

TOWN OF PELHAM  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
WARRANT

2014 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 4, 2014 at 7:00 PM. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles numbered 2 through 15. 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 11, 2014 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 15.

**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 Moderator for a term of two (2) years; one (1) Town Treasurer for a term of three (3) years; three (3) Budget Committee Members for a term of three (3) years; two (2) Cemetery Trustees for a term of three (3) years; two (2) Library Trustees for a term of three (3) years; one Library Trustee for a term of two years; one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years; and two (2) Planning Board Members for a term of 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 amendment to the Pelham Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, 307-16 *Establishment of Districts*. This amendment would create a mixed-use overlay zoning district (MUZD) for Pelham Center. The Pelham Center MUZD is intended to accommodate a physical pattern of pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use development that is traditionally found within town centers throughout New England. The MUZD ordinance would allow the Planning Board to issue conditional use permits for a mix of business and residential uses within the same building or on the same parcel of land once an applicant demonstrates the land can support the proposed use(s) and that the scale and style of any proposed building is compatible with traditional New England architecture. The ordinance provides a list of allowed uses within the MUZD which includes professional, medical and financial offices, bakeries, family entertainment, small scale retail and other uses traditionally found in New England town centers. The Pelham Center MUZD district would be bounded to the EAST by Beaver Brook, to the NORTH at the intersection of Beaver Brook and Windham Road (including lots 22/8-133 and 22/8-134 and all lots with frontage along Windham Road and Mossey Lane), to the WEST by the intersection of Nashua Road and Tenney Road from lot 22/8-136 (including all lots with frontage on Nashua Road and Greenwood Terrace) to the intersection of Nashua Road and Meetinghouse Way (formerly Pelham Common Highway) including all lots with frontage along Meetinghouse Way then southwesterly along the eastern side of Marsh Road to the southernmost boundary of lot 22/7-130 and to the SOUTH by all lots with frontage on Acorn and Old Bridge Street (excluding the Gibson Cemetery) to Beaver Brook. (RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

**ARTICLE 3:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the amendment of the Pelham Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, Senior and Elderly Housing Section 307-53-2,(C), 3 *Development Standards*, to change the required 30 feet of horizontal separation between all structures to tiered setbacks based on the number of units per structure. Detached single unit structures would have twenty foot (20 ft.) separation, two-unit structures would have thirty foot (30 ft.) separation, and three or more unit structures would have forty foot (40 ft.) separation. (RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

**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 \$13,423,831? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$13,310,523 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 Budget Committee) (\$13,466,616 Approved by Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

<b>Department</b>	<b>Selectmen 2014 Approved</b>	<b>BUDCOM 2014 Approved</b>
Assessing	\$ 152,871	\$ 152,871
Budget Committee	\$ 4,082	\$ 4,180
Cable	\$ 99,571	\$ 99,571
Cemetery	\$ 143,480	\$ 143,480
Conservation	\$ 3,747	\$ 3,747
Debt-I	\$ 169,428	\$ 169,428
Debt-P	\$ 538,341	\$ 538,341
Elections	\$ 15,847	\$ 15,847
E. Management	\$ 8,976	\$ 8,976
Fire Dept.	\$ 1,913,524	\$ 1,899,303
Health Officer	\$ 43,766	\$ 43,766
Health Services	\$ 52,625	\$ 54,625
Highway	\$ 1,373,771	\$ 1,373,771
Human Svcs.	\$ 86,480	\$ 86,480
Insurance	\$ 2,240,341	\$ 2,240,341
Legal	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
Library	\$ 246,351	\$ 246,351
Parks & Rec	\$ 186,171	\$ 186,171
Planning	\$ 294,540	\$ 294,773
Police	\$ 2,471,331	\$ 2,470,407
Retirement	\$ 1,345,148	\$ 1,345,148
Selectmen	\$ 489,184	\$ 459,213
Senior Center	\$ 99,734	\$ 99,734
Town Buildings	\$ 596,463	\$ 596,463
Town Celebrations	\$ 9,452	\$ 9,452
Town Clerk	\$ 216,123	\$ 216,123
Transfer Station	\$ 569,258	\$ 569,258
Treasurer	\$ 10,941	\$ 10,941
Trustees	\$ 70	\$ 70
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 13,466,616</b>	<b>\$ 13,423,831</b>

**ARTICLE 5:**

Shall the Town vote to approve cost items included in the four 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 \$60,371 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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.)

Year	Cost	Accumulated Cost
2014	\$60,371	\$60,371
2015	\$108,312	\$168,683
2016	\$20,418	\$189,101
2017	\$90,085	\$279,186

**ARTICLE 6:**

Shall the Town vote to approve cost items included in the three 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 \$63,435 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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.) (Majority Vote Required.)

Year	Cost	Accumulated Cost
2014	\$63,435	\$63,435
2015	\$71,022	\$134,457
2016	\$75,584	\$210,041

**ARTICLE 7:**

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 the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 8:**

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, with Town vote approval, for the replacement or major refurbishment of an ambulance. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)

**ARTICLE 9:**

To see if the Town will vote to replace the current Elderly Exemption with a new 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, \$50,000; for persons 75 years of age up to and including 79 years of age, \$85,000; and for persons 80 years of age and over, \$100,000. 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 \$25,000 if single, or if married, a combined net annual income of more than \$37,000, and own assets, excluding the value of the person's residence, of not more than \$80,000. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

**ARTICLE 10:**

To see if the Town will discontinue absolutely approximately 200 feet of the southernmost end of Valley Hill Road from its intersection with Mammoth Road (NH 128) along the frontage of Map 14 Lot 4-137-2. This discontinuance will allow a new, flatter section of Valley Hill Road to be constructed at the expense of a commercial abutter with improved sight distance at the intersection of Valley Hill Road and Mammoth Road. No tax impact. (Recommended by the Planning Board) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 11:**

Shall the Town vote to establish as Town Forests pursuant to RSA 31:110-113 the following parcels and add them to existing Town Forests as follows: Add tax map 20 lots 2-113-2 and 2-113-3 to the Hinds Lane Town Forest and rename it the Gumpas Pond Town Forest totaling approximately 169 acres; and add tax map 33 lot 1-161 and tax map 33 lot 2-61 (formerly owned by Lareau) to the Cutler-Spalding Town Forest and rename it the Cutler-Lareau-Spalding Town Forest totaling approximately 261 acres? No tax impact. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

**ARTICLE 12:**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer by deed a 3.2 acre Town owned parcel (Map 32 lot 2-72) in exchange for a 15 acre parcel (Map 27 lot 2-64) owned by the New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF)? This is a land exchange only with no money exchanged. The 3.2 acre Town parcel is surrounded by NEFF land and the 15 acre NEFF parcel is surrounded by Town land. The proposed exchange will make both parcels easier to manage. Both lots are and will remain as open space. No tax impact. (Majority Vote Required)

**ARTICLE 13:**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$680,000.00 to purchase a new fire truck of the amount, \$680,000.00 will come from the operating budget (Not Recommended by the Selectmen) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee) (Article submitted by petition)

**ARTICLE 14:**

To see if the voters will authorize the reduction of the Town budget by \$624,000.00 (Approximately 5%) (Not Recommended by the Selectmen) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee) (Article submitted by petition)

**ARTICLE 15:**

To see if the town will urge that the State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.

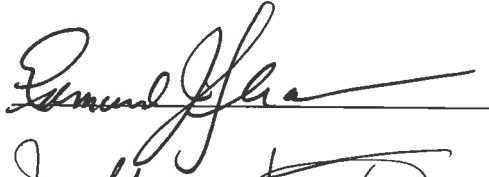
That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such a constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

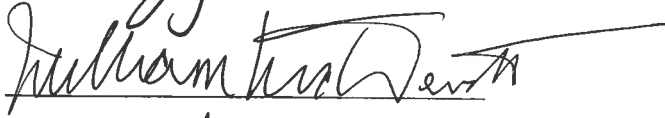
The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Pelham's congressional delegation, and to Pelham's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the selectmen within 30 days of the vote. (Article submitted by petition)

Given under our hands this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014

Edmund Gleason, Chairman



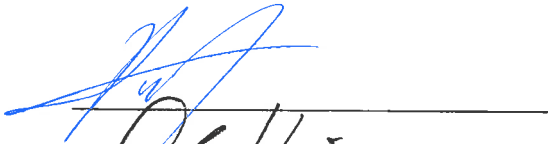
William McDevitt, Vice Chairman



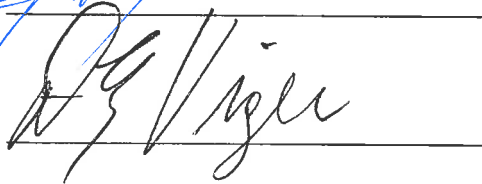
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Harold Lynde, Selectman



Douglas Viger, Selectman

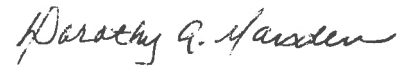


I, the undersigned, Joseph A. Roark, serving as Acting Town Administrator, do hereby certify that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014, I did post signed copies of the 2014 annual Town Meeting Warrant at the Pelham Town Hall, located at 6 Village Green and the Pelham High School, located at 85 Marsh Road and at the Pelham ~~Post Office, located at 150 Bridge Street of said Town.~~ Public Library, located at 24 Village Green, of said Town. 

Respectfully Submitted,



Joseph A. Roark, Acting Town Administrator



Dorothy A. Marsden, Notary Public

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