 and 18 have largely all the same explanation. It is rare for the Town to take property for non-payment of taxes, the last being about 20 years ago. Still, if all remedies are exhausted the Town make take ownership of the property and, with voter approval, sell it. This particular property owes over \$28,000 in taxes and fees going back to 2008. The proceeds will be placed into the general fund. This property is currently unoccupied.

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell through public auction, Town owned property shown on Tax Map 15 Lot 8-243 on 2.0 acres located on 181 Hobbs Road? 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 Board of Selectmen).

Article 17 Explanation: This property owes over \$32,000 in taxes and fees from 2010 to the present. It is currently unoccupied.

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell through public auction, Town owned property shown on Tax Map 35 Lot 6-100 on 1.0 acre located on 18 Chagnon Lane? 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 Board of Selectmen).

Article 18 Explanation: This vacant land owes over \$16,000 in taxes and fees from 2007 to the present.

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned property shown on Tax Map 4 lot 9 -144-13, approximately a 16 acre parcel and Map 4 lot 9-145 approximately a 0.31 acre parcel, both located off of William Drive, to Christopher Mertz for the sum of \$16,000 with the proceeds from the sale to be deposited into the Conservation Fund? Said property will be sold by the Town with the condition that both parcels remain undeveloped and 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 Board of Selectmen).

***Article 19 Explanation:** The article seeks approval to sell two abutting parcels of Town owned land to an abutter who made the request. The Conservation Commission approved the sale on the basis that the properties be deeded with the stipulation that they cannot be developed.*

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services and other related expenses from the Town's capital reserve funds, as is authorized by N.H. RSA 35:9-a, II? No vote by the Town to rescind this authority shall occur within five (5) years of the original adoption of this article. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required).

***Article 20 Explanation:** This article will allow the Trustees of the Trust Funds, if they so choose, to place monies held in Capital Reserve Funds into investment portfolios which yield higher returns. Currently, Capital Reserve Funds are required to be held in low yield savings accounts.*

- Guide to Understanding Term -

***Budget Committee :** Eleven residents elected by the voters to prepare the budget after consultation with the Board of Selectmen, Library Trustees, Cemetery Trustees, and others. The operating budget presented to the voters is the budget approved by the Budget Committee.*

***RSA:** These references are to N.H. State law – Revised Statutes Annotated. Numbers following the RSA designate the exact chapter and section.*

***Warrant:** This is the formal legal name for the complete list of items you are asked to consider and vote upon.*

***Article:** In this use, article refers to the individual items on which you are being asked to vote.*

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

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

SAMPLE BALLOT



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF
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March 10, 2015**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Dorothy G. Anderson
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. To vote, fill in the oval(s) opposite your choice(s) like this
2. 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

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<p style="text-align: center;">For Selectmen</p> <p>THREE YEARS <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small></p> <p>SVETLANA PALIY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>EDMUND J. GLEASON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>PAUL LEONARD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(WRITE-IN) <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">For Budget Committee</p> <p>THREE YEARS <small>Vote for not more than THREE</small></p> <p>DAVE CATE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(WRITE-IN) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(WRITE-IN) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(WRITE-IN) <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">For Budget Committee</p> <p>ONE YEAR <small>Vote for not more than TWO</small></p> <p>DONNA DUBE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MICHAEL BILBY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(WRITE-IN) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(WRITE-IN) <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Cemetery Trustee</p> <p>THREE YEARS <small>Vote for not more than TWO</small></p> <p>DAVID PROVENCAL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NATE BOUTWELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(WRITE-IN) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(WRITE-IN) <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Library Trustee</p> <p>THREE YEARS <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small></p> <p>KAREN MARIE G. BAILLARGEON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(WRITE-IN) <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Trustee of Trust Funds</p> <p>THREE YEARS <small>Vote for not more than ONE</small></p> <p>(WRITE-IN) <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Planning Board</p> <p>THREE YEARS <small>Vote for not more than TWO</small></p> <p>MICHAEL SHERMAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ROGER J. MONTBLEAU <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(WRITE-IN) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(WRITE-IN) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE 2:</p> <p>Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Pelham Planning Board for the Town of Pelham Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend the Impact Fee Enabling Ordinance, Sections F, G, I, K and L to clarify that only the current property owner(s) may apply for a refund of impact fees and to clarify the rights and responsibilities of an "applicant"? (Recommended by the Pelham Planning Board).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE 3:</p> <p>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 \$13,773,308? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$13,518,996 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 Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>ARTICLE 4:</p> <p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$266,100 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. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p>Article 5:</p> <p>Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Senior Center Bus Capital Reserve Fund established in 2003 for the replacement of the Senior Center Bus? This is a Special Warrant article. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>
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 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,657,500 for the purpose of design engineering, permitting, and replacement of the Willow Street Bridge? Of the \$2,657,500 appropriation, up to \$2,126,000 will come from New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) State Bridge Aid, \$74,804 from the existing Willow Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, \$175,000 from the existing 2013 Willow Street Bridge Warrant Article and \$281,696 (requested herewith) from general taxation. Any funds required for the on-going cost of construction will be taken from the existing fund balance pending receipt of the final NHDOT reimbursement at project completion. This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2020 or until the project is completed, whichever comes first. This is a Special Warrant article. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

YES
 NO

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 AND CONTINUE VOTING**

SAMPLE BALLOT



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF
PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 10, 2015**

BALLOT 2 OF 2

Dorothy G. Munster
TOWN CLERK

Article 13
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,000 for the purpose of municipally managing a New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) State Bridge Aid grant for engineering design and permitting for scour protection and hydraulic improvements to Old Bridge Street (Abbott) Bridge? Of the appropriation, up to \$152,000 will be reimbursed from NHDOT State Bridge Aid, and \$38,000 will be funded with general taxation. This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2020 or until the project is completed whichever comes first. This bridge is the oldest double-arched stone bridge to survive in New Hampshire and has been red-listed by the NHDOT. This is a Special Warrant article.
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

YES
NO

Article 14
Shall the Town vote to enact a Town Noise Ordinance per RSA 31:39 to regulate the making, creation, or maintenance of excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noises that, in their time, place and manner adversely affect and are a detriment to public health, comfort, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Pelham, NH?
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required).

YES
NO

Article 15
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant, from time to time, one day approval for the serving of alcohol at all Town Buildings (to exclude Fire and Police Department buildings) and to include the Village Green, for fundraising purposes by non-profit organizations? Prior to final approval being granted, the Selectmen shall require the sponsor of the activity to have obtained all training, permits, and approvals required by the State of New Hampshire in this regard.
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required).

YES
NO

ARTICLE 16:
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell through public auction, Town owned property shown on Tax Map 22 Lot 7-277 on .69 acres located on 14 Atwood Road? 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 Board of Selectmen).

YES
NO

ARTICLE 17:
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell through public auction, Town owned property shown on Tax Map 15 Lot 8-243 on 2.0 acres located on 181 Hobbs Road? 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 Board of Selectmen).

YES
NO

ARTICLE 18:
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell through public auction, Town owned property shown on Tax Map 35 Lot 6-100 on 1.0 acre located on 18 Chagnon Lane? 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 Board of Selectmen).

YES
NO

Article 19
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned property shown on Tax Map 4 lot 9 -144-13, approximately a 16 acre parcel and Map 4 lot 9-145 approximately a 0.31 acre parcel, both located off of William Drive, to Christopher Mertz for the sum of \$16,000 with the proceeds from the sale to be deposited into the Conservation Fund? Said property will be sold by the Town with the condition that both parcels remain undeveloped and 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 Board of Selectmen).

YES
NO

Article 20
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services and other related expenses from the Town's capital reserve funds, as is authorized by N.H. RSA 35:9-a, II? No vote by the Town to rescind this authority shall occur within five (5) years of the original adoption of this article.
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required).

YES
NO

**YOU HAVE NOW
COMPLETED VOTING**

Dear Pelham Residents,

The Pelham School Board has prepared this Voters Guide in order to provide the community with an explanation of the School District Warrant. The articles presented are designed to assist the District in achieving their long-term vision, which states that, "The Pelham School District in collaboration with our community, provides high-quality instruction with rigorous expectations in a supportive and safe environment. We prepare all our students for life-long learning and critical thinking, inspiring them to become contributing citizens of the ever-changing global community."

The Pelham School Board members, school administrators, and members of the SAU staff are available to discuss any of the Warrants with members of the community. We urge all citizens to be informed about issues and programs in the schools. Please exercise your right to vote on March 10, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Pelham High School.

Respectfully yours,

Amanda Lecaroz

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Superintendent of Schools
SAU #28

The School Board Warrant Articles are listed below along with a brief, non-partisan explanation of the article. The explanations are not intended to influence your vote, but instead, to provide you with the necessary information to make an informed choice on March 10th.

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 and choosing the 2015 Election Information page link.

ARTICLE A

To elect by ballot the following School District Officers:

School Board Member	3-Year Term
School Board Member	3-Year Term
Candidates: Megan Larson	Deborah Ryan

ARTICLE 1

Shall the Pelham School District 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 the vote at the first session of the annual school district meeting, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling Thirty Million, One Hundred and Five Thousand, and Eighty-Eight dollars (\$30,105,088.00)? Should the article be defeated, the default budget shall be Thirty Million, Fifty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy-Three dollars (\$30,058,573.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pelham School District or by law; or the 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
(5-0-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
(10-0-0)*

Article 1 Explanation:

This Warrant Article addresses the funds needed in the operating budget to continue to provide quality programming for the students in the Pelham School District and to continue to move forward in inspiring success one mind at a time. This budget is a 4.9% increase over last year with the increase primarily attributed to the debt services for the Pelham High School bond but with reductions in salaries and benefits due to decreased enrollment. Warrant Article 1 (operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed in any other Warrant Articles.

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to One Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for educating educationally disabled children previously established in 2014? This sum to come from the June 30, 2015 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2015. No amount to be raised from taxation. *(Majority vote required).*

*Recommended by the School Board
(5-0-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
(10-1-0)*

Article 2 Explanation:

This Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) is used only for the purpose of educating educationally disabled students. The costs of educating these students can often be very unpredictable and expensive, and this reserve fund would allow the School District to pay these costs that are legally required without reducing funds allocated elsewhere in the operating budget. This CRF will only be funded if funds are remaining from the 2014-15 school year (FY15) operating budget.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for school building maintenance previously established in 1999? This sum to come from the June 30, 2015 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2015. No amount to be raised from taxation. *(Majority vote required).*

*Recommended by the School Board
(5-0-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
(10-1-0)*

Article 3 Explanation:

This Warrant Article would allow the District to transfer up to \$25,000 of unspent funds from FY15 into the building maintenance CRF to fund unanticipated maintenance repairs or expenditures.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Pelham School District vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5% of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II? Such fund balance retained may only be used to reduce the tax rate or for emergencies to be approved by the Department of Education under RSA 32:11. *(Majority vote required).*

*Recommended by the School Board
(5-0-0)*

*Not Recommended by the Budget Committee
(2-8-0)*

Article 4 Explanation:

This Article would allow the School District to retain unexpended funds at the end of the fiscal year, for one year at a time, up to the amount of the surplus or 2.5% of the Net Assessment (whichever is less). Funds retained under this statute are designed to help the District in stabilizing the tax rate by returning funds to the tax payer the following year to lower the tax impact or to be used for unforeseen emergencies. These funds can only be used for emergency purposes with the approval of the School Board, Budget Committee and NH Department of Education.

ARTICLE 5 (By Petition)

To see if the Pelham School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand (\$34,000.00) to provide Child Benefit Services to 55 Pelham school children (Grades K – 8) attending Saint Patrick Catholic School? *(Majority vote required).*

No Position was taken by the School Board No Position was taken by the Budget Committee

Article 5 Explanation:

As defined by RSA 189:49, these funds can be used for nursing, health, guidance, testing, transportation, textbooks, health & welfare, driver's education, programs for children with disabilities, physical education and hot lunch service for the 55 Pelham children attending St. Patrick School. These funds are not provided this school year as a result of the vote last year, but have been in the past.

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
 TOWN OF
PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 March 10, 2015

Melinda Bastoni
 MELISSA BASTONI,
 SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. To vote, fill in the oval(s) opposite your choice(s) like this
2. 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

DEBORAH RYAN

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

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Recommended by the School Board (5-0-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (10-0-0)

YES
 NO

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No Position was taken by the School Board
No Position was taken by the Budget Committee

YES
 NO

- *NOTES* -

Board of Selectman
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Pelham, NH 03076

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