



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF
PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 12, 2024**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Jinda Y Newcomb
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- To vote, fill in the oval(s) opposite your choice(s) like this
- To write-in a candidate not on the ballot, write the name on the line provided for the office and fill in the oval opposite the write-in line, like this

TOWN OFFICES

**BOARD OF
SELECTMEN**

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

KIMBERLY ABARE 2,347

(WRITE-IN)

TOWN MODERATOR

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

JAMES B. HOGAN 2,361

(WRITE-IN)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

ONE YEAR Vote for not more than ONE

PHILIP HABERLEN 1,108

LISA BROWN 1,293

(WRITE-IN)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than THREE

JAS MOORJANI 995

DEBBIE RYAN 2,019

NIKI TRETTEL 766

BRETT GAGNON 1,739

(WRITE-IN) Michael Carter 797

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

DAVID PROVENCAL 2,302

(WRITE-IN) Lance Ouellette 12

(WRITE-IN)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

CAROL BELAND 2,385

(WRITE-IN)

PLANNING BOARD

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

DANIELLE MASSE-QUINN 2,075

KEVIN COTE 1,792

(WRITE-IN) Michael Sherman 99

(WRITE-IN)

**SUPERVISOR OF
THE CHECKLIST**

SIX YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

ALEXANDRIA HOGAN 2,253

(WRITE-IN)

**TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS**

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

ED GLEASON 2,298

(WRITE-IN)

**TOWN WARRANT
ARTICLES**

Article 2

Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Pelham to amend Pelham Zoning Article III Section 307-13 Additional Lot Size and Street Access Requirements to add multi-family lots to the minimum lot size requirements of minimum contiguous square footage of 217,800 square feet of non-wetlands, and to add the following language: For septic loading calculations, non-contiguous areas separated by a wetland or stream shall be treated separately. The total number of units shall be split up and built on each part of the parcel based on the square footage of the contiguous non-wetland area of each area of the parcel. (Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0)

2,129 YES

812 NO

Article 3

Are you in favor of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Pelham to add a new article to Pelham's Zoning Ordinance Article IX Age Restricted Housing Ordinance to provide important needed housing opportunities for seniors in Pelham and to recognize the need for granting provisions whereby appropriate housing alternatives may be provided for seniors fifty-five (55) years of age and over. (Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2-0)

1,847 YES

1,119 NO

Article 4

Are you in favor of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Pelham to amend Pelham Zoning Article VIII Floodplain Development Ordinance, Sections 307-45, 307-46, & 307-47 as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. (Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0)

2,505 YES

449 NO

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5

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 following increases in salary and benefits and to further raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirteen Dollars (\$142,713) 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? (Recommended by the Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0) (Majority vote required)

Year	Cost	Accumulated Cost
2024	\$142,713	\$142,713
2025	\$122,644	\$265,357
2026	\$ 98,605	\$363,962
2027	\$ 90,784	\$454,756
2028*	\$100,114	\$554,860

*Including 3 months of 2029

2,121 YES
801 NO

Article 6

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-One Million, Seven-Hundred Ninety-One Thousand, Eight-Hundred and Seven-Three Dollars (\$21,791,873)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Twenty-One Million, Five-Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand, Four-Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars (\$21,523,493)? 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 4-0-0) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-4-0) (Majority vote required)

1,356 YES
1,510 NO

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$345,000) for repair, maintenance, purchase of equipment and upgrading of Town roads, to be offset by anticipated Highway Block Grant funds. This special article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, IV. No money to be raised by taxation (Recommended by the Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0) (Majority vote required)

2,605 YES
334 NO

Article 8

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three-million four hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$3,460,000) to construct two roundabouts at the intersections of Sherburne Road and Mammoth Road and Mammoth Road and Marsh Road. Said appropriation will be offset by a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) Grant in the amount of two million-six hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$2,680,000) and also to be offset with exaction fees on deposit of one-hundred and ten-thousand (\$110,000) dollars and to authorize the Selectmen to expend the remainder of six-hundred and seventy thousand dollars (\$670,000) from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No money to be raised by taxation. This special article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, IV. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0) (Majority vote required)

2,192 YES
737 NO

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Pelham Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan, which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to develop and implement Pelham Community Power as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53-E:7). The program would provide a new default electric supply and new supply options for customers in Pelham. There is no cost to the Town budget, and no obligation to participate. Customers can opt out at any time and return to utility default service. (Recommended by the Selectmen 5-0-0) (Majority vote required)

2,491 YES
425 NO

Article 10

Shall the Town completely discontinue as an open highway under RSA 231:43 the following highway: the portion of the Class VI road, approximately 1 mile, between the gate located at the northern most end of Saint Margaret's Drive until the gate at the western most end of Robinsons Lane. This discontinuance will take effect June 1, 2024. (Recommended by the Selectmen 5-0-0) (Majority vote required)

2,122 YES
687 NO

Article 11 – Citizens Petition

Shall we delegate the duties and responsibilities of the Cemetery Trustees to the Board of Selectmen? A majority vote in the affirmative shall delegate these duties to be effective 90 days after adoption and shall continue until rescinded by vote of the Town meeting.

1,062 YES
1,752 NO

Article 12 – Citizens Petition

Are you in favor of repealing the Article 19, voted on at the March 2022 Town Meeting, to reclassify Tower Hill Road, which is an unpaved Class VI Highway to a Class A Trail, beginning 2400 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 with restrictions imposed by the Board of Selectmen. If repealed, Tower Hill Road, beginning 2400 feet from Gumpas Hill Road to the Hudson town line, would be reclassified back to a Class VI Highway which is a public roadway that the Town has no obligation to maintain.

1,451 YES
1,434 NO

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 13 – Citizens Petition

Are you in favor of repealing the Article 20, voted on the March 2022 Town Meeting, 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, 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. If repealed, the unpaved section of Spaulding Hill Road, beginning 300 feet from the end of the Class V section of Spaulding Hill Road to Tower Hill Road, will be reclassified back to a Class VI Highway which is a public roadway that the Town has no obligation to maintain.

1,436 YES
1,494 NO

Article 14 – Citizens Petition

Shall the town vote to establish a trail subcommittee appointed by Pelham forestry. This volunteer trails maintenance subcommittee will be able to maintain and access Pelham's trails and verify safety for all of Pelham residents on the town lands and forest sections.

2,081 YES
901 NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT