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OPEN FORUM

Beth Juson – Ms. Juson explained that she is coming to the Board to express her concern regarding the ATV Park proposal at the Gumpas Tower Hill Road. She explained that she has seen the damage that ATVs can cause on the trails and is concerned with the negative impacts it may have on conservation land, animals, soil, and wetlands. She stated that the proposed trails are not secluded or confined and are also closely networked to the Gumpas Pond Brook. Ms. Juson asked if the board could have the OHRV Committee mail their proposal to the homes in the near by neighborhoods.

Chairwoman Corbett stated that there has been no formal proposal of an OHRV package before the Board of Selectmen, so they would prefer to not hear from the public regarding this matter until it is a formal proposal. She explained that when and if that time comes, they will hold a formal hearing for the public to state their opinions.

John Walter – Mr. Walter also wanted to discuss the ATV Park proposal. Mr. Walter read a letter on behalf of some of the residents of the Gumpas Pond Association. The letter expressed their concern regarding the ATV Park proposal and how it would affect the conservation land.

Nathan Boutwell – Mr. Boutwell also wanted to discuss the ATV Park proposal. Mr. Boutwell also had concerns about the proposal and how it could affect the land. Mr. Boutwell also raised concerns about the noise and disruption it could cause.

Ray Brunelle – Mr. Brunelle also wanted to discuss the ATV Park proposal. Mr. Brunelle explained that he believes the ATV Park could be a positive thing for people in the Town, especially for children.

Michelle Cooke – Ms. Cooke also wanted to discuss the ATV Park proposal. Ms. Cooke explained that the ATV Park could cause a lot of issues for the wildlife in the area.

Chairwoman Corbett called open forum to end at approximately 7:00 pm.

APPOINTMENTS

Linda Newcomb: Swearing-in of Pelham fire fighters Adam Hamilton, Gregory Hein and Levi Richards

Chief Midgley introduced the three new fire fighters.

Gregory Hein was sworn in as a fire fighter for the Town of Pelham by Linda Newcomb.

Levi Richards was sworn in as a fire fighter for the Town of Pelham by Linda Newcomb.

94 Adam Hamilton was sworn in as a fire fighter for the Town of Pelham by Linda Newcomb.

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97 **Acceptance of Highway Block Grant funds totaling \$278,765.78**

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99 Chairwoman Corbett stated that the Town of Pelham has been awarded \$278,765.78 and a one-
100 time additional highway grant moneys through Senate Bill 401. These funds were received on
101 August 15th. Chairwoman Corbett recommended that the Board vote in accordance with RSA
102 31:95-B to accept and expend the unanticipated funds.

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104 **MOTION:** (Takesian/Croteau) To accept the \$278,765.5 for the Highway Block Grant

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106 **VOTE:** (4-0-0) The motion carried.

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109 **Acceptance of unanticipated funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the**
110 **amount of \$1,488,687.80**

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112 Chairwoman Corbett stated that the Town was in receivership of unanticipated ARPA moneys
113 back in 2021. Historical minutes determined the ARPA application submission as well as the
114 receipt of the first tranche amounting to \$743,343.40 was discussed in the two meetings in July
115 and August that year, however they were never formally voted to accept the funds. Additionally,
116 Chairwoman Corbett wanted to inform the Board of the second tranche amounting to
117 \$744,343.40 was received on August 3, 2022.

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119 **MOTION:** (Croteau/Takesian) To accept and expend the ARPA funds amounting to
120 \$1,488,687.80.

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122 **VOTE:** (4-0-0) The motion carried.

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125 **State Settlement with Janssen Pharmaceuticals/Johnson & Johnson - Opioid Epidemic**

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127 Chairwoman Corbett stated that the New Hampshire Department of Justice has negotiated a State
128 Settlement of all the State's Opioid claims against Janssen Pharmaceuticals and Johnson &
129 Johnson. The settlement requires those monies to pay \$39,605,000 of which \$31,500,00 of that
130 amount will be dedicated exclusively to abate the Opioid Epidemic in the State. The Town of
131 Pelham has been requested to participate in the settlement as a primary non-litigating subdivision
132 defined by a population of greater than 10,000 and because Pelham has not filed a lawsuit
133 against the involved parties.

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135 **MOTION:** (Bergeron/Croteau) The Board of Selectmen agree to participate in the New
136 Hampshire Department of Justice Janssen settlement as a primary non-litigating
137 subdivision to apply for and accept future funds from the New Hampshire opioid
138 abatement trust fund.

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140 **VOTE:** (4-0-0) The motion carried.

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143 **Cemetery Trustee applicants**

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145 Donna Allen – Chairwoman Corbett asked Ms. Allen why she was applying for the Cemetery
146 Trustees. Ms. Allen stated that she cares about the cemetery as she has family members buried
147 there. She also stated that her father ran Derby Monument for a long period of time and as they
148 would visit different cemeteries, she realized how nice Gibson Cemetery is in comparison. Her
149 father was also a trustee at one point.

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151 Chairwoman Corbett asked Ms. Allen if there were any changes she would like to see made to
152 the cemetery. Ms. Allen stated that there are no changes as of now, as she believes it is one of the
153 nicest around and she would like to see it remain that way.

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156 Richard Jensesn – Mr. Jensen stated he would like to be reinstated as a trustee, as he was a
157 trustee for many years and Chairman of the Board at one point as well. He explained that he now
158 has more time in his schedule to be involved as a trustee again.

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160 Mr. Croteau asked when the last time Mr. Jensen ran for trustee was. Mr. Jensen stated he was a
161 write-in in the last election. Mr. Croteau asked if there were any changes he would like to see
162 made. Mr. Jensen stated that he would like to require more property, as part of the trustee's job is
163 to plan for the future.

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166 Lance Willette – Chairwoman Corbett asked Mr. Willette why he was applying for the position.
167 Mr. Willette explained that after meeting with current and past Board members he was inspired
168 to run for the position. He also explained that he has helped the Board in the past and is eager to
169 learn more about the position and help the Town. He also stated he has a vast knowledge of
170 exterior and lawn care.

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172 **MOTION:** (Croteau/Bergeron) To appoint Richard Jensen as a Cemetery Trustee until 2025.

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174 **VOTE:** (3-0-1) The motion carried.

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177 **Agricultural Commission: Noise Ordinance changes/amendments**

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179 Ms. Masse-Quinn explained that on August 9, 2022 Ms. Larson approached the Board requesting
180 to update the Town's noise ordinance with a farmer's exemption. She explained that the Board of
181 Selectmen then told Ms. Larson to have the Agricultural Commission conduct more research
182 regarding the issue and then come back to present the information. Ms. Masse-Quinn explained
183 that they found information from surrounding towns who have similar farming exemptions from
184 their noise regulations. Towns like Hudson, Londonderry, Jackson, Woodstock, Gorham, and
185 others all have farming and agricultural exemptions to their noise ordinances.

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187 Ms. Masse-Quinn requested that the Board reviews the research and proposal brought to them by
188 the Agricultural Commission and submit a draft of the proposed changes of the noise ordinance
189 to Legal for review.

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191 Ms. Takesian asked Ms. Masse-Quinn if she changed any other wording of the current noise
192 ordinance besides adding the farming and agricultural exemption. Ms. Masse-Quinn stated that
193 she also made a few other minor word and lettering changes in the proposed new ordinance, as
194 there were a few errors she noticed.

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196 Ms. Takesian asked for clarification from the Board if the correct terminology was “noise
197 ordinance” or “noise regulation”. Mr. Croteau stated that he believes “noise ordinance” is the
198 correct terminology.

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200 Chairwoman Corbett suggested that farmers talk with their neighbors regarding the noise
201 ordinance. She explained that even if they were to make changes, it may be helpful to have for
202 farmers to have a conversation to educate people and work out any issues. Ms. Masse-Quinn
203 agreed that it was a good idea.

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205 **MOTION:** (Takesian/Bergeron) To accept the Pelham noise ordinance as amended by the
206 Agricultural Commission

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208 **VOTE:** (4-0-0) The motion carried.

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211 **SELECTMEN AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

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213 **Mr. Bergeron** had nothing to report.

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215 **Town Administrator Roark** had nothing to report.

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217 **Chairwoman Corbett** had nothing to report.

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219 **Ms. Takesian** wanted to thank the Lightning Landscape and Arrow Container Services for
220 cleaning up Pulpit Rock Monument. She also stated that the Council on Aging’s pickleball courts
221 are expected to be open for use by October 16th. She explained that they hope to raise enough
222 money for containment on the courts by spring. The Community Thrift Store is now open
223 Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm and Fridays from 9:00 am to noon. It is
224 closed on weekends and holidays. They accept donations, and request you call to make an
225 appointment before bringing by any donations. The Farmer’s Market closing date is October
226 22nd, and there is a Halloween theme that Saturday. Pelham Community Spirit has begun
227 planning this year’s festival and are looking for tree donations and volunteers.

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229 **Mr. Croteau** wanted to thank the public for coming out and making their voices heard during
230 the meeting.

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REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLIC SESSION

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

ROLLCALL VOTE:

- Chairwoman Corbett – Yes
- Selectman Bergeron – Yes
- Selectman Croteau– Yes
- Selectmen Takesian – Yes

(4-0-0) The motion carried.

It was noted that when the Board returned, after the non-public session, the Board would not take any other action publicly, except to seal the minutes of the non-public session and to adjourn the meeting. The Board entered a non-public session at approximately 7:53 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Makayla Clougherty
Recording Secretary