



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF
PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 8, 2016

Registered Voters - 9468
Ballots Cast - 1759

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

SUZANNE AMY SPENCER 1196 ☐

HAROLD V. LYNDE 1133 ☐

(WRITE-IN) NATE BOUTWELL 68 ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Town Clerk /
Tax Collector

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

DOROTHY A. MARSDEN 1457 ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Town Moderator

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

PHILIP R. CURRIER 1404 ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Budget Committee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than THREE

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Budget Committee

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

DAVID CRONIN 1188 ☐

MICHAEL BILBY 1101 ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Cemetery Trustee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

WALTER J. KOSIK, SR. 1392 ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Library Trustee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

DARLENE MICHAUD 1271 ☐

CAROL S. BELAND 1194 ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Library Trustee

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

LORI ADAMS 1300 ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Trustee of Trust Funds

ONE YEAR Vote for not more than ONE

(WRITE-IN) LINDY RONNING 50 ☐

(WRITE-IN) SHAUN DOHERTY 40 ☐

Trustee of Trust Funds

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

DEMETRA BERGERON 1215 ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Planning Board

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

PETER J. McNAMARA 859 ☐

PATRICK CULBERT 556 ☐

TIMOTHY J. DOHERTY 890 ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Planning Board

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

JOSEPH PASSAMONTE 1203 ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

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TOWN WARRANT
QUESTIONS

Article 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Pelham Planning Board for the amendment to the Pelham Zoning Ordinance, Article VI, *Mixed-Use Zoning Overlay District (MUZD)* for Pelham Center. This amendment would modify the language within the existing MUZD ordinance. The proposed changes are to section 307-25-3 *Table of Uses within the MUZD* eliminating the *Prohibited Uses* column from the Table leaving the *Allowed Uses* intact, also to remove "Town Houses" from the list of allowed uses and to add the following words at the bottom of the table "ANY USES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE PROHIBITED WITHIN THE MUZD". Additionally, in section 307-25-6 *Setbacks* the building setbacks are increased from ten (10) to fifteen (15) feet and in section 307-25-7 *Building Height* the maximum building height is reduced from forty (40) feet to thirty (30) feet with the Planning Board having discretion to allow taller heights for cupolas and other unoccupied architectural features. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES ☐

NO ☐

1173

428

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CONTINUE VOTING

Article 3
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the amendment of the Pelham Zoning Ordinance, Article XV, *Residential Conservation Subdivision by Special Permit*. The proposed language changes to this existing ordinance are: Section 307-95 *Application Procedure*, requires all applicants to provide a conceptual conservation subdivision plan along with their yield plan, Section 307-97 *Special Permit Review* relocates a portion of language formerly located in 307-102 *Density offsets* replacing references to "density offsets" with "special permits" and adding new wording that the Planning Board may require a HOA for a conservation subdivision, Section 307-100 *Parcel Requirements* increases the minimum land area for a conservation subdivision from ten (10) acres to fifteen (15) acres, Section 307-102 *Density Offsets* adds the requirement of sidewalks and connectivity to a Pennichuck East water system when feasible, Section 307-103 *Standards for Approval* requires protection of existing trail systems, and 307-106 *General Requirements* adds several additional requirements, including: In the case of a community water system the HOA docs must prohibit irrigation wells; Roads within a conservation subdivision may be private roads and existing trail connectivity must be protected and if relocated must be within the development parcel. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

1226 YES ☐
407 NO ☐

Article 4
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 Fourteen Million, Two Hundred and Twenty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$14,229,887)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Fourteen Million, One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-Four Dollars (\$14,187,524) which is the same as last year with certain

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

1010 YES ☐
659 NO ☐

Article 5
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new compactor and trailer to include a 50 foot by 30 foot wide new steel building to contain them. The breakdown is as follows: new compactor; Forty Eight Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$48,500), new 45 foot compactor trailer; Sixty-Nine thousand and Eight Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$69,870) and the steel building and site work; One-Hundred and Thirty One Thousand and Six Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$131,630). This will be installed for the purpose of collecting and processing our single stream recyclables. The \$250,000 required for the cost of construction for this project will come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2020 or until the project is completed, whichever comes first. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

1300 YES ☐
384 NO ☐

Article 6
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred, Three Thousand and Twenty One Dollars (\$303,021) for repair, maintenance and upgrading of Town roads, to be offset by the State Highway Grant? This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2021 or until the project is completed, whichever comes first. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

1474 YES ☐
225 NO ☐

Article 7
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Senior Center Bus Capital Reserve Fund established in 2003 for the replacement of the Senior Center Bus? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

1187 YES ☐
506 NO ☐

Article 8
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) 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 One Hundred and Ninety-two Thousand Dollars (\$192,000) and the unfunded liability is Four Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$456,335). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

951 YES ☐
729 NO ☐

Article 9
Shall the Town vote to establish a Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed into that fund for the purpose of constructing a highway maintenance facility to house office and equipment with the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend with one public hearing? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

1091 YES ☐
603 NO ☐

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Article 10

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-six Thousand Dollars (\$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 the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Recommended by the Conservation Commission) (Majority Vote Required).

1350 YES ☐
357 NO ☐

Article 11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand (\$49,000) to be expended at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen in opposition to the proposed Northeast Energy Direct high pressure gas pipeline and/or to minimize the impact thereof on the land and people of the Town, including, but not limited to, expenditures for legal representation and consultants, land use planning and consultation, public information purposes, administrative and court filing fees, participation in multi-town coalitions, and any and all other expenses reasonably related to opposing Kinder Morgan pipeline project and/or mitigating the effects thereof. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2020. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

1188 YES ☐
536 NO ☐

Article 12

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a certain Town owned property shown on Tax Map lot 30 -11-164, approximately a 0.78 acre parcel, located off of Methuen Road, to Kevin and Constance Crooker for the sum of Thirteen Thousand and Three Hundred Dollars (\$13,300)? Further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,300 to be added to the Conservation Fund with \$13,300 to come from the sale of this property. 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 the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Conservation Commission) (Majority Vote Required)

1288 YES ☐
401 NO ☐

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a certain strip of unbuildable land, Town owned property shown on Tax Map 16, Lot 13-88-4, approximately 0.83 acre parcel, located off of St. Margaret's Drive, to J & S Investments for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000)? Further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Conservation Fund with \$5,000 to come from the sale of this property. 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 the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Conservation Commission) (Majority Vote Required)

1206 YES ☐
479 NO ☐

Article 14

Shall the Town direct the Selectmen to appoint a committee to determine if the current Elderly Exemption should be replaced with a new Elderly Exemption from property tax in the Town of Pelham, based on assessed value, for qualified tax payers as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to and including 74 years of age, \$103,200.00; for persons 75 up to and including 79 years of age, \$133,200.00 and for persons 80 years of age and over, \$233,260.00. To qualify, the person must meet the requirements of State Law as designed in RSA 72:39-a and 72:39-b. In addition, a qualified taxpayer must have a net annual income of not more than \$37,740.00 if single, or if married, a combined net annual income of not more than \$47,760.00, and own assets excluding the value of the persons residence, of not more than \$132,340.00. The adoption of these figures bring us closer to what the 5 surrounding towns of Pelham offer. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Article Submitted by Petition)

1269 YES ☐
420 NO ☐

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