



**TOWN OF PELHAM  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
WARRANT  
2019 TOWN MEETING**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Pelham, in the County of Hillsborough and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs. You are hereby notified of the following annual Town Meeting schedule:

**First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative)**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Sherburne Hall, 6 Village Green, Pelham, New Hampshire on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles numbered 2 through 16. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles the wording of which is prescribed by law shall not be amended and (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended.

**Second Session of Annual Town Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)**

You are hereby notified to meet again at the Pelham High School, 85 Marsh Road, Pelham, New Hampshire on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM to vote by official ballot to choose all necessary town officials for the ensuing year and to vote on warrant articles numbered 1 through 16.

**Article 1**

To see what action the Town will take in the election of the following Officers: two (2) Selectman for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Cemetery Trustees for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years; two (2) Library Trustees for a term of three (3) years; three (3) Budget Committee Members for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Budget Committee Member for a term of one (1) years; two (2) Planning Board Members for a term of three (3) years.

**Article 2**

Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Pelham to repeal in its entirety Pelham Zoning Ordinance Article IX, Elderly Housing? The effect of the repeal would be to eliminate any future age-restricted housing as an allowed use within Pelham.

(Recommended by the Planning Board).

**Article 3**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by Citizen's Petition for the Town of Pelham Zoning ordinance as follows: this amendment would modify; Article IV, Section 307-16(A); Article V, Section 307-18 Table of Permitted Uses; and Article V-1 Mixed-Use Overlay District as follows: The raising and keeping of livestock, excluding poultry, may be conducted as an accessory use of a principal Residential or Mixed-Use Overlay District property of at least three (3) acres and shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to the use of the lot for its principal purpose. Structures and enclosures used in conjunction with the raising and keeping of livestock shall be a minimum of fifty (50) feet from any property line and shall comply with the best practices as identified by the UNH Cooperative Extension's housing and space guidelines for livestock. At no time shall a nuisance be created as to sight, sound, smell or any other impact that may interfere with nearby property owners' rights and enjoyment of their properties.

(Recommended by the Planning Board).

**Article 4**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by Citizen's Petition for the Town of Pelham Zoning Ordinance as follows: this amendment would modify Sections 307-18 -- To allow Light Industrial and Manufacturing in the B5 zone? They would pay commercial taxes and employ residents to work in their establishments. Nothing else would change to the existing B5 zone.

(Not Recommended by the Planning Board).

**Article 5**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth herein totaling Sixteen Million, Four-Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$16,421,227)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Sixteen Million, Four-Hundred and Fifty-Two Thousand, Three-Hundred and Eighty-Five Dollars (\$16,452,385) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

<b>Department</b>	<b>BOS Approved</b>	<b>Bud Com Approved</b>
Assessor	222,211	222,213
Budget Committee	162	162
Cable Department	136,837	136,838
Cemetery	145,470	145,835
Conservation Committee	7,947	7,947
Debt Service Interest	113,477	113,477
Debt Service Principal	710,714	710,714
Elections	11,427	11,427
Emergency Management	8,644	\$8,644
Fire Department	\$2,259,025	\$2,351,733
Health Officer	45,766	45,766
Health Services	73,500	73,500
Highway Maintenance	1,530,276	1,537,223
Human Services	93,040	93,040
Insurance	2,410,396	2,590,049
Legal	97,500	97,500
Library	474,848	443,839
Parks & Recreation	248,850	248,938
Planning Dept	409,593	409,693
Police Department	3,077,012	3,062,874
Retirement	1,757,918	1,757,918
Selectmen	513,716	513,716
Senior Center	136,845	136,844
Town Buildings	713,910	717,578
Town Celebrations	9,260	9,261
Town Clerk	240,680	240,680
Transfer	711,831	712,492
Treasurer	15,176	21,176
Trust Funds	150	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,176,181</b>	<b>16,421,227</b>

**Article 6**

Shall the Town vote to approve cost items included in the five (5) year collective bargaining agreement ratified by the Board of Selectmen and the Pelham Public Works and Municipal Employees, Local 1801 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), which calls for the following increases in salary and benefits and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety-Two Dollars (\$54,392) to fund this year of the agreement, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? This is a Special Warrant Article. (Majority Vote Required).

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Cost</u>
2019	\$54,392	\$54,392
2020	\$46,516	\$100,908
2021	\$47,660	\$148,568
2022	\$42,618	\$191,186
2023*	\$40,292	\$231,479

\*includes 3 months of 2024

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee). (Majority Vote Required).

**Article 7**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Twenty- Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$328,684) for repair, maintenance, purchase of equipment and upgrading of Town roads, to be offset by the State Highway Grant? This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, IV. No money to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

**Article 8**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred-Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be placed into the Highway Department Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of constructing a highway maintenance facility to house office and equipment (with the Board of Selectmen having been named as agents to expend, authorizing expenditures following one public hearing.)

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

### **Article 9**

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,713,000** for the purpose of engineering, permitting, and constructing a flood relief bridge structure adjacent to the Old Bridge Street (Abbott) Bridge? Of the \$1,713,000 appropriation, up to \$1,370,400 will come from New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) State Bridge Aid, **\$342,600 (requested herein) from general taxation**. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until 12/31/2025 or until the project is completed. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee). (Majority Vote Required).

### **Article 10**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two-Hundred Fifty-One Thousand and Sixty Dollars (\$251,060) for the purpose of renovations to the Pelham Library consisting of expanded Young Adult area, ceiling enclosure of the Ernest Law Room, remodel and expansion (including a kitchenette) to the Molly Hobbs Room, sound reduction in the stairwell, employee break room renovation as well as new office space. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Recommended by Library Trustees) (Recommended by the Budget Committee). (Majority Vote Required).

### **Article 11**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of forest management, stewardship (signage, trail building, maps, parking, etc.) security, public education and other costs associated with the maintenance and care of Town forest land? Said funds to come from the Forest Maintenance Fund, which is funded from revenues produced by timber harvesting in connection with forest management. No amount to be raised through taxation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and shall not lapse until 12/31/2024 or until this project is completed, whichever comes first. (This is a Special Warrant Article) (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee). (Majority Vote Required).

### **Article 12**

Shall the Town vote to establish as Town Forests pursuant to RSA 31:110-113 – Map 33 Lot 1-161 and Map 33 Lot 2-61-1 - totaling approximately 92 acres and add them to the Cutler-Spalding Town Forest? No tax impact. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required).

**Article 13**

Shall the Town vote to establish the Moeckel Road Town Forest pursuant to RSA 31:110-113 - Map 9 Lot 9-2, Map 9 Lot 9-5 and Map 9 Lot 9-9 - totaling approximately 75 acres? No Tax impact. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required).

**Article 14**

Shall the Town vote to establish the Moose Pond Town Forest pursuant to RSA 31:110-113 - Map 24 Lot 12-41 and Map 31 Lot 11-28-6 - totaling approximately 31 acres? No Tax impact. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required).

**Article 15**

Shall the Town vote to establish the Woven Park Conservation Area as a town forest pursuant to RSA 31:110-113 – Map 41 Lot 10-264 – totaling approximately 23 acres? No Tax impact. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required).

**Article 16**

Shall the Town vote to establish a water utility district, as is authorized by N.H. RSA 31:134-149, which shall consist of those properties that are adjacent to and within five hundred feet (500') of the following 2 water main line extensions: 1) an extension of the existing Marsh Road water line beyond Pelham High School along Marsh Road to the intersection of Mammoth Road; and, 2) an extension of the existing Pennichuck water line beginning at the Nashua Road/Main Street intersection, traveling East along Main Street to the intersection of Bridge Street, and then extending down Bridge Street to the Dracut town line? The purpose of this Water District is to provide water service to properties that have had their water supply adversely impacted by MTBE and other contaminants. The expenses of the Water District shall be borne by property owners and water users, as appropriate, within the Water District. And further, that the Water District shall be managed by a five (5) member Water Commission, whose members shall be Pelham residents and who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for an initial term of either 1, 2 or 3 years, and shall thereafter be appointed to a term of 3 years. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Given under our hands this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019

Harold Lynde, Chair



William McDevitt, Vice Chair



Douglas Viger, Selectmen



S. Amy Spencer, Selectman



Heather Forde, Selectman

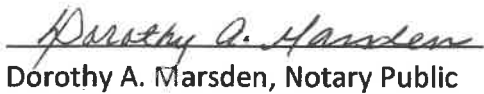


I, the undersigned, Brian McCarthy, serving as the Town Administrator, do hereby certify that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, I did post signed copies of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant at the Pelham Town Hall, located at 6 Village Green and the Pelham High School, located at 85 Marsh Road and at the Pelham Public Library, located at 24 Village Green, of said Town.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brian McCarthy, Town Administrator



Dorothy A. Marsden, Notary Public

**DOROTHY A. MARSDEN, Notary Public**  
**My Commission Expires October 7, 2020**