



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 8, 2011 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 8th.

For Detailed information, please view the town website
<http://www.pelhamweb.com/Warrants/>

Sincerely,

Pelham Board of Selectmen

Douglas Viger, Chair - 2011
Edmund Gleason, Vice Chair - 2012
Robert Haverty - 2013
Hal Lynde – 2013
Bill McDevitt - 2011

THE TOWN OF PELHAM
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT
2011 TOWN MEEETING

ARTICLE 1:

To see what action the Town will take in the election of the following Officers: two (2) Selectmen for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of five (5) years; one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of six (6) years; one (1) Budget Committee Member for a term of one (1) year; three (3) Budget Committee Members for a term of three (3) years; two (2) Cemetery Trustees for a term of three (3) years; two (2) Library Trustees for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years; and two (2) Planning Board Members for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Treasurer for a term of three (3) years.

ARTICLE 2:

Shall the Town of Pelham raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,700,000 (gross budget) for the construction and equipping of a new Fire Station building and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate the terms of such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, with the balance of \$200,000 to be raised from impact fees that have been collected for this purpose? (3/5 majority vote required)
(Recommended by Selectmen)(Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 2 Explanation: This Article would fund a newly designed, single story fire station made primarily from insulated concrete. This technology will allow for a sturdier building and have much lower heating and cooling costs. The new design accommodates all the original needs but has been scaled down in size and cost.

ARTICLE 3:

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 \$12,339,320? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$11,975,550 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 Budget Committee)

(\$12,339,320 approved by Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Department	Selectmen 2011 final Dept. approved	Budget Committee 2011 final Dept. approved
Assessing	184,104.00	184,104.00
Budget Committee	2,341.00	2,341.00
Cable	90,925.00	90,925.00
Cemetery	139,660.00	139,660.00
Conservation Committee	3,997.00	3,997.00
Debt Service - Interest	186,970.00	186,970.00
Debt Service - Principal	536,597.00	536,597.00
Elections	9,760.00	9,760.00
Emergency Management	6,501.00	6,501.00
Fire	1,764,569.00	1,764,569.00
Health Officer	43,266.00	43,266.00
Health Services	48,145.00	48,145.00
Highway	1,203,915.00	1,203,915.00
Human Services	85,440.00	85,440.00
Insurance	1,881,633.00	1,881,633.00
Legal	90,000.00	90,000.00
Library	230,256.00	230,256.00
Parks and Recreation	180,841.00	180,841.00
Planning Department	269,428.00	269,428.00
Police	2,324,518.00	2,324,518.00
Retirement	1,265,367.00	1,265,367.00
Selectmen	457,537.00	457,537.00
Seniors	75,090.00	75,090.00
Town Buildings	518,975.00	518,975.00
Town Celebrations	9,585.00	9,585.00
Town Clerk	199,570.00	199,570.00
Transfer Station	522,334.00	522,334.00
Treasurer	7,851.00	7,851.00
Trust Funds	145.00	145.00
TOTAL	12,339,320.00	12,339,320.00

Article 3 Explanation: This is the Town's operating budget

ARTICLE 4:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in the Tallant Road/ Willow Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund? This funding is for the Willow Street Bridge replacement which is identified by the State of New Hampshire as being sub-standard and is eligible for 80% grant reimbursement. There is approximately \$124,000 in this fund. (Majority Vote Required)
(Recommended by Selectmen)(Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 4 Explanation: We started a fund to complete both bridges and have completed Tallant Bridge. The Willow Street Bridge is in poor condition and provides vital access connecting the Town over the Beaver Brook. Setting money aside now and in upcoming years will ensure replacement of this bridge.

ARTICLE 5:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$318,383 for repair, maintenance and upgrading of Town roads, to be offset by the State Grant for highway maintenance? This is a Special Warrant Article. (Majority Vote Required)
(Recommended by Selectmen)(Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 5 Explanation: The state shares gasoline tax money with Pelham each year for road maintenance. This Article seeks to ensure this money is dedicated to local roads.

ARTICLE 6:

Shall the Town vote to approve cost items included in the three year collective bargaining agreement ratified by the Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters of Pelham, The International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 4546, which calls for the following increases and benefits and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$86,331 to fund the first year of this agreement? If this warrant article is approved, \$23,296 will be removed from the operating and default budgets representing automatic step increases previously included there. This is a special warrant article.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>ACCUMULATED COST</u>
2011	\$86,331	
2012	\$72,954	\$159,285
2013	\$49,138	\$208,423

(Majority Vote Required)

(Recommended by Selectmen)(Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 6 Explanation: This Article represents a three year agreement with our Firefighters who also provide coverage on our Advanced and Basic Life Support Ambulance Service. The first year costs are 15% less than a one year agreement passed in 2010.

ARTICLE 7:

Shall the Town vote to approve cost items included in the two 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 the following increases and benefits and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,254 to fund this year of the agreement? If this warrant article is approved, \$4,539 will be removed from the operating and default budgets representing automatic step increases previously included there. This is a Special Warrant Article.

YEAR

COST

2010 \$ 0 No Retroactivity

2011 \$ 62,254

(Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by Selectmen)(Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 7 Explanation: There was no contract agreement in 2010 and this Article represents costs for 2011 only. The Public Works and Municipal employees represented in this bargaining unit include Highway and Transfer Station workers plus Office Managers, Clerks, Bookkeeper, Assessing Technician and Planning Assistant.

ARTICLE 8:

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 approved by the Board of Selectmen. Funds requested come from the revenues produced by timber harvesting, not property taxes. This is a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Majority Vote Required)
(Recommended by Selectmen)(Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 8 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 9:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,815 for the purpose of hiring and equipping a school resource police officer? The amount raised covers costs from July through December, 2011 after which the position, if approved, will be funded through the Police Department operating budget. The cost breakdown includes salary of \$17,640 plus benefits and equipment. Should this Article pass, the Police Operating Budget shall be reduced by \$5,365. (Majority vote required)
(Recommended by Selectmen)(Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 9 Explanation: The School Resource Officer (SRO) provides students (K-12), teachers and staff with law enforcement resources and expertise to help maintain safety and order in the schools. When school is not in session, this Officer fills in for other Patrol Officers but continues to work with children and young adults.

ARTICLE 10:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in the Compensated Absence Trust Fund for the purpose of disbursing accrued time (annual vacation and sick leave) to terminating employees as required by law and/or negotiated contracts? The money for this Article shall come from the 2010 year end unreserved fund balance. This Article shall have no impact on the tax rate. (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by Selectmen)(Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 10 Explanation: The Town has a current unfunded liability of about \$575,000 and reserves to offset approximately \$75,000. Supplementing this fund will provide reserves to meet our obligations. Funding is proposed from unreserved and unspent funds left over from 2010. The total of all unreserved and unspent funds for all years is about \$2,283,550.

ARTICLE 11:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 for the purpose of constructing a second egress from George M. Muldoon Park on to Nashua Road? The money for this Article shall come from the 2010 year end unreserved fund balance. This Article shall have no impact on the tax rate. (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by Selectmen)(Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 11 Explanation: This park has experienced considerable growth and expansion in recent years leaving its one entrance/egress an ongoing safety issue not only for park users but emergency services that need access. Approval of this Article would provide a second egress to Nashua Road. Funding is proposed from unreserved and unspent funds left over from 2010. The total of all unreserved and unspent funds for all years is about \$2,283,550.

ARTICLE 12:

Shall the Town of Pelham adopt the provisions of RSA Chapter 398 which authorizes the governing body (Board of Selectmen) to license and inspect pawnbrokers and further to hold two public hearings before any vote is taken on the proposed regulation?

Article 12 Explanation: Approval of this Article will allow the Selectmen to create regulations to monitor Pawn Shops in Pelham.

ARTICLE 13:

Shall the Town of Pelham vote to accept Moonshadow Drive and Collins Way as Class V public roads. (Recommended by the Planning Board) (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 13 Explanation: These are recently completed new development roads in Pelham that meet all town criteria for acceptance as Town roads.

ARTICLE 14:

Shall the Town of Pelham vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a portion of Mulberry Lane (Map 24 Lot 12-203-19 to Map 24 Lot 12-44-2), a portion of Shephard Road (Map 24 lot 12-209-5 to Map 24 Lot 12-63-3) and all of Lannan Drive as Class V public roads once the remaining minor road work and documentation is completed to the satisfaction of the Road Agent and the Planning Board and a written recommendation for acceptance is provided to the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen shall conduct a public hearing prior to their vote to accept. (Recommended by the Planning Board)(Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 14 Explanation: These are recently completed new development roads in Pelham that are just short of meeting the criteria for acceptance. The Planning Board is confident the developers will meet compliance during the summer of 2011.

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town of Pelham vote to delegate to the Board of Selectmen the authority to accept public roads as authorized by RSA 674:40-a. This delegation of authority would be limited to those roads that the Planning Board has approved following subdivision, site plan or street plats approval. The Board of Selectmen may accept these roads as town roads or "public highways" after holding a public hearing. (Recommended by the Planning Board)(Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 15 Explanation: This Article will authorize the Board of Selectmen, after a through public examination, to accept roads in the future.

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote, for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer and convey by deed a 50' foot wide area of land with frontage on Castle Hill Road, located between Map 2, Lot 5-97 and Map 2, Lot 5-98 to the owners of Map 2, Lot 5-89 as shown on the Town of Pelham tax map. The area to be conveyed is the same area conveyed to the Town of Pelham as shown on Plan #7211 within a deed recorded at the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds at Book 3632 page 0055. This will also authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any document necessary to convey this land. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 16 Explanation: This Article was the result of a mediated agreement where a strip of land was deeded to the town where only one property owner requires it for access. It is not a town road.

ARTICLE 17:

Shall the Town vote to adopt a Town of Pelham Blasting Ordinance (a copy of which is available for inspection and copying at the Town Clerk's office) to supersede and replace in its entirety the current Blasting Regulations in accordance with the Town's authority set forth in RSA 31:39-b. This proposed blasting ordinance updates the Town's regulation of blasting with the aim of providing further protection to the general public and property owners. This ordinance does not regulate the use of fireworks within the Town of Pelham. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 17 Explanation: This Article would increase regulation of blasting to avoid dangerous situations blasting can present a community.

SAMPLE BALLOT



ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF
PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

March 8, 2011

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:

DOUGLAS VIGER ☐

WILLIAM McDEVITT ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Supervisor of Checklist

FIVE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE:

KIMBERLY REGAN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Supervisor of Checklist

SIX YEARS Vote for not more than ONE:

BRENDA EAVES ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Budget Committee

ONE YEAR Vote for not more than ONE:

DAVE CATE ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Budget Committee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than THREE:

ROBERT S. SHERMAN ☐

DANIEL GUIMOND ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Cemetery Trustee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO:

TIMOTHY ZELONIS ☐

RICHARD W. JENSEN ☐

JAMES MORGAN ☐

DONNA M. SMITH ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Library Trustees

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO:

ANN SUSAN SNIDE ☐

DOUG FYFFE ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Trustee of Trust Funds

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE:

JOHN KACHMOR ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Planning Board

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO:

PAUL L. DADAK ☐

JASON CROTEAU ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Treasurer

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE:

CHARLENE F. TAKESIAN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

OFFICIAL BALLOT TOWN WARRANT QUESTIONS

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CONTINUE VOTING

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VOTING IS COMPLETE

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