



Town of Pelham State of New Hampshire 2024 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 Session)

You are hereby notified to meet at the Sherburne Hall, 6 Village Green, Pelham, New Hampshire on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 7:00pm. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles numbered 2-14. 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, 2024, between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00pm to vote by official ballot in choosing all necessary Town officials for the ensuing year and to vote on warrant articles numbered 1-14.

Article 1

To see what action the Town will take in the election of the following Officers: One (1) Selectman for a the term of three (3) years; One (1) Town Moderator for the term of two (2) years; One (1) Budget Committee member for the term of one (1) year; Three (3) Budget Committee members for the term of three (3) years; Two (2) Cemetery Trustees for the term of three (3) years; One (1) Library Trustee for the term of three (3) years; Two (2) Planning Board members for the term of three (3) years; One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for the term of six (6) years; One (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for the 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 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)

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)

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)

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)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Cost</u>
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

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, Six-Hundred Eighty-One Thousand, Nine-Hundred and Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$21,681,997)? 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 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0-0) (Majority vote required)

<u>Department</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budcom</u>
Assessor	\$ 240,825	\$ 237,825
Budget Committee	\$ 2	\$ 2
Cable Department	\$ 169,186	\$ 169,186
Cemetery	\$ 281,002	\$ 240,329
Conservation	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,700
Debt Service Interest	\$ 52,857	\$ 52,857
Debt Service Principal	\$ 363,170	\$ 363,170
Elections	\$ 65,868	\$ 65,868
Emergency Management	\$ 10,781	\$ 10,781
Fire Department	\$ 3,137,264	\$ 3,058,288
Health Officer	\$ 69,652	\$ 69,652
Health Services	\$ 45,800	\$ 45,800
Highway Maintenance	\$ 2,150,070	\$ 2,130,070
Human Services	\$ 75,650	\$ 75,650
Insurance	\$ 3,380,115	\$ 3,430,440
Legal	\$ 127,500	\$ 127,500
Library	\$ 559,072	\$ 554,072
Parks & Recreation	\$ 301,123	\$ 287,623
Planning Dept	\$ 609,296	\$ 571,296
Police Department	\$ 3,896,330	\$ 3,896,330
Retirement	\$ 2,559,197	\$ 2,553,608
Selectmen	\$ 700,741	\$ 703,990
Senior Center	\$ 211,030	\$ 201,030
Technology	\$ 367,459	\$ 306,509
Town Buildings	\$ 924,491	\$ 824,654
Town Celebrations	\$ 24,960	\$ 24,960
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 328,289	\$ 328,289
Transfer	\$ 1,333,467	\$ 1,333,467

Treasurer	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Trust Funds	\$ 350	\$ 350
Total	\$ 22,003,547	\$ 21,681,997

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)

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)

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)

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 1st, 2024. (Recommended by the Selectmen 5-0-0) (Majority vote required)

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.

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.

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.

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.

Given under our hands this 29th day of January 2024

Kevin Cote, Chair



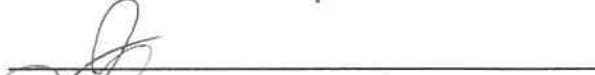
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Heather Corbett, Selectman



Jason Croteau, Selectman

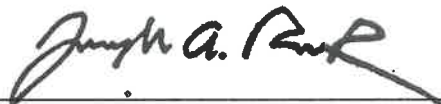


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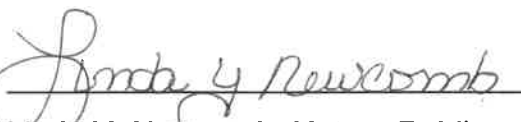


I, the undersigned, Joseph A. Roark, serving as the Town Administrator, do hereby certify that on this 29th day of January 2024, I did post signed copies of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant at the Pelham Town Hall, located at 6 Village Green and the Pelham High School, located at 85 Marsh Road and at the Pelham Public Library, located at 24 Village Green of said Town.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph A. Roark, Town Administrator



Linda Y. Newcomb, Notary Public

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NOTARY PUBLIC - State of New Hampshire
My Commission Expires
September 7, 2027