



The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present this Voters' Guide to assist all voters who will be voting on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 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 operates and how much it spends 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 12th.

For Detailed information, please view the town website

<http://www.pelhamweb.com/Warrants/>

Sincerely,

Pelham Board of Selectmen

William McDevitt, Chair - 2014

Edmund Gleason, Vice Chair - 2015

Robert Haverty - 2013

Harold Lynde – 2013

Douglas Viger – 2014

THE TOWN OF PELHAM
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT
2013 TOWN MEEETING

ARTICLE 1:

To see what action the Town will take in the election of the following Officers: two (2) Selectman 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 2 Explanation: The School Board approached the Selectmen regarding the renovation of the 6 empty former classrooms at the Town Hall. Simply put, the Town will take out the note and the school will pay rent equal to the note payment and operating costs (heat, lights, cleaning, etc.). After 5 years, the note will be paid off and the only SAU charges will be operational, currently estimated at \$18,000 per year. The Town will own the asset and the SAU will have a low cost home for years to come. Whether or not this warrant passes, the School Operating budget or the School Default budget, if enacted, will have funds allocated to either the payment of the bond/note proposed by the warrant or the cost associated with leasing of alternate SAU facilities from a commercial entity.

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)

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

Department	Selectmen 2013 final Dept. approved	Budget Committee 2013 final Dept. approved
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
TOTAL	13,095,300	13,093,475

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 4 Explanation: The Town of Pelham operates a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week communications center that dispatches all police, fire, EMS and 911 related calls in the town. It is also the central communications point for all police, fire and EMS radio communications. It is staffed by four full time communications specialists. This position would supervise all personnel, administrative, supervisory, regulatory and technical aspects of the center. It is a full time, salaried, non-union position.

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 5 Explanation: Cisterns are underground water tanks, located in neighborhoods without public water and used for fire protection. They also tend to leak with age. We now have 76 cisterns of various ages and some are tending to leak and must be repaired. This fund would be used for such repair and any money spent would be replenished the next year with the voter's approval.

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 6 Explanation: The State must approve all bridge construction. It requires preliminary and final design approval by the State before construction can begin. Withdrawal of these funds from an existing Capital Reserve Fund will allow the Town to begin preliminary work and start final design for the State's approval, upon which, it could be eligible for immediate 80% reimbursement by the State. Funding for actual bridge construction will be presented to a future Town Meeting for voter approval.

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 7 Explanation: This is a State grant for maintenance of Town roads which the voters must approve to be spent in Pelham. The funds provided under this grant come from state highway taxes and are used to offset the Town's highway department's yearly operating costs.

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 8 Explanation:** Acquiring a smaller, more efficient vehicle for code enforcement will greatly reduce costs for this activity. The current vehicle is unreliable and costly to maintain. The code enforcement car is a 2004 Crown Victoria that gets about 12 miles per gallon and the repair costs increase every year.*

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 9 Explanation:** Increasing the amount of funds contributed to this account from ambulance billings will anticipate the actual cost to replace our two present ambulances; one of which will be due for replacement in 2017 and the other in 2020.*

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 10 Explanation:** Costs savings will be achieved by having a highway garage where trucks could be pre-loaded with salt/sand mix prior to a storm rather than clearing the trucks of snow and loading them during the storm. As is the practice now, overtime hours are used just to get the equipment on the road. The trucks cannot be preloaded now because the material will freeze. Equally as important, an enclosed garage facility will provide essential protection for expensive town highway equipment from severe weather elements, such as heat and cold. In the case of the many diesel vehicles, it would avoid prolonged starting of diesel engines in severe cold which decreases vehicle life expectancy resulting in increased repair and upkeep costs.*

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 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 purposes explained in the Article. There is no property tax impact from this expenditure.*

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 12 Explanation: Abutters to these small lots have approached the Selectmen for purchase to be combined with their existing property. It will place the properties back on the tax rolls and the new owners would remove debris that currently exists on them.

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)

Article 13 Explanation: This Petitioned Warrant Article will allow a decrease of \$25,000 from the assessed value of their property for qualifying individuals before calculating taxes to be paid. The Assessor's office expects this will result in \$98,000 in taxation to be spread to those taxpayers who do not qualify for the exemption.

SAMPLE BALLOT



ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE March 12, 2013

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:

HAROLD "HAL" LYNDE ☐

ROBERT HAVERTY ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE:

DOROTHY MARSDEN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Budget Committee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than THREE:

KENNETH DUNNE ☐

EVERETT GIBBONS ☐

LEO RUSH ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Cemetery Trustee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE:

WALTER J. KOSIK, SR. ☐

RICHARD W. JENSEN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Library Trustees

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO:

ROBERT THOMAS ATWOOD ☐

LORI ADAMS ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Library Trustee

ONE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE:

ANGELA HINKLE ☐

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:

PETER J. McNAMARA ☐

PATRICK L. CULBERT ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

OFFICIAL BALLOT TOWN WARRANT QUESTIONS

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CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

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(Submitted by Petition) YES ☐
NO ☐

VOTING IS COMPLETE

-NOTES-

School Administrative Unit #28

Pelham & Windham School Districts

Henry E. LaBranche, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent

Amanda Lecaroz
Associate Superintendent

Adam Steel
Business Administrator

Tina McCoy, Ed.D.
Director of Student Services

Carol St. Pierre
Director of Human Resources

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PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 2013 Voters Guide

Dear Pelham Residents,

The Pelham School Board has prepared this Voter Guide in order to provide the community with an explanation of the School District Warrant. More detailed information is available at the Town website at www.pelhamweb.com/Warrants. Pelham School Board members, school administrators, and members of the SAU staff are available to discuss any of the warrants with members of the community. We urge all citizens to be informed about issues in the schools and to exercise their voting rights on March 12, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Pelham High School.

Respectfully yours,

Amanda Lecaroz
Superintendent of Schools
SAU #28

The School Board warrant articles are listed below along with a brief, non-partisan explanation of the article. The explanations are not intended to influence your vote, but instead, to provide you with the necessary information to make an informed choice on March 9th.

Article 1. Election of Officers (voting by official ballot March 12, 2013)

To the following school district offices:

- a. To choose two School Board members for the ensuing three years.

Article 2. “Shall the Pelham School District 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 therein, totaling twenty seven million, four hundred ninety-one, four hundred fifty-three Dollars (\$27,491,453)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twenty-seven million, three hundred ninety, nine hundred eighty-two Dollars (\$27,390,982) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pelham School District 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.”

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the School Board

Recommended by the Budget Committee

*NOTE: Warrant Article 2 (operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed in any other warrant articles.

Article 2 Explanation:

**NOTE: Warrant Article 2 (operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed in any other warrant articles.*

This appropriation will provide funding that will further student achievement in all areas with a focus on technology. The budget also includes a reduction in teaching positions due to declining enrollments.

Article 3. “Shall the Pelham School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and PEA (Pelham Education Association) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year Estimated Increase

2013-2014 \$0

2014-2015 \$363,283

2015-2016 \$361,491

2016-2017 \$398,767

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of zero Dollars (\$0) for the 2013-2014 year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels.”

Recommended by the School Board

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 3 Explanation:

The Collective Bargaining Agreement covers 156 employees in the Pelham School District consisting of teachers, guidance counselors and other professional staff. These individuals provide the direct educational program to the students in our schools.

Article 4. “Shall the Pelham School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and PESPA (Pelham Education Support Personnel Association) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year Estimated Increase

2013-2014 \$60,280

2014-2015 \$78,918

2015-2016 \$76,629

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand, two hundred and eighty Dollars (\$60,280) for the 2013-2014 year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels.”

Recommended by the School Board

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 4 Explanation:

The Collective Bargaining Agreement covers 105 employees in the Pelham School District who provide educational support in roles such as instructional assistant and/or tutor. These individuals provide integral services to the Pelham School District by assisting students with special needs including, but not limited to educational, emotional, organizational and physical support.

Article 5. “Shall the Pelham School District, if Article 3 or Article 4 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting at its option to address Article 3 or 4 cost items only?”

Article 6. “Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,750,000 (One million, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars) for the construction and equipping of a new kindergarten addition to Pelham Elementary School. Of this appropriation, up to \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) is to come from State of New Hampshire Kindergarten building aid per RSA 198:15-R, with the balance to come from general taxation? This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until the construction project is completed or by June 30, 2015, whichever is earlier. To be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to RSA 198:15-r, kindergarten construction shall be approved by the school district meeting on or before June 30, 2013.”

Recommended by the School Board

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 6 Explanation:

Construction of this addition achieves several goals for the Pelham School District and for Pelham taxpayers:

- *Allows Pelham to take advantage of the 75% Kindergarten building aid funding being offered by the State of New Hampshire, which will be expiring on 6/30/13;*
- *Spends tax dollars on construction of a permanent structure rather than on rental fees for portable classrooms for elementary students;*
- *Provides a permanent home for Kindergarten students within Pelham Elementary School where educationally they best belong; and*
- *Building the addition at PES will allow the District to solve the space needs for Kindergarten and Special Education Pre-School for the foreseeable future.*

Article 7. “Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty thousand dollars) to be added to the previously established (1999-2000) School District Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, with such sum to be funded from the June 30, 2013 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2013?” (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the School Board

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 7 Explanation:

This appropriation provides relief for the annual budget in the event of emergencies or unplanned situations that require immediate action by the facilities department. The Maintenance Capital Reserve is not funded by additional taxes. It is money that is set aside for this fund only if there is a surplus in the current budget. Given the current ages of the Pelham schools, which range from 11 years to 48 years, emergency situations are likely to arise.

Article 8. “Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,093 (Thirty-two thousand and ninety-three dollars) for Child Benefit Services as defined by RSA 189:49 for approximately 108 Pelham children attending St. Patrick School? This is a special warrant article.”

Recommended by the School Board

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 8 Explanation:

As defined by RSA 189:49, these funds can be used for nursing, health, guidance, testing, transportation, textbooks, health & welfare, driver's education, programs for children with disabilities, physical education and hot lunch service for the 108 Pelham children attending St. Patrick School.

Article 9. “Shall the Pelham School District authorize the School Board to enter into a ten year lease agreement for SAU office space under such terms and conditions as determined by the School Board?”

Article 9 Explanation:

With the separation of the Windham and Pelham School Districts on the horizon, the acquisition of office space for SAU 28 becomes a necessity. The option of a ten-year lease agreement to secure housing either with the Town of Pelham or a commercial space is potentially the least expensive option. The alternative would be a short-term lease. The Town of Pelham has their own Warrant Article in relation to this matter, which can be viewed at <http://www.pelhamweb.com/Warrants/>

Further information can be obtained by contacting the SAU 28 office at 603-425-1976 or by visiting the Pelham School District website at www.pelhamsd.org and choosing the Information Page link.



SAMPLE BALLOT

ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

TOWN OF
PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 12, 2013

Melissa Binette

MELISSA BINETTE, SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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SCHOOL OFFICIALS

For School Board

THREE YEARS

Vote for TWO:

THOMAS GELLAR ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

OFFICIAL BALLOT SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

QUESTION #2

"Shall the Pelham School District 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 therein, totaling twenty-seven million, four hundred and ninety-one thousand, four hundred and fifty-three Dollars (\$27,491,453)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twenty-seven million, three hundred and ninety thousand, nine hundred and eighty-two Dollars (\$27,390,982) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pelham School District 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."

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(Recommended by the School Board)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

YES ☐

NO ☐

QUESTION #3

"Shall the Pelham School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and PEA (Pelham Education Association) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Year:	Estimated Increase:
2013-2014	\$0
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and further to raise and appropriate the sum of zero Dollars (\$0) for the 2013-2014 year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels."

YES ☐

(Recommended by the School Board) NO ☐
(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

QUESTION #4

"Shall the Pelham School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and PESPA (Pelham Education Support Personnel Association) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over the amount paid in the prior fiscal Year:

Year:	Estimated Increase:
2013-2014	\$60,280
2014-2015	\$78,918
2015-2016	\$76,629

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand, two hundred and eighty Dollars (\$60,280) for the 2013-2014 year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels."

YES ☐

(Recommended by the School Board) NO ☐
(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

QUESTION #5

"Shall the Pelham School District, if Article 3 or Article 4 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting at its option to address Article 3 or 4 cost items only?"

YES ☐

NO ☐

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QUESTION #6

"Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,750,000** (One million, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars) for the construction and equipping of a new kindergarten addition to Pelham Elementary School. Of this appropriation, up to **\$1,000,000** (one million dollars) is to come from State of New Hampshire Kindergarten building aid per RSA 198:15-R, with the balance to come from general taxation? This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until the construction project is completed or by June 30, 2015, whichever is earlier. To be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to RSA 198:15-r, kindergarten construction shall be approved by the school district meeting on or before June 30, 2013." (Recommended by the School Board) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

YES ☐

NO ☐

QUESTION #7

"Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **\$50,000** (Fifty thousand dollars) to be added to the previously established (1999-2000) School District Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, with such sum to be funded from the June 30, 2013 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2013?" (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the School Board) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

YES ☐

NO ☐

QUESTION #8

"Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$32,093** (Thirty-two thousand and ninety-three dollars) for Child Benefit Services as defined by RSA 189:49 for approximately 108 Pelham children attending St. Patrick School? This is a special warrant article." (Recommended by the School Board) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

YES ☐

NO ☐

QUESTION #9

"Shall the Pelham School District authorize the School Board to enter into a ten year lease agreement for SAU office space under such terms and conditions as determined by the School Board?"

YES ☐

NO ☐

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