



The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present this Voters' Guide to assist all voters who will be voting on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 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 determined by your votes. Historically, this voting is more lightly attended than state and Federal elections but has a greater impact on our daily lives and local taxes. Over the years, approximately two thirds of the registered voters do not vote in this election.

We most strongly encourage you to vote on March 11th.

Sincerely,

Pelham Board of Selectmen

Edmund Gleason, Chair - 2015
William McDevitt, Vice Chair - 2014
Robert Haverty - 2016
Harold Lynde – 2016
Douglas Viger – 2014



**THE TOWN OF PELHAM
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT
2014 TOWN MEETING**

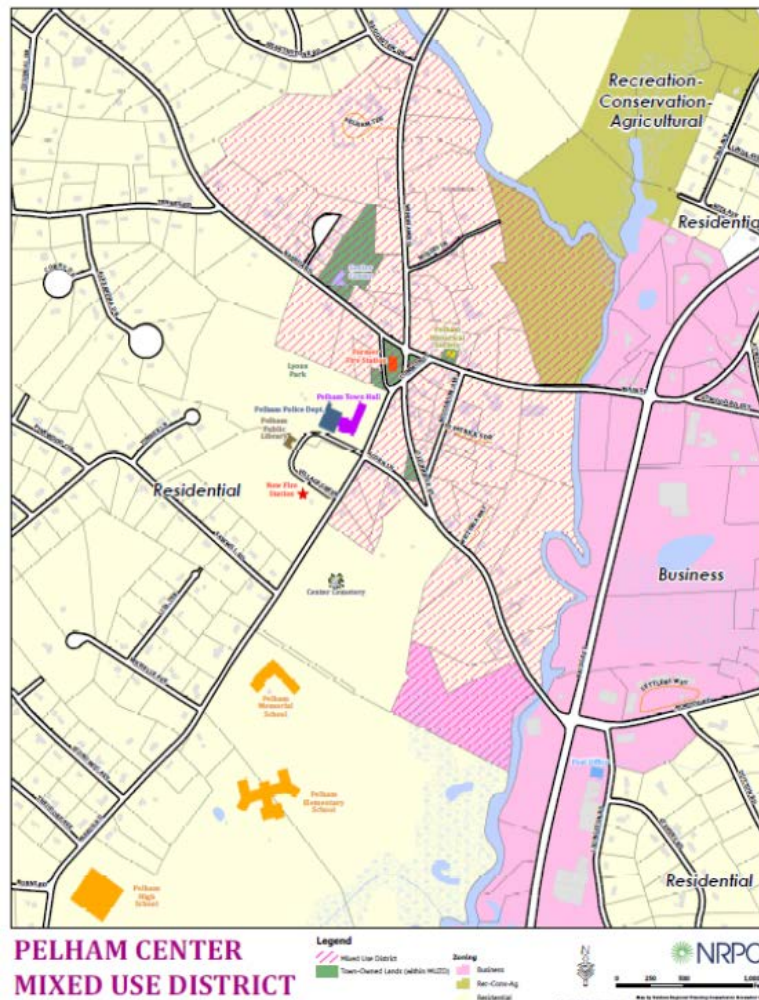
ARTICLE 1:

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 two (2) years; one (1) Town Treasurer for three (3) years; three (3) Budget Committee Members for three (3) years; two (2) Cemetery Trustees for three (3) years; two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years; one Library Trustee for two 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 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 2 Explanation:



Pelham’s land use boards have long realized that mixed-uses have been present in Pelham Center for more than a century. These uses have included governmental, institutional, fraternal, business and residential uses. Some of these uses were allowed “by right” and some were approved by variance after zoning was enacted in 1956. Guided by recommendations for Pelham Center made in the Future Land Use chapter of Pelham’s 2002 Master Plan, the Planning Board has sought to create a vision for Pelham Center so land use boards are not making reactive decisions on business applications in a vacuum. In 2012 the Planning Board formed a sub-committee comprised of Planning and Zoning Board members, town officials and interested citizens to develop draft zoning that would establish the vision for Pelham Center and a process for the vision to become reality over time. The sub-committee worked to craft language that allows mixed-uses while ensuring the historical character of Pelham Center will be preserved or even enhanced. Part of the vision is to provide for properly-scaled pedestrian-friendly development that allows such local amenities as bakeries, book stores, professional offices, small restaurants, etc. If the new zoning is approved, the Planning Board will carefully review each application using a conditional use permitting process to ensure the proposed use, scale and architecture are appropriate for Town Center. Another way to think about the Pelham Center MUZD Ordinance is that the

Article 2 Explanation: (cont.)

former and much loved Atwood's General Store would not be allowed by today's zoning. The authors hope to see applications come in that will result in inviting places for our citizens and visitors to gather for coffee or a meal, perhaps with outside seating or to visit an art gallery or antique shop. Copies of the complete Ordinance and a corresponding map of the proposed district are available in the Planning Department and at the Clerk's Office and will be displayed at the Deliberative Session and at Town Meeting.

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Article 3 Explanation: *This article is the result of a majority of Planning Board members realizing that the horizontal separation between structures within a senior housing development made no distinction between large multi-unit buildings and smaller single-unit structures. The proposed tiered separation distances are based on the number of units within buildings and will give more flexibility to the Planning Board as it considers applications. The proposed zoning change does not reduce the setbacks or buffering between these developments and abutting properties.*

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 Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

Department	Selectmen 2014 Approved	BUDCOM 2014 Approved
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
Totals	\$ 13,466,616	\$ 13,423,831

Article 4 Explanation: This is the 2014 calendar year operating budget for the Town. The heading "BUDCOM" refers to the Budget Committee. The numbers in the BUDCOM column represent the amounts approved by the Budget Committee after their many weeks of hearings on each individual budget request. The budget you are asked to vote on is the Budget Committee's final number. Should this vote fail, rather than have no budget, State law prescribes a fallback or "default budget" which then takes effect.

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.)

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

Article 5 Explanation: *For the last two years the Pelham Police Union had no contract with the Town and thus members received no contractual increases. You are being asked to vote to approve a new four year agreement which is the final product of lengthy negotiations between the Pelham Police Union and the Town. The annual cost is shown under the “Cost” column while the total of all of the preceding years is shown in the “Accumulated Cost” column.*

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.)

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

Article 6 Explanation: *This article asks you to vote to approve a new three year agreement between the Firefighters Union (Professional Firefighters of Pelham) and the Town. The definitions of “Cost” and “Accumulated Cost” columns are the same as for the Police above.*

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 7 Explanation: *Annually the State of New Hampshire sends a share of state gasoline tax money to the towns. This article asks you to approve using our share for the maintenance of Town roads. This money offsets costs that would otherwise have to be made up with increased property taxes. No tax money is required*

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 8 Explanation: *Part of the fees charged for use of the ambulance currently go into the “Ambulance Fund”, essentially a savings account where the money is accumulated and used later toward the purchase of a replacement ambulance when it is needed. As stated in the article, no money may be spent from this fund without voter approval. This article asks you to allow the Town to increase the amount set aside to have lower tax impact when a replacement ambulance is approved.*

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 not 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 9 Explanation: *The intent of Elderly Exemptions is to help low income seniors to stay in their homes. Pelham years ago approved arguably the most generous elderly tax exemption in the State. In the meantime, the “graying” of New Hampshire has seen an influx of residents eligible for our exemption. The Selectmen have been concerned that since taxes exempted for some are, in effect spread among all other taxpayers, we are creating what amounts to a growing unfunded mandate. These limits proposed in this article place Pelham in approximately the same brackets as other communities in the State.*

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 10 Explanation: *A new commercial building near the intersection of Valley Hill Rd. and Mammoth Rd, has been approved by the Planning Board. Since Mammoth Rd. is a State road, the N.H. Dept. of Transportation, the owner of the property, and the Town determined the intersection would be safer if it was redesigned. The intersection will be made less steep and straighter and the southern leg of Valley Hill Rd. will no longer be a road or Town right of way if this article is approved. Since discontinuing a road may only be approved by the voters the matter has been placed here for your approval. The developer of the business will bear all costs associated with reconfiguring the road. No tax money is required.*

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 11 Explanation: *When designating a Town owned piece of land as a Town Forest, it names the Pelham Forestry Committee as manager of the forest. By renaming the forests, it better reflects the location of the forest or complies with wishes of the former owners. There is no property tax dollar cost associated with these changes.*

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) (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 12 Explanation: *A 3.2 acre parcel of land owned by the Town blocks easy access to other land owned by NEFF. Conversely, their parcel blocks easy access to other land owned by the Town. The Pelham Forestry Committee and NEFF agreed a swap would solve both problems. Town land cannot be conveyed in any way without the approval of the voters thus this article asks you to approve the exchange. No property tax dollars are involved.*

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0.00 to purchase a new fire truck of the amount, \$0.00 will come from the operating budget (Submitted without recommendation by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Article submitted by petition)

Article 13 Explanation: *State law allows any twenty-five registered voters of a town to submit an article for inclusion on the ballot. The numbers in the original article were amended to zeroes by the voters at the deliberative session on February 4, 2014.*

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the voters will authorize the reduction of the Town budget by \$0.00 (0%) (Submitted without recommendation by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) (Article submitted by petition)

***Article 14 Explanation:** As stated in the explanation for Article 14, State law allows any twenty-five registered voters of a town to submit an article for inclusion on the ballot. The numbers in the original article were amended to zeroes by the voters at the deliberative session on February 4, 2014.*

ARTICLE 15:

To see if the town will urge that the State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 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)

***Article 15 Explanation:** This was also submitted by petition. Since it has no direct impact on Town government and does not involve local property tax dollars it is not appropriate for the Selectmen or other Town boards or committees to formally recommend for or against adoption by the voters.*

- Guide to Understanding Term -

Budget Committee : Eleven residents elected by the voters to prepare the budget after consultation with the Board of Selectmen, Library Trustees, Cemetery Trustees, and others. The operating budget presented to the voters is the budget approved by the Budget Committee.

RSA: These references are to N.H. State law – Revised Statutes Annotated. Numbers following the RSA designate the exact chapter and section.

Warrant: This is the formal legal name for the complete list of items you are asked to consider and vote upon.

Article: In this use, article refers to the individual items on which you are being asked to vote.

Special Warrant Article: As provided in State law, this designation identifies any appropriation in the article as non-lapsing and non-transferrable.

Map/Lot: This designates the exact location of a parcel of land on the Town tax map.

SAMPLE BALLOT



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF
PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 11, 2014**

Dorothy A. Munson
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

WILLIAM McDEVITT ☐

PAUL MORIARTY ☐

DOUGLAS VIGER ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Town Moderator

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

PHILIP R. CURRIER ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Town Treasurer

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

CHARLENE F. TAKESIAN ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Budget Committee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than THREE

DANIEL GUIMOND ☐

DARYLE HILLSGROVE ☐

ROBERT S. SHERMAN ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Cemetery Trustee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

J. TIMOTHY ZELONIS ☐

DONNA M. SMITH ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Library Trustee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

DAVID SWEENEY ☐

ANN CLARK BALCOM ☐

ROSEANN CARES ☐

CINDY McGHEE ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Library Trustee

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

DARLENE MICHAUD ☐

MRINMOYEE DAS ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Trustee of Trust Funds

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

JOHN KACHMOR ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

Planning Board

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

PAUL L. DADAK ☐

JASON CROTEAU ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

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OFFICIAL BALLOT TOWN WARRANT QUESTIONS

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<p>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.)</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>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)</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will urge that the State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 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.</p> <p>That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such a constitutional amendment.</p> <p>That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>															
<p>VOTING IS COMPLETE</p>																	

-NOTES-

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Pelham School District

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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. The articles presented are designed to assist the district in achieving their long-term vision of; “The Pelham School District in collaboration with our community, provides high-quality instruction with rigorous expectations in a supportive and safe environment. We prepare all our students for life-long learning and critical thinking, inspiring them to become contributing citizens of the ever-changing global community.”

The 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 and programs in the schools. Please exercise your right to vote on March 11, 2014 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 11th.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the SAU 28 office at 603-635-1145 or by visiting the Pelham School District website at www.pelhamsd.org and choosing the Information Page link.

Article A. Election of Officers (voting by official ballot March 11, 2014)

To elect by ballot the following School District Officers:

School Board Member	3-Year Term	Candidates on Ballot:
School Board Member	2-Year Term	Brian Carton
School District Treasurer	3-Year Term	G. David Wilkerson
School District Moderator	3-Year Term	Patricia E. Murphy
School District Clerk	3-Year Term	Paul Leonard

Article 1.

Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Million, Six Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand dollars (\$22,654,000.00) for the construction, furnishing, and equipping of an addition to Pelham High School and remodel of the existing Pelham High School facility, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Twenty-Two Million, Six Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand dollars (\$22,654,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and to authorize the School Board to apply for, accept, and expend federal, state, or other aid which may be available for the project and to comply with all laws applicable to the project, and to take all other necessary action in connection therewith; and to further raise and appropriate the additional sum of Five-Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand, Five-Hundred dollars (\$597,500) for the first year's payment of interest on the bond? Three-fifths (3/5) ballot vote required.

Recommended by the School Board
(5-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee
(10-1-0)

Article 1 Explanation:

This addition/remodel project achieves several goals for the Pelham School District and for Pelham taxpayers:

- *Provides a 29-classroom addition and a remodel of the existing building to support the educational program and community events*
- *Addresses all the high school facility deficiencies identified by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) needed to keep our accreditation status and to improve educational delivery;*
- *Utilizes the existing resources of the school district to provide a modern-day learning environment for the high schools students of Pelham;*

Article 1 Explanation: (Continued)

- Incorporates approximately 2.3 million dollars of upcoming capital improvement projects in the project total
- The cost associated with relocating the septic system to the rear of Pelham High School is included in this bond.



PROPOSED SITE PLAN

A — NEW MAIN ENTRANCE	D — NEW VEHICULAR ENTRANCE / EXIT	G — NEW TENNIS COURTS AND PARKING
B — NEW PARKING	E — COURTYARD	H — RELOCATED SOFTBALL FIELD
C — NEW SECONDARY ENTRANCE AND BUS DROP	F — NEW 29 CLASSROOM / LAB ADDITION	



A Project Management Company

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LAVALLEE BRENSINGER ARCHITECTS

Article 2.

Shall the Pelham School District 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 the vote at the first session of the annual school district meeting, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling Twenty-Seven Million, Five Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-One dollars (\$27,599,381)? Should the article be defeated, the default budget shall be Twenty-Seven Million, Six Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand, and Nine dollars (\$27,666,009), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pelham School District or by law; or the School Board 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
(5-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee
(8-1-1)

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 and represents a modest 0.76% increase over current year's operating budget.

Article 3.

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

Year	Estimated Increase
2014-2015	\$ 185,216
2015-2016	\$ 199,696

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixteen dollars (\$185,216) for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement that would be paid at current staffing levels? (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the School Board
(5-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee
(7-1-0)

Article 3 Explanation:

The Collective Bargaining Agreement covers approximately 154 positions 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. This agreement contains healthcare concessions on the part of this collective bargaining group and an increase in pay over a two-year period.

Article 4.

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

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2014-2015	\$ 89,292
2015-2016	\$ 42,999
2016-2017	\$ 58,373

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Ninety-Two dollars (\$89,292) for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement that would be paid at current staffing levels? *(Majority vote required).*

*Recommended by the School Board
(4-1-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
(4-0-2)*

Article 4 Explanation:

The Collective Bargaining Agreement covers 102 positions in the Pelham School District who provide educational support in roles such as instructional assistant and/or tutor. These individuals provide services to the Pelham School District by assisting students with special needs including, but not limited to educational, emotional, organizational and physical support. This agreement contains healthcare concessions on the part of this collective bargaining group and an increase in pay over a three-year period.

Article 5

Shall the Pelham School District vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-b for the purpose of educating educationally disabled children, and raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the School Board as agents to expend? *(Majority vote required).*

*Recommended by the School Board
(5-0-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
(7-4-0)*

Article 5 Explanation:

This capital reserve fund, if established, would be used only for the purpose of educating educationally disabled students. The costs of educating these students can often be very unpredictable and expensive and this reserve fund would allow the school district to pay these costs that are legally required without reducing the funds allocated for the regular education program. This fund replaces the \$160,000 contingency that was budgeted in the FY14 budget.

Article 6. (By Petition)

Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand, and Ninety-Three dollars (\$32,093.00) to continue to provide Child Benefit Services to 101 Pelham school children (Grade K – 8) attending Saint Patrick School? *(Majority vote required).*

*Not Recommended by the School Board
(1-4-0)*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
(7-3-0)*

Article 6 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 101 Pelham children attending St. Patrick School. These funds are not provided this school year, but have been in the past and have been used to provide for a school nurse.

Article 7. (By Petition)


To see if the voters will authorize the reduction of the school budget by \$0.00 (approximately 0%)? *(Majority vote required).*

Submitted without Recommendation by School Board and Budget Committee

Article 7 Explanation:

This is an advisory warrant article and was amended at the School Deliberative Session.

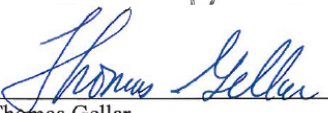
**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID PELHAM THIS ____ DAY
OF JANUARY 2014.**



Brian Carton, Chair



Deb Ryan, Vice Chair



Thomas Gellar



Megan Larson



Carl Wiswell

Pelham School Board

SAMPLE BALLOT



ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

TOWN OF
PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 11, 2014

Melissa Binette
MELISSA BINETTE, SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- To vote, fill in the oval(s) ☐ opposite your choice(s) like this ☒
- 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 ☒

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

For School Board Member

THREE YEARS ☐ Vote for ONE

BRIAN CARTON ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

For School Board Member

TWO YEARS ☐ Vote for ONE

G. DAVID WILKERSON ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

For School District Treasurer

THREE YEARS ☐ Vote for ONE

PATRICIA E. MURPHY ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

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THREE YEARS ☐ Vote for ONE

PAUL LEONARD ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

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(WRITE-IN) ☐

OFFICIAL BALLOT SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

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Three-fifths (3/5) ballot vote required.

Recommended by the School Board (5-0-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (10-1-0)

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 2

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YES ☐

Recommended by the School Board (5-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-1-1)

NO ☐

ARTICLE 3

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(Majority vote required).

YES ☐

Recommended by the School Board (5-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-1-0)

NO ☐

ARTICLE 4

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YES ☐

Recommended by the School Board (4-1-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-0-2)

NO ☐

TURN OVER TO
CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

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Recommended by the School Board (5-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-4-0)

YES ☐

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Not Recommended by the School Board (1-4-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-3-0)

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 7 (By Petition)

To see if the voters will authorize the reduction of the school budget by \$0.00 (approximately 0%)?
(Majority vote required).

(Submitted without recommendation by School Board and Budget Committee)

YES ☐

NO ☐

VOTING COMPLETE