



# THE PELHAM SLATE

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## UPCOMING DATES:

### TRUNK OR TREAT

October 19, 2019  
4:00PM-6:00PM  
Pelham School

### FALL TOWN MEETING

October 21, 2019  
7:00PM  
Old Town Hall  
(corner of Amherst Rd &  
Route 202)



### FREE DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

October 26, 2019  
10am-2pm  
Police Department

### TAXES DUE

November 1, 2019

### RECYCLING

November 2, 2019  
9:00AM-12:00PM  
Pelham School

## LOCAL OCCUPANCY TAX

**Do you rent one or more rooms in your home or other property you own for short-term rental? If so, please read this notice.**

Massachusetts passed legislation in December 2018 which expands the room occupancy excise tax to short-term rentals of property starting July 1, 2019 for which a rental contract was entered into on or after January 1, 2019.

A short-term rental is an occupied property that is not a hotel, motel, lodging house or bed and breakfast establishment, where at least 1 room or unit is rented out by an operator through the use of advance reservations. A short-term rental includes an apartment, house, cottage, and condominium. It does not include property that is rented out through tenancies at will or month-to-month leases. It also does not include time-share property. A short-term rental is a rental that is not for more than 31 consecutive calendar days. The new law imposes the state excise tax rate of 5.7% plus a local Pelham excise tax of 6% (approved at May 11, 2019 Town Meeting) on short-term rentals of property for more than 14 days in a calendar year, starting July 1, 2019 (pending approval from the State may change date to October 1, 2019). Please note that Pelham's local excise tax will be collected by the State's Department of Revenue and will be deposited in the Town's General Fund. These funds will then be available for appropriation by Town Meeting.

If this law applies to your situation you are required to register with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Visit <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/room-occupancy-excise-tax> for more information about what you need to do.

## WELCOME BACK...COMMUNITY HALL

Following a long absence from the Pelham community since December of 2017, Community Hall is now accessible to the public and ready for use. The Town of Pelham welcomes community use of this historic one room schoolhouse. The building is available to Town Government as well as school and established non-profit groups based in Pelham. Individuals and other non-profit groups with a Pelham contact or Pelham residents may apply to use the building for a private event.

For those wishing to use Community Hall, **a sign-up calendar and guidelines for use of the building are posted on the bulletin board located to the right of the Ramsdell Room at the Pelham Library.** A sign-out key can be accessed at the front desk of the Library. The many individuals who invested their time, talents and monetary contributions to ensure that Community Hall continued its legacy of "COMMUNITY SPIRIT" will be honored by your presence and use of this much revered building.

New members are needed! Please Contact Linda Hanscom for more information, (413) 323-7377 about Community Hall Committee.

## REMINDERS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

If you visit the Tax Collector's page at [townofpelham.org](http://townofpelham.org) there are links to UNIPAY for online payments for Before School, After School, and Preschool at Pelham Elementary School.

**Taxes are due on November 1, 2019.** If you have any questions, please call June Masee, (413) 253-2267. Personal Property and Real Estate can be paid online and soon you will be able to pay your excise taxes online as well.

## FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER INFORMATION

The Housing Committee is happy to announce the start of the Pelham First Time Homebuyer Program. At last year's October Town Meeting, voters approved Community Preservation Funds to help two first-time homebuyers cover closing and home acquisition costs. Valley Community Development Corporation will administer the program on behalf of the town.

The program will make available loans of up to \$15,000 for two income-eligible families purchasing a home in Pelham. The loans require no payment of principal or interest and will be forgiven at 1/5<sup>th</sup> per year with no repayment required after 5 years provided borrowers remain in compliance with the terms of the Note. To be eligible for the First Time Homebuyer Program, applicants cannot have owned a home within the last 3 years and household income cannot be above the following guidelines:

### Household Size/Income Limit

1 Person.....	\$51,730
2 Persons.....	\$59,120
3 Persons....	\$66,510
4 Persons....	\$73,900
5 Persons....	\$79,812
6 Persons....	\$85,724
7 Persons....	\$91,636
8 Persons....	\$97,548



For information and application:

Valley Community Development Corporation  
Donna Cabana, (413) 586-5855, ext. 180 OR  
[dc@valleycdc.com](mailto:dc@valleycdc.com)

\*Applications will also be available at the Pelham Library.

Pelham Housing Committee,  
Tilman Lukas, Chair, Gail Kenny, Barbara Cooper, Jim Lumley,  
Ruth Elcan, & Amy Spalding-Fecher

## LIBRARY NEWS

Happy Fall from the Pelham Library! There's a welcome chill in the air after a hot, sticky summer. We celebrated this year's summer reading theme, "A Universe of Stories", with a visit from the Starlab Inflatable Planetarium, a balloon alien making workshop with Ed the Wizard, performances by Jackson Gillman, Jonathan Keezing of Caravan Puppets and Dorothy Creswell of The Curious Giraffe Show, an author visit by Pelham's own Aaron Becker and of course, our Grand Finale Party with prizes and treats. Despite a torrential rainstorm a few brave souls went outside for a water balloon fight and even stayed out to do a scavenger hunt to gather up the broken balloon bits afterwards. One hundred sixteen children registered this year along with 16 teens, and a splendid time was had by all. Special thanks to the Pelham School Kindergarten for donating the Apollo rocket and moon lander they created.

In August, Pelham Players, our resident youth summer theater, performed William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" under the direction of Solomon Goldstein-Rose, with Cindy Naughton returning as musical director and Pelham Players alumni Caleb Ireland, now off to college, as assistant director. About 20 area kids and teens, acting as cast and crew, put on 2 fantastic shows in August. It's such a wonderful feeling to be able to offer a completely free theatrical experience to anyone who wants it. Removing barriers to access is one of the things that libraries do best!

Have you taken advantage of some of the great stuff we have here? In the past few months we've added literally hundreds of books, audiobooks, DVDs, puzzles, games and more. We even have a telescope for loan! Our ebook offerings have expanded as well, and if you haven't tried Kanopy, the video streaming service yet, what are you waiting for? You get 5 free downloads each month along with unlimited children's viewings and great courses. Drop by or email us for information about how to get started.

We're busily planning for programs and events in the months to come. Some exciting upcoming collaborations include the next installment of the Virginia Davis Memorial Lecture Series, "Reading the Forested Landscape", a presentation and interpretive walk with renowned ecologist and author Tom Wesels. This program will be co-sponsored by the Pelham Historical Society and funded by the generous bequest from Virginia Davis's estate. We'll also be holding a series of concerts in honor of Paul and Gail Berube, funded by donations which were made in their honor and coordinated through an intern from Amherst College who is funded through the Virginia Davis bequest as well. None of this would be possible without the Friends of the Library, who help coordinate and organize many of these special events, fund our Summer Reading Program, are going to be sprucing up our garden, hosting a volunteer appreciation event and more. If you'd like to get involved and help plan future events, they can always use more people and energy. Interested? Contact Emily Marriott at [eemarriott@gmail.com](mailto:eemarriott@gmail.com).

Finally, a reminder that though we are lucky to have a wonderful, talented and dedicated staff, volunteers are crucial to the functioning of any public library. If you have an hour or two to spare each month (or more!) please consider volunteering. We can always use a hand with shelving, organizing, watering the plants and general tidying up—or perhaps you'd like to have an art exhibit here, or do a program on your latest travels or an area of passion and expertise. Have an idea? Get in touch! We look forward to seeing you soon at the library!

Jodi Levine, Director

## PELHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY



### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

#### October 26, 2019 12pm to 4pm

Pelham Library Ramsdell Room Presentation

Followed by Interpretive Walk

Rain date: Sunday October 27, 12pm to 4pm

#### READING THE FORESTED LANDSCAPE

Join renowned terrestrial ecologist and author Tom Wessels at 12pm for a presentation on learning to read our forest landscape, followed by an interpretive walk at 1:30pm. Using tree stump decay patterns, the construction of stone walls, and much more, Tom will show us how to unravel former agricultural, logging, and wind histories in our forests. Tom's books will be available for sale.

Come along for the presentation, walk, or both! Please sign up for the walk at the Library as space may be limited. Walk participants are encouraged to carpool, bring a snack, and dress for the weather.

For more information contact Cynthia Weigel, (413) 256-4606

#### November 12, 2019 7pm

Meet at Pelham Library Ramsdell Room

Annual Meeting at 7pm, presentation at 7:30pm

Followed by Fire Department Tour

#### PELHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT: PAST & PRESENT\*

Present and past members of the Pelham Fire Department and several others will share factual and anecdotal information on Pelham's fires and Fire Department history and evolution. This panel discussion, led by chief Raymond Murphy, Jr., will be followed by a brief tour of the Fire Department facility.

You are invited to bring your own stories about Pelham's fire history.

For more information contact David Boyden, (860) 653-4140

#### December 10, 2019 5:30pm

Community Hall

#### HOLIDAY POTLUCK SUPPER

Celebrate the Holidays with a social hour, sit-down potluck dinner and later feel free to sing along with oldies performed by David Boyden on guitar. For reservations and to provide information on your contribution (appetizer, main dish, vegetable, salad, bread or dessert) please contact Ginia Servos, (413) 687-0258 or [giniaservos@gmail.com](mailto:giniaservos@gmail.com)

Visit our website, <http://www.pelhamhistory.org/>

## CULTURAL COUNCIL

### HAVE AN IDEA FOR CELEBRATING ART AND CULTURE IN PELHAM? APPLY FOR A PELHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANT!

The Pelham Cultural Council invites proposals from organizations, schools, and individuals for 2020 grants supporting arts, humanities, and science programs benefiting the residents of Pelham and Pelham School students and families. **Proposals are due before close-of-business on Tuesday, October 15**—via the online application portal accessible via [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org)

These grants (drawn from **Pelham's 2020 allocation of \$4,800** from the state and traditionally ranging in size from \$50 to \$750) may support a variety of cultural projects and activities in Pelham—including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, workshops, lectures, or performances.

The Pelham Cultural Council's general funding priorities include:

- arts programs in the schools (K-12)
- projects celebrating Pelham's history, culture, and environment
- programs featuring Pelham visual and performing artists, writers, musicians, scientists, historians, or other subject area experts
- programs which feature global perspectives

The Pelham Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural

funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

For more information about the Local Cultural Council Program and to access the application form, visit [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org). For more information about the Pelham Cultural Council, contact Council Chair Nora Maroulis at [nora@wunderarts.com](mailto:nora@wunderarts.com).

#### Council Mailing Address:

Pelham Cultural Council, Rhodes Building / Town Offices, 351 Amherst Road, Pelham, MA 01002-9779

#### WANT TO JOIN ?

We meet monthly from September to December to review and choose our town's Cultural Council Grant recipients. We also occasionally sponsor and staff our own Council-sponsored event in the winter, spring, or summer. Join us!

#### Email Council Chair

Nora Maroulis, [nora@wunderarts.com](mailto:nora@wunderarts.com)



## HOW TO JOIN A BOARD/COMMITTEE IN YOUR TOWN

Contact the Board/Committees respective chair by phone or email listed online at <https://www.townofpelham.org/boards>, or call the Selectmen's office for more information, (413) 253-7129.



\*STAY CONNECTED TO WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS! CHECK THE MEETING CALENDAR AT [TOWNOFPELHAM.ORG](http://TOWNOFPELHAM.ORG) FOR POSTED MEETINGS. ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.  
\*MEETING SCHEDULES ARE LISTED ON PAGE 7 OF THIS EDITION.

*\*The Selectboard is grateful to all members as well as other volunteers in Pelham who give their time and do so much work for the Town. Their willingness to participate is essential and does not go unnoticed. Thank you!*

- **Cable Advisory Board**, 1 associate member vacancy, Chair, Rusty Rowell
- **Community Hall Committee**, 2-4 member vacancies, Chair, Linda Hanscom
- **Conservation Commission**, 2 member vacancies, Chair, Dana MacDonald
- **Council On Aging**, 2 associate member vacancies, Chair, Kathy Martell
- **Cultural Council**, 2-3 member vacancies, Chair, Nora Maroulis
- **Energy Committee**, 2 member vacancies, Co-Chairs, Tony Rogers & John Larsen
- **Historical Commission**, 3 member vacancies, Chair, Karl Martini
- **Housing Committee**, 1 member vacancy, Chair, Tilman Lukas
- **Personnel Board**, 5 member vacancies, No members currently
- **Recreation Commission**, 5 member vacancies, No members currently
- **Registrars, Board of**, 1 member vacancy, Chair, Sharrie Reydak
- **Space Needs Committee**, 5 member vacancies, No members currently
- **Selectmen, Board of**, 1 member vacancy, Chair Karen Willard-Ribeiro
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, 1 associate member vacancy, Chair, Jeffrey Eisman

## COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Community Garden had a prolific growing season. Seven of the eight garden plots were utilized. Many monarch butterflies were seen as well as many different pollinators. These insects are needed to ensure local food production.      .Cyd Reiman, Chair



## FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

I hope you are all adjusting to your busy fall schedules. I am still working to make sure all Committee and Board members and Town employees have been sworn in and completed their Conflict of Interest, on line Ethics, and Open Meeting Law signing. Everyone that was elected or re-elected in May must be sworn in; and everyone newly appointed or reappointed must be, as well. Fall Town Meeting is October 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Old Town Hall on the corner of Amherst Road and RT 202. Just remember, if it is cold outside dress warmly. Heat was a luxury when the building was built; we have added some heat, but it is not cozy. Please mark your calendars and attend. If you are not a voter or have recently reached voting age, there will be Voter Registration on Friday October 11, 2019 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM; the deadline for registration for Fall Town Meeting. You may register any time prior to that. You can request a form and return it, come in person, or register on line [www.sec.state.ma.us](http://www.sec.state.ma.us) and click the register to vote link. You can check to see if you are registered to vote there, by checking the voter status link. Put in your info; and your voter information status Active or Inactive, Party or Affiliation or Unenrolled, your voting location etc. You can change your party affiliation on line by filling out a new voter registration form which you can even download and print. The Presidential Primary is set for Tuesday March 3, 2020 and the last date to register to vote is February 12, 2020. Watch for more updates in the Town Clerk section [www.TownofPelham.org](http://www.TownofPelham.org).

Many new and previous dog owners have not licensed their dogs. The State requires that Veterinary Offices report Rabies information to the Town Clerks. There is a State / Town bylaw mandated \$50.00 non-licensing fee. Licenses in Pelham are \$6.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$10.00 for intact dogs, but newly increased late fees make them very costly. Please report any dogs you no longer have; to help keep the records correct. As always, if you have any questions, please call 413-253-0512 or email me [pelhamtownclerk@comcast.net](mailto:pelhamtownclerk@comcast.net). -Kathy Martell

## HOW TO STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

**Did you know that the Town of Pelham can communicate urgent alerts, town news, announcements, meeting agendas & minutes to you electronically at no cost?** The steps are easy! Visit our web site, [www.townofpelham.org](http://www.townofpelham.org), click on the tab on the right side of the home page or perform a search on Subscribe to E-Alerts. When the Subscribe page opens, enter your email address, choose which items you wish to receive, and finally click on Subscribe Me. You will receive an email with information related to your subscription choices when the information is posted to the town website.

## CLIMATE CHANGE RESOLUTION UPDATES

**Article 6 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, Citizens Petition on Climate Change Resolution tasked Pelham Boards and Committees to provide a 'written progress report on Article 45 (Climate Change Resolution, 2017 Annual Town Meeting), including measures implemented to conserve vital water and energy resources, and minimize carbon emissions by Pelham Town Committees and Boards, including, but not limited to: The Select Board, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Energy Committee, Housing and Finance Committees.'**



### HERE ARE SOME OF THE RESPONSES BELOW:

*"With the intention of making bylaw adjustments to further climate change preparedness as well as to provide clear guidance for anyone with plans for the new Village Center, the Planning Board has begun to follow more closely the work of the Energy Committee. With input from that Committee and other boards we want the interface of any new regulator proposals in town to be smooth. To that end, the Board is undertaking a review of pertinent bylaws, prioritizing efforts, and hoping to bring some proposals for improvements to Spring Town Meeting. Also, the Chair attended the SMART (Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target) Conference and met at PVPC with the new EEOA Secretary to discuss environmental issues as they relate to small town planning for a sustainable environment."*

#### **Judith Eiseman, Planning Board Chair**

*"In an effort to participate in the Climate Change Resolution, the Pelham energy Committee has been focused on securing grant funds in order to pursue projects in the town that will optimize the town's energy usage and minimize its carbon emission. The Energy committee applied to a Green Community grant for the replacement of the 20-year-old HVAC system of the Pelham Community Center/Library/Public Safety center. The Town of Pelham has been granted \$170K to pursue this project in August 2019. In order to secure the remaining fund to accomplish a new VRF HVAC system installation, the Energy Committee, in collaboration with Connect Pelham Taskforce, also applied for an MVP grant. The application also included the design for a new school HVAC system and the installation of solar PV over the library Parking lot. The town has unfortunately not been awarded the grant during the first*

*application round; however, a new grant round should be announced by the end of September 2019. The project is fully designed and ready to move forward once the necessary funds are secured. It has been estimated that the VRF HVAC System is to reduce the building energy use by 51%, and reduce its CO2 emission by 41.6%."*

#### **Tony Rogers & John Larsen, Energy Committee Co-Chairs**

*"Rick Adamcek, Highway Superintendent, will be attending the Public Works Expo in Foxboro with a keen eye toward learning about nature-based solutions for our Highway Department and waterways. This is not only well aligned with potential grant funding from the Baker Administration, but also a substantial paradigm shift in how Pelham is oriented - away from only the bottom line financial considerations, toward environmental impact and creative collaboration alongside financial considerations. The Rhodes Building had new energy efficient windows installed in July which will have a significant impact on energy savings. A new MVP task force has been instituted with new members joining, including Abbie Jenks, John Larsen and Rick Adamcek. The Connect Pelham task force will be hosting a showing of the new video on October 15. The Board of Selectmen is working closely with the Energy Committee on devising smart strategies for heating and cooling in our Community Center and Elementary School. Today we joyfully announce the new Green Communities grant award of \$170,000 for a Variable Refrigerant Flow heating and cooling system. We will continue this work with the Finance Committee in order to best serve everyone in Pelham for the long term."*

#### **Karen Willard-Ribeiro, Board of Selectmen Chair**

## UPDATES FROM THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

**On September 23, 2019 Alisa Pearson resigned from the Board of Selectmen.** Alisa stated in an article recently printed in the Daily Hampshire Gazette she will remain on the Pelham Energy Committee and continue to pursue climate action while also supporting her husband's oratorio project. Thank you for your service to Pelham Alisa! On that note, there is a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen have voted to hold a special election to fill that vacancy and it will be soon. Check the town website, [townofpelham.org](http://townofpelham.org) for more related information and dates. Nomination papers will be available, please contact the Town Clerk Kathy Martell at (413) 253-0512.

**In other news, the handicap accessible bathroom has been on the main floor of the Rhodes Building/Town Offices.** The building is now ready to be used as an additional accessible meeting space for Boards/Committees. Thank you to Rick Adamcek for overseeing the project, to the staff in the Town Offices for your patience, and thank you Jodi Levine, Library Director, for handling all the meeting requests and Library calendar during the time the Rhodes Building was closed to meetings.

Other improvements to the Rhodes Building include installation of new energy efficient windows in July, which will have a significant impact on energy savings, and the building recently got a new coat of paint added to the exterior.

**UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTIFICATIONS**

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 26, 2019  
10 AM-2PM**

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY**

<p><b>AMHERST</b> Wildwood Elementary</p> <p><b>BELCHERTOWN</b> Town Common</p> <p><b>CUMMINGTON</b> Police Dept, 8 Fairgrounds Rd</p> <p><b>EASTHAMPTON</b> Public Safety Complex, 32 Payson</p> <p><b>GOSHEN</b> Police Dept, 40A Main Street</p> <p><b>HADLEY</b> Hopkins Academy, 131 Russell St</p>	<p><b>NORTHAMPTON</b> JFK Middle School</p> <p><b>PELHAM</b> Police Dept., 2 South Valley Road</p> <p><b>SOUTH HADLEY</b> Police Dept, 41 Bridge Street</p> <p><b>SOUTHAMPTON</b> Town Hall, 210 College Hwy</p> <p><b>WILLIAMSBURG</b> Williamsburg Pharmacy</p> <p><b>WORTHINGTON</b> Transfer Station, 64 Huntington Rd</p>
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**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

<p><b>DEERFIELD</b> Police Dept, 8 Conway Street</p> <p><b>GREENFIELD</b> Police Dept, 321 High Street</p> <p><b>SUNDERLAND</b></p>	<p><b>LEVERETT</b> Police Dept 95 Montague Road</p> <p><b>MONTAGUE</b> Police Dept, 180 Turnpike Road</p> <p><b>105 River Road</b></p>
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**WORCESTER COUNTY**

**ATHOL** Police Dept, 280 Exchange St.

**You can also bring medications to a PERMANENT Drop Box location.**

**Drop Drugs at these Police Stations:**  
Amherst, Ashfield, Athol, Belchertown, Bernardston, Buckland, Cummington, Deerfield, Easthampton, Erving, Goshen, Granby, Greenfield, Hadley, Hatfield, Leverett, Montague, Northampton, Orange, South Hadley, Southampton, Sunderland, Ware, Whately, Williamsburg

**Simply bring them to your local police station and drop them in the MEDRETURN BOX.**

Medicines can remain in original containers with labels. NO liquids, syringes, IV equipment or chemotherapy drugs. Prescription and non-prescription drugs, vitamins and veterinary meds are accepted.








For more information: [NorthwesternDA.org](http://NorthwesternDA.org)

**RECYCLING**

Items that can be recycled\* may be brought to the Pelham Elementary School at 45 Amherst Road on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, from 9:00am-12:00pm.

If the first Saturday falls on a holiday or Town election, then the recycling date will be delayed by one week.

**\*What Can Be Recycled:**

Paper- newspaper, magazines, catalogs, white paper, cereal type boxes, corrugated cardboard, junk mail, & brown paper bags

Containers - glass bottles, metal & aluminum cans, foil, plastics #1-#6, wax-coated juice / milk cartons, & drink boxes

**Please do not use plastic bags for any recycling**

**Upcoming Scheduled Dates**

**For 2019:  
November 2  
&  
December 7**

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**SATURDAY OCTOBER 19 4-6PM**  
Held at the Pelham Elementary School

**Volunteers are also needed** for set up before, running the event, and cleaning up afterwards.

Contact the Pelham PTO:  
[Pelham.ma.pto@gmail.com](mailto:Pelham.ma.pto@gmail.com)

**Trunk or Treat Hosts needed:**  
All community members are welcome to decorate your vehicle, a chair, a table. Get creative! Parking begins at 3:00pm and you must be parked by 3:45pm. When purchasing candy please remember, **NO NUTS, NO HARD CANDIES, AND NO GUM!**

Cider and pizza for sale-**CASH ONLY please.**



**PELHAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE  
LOOKING FOR MEMBERS**

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the work of the Pelham Democratic Town Committee and have some time and energy to devote to political matters, please come to *our next meeting on Saturday, October 5, 2019 in the Library* or contact Judy Eiseman, PDTCC Chair, [judeiseman@comcast.net](mailto:judeiseman@comcast.net) or at 253-932.

We will have nomination papers at that meeting but can only include 20 names on the ballot.

**Note: Nominees must either have been registered in Pelham as a Democrat or as unenrolled by August 20, 2019, but cannot have been enrolled**

**UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

- NOVEMBER**
- 11 Veterans Day-Town Offices Closed
  - 28 Thanksgiving Day-Town Offices Closed
- DECEMBER**
- 25 Christmas Day-Town Offices Closed

\*Check announcements online at [townofpelham.org](http://townofpelham.org) and [pelhampolicema.com](http://pelhampolicema.com) for information about the annual **CRAM-A-CRUISER** toy drive held at the **Public Safety Building in DECEMBER.**



## Town Office Schedules & Contact Information

### Assessor's Office,

Lori Turati  
(413) 253-0734  
Tues & Thurs  
8am-12pm

### Collector/ Treasurer

June Masee  
(413) 253-2267  
Mon-Thurs  
8am-4pm

### Selectboard Office

Admin. Assistant  
Susannah Carey  
(413) 253-7129  
Mon-Thurs  
9am-3pm

### Town Clerk

Kathy Martell  
(413) 253-0512  
Mon, Wed, Fri  
10:30am-  
1:30pm

## HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

**State Representative Mindy Domb**  
(413) 461-2060 DISTRICT OFFICE  
(617) 722-2400 STATE HOUSE  
[MINDY.DOMB@MAHOUSE.GOV](mailto:MINDY.DOMB@MAHOUSE.GOV)

**State Senator Jo Comerford**  
(617) 722-1532 STATE HOUSE  
[COMERFORD@MASENATE.GOV](mailto:COMERFORD@MASENATE.GOV)

## STAY INFORMED!

Go to [Townofpelham.org](http://Townofpelham.org) and click on the **CodeRed** icon to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. You can also sign up online at [pelhampolicema.com](http://pelhampolicema.com).



## MEETING SCHEDULES

### REGULAR MEETINGS

**Board of Assessors**  
3rd Tuesday 7:30 PM  
Rhodes Building, 351 Amherst Rd

**Board of Health**  
2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM  
Rhodes Building, 351 Amherst Rd

**Board of Selectmen**  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays 6:00 PM  
Rhodes Building, 351 Amherst Rd

**Cemetery Commission**  
2nd Tuesday 7:30 PM  
Library, 2 South Valley Rd

**Conservation Commission**  
2nd and last Thursdays 7:00 PM  
Rhodes Building, 351 Amherst Rd

**Community Preservation Committee**  
3rd Thursdays 7:00 PM  
Library, 2 South Valley Rd

**Council on Aging**  
2nd Wednesday 3:00 PM  
Library, 2 South Valley Rd

**Energy Committee**  
1st Tuesdays & as needed 7:30 PM  
Library, 2 South Valley Rd

Please note that these are only anticipated meeting times and locations:  
By law, definitive meeting information is posted 48 hours in advance on the [TownofPelham.org](http://TownofPelham.org)

**Historical Commission**  
3rd Tuesdays 7:30 PM  
Library, 2 South Valley Rd

**Library Trustees**  
3rd Wednesdays 7:30 PM  
Library, 2 South Valley Rd

**Planning Board**  
2nd Mondays 7:00 PM  
Library, 2 South Valley Rd

**School Committee**  
1st Thursday 6:00 PM  
Library, 2 South Valley Rd

### Public Bodies that also meet AS NEEDED:

- Cable Committee
- Capital Planning Committee
- Community Garden Committee
- Community Hall Committee
- Community Hall Accessibility Committee
- Cultural Council
- Finance Committee
- Housing Committee
- IT Committee
- Regional School District Planning Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Town of Pelham  
Rhodes Building  
351 Amherst Road  
Pelham, MA 01002

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- ◇ Historical Society Upcoming Events
- ◇ Trunk or Treat: October 19
- ◇ Climate Change Resolution Updates
- ◇ Fall Town Meeting: October 21
- ◇ Free Drug Take Back Day: October 26