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**APPROVED  
TOWN OF PELHAM  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN – MEETING MINUTES  
January 5, 2021**

26 **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Haverty called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm

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PRESENT: Robert Haverty, Heather Forde, Hal Lynde, Jaie Bergeron, Kevin Cote, Town Administrator Brian McCarthy

ABSENT: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MINUTES REVIEW:**

**December 15, 2020**

**MOTION:** (Forde/Lynde) To approve the December 15, 2020 meeting minutes as amended.

**VOTE:** (5-0-0) The motion carried.

**OPEN FORUM**

Representative Hershel Nunez came forward to speak to the Board. He first thanked the Board for the opportunity and wished everyone a happy New Year. He encouraged everyone to keep up to date on health information and try to stay healthy. Mr. Nunez introduced the new Representative Denise Smith, who is a Pelham resident. She stated that she is looking forward to representing the Town. Mr. Nunez then stated that after the elections finished up, they moved into organization day where Representative Dick Hench was elected to Speaker of the House, which was his long-time dream. Mr. Nunez informed that unfortunately, after performing his duties at one session, Mr. Hench passed away the following Monday. He stated that Mr. Hench was a great man that mentored Mr. Nunez, instilling many of the values that he has today, pushing him and challenging him along the way.

Mr. Nunez stated that a new Speaker of the House would be elected at tomorrow's session. He has nominated the current Acting Speaker of the House, Sherman Packard, who was appointed as Deputy Speaker by Mr. Hench. Mr. Nunez informed that he feels confident that Mr. Packard would do a very fine job pushing forward the agenda that Mr. Hench had. Mr. Nunez informed the Board that tomorrow is the first session of the year, where Representatives will be meeting in an unprecedented manner. They will park their cars in a 6.5-acre parking lot with all of their cars socially distant. They will have microphones brought to them, placed outside of their cars, if they need to speak and will be given Wi-Fi devices to cast their votes on. He stated that they will also be voting on rule changes for how the House will operate moving forward as well as some of the senate bills that have been coming through. Currently there are over 700 bills that have been filed by legislatures this session for the House and close to 200 filed in the Senate. He informed that there would be a lot more information coming forward in the next few weeks.

Mr. Nunez then brought up a personal incident that happened between him and Mr. Dave Hennessey of the Zoning Board over social media. He stated that he has already discussed the incident with both Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Haverty. Mr. Nunez felt that a specific comment that Mr. Hennessey posted on social media was slanderous, defamatory, and offensive. Mr. Nunez felt that all appointed officials should conduct

52 himself in a knowledgeable and compassionate manner with integrity. He believes that all public officials  
53 should be held to the same morals and standards, whether they are Representatives for the State or elected  
54 to a Town position. He stated that COVID-19 is a very serious disease and that everyone needs to take a  
55 step back and understand that everyone is doing the best that they can to get through this.

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57 Mr. Haverty stated that he felt the remarks that were made by Mr. Hennessey were regrettable and  
58 irresponsible. He believes that everyone could look at their social medias and see remarks that they should  
59 not have made, but the comment made surpasses most remarks. He stated that he has been the victim of  
60 similar social media attacks, so he is sorry that happened to Mr. Nunez, and he agrees that all appointed  
61 officials should hold themselves to higher standards.

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63 Mr. Lynde agreed that the remarks made were inappropriate but was concerned about talking about the  
64 issue without Mr. Hennessey there to defend himself. Mr. Haverty stated that this is not the place to mediate  
65 disagreements, but Mr. Nunez has the right to put it on the record just as Mr. Hennessey has the right to  
66 address it at another meeting if he so chooses. Mr. Nunez stated that he is not at the meeting just to attack  
67 Mr. Hennessey, but to say that elected officials need to be held to higher standards with an obligation to  
68 rule with integrity, knowledge, and compassion. He stated that when appointed officials fall out of line,  
69 they need to be held accountable for it. Ms. Smith stated that Senate Representatives would have been asked  
70 to resign from their positions if they made similar remarks.

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72 Mr. Haverty stated that as human beings everyone should frame situations that COVID presents in a lens  
73 of compassion and understanding. Mr. Nunez stated that if Mr. Hennessey would like to address him, he  
74 could call him.

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76 Mr. Nunez asked if the Board had any other questions or comments. Mr. Bergeron stated that something  
77 needed to be done about plowing the State roads in Town, specifically Sherburne Road and Keyes Hill  
78 Road, as these roads currently need to be closed during storms because they are not plowed in a reasonable  
79 time. Mr. Nunez stated he would make some phone calls and see what he can do on the issue.

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81 Ms. Smith then asked what the proposed plan for Sherburne Road and Marsh Road would be. Mr. Cote  
82 answered that two roundabouts would be put in. Mr. Lynde stated that he was frustrated that the State  
83 approvals were not coming in for the project in a timely manner. The project is currently about a year behind  
84 schedule. Mr. Nunez stated that everything in the State is about a year behind schedule. Mr. Nunez stated  
85 he would do what he could to help move this project along.

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88 **APPOINTMENTS**

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90 **Chief Midgley and Karen McGlynn – Pandemic Update**

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92 Ms. McGlynn informed that there are currently 6,200 positive active cases in the State with 305 that are  
93 hospitalized. She stated that there have been 47,328 total cases in the State so far. In the past 7 days the  
94 State has averaged 697 positive cases a day. The current seven-day positive rate is at 11.8%. In Pelham, the  
95 State states that there are 91 active cases, but three cases came across her desk that day, so the number is  
96 closer to 94 active cases. She informed that Pelham has had a cumulative of 648 positive cases to date, with  
97 144 of those cases from the last 14 days alone. She stated that there is an expected boost in numbers in the  
98 next couple of weeks due to the recent holidays.

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100 Ms. McGlynn informed that she had a long call on Thursday with the State epidemiologist who gave  
101 information on the new variant of COVID first seen in the UK. This new variant is now very prevalent in  
102 the United States, first seen in two National Guard members in Colorado with no travel history out of the

103 United States. It has since moved into California and been seen in up-state New York. She stated that all  
104 viruses constantly change, usually with no impact, but this one has taken on a new level. It is now 70%  
105 more contagious than the current strain of COVID, but the vaccine still works on it.

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107 Ms. McGlynn stated that she has been getting a lot of questions from the public about reactions to the  
108 vaccine. The initial percent of people who had reactions was originally at 20% but has since jumped up to  
109 70%, which is still far fewer than what is seen in the flu vaccine. Ms. Forde asked for clarification on what  
110 was meant by a reaction. Ms. McGlynn answered that some people get a mild reaction that includes  
111 shortness of breath and flushing of the skin. The ingredient that causes this reaction is polyethylene glycol  
112 which is found in common household items like MiraLAX. This means that if someone has taken MiraLAX  
113 and have not had a reaction with that, they should not have a reaction to the vaccine.

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115 Ms. McGlynn stated that a lot of people have been asking her when she is getting vaccinated. She informed  
116 that the State is currently in the process of vaccinating the Group 1A, which included first responders,  
117 healthcare workers, and nursing homes. This group will continue to be vaccinated to the end of January;  
118 77% of the group has been vaccinated so far. Chief Midgley received his vaccine today and stated that he  
119 feels fine. Group 1B will be comprised of anyone 75 years or older, especially medically vulnerable people  
120 with 2 or more conditions. This group will be vaccinated from January through March. Group 2A will be  
121 comprised of those aged 65 to 71 as well as K-12 school aged children and childcare staff. This group will  
122 be vaccinated from March through May. Group 2B will also be vaccinated from March through May and  
123 will consist of those aged 50 through 65. Group 3A will contain anyone under 50 with moderate risk  
124 conditions. They will be vaccinated starting in May. Group 3B, containing everyone else, will be vaccinated  
125 after that. It will be important to pay attention to the news and to people's doctors as they move forward  
126 with vaccinations. As the vaccine becomes readily available, it will be sent out to local pharmacies and  
127 doctors' offices.

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129 Mr. Haverty asked for clarification on if the public will need to keep wearing masks. He had heard that the  
130 vaccine treats the symptoms not the virus. Ms. McGlynn replied that the message she received from the  
131 State Department of Health and the CDC is that currently people will still need to wear the masks because  
132 after the first dose people will still be able to contract the virus and spread it. Seven days after the second  
133 dose you should be immune, but the CDC is still encouraging people to wear their masks at that time. It is  
134 predicated that by Fall there should be more of an idea on when people can stop wearing masks.

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136 Mr. Haverty stated that he shared a study with Ms. McGlynn that contained information stating that it is  
137 extremely difficult if not impossible for asymptomatic people to transmit the virus. Ms. McGlynn replied  
138 that this study was a very early study that was done, and she has been reading very many throughout this  
139 virus. One theory on how they got the results of that study was that the virus did not have the strength that  
140 it does now. Another theory is that the people used in the study were quarantined after they were most  
141 contagious. Many studies now have found that 20% of people are asymptomatic, but that those people often  
142 have larger viral loads in their sinuses than symptomatic people at the time that they are the most contagious.  
143 This means that they can still spread the virus without knowing they have it, which is another reason why  
144 everyone should be wearing masks.

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146 Mr. Haverty asked that if the ingredient that is causing the reaction is consistent among all of the vaccines.  
147 Ms. McGlynn replied that it is. Mr. Bergeron asked if people will need to get the vaccine next year as well.  
148 Ms. McGlynn stated that that is unknown at this time. The longevity of the vaccine is not clear but will  
149 become more prevalent as time goes on. There will be some changes as time goes on and more people begin  
150 to get vaccinated. She stated that travel restrictions might begin to loosen as the majority of people begin  
151 to become vaccinated. She stated that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

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153 Chief Midgely wanted to clarify more on the reactions to the vaccine. He stated that when “adverse  
154 reaction” is stated, it does not mean that people will go into anaphylactic shock. It means that people will  
155 have mild reactions of fatigue, headaches, and muscle aches. Currently about 7% of people are fatigued  
156 after the shot, 64% develop muscle aches, and 50% get a headache. These mild symptoms last about 24  
157 hours as the body is producing proteins to develop an immune response. After these 24 hours people should  
158 start to feel back to normal.

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160 Chief Midgely informed that on a national level, not much has changed. Vermont is still doing relatively  
161 well with Rhode Island doing poorly. The severe outbreaks are still in the Central United States and  
162 Midwest regions. He stated that the maximum headroom for ICU beds in New Hampshire and  
163 Massachusetts is of extreme concern. The last time he reported on ICU headroom, only 35-37% of the ICU  
164 beds had been used. ICU beds are now at 75-76% capacity, which means there is not a lot of places to go  
165 from here. The State is keeping its current plans but keeping alternative care centers as an option.

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167 Chief Midgely stated that Public Safety and Public Health Care Workers are being vaccinated. The Fire  
168 Department is at about 90% compliance at this time. He stated that everyone at the station has been doing  
169 their own research, and not just taking the vaccine because someone told them to. He stated that it is very  
170 significant that he took the vaccine, as he was a strong ‘no’ at the beginning, as there was not a lot of  
171 research available at the time. He now urged everyone, especially those with preexisting medical conditions,  
172 to think about taking the vaccine. He wanted everyone to do their own research. He informed that a number  
173 of health individuals and firefighters have died from COVID this past year. He stated that some who were  
174 completely healthy who got it are still struggling with the aftereffects of the virus three months down the  
175 line. He urged everyone to take this seriously. He stated that himself and Ms. McGlynn were available if  
176 anyone had any questions.

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178 Ms. McGlynn added that even those who were asymptomatic have been found to have cloudy lesions on  
179 their hearts and lungs two months after they contracted the virus. She reiterated the importance of wearing  
180 masks and that the virus is very serious even if someone does not have any outward symptoms.

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183 **Jeff Gowan – Update on the Hudson Logistic Center Project**

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185 Mr. Jeff Gowan, the Planning Director, came forward to discuss what he has learned from attending  
186 Hudson’s Planning Board meetings regarding the proposed Logistic Center Project. He sent the Board a  
187 memo with documents from the Nashua Regional Planning Commission’s Executive Director and  
188 Transportation Planner analyzing all of the information presented. He has also reviewed a lot of material  
189 from the meetings. He informed that Hudson has a really good website that presents the information in a  
190 well-organized fashion. The website includes presentations from the applicants as well as the peer reviews  
191 that have taken place from a number of different agencies.

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193 Mr. Gowan informed that there are three proposed buildings for the project with the first two being occupied  
194 by Amazon. There is currently no tenant for the third building at this time. He explained that traffic studies  
195 are done using the ITE industry standard. This looks at the traffic count across the world, creating an  
196 equation that connects square footage of buildings to the trips taken by employees to and from the buildings.  
197 Using the worst case scenario number from the ITE standard, they came up with 1,400 employee trips per  
198 day with about 3% of those employees heading south from the facility with the possibility of going through  
199 Pelham. He stated that this is a fairly inconsequential number. He informed that the proposal states that  
200 there will be no large 18-wheeler trucks going through small communities like Pelham. There may be the  
201 occasional box truck that goes through, but no large trucks.

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203 Mr. Gowan stated that there was some misconception about the proposal. People believed that the applicants  
204 were basing their numbers off of 40% capacity, which did not make sense to the residents. The applicants  
205 stated that they plan to occupy the facility at 40% capacity normally, but the traffic studies were done on  
206 the worst case scenario with 100% capacity, as the building could reach 100% capacity during peak times,  
207 like the holidays. Mr. Gowan stated that residents were also concerned about large trucks coming through  
208 small communities if the highways were blocked off due to accidents. Mr. Gowan informed that the  
209 applicant gave “cagey answers” to the question, so it is not entirely certain if there is any rare chance that  
210 a large truck could come through a small community. The Nashua Regional Planning Commission sent a  
211 letter stating that they did not feel that there would be a significant amount of travel through Pelham to get  
212 to the facility.

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214 Mr. Gowan stated that the Board had previously mentioned the possibility of hiring their own traffic  
215 consultant to review the project. Mr. Gowan did not feel that this was necessary, as there were a lot of eyes  
216 on the project already. All that a traffic consultant could do is review the other reviews that have been done  
217 on the project and then state if they agree with those reviews or not. He stated that the Nashua Regional  
218 Planning Commission had some issues with the traffic analyses that were done, but specifically on the  
219 impact to the center of Hudson, not to surrounding communities.

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221 Mr. Cote asked what role Pelham had in the project. Mr. Gowan replied that since the project is of regional  
222 impact, Pelham has abutter standing. This means that Pelham has the opportunity to go to meetings and  
223 engage with the Board and the applicants regarding the project. Mr. Haverly stated that he trusted Mr.  
224 Gowan’s assessment that they do not need to hire their own traffic consultant. Mr. Gowan stated that if  
225 anyone had any additional questions to reach out to him and he would be happy to answer.

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227 Mr. Cote had an additional topic he wanted to discuss with Mr. Gowan separate from the Hudson Logistic  
228 Center Project. He asked if it would be possible to record site walks that occur for the Planning Board and  
229 Zoning Board for public record. Mr. Gowan replied that there is a common misnomer that video records  
230 are records of a meeting, when it is the written minutes that each board works hard to ensure are correct  
231 and accurate. He stated that site walks are not an instance for any board to make a decision at. The  
232 Conservation Commission is a little different, as they are an advisory board. He stated that there would also  
233 be a significant cost increase associated with video taping site walks. Mr. Gowan informed that the minutes  
234 from site walks need only record which properties were visited, who was present at the walk including  
235 abutters, and a very general discussion on what took place. He did not feel that it was necessary to video  
236 tape site walks.

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238 Mr. Haverly stated that the Chairmen for the Boards are responsible for restricting conversation on site  
239 walks. Site walks are there for a specific reason – to look at a set of conditions and possibly listen to an  
240 engineer. They are not a place for questions for the Board and there should not be discussion from the  
241 abutters to the Board. Mr. Gowan agreed with this. Any questions or discussion should be saved for the  
242 meeting. Mr. Lynde agreed with this and stated that more site walks rather than fewer would be beneficial.  
243 Mr. Gowan stated that if the Board requested, he could have the handwritten minutes typed if they wanted  
244 to add the additional hours so that it is in a cleaner record.

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247 **DISCUSSIONS**

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249 **Farmers Market Request.**

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251 Ms. Jenny Larson, the Chair of the Agriculture Commission, came forward. She stated that they had a lot  
252 of people come forward stating they are interested in being involved in a subcommittee for a Farmers  
253 Market. Currently, the Agriculture Commission is very busy with other topics that they want to get done

254 for the Town, so they would like to create a subcommittee that is entirely focused solely on the Farmers  
255 Market. She informed that it has been a couple of years since Pelham has had a Farmers Market, but they  
256 have learned from the hiccups that the previous one presented. The Agriculture Commission has a meeting  
257 on Thursday where Ms. Charlene Takesian, who was a member of the Pelham Spirit Committee, is going  
258 to attend the meeting to further discuss what worked and did not work in the previous Farmers Market.

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260 Mr. Haverly asked Mr. McCarthy what the appropriate avenue forward would be. Mr. McCarthy stated that  
261 he would need to check with Attorney Ratigan if it would be possible to create a subcommittee and if the  
262 Agriculture Commission would be able to appoint members of the subcommittee. Ms. Forde asked if it was  
263 possible to just get a group of volunteers together to coordinate the Farmers Market with one member of  
264 the Agriculture Commission leading them. Mr. McCarthy was in support of this. Ms. Larson replied that  
265 the issue is that there is a lot of legal work that needs to get done, and if it is comprised of volunteers,  
266 volunteers dwindle out over time.

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268 Ms. Takesian stated that the Pelham Community Spirit did not need a subcommittee, but they are not a  
269 Town appointed committee. They were an independent group, so they were able to do what they wanted as  
270 long as they met the regulations for the Farmers Market. Mr. McCarthy asked if it was needed to form a  
271 subcommittee for the Farmers Market. Ms. Larson stated that this was discussed at their meeting last month.  
272 They felt that volunteers would not be committed long term. The Agricultural Commodities of Farmers  
273 Markets, which is under the Division of Regulatory Services Department of Agriculture, Markets, and  
274 Food, recommended forming a subcommittee. They stated that it is better to have designated individuals  
275 whose sole purpose is only for the Farmers Market so that it lasts and does not dwindle down. Mr. McCarthy  
276 asked Ms. Larson to send him all of her information on the Farmers Market for him to forward to Attorney  
277 Ratigan to get his input on how to proceed.

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279 Mr. Haverly stated that he had a lot of questions on the logistics of the Farmers Market but wanted to table  
280 further discussion on that until they had more planned out.

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283 **Revision Energy Contract update.**

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285 Mr. McCarthy stated that at the previous discussion regarding the Revision Energy Contract Mr. Cote had  
286 some questions on what the sticking points were on the contract that were keeping it from being moved  
287 forward. Mr. McCarthy informed that the first point was that Revision Energy wanted there to be  
288 confidentiality of their investors and not part of the Town record. This is not possible as it is a public  
289 document that the Town and public has a right to have a full copy of and see everything. The second point  
290 was that Revision Energy put a clause in the contract stating that the Town needed to get permission from  
291 them to discuss certain aspects of the contract publicly. Attorney Ratigan was absolutely against this.  
292 Attorney Ratigan talked with their contact from Revision energy about previous contracts done in similar  
293 towns. They will be going over the old contracts used and hope to send it out to them in the next week.  
294 Once the contract is sent over, they can put it on the next agenda for review.

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297 **Cistern Repair Expenditure requests.**

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299 Mr. McCarthy stated there is a request to expend money from the Cistern Repair Capital Reserve to pay  
300 some bills that came in. The first bill was from Associated Concrete Coatings for concrete joint sealers for  
301 a total of \$3,200.00. The second bill was from True Value in Pelham for \$14.03. The last bill was from  
302 Pelham Building Supply for \$5.95. The total request is for \$3,219.98.

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304 **MOTION:** (Cote/Lynde) To approve the spending of \$3,219.98 from the Cistern Repair Capital  
305 Reserve Fund.

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307 **VOTE:** (5-0-0) The motion carried.  
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310 **Pelham 275<sup>th</sup> Celebration update.**  
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312 Mr. McCarthy stated that the last time this was discussed, COVID was not around. He questioned what the  
313 status of the celebration is now that COVID is so prevalent and if the vaccine would have an effect. Ms.  
314 Forde stated that she has reached out to the Pelham Historic Society and they have started to come up with  
315 some ideas. One idea was to have a gallery display at Town Hall and possibly the Library, as there are some  
316 building issues at the Historic Society that might prohibit them from using that space. They also had the  
317 idea of possibly creating a little competition to see if people could come up with some artifacts or paintings  
318 from throughout the years past. She stated they also wanted to reach out to the schools to see if they could  
319 give the kids some assignments on the history of some of the buildings in town. She informed that  
320 everything they had discussed has been under the notion that things will be at a lower capacity. The date of  
321 the anniversary of Pelham is July 5<sup>th</sup>.

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323 Mr. Cote stated that last year was the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of the pilgrims. People had been  
324 planning a celebration for three years, but it could not happen due to COVID. He does not think this event  
325 should be cancelled.

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327 Ms. Forde stated she had received emails from a few people in Town about the event, but until they have a  
328 better handle on the situation she wanted to hold off. She informed that the next step would be to reach out  
329 to the schools and the VFW to see what capacity they wanted to help.

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332 **Re cap on FY 2020.**  
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334 Mr. McCarthy informed that the Town ended up with a little more surplus than anticipated and all  
335 departments came in under budget. He stated that with the addition of the CARES Act money from the  
336 State they were able to replenish the Emergency Management line item that the Town over expended on  
337 due to COVID. He stated that the year closed in very well. He commended all of the departments and staff  
338 for their due diligence and their adherence of trying to only spend on the essentials.

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340 Mr. Lynde asked why the date on the end of the year report was December 26, 2020 and not December 31,  
341 2020. Mr. McCarthy replied that it was due to the way Accufund runs reports. The program does not go by  
342 calendar years. He is currently working with Mr. Demers, the IT Administrator, to get the number tied  
343 down in the next couple of days. He stated that this number is very close to the final end of year number, it  
344 is just off by five days.

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346 Mr. Lynde asked how Legal overspent by \$20,000.00. Mr. McCarthy replied that the number was closer to  
347 \$12,000.00 - \$15,000.00. The main reason for this was that each year the Town allots for about three land  
348 use cases per year; this year the Town had 6-7 cases which is unprecedented. He also said that some of the  
349 over expenditure came from internal reviews that were done.

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352 **Review of Curbside Trash Bids.**  
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354 Mr. McCarthy stated that there were three responses to the RFP put out. One response came from Republic  
355 and the other two came from Waste Management. Mr. Cote stated that the current contract for the Transfer  
356 Station was \$75 per ton for waste and \$40 per ton for recycling at year one with a 3% increase for years 3-  
357 5. Mr. Cote stated that it looked like the new contracts were going to charge \$110 per ton for recyclables,  
358 which is more than double what the Town is currently paying.  
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360 Mr. Cote believed the overall cost for curbside pickup would be much more than the companies were  
361 stating. He called the Assessor's Office and got an estimate of 4,700 units in Pelham. Both companies were  
362 going to charge \$50 a bin, which each unit needing two bins bringing the estimated cost to at least a half a  
363 million-dollar investment. Mr. Haverty stated that the contracts were using 3,500 units in their estimates,  
364 and not 4,700. The Board acknowledged that the estimated cost of switching to curbside pickup would be  
365 greater than \$1.5 million dollars in the first year alone.  
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367 Mr. McCarthy stated that this research was done to see if there was a financial feasibility to move to curbside  
368 pickup. He believed that the current estimates for transitioning were unobtainable for the Town. The  
369 majority of projects that get done in Town are on an as-need basis, where this project is more of a  
370 convenience and not a need. Ms. Forde stated that before this, the Board was not aware of any other options  
371 available to them. They wanted to see what options were out there; this gave them an idea. She stated that  
372 she did not see curbside trash pickup as a viable option moving forward for the Town. Mr. Cote agreed with  
373 this. Mr. Cote stated that he was disappointed in only seeing two quotes come back to them. He stated that  
374 he believed it would be beneficial to see what other towns are doing with their transfer stations.  
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376 Mr. Cote started to discuss the transfer station portion of the Waste Management contract. He stated that  
377 the cost of recyclables would be \$160 per ton, which is four times the current cost. He stated that the current  
378 contract is not up for another two years, so they have time to research other options.  
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380 Mr. Lynde stated that he believed there was more that could be done. He stated that the Town could start  
381 separating the trash out again. He stated that there were some options where companies would pay for some  
382 of the recyclables up to a certain amount. He asked if it was possible for the Town to transfer the garbage  
383 to the site. He recognized that there is an additional cost associated with this but could be beneficial in the  
384 long run to the Town. Mr. Lynde also brought up the idea of encouraging residents to do compost piles,  
385 which would take roughly 20% of the weight out of trash. He would be interested in helping research  
386 alternate ideas.  
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388 Mr. Haverty stated that he did not want to make going to the transfer station an onerous experience for the  
389 residents where they would need six bins in their kitchen to separate out tin cans from plastic from paper  
390 etc. He wanted to make sure that they did not make going to the dump difficult for residents. Mr. Lynde  
391 stated that they previously separated out the trash before, and it could be an option moving forward. He  
392 stated that they would not force people to separate their trash and recyclables from each other, but those  
393 that wanted to do it could and those that did not want to do not have to. He stated that those who felt strongly  
394 about recycling could at least have the option to separate theirs out.  
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396 Mr. Bergeron stated that he is glad to know the rough numbers and acknowledged that curbside pickup was  
397 not a route the Town would pursue. He stated that they now need to focus on how to lower the cost by either  
398 recycling more, getting their own truck, hiring someone who has a truck to cut out some of the middle-men  
399 costs, or exploring other options.  
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401 Mr. Haverty asked the Board if curbside pickup was definitely off the table, which the Board agreed with.  
402 Ms. Forde stated that it might be beneficial to include the Agriculture Commission in future talks, as they  
403 would be a valuable resource to go to especially when discussing options like composting.  
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405 Mr. McCarthy stated that they would evaluate over the coming year with Mr. Frank Ferreira of the Highway  
406 Department to see what they could do to improve the Transfer Station. He also suggested using NEER, who  
407 evaluated the current operation at the Transfer Station, to help guide the Town with some of the changes  
408 being proposed.

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411 **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR / SELECTMEN REPORTS**

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413 Mr. McCarthy stated that there would be a public hearing on a petition for a Class V Highway layout on a  
414 portion of Campbell Road. The public hearing will be held on January 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Sherburne  
415 Hall. The information for attending the meeting virtually can be found on the Town webpage at  
416 pelhamweb.com. The public hearing should be held by the Board of Selectmen to hear all the evidence  
417 regarding a petition for the highway layout submitted to the Selectmen on December 16, 2020. He informed  
418 that the petition requests that a Class V public road be laid out by the Selectmen across a section of a class  
419 VI private road known as Campbell Road for the purpose of providing Class V public road access. A copy  
420 of the proposed highway layout can be viewed on the Town's webpage. The public is welcome to provide  
421 input on the proposed highway petition.

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423 Mr. Cote wished everyone a happy New Year.

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425 Ms. Forde had nothing to report.

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427 Mr. Bergeron had nothing to report.

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429 Mr. Lynde stated that the Planning Board approved three articles to go on the warrant. Mr. Cote and Mr.  
430 Haverty corrected that there are only two articles approved to go on the warrant. He also stated that he was  
431 glad to be at the meeting in person, as he has been zooming in.

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433 Mr. Haverty had nothing to report.

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436 **REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

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438 **MOTION:** (Forde/Cote) Request for a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II, a (personnel).

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440 **VOTE:** (5-0-0) The motion carried.

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442 It was noted that when the Board returned, after the non-public session, the Board would not take any other  
443 action publicly, except to possibly seal the minutes of the non-public session and to adjourn the meeting.  
444 The Board entered a non-public session at approximately 8:20 pm.

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446 **MOTION:** (Forde/Cote) To leave the non-public session.

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448 **VOTE:** (5-0-0) The motion carried.

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450 The Board returned to public session at approximately 9:20 pm.

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452 **MOTION:** (Forde/Cote) To indefinitely seal the minutes of the non-public session.

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454 **VOTE:** (5-0-0) The motion carried.

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456 **ADJOURNMENT**

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458 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Jordyn M. Isabelle

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Recording Secretary

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