



**TOWN OF PELHAM
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT
2018 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 the Sherburne Hall, 6 Village Green, Pelham, New Hampshire on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles numbered 2 through 18. 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, 2018 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM to vote by official ballot on warrant articles numbered 1 through 18 where article 1 concerns the selection of necessary town officials.

Article 1 – Election of Officers

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; One Budget Committee member for one (1) year; two (2) Cemetery Trustees for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Library Trustees for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years; two (2) Planning Board Members for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of six years; and one (1) Town Moderator for a term of two (2) years.

Article 2 – Zoning Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Pelham Planning Board for the amendment to the Pelham Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, *Elderly Housing*. This amendment adds the following requirement to section 307-51, *Requirements for complex*:

G. Each Elderly Housing complex shall provide not less than 10% of the buildable land (as described in 307-52) as open space for use by the residents for outside social and/or recreational purposes and shall be independent from the small areas of land located between units and those areas required for buffer(s). (Recommended by the Planning Board).

Article 3 – Conservation Bond

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) (gross budget) to purchase land and easements for conservation purposes, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue bonds or notes in compliance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended); provided, however, that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Town shall not issue more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) of bonds or notes in any one calendar year; to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take any other action they deem appropriate to effectuate the sale and/or issuance of said bonds or notes; and additionally to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for the first year's interest and costs. Land or property interests to be purchased with bond proceeds shall be acquired in the name of the Town by the Conservation Commission, subject to the approval of the Selectmen, pursuant to RSA 36-A:4. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (3/5 Vote Required).

Article 4 – Town Operating Budget

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 Fifteen Million, Six-Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, and One Hundred and Sixty-Three Dollars (\$15,627,163)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Fifteen Million, Three-Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand and Five-Hundred and Fifty-Two Dollars (\$15,332,552) 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 Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required).

	Selectmen	Budcom
Department	2018 Approved	2018 Approved
Assessor	\$ 184,802	\$ 184,802
Budget Committee	\$ 162	\$ 162
Cable Department	\$ 131,392	\$ 131,392
Cemetery	\$ 145,196	\$ 145,196
Conservation Committee	\$ 3,947	\$ 3,947
Debt Service Interest	\$ 118,780	\$ 118,780
Debt Service Principal	\$ 648,815	\$ 735,672
Elections	\$ 19,631	\$ 19,631
Emergency Management	\$ 8,548	\$ 8,548
Fire Department	\$ 2,178,295	\$ 2,178,295
Health Officer	\$ 45,766	\$ 45,766
Health Services	\$ 73,500	\$ 73,500
Highway Maintenance	\$ 1,514,510	\$ 1,535,062
Human Services	\$ 88,040	\$ 93,040
Insurance	\$ 2,426,881	\$ 2,377,365
Legal	\$ 87,500	\$ 87,500
Library	\$ 422,391	\$ 420,402
Parks & Recreation	\$ 233,615	\$ 233,615
Planning Dept	\$ 384,507	\$ 390,287
Police Department	\$ 2,755,256	\$ 2,755,256
Retirement	\$ 1,674,851	\$ 1,674,850
Selectmen	\$ 477,526	\$ 477,526
Senior Center	\$ 122,872	\$ 122,872
Town Buildings	\$ 823,326	\$ 824,166
Town Celebrations	\$ 9,260	\$ 9,260
Town Clerk	\$ 233,902	\$ 233,902
Transfer	\$ 731,122	\$ 731,122
Treasurer	\$ 15,176	\$ 15,176
Trust Funds	\$ 70	\$ 70
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Total	\$ 15,559,639	\$ 15,627,163

Article 5 – Keno Article

Shall the Town vote to allow the operation of keno games within the Town of Pelham? (Submitted without Recommendation).

Article 6 – The Discontinuance of a Public Roadway (Old County Road)

Shall the Town vote to discontinue completely as a public roadway that portion of Old County Road at the southeastern-most lot line shared by Map 33/Lot 2-61 (19 Old County Road) and 33/2-61-1 (Town of Pelham), approximately 1,700 feet from Old County Road's intersection with NH Route 128 (Mammoth Road)? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required).

Article 7 – The Discontinuance of Capitol Reserve & Expendable Trust Funds

Shall the Town vote to discontinue the following Town Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) and Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) with said funds and accrued interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the Town's General Fund? This is a Special Warrant Article.

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Date Established</u>	<u>Amount to General Fund</u>
Ambulance CFR	1991	\$0.00
Muldoon Park Private ETF	1996	\$102.00
Muldoon Park Public ETF	1996	\$83.00
Raymond Park Private	1996	\$5.00
Conservation Easement ETF	1995	\$0.00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Recommended by the Trustees of the Trust Funds).

Article 8 – Municipal Building Boiler Replacement Project

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the amount of Six-Hundred and Sixty Thousand dollars (\$660,000) for the purpose of replacing the existing boiler system at the Municipal Building (Town Hall) with energy saving equipment (Natural Gas Boiler) and life safety equipment (Fire Suppression System) and to authorize the Selectmen to expend Two-Hundred and Sixty-Thousand dollars (\$260,000) from the Unassigned Fund Balance to offset the cost of the project; further, to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a ten (10)-year lease agreement for the remaining \$400,000. This agreement contains a non-appropriation clause. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Majority vote required).

Article 9 – Police Collective Bargaining Agreement (Contract)

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 Pelham Police, Local 3657 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees which calls for the following increases and benefits and to further raise and appropriate the sum of (\$73,747) 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>
2018	\$73,747	\$73,747
2019	\$89,606	\$163,353
2020	\$53,248	\$216,601
2021	\$31,016	\$247,617
2022*	\$31,389	\$278,633

*Including 3 months of 2023.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 10 – Forestry Committee

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand three hundred dollars (\$36,300) for the purpose of forest management, stewardship (signage, trail building, maps, parking, etc.) security, public education and other costs associated with the maintenance and care of town forest land? Said funds to come from the Forest Maintenance Fund Funds which represents revenue produced by timber harvesting. No amount to be raised through taxation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 and shall not lapse until 12/31/2023 or until project is completed. (This is a Special Warrant Article) (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 11 – Highway Block Grant

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Eighty-Three Dollars (\$321,583) 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. No money to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 12 – Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Firefighter Grant

Shall the Town vote to accept a Federal Emergency Management Grant (FEMA) grant, if awarded, for the purpose of hiring 4 fulltime firefighters. This 3-year FEMA/SAFER grant would cover 75% of the firefighters usual annual cost for the first year, 75% of the firefighters usual annual cost for the second year and 35% of the firefighters usual annual cost for the third year. After the completion of the grant programs 3 years the town would be responsible for the costs of retaining the firefighters. Further, to raise and appropriate \$92,297 for the first-year costs. In future years, the amounts below will be included in the town's operating budget and the default budget.

First year of grant costs to the town	\$92,297
Second year of grant costs to the town	\$92,297
Third year of grant costs to the town	\$239,970
Yearly cost to the town after the grant ends	\$369,185

Note: This expenditure is contingent upon the approval of the (SAFER) grant.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 13 – Highway Building Capitol Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three Hundred-Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be placed into the Highway Department Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established 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).

Article 14 – Sale of Town Owned Property

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned property shown on Map 22 lot 8-146, approximately a 0.098-acre parcel located off of 7 Greenwood Terrace, to Mr. and Mrs. Carver for the sum of three-thousand eight hundred dollars (\$3,800) with the proceeds from the sale to be deposited into the Conservation Fund? 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).

Article 15 – Appoint a Town Treasurer

Shall the Town vote to change the office of Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position in accordance with RSA 41:26-e? Such appointment shall be made in accordance with RSA 669:17-d by the Board of Selectmen. Such appointment shall be made in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. If approved, the person holding the elected office shall continue to hold such office until the next annual Town election following the vote to discontinue this elected office. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen).

Article 16 – Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant (Sherburne/Mammoth & Mammoth & Marsh Roads)

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two-million dollars (\$2,000,000) to construct two roundabouts at the intersections of Sherburne Road and Mammoth Road and Mammoth Road and Marsh Road. Said appropriation will be offset by a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) Grant in the amount of one million-two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) and to be partially offset with exaction fees on deposit of one-hundred and thirty-thousand (\$130,000) dollars. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2023. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Article 17 – Elderly Exemption

Shall the Town vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for an elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Pelham, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to and including 74 years of age, \$70,000; for persons 75 years of age up to and including 79 years of age, \$100,000; and for persons 80 years of age and over, \$130,000. To qualify, the person must meet the requirements of State Law as designated in RSA 72:39-a and 72:39-b. In addition, a qualifying taxpayer must have a net annual income of not more than \$35,000 if single, or if married, a combined net annual income of not more than \$45,000, and own assets, excluding the value of the person's residence, of not more than \$130,000. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen).

Article 18 – Citizen Petition

Shall the citizens of Pelham vote to discontinue Gibson Road, so-called, between the present terminus of the existing Class VI portion of Gibson Road, which provides access to the location of a former State fire tower and the Jeremy Hill Natural Area, and Jeremy Hill Road between Tax Map 13, lot 3-68, known as 96 Jeremy Hill Road, and Tax Map 13, Lot 3-167, known as 30 Jeremy Hill Road, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 231:43?

Given under our hands this 29th day of January, 2018

Douglas Viger, Chair



Harold Lynde, Vice Chair



William McDevitt, Selectman



Paul Leonard, Selectman

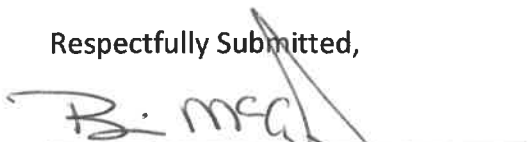
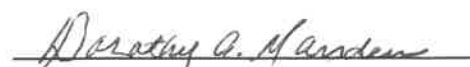


S. Amy Spencer, Selectman



I, the undersigned, Brian McCarthy, serving as the Town Administrator, do hereby certify that on this 29th day of January, 2018, I did post signed copies of the 2018 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 7, 2020