



**THE TOWN OF PELHAM
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT
2010 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 Sherburne Hall in the Pelham Municipal Building, 6 Village Green, Pelham, New Hampshire on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles numbered 4 through 13. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording 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 9, 2010 between the hours of 7 A.M. and 8 P.M. to vote by official ballot to choose all necessary town officials for the ensuing year and to vote on warrant articles numbered 1 through 13.

Article 1: To see what action the Town will take in the election of the following officers: two (2) Selectmen for a period of three (3) years; one (1) Town Moderator for a period of two (2) years; one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for a period of six (6) years; one (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector for a period of three (3) years; three (3) Budget Committee members for a period of three (3) years; one (1) Cemetery Trustee for a period of three (3) years; two (2) Library Trustees for a period of three (3) years; one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for a period of three (3) years; two (2) Planning Board Members for a period of three (3) 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 Zoning Ordinance as follows: This amendment would add a new article (Article XVI, Small Wind Energy Systems) to accommodate small wind energy systems in appropriate locations, while protecting the public's health, safety and welfare. The proposed ordinance provides a permitting process for small wind energy systems to ensure compliance with limitations on tower height, system setbacks from abutting properties, roads and utilities and limitations on noise generation and visual impacts. This proposed ordinance is based on the model ordinance developed by the NH Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) in accordance with RSA 647:62-66 and RSA 672:1-III-a.. (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 Zoning Ordinance as follows: this amendment would add a new sub-article (Article VIII-I, Illicit Discharge Ordinance) to protect the quality of groundwater (i.e. drinking water) and surface waters such as lakes, ponds and streams by regulation of non-storm water discharges into the storm drainage system and the waters of the State to the maximum extent practicable as required by federal and state law. This ordinance establishes methods for fulfilling the order to comply with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process. The objectives of this ordinance are to regulate illicit connections and discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) by water discharges by any user, to prohibit illicit connections and discharges into the MS4 and to establish legal authority to carry out all inspection, surveillance, monitoring, and enforcement procedures necessary to ensure compliance with this ordinance. (RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Article 4: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,950,000.00 for the purpose of erecting a Fire Station and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue bonds or notes not to exceed \$3,550,000.00 (applying \$400,000 in impact fees) in compliance with the provisions of Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take any action they deem appropriate to effectuate the sale and/or issuance of said bonds or notes and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the first year costs? (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 11-0) (3/5 majority 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 \$11,328,870? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$11,273,514 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 Budget Committee) (\$11,331,812 approved by Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Department	Selectmen 2010 final dept approved	Budget Committee 2010 final dept approved
Assessing	145,450.00	144,580.00
Budget committee	2,481.00	2,341.00
Cable	85,881.00	85,381.00
Cemetery	134,614.00	134,414.00
Conservation Committee	3,997.00	3,997.00
Debt Service -Interest	211,664.00	211,664.00
Debt Service - Principal	529,221.00	529,221.00
Elections	12,880.00	12,880.00
Emergency Management	6,469.00	6,469.00
Fire	1,683,995.00	1,683,995.00
Health Officer	39,980.00	39,980.00
Health Services	48,145.00	48,145.00
Highway	897,111.00	897,111.00
Human Services	105,440.00	105,440.00
Insurance	1,707,446.00	1,707,446.00
Legal	90,000.00	90,000.00
Library	230,256.00	230,256.00
Parks and Recreation	169,789.00	169,789.00
Planning Department	258,802.00	257,575.00
Police	2,196,961.00	2,196,961.00
Retirement	947,829.00	947,829.00
Selectmen	461,489.00	461,489.00
Seniors	70,503.00	70,503.00
Town Buildings	516,103.00	516,103.00
Town Celebrations	9,055.00	9,050.00
Town Clerk	198,151.00	198,151.00
Transfer Station	560,259.00	560,259.00
Treasurer	7,771.00	7,771.00
Trust Funds	70.00	70.00
TOTAL WITH ABOVE	11,331,812.00	11,328,870.00

Article 6: Shall the Town vote to approve cost items included in the one year Collective Bargaining Agreement ratified by the Board of Selectmen of the town of Pelham and the Professional Fire Fighters of Pelham, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4546 which calls for the following increases and benefits and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$102,297.00 to fund the first year of this agreement? This is a special warrant article. (Recommended by the Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Majority vote required)

Year	Cost
2010	\$102,297.00

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to approve cost items included in the five year Collective Bargaining Agreement ratified by the Selectmen of the Town of Pelham and the Pelham Police, Fire and Supervisors Associations (Includes Fire and Police Chiefs, Police Lieutenants, Senior Center Director, Parks & Recreation Director, Planning Director, Cable Coordinator, Transfer Station Superintendent and Highway Agent.) which calls for the following increases and benefits and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,867.00 to fund the first year of this agreement? This is a special warrant article. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee 3-5) (Majority Vote Required)

Year	Cost	Accumulated Cost
2009	0	
2010	71,867	71,867
2011	20,490	92,357
2012	37,484	129,841
2013	53,870	183,711

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$281,213 for repair, maintenance and upgrading of Town roads, to be fully offset by the State Grant for highway maintenance? This is a special warrant article. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 10-0) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,808 for the purpose of hiring and equipping a School Resource Police Officer? The amount raised covers the costs from May to December, 2010 after which the position, if approved, will be funded through the Police Department operating budget. The cost breakdown includes salary of \$30,820 plus benefits and equipment. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-2) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 10: To see if the Town of Pelham will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$279,000.00 for the purpose of adding an extension to the existing Senior Center building to accommodate increasing membership, as well as, expanding recreation, dietary and health needs and authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Senior Center building Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose? The Council on Aging will contribute \$40,000. The balance of \$139,000.00 is to come from general taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget committee 11-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 from the Forest Maintenance Fund for the purpose of forest management, stewardship (signage, trail maps, parking, etc.), security, public education and other costs associated with the maintenance and care of Town forest land? All Expenditures are to be approved by the Board of Selectmen. Funds requested come from revenues produced by timber harvesting, not property taxes. This is a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7. This is a special warrant article. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 11-0) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 12: Shall a charter commission be established for the purpose of studying the possibility of revising the Municipal Charter or establishing a new Municipal Charter? (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President. Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines “marriage”. (Majority Vote Required) (Submitted by Petition)

Given under our hands this 25th day of January, 2010

Robert Haverty, Chairman

Douglas Viger, Vice Chairman

Edmund Gleason

Harold Lynde

William McDevitt

I, the undersigned Town Administrator for the Town of Pelham, do hereby certify that on the 25th day of January, 2010, I did post signed copies of the 2010 annual Town Meeting at the Pelham Town Hall, located at 6 Village Green and the Pelham High School, located at 85 Marsh Road and at the Pelham Post Office, located at 150 Bridge Street of said Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas R. Gaydos, Town Administrator

Dorothy A. Marsden, Notary Public