

Pelham Youth Council Chapter Constitution

Article I

Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Pelham Youth Council (“PYC”).

Section 2. The PYC shall serve at the discretion and under the jurisdiction of the Pelham Board of Selectmen (“BOS”).

Article II

Purpose

Section 1. The purposes of this organization shall be:

- (a) To promote the principles of good citizenship and good government in the youth of Pelham, New Hampshire;
- (b) To encourage Pelham’s youth to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community;
- (c) To provide an open forum for the youth concerning matters of public interest;
- (d) To encourage service-minded young people to serve their community without personal financial reward; and
- (e) To open a direct line of communication between the youth of Pelham and the BOS.

Article III

Representative

Section 1. A designated representative of the PYC will attend official public BOS meetings and communicate between the PYC and the BOS.

Section 2. A designated representative of the BOS will attend official meetings of the PYC and communicate between the BOS and the PYC. This BOS Representative will be responsible for selecting PYC members along with the Town Administrator, providing opportunities for the PYC to interact with leaders and members of the community, listening to PYC concerns and conveying them to the BOS, and the like.

Article IV

Membership

Section 1. The PYC shall be comprised of 7 students:

- (a) The Student Body President of Pelham High School will have an automatic seat.

- (b) 1 member will be selected from each grade of Pelham High School.
- (c) 1 member will be selected from Pelham Memorial School.
- (d) 1 member will be selected at large from students that are either home schooled or attend a specialty school. If no such student applies or is suitable, then 1 additional Pelham Memorial School student will be selected to complete the membership.

Section 2. Membership is based upon:

- (a) Academic standing. Members must maintain at least athletic eligibility to join and remain on the PYC.
- (b) Involvement in the community.
- (c) Teacher, coach, employer, and/or community leader recommendations.

Section 3. Selection process:

- (a) Pelham High School Student Body President receives an automatic seat.
- (b) Remaining members are selected by the BOS Representative and the Town Administrator by application process.

Article V Meetings

Section 1. Members of the PYC shall meet at least once per month. Monthly meeting dates and times will be established by the PYC and the BOS Representative as needs dictate.

Section 2. Meetings are open to all interested persons, not just members of the PYC.

Section 3. Attendance. Members are expected to attend all meetings. In the event that a member is unable to attend a meeting, he or she should communicate that fact to the PYC and the BOS Representative with at least 24 hours' notice whenever possible. Failure to attend meetings on a regular basis can result in a member's removal from the PYC, and the PYC and the BOS accepting applications for the vacancy.

Article VI Officers

Section 1. The council officers shall include the following:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President
- (c) Secretary

(d) Treasurer

Section 2. Officers will be elected by the PYC and require the approval of the BOS Representative.

Section 3. The term of office is one school year, as defined by the Pelham School Board.

Article VII Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the council. It shall be the duty of the President to direct the activities of the organization and ensure that all meetings are conducted in an orderly fashion.

Section 2. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President when he or she is absent.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall, with the help of the BOS Representative, handle all money belonging to the council and shall maintain an accurate record of financial transactions.

Section 5. All officers and the BOS Representative will have editing authority on the PYC Facebook and Twitter pages. As part of their responsibilities, they must regularly update and monitor the same.

Article VIII Constitution

Section 1. Any amendment to this Constitution must be presented by a member or the BOS Representative in the form of a motion during a monthly meeting. It must then be placed on the table until the following meeting, at which time it will be voted on. With the approval of the BOS Representative, it will be effective provided it is passed by a majority vote of members voting, so long as a quorum of at least 5 members is present.