



TOWN OF PELHAM
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2022 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 8, 2022, at 7:00 PM. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles numbered 2 through 21. 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 8, 2022, 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 21.

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) Town Moderator for a term of two (2) years; Three (3) Budget Committee members for a term of three (3) years; One (1) Budget Committee member for a term of two (2) years, One (1) Cemetery Trustee for a term of three (3) years; Two (2) Library Trustees for a term of three (3) years, One (1) Trustee of the Trust for a term of three (3) years; Two (2) Planning Board members for a term of three (3) years; One (1) Planning Board member for a term of one (1) year; One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of six (6) years.

Article 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Pelham to amend the Pelham Zoning Ordinance Article II, Section 307-6, Definitions; Article III, Section 307-12, Table 1 – Table of Dimensional Requirements; Article III, Section 307-13, A; Article V, Section 307-18, Table 2 – Principal Permitted Uses by District; Article XII, Section 307-73; and Article XII, Section 307-74 to clarify that Workforce Housing is permitted in all districts in which residential dwellings are permitted with the exception of the Rural District as consistent with the requirements of RSA 674:59? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

Article 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Pelham to amend the Pelham Zoning Ordinance Article XII, Special Exceptions to allow attached Accessory Dwelling Units to be allowed by means of a Conditional Use Permit issued by the Zoning Administrator rather than by a Special Exception obtained by the Zoning Board of Adjustment? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

Article 4

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00) (gross budget) to purchase land and easements for conservation purposes, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue bonds or notes in compliance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended); provided, however, that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Town shall not issue more than One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) of bonds or notes in any one calendar year; to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take any other action they deem appropriate to effectuate the sale and/or issuance of said bonds or notes; and additionally to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the bond's first year's interest payment and costs. Land or property interests to be purchased with bond proceeds shall be acquired in the name of the Town by the Conservation Commission, subject to the approval of the Selectmen, pursuant to

RSA 36-A:4. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (3/5 Vote Required).

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 Twenty Million, Three Hundred and Eighty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$20,389,995)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nineteen Million, Five Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand, Four-Hundred and Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$19,562,499) 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 Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

<u>Department</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budcom</u>
	<u>2022 Approved</u>	<u>2022 Approved</u>
Assessor	\$225,563	\$225,413
Budget Committee	\$2	\$2
Cable Department	\$153,731	\$153,731
Cemetery	\$172,983	\$174,283
Conservation	\$5,989	\$5,989
Debt Service Interest	\$46,767	\$78,740
Debt Service Principal	\$640,095	\$705,845
Elections	\$31,147	\$31,187
Emergency Management	\$9,041	\$9,041
Fire Department	\$2,875,451	\$2,883,761
Health Officer	\$87,956	\$87,956
Health Services	\$73,700	\$73,700
Highway Maintenance	\$1,844,946	\$1,863,582
Human Services	\$73,820	\$73,820
Insurance	\$2,683,974	\$2,890,653
Legal	\$106,000	\$96,000
Library	\$564,051	\$584,374

Parks & Recreation	\$275,840	\$276,330
Planning Dept	\$640,282	\$641,402
Police Department	\$3,616,398	\$3,642,399
Retirement	\$2,438,082	\$2,440,542
Selectmen	\$598,742	\$630,532
Senior Center	\$171,950	\$174,386
Technology	\$297,796	\$297,796
Town Buildings	\$994,121	\$1,036,624
Town Celebrations	\$9,260	\$9,260
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$305,449	\$306,089
Transfer	\$979,437	\$980,973
Treasurer	\$15,249	\$15,249
Trust Funds	\$335	\$335
Total	\$19,938,158	\$20,389,995

Article 6

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Twenty Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$320,372) 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).

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to be placed in the Compensated Absence Trust Fund for the purpose of distributing accrued time (annual earned and paid time off) to terminating employees as required by law or negotiated contracts? (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 8

Shall the Town vote to re-designate the following wetland systems as prime wetlands as authorized by RSA 482-A:15. These were designated as prime wetlands in 2000 but the boundaries have been re-mapped using modern, GPS technology hence must be re-designated. There is no tax impact. This is a special warrant article. (Recommended by the Selectmen).

NAME	ACRES (2000)	ACRES (2019)
Little Island Pond	24.6	26.9
St. Patrick's	16.1	14.5
Sherburne Road Bog	2.4	3.7
Sherburne Road Open Water	17.7	19.7
total	60.8	64.8

Article 9

Shall the Town vote to re-designate the following wetland systems as prime wetlands as authorized by RSA 482-A:15. These were designated as prime wetlands in 1987 but the boundaries have been re-mapped using modern, GPS technology hence must be re-designated. There is no tax impact. This is a special warrant article. (Recommended by the Selectmen).

NAME	ACRES (1987)	ACRES (2019)
Lower Golden Brook	72.7	98.8
Upper Golden Brook	85.3	64
Camp Runels	38.0	32.1
Dunlop	79.5	88
Cranberry Bog	16.7	20.9
Mountain Orchard	28.2	21.3
Harris Brook	14.2	29.6
total	334.6	354.7

Article 10

Shall the Town vote to place 100% of the revenues of all future payments collected from the Land Use Change Tax into the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III, as authorized under the provisions of RSA 79-A:25 II, said monies to be used for the acquisition of conservation land, conservation easements, development rights and the costs associated therewith? Currently, 75% of the revenues from the Land Use Change Tax are placed into the Conservation Fund so this would be an increase from 75% to 100%. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 11

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to purchase, for conservation purposes, approximately 36.3 acres of land on Tax Map 31, lots 11-32, 11-34 and 11-35, in the vicinity of Blueberry Circle, which is adjacent to a 20-acre Town owned conservation parcel, with said purchase in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) to be funded by the Town's Conservation Bond Fund approved in 2018. Per the terms of the Town's Purchase and Sales Agreement, Lot 11-33 (3.7 acres) shall be transferred at no cost to the Town for conservation purposes once this lot is no longer used for telecommunications purposes, subject to the acceptance of the Selectmen at that time. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 12

Shall the Town vote to appoint the Forest Management Committee as agents to expend, as authorized by RSA 31:19-a, I, from the Forest Maintenance Fund, previously established in 1980? No money to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Selectmen).

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand, One-Hundred Dollars (\$56,100) 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 and shall not lapse until 12/31/2027 or until project is completed. No money to be raised by taxation. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 14

Shall the Town vote to modify the current Elderly Exemption limits from property tax in the Town of Pelham pursuant to RSA 72:39-a based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers as follows:

For persons aged 65 to include 74 years of age: \$106,000

For persons 75 to including 79 years of age: \$ 152,000

For persons 80 year and above: \$ 196,000

To qualify the person(s) must meet the requirements of State Law as designated in RSA 72: 39-a and 72:39-b. In addition, a qualified taxpayer must have an annual net income of not more than \$44,000 if single and not more than a combined net income of \$54,000 if married, and own assets (excluding the value of the person's residence) not more than \$250,000. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 15

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the additional sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the purpose of constructing the Old Bridge Street Flood Relief Bridge adjacent to the Old Bridge Street (Abbott) Bridge in response to construction escalation costs of which 80%, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) will be reimbursed by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) as a State Aid Bridge Project, and One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be expended from the Unassigned Fund Balance. The total cost for this project is Two Million, Two Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Dollars (\$2,294,000). One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Five Dollars (\$122,805) has been expended from the 2015 appropriations for engineering study for the project. Currently the project is being funded from the 2019 appropriations for design, permitting, bidding and construction. This is a special, non-lapsing warrant article in accordance with RSA 32:7, VI and, this appropriation shall not lapse until fulfillment of the purpose or completion of the project and or at the end of the 2027 fiscal year, whichever occurs first. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 16

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000) for the purchasing and equipping of a forestry fire fighting vehicle. This vehicle will replace a 2005 forestry vehicle currently in the department. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to increase the annual contribution to the ambulance replacement revolving fund from Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be funded from the ambulance fees collected in each calendar year. This Fund was established in 2005 pursuant to RSA 31:95-h. These funds are held by the Treasurer and may only be expended with town vote approval for the replacement or major refurbishment of an ambulance. No money to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 18

Shall the Town vote to discontinue as a public roadway that portion of Arlene Drive adjacent to 188 Arlene Drive that formerly was dedicated, constructed, and utilized as a cul-de-sac, but today is no longer needed for a public highway purpose now that this portion of Arlene Drive is a through street and the paved circle portion of the cul-de-sac no longer exists? If this portion of the former cul-de-sac has been deeded to the Town, the Selectmen shall be authorized to deed that portion of the cul-de-sac that is no longer needed for a public highway purpose to the abutting property owner. (Recommended by the Selectmen).

Article 19

Shall the Town vote to reclassify Tower Hill Road, which is an unpaved Class VI Highway (a Class VI Highway is a public roadway that the Town has no obligation to maintain), to a Class A trail, beginning 2,400 feet from Gumpas Hill Road to the Hudson town line, in accordance with RSA 231-A. A Class A trail is a full public right-of-way subject to public trail use restrictions imposed by Board of Selectmen, including locked gates to limit impermissible motorized vehicular access by the public. It may not be used by the public for vehicular access to any new building or structure, or by any motorized vehicles other than snowmobiles. It may be used by owners of land abutting the trail to provide access for agriculture and forestry uses and to any building or structure existing on this highway prior to its designation as a Class A trail. The Town shall bear no responsibility for maintaining the trail for such uses by abutting landowners. (Recommended by the Selectmen).

Article 20

Shall the Town vote to reclassify the unpaved Class VI section of Spaulding Hill Road, beginning 300 feet from the end of the Class V section of Spaulding Hill Road to Tower Hill Road (a Class VI Highway is a public roadway that the Town has no obligation to maintain), to a Class A Trail in accordance with RSA 231-A. A Class A trail is a full public right-of-way subject to the public trail use restrictions imposed by the Board of Selectmen, including locked gates to limit impermissible motorized vehicular access by the public. It may not be used by the public for vehicular access to any new building or structure, or by any motorized vehicles other than snowmobiles. It may be used by owners of land abutting the trail to provide access for agriculture and forestry uses and to any building or structure existing on this highway prior to its designation as a Class A trail. The Town shall bear no responsibility for maintaining the trail for such use by abutting landowners. (Recommended by the Selectmen).

Petition Article 21

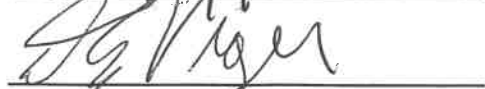
Shall the Town vote to allow Pelham residents to be able to access Town owned forest land with OHRV wheeled vehicles. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Not recommended by the Forestry Committee) (Not recommended by the Conservation Commission).

Given under our hands this 24th day of January, 2022

Robert Haverty, Chair



Doug Viger, Vice Chair



Hal Lynde, Selectmen



Kevin Cote, Selectman

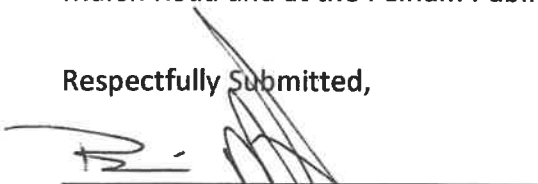



Jaie Bergeron, Selectman



I, the undersigned, Brian McCarthy, serving as the Town Administrator, do hereby certify that on this 24th day of January, 2022, I did post signed copies of the 2022 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

Linda Newcomb, Notary Public

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NOTARY PUBLIC - State of New Hampshire
My Commission Expires
September 13, 2022