



TOWN OF PELHAM
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT
2012 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 7, 2012 at 7:00 PM. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles numbered 2 through 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 13, 2012 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM to vote by official ballot to choose all necessary town officials for the ensuring year and to vote on warrant articles numbered 1 through 14.

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

ARTICLE 2: 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 \$12,507,402? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$12,427,207 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) (\$12,520,950 approved by Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Department	Selectmen 2012 final Dept. approved	Budget Committee 2012 final Dept. approved
Assessing	150,115	150,115
Budget Committee	4,166	4,082
Cable	95,060	95,209
Cemetery	143,873	143,193
Conservation Committee	3,747	3,747
Debt Service - Interest	166,365	166,365
Debt Service - Principal	541,310	541,310
Elections	18,785	18,785
Emergency Management	8,809	8,809
Fire	1,838,737	1,838,737
Health Officer	43,766	43,766
Health Services	46,235	46,235
Highway	1,309,233	1,299,233
Human Services	86,480	86,480
Insurance	1,831,084	1,831,084
Legal	85,000	85,000
Library	230,256	230,256
Parks and Recreation	183,828	183,828
Planning Department	286,630	283,697
Police	2,411,149	2,411,149
Retirement	1,149,113	1,149,113
Selectmen	477,738	477,738
Seniors	94,891	94,891
Town Buildings	524,902	524,902
Town Celebrations	9,055	9,055
Town Clerk	208,297	208,297
Transfer Station	563,850	563,850
Treasurer	8,331	8,331
Trust Funds	145	145
TOTAL	12,520,950	12,507,402

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 3 year lease-purchase agreement for \$14,004 for the purpose of obtaining a new Ford Focus to replace the current Planning Department vehicle and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,668 for the first year's payment for that purpose? This agreement will have a non-appropriation and non-replacement clause as prescribed by state statute. The current Planning vehicle, a former police cruiser, has over 150,000 miles and will not pass inspection. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new, fully equipped ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal of \$87,440 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund, \$90,000 from the Ambulance Replacement Revolving Account and \$32,560 from the FEMA account. No funds will be raised through taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund? Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the general fund. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,900,000 for the purpose of constructing a fire station and to approve withdrawal of \$2,100,000 of unassigned residual fund balance to offset this cost. Additionally, \$423,393 will be withdrawn from the fire impact fee account, leaving a balance of \$1,376,607 to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$196,057 for the purpose of equipping and funding an additional police officer for three years with the condition the town must fully fund that officer in the fourth year? This appropriation of \$196,057 shall be totally offset by a Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant in the amount of \$196,057. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,418 for repair, maintenance and upgrading of Town roads, to be offset by the State Grant for highway maintenance? This is a Special Warrant Article. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,350 from the Raymond Park Capital Reserve for the purpose of forest management, trail maintenance, security and other costs associated with the maintenance and care of Raymond Park? Funds requested come from the net revenues produced by timber harvesting. NO PORTION OF SAID AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY LOCAL TAXES. This is a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to approve cost items included in the three 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 in salary and benefits and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,407 to fund this year of the agreement? (The sum of \$32,359 (health and dental benefits) is required to be in the operating and default budgets as an ongoing contractual expense).(Recommended by Selectmen)(Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>ACCUMULATED COST</u>
2012	\$ 59,766	
2013	\$ 38,476	\$ 98,242
2014	\$ 64,856	\$ 163,098

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to fund a professional study of the causes of the frequent flooding of Beaver Brook and the neighborhoods, homes, roads, and businesses in proximity to the brook? The study will identify those actions the Town and State or both should take to reduce flooding and estimate the costs of these actions. It will also identify those actions of the Town or State which contribute to the flooding and which the Town or State or both should modify or stop. This study is to be paid from the FEMA account and will have no impact on the tax rate. (Recommended by Selectmen)(Recommended by Budget Committee)(Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to change the purpose of the existing Library Renovation – Americans with Disabilities Act Expendable Trust Fund to include any construction/ renovation at the Library and to appoint the Library Trustees as agents to expend. (This Article requires a 2/3 majority vote per RSA 35:16.)

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to establish as Town Forests pursuant to RSA 31:110-113 the following parcels or add them to existing Town Forests as follows: Add tax map 8 lot 9-64 (formerly owned by Ivers) to the Kirby Town Forest and rename it the Kirby-Ivers Town Forest totaling approximately 87 acres; and establish the Cutler-Spalding Town Forest to be made up of tax map 26 lots 2-66, 2-67 and 2-76 and tax map 27 lots 2-65 and 2-77 and tax map 32 lot 1-145 totaling approximately 170 acres?
No tax impact. (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 14: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the town default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (Submitted by Petition) (3/5 Majority Vote Required)

Given under our hands this 30th day of January, 2012

Edmund Gleason, Chairman



William McDevitt, Vice Chairman



Robert Haverty



Harold Lynde



Douglas Viger



I, the undersigned Town Administrator for the Town of Pelham, do hereby certify that on the 30th day of January, 2012, I did post signed copies of the 2012 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
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My Commission Expires October 6, 2015