



TOWN OF PELHAM
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT
2015 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 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles numbered 2 through 20. 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 10, 2015 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 20.

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 three (3) years; two (2) Budget Committee Members for one (1) year; two (2) Cemetery Trustees for three (3) years; one (1) Library Trustee for three (3) years; one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for three (3) years; and two (2) Planning Board Members for three (3) years.

Article 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Pelham Planning Board for the Town of Pelham Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend the Impact Fee Enabling Ordinance, Sections F, G, I, K and L to clarify that only the current property owner(s) may apply for a refund of impact fees and to clarify the rights and responsibilities of an "applicant"? (Recommended by the Pelham Planning Board).

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 \$13,773,308? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$13,518,996 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 Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Department	SELECTMEN	BUDCOM
	2015 APPROVED	2015 APPROVED
ASSESSING	\$ 152,184	\$ 152,185
BUDGET COMMITTEE	\$ 4,180	\$ 4,180
CABLE	\$ 105,552	\$ 105,552
CEMETERY	\$ 142,826	\$ 142,826
CONSERVATION	\$ 3,747	\$ 3,747
DEBT/INTEREST	\$ 127,491	\$ 127,491
DEBT/PRINCIPAL	\$ 687,180	\$ 687,180
ELECTIONS	\$ 9,465	\$ 9,465
EMERGENCY MANAGE	\$ 8,108	\$ 8,108
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 1,955,114	\$ 1,953,964
HEALTH OFFICER	\$ 43,766	\$ 43,766
HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 59,175	\$ 59,175
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$ 1,401,460	\$ 1,401,460
HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 86,480	\$ 86,480
INSURANCE	\$ 2,101,608	\$ 2,101,608
LEGAL	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
LIBRARY	\$ 272,643	\$ 272,643
PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 190,355	\$ 190,355
PLANNING	\$ 303,101	\$ 303,101
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 2,547,709	\$ 2,545,309
RETIREMENT	\$ 1,391,355	\$ 1,391,355
SELECTMEN	\$ 504,433	\$ 503,433
SENIOR CENTER	\$ 101,527	\$ 101,527
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$ 647,308	\$ 647,308
TOWN CELEBRATIONS	\$ 9,452	\$ 8,452
TOWN CLERK	\$ 222,267	\$ 222,267
TRANSFER STATION	\$ 589,319	\$ 589,319
TREASURER	\$ 10,982	\$ 10,982
TRUST FUNDS	\$ 70	\$ 70
Totals	\$ 13,778,857	\$ 13,773,308

Article 4

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$266,100 for repair, maintenance and upgrading of Town roads, to be offset by the State Highway Grant? This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, IV. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Senior Center Bus Capital Reserve Fund established in 2003 for the replacement of the Senior Center Bus? This is a Special Warrant article. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 6

Shall the Town vote to approve cost items included in the five (5) 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 \$35,844 to fund the first year of this agreement, 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 current staffing levels? This is a Special Warrant article.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Cost</u>
2015	\$35,844	\$35,844
2016	\$45,580	\$81,424
2017	\$36,958	\$118,382
2018	\$37,696	\$156,078
2019*	\$48,111	\$204,189

*includes 3 months of 2020

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to approve cost items included in the four (4) 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 \$16,624 to fund this year of the agreement, 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 current staffing levels? This is a Special Warrant article.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Cost</u>
2015	\$16,624	\$16,624
2016	\$30,019	\$46,643
2017	\$22,930	\$69,573
2018*	\$23,380	\$92,953

*includes 3 months of 2019

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 8

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be placed in the Compensated Absence Trust Fund for the purpose of distributing accrued time (annual earned and paid time off) to terminating employees as required by law or negotiated contracts? The balance of the fund is \$162,000 and the unfunded liability is \$594,335. This is a Special Warrant article. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 9

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,016 for the purpose of hiring and equipping a Communications Center Supervisor? The amount raised covers costs from April through December 2015 after which the position, if approved, will be funded through the Police Department operating budget. The sum of \$65,016 includes a salary of \$38,485 plus benefits and equipment. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 10

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,000 from the Forest Maintenance Fund for the purpose of forest management, stewardship, security, public education and other costs associated with the maintenance and care of Town Forests? 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 Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000 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 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 Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 12

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,657,500 for the purpose of design engineering, permitting, and replacement of the Willow Street Bridge? Of the \$2,657,500 appropriation, up to \$2,126,000 will come from New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) State Bridge Aid, \$74,804 from the existing Willow Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, \$175,000 from the existing 2013 Willow Street Bridge Warrant Article and **\$281,696 (requested herewith) from general taxation**. Any funds required for the on-going cost of construction will be taken from the existing fund balance pending receipt of the final NHDOT reimbursement at project completion. This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2020 or until the project is completed, whichever comes first. This is a Special Warrant article. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,000 for the purpose of municipally managing a New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) State Bridge Aid grant for engineering design and permitting for scour protection and hydraulic improvements to Old Bridge Street (Abbott) Bridge? Of the appropriation, up to \$152,000 will be reimbursed from NHDOT State Bridge Aid, and \$38,000 will be funded with general taxation. This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2025 or until the project is completed whichever comes first. This bridge is the oldest double-arched stone bridge to survive in New Hampshire and has been red-listed by the NHDOT. This is a Special Warrant article. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 14

Shall the Town vote to enact a Town Noise Ordinance per RSA 31:39 to regulate the making, creation, or maintenance of excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noises that, in their time, place and manner adversely affect and are a detriment to public health, comfort, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Pelham, NH? (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 15

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant, from time to time, one day approval for the serving of alcohol at all Town Buildings (to exclude Fire and Police Department buildings) for fundraising purposes by non-profit organizations? Prior to final approval being granted, the Selectmen shall require the sponsor of the activity to have obtained all training, permits, and approvals required by the State of New Hampshire in this regard. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required).

Article 16

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell through public auction, Town owned property shown on Tax Map 22 Lot 7-277 on .69 acres located on 14 Atwood Road? Said property will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen).

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell through public auction, Town owned property shown on Tax Map 15 Lot 8-243 on 2.0 acres located on 181 Hobbs Road? Said property will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen).

Article 18

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell through public auction, Town owned property shown on Tax Map 35 Lot 6-100 on 1.0 acre located on 18 Chagnon Lane? Said property will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen).

Article 19

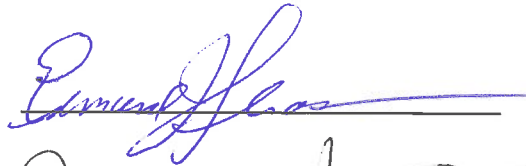
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned property shown on Tax Map 4 lot 9 -144-13, approximately a 16 acre parcel and Map 4 lot 9-145 approximately a 0.31 acre parcel, both located off of William Drive, to Christopher Mertz for the sum of \$16,000 with the proceeds from the sale to be deposited into the Conservation Fund? Said property will be sold by the Town with the condition that both parcels remain undeveloped and on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen).

Article 20

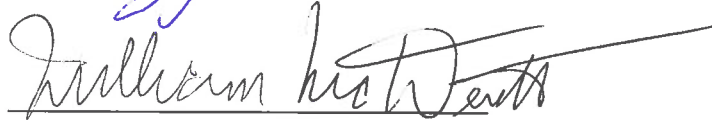
Shall the Town vote to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services and other related expenses from the Town's capital reserve funds, as is authorized by N.H. RSA 35:9-a, II? No vote by the Town to rescind this authority shall occur within five (5) years of the original adoption of this article. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required).

Given under our hands this 26th day of January, 2015

Edmund Gleason, Chair



William McDevitt, Vice Chair



Robert Haverty, Selectman



Harold Lynde, Selectman



Douglas Viger, Selectman

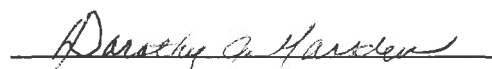


I, the undersigned, Brian McCarthy, serving as the Town Administrator, do hereby certify that on the 26th day of January, 2015, I did post signed copies of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant at the Pelham Town Hall, located at 6 Village Green and the Pelham High School, located at 85 Marsh Road and at the Pelham Public Library, located at 24 Village Green, of said Town.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brian McCarthy, Town Administrator



Dorothy A. Marsden, Notary Public
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My Commission Expires October 6, 2016