



**Town of Pelham
Fall Special Town Meeting Minutes
Monday October 17, 2016, 7:00pm
Historic Old Town Hall**

Hampshire, ss.

To one of the Constables of the Town of Pelham, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Pelham, Massachusetts, qualified to vote in the Town affairs to meet in the Pelham Historic Old Town Hall, located at the intersection of Route 202 and Amherst Road in said Pelham on Monday, the 17th day of October, in the year A.D. 2016 at 7:00 pm for the reading of the Town Warrant and to proceed with the meeting.

Twenty six voters attended this meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Daniel Robb Moderator. He noted that this is the 267th year of Town meetings being recorded as being held in this meeting hall. Introductions included Daniel Robb himself the moderator, those at the Head table including: Town Clerk Kathleen Martell, William Martell Selectman, Alisa Pearson, Selectwoman, Joseph Leonard Finance Committee, Tara Loomis Finance Committee John Trickey Finance Committee Chair. It was noted that James Doubleday the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen was absent. Sharrie Reydak Registrar checked voters in at the door. And Donald Clark our Constable was at work directing traffic outside and maintaining order inside the meeting.

A moment of silence was requested, and observed for Thomas Lederle and any others that have passed away since our last Town Meeting. Tom's prominent front row seating and participation in meetings will be missed.

Amy Wasserman asked that it be noted by the Town that Mike Hayes, Matt Wolaver and Lee Halasz had cleaned up the space between the school and library and donated tables and umbrellas for seating for patrons to visit their fellow townspeople. They also created raised beds for planting and study for each grade of the school and a representative from Many Hands farm assisted them with the project.

Article 1.

The Town moved and seconded a this article to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200.00 to be added to Article 4, line item 3 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for the Records/Information Clerk which was *recommended by Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen. Discussion included Cydnie Reiman asking clarification of what Article 4 line item 3 actually was.* It was explained that with the new Records Access Law, the Town would be more liable for making sure Town Records that were requested were responded to timely and completely and would require more work for the Town and therefore an Assistant Records Officer position was be created at Annual Town Meeting and this was the Article and Line item for that salary. Additional funding would

add to the salary that was a place holder for that position. The salary was only estimated at Annual Town meeting as the law wasn't finalized at that point. Donald Clark noted that there was a wonderful job done with the records restoration that had been completed with CPA funding in the past year. Mr. Martell recued himself from this vote.

Passed Unanimously

Article 2.

The Town moved and seconded this article which the vote will transfer \$595.75 from the Hampshire County Dog fund to the Elementary School Library fund.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Discussion included asking why the Finance Committee didn't recommend this article. It was answered that this was a housekeeping article of moving money from one account to another as outlined in the Code of Pelham and therefore did not need a recommendation. Abigail Jenks wanted to know about the dog fund and it was explained that the proceeds from the dog licenses were previously sent to Hampshire County that provided the licenses minus a fee per license. The balance after the Hampshire County cost was returned to Pelham and set in by-law to support the Children's Library fund for new books etc. It wasn't completed for transfer at Annual Town Meeting so being voted now. Cydnie Rieman asked if it had anything to do with dog control in town, and was answered that dog control would be handled by the dog officer and Police Department.

Passed Unanimously

Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:13 PM. The moderator took a moment to talk about the Vote at Annual Town Meeting for the Moderator to appoint a committee to study Regionalizing called the Pelham School Options Committee. He had been talking to people trying to get them to agree to be on the Committee and it would become a full committee in the near future.

Passed Unanimously

Board of Selectmen, signed the warrant September 26, 2016

Warrant was Posted October 3, 2016

At the Fire Station/Police Station and Rhodes Building

By Donald G. Clark, Constable

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Martell

Pelham Town Clerk