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**APPROVED**  
**TOWN OF PELHAM**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN - MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 7, 2020**  
**APPROVED – July 21, 2020**

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

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

**ABSENT:** None

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MINUTES REVIEW:**

**June 23, 2020:**

**MOTION:** (Lynde/Cote) To approve the June 23, 2020 meeting minutes as amended.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

There were no announcements.

**OPEN FORUM**

No one came forward to address the Board.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

**Health Officer Karen McGlynn – COVID-19 Pandemic update**

Ms. McGlynn provided information regarding the latest statistics in Pelham and the State. As of July 6<sup>th</sup> the State currently has 826 documented positive cases with 25 hospitalizations. She commented the citizens of New Hampshire were doing well wearing masks and social distancing. Ms. McGlynn stated in the past the Library had been used as a ‘cooling center’ during hot days in the summer; however, after conversations with Mr. McCarthy and the Library Trustees, they will forego doing so due to Covid and the number restrictions for occupancy. She then provided an update regarding the known mosquito transmitted infections: Jamestown Canyon Virus, West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Pelham has a trapping program to monitor the diseases; she will keep an open line of communication with the company performing the monitoring and provide information to the Board.

Mr. Cote recently read an article which attributed the sudden spike of Covid cases in the south to the use of air conditioning. He said the article explains that air conditioning circulates stale air allowing Corona Virus to live longer. He believed the comments about not using the Library made sense.

Mr. Haverty inquired if Ms. McGlynn could see a time when the Town beach could be opened to residents at the same time summer camp was running. Mr. McCarthy said they usually have the beach

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44 sectioned off (to summer camp and the public). Ms. McGlynn replied they would have to wait and see  
45 how things go.

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47 **Interviews for Agricultural Committee**

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49 Mr. Haverty explained the interview process and informed that the Board would not be making  
50 appointments at this time. The Board intended to conduct all interviews at present and voting on the  
51 positions at their meeting in two weeks.

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53 *Jeff Caira, Bush Hill Road* - Mr. Caira told the Board he had invested a lot of time into the community  
54 and respected his neighbors and those who had animals in the Town. He wanted what was best for  
55 livestock without interfering with other people's personal enjoyment of their properties. He explained  
56 he had his own livestock and knew the proper care of them. He was familiar with certain cases in Town  
57 and believed he could help resolve some of the conflicts.

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59 Mr. Lynde stated the University of New Hampshire ('UNH') Cooperative Extension had agricultural  
60 guidelines and asked Mr. Caira if he was aware of them. Mr. Caira answered yes. Mr. Lynde asked if  
61 he would be in support of the Board adopting a health ordinance that put those guidelines in place. Mr.  
62 Caira answered yes; he felt they were needed.

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64 Mr. Haverty asked Mr. Caira's opinion regarding the charter/purpose of having an agriculture  
65 commission. Mr. Caira replied to keep conflicts out of Town and help those who have problems.  
66 During the first year he said they could review what issues there were and start addressing them one by  
67 one.

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69 *Stephanie Kelly, Collins Way* – She introduced herself and told the Board her family had lived in the  
70 community for approximately and engaged in a variety of farming activities such as raising chickens  
71 for eggs, raising animals for meat, gardening etc.

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73 Mr. Lynde asked if she was familiar with the UNH guidelines. Ms. Kelly answered yes. Mr. Lynde  
74 asked if she would be supportive of incorporating the guidelines in a health ordinance. Ms. Kelly felt  
75 the guidelines were helpful to the things she had done at her property and believed they were a good  
76 conversation starter for good practices.

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78 Mr. Haverty wanted to know Ms. Kelly's opinion on the purpose of an agricultural commission. Ms.  
79 Kelly replied part of it would be education and understanding both sides. She also felt it would help  
80 manage potential issues that came up to preserve community-based living. Mr. Haverty questioned  
81 what items the commission would start with. Ms. Kelly replied she would want to assess the Town's  
82 needs and determine if the UNH guidelines were sufficient for the community.

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84 Ms. Forde asked Ms. Kelly if she could be relied on to support people on both side of an issue. Ms.  
85 Kelly believed she could be. She was sympathetic to folks who didn't like animals and believed it was  
86 about striking a balance of fairness for both parties.

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88 *Stephen Doherty, Bush Hill Road* – He told the Board he lived in Town for over fifty years and owned  
89 a landscape business and farm. He grows vegetables, fruits, makes maple syrup, and keeps bees. He  
90 holds a degree in Horticulture.

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92 Mr. Haverty wanted to know Mr. Doherty's thoughts on what the commission should focus on in the  
93 first weeks/months of its inception. Mr. Doherty believed they should gather information. He said  
94 people didn't know how many farms were in Town and when the voters banned livestock, he didn't

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95 think they accounted for 4H Clubs or other associations. He believed the State had good guidelines  
96 regarding livestock. Mr. Haverty asked his opinion about what the role of the commission was within  
97 the government structure of the Town. Mr. Doherty felt they could give guidelines to the Selectmen,  
98 Planning Board and possibly the Zoning Board.

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100 Mr. Lynde questioned if he was familiar with the UNH guidelines. Mr. Doherty replied he had not read  
101 them. Mr. Lynde said the idea was for the Town to adopt the UNH guidelines and felt if they had  
102 already adopted them it would have eliminated the current problems. Mr. Doherty explained he didn't  
103 keep livestock but supported the idea of adhering to guidelines.

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105 *Jessica Edwards, Mammoth Road* - She told the Board she grew up raising livestock and had been a  
106 part of agriculture her whole life; member of 4H and Future Farmers of America. She currently works  
107 in regulatory for animal health and dairy science in Massachusetts. She said her works provides her  
108 with good links with the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, UNH Cooperative Extension and  
109 beyond to bring everything on board. She holds an Associate degree in Dairy Science and a Bachelor's  
110 in Agriculture Education.

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112 Mr. Lynde asked if she was familiar with the UNH guidelines. Ms. Edwards answered yes; she  
113 currently uses them and carries them at work. She said the Town could use the guidelines or adopt  
114 their own based on the size and scope of the Town.

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116 Mr. Haverty inquired how she felt the role of the commission would fit within the Town government  
117 and with the citizens. Ms. Edwards replied the commission could be advocates and/or middlemen. She  
118 believed education was important. She said in her job she worked through agriculture and livestock  
119 issues with the Department of Environmental Services and the Department of Public Health. She  
120 wanted to bring her knowledge and resources to the commission.

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122 Mr. Cote wanted to know what aspects/pursuits Ms. Edwards wanted to bring forward. Ms. Edwards  
123 replied education was important through forums, live discussions/meetings etc. She understood there  
124 was also interest in bringing a farmer's market back to Town.

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126 *Cindy Kirkpatrick, Mossey Lane* – She stated she had been an animal lover her entire life and had raised  
127 rabbits and chickens as a child. She was formerly involved with 4H and as an adult volunteered for  
128 years at farms to be able to ride.

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130 Mr. Haverty inquired how she felt the commission fit between Town government and its citizens. Ms.  
131 Kirkpatrick felt the commission could assist with creating guidelines. She believed there was a need  
132 to balance growth and quality of life issues while preserving the local character and protect people who  
133 have animals.

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135 Mr. Lynde asked if she was aware of the UNH guidelines. Ms. Kirkpatrick answered yes and felt if  
136 they had been enforced or part of an ordinance it would have resolved a lot of issues that came up  
137 during the last few years regarding livestock.

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139 Mr. Haverty wanted to know what she felt the commission priorities should be. Ms. Kirkpatrick  
140 believed they should find out how many farms were in Town and speak to the owners to find out what  
141 they were looking for. She agreed education was important and would like to see a farmer's market  
142 return to Town. She felt the commission should work with the Selectmen and get something prepared  
143 for the voters.

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145 Mr. Cote asked if she had ideas for fundraising. Ms. Kirkpatrick replied she would research different  
146 ways to raise funds.

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148 *Jenny Larson, Main Street* – She told the Board she worked with the Conservation Commission in the  
149 past and was also the past President and Vice President of the Fire Fighter’s Association. Her children  
150 are involved with 4H and she is a 4H educator. She has an extensive garden and helps people with  
151 livestock issues. She felt there was currently a lack of information and believed the commission could  
152 be the avenue where people could obtain answers. She thought it would be helpful to have people from  
153 both sides of the table involved.

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155 Mr. Cote said he was looking for people to put work in and accomplish doing an inventory of agriculture  
156 operations in Town and asked if she would be interested in doing this. Ms. Larson believed it was  
157 important to have the one-on-one basis with the livestock community and Town.

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159 Mr. Lynde asked if she was familiar with the UNH guidelines. Ms. Larson answered yes and currently  
160 adhered to them herself. She thought they were fantastic and in place for a reason.

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162 Mr. Haverty wanted to know what she felt the commission’s objectives should be during the first year.  
163 Ms. Larson believed education would be the top priority. She suggested having a representative from  
164 UNH extension attend a Selectmen meeting for an open dialog and have everyone on the ‘same page’.  
165 She would love to get high school students involved and possibly have a community garden.

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167 Ms. Forde spoke about misinformation that had circulated prior to the Town Meeting vote that was  
168 outright false. She asked Ms. Larson if she could be relied upon to help people on both sides. Ms.  
169 Larson answered yes; that was one of the main objectives of a commission.

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171 *Danielle Masse-Quinn, Meadow Lane* – She read a prepared statement that described her experiences  
172 with rescue and raising livestock and her objective for working as a member of the commission.

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174 Ms. Forde asked how Ms. Masse-Quinn intended to bring the community together. Ms. Mass-Quinn  
175 replied she would bring the community together by local farmer markets, 4H programs, farm meet and  
176 greets, compost programs, bee and honey programs and a children’s entrepreneur programs.

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178 Mr. Lynde asked if she was familiar with the UNH guidelines. Ms. Masse-Quinn answered yes. She  
179 felt the agricultural should work together to find a solution that works for everyone. Mr. Lynde asked  
180 if she thought it would be a good guideline to use in the Town’s Health Ordinance. Mr. Lynde inquired  
181 how she would protect the Town’s agriculture land and resources. Ms. Masse-Quinn replied she would  
182 like to maintain the walking trails and be more active with the farms within the Town. She said  
183 everyone had to work together through a public forum to find solutions that worked for both sides.

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185 Mr. Haverty asked what she felt the role of the commission should be. Ms. Masse-Quinn said in her  
186 opinion it was to educate and bring the community together through livestock, gardening and  
187 everything related to agriculture.

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189 *John Spottiswood, Webster Avenue* - He spoke about the experience he would bring to the commission  
190 and his personal experience raising turkeys, chickens, and rabbits. He considered himself a backyard  
191 farmer.

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193 Mr. Lynde asked if he was familiar with the UNH guidelines. Mr. Spottiswood answered yes; he  
194 thought they would be a great blueprint to use while at the same time understanding there may be other  
195 things that may work better in Town.

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197 Mr. Haverty questioned what he felt the commission should focus on. Mr. Spottiswood believed there  
198 was a bigger farming community than people were previously aware of and felt one of the first things  
199 was to reach out to the (farming) community and ask people to get involved.

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201 Ms. Forde wanted to know if he would be willing to help people on both sides of an issue. She said  
202 prior to the Town Meeting there was information left on people's doors that was wrong. Mr.  
203 Spottiswood replied information left on doors did not come from the Restore Pelham Property Rights  
204 group. He commented that he didn't currently have livestock and understood both sides.

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206 *Laura Spottiswood, Webster Avenue* – She spoke about her experience with animals, harvesting from  
207 a garden and preserving foods. During the process last year (Article #3 repeal) that she realized how  
208 many farmers were in Town.

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210 Mr. Haverty saw she was interested in an alternate position and asked if she would be interested in a  
211 full-time position. Ms. Spottiswood replied if there was space, she would accept a full-time position;  
212 she applied as an alternate because there were others she felt would bring more to the commission.

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214 Mr. Lynde questioned if she was familiar with the UNH guidelines. Ms. Spottiswood answered yes.  
215 She felt it was a good template for the commission to review and see if they matched the needs of the  
216 Town.

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218 Mr. Haverty asked what she felt the role of the commission should be. Ms. Spottiswood replied she  
219 looked up towns up north that had successful agricultural commissions and stated they worked to  
220 preserve rural character, encourage agriculturally based business, work with town government and  
221 educate the public. She believed the biggest thing for a Pelham commission would be to do an inventory  
222 of farms and farm buildings within the Town. She said the commission was a voice for farmers and  
223 felt once they had that, they could be successful with things such as a farmer's market, educational  
224 programs, involve seniors, work with the garden club etc. Mr. Haverty commended Ms. Spottiswood  
225 for looking up the roles and responsibilities of an agricultural commission.

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227 *Theresa Wentzell, Meadow Lane* - She told the Board she lived in Town over twenty-five years and  
228 had been involved with animals her whole life. Her children were involved with 4H and she currently  
229 has horses. She stated she lives in a quiet neighborhood with one close neighbor. She maintains open  
230 communication with her neighbor and approaches them often to ensure there are no problems. She said  
231 she usually stays to herself; however, when the question of property rights came up last year, she  
232 became involved and felt she could have a voice. She believed having a commission would help people  
233 have an understanding of what the Town would lay out to help everyone from all sides.

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235 Mr. Lynde asked if she was familiar with the UNH guidelines. Ms. Wentzell answered yes. She  
236 thought they were great guidelines because they allowed animals to have proper spacing to houses.

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238 Mr. Lynde was impressed with the candidates and their backgrounds.

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240 Mr. Haverty asked Ms. Wentzell how she believed the role of the commission would be between Town  
241 government and citizens. Ms. Wentzell felt the commission would be a place for citizens to turn to  
242 since there is no current person or group for people to contact.

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244 Mr. Haverty reiterated the Board would consider the applications and vote in two weeks. He indicated  
245 there were five full-time member positions and five alternate member positions. Terms will be  
246 staggered.

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248 Mr. Haverty saw there was an application for the energy committee; however, the applicant was not  
249 present. He tabled the application.

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251 **DISCUSSION(S)**

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253 **Energy Committee discussion**

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255 Mr. Cote stated the Board thought it would be a good idea to have members of the community come  
256 forward and assist; however, they would still be moving forward with different things.

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258 Mr. Lynde felt it would be worthwhile keeping the application process open for volunteers. Mr.  
259 Haverty agreed it would be good to keep the positions open. The committee could have four regular  
260 members, two alternates and a Selectmen member.

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262 **Review of the Public Hearing regarding the Town ceasing the plowing of private roads**

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264 Mr. Haverty asked the Board if anyone had any additional ideas. Mr. Lynde felt they could do  
265 something as long as it was 'blessed' by Town Counsel. He said the issue was how to predict how  
266 much they needed so they wouldn't spend Town money; they would need to have an agreement in place  
267 with the associations. Mr. Haverty spoke with Town Counsel and informed the Town was prohibited  
268 from managing/accepting money not expressly authorized from the collection of taxes. He said they  
269 could not take money into an account and manage it for the associations.

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271 Mr. Haverty said he and Mr. McCarthy had preliminary discussions with some of the residents  
272 regarding the possibility of doing a 'betterment' of the private streets. For a road to become a 'Town  
273 road' they will need to be improved. To do this the Town could take out a bond and have the property  
274 owners on the private roads be responsible for a 'betterment fee' included with their property taxes.  
275 The residents would have to service the bond; at the conclusion of the work the Town could then  
276 service/maintain the roads. Mr. Cote understood the voters would still have to approve it. Mr. Haverty  
277 answered yes. Mr. Cote asked what would happen if it didn't pass. Mr. Haverty replied the road would  
278 remain private.

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280 Mr. Cote inquired what would happen if a citizen's petition came in for the Town to accept the road as  
281 a Town owned road. Mr. Haverty replied a citizen's petition could not have the Town accept a road  
282 that didn't meet the standards.

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284 Ms. Forde stated it might be worth the Board's time to help the homeowner associations organize to  
285 make one larger group that might get a better rate (for plowing). Mr. Haverty replied Town Counsel  
286 informed that the Town could not interact or exert influence to try to get a deal or bid etc. He felt it  
287 was incumbent on the residents to organize themselves to be able to put services in place for themselves.

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289 Mr. McCarthy noted the 'betterment fee' to bring roads up to Town standards would only be paid by  
290 residents impacted by a particular area. He said it would be done in the form of a warrant article and  
291 noted the Town had gone through a similar process to improve Spring Street Extension (approximately  
292 twenty years ago).

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294 Mr. Lynde believed they would be faced with the fact that some roads would not be able to be brought  
295 up to Town standards. He questioned if there was a way for the Town to 'broker' one of their  
296 subcontractors to do the job. Mr. Haverty stated Town Counsel rejected the notion of the Town  
297 inserting itself between two private parties. He added he was trying to seek a solution, but it had to be

298 done the right way. Mr. Lynde said another way would be to have legislation that would allow the  
299 Town to be allowed to set money aside (from the residents) for plowing private roads.

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301 Mr. McCarthy pointed out through the warrant article proposal the private roads would become Town  
302 (owned) roads and would no longer be private roads. The public would have the right to access and  
303 travel on the (currently) private roads. He agreed there were some roads that would need to acquire  
304 land and move septic to bring them up to Town standards. Mr. Haverty spoke about the timeline for  
305 having private roads reviewed, placed on the ballot, improved and winter-over. He said if the Town  
306 was able to go through the process residents were at least two seasons away from an improvement. He  
307 wanted the Board to keep exploring options; he was keeping in touch with residents to move things  
308 forward.

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310 Mr. Cote stated every advising agency had told the Town to stop plowing the roads. He said he had  
311 been involved with private plowing for years and tried to find the ‘magic numbers’ that would work.  
312 He said most people who plow give a price for the first sixty inches and then a price per inch after that.  
313 He felt the way to approach the situation would be to take years of Town data and breaks it down by  
314 miles; however, the private roads they would be plowing have the highest risk for damage. Mr. Haverty  
315 didn’t believe the data could be used because the Town had plowed those (private) roads below market  
316 price.

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318 Mr. Bergeron understood the private roads (in total) were approximately five miles with a cost of  
319 approximately \$30,000. He suggested if the residents got together, they might be able to find a vendor  
320 to plow the roads for that amount.

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322 Mr. Haverty stated he wanted to know the Board’s comments from the last meeting. He will stay in  
323 touch with residents from the areas and find out how they could work together but felt they needed to  
324 keep thinking about a solution. Mr. McCarthy felt a starting point would be to have a conversation  
325 with those who will be impacted and explain what was needed for a warrant article to happen. Mr.  
326 Haverty suggested finding out if the residents were interested in the approach before trying to estimate  
327 an associated cost. Mr. McCarthy understood the estimated cost for improvement was approximately  
328 \$1 million per mile.

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330 Mr. Cote thought the first step should be to send each resident a questionnaire to get a consensus if they  
331 want to take the road from private to public. Mr. McCarthy will draft a letter (for Board review) to be  
332 sent to each resident.

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334 Mr. Lynde pointed out it will take at least two winters to go through the process and believed by that  
335 time the residents will already have a solution.

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### 337 **Livestock Ordinance Update**

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339 Mr. Cote forwarded a revised version of the proposed ordinance for review. He reviewed the  
340 amendments and noted the goal was to bring the original ordinance up to today’s standards. The Board  
341 spoke about the changes. Mr. Cote will further amend the ordinance to include the suggestions.

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### 343 **Water Commission Update**

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345 Mr. McCarthy updated the Board. He said the commission had held meetings. He was in the process  
346 of working with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to coordinate a Zoom  
347 meeting between the water commissioners and business owners regarding a proposal to have the water  
348 line extended down Bridge Street. He reminded the Board the Town’s most recent application was

349 referred to a special subcommittee for review. They were previously scheduled to have a meeting mid-  
350 March; however, the Covid situation had pushed things back.

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352 Since the committee was formed last year, Mr. Cote believed there some membership appointments to  
353 be made. He recalled there was a one-year term. Mr. McCarthy will contact the committee chairman.

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355 **Solar Project Update**

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357 Mr. McCarthy reported the letter of agreement had been reviewed by Town Counsel, signed, and  
358 forwarded to Revision Energy. Last week Revision Energy visited a number of Town properties  
359 (including Town Hall) to conduct an evaluation. He was waiting to hear what they discovered.

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361 **Town Beach Update**

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363 Mr. Haverty stated they previously had a waiting list of 76 people; those beach passes had been released  
364 to those people. There were also six Veteran passes given out. There was an additional waiting list of  
365 approximately 15 people; those passes will also be released. He was in favor of the metered approach;  
366 review demand and beach volume then release a certain number of passes. On Sunday there was a total  
367 of forty-four passes through the gate to the beach.

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369 **Drought Update**

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371 Mr. McCarthy informed Southern New Hampshire was considered to be in a moderate drought area.  
372 He said information had been sent out to the community via social media and the Town website with  
373 respect to water conservation efforts. The Town had also begun water conservation efforts and reduced  
374 watering and do as much as possible overnight. He said they were being conservative and practical for  
375 the preservation of the Village Green.

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377 **Library boiler replacement project**

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379 Prior to the meeting Mr. McCarthy forwarded a memo to the Board explaining the situation. He said  
380 since he became Town Administrator the boiler at the Library had been a problem. They previously  
381 had a vendor working on the unit that felt it was salvageable; however, in 2018 it failed and cost  
382 thousands in damage. He informed they contacted another vendor (EEI), who previously worked at the  
383 Fire Station and Municipal Building, to evaluate the boiler at the Library. According to the vendor the  
384 boiler is not the correct boiler to run the Library properly; it's undersized and uses a can fan. He spoke  
385 about the problems that had occurred. Mr. McCarthy stated money (\$70,000) had been encumbered  
386 from the 2019 budget as a rough estimate and received a refined bill of \$66,600 to do the project. He  
387 would like to have EEI do the project but had solicited bids from two additional companies but never  
388 heard back from either one. His recommendation was to use EEI as they knew the Town and its  
389 facilities. He added there was a high likelihood the Town would be eligible for incentives from Liberty  
390 Utilities and would review all avenues.

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392 Mr. Lynde questioned where the funding would come from. Mr. McCarthy replied it would be funded  
393 by previously encumbered funds (\$70,000 from 2019 budget).

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395 Mr. Bergeron inquired how long-ago Mr. McCarthy had reached out to the other two vendors. Mr.  
396 McCarthy replied it was within the last three months. He said his inquiries were done by phone and  
397 email; however, no response was received.

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399 Mr. Cote asked the amount that was being requested. Mr. McCarthy replied he would like to have  
400 authorization for the encumbered \$70,000 in the event of an unanticipated expense.

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**MOTION:** (Cote/Forde) To authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$70,000 to  
EEI for the boiler project at the Library.

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

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403 **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR / SELECTMEN REPORTS**

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405 Mr. Cote discussed the recent Planning Board meeting and the cases/plans that had been reviewed. He  
406 then reported he was in touch with Republic and had conversations regarding the services they offer  
407 municipalities. He told the Board he planned on approaching a Town-wide curbside pickup and would  
408 get numbers to be presented as a Town warrant article.

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410 Mr. Haverty inquired how doing so would affect the Transfer Station. Mr. Cote replied it would  
411 essentially get rid of it. He said Republic had options for residents to contact them for removal of larger  
412 items. He wanted the Board's feedback about curbside pick up for trash and recycling with the Transfer  
413 Station possibly being repurposed for another use. Mr. Haverty asked if there was an estimated cost  
414 for curbside. Mr. Cote replied the number would increase over the Transfer Station budget; however,  
415 the figure might be affected based on the number of people currently using a private service (based on  
416 tonnage). Currently there is roughly 4,800 eligible units in Pelham so the cost may increase  
417 approximately \$600,000. The 'rough' total figure was between \$1.3 million and \$1.6 million. He  
418 added the current Transfer Station budget would be increasing because of recycling.

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420 Mr. Lynde agreed the Town would be facing a problem because of recycling but in his mind, he thought  
421 they would go back to separating out their items. He understood the Road Agent (Frank Ferreira) was  
422 going to purchase a glass crusher to offset increasing costs. The crushed material can be used for road  
423 maintenance. He believed trash pick up was a big expense and was interested to see the numbers.

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425 Mr. Bergeron believed there would be people who will want it and other who prefer the transfer station.  
426 He said the price would be a factor. He also mentioned Town staff would be affected. Mr. Cote agreed  
427 but felt it was the Board's job to present it to the voters. He said it was important to get something on  
428 the next ballot because the trash contract was up in 2022. He was willing to do the work and make a  
429 presentation.

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431 Mr. Haverty inquired if there were other companies and if it would be put out to bid. Mr. Cote replied  
432 the Town currently used republic. Mr. Haverty noted (through the process) consideration should be  
433 given to local businesses that would be directly impacted, such as Oscar's Trash Removal. He said  
434 there are economic impacts that also needed consideration. He's interested in seeing the numbers and  
435 said if there was a compelling financial argument made it was incumbent for the Board to present it to  
436 the voters.

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438 Mr. McCarthy noted the passing of former Selectman Stan Draper who served the Town many years  
439 ago. He offered condolences to his family on his passing. Mr. Haverty stated he had known Mr. Draper  
440 and his family a long time. He said Mr. Draper would be missed.

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442 Mr. McCarthy told the Board he had seen Police appreciation events in other communities. These  
443 events lighten and enhance the spirits of the officers and he felt it was important to have a similar event  
444 within our own community. He thought it would be a nice gesture to let officers know they are  
445 appreciated. Mr. Haverty concurred. He said the department had done nothing but continue to improve

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446 under the leadership of Chief Roark. He welcomed ideas for an appreciation day. Mr. Cote suggested  
447 having a sign making contest that could be displayed on the Village Green. Mr. Haverty said the Board  
448 could think about ideas.

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450 Mr. Bergeron was happy to see the Pelham Veteran’s Memorial Park camp pavilion be completed. He  
451 thought it would work well for the camp.

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453 Mr. McCarthy reported summer camp had started; there were approximately 136 participants. He said  
454 the Parks and Recreation Director was working closely with the Health Officer to ensure all appropriate  
455 measures were in place to reduce the spread of Covid-19. Mr. Haverty understood the water fountains  
456 had been turned off within the park. He said Ray’s Stateline (Mammoth Road) was working with the  
457 recreation department and providing bottled water and ice (at their own cost) for the children at the  
458 camp. He thanked Ray’s Stateline for their actions. Mr. McCarthy informed the Town’s cleaning  
459 company had purchase equipment to clean the parks at intervals during the day.

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461 Mr. Lynde asked if other Town departments would also be recognized. Mr. Haverty felt the Police  
462 were taking it particularly hard in the news. He also felt while the Town was fortunate to have all its  
463 employees, in recent times there was violence (verbal and physical) against officers. He believed the  
464 Pelham community appreciated its officers and felt it was well warranted to go the extra step to show  
465 them. Mr. Lynde assumed the police didn’t have problems with police actions. Mr. McCarthy  
466 answered no, and certain actions were not taught or practiced.

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468 **REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

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

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

470 It was noted that when the Board returned, after the non-public session, the Board would not take any  
471 other action publicly, except to possibly seal the minutes of the non-public session and to adjourn the  
472 meeting. The Board entered into a non-public session at approximately 9:09pm.

473 **MOTION:** ( ) To leave non-public session.

**VOTE:** ( ) The motion .

474 The Board returned to public session at approximately pm.

475 **MOTION:** ( ) To indefinitely seal the minutes of the non-public session.

**VOTE:** ( ) The motion .

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477 **ADJOURNMENT**

478 **MOTION:** ( ) To adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE:** ( ) The motion .

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480 The meeting was adjourned at approximately pm.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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Recording Secretary