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## UPCOMING DATES:

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**  
**January 20**

Town Offices Closed

**TAXES DUE**  
**February 3**

**RECYCLING**  
**February 1**  
Pelham School

**WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY**  
**February 17**  
Town Offices Closed

**DOG & KENNEL LICENSES EXPIRE**  
March 31, 2020



# THE PELHAM SLATE

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## BUDGET SEASON HAS BEGUN!

The budgeting process for the coming 2021 fiscal year began in November 2019 and will end with the Town meeting vote on Saturday May 9, 2020. The following is an outline of the schedule that will be followed.

### November 2019:

Meeting of representatives of the Regional Schools four towns and the Region's Capital Planning Group to review the progress on the current approved plans and hear about 2021 plans. The long range ten year plan was briefly mentioned.

### December 2019:

A meeting again of representatives from the Region's four towns to hear the preliminary budget numbers from the Region's officials and provide feedback on what the towns feel they can afford. The Finance Committee will meet and develop the guidelines for all Pelham Town departments, boards and commissions to help them develop their budgets.

### January 2020:

Early in January there will be the annual Roundtable at which all the Town departments, boards and commissions will gather to discuss the guidelines presented by the Finance Committee and also advise of any special requests for money that they might have.

### February 2020:

The Finance Committee will hold public budget hearings with all organizations that will be requesting additional funding during 2021 except for the schools.

### March 2020:

During the first full week of March the Finance Committee will hold the budget hearing for the schools. They also will complete and approve the recommended operating budget (Article 4 in the Town Warrant) and submit it to the Pelham Board of Selectmen by the required time. The Finance Committee will review and comment if necessary on all warrants that are finance related.

### April 2020:

The Finance Committee will meet with the Board of Selectmen and review the operating budget and all warrants that relate to finances. They also will attend the meeting with the Town Moderator to prepare for the May Town Meeting.

### May 2020:

The Finance Committee will attend the May 9, 2020 Annual Town meeting to present the operating budget and answer fiscal questions during the meeting.

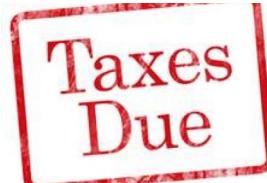
John Trickey, Finance Committee Chair

## REMINDERS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

**Real Estate taxes are due February 3, 2020.** If you have not received your bill, please call the Collector. Some of the tax bills printed with errors.

Real Estate and Personal Property taxes can be paid online through UNIPAY. Payments for before school, afterschool, and preschool can also be paid online.

If you have any questions please contact Collector/Treasurer June Massee at (413) 253-2267.



## NOTES FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

- **Office hours for 2020 will be changing and posted soon.**
- **The new FY2020 tax rate is \$21.89.**
- **Abatements are due February 1, 2020.**

Please call the office with any questions, (413) 253-0734.

## PELHAM SCHOOL NEWS

### Child Find Notification

Pelham School is obligated by regulations to engage in special education and Section 504 "Child Find" efforts for those students attending private schools, at parent expense, who may be eligible for special education services or accommodations and supports under Section 504.

If you believe your child has a disability and requires accommodations, related services, auxiliary aids and devices and/or assistive technology; in order to fully participate in the programs offered by the Pelham or Amherst-Pelham Regional School District, you may refer your child for an evaluation under Section 504 by contacting the Student Services Office at (413)362-1833 or Pelham School at (413)362-1100.



If you believe your child has a disability and may be eligible for special education services through an Individualized Education Program (IEP), you may refer him/her for an evaluation by contacting either the Student Services Office or the applicable local public school based upon the physical address of your residence. Please note that your child must be a preschool or elementary aged student residing in the town of Pelham.

Once the consent for evaluation has been signed and received, the evaluation will be conducted to assess areas of suspected disability. Upon completion of the evaluation, school staff will meet with you to discuss eligibility, and if your child is eligible, an IEP or 504 Plan will be provided.

-Lisa Desjarlais, Principal

## PLANNING BOARD

**The Planning Board has undertaken the production of a Permitting Guide** to make clear the steps that must be taken to undertake a variety of projects. We expect this "how-to" guide to be ready in January and hope residents new and old will find it useful and help everyone know where to find information about what our boards and departments do. It covers procedures for everything from getting permission for home occupations and complying with environmental regulations for building or adding to a home to where to go for a hunting license. It will be available on line as well as in hard copy form.

Please feel free to contact any of us or to attend our meetings—we welcome input and feedback!

Judith Eiseman, Chair

## HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

**The Affordable Housing Committee has three projects underway.** The first provides down payment assistance of \$15,000 dollars each for two income-qualified, first time homeowners. The Valley Community Development Corporation, a non-profit agency located in Northampton, vets applicants for the assistance and provides them with training in the challenges of home ownership. The Committee is excited to learn that an eligible applicant is now close to purchasing a Pelham home. This program can benefit not only families who want to own a home but also Pelham residents who want to sell.

The Housing Committee's second project aims to provide land for a Habitat for Humanity house that will be made available to an income eligible family. We are in the process of getting environmental reviews, surveys, etc. of 8 Amherst Road. Habitat eventually will build one or possibly two homes that will bring new families to Pelham.

The third project involves creating the "Amethyst Brook" affordable apartments where the old Bartlett fishing rod factory, currently HRD Publishing, now stands at 22 Amherst Road. The project will now also include the "Peterson house." The Peterson house will be remodeled to contain up to seven larger apartments. In total we are anticipating 24 one-bedroom apartments, 8 two-bedroom apartments, and 2 three-bedroom apartments, along with some community space. At several public

meetings residents requested more larger units so the final count is likely to change during the ongoing development process. If you drive by, you can scarcely see the old factory from the road, but the empty, large, white house just to the west and close to the road is the Peterson place.



The Housing Committee has chosen as developer for this project the non-profit Home City Development Inc., led by Tom Kegelman of Amherst. Securing funding - much of it from the state - is a long and complex process with approvals required from state agencies, Pelham's Zoning Board (ZBA), Conservation Commission, and Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Home City has extensive experience with this process, and it is just getting underway.

With these projects Pelham will begin to meet Massachusetts laws requiring towns and cities to have affordable housing. We also will begin to meet our moral obligation to help at least a few more of our fellow citizens have a good and affordable home.

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

## DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CENSUS REMINDERS

### The Census is Coming!

Regardless of your feelings about surveys, there is one survey that is ESSENTIAL to complete—the U.S. CENSUS. By law, the U.S. government is required to count the number of people living in the United States every 10 years.

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive a request to participate in the Census. Please watch for and open any letter that comes to you from the U.S. Census Bureau. The letter will give information about the census survey and your password for

completing it online. For the first time, the U.S. Census can be completed online, by phone, or by mail. You can even respond on your mobile devices. On average, it takes about 10 minutes to finish. The U.S. Census results dramatically affect our lives and the health of our communities.

Everyone living in the country or its territories is required by law to be counted. Your personal information is kept confidential by law and your data is used only for statistical purposes.

*Democratic Committee continued on 4*

**DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE** continued from page 3

The Pelham Democratic Town Committee will be working with your State Representative Mindy Domb and the League of Women Voters to ensure that every Pelham resident knows about the Census and receives information and assistance, if needed, to complete it.

Current questions or concerns about the 2020 Census can be directed to Representative Mindy Domb at [Mindy.Domb@mahouse.gov](mailto:Mindy.Domb@mahouse.gov) or 617-722-2400. For more information go to [2020census.gov](https://www.2020census.gov)

Remember, YOU COUNT. Make sure our government knows that!

Pelham Democratic Town Committee  
Judith Eiseman, Chair and Linda Spink, Vice Chair

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

- **2/25/2020 at 6:00pm**  
**Pelham Library Ramsdell**  
Room-Caucus to elect democratic delegates to the convention in May
- **4/4/2020 at 10:00am**  
**Pelham Library Ramsdell**  
Room-Reorganization of Committee

**NEWS FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**An application for a comprehensive permit.** On January 11, Home City Development submitted plans for 6 and 28 subsidized apartments at 20 and 22 Amherst Road, respectively. They requested 27 waivers (not counting those likely to be sought related to Pelham's Wetlands bylaw).

**Pelham's need for affordable housing.** This project would increase Pelham's supply of affordable housing, which we sorely need. In May 2018, an overwhelming majority of Pelham voters adopted new zoning bylaws establishing a village center, and encouraging the gradual development of more low and moderate-income housing. Pelham's Housing Committee has actively encouraged this application.

**What 40B is and how it works.** When communities have not met the state's target for subsidized housing—which Pelham has not—developers may file 40B applications. While developers must abide by state laws and regulations, they may request waivers from *local* bylaws and regulations. If ZBAs deny requests for waivers or set conditions that make the project “uneconomic,” the state’s Housing Appeals Committee may overrule some or all of the conditions.

**Our role.** The ZBA—Carey Clouse, Ralph Faulkingham, Amanda Huhmann, David Litwak, Ann McNeal and I—will conduct comprehensive permit hearing sessions. At a ZBA-hosted September 2019 public meeting with the developers and representatives from town boards and committees, attendees identified concerns related to the project’s scope, the slope, width, and sight lines of the driveway, and environmental impact, especially related to stormwater management, both during and after construction. Our task will be to listen to the developer, various constituencies, and outside consultants, and interpret and balance competing versions of the public interest. This involves ruling on waivers — deciding how to reconcile the goals of our local bylaws or regulations with the goals of, and the topographical and other challenges faced by, the developer —and setting conditions. When setting conditions, we must be mindful of their costs to the developer, and balance competing state goals. For example, because the project site is on a steep hill sloping down to a tributary to the Fort River, the developers proposes to reroute, construct, treat, and maintain the driveway, parking, and walking surfaces for safety. We must also ensure that the project does not jeopardize the water quality in Amethyst Brook, a cold water fishery flowing into the Fort River, or adversely impact wildlife habitats and corridors.

**We welcome public participation.** For an email notice of the day and time of the opening of the hearing, please send your email address to [jeiseman@educ.umass.edu](mailto:jeiseman@educ.umass.edu).

Jeff Eiseman, Chair

## SCHOOL NEWSPAPER



# Pelham Paw Prints

A student-run newspaper

## Fantastic Fantasy By: Spenser



The hero Zeus lived in the land of Dragonon, which had the most beautiful, steepest waterfalls in the world. It was also the only place that dragons could be found. There were hundreds of types of dragons, and they could be found all over Dragonon! Zeus had to battle the strongest dragon with his own trained dragon! But before I tell you that story, I have to tell you this one! The young hero Zeus had just turned 12. That was the age that you could start capturing and training dragons. The first day of excitement! "Okay," Zeus said as he mapped out the journey with his friend Joey. "First we will travel to the woods. Second, we will search the caverns. Then we come back to town and fight in the tournament." So Zeus and his friend Joey headed out to find dragons! The Whispering Woods, said a sign out front of the woods. So they walked through the woods and into the dark. Suddenly, they heard a growl and a dragon bounded out of the bushes and tackled Zeus. "Ahh!" Exclaimed Zeus. He got out his strongest net and strangled the dragon on to its side. He put the net over the dragon and got up to catch his breath. After a while he got the dragon calmed down and Zeus fed it. It willingly took the food and Zeus took it out of the net. It seemed to enjoy the fresh air so they continued into the sunset! Zeus and his dragon, which he named Hudson, headed to the caverns! "Shh" Zeus said as they headed through the dangerous caves. "Ahh!" Joey screamed! Zeus's face was struck with confusion by why Joey had screamed. But that was as he saw giant dragon loomed over them. "ROAR!" To be continued...

## How Kids Judge Each Other By: Sam Woodruff

You might be like "duh" their personality. That, but also there is a lot more things kids judge each other by. So here are some 3 things kids judge each other by. Some are more crazy than you think. The first thing is one of the most craziest. Are you ready for it? Okay, drum roll please. Food. Kids judge each other by food. For example: Kid 1 "Can I sit with you?", Kid 2 "Sure, what food you got?", Kid 1, "A Hamburger and fruit roll up and for dessert cake." Kid 2 "Yes, you can sit with us." Kid 3 "Can I sit with you?" Kid 2 "Sure, what food you got?", Kid 3 "Salad and a leftover egg roll." Kid 2 "Nah, go sit somewhere else." I know crazy. The next thing is shoes. Kids judge each other by shoes. Three shoes that if you have them you are automatically popular are Vans. Which are awesome! Second is Nike Airs which are basketball shoes and are supposed to make you jump higher because they're called Nike Airs. Last but not least Lebrons. You probably know what they are because if you are like me you are constantly asking your parents to buy them. Last, but not least we have video games. How good you are at video games is a crucial of kid survival. For example, if your friend is not talking to you, then you want to get better at fortnite and your friend will want to hangout with you again. It is that simple! In conclusion, I believe this is crazy and if you don't think these facts are crazy then I don't know what's crazy. I hope you liked the article and talk to me if you want more information on what kids judge each other by.

## 9/20/2019 Climate Change Walkout By: Morgan Hunt

I watched a speech by Greta Thunberg. She said climate change is an existential threat. Climate impacts greenhouse gases, air pollution, fossil fuels, 200 animals going extinct every day. If you want to help save the world from this heated crisis then do the following things:

- Use more bikes instead of cars
- Don't use plastic bottles
- Don't use shampoo brands that promote climate change
- Drive, don't use planes
- Tell people about the cause.

If you do these things you are sure to help cool the earth down and save it for future generations.

**PELHAM PAW PRINTS** continued from page 5**SUMMARY OF MY NOVEL** By: Miira Engelhardt

I want to be a writer when I grow up. I love books. They take me to another world. So, I'm writing a series called The Adventures of Rachel Smith , and I'm on the first book called Sleeping Giant . This series is a fictional autobiography. If you don't know what that means, it means that Rachel is living the same life as I am, but the only difference is that she's 12, and I'm 10, and (there is another difference) it takes place in Connecticut. But, there is a similarity, she has the same interests as me. Hiking!



But she doesn't figure that out right away... It starts out at school, where Rachel is in biology class, and she falls asleep just as her teacher, Ms. Skye, asks her a question. Then, when the bell rings for the end of school, Rachel asks her mom if they can go on an adventure. She overcomes some challenges on the hiking trail but almost gives up. When she comes home from the trail, there was a surprise waiting for her at home. I bet you want to know what it is, but I won't tell you. Fine, I will: it's a notebook that she will write all her adventures that she's been on. The end (If you look at the picture you can see that it looks like a giant lying on its back. The head starts on the way left).

**ALL ABOUT NEWSPAPER CLUB** By: Hudson Bosch

The Newspaper club is important because without it you would not know anything that is happening around you. For example say there was a new Lego set that is rare and you really needed to finish the series of sets. You would not know about it without the NEWSPAPER CLUB. The people in the NEWSPAPER CLUB work hard to make papers for your entertainment. Another reason is we tell you about fashion, art, and baking. Then, we make little stories for you to read after school. We also make puzzles and coloring pages for you! It makes us happy to make these for you so please keep on reading our NEWSPAPER. Thank you from The NEWSPAPER CLUB!!!!!! Keep reading!

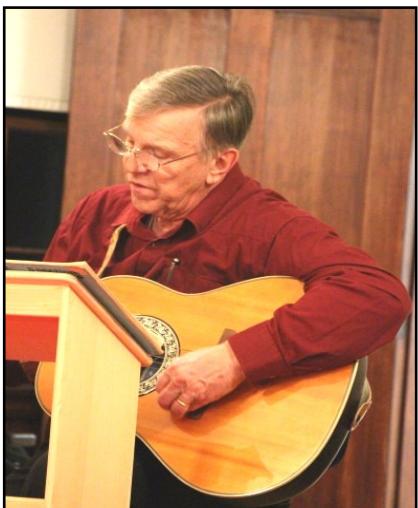
**PELHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REKINDLES LONG-AGO TRADITION AT COMMUNITY HALL**

Photo of David Boyden  
courtesy of Karl Martini

Some 100 years ago, Eugene Bartlett, President and CEO of the Pelham Fish Rod Factory funded an annual holiday celebration each December at Pelham's Community Hall. The event included a potluck dinner, candy and fruit for the children and music to the tune of piano, fiddle and harmonica, graciously performed by Pelham residents.

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, in much the same way as was done in earlier times, the Pelham Historical Society welcomed the holiday season at Community Hall with a potluck dinner and entertainment in the form of guitar and voice by David Boyden, Vice President of the Historical Society and whose Pelham ancestry dates to the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

It seems that the more things change....the more they stay the same.

## ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR AT THE LIBRARY

We finished out the season with our annual Holiday Tea, featuring a sing-along with Cindy Naughton and of course a visit from Santa. We had 120 people join us, enjoying food, music and community. We have lots more music coming up in the new year, with concerts scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month through the winter. You can learn about all of our upcoming events on our website, [www.pelhamlibrary.org](http://www.pelhamlibrary.org) and on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/PelhamLibraryMA>.

We've been continuing our collaborations with other groups in town, including the Pelham Historical Society with whom we co-sponsored the most recent Virginia Davis Memorial Lecture, a visit from noted author, naturalist and professor Tom Wessels, who presented "Reading the Forested Landscape" to 60 attendees, then took them on a walk in the Pelham woods to investigate Pelham's history, both natural and human-made.

We've continued to expand our offerings for teens, and have a regular group that meets on Wednesday afternoons to drink tea and hang out, as well as designing displays and planning special programming with Ruthie. All teens in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up are welcome to join. Our weekly early childhood programming continues, with playgroups on Monday mornings at 9:30 facilitated by Margaret White of the Collaborative and followed by Music for Little Ones with Wendy Plummer at 10:30. No registration is necessary. We have so many new books, DVDs, puzzles, audiobooks, science kits and more that we've added to our collection recently, too, along with fabulous on-line offerings which you can learn about on our website.

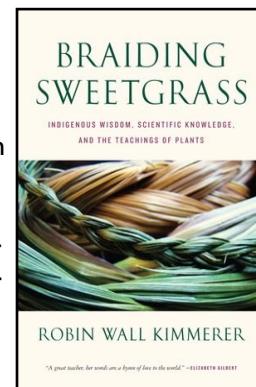
Look for more programs this spring, including the next installment of "Libraries in the Woods" this March and April when we, along with more than a dozen other area libraries all read the same title, *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer and do related programming and discussions.

We're also hosting our local representative, Mindy Domb, each month, and will welcome State Senator Jo Comerford in March.

We are at the early stages of our next long-range plan, when we take the time to look at our offerings and how we can improve. We'll be surveying the community this spring, so we'd love it if you think about any input you might have. We'll be looking for feedback this from everyone young to old, from people who use the library several times each week to people who never set foot in it. Watch for more information this spring.

Would you like to volunteer? If you have an hour or two to spare each month (or more!) please consider helping us out. We can always use a hand with shelving, organizing, watering the plants and general tidying up. Of course, if you have a special area of interest or expertise and would like to do a program, or if you are an artist interested in having an exhibit in the Ramsdell Room let us know. The Friends of the Pelham Library, are always looking for new active members as well.

Stay warm, enjoy the season, and come visit us at the Pelham Library!  
-Jodi Levine, Director



## 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 'Subscribe to E Alerts' 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.

## TOWN CLERK NEWS

Hi and Happy New Year to all Pelham Residents from the Town Clerk, Registrars of Voters and Records Access Officer.

Results from the Special Election for Board of Selectman are posted on the town website on the Elections page.

**2020 will be a very busy Election Year as we already have 4 elections scheduled.**

This will help you mark your calendars in advance. If you want an absentee ballot for these elections or for the whole year, you can fill out an absentee ballot application. Please be sure to mark the party ballot you are choosing on the application for a Primary. They are good only for the calendar year, unless you are a permanently disabled voter with a letter from your physician. And there are voter registration deadlines for new voters or those that have moved to Pelham. Your Voter Registration does not move with you.

### 2020 VOTING SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, March 3, 2020

##### Presidential Primary:

Polls open from 7am – 8pm.  
There will be early voting for this election.



#### Tuesday May 12, 2020

##### Pelham Local Election:

Polls open 11am – 7 pm  
Annual Town Meeting is Saturday May 9, 2020 beginning at 9 AM.

#### Tuesday, September 1, 2020

##### State Primary:

Polls open from 7am – 8pm.  
There will be early voting for this election.

#### Tuesday, November 3, 2020

##### State and Federal Election:

Polls open from 7am – 8pm.  
There will be early voting for this election.

**Town Census forms** will be mailed out soon. Please make sure you send them in as soon as possible. **2020 is also a Federal Census Year.** This is a multiple page form. Please take the time to fill them out and send them back. They have a big impact on our federal funding and grants as well as other things; as they are most often given out based on our census count.

**Next reminder that you must complete conflict of interest forms** annually and your online ethics are only good for two years. And there are many different Conflict of Interest forms to fill out if you work another job, serve on more than one board or committee, or both members of the household serve on committees.

And another **REMINDER** to mark on your calendars that your **DOG AND KENNEL licenses expire on March 31, 2020** and the grace period ends May 31, 2020 so they need to be completed before June 1 or you will have to pay a late fee. After last year's ATM the late fees have increased greatly. Do not find yourselves paying a \$25 or more late fee for a \$6 or \$10 dog license that is purchased on time.

We receive an increasing number of Record Access requests each year. Remember, there is a form on the web site for easy use. If you serve Pelham on a Department, Board or Committee, etc. you may have requests for information, but they need to come through the Records Access Office as they need to be tracked.

Again, best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Kathy Martell

## UPDATES FROM THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Hello and Happy New Year from the Council on Aging!

**The Board finally has 5 regular members but is looking for two Associate members.** Our members are: Kathy Martell Chair, Tracy Osbahr Secretary, Grace Dane, Isabel Ryavec and Nancy Rose Weeber. We are currently without an Outreach Worker, so if you, or someone you know would like part-time position in their field or maybe a challenging new direction with this skill set, we are interested in talking to you.



**We are now moving most of our activities to the Community Hall Building across from the Library.** We hope to have a Music Presentation by the Elementary School that we usually have in December, a bit later, possibly in February, so please watch for that announcement; but that will be in the Ramsdell Room due to the connection with the School. The Children are a pleasure to watch as they perform and we share a snack time after their presentation. Everyone is welcome.

**Our board is working hard to offer social days at the Community Hall building and possibly foot care and finally get the med ride program off the ground.** There may a new survey coming your way soon to get an idea of what things you would like to see happen with the COA backing, and for a better form of communication. We could use your support. Our web site should be up and running soon as well, so if you tried to contact us that way in the past, we seriously apologize. We have a new program for keeping track of events and all of our necessary items.

Again, Happy New Year, we hope to see you and hear from you. -Pelham COA members

## HELP WANTED



### JOIN A PELHAM BOARD/COMMITTEE

*If interested in any of the vacancies  
please contact the chairs by email  
which is listed on our website,  
[www.townofpelham.org/boards](http://www.townofpelham.org/boards), or  
call (413) 253-7129.*

\*BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. MEETING SCHEDULES ARE LISTED ON PAGE 11 OF THIS NEWSLETTER. POSTED MEETINGS ARE LISTED ON THE HOMEPAGE UNDER UPCOMING MEETINGS (CALENDAR)  
[WWW.TOWNOFPELHAM.ORG](http://WWW.TOWNOFPELHAM.ORG).

**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

**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 Taskforce\***, 1 member vacancy, No Chair at this time, \*Will begin investigating storage needs & options for the Town

**Selectmen, Board of**, 1 member vacancy, Chair, Karen Willard-Ribeiro

## PELHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Below are the first two programs scheduled for 2020;** our full program will be available in early 2020 on our website, [www.pelhamhistory.org](http://www.pelhamhistory.org). The first program, initially scheduled for November, 2019, was postponed to March 31, 2020 due to inclement weather.

**TUESDAY March 31, 2020      7 p.m.**

**PELHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT: PAST AND PRESENT\*\***

*Pelham Library Ramsdell Room for Meeting and Presentation followed by Fire Department Tour*

*Snow Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7 p.m.*

*Business Meeting at 7 p.m. Followed by Presentation at 7:30 p.m.*



Present and past members of the Pelham Fire Department and several others will share factual and anecdotal information on Pelham's Fire Department history and evolution, some fire events of note, and current status and plans. 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.

**TUESDAY April 14, 2020      7 p.m.**

**PLAY BALL!\*\***

*Pelham Library Ramsdell Room*

Revisit Pelham's Fenway Park and the ballplayers who captivated and entertained the Town on a sandlot located on Jones Road.

For more information contact Linda Campbell Hanscom, 413-323-7377.



**\*\*Programs co-sponsored with the Pelham Library**

### Pelham Historical Society\* Museum

Located in Pelham's Historic Complex, Corner of Amherst Road and Daniel Shays Highway

**FREE & OPEN to the public Sunday Afternoons (1:30-4:30 p.m.) from June to September**

*Check our website, [www.pelhamhistory.org](http://www.pelhamhistory.org), for updated information on special Sunday Museum activities for young and old alike, photos, collections database, email sign-up, etc.*

\*PHS is a private group and is not related to the Pelham Historical Commission

## RECYCLING

Recycling 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 weekend or a Town election, then recycling 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 recycling. They clog processing machines.*

**2020 UPCOMING DATES: FEBRUARY 1 MARCH 7 APRIL 4**



## Town Office Schedules & Contact Information

**Assessor's Office,**  
Lori Turati  
(413) 253-0734  
Call for office hours

**Collector/Treasurer**  
June Massee  
(413) 253-2267  
Mon-Thurs  
8am-4pm

**Selectboard Office**  
Administrative Assistant  
Susannah Carey  
(413) 253-7129  
Mon-Thurs  
9am-3pm

**Town Clerk**  
Kathy Martell  
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Mon, Wed, Fri  
10:30am-1:30pm

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You can also sign up online at [pelhampolicema.com](http://pelhampolicema.com).

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

### REGULAR MEETINGS

#### **Assessors, Board of**

3rd Tuesday 7:30 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

#### **Health, Board of**

2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM

Rhodes Building, 351 Amherst Rd

#### **Historical Commission**

3rd Tuesdays 7:30 PM

Library, 2 South Valley Rd

#### **Housing Committee**

1st Tuesday 4:30 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

Rhodes Building & Library

#### **School Committee**

1st Thursday 6:00 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 Town website, [Townofpelham.org](http://Townofpelham.org)

#### **Selectmen, Board of**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays 6:00 PM

Rhodes Building, 351 Amherst 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
- IT Committee
- Regional School District Planning Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

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