



46 Chairman Cote stated that this proposed ordinance is not intended to limit the ability of dogs to  
47 accompany citizens when utilizing common areas of Town of Pelham parks and athletic fields  
48 for recreation and observing athletic events. This proposed ordinance does seek to specify that no  
49 dogs are allowed on athletic areas like fields, courts, playgrounds, and courses, to limit sanitary  
50 and safety concerns as well as prevent possible damage to athletic fields.

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52 Janet Walters, 16 Plower Road, stated that she wants to know who initiated this policy as far as  
53 athletic fields, and why the Town and the Planning Department keep limiting the parks. She  
54 stated there is no place to bring animals in Town. Chairman Cote explained that the Town's Park  
55 and Recreation Director initiated this policy due to sanitary issues. He added that children use  
56 these fields, and often there can be dog feces left behind that kids may step or lie in. Ms. Walters  
57 walked out of the meeting.

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59 Mark Wholley, 1 Arlene Drive, approached the Board for further clarification of this ordinance.  
60 Mr. Wholley asked what the point of the ordinance was if they were not trying to limit access for  
61 dogs. Chairman Cote explained that they do not want dogs running around the sports fields and  
62 courts, going to the bathroom on them, as there have been issues with this in Town. Mr. Wholly  
63 asked what the enforcement is going to be if they see a dog running loose on the fields when no  
64 events are happening. Chairman Cote stated that they will not be sending police or anyone else  
65 out to monitor the fields, however, they will monitor complaints. Town Administrator Roark  
66 assured Mr. Wholley that pets can still be brought to sporting events, they just do not want the  
67 dogs on the playing fields. Chairman Cote also added that dogs may be permitted on the fields  
68 when events are not happening if the owner has something to immediately pick up any feces left  
69 behind by the animal.

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72 **Interview/Appointment: Zoning Board of Adjustment candidate: Nicole Pigeon**

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74 Nicole Pigeon, 15 Debbie Drive, is interviewing for an alternate position on the Zoning Board  
75 of Adjustment.

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77 Chairman Cote asked Ms. Pigeon why she is interested in the ZBA. Ms. Pigeon explained that as  
78 she was watching the past few meetings, she noticed that they did not have a lot of members and  
79 thought that she would volunteer to help out.

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81 Mr. Croteau asked when the next zoning classes happen. Town Administrator Roark stated that  
82 he believes they are in the springtime. Mr. Croteau suggested that Ms. Pigeon attend those  
83 classes if she is elected to the ZBA.

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85 Chairman Cote asked Ms. Pigeon what term she is interested in. Ms. Pigeon said she is willing to  
86 do the three-year term.

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88 **MOTION:** (Croteau/Corbett) To appoint Nicole Pigeon to a three-year alternate position on  
89 the Zoning Board of Adjustment, ending in 2026.

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

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94 **Brett Gagnon, Pelham Community Power Committee: Findings and final recommendation**  
95 **on vendor for the Pelham Community Power initiative partnership**

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97 Mr. Gagnon explained that the Pelham Community Power Committee is a team of four, and they  
98 have been working extremely hard to get this committee up and running. They have interviewed  
99 three different power suppliers: Colonial Power, Coalition for Community Power of New  
100 Hampshire, and Standard Power. Mr. Gagnon stated that they recorded the interviews and posted  
101 them and the presentations on the Town website and Facebook. After the interviews, they  
102 conducted an advantage analysis to see the key facts from each company. The PCPC came to a  
103 unanimous decision to recommend the Board partner with Standard Power going forward. Mr.  
104 Gagnon explained that Standard Power had a simpler contract compared to their competitors, and  
105 the contract was easier to leave. The Towns of Keene and Brentwood also went with Standard  
106 Power, which solidified their decision as well. Standard Power already has a contract with Town  
107 facilities, meaning they can handle community power and the power for Town buildings. Mr.  
108 Gagnon stated that the person they met with from Standard Power left a good impression on  
109 them as well. Mr. Gagnon stated that he is going to supply the Board with the memorandum of  
110 understanding, and, if they agree with it, they ask them to sign it. Mr. Gagnon added that  
111 Standard Power will pay all the upfront costs of alerting residents and asking them about their  
112 power needs.

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114 Ms. Takesian asked if all residents are opted-in to this program until they decide to opt out. Mr.  
115 Gagnon confirmed that is how it works but assured him there are many steps before this happens  
116 and there are many avenues to make opting out easy for residents. Ms. Takesian asked if they  
117 know what the rate will be yet, and how long the rate is locked in for. Mr. Gagnon stated that  
118 finding out the rate is the next step, and all the details of the contract are negotiable.

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120 Chairman Cote asked Mr. Gagnon if he spoke with Keene or Brentwood about their experience  
121 working with Standard Power. Mr. Gagnon invited fellow PCPC member, Troy Brissette, to  
122 approach the Board and talk more about this. Mr. Brissette stated that when he spoke to the  
123 person in Brentwood he was pleased to hear they have had a pleasant experience with Standard  
124 Power.

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126 Chairman Cote asked if Standard Power would be writing the warrant article and any other  
127 necessary verbiage needed. Mr. Gagnon stated that Standard Power will lead this, and it will be  
128 very similar to what has been used in other New Hampshire towns.

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130 Chairman Cote suggested they send the agreement to the Town Attorney so they can discuss it at  
131 the next meeting.

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133 Ms. Takesian stated that she recently switched her power supplier to a private company and has  
134 saved ten cents per kilowatt hour. Mr. Brissette stated that Ms. Takesian brings up a good point,  
135 adding that if residents are enrolled with a private power company and not the default, they will  
136 not be automatically enrolled if the Town makes the switch to the community power program.

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139 **Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds**

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141 Tammy Penny, Town Finance Director, approached the Board to discuss the allocation of ARPA  
142 funds. Ms. Penny stated that the Town of Pelham has received almost \$1,500,000.00 in ARPA  
143 funds in 2021 and 2022. The Board voted to accept and expend the funds but has not yet  
144 allocated all the funds. She stated that the Board has allocated \$740,598.86 so far. Ms. Penny  
145 stated that these funds can be used for just about anything, but she recommends the Board only  
146 use these funds for one-time expenses. These funds cannot be used for debt payments,  
147 settlements, deposits into pension funds, or replacements of revenue resulting from changes in  
148 law. She added that they have until December 31, 2024, to spend the funds or have a solid  
149 contract in place to obligate these funds. If the funds are obligated through a contract they have  
150 until December 31, 2026, to spend them or they will need to be returned. Ms. Penny explained  
151 that there are several large projects in the Capital Improvement Plan that they can use the funds  
152 on, like the new animal control shelter for \$274,709.00 or the police expansion and remodel for  
153 \$92,850.00.

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156 **MOTION:** (Takesian/Bergeron) To use \$275,709.00 of ARPA funds for the police animal  
157 control building.

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

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162 Town Administrator Roark asked if this means they can start the project as soon as possible.  
163 Chairman Cote confirmed this is correct.

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166 **MOTION:** (Bergeron/Corbett) To use \$247,000.00 of ARPA funds for the sidewalks project.

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168 **VOTE:** (4-1-0) The motion carried.

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171 **MOTION:** (Corbett/Croteau) To use \$92,850.00 of ARPA funds to expand and remodel the  
172 Police Department.

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

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177 Town Administrator Roark asked if they need to do anything for phase two of the planning  
178 renovation. Ms. Penny explained that they have \$300,000 encumbered for the two phases, but  
179 she did listen to a past meeting where they discussed using ARPA funds to cover any possible  
180 overages for the project. There is \$133,528.94 left in ARPA funding. Ms. Penny added that  
181 although they encumbered \$300,000 for this project, it very likely will cost more than that.  
182 Chairman Cote questioned why they did not have a final estimate for the project. Town  
183 Administrator Roark explained that they have been trying to tighten it down, but when you use

184 ARPA funding you have to pay the prevailing wage, which can significantly increase labor costs  
185 for the project. He also suggested that the Board leave the remaining ARPA funds alone until  
186 they get a final estimate for the project. Ms. Penny noted that \$220,000.00 of the \$300,000.00  
187 encumbrance has been spent for the planning renovation project, and that phase one is almost  
188 complete.

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191 **DISCUSSION**

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193 There was nothing up for discussion.

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196 **SELECTMEN AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

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198 **Mr. Croteau** had nothing to report.

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200 **Ms. Takesian** wanted to remind everyone that composting is coming to the Pelham Transfer  
201 Station on December 1, 2023.

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203 **Chairman Cote** had nothing to report.

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

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207 **Ms. Corbett** stated that she has been working with Mr. Bergeron and Ms. Penny to help develop  
208 graphics for residents in Town to clearly see how the Town is spending money, and the overall  
209 budget process.

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

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214 **REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

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216 **MOTION:** (Corbett/Takesian) Request for non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a)

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218 **ROLLCALL VOTE:**

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220 Selectman Corbett – Yes

221 Selectman Bergeron– Yes

222 Chairman Cote– Yes

223 Selectman Takesian – Yes

224 Selectman Croteau – Yes

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226 (5-0-0) The motion carried.

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228 It was noted that when the Board returned, after the non-public session, the Board would not take  
229 any other action publicly, except to seal the minutes of the non-public session and to adjourn the  
230 meeting. The Board entered a non-public session at approximately 7:15 p.m.

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233 **ADJOURNMENT**

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235 Respectfully submitted,

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237 Makayla Clougherty

238 Recording Secretary