



The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present this Voters' Guide to assist all voters who will be voting on the Town and School Warrants on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at Pelham High School from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

The purpose of the guide is to help you make informed decisions as you vote. The way the Town and Schools operate and how much they spend is significantly determined by your votes. Historically, this voting is more lightly attended, much more, than the recent Presidential vote but has a greater impact on our daily lives and local taxes. Thus we strongly encourage you to vote on March 9th.

Sincerely,

## *Pelham Board of Selectmen*

Robert Haverty, Chair - 2010  
Douglas Viger, Vice Chair - 2011  
Edmund Gleason - 2012  
Hal Lynde – 2010  
Bill McDevitt - 2011

### THE TOWN OF PELHAM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT 2010 TOWN MEETING

**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 2 Explanation:** This article addresses small wind energy generating technology and establishes parameters for their implementation in Pelham.*

**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 3 Explanation:** Adoption of this Ordinance will help protect Pelham's groundwater for future generations and is in compliance with Federal and State guidelines to meet that goal.*

**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 4 Explanation:** The cost of this project has come down as a result of the economy and this, combined with low interest rates, presents an excellent opportunity to complete this project. The first year cost of this project is expected to cost \$177 for a typical home assessed at \$300,000 and will decrease over the five years of the loan. There is a tremendous need to complete a new central station that will house all our equipment and meet our needs into the next generation and beyond..*

**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)

<b>Department</b>	<b>Selectmen 2010 final dept approved</b>	<b>Budget Committee 2010 final dept approved</b>
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
<b>TOTAL WITH ABOVE</b>	<b>11,331,812.00</b>	<b>11,328,870.00</b>

**Article 5 Explanation:** This is the town's operating budget. The amount was revised upward at the Deliberative Session to the amount requested - \$11,328,870.

**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 6 Explanation:** *This one year agreement presents no cost of living increases and freezes insurance contribution rates. 8 of the Junior Firefighters will receive step raises. An important agreement was made to memorialize how an employee is paid while absent due to a job injury which presents a significant future savings to the town.*

**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 7 Explanation:** *Having had no contract and no increases for the past year, this four year agreement provides no retroactive payments and increases of 1%, 2%, 2 ½%, and 3% for succeeding years. It includes incentives for Supervisors to accept lower cost health plans, reduces the amount of vacation time received and reduces the amount of vacation time an employee can have. Like the Firefighters, this Agreement includes wording to memorialize how an employee is paid while absent due to an on the job injury which presents a significant future savings to the town.*

**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 8 Explanation:** *The State shares gasoline tax money with Pelham each year. This Article requests this money be used for local road maintenance.*

**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 9 Explanation:** *The School Resource Officer (SRO) program is designed to provide students (K-12), school administrators and staff with law enforcement resources and expertise in order to help maintain safety and order in the schools. The SRO Program is intended to ensure that no student's right to receive an education is abridged by violence or similar disruption. This position is requested in order to encourage the best possible working relationship between police, schools and students to promote safety and education. The amount requested includes all salary and benefits.*

**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 10 Explanation:** *The 1,500 square foot addition is needed to serve the over 700 members of the senior center to allow more than one program at a time to be held throughout the year. .*

**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 11 Explanation:** *Forestry funds come from professionally managed timber cutting on town owned forest lands. This article asks for approval to spend money from this fund for the purposes explained in the article. There is no property tax impact from this expenditure.*

**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 12 Explanation:** *Approval of this article will form an elected commission to hear comment from the public and discuss structural changes to improve our form of government. A recommendation could be made to the voters in 2011 for their vote.*

**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)

**Article 13 Explanation:** *This is a petitioned article.*

# SAMPLE BALLOT



**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**TOWN OF  
PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**March 9, 2010**

*Dorothy A. Marsden*

DOROTHY A. MARSDEN, TOWN CLERK

## INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. To vote, fill in the oval(s) ☐ opposite your choice(s) like this ☒
2. 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 OFFICIALS

#### For Selectmen

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO:

**ROBERT HAVERTY** ☐

**HAROLD (HAL) LYNDE** ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

#### For Town Moderator

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE:

**PHILIP R. CURRIER** ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

#### For Town Clerk/Tax Collector

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE:

**DOROTHY MARSDEN** ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

#### For Supervisor of Checklist

SIX YEARS Vote for not more than ONE:

**DONNA M. D'ARCANGELO** ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

#### For Budget Committee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than THREE:

**KENNETH DUNNE** ☐

**GREGORY FARRIS** ☐

**LAWRENCE J. HALL** ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

#### For Cemetery Trustee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE:

**WALTER J. KOSIK Sr.** ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

#### For Library Trustee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO:

**DIANE M. CHUBB** ☐

**DEBORAH KRUZEL** ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

#### For Trustee of Trust Funds

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE:

**CINDY RONNING** ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

#### For Planning Board

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO:

**PATRICK CULBERT** ☐

**PETER J. MCNAMARA** ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

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### OFFICIAL BALLOT TOWN WARRANT QUESTIONS

#### ARTICLE 2:

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**Planning Board) NO** ☐

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**by Budget Committee 11-0) NO** ☐ (3/5 majority required)

**TURN OVER TO  
CONTINUE VOTING**

# -----SAMPLE BALLOT-----

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(Recommended by Budget Committee 7-1) (\$11,331,812 approved by Selectmen) YES ☐  
(Majority Vote Required) NO ☐

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NO ☐  

YEAR	COST
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(Recommended by Budget Committee 8-2) (Majority YES ☐  
Vote Required) NO ☐

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Budget Committee 11-0) YES ☐  
(Majority Vote Required) NO ☐

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Petition)

## VOTING IS COMPLETE

***-NOTES-***