



TOWN OF PELHAM  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
WARRANT  
2013 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 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles numbered 2 through 13. 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, 2013 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM 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 term of three (3) years; one (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector for a term of three (3) years; three (3) Budget Committee Members for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Cemetery Trustee for a term of three (3) years; two (2) Library Trustees for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Library Trustee for a term of one (1) year; 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.

**ARTICLE 2:** Shall the Town of Pelham raise and appropriate the sum of \$895,000 (gross budget) for the renovation of six classrooms located at the Municipal Complex into office space suitable for use by the Pelham School Administrative Unit (SAU) and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$895,000 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate the terms of a five (5) year bond or note and determine the interest rate thereon and furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,700 for the first year's payment? Costs of this bond will be completely offset by rent received from the School administrative Unit (SAU). (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) 3/5 Majority Vote Required

**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 \$13,093,475? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$12,848,999 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) (\$13,095,300 approved by Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

<b>Department</b>	<b>Selectmen 2013 final Dept. approved</b>	<b>Budget Committee 2013 final Dept. approved</b>
Assessing	150,650	150,650
Budget Committee	4,082	4,082
Cable	96,460	96,460
Cemetery	143,114	143,114
Conservation Committee	3,747	3,747
Debt Service - Interest	145,503	145,503
Debt Service - Principal	437,366	437,366
Elections	9,846	9,846
Emergency Management	8,809	8,809
Fire	1,944,026	1,943,774
Health Officer	43,766	43,766
Health Services	51,175	51,175
Highway	1,358,065	1,358,065
Human Services	86,480	89,340
Insurance	2,108,261	2,108,261
Legal	110,000	110,000
Library	235,947	235,947
Parks and Recreation	185,050	185,050
Planning Department	303,398	299,093
Police	2,472,522	2,472,522
Retirement	1,249,300	1,249,300
Selectmen	481,742	481,742
Seniors	99,734	99,734
Town Buildings	570,422	570,422
Town Celebrations	9,830	9,702
Town Clerk	213,335	213,335
Transfer Station	564,269	564,269
Treasurer	8,331	8,331
Trust Funds	70	70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,095,300</b>	<b>13,093,475</b>

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62, 813.00 for the purpose of hiring and equipping a Communications Center Supervisor? The amount raised covers costs from April through December 2013 after which the position, if approved, will be funded through the Police Department operating budget. The cost breakdown includes \$61,823.00 for salary and benefits and \$990.00 to equip. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to establish a Capital Reserve fund for Cistern Repair and designate the Selectmen as agents to expend? Cisterns are underground water tanks owned by the Town used for the purpose of fire suppression. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 for the purpose of preliminary engineering and cost estimates for the Willow Street Bridge, said sum to come from the Tallant Road/Willow Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund? There is approximately \$250,000 in this fund. No Tax Impact. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$266,189 for repair, maintenance and upgrading of Town roads, to be offset by the State Grant for highway maintenance? This is a Special Warrant Article. (No Tax Impact) (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 3 year lease-purchase agreement for \$15,489 for the purpose of obtaining a new Ford Focus to replace the current Planning Department Code Compliance vehicle and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,329 for the first year's payment for that purpose? This Article has an escape/non-appropriation clause. The current Code Compliance vehicle, a former police cruiser, gets poor gas mileage and has over 157,000 miles on the odometer with anticipated significant ongoing repair expense. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town vote to increase the annual contribution to the Ambulance Fund from \$25,000 to \$60,000 to be funded from ambulance service fees collected in each calendar year? This fund was established in 2005 pursuant to RSA 31:95-h. These funds are held by the Treasurer and may only be expended for the replacement or major refurbishment of an ambulance. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to erect a highway garage? (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from the Forest Maintenance Fund for the purpose of forest management, stewardship (signage, trail building and 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. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, by sealed bid, two separate lots of land: one located at 50 Jericho Road (map 42, lot 10-211, +/- .5 acres) and one located at 8 Little Island Park (map 24, lot 11-380, +/- .11 acres)? (Recommended by Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution: Resolved: The citizens of Pelham, New Hampshire who qualify pursuant to RSA 72:37-b as Disabled and meet the following criteria: The property owner's income does not exceed \$42,500 (single) or \$85,000 (married) and their net assets do not exceed \$100,000, shall be allowed a reduction of \$25,000 in assessed value for the residence owned by the disabled individual. This resolution will have no effect on current tax exemptions that are already in place. If passed, this Article will take effect on 1 April 2013. Our sister town of Salem, New Hampshire has a similar law already in place. (Submitted by Petition)

Given under our hands this 28th day of January, 2013

William McDevitt, Chairman



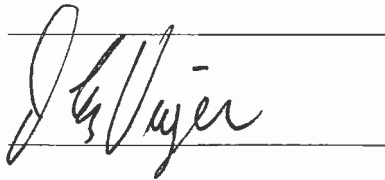
Edmund Gleason, Vice Chairman



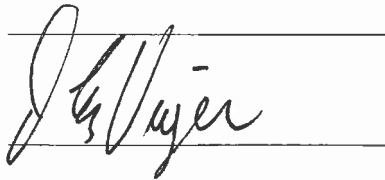
Robert Haverty



Harold Lynde



Douglas Viger



I, the undersigned Town Administrator for the Town of Pelham, do hereby certify that on the 28th<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013, I did post signed copies of the 2013 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

**DOROTHY A. MARSDEN, Notary Public**  
**My Commission Expires October 6, 2016**