



49 He added that if they were to switch the Historical Society's building from Infinium to Xfinity it  
50 would be considered a business account and the price would rise.

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52 Mr. Croteau asked Mr. Scanzani what his original plan was when the Board agreed to pay for the  
53 internet for four months. Mr. Scanzani explained that since it is a Town owned building, he was  
54 hoping the Town would continue to pay for the internet.

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56 Ms. Takesian noted that the Town does cover the internet costs for all other Town buildings.

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58 Mr. Bergeron suggested that Mr. Scanzani get more information about the internet costs and  
59 contract and get on the agenda for the next meeting so they can formally discuss covering the  
60 costs and make a decision.

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62 Mr. Scanzani explained that there is money set aside in the Town's account to fix the Historical  
63 Society slate roof that is leaking. He explained that they already have someone lined up to fix the  
64 roof and was wondering if he could schedule the repairman to come out as soon as possible.  
65 Chairman Cote asked if Mr. Scanzani received an estimate for the repairs. Mr. Scanzani said he  
66 was quoted roughly \$30,000.00. Mr. Scanzani noted that it was already approved and put aside  
67 in the budget for this year.

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69 Chairman Cote stated that they will put Mr. Scanzani on the next agenda for both topics.

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## 72 APPOINTMENTS

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### 75 **Chief Anne Perriello, Police Department: Donation of rubberized flooring in training gym**

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77 Chief Perriello and Kelly Fleming, Chief of Staff for Taymax Group, came before the Board.  
78 Chief Perriello explained that retired detective Tim Kelleher is the owner of Taymax Group.  
79 Chief Perriello had reached out to him inquiring about rubber flooring for the expansion space.  
80 She also stated that they cleared out the storage room completely and herself and a group of  
81 officers painted the room. The room is approximately 30x30. Chief Perriello stated that they  
82 want to start doing defensive training tactics more regularly in the space. Chief Perriello  
83 explained that she approached Mr. Kelleher from Taymax about a quote for rubberized flooring  
84 and he offered to donate the flooring for the entire room. The estimated cost of the flooring  
85 donation is around \$4,000.00. Chief Perriello added that this room will save the Police  
86 Department money since they will be hosting a Jiu Jitsu class for law enforcement in July. By  
87 hosting this class, it will allow them to have three officers from their agency to get certified in  
88 Jiu Jitsu for free, which normally costs around \$1,200.00 a person. She stated that they will also  
89 use the program for RAD, which is a self-defense course for women.

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91 Town Administrator Roark asked if this donation included installation or if it was only for  
92 materials. Chief Perriello explained that it is for materials only and her plan is receive a quote for  
93 the installation and use drug forfeiture money to cover the costs, so it would be no expense to the  
94 tax-payers.

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96 **MOTION:** (Corbett/Bergeron) To accept the donation of rubberized flooring in the training  
97 room from the Taymax Group.  
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99 **VOTE:** (5-0-0) The motion carried.  
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### 103 **Interviews/Appointments: Forestry Committee and Water Commission candidates** 104

105 Chairman Cote stated that the Forestry Committee is looking for two members for three-year  
106 terms that would expire in 2026.  
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#### 108 Forestry Committee – Michael Andre 109

110 Michael Andre, of 105 Currier Road, is applying for the three-year term on the Forestry  
111 Committee. Mr. Andre stated that he has been a Pelham resident for over twenty-years and is the  
112 trail-master for the Snow Mobile Club. He is also a member of the OHRV Committee.  
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115 Mr. Croteau asked Mr. Andre what he thinks the role of the being on the Forestry Committee is.  
116 Mr. Andre explained that he believes it is to manage the land and to allow the Town's residents  
117 to make the best use of the land.  
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#### 119 Forestry Committee – James Fisher 120

121 Mr. Fisher, of 47 Seavey Road, is applying for the three-year term on the Forestry Committee.  
122 Mr. Fisher stated that he has been a Pelham resident his whole life and has learned a lot about  
123 forestry from his father. He stated that his father was a Cheshire County Forester of the year in  
124 1982. He knows a lot about tree species, flora and fauna, and forestry in general. He added that  
125 he will be a valuable team-player on the Committee.  
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128 Mr. Croteau asked Mr. Fisher what he thinks the role of being on the Forestry Committee is. Mr.  
129 Fisher stated that forestry should not only protect the forest but should also allow residents to  
130 access the forest for a number of activities like bike riding, horse riding, and others. He added  
131 that he would like to see the forest become more accessible for everyone, including those in  
132 wheelchairs.  
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134 Ms. Takesian asked Mr. Fisher about his application comment that stated he believes the  
135 Forestry Committee is taken over by a one-sided majority. Mr. Fisher stated that there never used  
136 to be an issue with residents using bikes on trails, and now some people on the Committee want  
137 to ban bikes on the trails. Mr. Fisher explained that there should be a way for everyone to get  
138 along and utilize the trails. Ms. Takesian asked if everything was permitted on trails except  
139 motorized vehicles. Mr. Fisher stated that it is not the case for all of the trails in Town. Mr.  
140 Croteau noted that they were only discussing banning electric bikes on the trails, not regular  
141 pedal bikes.  
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143 Ms. Corbett asked Mr. Fisher how he would go about handling a specific disagreement if he was  
144 a member of the Forestry Committee. Mr. Fisher explained that he would conduct a lot of  
145 research on the issue.

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148 Forestry Committee - Nick Spanos

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150 Nick Spanos, of 9 Claudine Drive, is applying for a three-year term on the Forestry Committee.  
151 Mr. Spanos stated that he is on his second term on the sub-committee. He stated that he has been  
152 attending the Forestry Committees since 2018 and tries to contribute as much as he can. He  
153 explained that he has plowed parking lots in Town before the Town started plowing all the lots,  
154 cleaned trash out of ponds, temporarily repaired a bridge in Town and repaired a sign in Town.  
155 Mr. Spanos stated that he would like to be an official member of the Committee so he can  
156 contribute even more. He also explained that he thinks one of the most important aspects to  
157 uphold on the Committee is safety. He also stated that he thinks that it is important for Boards to  
158 have diversity in their thinking and get along for the best results for the Town.

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160 Mr. Croteau asked Mr. Spanos what he thinks the purpose of the role on the Forestry Committee  
161 is. Mr. Spanos stated that he thinks the purpose is to manage and maintain the forests and  
162 wildlife.

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165 Forestry Committee - John Picard

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167 John Picard, of 57 South Shore Drive, is applying for the three-year term on the Forestry  
168 Committee. Mr. Picard stated that he is a life-long resident of Pelham who enjoys the woods and  
169 trails around his home. He thinks it is important to keep the trails in Town open and usable for  
170 residents, Police, Fire, and other emergency services.

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172 Chairman Cote asked Mr. Picard if he is a part of any organizations in Town. He stated he is a  
173 member of the Snowmobile Club.

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175 Mr. Croteau asked Mr. Picard what he believes the role of the Forestry Committee is. Mr. Picard  
176 explained that he believes the role of the Forestry Committee is to make the woods accessible to  
177 all residents. He added that he believes the Forestry Committee has been leaning towards  
178 restricting access to the woods, and he does not agree with that. Ms. Takesian asked if he thinks  
179 that ATVs should be allowed on the trails. Mr. Picard stated that ATVs are not legal in Pelham,  
180 but he thinks they should be legal in Pelham on class six roads. He does not agree that they  
181 should be allowed in conservation areas. He stated that he understands certain restrictions but  
182 thinks some are too restricting, like banning shooting.

183 Forestry Committee - Dale Gallaher

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185 Dale Gallaher, of 265 Windham Road, is applying for the three-year term on the Forestry  
186 Committee. Mr. Gallaher stated that he has been working in the Town's forests since 2012 and  
187 has done a lot of work maintaining the trails. He also has created trails and installed benches in  
188 Town. Mr. Gallaher was a Troop Leader for twelve-years and a Scoutmaster for seven of those

189 years, he is also the President of a software company. Mr. Gallaher explained that he believes his  
190 laid-back approach and leadership experience will help him work with other members of the  
191 Committee. He also added that he believes the role of a Forestry Committee member is to focus  
192 on forest management and the safe activities that can be allowed in forests. He thinks it is  
193 important to take everyone's opinions into consideration.

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196 Forestry Committee - Mike Gendreau

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198 Mike Gendreau, of 9 Harley Road, is applying for the three-year term on the Forestry  
199 Committee. Mr. Gendreau stated that he has a lot of Board experience. He explained that he was  
200 the secretary for the Pelham Board of Riders for many years. He also served on the Conservation  
201 Commission and eventually became Vice-Chair. He is also sits on the Board of Trustee's at his  
202 son's Charter School in Salem. He explained how being on both the Board of Riders and the  
203 Conservation Commission he has been able to see both sides of the Forestry Committee. Mr.  
204 Gendreau stated that different personalities working together is what makes Boards the best they  
205 can be.

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207 Mr. Croteau asked Mr. Gendreau what he believes the role of being on the Forestry Committee  
208 is. Mr. Gendreau explained that he believes it should focus on managing the Town forest, timber  
209 harvests and the Town money allocated to forestry.

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211 Ms. Corbett asked Mr. Gendreau how service to the Conservation Commission balance or form  
212 his opinion on OHRV. Mr. Gendreau stated that he is also on the OHRV Sub-committee, and he  
213 feels that this situation is a challenge, as the OHRVs are illegal but people in Town still ride  
214 them. He stated that he would like to find a way for OHRVs to be allowed in some compacity in  
215 Town.

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218 Forestry Committee – Linda Irish-Simpson

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220 Linda Irish-Simpson, of 52 Sagewood Drive, is applying for the three-year term on the Forestry  
221 Committee. Ms. Irish-Simpson stated that she has been attending Forestry Committee meetings  
222 since about 2017. Two years ago, she was on the Forestry Committee sub-committee, and since  
223 then she has initiated monthly articles in the Evergreen Newspaper highlighting some of things  
224 that Forestry does and hopes to do. She also started a hike challenge for those in Town, where if  
225 they hike all 22 miles of trails in Town they get a patch that is shaped like a boot that says  
226 "Pelham Hike Challenge".

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228 Ms. Irish-Simpson is also a trail adopter for Cutler-Spalding and Veterans'. She also has gotten  
229 the word out to residents about adopting a trail in Town, and has now doubled the amount of trail  
230 adopters. She stated that she feels she can make more of an impact being on the Committee. Ms.  
231 Irish-Simpson added that she thinks the role of the Forestry Committee is to follow the State  
232 mandated RSAs, maintain and protect deeds, and preserve forest.

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235 Forestry Committee – Tim Kennedy

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237 Tim Kennedy, of 109 Garland Drive, is applying for the three-year term on the Forestry  
238 Committee. Mr. Kennedy stated that he has been on the Forestry Sub-committee for a couple of  
239 years and has been actively working on trails for hundreds of hours in the past three years. Mr.  
240 Kennedy added that he was a trip leader for the Appalachian Mountain Club for forty-seven  
241 years, and trail maintenance for 30 years. He feels that he will bring his expertise on how to  
242 maintain and fix trails to the Forestry Committee. He has also brought back the Red Trail on  
243 Gumpas Pond.

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245 Mr. Croteau asked Mr. Kennedy what his vision for the Forestry Committee. Mr. Kennedy stated  
246 that he believes the Forestry Committee needs to be in a position to protect and maintain the  
247 forest, and also be able to maintain the trail systems that are becoming more popular in the  
248 Town. He stated that it is also a goal to make trails more age-friendly, for both younger and older  
249 populations.

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252 Forestry Committee - Ray Brunelle, Jr.

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255 Ray Brunelle, Jr., of 3 Matthew Drive, is applying for the three-year term on the Forestry  
256 Committee. Mr. Brunelle stated that he has been a lifelong resident of Pelham and is very  
257 familiar with all of the land in Town. He has also been very active in the Snow Mobile Club for a  
258 couple of decades. He stated that he believes it is very important that the Forestry Committee  
259 continue to work to acquire more parcels of land. He explained how the Town has a lot of many  
260 valuable pieces of land. Mr. Brunelle stated that he has been on the Sub-committee for the past  
261 two years. He stated that land management and land acquisition is the primarily role of the  
262 Forestry Committee.

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264 Mr. Croteau asked Mr. Brunelle what his vision for the Forestry Committee is. Mr. Brunelle  
265 stated that he sees a very good Forestry Committee evolving into the future, working towards  
266 some of the core values it was initially created on. He thinks it is important to look into the future  
267 and see what can be improved on down the road.

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269 Chairman Cote asked Mr. Brunelle about the 60-acre parcel the Town acquired by Gumpas  
270 Pond, and if he thinks it should be left alone or if trails should be installed there. Mr. Brunelle  
271 stated that he thinks the Town should evaluate it due to there being a number of trails already in  
272 that area, and that he doesn't think every area needs to be walkable trails.

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275 Forestry Committee – John LaRochelle

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277 John LaRochelle, of 13 Surrey Lane, is applying for the three-year term on the Forestry  
278 Committee. Mr. LaRochelle stated that he has lived in Pelham his whole life, and that his  
279 Grandfather was the Town's Building Inspector. He said he loves how diverse the Town of  
280 Pelham is. Mr. LaRochelle explained that he was the spearhead for the OHRV Committee and  
281 believes OHRVs are helpful in maintaining trails in order to bring supplies and clear debris. He  
282 also explained that four-wheelers go as slow as 5 to 6 mph through the trails and will not hit any  
283 walkers on the trails.

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285 Chairman Cote noted that Mr. LaRoche brings an interesting perspective to OHRVs on trails,  
286 as they can give access to people who normally may not being able to access the trails.

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288 Mr. LaRoche stated that he might not be the most experiences candidate, as he has only been  
289 on one Committee, but he thinks he can be a valuable asset to the Forestry Committee. He thinks  
290 compromise is an important part of being on a Committee.

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292 Chairman Cote commended Mr. LaRoche for being fair to work with and being able to  
293 compromise and form the OHRV Committee.

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296 Chairman Cote stated that those were all the applications for the two positions on the Forestry  
297 Committee.

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299 **MOTION:** (Croteau/Takesian) To appoint Mike Genereau to the three-year term on the  
300 Forestry Committee.

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

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305 **MOTION:** (Croteau/Corbett) To appoint Ray Brunelle to the three-year term on the Forestry  
306 Committee.

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308 **VOTE:** (3-2-0) The motion carried.

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311 Chairman Cote thanked everyone who applied for the positions.

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313 Mr. Spanos approached the Board and stated that Raymond Brunelle's seat will now need to be  
314 replaced on the Forestry Committee's Sub-committee. Chairman Cote stated that the Forestry  
315 Committee will appoint the next Sub-committee member at their next meeting.

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318 Chairman Cote stated that there are two two-year alternate positions open on the Water  
319 Commission.

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321 Water Commission – Chris Hopkinson

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323 Chris Hopkinson, of 4 Shelly Drive, is applying for a two-year alternate position on the Water  
324 Commission. Mr. Hopkinson stated that this would be his first time serving on a Commission in  
325 Town. He stated that he has been a nurse for seventeen years, and knows how important water  
326 quality and access is for health. He thinks that his background would be a valuable asset to the  
327 Water Commission. He also explained that he thinks being an alternate will help him learn more  
328 about being on a Commission.

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331 Water Commission – Edwin Castilla

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333 Edwin Castilla, of 2 LeBlanc Road, is applying for a two-year alternate position on the Water  
334 Commission. Mr. Castilla explained that he is a professional engineer with over eighteen years of  
335 experience in the evaluation, treatment, designs, and construction of wastewater systems for  
336 municipalities. He is a civil engineer, with his Masters' and PhD in environmental engineering.  
337 He works for Jacob Environmental, which is the biggest consulting company in the United  
338 States.

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342 **MOTION:** (Corbett/Croteau) To appoint Chris Hopkinson to the two-year term on the Water  
343 Commission.

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

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348 **MOTION:** (Corbett/Takesian) To appoint Edwin Castilla to the two-year term on the Water  
349 Commission.

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

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#### 355 **Mike Gendreau, OHRV Committee: Update**

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357 Mike Gendreau, of 9 Harley Road, came before the Board to give an update on the OHRV  
358 Committee. Mr. Gendreau stated that they have been trying to conduct a feasibility study on  
359 OHRV usage, and was hoping the Board would grant the Committee another twelve months to  
360 operate.

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362 Mr. Croteau stated that the Committee has worked tirelessly to try and find a safe piece of land  
363 in Town to ride on, and they have not been able to find a solution yet. The OHRV Committee  
364 would like a year extension to try and find a better solution.

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366 Ms. Takesian asked if they would be able to ride OHRVs on the trails if they did not use them at  
367 full power or the kind of vehicle that can go on the trails. Mr. Gendreau stated that they have  
368 been trying to find the right place to do that on, but have not been able to. They are looking for  
369 an area with limited wetlands. The hardest part is trying to find the right location due to limited  
370 parcels of land and deed restrictions.

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372 Ms. Takesian asked if there was pushback from abutters due to the noise. Mr. Gendreau  
373 explained that noise was one of the reasons, but also due to damaging the land. He thinks bringing  
374 all opinions in is the best way to come up with a compromise. He mentioned how a lot of people  
375 care about making this happen and would like another year to keep trying.

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377 Mr. Croteau noted that a lot of people in Town think this is a good idea but have no interest in it  
378 happening near their house. He also stated that OHRVs have been banned in Town for a long  
379 time due to them having a stigma. He thinks there is a right way to come up with a compromise,  
380 and thinks it is important to hold OHRV riders accountable as well to respect the trails.



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382 Mr. Gendreau noted that there have been some complaints, but more and more residents in Town  
383 are interested in riding OHRVs. He thinks it is important that there is a proper way to file any  
384 complaints, maybe with the Police Department.

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386 Chairman Cote stated that he had no idea that OHRVs were banned in Town when he first  
387 moved here.

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389 Mr. Bergeron asked the Board if they can legally extend the OHRV Committee, since the  
390 warrant article that was voted on only gave them a twelve month long term. Chairman Cote  
391 explained that they can extend it without any problem. Ms. Corbett asked if the OHRV  
392 Committee was formed by the Board of Selectmen or if the Town voted to form it. Mr. Cote  
393 stated that the original wording of the warrant article was changed, and that the Board has the  
394 power to create Sub-committees without a vote. Mr. Croteau added that they got legal advice  
395 from Attorney Radigan stating that they had authority to extend to the Committee. Town  
396 Administrator Roark explained that this was a petition warrant article, and that all petition  
397 warrant articles are advisory only, meaning the Board of Selectmen has the ability to follow or  
398 not follow certain parts of the article. He added that petition warrant articles are non-binding.

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401 **MOTION:** (Corbett/Takesian) To extend the term of the OHRV Committee.

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

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407 **SELECTMEN AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

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409 **Selectmen Croteau** wanted to thank all of the volunteer applicants for the Forestry Committee,  
410 and encourage them to continue their efforts with the Committee. He added that there is a field  
411 clean up day for the Pelham Little League, Saturday April 8, 2023, at 9:00 AM.

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413 Mr. Cote asked if they ended up extending the T-Ball Fields, and how it worked out. Mr. Croteau  
414 stated that it went good, but the grass did not grow to where they were hoping it would be, so  
415 they are going to decide in another week if they will wait to use it until next season.

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417 **Selectmen Takesian** had nothing to report.

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

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

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423 **Ms. Corbett** had nothing to report.

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

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427 **REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

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429 **MOTION:** (Corbett/Croteau) Request for non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II, A  
430 (personnel) and (matters to which if discussed publicly would affect adversely the  
431 reputation of any person).

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433 **ROLLCALL VOTE:**

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435 Selectman Corbett – Yes  
436 Selectman Bergeron– Yes  
437 Selectman Cote– Yes  
438 Selectman Takesian – Yes  
439 Selectman Croteau – Yes

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441 (5-0-0) The motion carried.

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443 It was noted that when the Board returned, after the non-public session, the Board would not take  
444 any other action publicly, except to seal the minutes of the non-public session and to adjourn the  
445 meeting. The Board entered a non-public session at approximately 8:08 pm.

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448 **ADJOURNMENT**

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450 Respectfully submitted,

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452 Makayla Clougherty  
453 Recording Secretary