

Town of Pelham

2022 Annual Town Report & Warrant



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Old Town Hall Complex in Autumn courtesy of Susannah Carey.

Town Hall circa 1743

Church circa 1839

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Annual Town Report of 2022 Appointed & Elected Officials, Public Bodies, & Staff

Accountant	appointed	Capital Planning Committee	appointed
Gail Weiss, Accounting Officer	1 year	DPW – Richard Adamcek	1 year
		Finance – John Trickey (end Nov)	1 year
		Finance – Emily Marriott (beg. Dec)	1 year
Animal Control Officer	appointed	Fire - Chief Raymond Murphy, Jr. (end May)	1 year
Nancy Long	1 year	Fire - Chief Dennis Nazzaro (beg. May)	1 year
		Police – Chief Gary Thomann	1 year
Anti-Racism Advisory Committee	appointed	Planning Board – Judith Eiseman	1 year
Anne Stoddard	1 year	School – Sarah Hall	1 year
Roy Regozin	1 year	Select Board - Robert Agoglia	1 year
Charlie Lynch	1 year		
Jessica Jean-Louis	1 year	Cemetery Commissioners	elected
Pat Schumm	1 year	Norman Page	2023
Matteo Ramos-Mucci	1 year	Scott Barton	2025
<i>(vacant position)</i>	1 year	Cleon (Buzzy) Booth	2024
Archivist	appointed	Collector	appointed
<i>(vacant position)</i>	1 year	June Masee	2023
Assessor Assistant	appointed	Community Garden Committee	appointed
Lori Turati	1 year	Cydnie Reiman, Chair	1 year
		Sue Tippit	1 year
Board of Assessors	elected	Wendi Weinberg	1 year
Robert Rowell, Chair	2025	Abbie Jenks (end Oct)	1 year
Gwendolyn Hubler	2024	Joel Bain (beg. Nov)	1 year
William Collins	2023	Theresa Smith (beg. Oct)	1 year
Auditor	elected	Community Hall Committee	appointed
<i>(vacant position)</i>	2023	Linda Hanscom, Chair	1 year
		Pamela Mercieri (beg. June)	1 year
Buildings & Grounds	appointed	David Boyden (beg. June)	1 year
Richard Adamcek, DPW Superintendent	1 year	Edward Dane (beg. June)	1 year
Paul Moe	1 year	<i>(vacant position)</i>	1 year
Building Inspector	appointed	Community Hall Accessibility Committee	appointed
David Waskiewicz	1 year	Linda Hanscom	1 year
		Richard Adamcek	1 year
Cable Advisory Committee	appointed	Karl Martini	1 year
Richard Hall	1 year		
Robert Agoglia	1 year		
Robert Rowell	1 year		
<i>Associate Member, vacant position</i>	1 year		

Community Preservation Committee	appointed	Disability Access, ADA Coordinator	appointed
Conservation- <i>vacant</i>	1 year	Susannah Carey	1 year
Cydney Reiman, <i>at-large elected</i>	2025		
James Lumley, <i>at-large appointed</i>	1 year	Dog Officer, ACO	appointed
Housing-Tilman Lukas	1 year	Nancy Long	1 year
Historical-Joseph Larson	1 year		
Planning-Judith Eiseman	1 year	Elder Services-Outreach Worker	appointed
Recreation-Thomas Fanning, Chair	1 year	Sally Kaufmann	1 year
Conservation Commission	appointed	Electrical Inspector	appointed
Dana MacDonald, Chair	2023	Ronald Shepard	1 year
Tilman Lukas	2025		
David Gross	2023	Emergency Management Director	appointed
Richard Seelig	2025	Gary Thomann, Police Chief	2023
Janice Gifford	2024		
Meredith Borenstein, Cons. Agent (res. Aug)		Energy Committee	appointed
Janice Stone, Cons. Agent (beg. Sep)		John Larsen, Co-Chair	2024
		Anthony Rogers, Co-Chair	2023
Constables	appointed	Dennis Randall Spalding-Fecher	2022
Gary Thomann, Chief Constable	1 year		
Roman Kucinski	1 year	Fence Viewers	appointed
Steven Hughes	1 year	Bruce Klotz	1 year
Kevin Fournier, Sr.	1 year	Joseph Larson	1 year
Kevin Quesnel	1 year		
Richard Downie	1 year	Finance Committee	appointed by Moderator
		John Trickey, Chair	2023
Council on Aging	appointed	Fred Vanderbeck	2025
Tracy Osbahr, Chair	2024	Emily Marriott	2024
Grace Dane	2023	Cara Castenson	2025
Isabel Ryavec	2024	<i>(vacant position)</i>	
Nancy Rose Weeber	2025		
<i>(vacant position)</i>	2023	Fire Department	appointed
CoA Associate Members		Dennis Nazzaro, Fire Chief (beg. May)	
Jane Porter	2024	Raymond Murphy, Jr., Fire Administrator (ret. July)	2022
<i>(vacant position)</i>		Richard Hall, Deputy Fire Chief	
		Jason Hall, Lieutenant	
Cultural Council	appointed	David Hawkins, Lieutenant	
Antonios Maroulis	2023	Stephen Hall, Firefighter	
Susan Daniels	2023	Peter Clough, Firefighter	
James Lumley	2023	Erich Hinlein, Firefighter	
Ruth Rinard (beg. Jan)	2024	Jarrett Austin, EMT/Firefighter	
Carolyn Bassett (beg. Jan)	2024	Joel Melendez, Firefighter	
John Page (beg. Feb)	2024		
<i>(vacant position)</i>	2025		

Gas Inspector	appointed	IT Advisory Group, cont.	appointed
Andrew French	1 year	Robert Rowell (beg. Aug)	
		Dennis Nazzaro (beg. Sep)	
Board of Health	elected	ITAG Associate Members	
William Pula, Chair	2024	Joel Bain (beg. Nov)	
Richard Hall	2025	(<i>vacancy</i>)	
Melissa Nazzaro	2023		
Robert Redwood (end	2022	Library	appointed
		Joanne (Jodi) Levine, Director	
Health Inspector	appointed	Jessica Lamson	
Sainath Palani		Ashley Rodkey	
		Sally Goldin	
Highway Department	appointed	Jane Urban	
Richard Adamcek, Superintendent	2023	Rosalba Booth, School Librarian	
Ethan Dickinson, Foreman			
Edward Chapin		Library Trustees	elected
Charles Ryznic		Gillian Duda	2023
Robert Novick, part-time seasonal (ret. Sep)		Gayle Barton (end May)	2022
Shawne Couture, part-time seasonal		Michael Hussin (end May)	2022
		Rosemary Agoglia	2024
Historical Commission	appointed	Diane Gray	2023
Karl Martini, Chair	2023	Susan Machala	2024
Joseph Larson	2025	Alyse Bynum (beg. May)	2025
Charles Thompson	2024	Abigail Jenks (beg. May)	2025
Daniel Robb	2023		
Bruce Laurie	2024	Moderator	elected
(<i>vacant position</i>)	2025	Daniel Robb	2023
(<i>vacant position</i>)	2023		
HC Alternate Members		Personnel Board	appointed
Karl Ryavec	1 year	(<i>5 vacant positions</i>)	
(<i>vacant position</i>)			
Housing Committee	appointed	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	appointed
Tilman Lukas, Chair	1 year	Judith Eiseman, PB Representative	1 year
Barbara Cooper	1 year	Alexandra Dewey, Alternate PB Representative	1 year
Ruth Elcan	1 year		
Gail Kenny	1 year	Planning Board	elected
James Lumley	1 year	Judith Eiseman, Chair	2024
Amy Spalding-Fecher (end Mar)	1 year	Peter Wilson	2024
Jim Pewtherer (beg. June)	1 year	Alexandra Dewey	2023
		(<i>vacant position</i>)	2022
IT Advisory Group	appointed	Matteo Ramos-Mucci (end Dec)	2022
Theodore Streeter, Chair (beg. Aug)	1 year	Bruce Klotz (beg. May)	2027
Peter Sienkewicz (beg. Aug)			
Robert Otis Rowell (beg. Aug)		Plumbing Inspector	appointed
Charles Thompson (beg. Aug)		Andrew French	1 year
Richard Fanning (beg. Aug)			

Police Department	appointed	School Principals, Regional Middle & High	
Gary Thomann, Police Chief	2023	Diego Sharon, Middle School	
Derick Lamoureux, Lieutenant		Talib Sadiq, High School	
<i>Vacancy</i> , Sergeant			
Connor Parnell, Officer		School Superintendent	
Sean Conner, Officer		Dr. Michael Morris	
Todd Mongeon, Officer			
Jared Tivnam, Officer (res. Aug)		Select Board	elected
Robert Thrasher, Officer		Robert Agolia, Chair	2024
Briana Yusko, Officer		David Shanabrook, Vice-Chair	2025
Peter Michaels, Officer		Tara Loomis, Clerk	2023
Jeff Farnsworth, Officer			
Public Health Director	appointed	Select Board Executive Assistant	appointed
Stephen Bell (end Apr)	1 year	Susannah Carey	1 year
Andrea Crete (beg.)			
Recreation Commission	appointed	Town Clerk	appointed
(5 vacant positions)	1 year	Sandra Burgess	2023
Regional School District Planning Committee	appointed by Moderator	Transit Authority, Pioneer Valley	appointed
Emily Marriott		David Shanabrook	1 year
Richard Tom Fanning			
Cara Castenson		Treasurer	appointed
Board of Registrars	appointed	June Masee	2023
Sandra Burgess, Town Clerk	2023		
Sharrie Reydak	2025	Tree Warden	elected
Virginia Servos (rem. Apr)	2023	David Hawkins	2025
Franlisa Rowell	2023	Veterans' Service Officer	appointed
John Trickey (beg. Apr)	2024	Steven Connor	1 year
Bruce Laurie (beg. May)	2025		
School Committee	elected	Zoning Board of Appeals	appointed
Sarah Hall, Chair	2024	Jeffrey Eiseman, Chair	2024
Ron Mannino	2023	Amanda Huhmann (res. Apr)	2024
Margaret Stancer	2024	Carey Clouse, Clerk (res. Jan)	2025
Brenda Barlow (end May)	2022	Ann McNeal, Vice-Chair (res. Apr)	2023
Sarahbess Kenney	2023	Ralph Faulkingham, Secretary	2025
<i>(vacant position)</i>	2025	David Litwak	2025
		Karen Dzenolet (beg. May)	2026
		Noah Wartenberg (beg. Apr)	2024
School Principal, Pelham Elementary		ZBA Associate Members	
Brenda Darling, Interim Principal		Nicholas Cichanowski	2025
Jessica Nardizzi, Interim Principal		Kate Hudson	2026
		<i>(vacant position)</i>	2024
		Zoning Enforcement Officer	appointed
		David Waskiewicz	1 year



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**ELECTION &
TOWN MEETING RESULTS
(CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)**

Annual Town Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2022

Pelham Board of Health Message For A Safer Town Meeting

1. All attendees are encouraged to wear a mask or other type of face covering.
2. Please bring your own water or another beverage with you. And if you have your own bottle of hand sanitizer, bring that as well.
3. Seating will be set up so social distancing will be adhered to.
4. If you are sick, have a fever, in quarantine, or recently exposed to an COVID-19-positive person, you should not attend Town Meeting.

Pelham Finance Committee Report to The Town 2022

The Pelham Finance Committee has completed its recommended budget for the Town as you will see in Articles 3 and 5. This has been the most difficult year that we have ever experienced since the requests for money reached an all-time record. Normally we expect requests to total around \$130,000, but this year the amount was just under \$200,000. For reference, the 2.5% guideline for tax increases is about \$90,000. The costs of operating the town have been affected by inflation, the complexities in managing some Board and Commission responsibilities, and maintenance of aging buildings. Some of these problems will be with us for many years. Others will hopefully decline a bit in the next few years. Overall, with little new revenue anticipated, the increase cost will fall to the property owners.

The following are examples of the challenging issues that affect the Town budget for this year and the ensuing 3 to 5 years.

The Town

- The complexities of handling the requirements of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission have necessitated those organizations to request more money for clerical and technical help.
- The DPW is expecting two of the three members to retire in the next few years which will bring a big void in knowing all the idiosyncrasies about maintaining the roads, equipment and buildings. To help build that knowledge base, a fourth temporary position is included in this budget. This department will return to three members once the retirements are completed. Most of the funding is coming from the DPW existing budget.
- The new hybrid police cruiser scheduled for this year was estimated in December to cost \$54,000, but now will cost \$62,000. In spite of this purchase, we do not foresee an appreciable reduction in fuel expense. The Capital plan shows the second cruiser being replaced next year, likely at a higher cost as well.

The Pelham Elementary School

The Elementary School budget increased this year by \$42,810 which was within the 2.5% guidelines, though the number of students continues to decline. Currently there are 120 students with 61 from Pelham and 59 from School Choice. Next year the expectation is for 113 students, 56 from Pelham and 57 from School Choice.

- The Elementary School had a major renovation and addition completed just over twenty years ago. The current Capital Plan is to replace the furnace and roof in the next 5 years. The plan has to be enhanced to replace the air conditioning and air handling system soon after. If we want to move to a HVAC system using new technology, we may need to find the money for the design work as early as next year. If solar panels are going to be considered for the roof of the building, plans for the roof support design and funding sources should also begin in the next few years.
- This is all on top of the need to address the ADA compliance audit that was completed in 2019 by continuing to make recommended improvements.

Amherst Pelham Regional School

- Pelham’s portion of the Regional School Budget is increasing by \$37,181. This is higher than we would normally expect because the Region is moving away from the old assessment method of each Town paying the same per pupil amount and moving toward the state statutory method that takes into account each Town’s ability to pay. Next year if the same plan is followed, the Region should be fully adjusted to the statutory method and we anticipate that Pelham’s increase will not be as severe.
- Of equal importance is the Capital Plan that the Region has put forth. Because the Regional School buildings are showing their age, (the Middle School was built in 1969, the Regional High School was built in 1955, an addition in 1963 and a further addition and renovation in 1996) the infrastructure is in need of upgrading and replacement. The plan calls for about \$35 million over the next 10 years to cover the cost. Pelham’s assessed portion is just under a million dollars or \$100,000 each year for ten years. We cannot cover this with Pelham’s current Capital funding program nor can we count on Free Cash as a source. The Finance Committee is working on a plan that we expect to bring to the May 2023 Town meeting for consideration.

In Summary

Unfortunately, Pelham taxpayers need to anticipate noticeable tax increases over the next two to three years as the total cost of running the Town is dependent on an increasing tax rate. The Finance Committee is working hard for our taxpayers to avoid sudden sharp tax increases through creative spending, working collaboratively with the Select Board, Departments and Commissions to suggest cost reductions, and identifying potential decreases in future expenditures.

Respectfully submitted, F. Vanderbeck, E. Marriott, C. Castenson and J. Trickey



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 Elementary School, at 45 Amherst Road, in said Pelham on Saturday the fourteenth day of May, in the year A.D. 2022 at 9:00 a.m. for the reading of the Town Warrant and to proceed with the meeting.

Local elections will be held May 17, 2022 at the Ramsdell Room at the Library, 2 South Valley Road. Polls will open at 11:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Article 1.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the FY2023 beginning July 1, 2022, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

		FY2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023
	Article 3	Appropriated	Appropriated	Requested	Recommended
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				

2	Selectperson Salary	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
	Expenses				
3	Town Clerk Salary	\$19,292	\$19,581	\$20,071	\$20,071
	Records/Information Clerk	\$12,920	\$13,114	\$13,442	\$13,442
	Expenses	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
4	Finance Committee	\$990	\$990	\$990	\$990
5	Assessor's Salary	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
	Assistant Assessors Salary	\$12,300	\$12,300	\$12,300	\$12,300
	Clerical/Consulting		\$700	\$2,000	\$2,000
	Contract Service	\$9,900	\$8,300	\$8,900	\$8,900
	Expenses	\$5,750	\$5,750	\$3,850	\$3,850
6	Collector Salary	\$17,212	\$17,814	\$18,816	\$18,616
	Expenses	\$9,775	\$10,264	\$10,521	\$10,521
7	Treasurer Salary	\$27,988	\$28,967	\$30,271	\$30,271
	Expenses	\$8,670	\$9,104	\$9,332	\$9,332
	Clerical/Consulting	\$6,050	\$6,353	\$6,512	\$6,512
8	Legal Services	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
9	Town Meetings, Elections etc.	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
10	Town Reports	\$875	\$875	\$875	\$875
11	Town Office Wages	\$28,253	\$28,677	\$29,394	\$29,394
	Select Board/Town Office Expenses	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$21,500
12	Buildings and Grounds				
	Salaries	\$16,862	\$17,115	\$17,543	\$17,543
	Expenses	\$62,720	\$62,720	\$65,720	\$65,720
	Maintenance	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
13	Blanket Insurance	\$46,000	\$51,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
14	Town Accountant	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Town Accountant Expense		\$200	\$200	\$200
15	Reserve Fund	\$87,000	\$87,000	\$87,000	\$87,000
16	Surety Bonds	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
17	Emergency Management	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
18	Archivist	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
19	Hampshire County COG	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$472,657	\$483,924	\$485,837	\$485,637
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS					
20	Board of Appeals	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
21	Conservation Commission	\$850	\$850	\$850	\$850
	Part Time Conservation Agent	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$12,500	
22	Council on Aging	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
23	Historical Commission	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
24	Library Trustees				
	Director Salary	\$27,770	\$30,423	\$30,945	\$30,945

	Staff Salaries	\$16,132	\$16,273	\$17,723	\$17,723
	Expenses	\$10,814	\$9,400	\$8,800	\$8,800
25	Planning Board	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
	Clerical/consulting			\$7,500	
26	Recreation Commission	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
28	Cemetery Commission	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
	Energy Committee	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
TOTAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS		\$74,966	\$76,346	\$92,718	\$72,718
SCHOOLS					
30	Pelham Elementary	\$1,826,299	\$1,874,990	\$1,917,800	\$1,917,800
31	Amherst Pelham Regional	\$891,934	\$929,525	\$966,706	\$966,706
TOTAL SCHOOLS		\$2,718,233	\$2,804,515	\$2,884,506	\$2,884,506
PUBLIC WORKS					
40	Highway Fund				
	Superintendent Salary	\$66,499	\$69,824	\$73,650	\$73,650
	Staff Salaries	\$127,871	\$129,789	\$158,656	\$158,656
	Expenses	\$121,362	\$121,362	\$106,362	\$106,362
41	School Signal Lights	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900
42	Snow Removal				
	Salaries	\$14,582	\$14,801	\$15,171	\$15,171
	Materials	\$68,432	\$68,432	\$68,432	\$68,432
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		\$399,646	\$405,108	\$423,171	\$423,171
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
50	Police Department				
	Chief Salary	\$66,725	\$70,140	\$73,623	\$73,623
	Full Time Officer Salary	\$41,605	\$43,056	\$45,015	\$45,015
	Part Time Officer's Salaries	\$43,684	\$44,337	\$50,445	\$45,445
	Training and Education	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$11,255	\$11,255
	Expenses	\$25,701	\$25,701	\$25,701	\$25,701
	Expenses Fuel	\$10,475	\$10,475	\$10,475	\$10,475
	Reserve Officers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Regional Lockup	\$1,255	\$1,255	\$0	\$0
50A	Town Road Detail	\$3,729	\$3,729	\$3,729	\$3,729
50C	Constable: Elections	\$2,275	\$2,275	\$2,275	\$2,275
51	Fire Department				
	Chief Salary	\$27,875	\$28,293	\$29,000	\$29,000
	Firefighter's Salaries	\$46,259	\$46,952	\$48,125	\$48,125
	Expenses	\$23,980	\$23,980	\$23,980	\$23,980
53	Fire Hydrants	\$280	\$280	\$280	\$280

54	Tree Warden Salary	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
	Expenses	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$11,500
57	Ambulance	\$32,500	\$33,300	\$34,133	\$34,133
58	Animal Control	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$351,843	\$359,273	\$374,036	\$369,036
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
60	Board of Health Salaries	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
	Expenses	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
	Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,500	
61	Solid Waste				
	Hazardous Household Waste	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,400
	Recycling	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
63	Inspector of Animals	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
65	Quabbin Health District	\$17,861	\$18,861	\$19,361	\$19,361
TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION		\$25,036	\$26,036	\$27,236	\$21,736
BENEFITS AND INSURANCE					
70	County Retirement	\$226,318	\$259,719	\$295,519	\$295,519
71	Veteran's Agent Salary	\$6,369	\$6,559	\$6,339	\$6,339
	Expenses				
	Benefits	\$49,248	\$49,248	\$49,248	\$49,248
72	Workers' Compensation	\$24,000	\$26,400	\$26,800	\$26,800
73	Unemployment Insurance	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
74	Group Health /Medicare	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$185,500	\$185,500
	Health Insurance Opt Out	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
75	OPEB Deposit	\$140,000	\$160,000	\$180,000	\$180,000
TOTAL BENEFITS AND INSURANCE		\$635,935	\$691,926	\$758,406	\$758,406
GRAND TOTAL		\$4,678,316	\$4,847,128	\$5,045,910	\$5,015,210

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Select Board.

Article 4.

To see if the Town will name the salaries and wages for all elected officers for the ensuing year, which payments shall not be made in advance of performance, and to determine when and how they shall be paid, or take any other action relative thereto.

		FY2021 Appropriated	FY2022 Appropriated	FY2023 Recommended
Assessors	(Chair)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Assessors	(others)	\$500	\$500	\$500
Auditor		\$0	\$0	\$0
Board of Health	(Chair)	\$200	\$200	\$200
Board of Health	(others)	\$150	\$150	\$150
Cemetery Commissioner	(each 3) \$9.00hr	\$0	\$0	\$0
Library Trustees		\$0	\$0	\$0
Moderator		\$0	\$0	\$0

Planning Board	\$0	\$0	\$0
School Committee	\$0	\$0	\$0
Select Board (each 3)	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Tree Warden	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 5.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$287,615 for expenditure as follows:

- A. \$20,000 to be deposited in the OPEB Trust Fund
- B. \$2,000 as Pelham’s share of replacing the radio transmitter and bus communication software
- C. \$1,000 as Pelham’s share of replacing the Building Energy Management automation system
- D. \$15,000 to replace the Pelham Elementary Computer room HVAC system
 - E. \$4,090 to the School Department for FY2023, this money representing an amount equal to that received by the Town as medical reimbursement for services provided by the School Department.
 - F. \$25,000 for reimbursement of unanticipated special education charges, which reimbursement would require the approval of the School Committee, Select Board and Finance Committee.
- G. \$50,000 to be put in the Regional Capital account to cover future Capital needs
- H. \$62,000 to purchase and equip a new hybrid Police cruiser
- I. \$5,000 for clerical help for the Police Department
- J. \$1,000 for maintenance of the Historical Complex
- K. \$7,500 for clerical/consulting help for the Planning Board
- L. \$500 for consulting help for the Zoning Board of Appeals
- M. \$500 for Record preservation
- N. \$15,000 for the Town’s property assessment re-evaluation
- O. \$6,000 for the purchase of replacement turnout gear for the Fire Department
- P. \$5,000 for the removal of trees in the Town’s cemeteries
- Q. \$1,000 for maintenance of the Town’s cemeteries
- R. \$3,500 for DEI training for Town staff
- S. \$2,000 for polling pads for Town elections
- T. \$1,000 for the annual OPEB study
- U. \$10,000 for an electrical monitoring and reporting system for the Community HVAC system
- V. \$7,500 to repair the sprinkler system in the Community Center
- W. \$10,000 to maintain the existing heating system in the Community Center
- X. \$3,500 to upgrade the Fire Alarm System in the Rhodes Building
 - Y. \$3,025 to pay for joining the Group Buying program with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments
- Z. \$12,500 for a Part-time Conservation Agent
- AA. \$5,500 for membership in the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control program
- BB. \$8,500 to pay one year of health insurance for a DPW employee

or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Select Board.

Article 6.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate and transfer the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for Community Preservation Committee administrative expenses in FY2023 in the amount of \$3,500, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate and transfer the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, and to reserve for later appropriation; \$14,700 for Open Space; \$14,700 for Community Housing; and \$14,700 for Historic Resources; and to reserve for later appropriation \$40,200 to the FY2023 Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section VI of the Amherst Pelham Regional School District Agreement by replacing subsection j) as follows: “For Fiscal Year 2023 only, the alternative operating budget assessment shall be calculated as a five-year average of minimum contributions with the remainder of the assessment allocated to the member towns in

accordance with the per-pupil method found in Section VI e) of the Amherst Pelham Regional School District Agreement. Additionally, if any member town's assessment based on this method increases or decreases more than 4% from their Fiscal Year 2022 assessment, the Fiscal Year 2023 assessment shall be limited to a 4% change provided that the requirements of Minimum Local Contribution are still met. The five-year average of minimum contributions will include the five most recent years."; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,867.22 and transfer \$12,657.78 from Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Funds for the payment of the Town's (General Fund) indebtedness, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,095 from the Regional School Capital account to pay Pelham's share of the Regional School Capital debt, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Select Board.

Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,418 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund (established by vote of the Fall 2015 Town Meeting) to be used by the Select Board for the purpose of Technology services and purchases for the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to approve annual spending limits for FY2023 for revolving funds established in the Town Bylaws, in accordance with G.L c.44, Section 53E1/2, with such expenditure limits to be applicable for each fiscal year until such time as Town Meeting votes, prior to July 1 in any year, to increase the same for the ensuing fiscal year; provided, however, that at the request of the entity authorized to expend such funds, the Select Board, with the approval of the Finance Committee, may increase such limit, for that fiscal year only, all as set forth below, or take any other action relative thereto:

Revolving fund	FY spending limit
Archivist	\$2,500
Building Inspector	\$30,000
Community Garden Committee	\$5,000
Community Hall	\$7,000
Fire Department	\$7,500
Gas Inspector	\$1,500
Department of Public Works	\$7,500
Planning Board	\$15,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$1,500
Police Department	\$7,500
Wiring Inspector	\$3,000
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$1,000

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 13.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Library Trustees to expend such monies as they may receive from the sale of discarded books, gifts, and bequests, and from the State and Federal Governments, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 14.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Pelham Cultural Council to expend such monies as it may receive from the State and Federal Governments, and from gifts and bequests, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of public highways for the Fiscal Year 2023, and further to authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to accept and expend any money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance, provided that no funds shall be expended to widen, or enter into a contract to widen, any Town road unless the Select Board has held a public hearing advertised at least fourteen (14) days in advance, with any proposed contract and/or plans for such road improvements being posted for public viewing prior to the public hearing, and further provided that such policy is consistent with State requirements, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and/or apply for any State or Federal funds or grants that may become available during the Fiscal Year 2023 and to expend such funds in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof, provided that no funds shall be expended to widen, or to enter into a contract to widen, any Town road unless the Select Board has held a public hearing advertised at least fourteen (14) days in advance, with any proposed contract and/or plans for such road improvements being posted for public viewing prior to the public hearing, and further provided that such policy is consistent with State requirements, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town to rename the Board of Selectmen as the Select Board, by striking out, in every instance in which they appear, the words "Board of Selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the words "Select Board"; and by striking out, in every instance in which they appear, the word "Selectman" and "Selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the words "Select Board Member" or "Select Board Members"; and further to authorize the Town Clerk to prepare and publish a version of the Zoning Bylaw which conforms to such change in title; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Pelham General Bylaw "Non-Criminal Dispositions," by deleting the text shown in strike through as follows:

Any-bylaw of the Town of Pelham, or rule or regulation of its officers, boards or departments, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty, may, in the discretion of the Town official who is the appropriate enforcing person, be enforced in the non-criminal disposition method provided in Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The non-criminal penalty for each violation, if not otherwise specified in such by-law, rule or regulation, shall be \$75.00 for the first violation, \$125 for the second violation, and \$175 for the third and subsequent violations. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

"Enforcing person" as used in this by-law shall mean: The Town of Pelham police and fire chiefs or their designees; the Building Inspector and his/her designee; the members of the Board of Health, its Health Agent or other designee; the Conservation Commission; the Planning Board; the Zoning Board of Appeals; the Select Board or its designee; ~~and such other officials as the Select Board from time to time designate~~, each with respect to the violation of by-laws, rules, and regulations within their respective jurisdictions. If more than one official has jurisdiction in a given case, any such official may be the enforcing person with respect thereto,

or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 19.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Pelham General Bylaw "Delinquent Licenses and Fees Bylaw," Section (a), by deleting the text shown in strike through and inserting the bold underlined text as follows:

(a) The tax collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually **and may periodically** furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges ~~for not less than a twelve month period~~, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board,

(b) The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector or with respect to any

activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the tax collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as the date of issuance of said certificate.

(c) Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.

(d) The board of selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in section one of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

This section shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: open burning; G.L.c. 48, §13; bicycle permits; G.L. c.85, §11A; sales of articles for charitable purposes, G.L. c.101, §33; children work permits, G.L. c. 149, §69 ; clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses, G.L. c.140, §21E; dog licenses, GL c.140, §137; fishing, hunting, trapping license, G.L. c.131, §12; marriage licenses, G.L. c.207, §28; and theatrical events, public exhibition permits, G.L. c.140, §181. or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 20.

Citizens Petition

Amend the Code of the Town of Pelham bylaws Chapter 5 Animals, Article II Dog Control, by making revisions shown below, with additions shown as underlined:

§ Section 5-7 Violations enumerated

Any owner who allows his/her dog to do any of the following will be considered in violation of this article:

- A. Unlicensed dog: a dog six months or older, which is unlicensed or not relicensed by May 31 each year.
- B. Running at large: to go beyond the boundaries of the owner's residence unless the dog is:
 1. In sight and under immediate response to voice command and does not trespass on residential property;
or
 2. Under leash control; however, dogs in the act of training, working or hunting are excepted.
- C. To chase a pedestrian, bicycle or any other vehicle.
- D. To bark excessively during the day or to bark between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. so as to disturb the reasonable quiet of the neighborhood.
- E. Worrying livestock: to worry, injure or kill another's livestock, fowl or pet.
- F. Vicious dog: to menace, attack or bite a person without provocation.



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Annual Town Election, May 17, 2022

SELECT BOARD (One for Three Years)

DAVID SHANABROOK	84
All Others	2
Blanks	13
TOTAL	99

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (One for Three Years)

RUSTY ROWELL*	14
All Others	3
Blanks	82
TOTAL	99

BOARD OF HEALTH (One for Three Years)

RICHARD HALL*	13
ALL OTHERS	2
Blanks	84
TOTAL	99

BOARD OF HEALTH (One for One Year)

MELISSA A. NAZZARO	83
ALL OTHERS	1
Blanks	15
TOTAL	99

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (One for Three Years)

FAILURE TO ELECT#	0
Write-ins	2
Blanks	97
TOTAL	99

#Two write-ins received one vote each

PLANNING BOARD (One for Five Years)

BRUCE KLOTZ*	19
Write-ins	0
Blanks	80
TOTAL	99

LIBRARY TRUSTEES (Two for Three Years)

ALYSE BYNUM	93
ABIGAIL JENKS	94
Write-ins	0
Blanks	11
TOTAL	198

AUDITOR (One for One Year)

FAILURE TO ELECT#	
Write-ins	1
Blanks	98
TOTAL	99

#Write-in vote received but candidate did not accept

CEMETERY COMMISSION (One for Three Years)

SCOTT BARTON*	24
Write-ins	0
Blanks	75
TOTAL	99

MODERATOR (One for One Year)

DANIEL E. ROBB*	20
Write-ins	0
Blanks	79
TOTAL	99

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

CYDNIE REIMAN*	23
Write-ins	0
Blanks	76
TOTAL	99

Registered Voters	1052
Ballots Cast	99
VOTER TURNOUT	9.41%
*WRITE-IN	



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Fall Special Town Meeting, October 15, 2022



The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Daniel Robb, at the Pelham Historic Old Town Hall, located at the intersection of Route 202 and Amherst Road in said Pelham on Saturday, the 15th day of October, in the year A.D. 2022 at 9:02 am for the reading of the Town Warrant. After the reading of the Town Warrant, the Town Meeting voted to adjourn to the Pelham Elementary School, at 45 Amherst Road, Pelham.

Article 1.

VOTED unanimously to accept MGL c.60, §15B to establish a tax title collection revolving fund, which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately and to which shall be credited any fees, charges and costs collected upon the redemption of tax titles and sales of real property acquired through foreclosure of tax titles; and further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with the General Laws, provided, however, that said expenditures for such revolving fund shall not exceed the receipts for such fund.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 2.

VOTED to accept the provisions of MGL c.90, §17C, which allows the Select Board to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour in any thickly settled or business district in the Town that is not a state highway.

Recommended by the Select Board.

The business of the warrant having been completed, the meeting voted to dissolve at 10:09 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022.

Attest:

Sandra J. Burgess, Town Clerk



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GOVERNOR and LT GOVERNOR		AUDITOR	
DIEHL and ALLEN	70	ANTHONY AMORE	76
HEALEY and DRISCOLL	637	DIANA DIZOGLIO	533
REED and EVERETT	17	GLORIA A. CABALLERO-ROCA	60
All Others	0	DOMINIC GIANNONE, III	16
Blanks	14	DANIEL RIEK	14
TOTAL	738	All Others	0
		Blanks	39
		TOTAL	738

ATTORNEY GENERAL			
ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL	636		
JAMES R. McMAHON, III	82	REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	
All Others	0	JAMES P. McGOVERN	648
Blanks	20	JEFFREY A. SOSSA-PAQUETTE	60
TOTAL	738	All Others	0
		Blanks	30
SECRETARY OF STATE			
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	633	TOTAL	738
RAYLA CAMPBELL	52	COUNCILLOR	
JUAN SANCHEZ	41	JOHN COMERFORD	90
All Others	0	TARA J. JACOBS	612
Blanks	12	All Others	1
TOTAL	738	Blanks	35
		TOTAL	738
TREASURER			
DEORAH B. GOLDBERG	649	SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	
CHRISTINA CRAWFORD	45	JO COMERFORD	648
All Others	0	All Others	1
Blanks	44	Blanks	89
TOTAL	738	TOTAL	738
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT		QUESTION 1	
JAMES CHIP HARRINGTON	85	YES	576
AARON L. SAUNDERS	623	NO	142
All Others	0	Blanks	20
Blanks	30	TOTAL	738
TOTAL	738		
		QUESTION 2	
DISTRICT ATTORNEY		YES	630
DAVID E. SULLIVAN	639	NO	93
All Others	3	Blanks	15
Blanks	96	TOTAL	738
TOTAL	738		
		QUESTION 3	
SHERIFF		YES	386
PATRICK J. CAHILLANE	570	NO	306
YVONNE GITTELSON*	63	Blanks	46
All Others	1	TOTAL	738
Blanks	104		
TOTAL	738	QUESTION 4	
		YES	587
		NO	135
1,041 eligible voters – 738 votes cast		Blanks	16
71% voter turnout		TOTAL	738
361 (49%) voted early			
		QUESTION 5	
		YES	571
		NO	100
		Blanks	67
		TOTAL	738



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Accountant

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual for the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes:			
Real estate	\$ 3,828,897	\$3,849,651	\$ 20,754
Personal property	272,360	272,360	-
Tax liens redeemed	-	58,815	58,815
Motor vehicle and other excise	145,000	176,109	31,109
Penalties and interest	19,000	38,331	19,331
Payments in lieu of taxes	425,000	429,531	4,531
Intergovernmental:			
Federal	6,000	7,499	1,499
State	471,730	487,557	15,827
Departmental revenues	20,000	24,925	4,925
Earnings on invested funds	3,400	9,424	6,024
Court fines	8,000	5,587	(2,413)
Miscellaneous	-	11,659	11,659
Total Revenues	<u>5,199,387</u>	<u>5,371,448</u>	<u>172,061</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
General government	477,293	363,191	114,102
Protection of persons and property	371,273	344,137	27,136
Education	3,032,691	2,806,293	226,398
Public works and facilities	456,080	433,231	22,849
Human services	85,643	41,631	44,012
Culture and recreation	56,296	56,096	200
Debt service	72,224	72,315	(91)
Intergovernmental expenses	19,462	23,622	(4,160)
Miscellaneous	476,769	428,926	47,843
Total Expenditures	<u>5,047,731</u>	<u>4,569,442</u>	<u>478,289</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>151,656</u>	<u>802,006</u>	<u>650,350</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>			
Operating transfers in	-	44,577	44,577
Operating transfers out	(616,772)	(616,772)	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(616,772)</u>	<u>(572,195)</u>	<u>44,577</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>(465,116)</u>	<u>229,811</u>	<u>694,927</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year		<u>1,524,803</u>	
Fund Balance - End of Year		<u>1,754,614</u>	

**Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental and Trust Funds for the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary Funds		Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trusts	Non- Expendable Trusts	
<u>Revenues</u>						
Taxes:						
Real estate	\$3,849,405	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$3,849,405
Personal property	272,360					272,360
CPA		81,455				81,455
Tax liens & Foreclosures	58,815	893				59,708
Motor vehicle and other excise	176,355					176,355
Penalties and interest	38,331	471				38,802
Payments in lieu of taxes	429,531					429,531
Intergovernmental:						
State	487,557	737,335		7,015		1,231,907
Federal	7,499	327,500				334,999
Departmental revenues	24,925	13,857				38,782
Charges for services		39,545				39,545
Earnings on invested funds	9,424			(242,258)		(232,834)
Court fines	5,587					5,587
Miscellaneous	11,659	11,743		8,166		31,568
	5,371,448	1,212,799	-	(227,077)	-	6,357,170
Expenses						
General government	363,191	69,353	214,739	4,175		651,458
Protection of persons and property	344,137	14,652	12,000			370,789
Education	2,806,293	464,140	7,337			3,277,770
Public works and facilities	433,231	118,853	313,146	600		865,830
Human services	41,631	4,527				46,158
Culture and recreation	56,096	20,567		11,038		87,701
Debt service	72,315					72,315
Intergovernmental expenses	23,622					23,622
Miscellaneous	428,926					428,926
	4,569,442	692,092	547,222	15,813	-	5,824,569
	802,006	520,707	(547,222)	(242,890)		532,601
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>						
Operating transfers in	44,577		522,000	439,772		1,006,349
Operating transfers out	(616,772)		(44,577)	(345,000)		(1,006,349)
	(572,195)	-	477,423	94,772	-	-
Excess (Deficiency)	229,811	520,707	(69,799)	(148,118)	-	532,601
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	1,524,803	1,367,518	377,556	2,500,439	37,851	5,808,168
Fund Balance – End of Year	\$1,754,614	\$1,888,225	\$307,757	\$2,352,321	\$ 37,851	\$6,340,769

Special Revenue Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the Year
Ended June 30, 2022

	Fund Balance Beginning	Revenues	Transfers	Total Available	Expenditures	Fund Balance Ending
<u>School Programs</u>						
School Lunch	2,730	95,610		98,340	8,201	90,139
School Choice	528,371	317,070		845,441	225,000	620,441
Federal REAP Grant	-	101,265		101,265	98,571	2,694
ESSER (COMD) Grant	3,088	78,660		81,748	62,264	19,484
Mental Health Grant	-	1,600		1,600	12,163	(10,563)
SPED Program Improvement	103	5,204		5,307	6,627	(1,320)
FY22 Summer Academy		600		600		600
Rural State Aid Grant		6,889		6,889	6,889	-
After School Childcare	1,546	25,382		26,928	30,427	(3,499)
Pre School Program	(12,212)	150		(12,062)	1,923	(13,985)
Teacher Quality	998	1,104		2,102	750	1,352
Student Activities	5,400	1,372		6,772	1,517	5,255
School Times Mirror	489			489		489
Rental of School Facilities	13,066	2,107		15,173	494	14,679
J Brooks Adventure Fund	11,411	(245)		11,166		11,166
One8 Foundation	1,875	1,345		3,220	2,839	381
RCAP Water Bottle Filling Grant	-	3,372		3,372		3,372
Mass Cultural Council Stars Grant		3,400		3,400	3,400	-
School Gift Fund	11,668	3,227		14,895	3,075	11,820
Total School Programs	568,533	648,112	-	1,216,645	464,140	752,505
<u>Other Special Revenues</u>						
Road Construction	2,703			2,703	118,853	(116,150)
Cultural Council	8,638	5,000		13,638	6,026	7,612
Council on Aging	7,051	6,000		13,051	4,527	8,524
Wetlands Protection	361	118		479	479	-
Municipal Regional Incentive Grant	15,000			15,000	15,000	-
Amethyst Brook Reviews	19,900	3,715		23,615	23,115	500
Cable Franchise-Appropriated	8,975	14,056		23,031	7,844	15,187
Cable Franchise-Unappropriated	24,528	13,857		38,385	14,056	24,329
Wetlands Buffam Rd Peer Review	-	3,000		3,000	3,000	-
Compost Bins	1,120			1,120		1,120
Green Community Grant	(16,995)	59,495		42,500	6,459	36,041
MVP Planning Grant	(183,768)	256,573		72,805	141,160	(68,355)
Dept. Of Justice Equitable Grant	4,968			4,968		4,968
Community Hall Gifts	22,678	1,030		23,708		23,708
Multiplex Gift	3,870	49		3,919	132	3,787
Library Children Book Gifts	636	3,126		3,762	3,662	100
Community Garden Expense	211			211		211
Historic Commission Gift	1,175			1,175		1,175
Other Gifts	1,035			1,035		1,035
ARPA Relief Fund	68,715	127,725		196,440	9,551	186,889
Other Public Safety Grants	8,247	1,671		9,918	1,671	8,247
Public Health Grant	2,728			2,728		2,728
Opioid Grant	270			270		270
Septic Repair Loan Program	95,804			95,804		95,804
Inspection Revolving Funds	58,186	29,700		87,886	15,518	72,368
Website Improvement Grant	2,000			2,000		2,000
Conservation Commission Revolving	2,518	764		3,282	1,385	1,897
Police Drug Forfeiture	2,097			2,097		2,097
CARES Act COVID Grant	(6,445)	23,193		16,748	16,748	-
Other	1,178	7		1,185		1,185
Total Other Special Revenue	157,384	549,079	-	706,463	389,186	317,277
Total Special Revenue Funds	\$725,917	\$1,197,191	\$-	\$1,923,108	\$ 853,326	\$1,069,782

Combining Balance Sheet Year Ended June 30, 2022

	General					TOTALS (Memo Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Fund	Trust & Agency Fund	Long Term Account Group	
ASSETS						
POOLED CASH	\$1,711,460.91	\$1,888,225.69	\$307,757.35	\$2,193,593.46		\$6,101,037.41
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$534.95					\$534.95
REAL ESTATE/CPA TAXES	\$80,337.97	\$487.25				\$80,825.22
ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENT & EXEMPT	(\$169,304.73)					(\$169,304.73)
TAX LIENS/CPA RECEIVABLE	\$57,744.51	\$298.64				\$58,043.15
TAX POSSESSIONS	\$30,750.75					\$30,750.75
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	\$29,603.54					\$29,603.54
DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	\$67,936.12					\$67,936.12
AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED FOR BONDS/NOTES					\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00
					0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,809,064.02	\$1,889,011.58	\$307,757.35	\$2,193,593.46	\$240,000.00	\$6,439,426.41
TOTAL LIABILITES & FUND BALANCE						
LIABILITIES						
ABANDONED PROP & OTHER LIABILITIES	(\$3,062.05)					(\$3,062.05)
ACCRUED PAYROLLS PAYABLE	(\$20,045.21)					(\$20,045.21)
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	(\$1,675.00)					(\$1,675.00)
DEFERRED REVENUE-RE, CPA, ENTERPRISE	\$88,431.81	(\$487.25)				\$87,944.56
DEFERRED REVENUE-TAX LIENS	(\$57,744.51)	(\$298.64)				(\$58,043.15)
DEFERRED REVENUE-TAX POSSESSIONS	(\$30,750.75)					(\$30,750.75)
DEFERRED REVENUE-MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	(\$29,603.54)					(\$29,603.54)
BONDS PAYABLE					(\$240,000.00)	(\$240,000.00)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(\$54,449.25)	(\$785.89)		\$0.00	(\$240,000.00)	(\$295,235.14)
FUND BALANCE						
F/B RESERVED FOR EXPENDITURES	(\$476,181.69)	(\$1,596,933.75)	(\$307,757.35)	(\$2,193,593.46)		(\$4,574,466.25)
F/B RESERVED FOR DEFICIT EXPENDITURE	\$279.61					\$279.61
F/B-RES. FOR SBAB DEBT	(\$38,072.18)					(\$38,072.18)
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	(\$1,240,640.51)	(\$291,291.94)				(\$1,531,932.45)
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	(\$1,754,614.77)	(\$1,888,225.69)	(\$307,757.35)	(\$2,193,593.46)	\$0.00	(\$6,144,191.27)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	(\$1,809,064.02)	(\$1,889,011.58)	(\$307,757.35)	(\$2,193,593.46)	(\$240,000.00)	(\$6,439,426.41)



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Animal Control

Dogs Not Claimed and Rehomed - 14
Dogs HBC and Not Claimed - 2
Cats HBC
Wildlife Calls - 9
Nuisance Dog Calls - 74
Nuisance Animals - 14
Farm Animals Missing - 1 sheep, 1 goat

Many of the calls received this past year were related to barking and nuisance dogs. These could be solved by being good neighbors.

Inspector of Animals & Dog Officer, Nancy Long



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Anti-Racism Advisory Committee

The Anti-Racism Advisory Committee (ARAC) was created by the Select Board in 2020. Its mission “is to examine the Town of Pelham’s policies and bylaws through an anti-racist lens and provide feedback that both counters systemic racism and advocates for equity within our community.” (Mission Statement)

ARAC and the Select Board agreed to jointly host a forum on policing in April 2023. ARAC took the lead in recommending the topics and participants for the Forum. Although there is not a public safety problem in Pelham, many communities are using community responders to assist in some policing activities. The Forum will provide the opportunity for residents and others to learn what community responders do, and to talk about whether it is something Pelham wants to consider.

ARAC was concerned that the Town bylaws might contain exclusionary language that would discourage some people from living in Pelham. ARAC collaborated with the Planning Board on a District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) grant from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to do a comprehensive review of the Town bylaws that would include looking for exclusionary language. The report was received in January and ARAC will be looking at the recommendations for changes to the bylaws.

In the field of Education, ARAC has focused on equity, looking for ways to help students to succeed who are struggling to learn. A retired teacher who lives in Pelham provided ARAC with data showing discrepancies in the performance of economically disadvantaged students and students of color on the 8th grade Math MCAS in 2007-2009 and again in 2019. ARAC reached out to school personnel and learned that a comprehensive overhaul of the Mathematics K-12 curriculum was underway that would take at least 2 years to implement. The overhaul is intended to raise the level of Math literacy for all students. In November 2021, ARAC recommended that the Select Board support the effort to overhaul the Math curriculum.

ARAC also learned that for the 2021/2022 academic year, Pelham Elementary School had a teacher who conducts interventions in Reading and Math with students who are having difficulty in those areas. The idea is to address problems before they become unmanageable. ARAC learned that this approach had been very effective. As a result, ARAC recommended that the Select Board support the retention of a position for an intervention teacher at Pelham Elementary School in future years.

The demographic gaps in the 8th grade Math MCAS results referred to above raised a larger issue: to what extent were they the result of actual learning gaps rather than of questions on the tests having been written from a particular cultural perspective. ARAC learned that common assessments are used in the Amherst-Pelham Regional Middle School and Regional High School. In May 2022, ARAC proposed that the results of one or more of these assessments for each math course for each school be made public at a statistical level using standard demographic groupings. This was expected to facilitate a dialogue concerning how well the schools are teaching math and what might be done to improve the system. ARAC also learned that the new math curriculum that was introduced in Amherst and Pelham elementary schools at the beginning of the current academic year includes common assessments. It remains to be seen to what extent ARAC's proposal concerning the use of common assessments will be adopted.

Another matter that ARAC focused on was the provision of training for Town personnel that would enhance their ability to identify racial issues, whether it be in a bylaw or regulation, a procedure or a particular transaction. The training would not be directly about improving the workplace environment or interactions among employees. Affordability was a major concern. ARAC ultimately identified a provider whose curriculum matched our needs, and whose services the Town could afford. Each participant will attend 2 virtual workshops, each lasting for 1 and 1/2 to 2 hours. The first workshop will invite the participants to explore themselves as racial beings. The second workshop will concern understanding white supremacy. The workshops are scheduled to be held in March 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Members Jessica Jean-Louis, Charlie Lynch, Roy Regozin, Patricia Schumm, & Anne Stoddard



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Board of Assessors

Robert “Rusty” Rowell – Chairman

Gwen Hubler

William Collins

Lori Turati- Assistant Assessor

Meetings are the first and third Tuesday of every month, except for July and August where they occur on the 3rd Tuesday for those months. Meetings are held at 6:30 pm in the Rhodes Building at 351 Amherst Road. Contact the Assistant Assessor with any questions at 413-253-0734.

NEW OFFICE HOURS: Wednesdays, 9:00am-noon and by appointment

The Assessor's office is responsible for keeping accurate data on all real estate and personal property in town and assessing both at market value as set forth in the Massachusetts State Law. Our office handles tax exemptions for the elderly, surviving spouses and minor children, blind, disabled veterans and deferrals. We process abatements for eligible taxpayers for motor vehicle excise, real estate, and personal property. We continue to verify and collect data on all real estate and personal property in town.

The Board of Selectmen held the tax classification hearing on December 5, 2022 and voted a single tax rate for all residential and commercial properties in the Town of Pelham. The tax rate for FY2023 is \$17.86 per thousand dollars of valuation for all properties in town.

Maintenance of current and accurate property inventory data is a critical element in the development of uniform, fair market values. The last certification review indicated that the Board of Assessors needed to continue with a cyclical reinspection program of all descriptive property data over a six-year time period (2015- 2021), so that each parcel is inspected at least once in every nine-year cycle. Throughout the year a representative of the Board of Assessors will be out to photograph properties and verify data on property record cards. The board also

recommends that property owners check their property record cards every year to verify the data. It is the responsibility of the property owner to be sure the data is correct.

The Board of Assessors meets regularly as posted. Meetings are open to the public; however, any person who desires to meet with the Board should call and make an appointment to be put on the agenda.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessor's office processed the following applications for exemptions, motor vehicle abatements and Real estate abatements for fiscal year 2022 and calendar 2021.

FY 2022-2 Statutory Exemptions granted:

- 4 – 41C (senior) \$3269.71
- 6 – 22 (veteran) \$5930.56
- 3 – 17D (senior or surviving spouse) \$1050.00
- 0 – 37A (blind)
- 0 – 41A (deferral)

FY 2022 Real Estate abatements granted (at time of this printing):

- 2 - Totaling \$1708.53 Real Estate 1-CPA \$15.54
- 3 - Totaling \$1383.72 Personal Property

FY 2022 Low/Moderate Income Exemption for the CPA surcharge

- 6- Totaling \$206.36

2021 Motor Vehicle Excise abatements:

- 38 - Totaling \$3092.76

Applications for each listed above can be picked up at the Assessor's office or call 253-0734 to have one mailed.

Real Estate abatement applications and Low / Moderate Income Exemptions for the Community Preservation Surcharge must be filed with assessors not later than April 1st for the fiscal year.

Exemption applications for Seniors, Surviving Spouses, Veterans, Blind and Deferrals must be filed with assessor on or before December 15 or by April 1st after actual (**not preliminary**) tax bills are mailed for fiscal year if later.

Motor vehicle excise abatement applications must be received by the assessors within three years after the excise was due, or one year after the excise was paid, whichever is later. Filing an abatement does not stay the collection of your excise bill. To avoid interest, charges and collection action, including non-renewal of your registration, you must pay the bill in full within 30 days of its issue date. You will receive a refund if abatement is granted. NOTE: You are not entitled to abatement if you (1) cancel your registration and retain ownership of the vehicle, or (2) move to another Massachusetts city or town, during the calendar year. No excise may be reduced to less than \$5.00. No abatement or refund of less than \$5.00 may be made.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Turati, Assistant Assessor



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Building Inspector

2022 activities have led to the most building permits in any single year. 3 new dwellings were completed and given occupancies for new housing. Home improvement projects such as roofing, insulation and window/door replacements continue to lead the list of permits. Solar projects are still a popular project.

During 2022 the following number and types of permits were issued:

6	Woodstoves/Pellet Stoves	16	Roofs
2	Additions	13	Window/Door Replacements
1	New Single Family Homes	0	Siding
1	Pools	1	Conversion to Residential
0	Demolitions	14	Photo-Voltaic Arrays/Solar Hot
5	Renovations	Water	
1	Alterations	22	Insulation
2	Decks	1	Tent
0	Shed	0	Sheet metal/Mechanical
1	Repair	1	Cell Tower Alteration
1	Porches	91	Total
3	Barns/Garages		

The estimated value of building construction for building permits issued during 2022 was \$2,320,838. Once again I look forward to serving the people of Pelham in the coming year as new energy and building codes will come into existence.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Waskiewicz, Pelham Building Inspector



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Cemetery Commission

The Pelham Cemetery Commission is charged with maintaining the cemeteries for which the town is responsible: Arnold, Cook-Johnson, Harkness, Knight’s Corner, Mt. Lincoln, North Valley, Pelham Hill, Quaker (jointly with the Historical Commission), and Stevens. The cemeteries of Pelham are maintained for historical reasons and the use of Pelham residents. The only currently-active cemetery is North Valley.

The Commission met six times in 2022 at the Community Building across from the Library/Police/Fire Station Building.

In 2022:

- There were three burials, including two cremations.
- The cemeteries were mowed/trimmed and stones straightened as necessary throughout the growing season, and trees removed as necessary.
- Flags were placed at the graves of about 150 known Veterans and at cemetery entrances prior to Memorial Day. Currently, flags are provided by the VFW.
- Thanks to Public Works Superintendent Rick Adamcek and crew for the removal of dead trees on the east side of Cook-Johnson Cemetery.

Respectfully,
Norm Page, Chair; Cleon “Buzzy” Booth; Scott Barton, Secretary

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Collector

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	FY	Uncollected 07/01/20	Commitments	Collections	Refunds	Abatements/ Exemptions	Put into Tax Title	Uncollected 06/30/21
Real Estate	2020	0.00	3,651,763	3,554,695.96	0	0	0	97,067.00
	2020	141,672.76	0.00	33,857.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	107,814.87
	2019	32,978.44	0.00	7,662.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,738.39
	total	174,651.20	0.00	41,520.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	133,130.44
CPA	2021	2,680.99	74,525.08	69,817.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,680.99
	2020	2,680.99	0.00	541.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,139.85
	2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	total	2,680.99	0.00	541.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,139.85
Personal Property	2020	0.00	266,187.31	266,187.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle	2020	0.00	124,244.28	83,969.90		2,150.62	0.00	38,123.76
	2020	14,304.93	0.00	2,231.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,073.27
	2019	2,050.85	0.00	1,328.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	722.85
	2018	4,136.14	0.00	359.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,776.93
	2017	717.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	717.14
	2016	506.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	506.00
	total	21,715.06	124,244.28	87,888.77	0.00	2,150.62	0.00	55,919.95
grand total		199,047.25						191,190.24



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Community Garden Committee

The Pelham Community Garden had a good year! We had a few new gardeners as well as repeat gardeners-with all plots actively used. The garden site had little to no “jumping worms” - we were fortunate. This was most likely due to the dry conditions last Summer. Thanks to our new Fire Chief Navarro and the continued support of the rest of the Pelham Fire Department, our water supply has stayed constant.

The Committee thanks Abbie Jenks for her commitment to the Garden Committee since its beginnings in 2015. Abbie has decided to step down after eight years of participation. We welcome Theresa Smith who is our new fifth Community Garden Committee member.

The Garden Committee meets on an as needed basis.

EXPENSES 2022: \$0 RECEIPTS 2022: \$240.00 (Garden Plot Donations)

Respectfully Submitted by the Pelham Community Garden Committee: Cyd Reiman(Chair)

Wendi Weinberg (Treasurer, Secretary), Sue Tippet, Chris Bain, Theresa Smith



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Community Hall Committee

For the past 130 years, Community Hall has served the town of Pelham as a meeting place for all. Other than its original mission as a one room schoolhouse, it currently is used for community celebrations, civic meetings and cultural gatherings.

In the year 2022, the building was regularly occupied by the Pelham Historical Society for the purpose of conducting its business meetings.

As in the past, there was school visitation. On May 17th, a program was presented on the life and times of a one room schoolhouse to elementary school students.

A foot care clinic sponsored by Pelham’s Council on Aging was well received.

The Pelham Fire Department presented a public Program on August 14th which was organized by Pelham Historical Society Vice President David Boyden. Sharyn Wentworth reflected on her father (Charles Wentworth) and his role as a former Pelham Fire Chief. Dennis Nazzaro spoke briefly on his role as Pelham’s current Chief while Randall Prescott recalled Department events of yester year, as did Joseph Larson. The Shepard family was in attendance and shared memories of Frederick Shepard, life-long Pelham resident and Fire Chief. Following the program, Chief Nazzaro led a group tour of the current Fire Department at Pelham’s Community building.

The Klotz/Levine family celebrated Thanksgiving at Community Hall with twelve family members who enjoyed roasted turkey and embellishments.

Gratitude is extended to the Pelham Historical Society for its continued support of Community Hall and its mission.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Campbell Hanscom, Chair, Committee Members – David Boyden, Pamela Mercieri, Consultant Edward Dane



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Community Preservation Committee

Come to our meetings!

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meets on every third Thursday of the month from 7 to 8:30 pm. Our meetings are open to the public and can be attended virtually by finding the agenda and Zoom link on the *MyTownGovernment* site for Pelham, (mytowngovernment.org/01002).

Just go to the *Boards and Committees* menu and select the *Community Preservation Committee*. On that page you will see the agendas and minutes of past meetings, plus the agenda for any upcoming meetings that have been scheduled. At the end of each agenda is the Zoom link for that meeting.

Also available on the CPC page of the *MyTownGovernment* site is a link to the *Pelham MA CPC* website where you can find documents with information pertaining to a range of Pelham CPA issues.

Public Information Hearing!

Was held on February 16, 2023 at 7 pm, to hear the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation. Find the agenda and minutes at Pelham's *MyTownGovernment* website (mytowngovernment.org/01002). Topics covered at the public information hearing were the application for the Pelham School Playground upgrade and the application for purchasing two building lots as part of the Cadwell Street Homeownership application. Also discussed were four other articles that will appear on the warrant for our spring Town Meeting.

Responsibilities of the Committee

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) administers a state/town-funded program under the state Community Preservation Act (CPA). The program is funded through an annual 3% surcharge on each property owner's tax bill. The state annually matches, dollar for dollar, the funds collected by the town from the surcharge at a variable total percentage.

Latest Revenues Reported in 2022

Local Surcharge: \$81,591.65

State Match: \$73,737.00

The CPC is authorized to fund town-meeting-approved projects that meet town needs in the areas of Open Space and Recreation, Historic Preservation, and Community Housing. At least 10% of each year's income from the combined town surcharge and state match must be reserved for each of the three authorized areas of town needs. CPC funds can accumulate and be spent over future years.

2022 Activity: Town Meeting actions and end of fiscal year fund balances.

Spring Town Meeting May 14, 2022

Article 6.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate and transfer the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for Community Preservation Committee administrative expenses in FY2023 in the amount of \$3,500, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate and transfer the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, and to reserve for later appropriation; \$14,700 for Open Space; \$14,700 for Community Housing; and \$14,700 for Historic Resources;

and to reserve for later appropriation \$40,200 to the FY2023 Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Select Board.

End of fiscal year CPA Fund Balances as of June 30, 2022

Note: Amounts reserved at the May 14 Town Meeting were added to the 3 categories on July 1, 2022

Encumbered for Active Projects:	\$316,727.55
Reserved for Open Space/Recreation:	\$122,443.00
Reserved for Historic Resources:	\$63,943.00
Reserved for Community Housing:	\$0.40
Reserved for Undesignated Fund:	\$290,515.76

Total CPA Fund Balance: \$793,629.71

Respectfully submitted by the Community Preservation Committee:

Members:

Cydnie Reiman, at-large
James Lumley, at-large
Barbara Cooper, Housing
Joseph Larson, Historical

Judith Eiseman, Planning
Thomas Fanning, Recreation
(CPC committee Chair)



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Conservation Commission

No report available.



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Council on Aging

Our mission continues to be to identify and address the needs of the community’s older population. Highland Valley Elder Services, the state’s Area Agency for Aging, completed a Needs Assessment of 24 towns in 2022, including Pelham. The top three concerns identified by residents, family members, caregivers, and healthcare professionals in Pelham mirror those named by the greater region: in-home support and care, transportation, and concerns about life on a fixed income.

The Council’s objective this year has been to encourage safe and healthy aging in our community. The COA initiated a “lock box” program through the auspices of the Hampshire County Sheriff’s Department and our local police department, who install the boxes that contain keys to give emergency responders access to a house in an emergency. A flu clinic in September was fully subscribed, even with additional appointment slots added this year. The Quabbin Health District has made their public health nurse available to provide vaccines to homebound residents. She gave a presentation on Home Safety and Recognizing and Avoiding Scams with a representative of the District Attorney’s Office. MA Senior Medicare Patrol presented a workshop on ways to prevent and resolve healthcare billing errors, fraud, and abuse. The Footcare Clinic is a new, monthly offering on the 2nd Thursday of the month that focuses on

improving overall foot function to prevent falls and improve quality of life. A resource list for area services was updated and mailed to residents 60+ and birthday cards sent to older adults include an informational insert. The COA coordinates drivers who deliver meals to residents and now takes sand/salt delivery requests. We continue to encourage participation in Amherst Neighbors, a group that includes Pelham residents who volunteer and/or receive services from this program that creates connections to help people maintain socially engaged lives while aging at home.

It has been a year of making connections and developing trusted relationships with older adults in Pelham. We average 5-6 active clients per month, most needing assistance with transportation, home services, friendly check-in visits, and caregiver support. Others have needed information and support in applying for fuel assistance and in tax preparation. Most inquiries come by phone, some via email. Our close collaborations with Highland Valley Elder Services, Amherst Neighbors, the Amherst Senior Center, and the Quabbin Health Department have helped in meeting those needs. Information on our outreach service is regularly posted in the Pelham Slate, the Amherst Senior Spirit and on the town website. Outreach Worker Sally Kaufmann's contact information is posted at the library along with a table of general information on community services available to Pelham residents.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Osbahr (Chair), Grace Dane, Jane Porter, Isabel Ryavec, Nancy Rose Weeber, Sally Kaufmann (Outreach Worker)



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Cultural Council

No report available.



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Energy Committee

Community Center

- The new VRF heat pump has been operation since the summer of 2021, heating and cooling the building. The planned HVAC upgrades included the VRF system and some ancillary electric baseboards to cover two hard-to-heat areas of the building. Those baseboards were not included in the final work due to supply chain delays and deadlines on the use grant funds. The lack of the ancillary equipment, aggravated by Issues with the building envelope, have meant that the VRF system has needed some support from the back-up boiler on the coldest days.
- The Energy committee has been monitoring and evaluating the operation of the HVAC systems as the town has been tweaking and optimizing VRF operation, finding ways to minimize boiler operation, and improving the building envelope (ordering thermal blinds, addressing air leaks), etc.
- The Energy committee has also been considering, first, options to further address envelope issues to minimize ongoing operating costs to the town (aggressive sealing of known infiltration, doing a blower door test to identify any remaining envelope issues, etc.).
- Should envelope improvements not end up being adequate, the Energy Committee has also been looking at the most cost-effective ways to augment or modify the existing system (installing the

planned baseboards, small heat pump units, a more efficient smaller boiler to further reduce oil consumption, ...).

- The Energy Committee has been also talking to MassSave which has just confirmed that the town would be eligible for incentives for air sealing and for a blower door test at the Community Center.

Green Communities Program

- The Energy Committee has also started the process of having the Pelham School included in the Green Communities program. It was not initially included within the program as the town does not have total control of the building operation. It has become clear that the inclusion of the school in the Green Communities footprint would open up grant opportunities for solar panels or a heat pump HVAC system at the school
- The Energy Committee has also been looking at upcoming Green Communities or MVP grants opportunities for solar, building envelope improvements, evaluation of the envelope thermal properties of other town buildings, other ways to reduce the town's carbon emissions, etc. Opportunities for solar panels include the Community Center parking lot, the Pelham School, and the proposed new outdoor pavilion at the school.
- The Energy Committee is awaiting guidance on the planned upgrade of the Green Communities program, grant opportunities and application requirements

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

- The Energy Committee has been following the development of the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Program whose goal is to provide Pelham residents with less expensive and greener electricity. This is an effort that is being pursued jointly by Amherst, Northampton and Pelham.

New member recruitment

- We have been pursuing possible new members. If you are interested in supporting the work we are doing please contact us!



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Fence Viewers

Fence Viewers settle disputes between landowners regarding fences along common property lines. These are rare events today, so we are prepared to provide advice on fence issues in general and to assist residents locate evidence of the boundary lines and the corners of their property. Our "Handbook on Fence Viewers and Laws on Fences in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts", published in 2004, may be obtained in digital form the Berkley Electronic Press by searching on the internet at http://works.bepress.com/joseph_larson.

Respectfully submitted, Joseph S. Larson



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Finance Committee

The Pelham Finance Committee has completed its recommended budget for the Town as you will see in Articles 3 and 5. This has been the most difficult year that we have ever experienced since the requests for money reached an all time record. Normally we expect requests to total around \$130,000, but this year the amount was just under \$200,000. For reference, the 2.5% guideline for tax increases is about \$90,000. The costs of operating the town have been affected by inflation, the complexities in managing some Board and Commission responsibilities, and maintenance of aging buildings. Some of these problems will be with us for many years. Others will hopefully decline a bit in the next few years. Overall, with little new revenue anticipated, the increase cost will fall to the property owners.

Following are examples of the challenging issues that affect the Town budget for this year and the ensuing 3 to 5 years.

The Town

- The complexities of handling the requirements of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission have necessitated those organizations to request more money for clerical and technical help.
- The DPW is expecting two of the three members to retire in the next few years which will bring a big void in knowing all the idiosyncrasies about maintaining the roads, equipment and buildings. To help build that knowledge base, a fourth temporary position is included in this budget. This department will return to three members once the retirements are completed. Most of the funding is coming from the DPW existing budget.
- The new hybrid police cruiser scheduled for this year was estimated in December to cost \$54,000, but now will cost \$62,000. In spite of this purchase, we do not foresee an appreciable reduction in fuel expense. The Capital plan shows the second cruiser being replaced next year, likely at a higher cost as well.

The Pelham Elementary School

- The Elementary School budget increased this year by \$42,810 which was within the 2.5% guidelines, though the number of students continues to decline. Currently there are 120 students with 61 from Pelham and 59 from School Choice. Next year the expectation is for 113 students, 56 from Pelham and 57 from School Choice.
- The Elementary School had a major renovation and addition completed just over twenty years ago. The current Capital Plan is to replace the furnace and roof in the next 5 years. The plan has to be enhanced to replace the air conditioning and air handling system soon after. If we want to move to a HVAC system using new technology, we may need to find the money for the design work as early as next year. If solar panels are going to be considered for the roof of the building, plans for the roof support design and funding sources should also begin in the next few years.
- This is all on top of the need to address the ADA compliance audit that was completed in 2019 by continuing to make recommended improvements.

Amherst Pelham Regional School

- Pelham’s portion of the Regional School Budget is increasing by \$37,181. This is higher than we would normally expect because the Region is moving away from the old assessment method of each Town paying the same per pupil amount and moving toward the state statutory method that takes into account each Town’s ability to pay. Next year if the same plan is followed, the Region should be fully adjusted to the statutory method and we anticipate that Pelham’s increase will not be as severe.
- Of equal importance is the Capital Plan that the Region has put forth. Because the Regional School buildings are showing their age, (the Middle School was built in 1969, the Regional High School was built in 1955, an addition in 1963 and a further addition and renovation in 1996) the infrastructure is in need of upgrading and replacement. The plan calls for about \$35 million over the next 10 years to cover the cost. Pelham’s assessed portion is just under a million dollars or \$100,000 each year for ten years. We cannot cover this with Pelham’s current Capital funding program nor can we count on Free Cash as a source. The Finance Committee is working on a plan that we expect to bring to the May 2023 Town meeting for consideration.

In Summary

Unfortunately Pelham taxpayers need to anticipate noticeable tax increases over the next two to three years as the total cost of running the Town is dependent on an increasing tax rate. The Finance Committee is working hard for our taxpayers to avoid sudden sharp tax increases through creative spending, working collaboratively with the Select Board, Departments and Commissions to suggest cost reductions, and identifying potential decreases in future expenditures.

Respectfully submitted

F. Vanderbeck, E. Marriott, C. Castenson and J. Trickey



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Fire Department

As my first year as Fire Chief for the Town of Pelham, I am humbled to be writing this year’s report of the Pelham Fire Department. First and foremost, I wish to recognize Chief Raymond Murphy Jr. who retired from Pelham Fire Department in July after over 18 years of service as Chief of Pelham Fire Department. Chief Murphy has led the department through up and downs, including the COVID pandemic. We wish Chief Murphy a happy retirement.

Pelham Fire Department responded to 150 calls for service in the year 2022. These calls included:

97 Medical Emergencies	1 CO Alarm
19 Fire Alarms	1 Smoke Investigation
13 Mutual Aid (Responding to other towns)	1 Public Assistance (Flooded Basement)
10 Motor Vehicle Accidents	1 Chimney Issue
4 Electrical Issues	1 Brush Fire
2 Propane Leaks	

Pelham Fire members also completed over 1000 hours of in-house training including:

Hoses, ladders, pumping, water supply, driving, ropes / knots, power tools and more.

As well as outside classes including:

Live Burn at Massachusetts Fire Academy

CPR / First Responder Medical Training

Auto Extrication / Vehicle Stabilization – Captain Kevin McDonnell (Holyoke Fire) and Deputy Chief

Mike Hatch (Northampton Fire) donated their time to teach this class.

Tech Rescue Team Review – Western Mass Tech Rescue Team

Basic 6 Training – Hampshire County Fire Chiefs Association

Chief Fire Officer Training - UMass /Mass Fire Academy

Pelham Fire held its Fire Prevention open house in October, in conjunction with the PTO trunk or treat and it was very well attended. Pelham Fire also worked with the PTO to hold a winter fest / bonfire held at the school in December and was also very successful. We hope to continue these events in 2023 as well.

In 2022 Pelham Fire completed over 100 inspections including new oil burners / tanks, new propane tank installations, smoke & CO detector inspections for sold houses and open air burn permits. We also did safety inspections / fire drills of Pelham Elementary School and multiple group homes in town.

In 2022 Pelham Fire replaced 2 sets of firefighter gear from town funds in addition to our regular budget. We also received a grant for 3 additional sets of gear to be purchased in 2023. As I write this report, we are waiting to hear the results of 3 other grants that have been applied for. These including forest fire equipment from a Massachusetts DCR grant and replacement of our SCBAs and a replacement tanker truck from a federal assistance to firefighter's grant.

The joint Fire / Police training room was upgraded with new technology (computer, large monitor, streaming devices) with funds from the town, funded outside of our regular budget. Newer tables were also acquired from a local fire department surplus to make the training space more conducive to learning.

This year we also updated our web site, Pelhamfd.com please visit regularly to see our call log, apparatus, news and other information about our department.

Pelham Fire Department needs new members, if you have any interest in helping your community, please contact us for more information, no experience necessary.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the department for your commitment and residents of Pelham for your continued support of our department

2022 Members

Dennis Nazzaro, Chief (May 2022)

Raymond Murphy Jr., Fire Administrator

(January – July)

Richard Hall, Deputy Chief

David Hawkins, LT

Jason Hall, LT

Stephen Hall, Firefighter

Peter Clough, Firefighter

Erich Hinlein, Firefighter

Jordan Helzer, Firefighter

Rob Libiszewski, Firefighter

Jarrett Austin, Firefighter (January – July)

Sincerely, Dennis Nazzaro, Chief, Pelham Fire Department



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Board of Health

Members:

William Pula	Chairman
Melissa Nazzaro	Member
Richard Hall	Member

Mission Statement and Background:

The mission of the Pelham Board of Health is to address public health needs, protect and improve the health and quality of life in the community, offer education resources and promulgate and enforce local, State, and national regulations as required by law.

Through the Quabbin Health District the Pelham Board of Health is able to provide one full time Director of Public Health, Andrea Crete who was hired on May 16, 2022 replacing Stephen Bell who resigned on March 25, 2022; one full time Administrative Assistant, Betty Barlow who staffs the Ware Board of Health office Monday – Friday from 8:30AM – 4PM; a full time Health Inspector Sai Palani; and a part time Public Health Nurse Kirsten Krieger who was hired on July 5, 2022.

The Quabbin Health District is a comprehensive regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Pelham, and Ware. The district was established in 1980 by a Town meeting vote and was formed under the Section 27A of Chapter 111 of the MGL. It is a joint effort by the three communities' local boards of health to provide their towns with the public health professionals and services needed to create healthy communities. The District provides public health services for the roughly 26,267 residents within these communities' 120 square mile radius. The district provides each town with the shared personnel, equipment, and other resources to carry out the required public health duties.

The Quabbin Health District provides services to Pelham including but not limited to communicable and reportable disease surveillance via an online epidemiological network (MAVEN), public health investigations, public health messaging, 24-7 public health emergency response, seasonal flu vaccination clinics, tobacco control, substance abuse prevention programs, and State mandated public health inspections and complaint management. You can visit the Quabbin Health District website for more information on services at <http://quabbinhealthdistrict.com>

The Pelham Board of Health meets the Second Thursday of every month at 4:30PM in the Rhodes Building located at 351 Amherst Road, Pelham.

The Board of Health voted at their meeting on December 21, 2022 to reduce the Board of Health stipends to zero.

The report below details the services the Quabbin Health District provided to the Town of Pelham for the 2022 calendar year. Please contact the District by phone at 413-967-9561 or email bbarlow@townofware.com with any questions, comments, requests for additional information, and to relay any specific public health concerns in Pelham.

Emergency Preparedness:

In 2022 the Quabbin Health District joined the Hampshire Public Health Preparedness Coalition. The HPHPC works collaboratively to enhance communities' collective capacity to share resources and respond to public health threats and emergencies, including terrorism and outbreaks of infectious diseases. It strives to improve local and regional public health emergency preparedness, and meet deliverables set forth by the Department of Public Health.

HPHPC includes Boards of Health and Health Departments in the Massachusetts Preparedness Coalition Region 1C. Funding is provided through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health with a grant from the Centers for Disease Control. Coalition activities and expenditures are overseen by an executive committee which includes members who represent the broad geographic diversity of the region. Ex-officio members include representatives from Cooley Dickinson Hospital and UMass Amherst. The HPHPC grant is managed by the Northampton Health Department as the

Host Agency. The Coalition is closely aligned with other regional response partners including Hampshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee (HREPC), Western Regional Advisory Group (WAG), Western MA Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Group (MAG) and the Pandemic Flu Committee of the Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council (WRHSAC).

Member Communities in the HPHPC include Amherst, Belchertown, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Easthampton, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Northampton, Pelham, Plainfield, South Hadley, Southampton, Ware, Westhampton, and Worthington.

Public Health Excellence Grant:

The Quabbin Health District is the grantee of the MA DPH’s Public Health Excellence Grant (PHE) which allows the District to provide a part time Public Health Nurse and the services provided through public health nursing which is summarized in this report under “Public Health Nursing Report,” a tablet based inspectional software program called Win Wam which allows all food inspection reports to now be done electronically. The Win Wam system stores the inspection reports and can generate data gathered using the reports to show where there are gaps in compliance with the Food Code that may need to be addressed in food establishments and what trainings may need to be provided in order to increase compliance and reduce food borne illness risk factors. Inspection reports will be published starting in 2023 on the Quabbin Health District website for public access and review.

Administrative Assistant Report:

One duty of the Administrative Assistant is to advise applicants on requirements for permitting or licensure. Obtain the necessary information; record data; collect fees; and issue licenses or permits to applicants who qualify as determined by the pertinent inspector.

The following is a listing of the various permits which were issued by the Quabbin Health District office during 2022:

Food Establishment Licenses	2	Septic Installer Licenses	6
Milk & Cream Licenses	2	Septic Installations (new)	1
Mobile Home Park Licenses	1	Septic Installations (repair)	7
Septic Hauler Licenses	6	Plumbing Permits	17

Respectfully Submitted, Betty Barlow - Administrative Assistant

Board of Health Activity & Inspections Report:

Food Inspections	3
Nuisance Inspections	1
Housing Inspection	1
Housing Condemnations	1
Housing Court Appearance	1
Soil Testing	8
Septic Final Component Inspections	6
Septic System Plan Reviews (new construction)	1
Septic System Plan Reviews (Repair)	7
Well Application Review	1

Public Health Nursing Report:

The Quabbin Health District hired a new part time 30 hour a week public health nurse (PHN), Kirsten Krieger who started on July 5, 2022. Below is a summary of the work she has done in the Town of Pelham from July 5, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

Primary Prevention

Primary prevention is the prevention of disease before it occurs and the reduction of its incidence. Providing disease prevention education, vaccinations, and education about safety are some methods of primary prevention.

The PHN has given an educational presentation to seniors at the Pelham Public Library with guest speaker Rachel Senecal, Coordinator Elders and Persons with Disabilities Unit Northwestern District Attorney's Office on November 15, 2022. The presentation was Safe Aging at Home with a segment from Rachel Senecal on avoiding financial schemes and scams.

Emergency Preparedness and Community Safety

Utilizing the Pelham Council of Aging newsletter and Sentinel newspaper, the PHN has advertised for homebound residents to contact her to have a list of homebound residents to offer services if needed or in case of weather emergencies or disasters. As of 1/20/23, one resident as responded and been added to the list.

Community Naloxone Purchasing Program (CNPP)

The CNPP allows many eligible programs to obtain naloxone (Narcan) through the State Office of Pharmacy (SOPS) for reduced / no cost. Local boards of health are eligible to receive naloxone at no cost with a requirement to submit training and dispensing data monthly to the state of Massachusetts. The Quabbin Health District applied for and was approved in December 2022 as a naloxone distribution site in order to receive free naloxone and to train individuals in the district on recognizing overdose and responding with naloxone. The PHN along with the Director of Public Health Andrea Crete, have developed a training presentation for businesses and groups in the community to include understanding addiction, types of opiates, reducing stigma, recognizing, and responding to an overdose with naloxone. The PHN also developed a shorter version to be done with individuals that includes the above listed items. Once training has been completed attendees or individuals can be given naloxone for no cost.

Vaccines for children (VFC) program

The PHN approached and worked with the Western Mass Vaccine Equity Initiative to obtain funding for the purchase of pharmaceutical grade refrigerator, freezer, and transporting cooler (total of about \$4,000) in order to be eligible for the VFC program to receive state-funded childhood vaccines to be able to administer them to anyone in the district who is under age 19, uninsured or underinsured, or qualifies for Mass Health. She is awaiting final approval and a site visit from the Dept. of Public Health vaccine program representatives to be able to fully participate in the program and offer vaccines to students in the schools and in the community within the district.

Communicable Disease Surveillance

The PHN is also responsible for and has been conducting MAVEN infectious disease surveillance. This requires checking in daily for notifications of infectious diseases occurring in Pelham. It also requires doing case investigations for diseases other than Influenza or COVID-19 by contacting hospital infection preventionists if a person hospitalized, contacting case and/or PCP office to determine potential means of exposure, contact tracing if applicable.

The types and numbers of communicable diseases reported in the Town of Pelham for 2022 are listed below. They are listed by the disease/illness and the number of cases (residents suspected, probably, and confirmed to have an infectious illness/disease).

*Total number of MAVEN cases for the Town of Pelham (including confirmed (C), probable (P), and suspect (S)) 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022 (**Numbers accurate as of 1/20/23**)*

Disease	# of cases
COVID-19	70 C, 5P, 1S
Influenza	2C
Lyme Disease	3P, 2S
Shigellosis	1C
Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis	1C

Submitted by Kirsten L Krieger RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse, Quabbin Health District

Respectfully Submitted, on Behalf of the Pelham Board of Health.

Andrea Crete MPH, RS
Director of Public Health, Quabbin Health District



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Highway Department

In spite of working with cost increases, trying to return back to normal from COVID, and changing weather patterns, the DPW had a very productive year.

Summary of 2022 activities by building:

Community Center: A temperature sensor was replaced on the boiler. The main flow valve and four flow switches were replaced. The heating system had to have the air bled out of the entire system. The air handler needed a motor replaced and a second-high pressure safety switch installed on the boiler per state inspector. The flow in the heaters in the Fire/Police training room and Police Station were adjusted. Automated Logic installed additional monitoring for the electric use at the CCP for the new HVAC system. The “crash bar” (door opener) on the Ramsdell Room door was repaired and all other doors were cleaned and serviced. All exterior doors including the Fire Department bay garage doors had weather stripping replaced. Chalking was done on most of the windows.

Elementary School: The island was dug out in the parking area and paved to make an accessible parking space. Curbing was also removed and the sidewalk was regraded near the planter then paved to also accommodate and offer accessibility. A new crosswalk was painted to connect the new parking space and sidewalk.

Highway Garage: Repairs were made to the lock on the front door. One of the garage doors needed new cables and the other doors were serviced.

Historic Complex: A broken pipe in the bathroom was repaired. The trap in the kitchen sink was replaced. Repairs were also made to a wash in front of the stairs at the Museum. The flush valve on the urinal in the men’s bathroom was replaced. Engineer Bob Leete of Whetstone Engineering looked at the king post and other roof structure and deemed them all in good shape.

Community Hall: The draft inducer fan was replaced on the furnace. Several dead trees were removed from the Cook Johnson and North Valley cemeteries.

Equipment Repairs:

The number 3 truck had the electric harness for snowplow replaced and got a new plow controller. The transmission was replaced and got new ball joints, and repairs were made to the tool box. It also needed a new started, shocks, emergency brake cable replaced, and the plow lights were replaced.

The number 5 truck had broken wires replaced for the sanding controls, repairs made to the exhaust pipe, the cover tarp motor was replaced, and liquid de-icer pump replaced. The battery box was re-built and the froze up sand door taken apart and cleaned up so it was operational. It received a new set of rear brakes, drums, and maxi cans. The exhaust brake was repaired and it got new LED plow and work lights.

The number 1 truck had a transmission modular replaced, the transmission flushed, both tigh rod ends were replaced, new set of tires, and front end aligned. Its rear bumper was scraped and painted, the fuel filter water sensor was replaced and it received a new snow plow controller.

The number 8 truck had the springs replaced that hold the tail gate catch dogs, its rear wheel seals needed replacement, and got new rear brake shoes. The spinner for the sander was replaced, and a section of flex pipe on the exhaust system replaced. A side window was replaced with a new window opener installed.

The number 2 truck had an air line for its brakes replaced. The sterling was replaced with a new Western Star truck so the new truck became the new number 2 truck. For the new truck we fabricated a new rear shute so we could use the truck to back fill behind new pavement and curbs. We also had to replace an “O” ring on the sander control.

The DPW inherited the 2012 Ford Expedition from the Police Department which replaced the 2009 Ford Taurus. The Expedition needed new brakes, tune up, and service.

The new Holland tractor got two new rear tires, a new water pump, and “O” rings replaced in the hydraulic remote valve. The backhoe had a rear window replaced. The fuel tank on the John Deere loader was removed, sanded, painted, and installed with new hardware. The Flail roadside mower had new knives installed, and the stand legs repaired. The Bush Hog had a new set of blades installed. Repairs were made on the Police quad which had a gas leak. The “Jump Box” which was almost ten years old and is used to jump start vehicles with dead batteries was replaced.

The DPW helped the Police Department pick up the new utility vehicle and made improvements to the garage its stored in.

Using a grant from the Town's insurance company, we purchased new safety equipment for doing tree work including new helmets, chaps, and gloves.

Eversource has decided to discontinue the swing arm mower agreement we were apart of with WMECO for twenty years. The mower was used for mowing over guardrails and under powerlines.

Major Road Improvements:

WRAP funding, which could be used for road repairs caused by severe weather from the last winter, were put to good use. Both Arnold and Packardville Roads were mostly overlaid while North Valley Road was patched in some areas. In total, the DPW put out 1100 tons of asphalt using a rented power box from Paul Kowal. Additional WRAP funds were used to add gravel to several dirt roads.

One of the School zone lights had to have its timer replaced. On Arnold Rd a culvert had to have a head wall repaired Other repairs were made and included head walls on Packardville, Enfield, and Buffam Roads. Hand patching of wheel ruts was done on Arnold Rd with 36 tons and Packardville Rd with 22 tons.

Other:

Bob Novick who has worked for the DPW part-time on call for the last ten years retired. Bob mowed lawns, snow plowed, cleared sidewalks, mowed the roadside, helped with tree work, and asphalt pairing whenever we needed another hand. Thank you Bob for your service!

Charlie Ryznic started full time in July and was hired as a Mechanic and Truck Driver. Charlie has worked for the DPW as part-time seasonal help for several years. Having a full time Mechanic on staff will be a huge asset to the Town and its equipment.

The Town has been looking into installing sidewalks along Amherst Rd from the Amherst Town Line to South Valley Rd. It was discovered that there were issues with the Right of Way that needed to be taken care of on that section of Amherst Rd. The Town is continuing to work on the ROW issues and will resolve any discrepancies.

The entire DPW crew were unlucky and contracted COVID-19.

Yearly Maintenance:

All Town Roads were swept and had catch basins cleaned and lines painted on roads and crosswalks. Parking lot lines were also painted at the Elementary School, Community Center, and the Rhodes Building. Roadsides were mowed, guard rail posts and road signs were replaced. Brush was trimmed to improve sight distance in many locations, downed trees were cleared and cleaned up, and ditches and waterways were cleaned out. Different areas in Town received hot patch while other pot holes were repaired with cold patch. All dirt roads were graded several times with gravel added to many locations. The life flight landing zone was mowed several times. The DPW crew assisted the Town Clerk with set up and take down of Elections as needed. The Community Center generator was run monthly and load tested. Spring cleanup was completed at all Town owned properties and buildings.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Adamcek, Superintendent of Public Works



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Historical Commission

The Commission has responsibility under state law for the inventory, preservation, protection, and development of the historic and archaeological assets of the town. Due to COVID and the advanced age of the Commission members very few online emergency meetings happened during the year 2022.

Pelham Old Town Hall National Historic District (corner Amherst Rd and Route 202)

The district consists of the 1743 **Town Hall**, 1839 **Church/Museum** and the **Pelham Center Cemetery**. Both buildings are covered by preservation agreements between the Town of Pelham and the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

1743 Town Hall/Meetinghouse

Preservation of the exterior and interior of the Town Hall is an ongoing project.

1839 Pelham Hill Church/Museum

The private Pelham Historical Society, by Town Meeting vote, uses this building as the Pelham History Museum and our Commission is responsible for structural matters. Several small repairs were attended to. The Pelham Historical Society suspended the Museum exhibits of Pelham's History due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, a successful reopening on a reduced schedule happened in Summer 2022.

Pelham Historic Cemeteries

The Commission supports and supervises the continuing repairs to the cemetery walls started in 2018.

Historic Assets Inventory

We are still working on the completion of all Phases of the Inventory of the Historic Assets in Pelham. Due to COVID and changes in the electronic submission format / requirements at the state level we were delayed in finishing the survey as planned.

Pelham Affordable Housing Development Amherst Rd 18-22

We reviewed the preliminary plans for the development of Amherst Rd 18-22 including structures remaining from the historic fish-rod factory as presented by Home City Development. Responses to the developer and the Massachusetts Historical Commission were crafted and submitted. This is a multiyear project and in collaboration with the Pelham Historical Society we tried to preserve as many of the historical assets involved as possible including the remnants of old mill foundations and dams at the site.

Respectfully submitted:

Pelham Historical Commission:

Karl Martini, Chairman and Secretary; Members: Joseph Larson, Dan Robb, Bruce Laurie and Alternate Karl Ryavec.



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Housing Committee

The Housing Committee's mission is to find ways to increase the diversity, availability, and affordability of housing options in town, particularly for young families and seniors.

Affordable housing in Pelham took two giant leaps forward in 2022.

During the summer, Pelham residents were invited to an on-site and remote celebration welcoming two families who helped build their homes on Amherst Rd. thanks to the efforts of the Housing Committee's partnership with Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity, and funding provided by Pelham's Community Preservation Committee. Articles in the Pelham Slate provided a brief introduction to our new neighbors.

In late fall, the Housing Committee was gratified to learn that Amethyst Brook Apartments (ABA), the 34-unit affordable rental development at 20-22 Amherst Rd., was awarded funding from the state's Dept. of Housing and Community Development. In 2023, we look forward to fulfilling the town's commitment to ABA with a final \$250,000 of CPA funding, after which we eagerly anticipate that construction may begin!

The Housing Committee welcomed two new members in 2022: Linda Spink and Jim Pewtherer, each of whom bring new perspectives and additional expertise to help the committee work on its many housing initiatives. One such endeavor is the proposed construction of two new affordable homes in the Village Center. The proposal by Habitat for Humanity to construct two homes on two adjacent lots on Cadwell St. received unanimous approval from the Community Preservation

Committee. With anticipated town approval (in 2023), and the proposed construction of sewer lines in the Village Center Neighborhood in the next few years, the Housing Committee hopes to see this project begin within 2-3 years.

The last few years has seen a larger number of new Pelham residents than ever before. Consequently, the Housing Committee created an ad-hoc Welcome to Pelham committee whose task is to assemble a packet of materials of particular interest to our newest residents, e.g. major conservation trails, historic sites, maps, brief descriptions of the work of some of Pelham's newest and most active groups, along with other useful information. The committee hopes to complete this project by mid-year.

Also in the coming year, the Housing Committee will work with the Planning Board to propose several revisions to Pelham's zoning regulations that may help ease the financial burden of housing expenses on some of our older residents, as well as help expand Pelham revenues.

As always, we are grateful to all those residents and community partners who have generously provided their time, talent, and support to help make Pelham a more diverse, affordable, and welcoming community.

Pelham Housing Committee

Tilman Lukas, Chair, Barbara Cooper, Gail Kenny, Jim Lumley, Linda Spink, James Pewtherer



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IT Advisory Group

No report available.



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Library Trustees

Highlights from the past year—the slow crawl back to normal:

- We circulated nearly 30,000 physical items in FY22, up 6,000 items from the previous year. Nearly 1/3 of these were loaned to residents of neighboring towns, for which we receive State Aid to Public Libraries
- We circulated over 4,000 electronic items as well, more than double the previous year
- We loaned over 600 items to other libraries in the state
- We had over 7,100 visits to the library
- We answered nearly 2,500 questions from patrons
- In-person programming is back! We hosted or co-hosted 121 in-person programs, with nearly 1,500 people attending and an additional 22 virtual programs with 147 people attending
- Programs included playgroups, weekly preschool music hours with Wendy Plummer, concerts with Jay Mankita, The StarCats and Matt York, game nights, qigong and yoga classes, collaborations with the Pelham Historical Society and the Pelham Council on Aging, book groups, hosting the Pelham After School Program, visits from Wingmasters Birds of Prey and The Hitchcock Center, craft nights, game nights and more
- Pelham Players returned after a several year hiatus, with 2 shows, “It’s a Jungle Out There” for children ages 5-8 and directed by Cindy Naughton and a scenes fest for children ages 9 and up directed by Solomon Goldstein-Rose
- We added Hoopla to our electronic offerings, allowing access to more e-books, movies, periodicals, music and more
- We have over 3,000 registered borrowers, nearly half of whom live outside of Pelham
- Our public computers were used over 1,500 times and our website was visited over 9,000 times

- Over 100 children participated in our Summer Reading Program, “Read Beyond the Beaten Path”, funded by the Pelham Cultural Council and the Friends of the Pelham Library
- We expanded our “Library of Things”, which will continue to expand in the coming months
- Our collection includes over 29,300 physical items



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Planning Board

The Planning Board takes seriously its responsibility for the long-term planning for the community. We are always aware that planning should begin with a clear understanding of what is sensible on the land given the constraints of topography, soil type, water, regulations, and ownership. In accordance with state law and town regulations, the Planning Board reviews plans and issues permits for division of land, including Approval Not Required (ANR) plans for recording in the Registry of Deeds, Subdivisions, Scenic Roads, and some projects requiring Site Plan Approval and/or Special Permits in the Village Center.

As we carry out our legally mandated duties, we continue to maintain over a half century of work to care for the environmental resources in town and are always mindful of Pelham’s unique position in the regional landscape as watershed and ground water source for our own private wells as well as drinking water supplies in Shutesbury, Amherst, Belchertown, Springfield and the Quabbin.

In 2021 the Board reviewed the site plan and issued permits for the reconstruction of the Town of Amherst’s Centennial Treatment Plant. This project was not yet started in 2022 so we expect to be monitoring compliance with our decision in 2023 as Amherst seems ready to begin this construction soon.

With help from our consultant Ken Comia, Deputy Director of Land Use and Environment at PVPC, we have completed a comprehensive review of the zoning bylaw, taking into account the concerns of the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee. Working with the Town Clerk, we have succeeded in getting a complete version of the Zoning Bylaws which had not been fully updated in the past. We are deeply grateful to Sandra Burgess for the hours she put in working on this update with us. We plan to work on a reorganization of these bylaws which will result in an easier to understand document.

A survey conducted in an attempt to understand more fully the priorities and attitudes of Pelham residents regarding development, land use, and environmental and historic preservation in town has been finished and the report is now available. We collaborated with other boards on proposals and plans for sidewalks and additional sewers in the Village Center and are particularly interested in working with the Housing Committee to maintain close communication because there is a perceived tension between bringing in more people and potential economic development while maintaining the rural quality of Pelham. The Board enthusiastically supported the building of two Habitat for Humanity houses on Amherst Road and is eager to see Habitat’s other proposal for houses at the corner of Cadwell St and Amherst Road come to fruition.

The Board tries to keep abreast of legal developments that affect our community and joined on as a signatory to an Amicus Brief regarding local options for regulating commercial/industrial solar installations and as a result of a court case will bring amendments to our solar bylaw to town meeting so we are more fully in compliance with the law as now established by the courts.

Priorities in 2023 include:

- Updates to the Solar Bylaw and driveway bylaws;
- Keeping abreast of potential sewer upgrades in the VC which may require Site Plan Review or Special Permits from the Board;
- Managing the permitting and Site Plan Review for the Centennial Treatment Plant
- Discussing a variety of potential amendments to zoning bylaws to enable denser development in the VC as well

- as updating some definitions and language for smoother operation
- Storm water regulations in conjunction with the Conservation Commission
- Developing rules, regulations and procedures for the smooth operation of the Board when new members are elected so that historic memory doesn't depend upon longevity and is more easily transferable along with reasons for why certain procedures are not optional but are legal requirements.

We are grateful to all the other boards, commissions and committees for working with us and supporting efforts to maintain and improve the prospects for the future of the town.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Eiseman, Chair
 Members: Lexi Dewey, Anne Stoddard, Bruce Klotz, Pete Wilson



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Police Department

Most Common Calls For Service by Type and Month Year 2022

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
911 Misdialed	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	14
Animal Complaint	4	2	3	3	1	3	5	2	4	0	1	1	29
Arrest	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	7
Assist Citizen	5	4	0	3	4	2	5	2	0	3	0	0	28
Assist Fire Department	5	3	2	5	2	3	6	2	1	3	3	1	36
Assist Other Agency	3	1	5	1	3	4	0	4	1	5	0	3	30
BOLO	0	0	3	2	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	1	14
Building Check	17	10	9	2	8	5	8	5	5	14	9	2	94
Burglar Alarm	1	2	4	2	0	3	3	1	2	1	0	0	19
Check Welfare	4	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	14
Community Presentation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Disabled Motor Vehicle	3	4	2	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	2	17
Disturbance	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Domestic Violence Incident	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	7
Drug Arrest	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Fraud	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	4
Hit and Run Accident	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Illegal Dumping	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	5
Investigation	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Larceny	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Medical Emergencies	6	12	6	12	5	5	13	9	2	6	8	9	93
Mental Health Issue	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Missing Person	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
Motor Vehicle Accident	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	3	1	0	3	6	20
Motor Vehicle Accident with Personal Injury	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	1	8
Motor Vehicle Complaint	3	1	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	3	5	1	28
Neighbor Dispute	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Noise Complaint	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	5
Notifications	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	2	11

Officer Requested	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	7		
Paperwork Service	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	7		
Prisoner Transport	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2		
Recovered Article	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3		
Safety Hazard	0	0	13	0	3	1	2	3	5	3	1	3	34		
Shots Fired	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	5		
Suspicious Person	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	7		
Suspicious Vehicle	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	10		
Traffic Hazard	0	2	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	12		
Trespass	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4		
Unwanted Person	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		
Vandalism	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
														Total	606

Most Frequent Calls For Service by Type and Month Year 2022

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Building Check	17	10	9	2	8	5	8	5	5	14	9	2	94
Medical Emergencies	6	12	6	12	5	5	13	9	2	6	8	9	93
Assist Fire Department	5	3	2	5	2	3	6	2	1	3	3	1	36
Safety Hazard	0	0	13	0	3	1	2	3	5	3	1	3	34
Assist Other Agency	3	1	5	1	3	4	0	4	1	5	0	3	30
Animal Complaint	4	2	3	3	1	3	5	2	4	0	1	1	29
Assist Citizen	5	4	0	3	4	2	5	2	0	3	0	0	28
Motor Vehicle Complaint	3	1	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	3	5	1	28
Motor Vehicle Accident	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	3	1	0	3	6	20
Burglar Alarm	1	2	4	2	0	3	3	1	2	1	0	0	19
Disabled Motor Vehicle	3	4	2	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	2	17
911 Misdial	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	14
BOLO	0	0	3	2	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	1	14
Check Welfare	4	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	14
Traffic Hazard	0	2	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	12
Notifications	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	2	11
Suspicious Vehicle	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	10
Motor Vehicle Accident with Personal Injury	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	1	8
Arrest	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	7
Domestic Violence Incident	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	7
Officer Requested	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	7
Paperwork Service	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	7
Suspicious Person	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	7
Larceny	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Disturbance	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Illegal Dumping	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	5
Noise Complaint	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	5
Shots Fired	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	5
Fraud	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	4
Missing Person	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
Trespass	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4



Annual Town Report of 2022

School

Pelham Elementary School Committee

Sarah Hall, Chair
Ron Mannino
Margaret Stancer
Sarahbess Kenney

We are pleased to present this annual report to the Town of Pelham for the Pelham Elementary School, which must begin with the appointment of Micki Darling as the permanent Principal of Pelham School. As Superintendent, I want to acknowledge that Ms. Darling did an outstanding job in the interim role, providing strong leadership and stability, and I look forward to continuing our work together on behalf of the Pelham community.

Vision and Focus for Students

As we continue to address the impact of the pandemic on our students, the primary vision for Pelham School this year has been to support the well-being of students, ensuring they are able to learn in an environment in which they feel safe, valued, and loved. To that end, Pelham staff have continued to engage in professional learning throughout the year focused on trauma-informed teaching, antiracism, cultivating emotional resilience, and social emotional learning. Families have been encouraged to be active participants in their children's school experience through activities such as our Math Night, which promotes math learning at home, and through the games and activities available in our lending math game library that encourages families to play math fluency games at home. We have also continued much-loved school traditions such as the African American Read-In, Latino Heritage Read-in, reading buddies, and monthly school assemblies. The grant-funded naturalist-in-residence program through the Hitchcock Center has also continued this year, providing students with a connection to the local ecosystem and the natural world around them.

In support of our social-emotional focus, Pelham School is the recipient of a grant earmarked to develop multi-tiered systems of social-emotional, behavioral, mental health, and well-being support. These funds have supported our work with BRYT (Bridge for Resilient Youth in Transition). The BRYT Central Team has worked with both district leaders and the Pelham school team to develop a shared vision for comprehensive, equitable school mental health support based on the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) framework. Through BRYT, staff have received individualized coaching with a trained trauma/mental health provider throughout the year. In addition, 90% of staff have received training in Restorative Justice and have been using Restorative Justice in their classrooms on a weekly basis.

Another important support for our social-emotional work with students is a recent award of an additional \$35,000 to add sensory corners in each of the classrooms. Sensory corners are corners of rooms that have been transformed into a sensory experience where individual students can have a comforting space. They are typically designed to either calm or stimulate a user, but they can also be used to support the development of vital skills, such as communication and sensory-motor integration. We are certain that Pelham's students will benefit greatly from having this valuable resource available to them.

Budget and Finance

Pelham School has increased the number of school choice students we have enrolled in order to provide financial sustainability. For several years, the school had been using more school choice revenue than it was bringing in, which was drawing down the balance. I am pleased to report that this trend has reversed, with a projected 47.6% increase in choice funds in FY24 compared to the largest decrease of -67.7% in FY21. As a result, the school budget is on more stable footing than it has been in recent years. We also want to thank the Pelham Select Board and Finance Committee

for their support of the capital projects funded in FY23, including much needed HVAC work and the initial funds needed to begin energy management automation of the Pelham School Building.

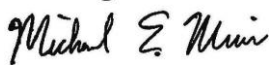
Community Support

Pelham School enjoys an extraordinary level of support from the Pelham community. The Pelham PTO continually organizes the family community to support students and staff. This year they sponsored a school-wide Donut Run 1-Mile race, Trunk or Treat for students at Halloween, and a Treat Trolley for the staff. The PTO has also provided resources to all classroom teachers and continues to collaborate with the staff to find ways to support the school. Beyond the PTO and Pelham School families, the entire Pelham community provides unwavering support for Pelham Elementary School. We are proud that the school serves as an essential and beloved community hub and look forward to continuing that strong relationship with the Town of Pelham.

Conclusion

Once again, thank you for your support of Pelham School. It is our privilege to work with the talented and dedicated faculty and staff of Pelham School on behalf of the town's most valuable resource--your children. We invite you to visit our website at <http://www.arps.org/pe> to learn more about the exciting things happening at Pelham School.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael Morris, Superintendent of Schools

Micki Darling, Principal, Pelham Elementary School



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Select Board

2022 was once again busy in the Select Board office. There were 21 posted meetings, 137 motions, 73 Board/Committee/Staff appointments, three Slate Newsletters arranged & sent, two Town Meeting warrants prepared & sent, one round table with Board/Committee chairs, and one Tax Classification Hearing.

Annual Town Meeting was held in May on the field at the Pelham Elementary School under a tent due to the pandemic. The Fall Special Town Meeting was held in October and was opened at the Old Town Hall, in order to keep the status as the 'oldest continuously used town hall in the United States,' then moved to the Elementary School under a tent. It was wonderful to see so many voters turn out for both events. We encourage every resident in town to attend Town Meeting and be a part of the decision making. Town Meetings allows residents to govern openly and fairly and make decisions that drive the town.

The Select Board gathered input from the community on how to utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, which were awarded to the town to cover eligible costs incurred between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024 to respond to the public health emergency brought upon by COVID-19. The Board ultimately voted to use funds for improvements/projects that will have long term benefits for the town. Approved 2022 ARPA expenses include the Police Reform Law training, Annual & Fall Town Meeting expenses, design work for Village Center sidewalk project and the sewer extension project for Cadwell, Jones, and part of South Valley Road.

The Select Board bid farewell to Raymond Murphy, Jr., Pelham's Fire Chief & Fire Administrator for 18 ½ years. Ray was very dedicated to Pelham and we will miss him. A new Fire Chief was hired in May thanks to the search committee; Select Board Clerk Tara Loomis, Finance Committee Chair John Trickey, FD liaison and volunteer Firefighter Peter

Clough, Town of Amherst's Assistant Fire Chief and Pelham resident, Lindsay Stromgren. Welcome to Dennis Nazzaro, Pelham's new Fire Chief and resident.

The Classification and Compensation report and job descriptions were accepted by the Select Board in June 2022. The Study was undertaken to ensure that compensation offered to staff is internally fair and equitable as well as competitive to ensure that we can recruit and retain qualified staff. A Wage Study group was tasked to review the recommended pay scales, to make sure all current employees were accounted for on the scale, and determine the cost of implementation.

The Select Board appointed an IT Advisory Group in August 2022 that began reviewing the 2021 Community Compact IT best practice grant report. Several best practice recommendations were identified and will serve as a guide for the Committee as it prioritizes initiatives, budgeting, and strategy. Based on the ITAG's recommendation, the Select Board voted in December 2022 to sign a contract with the Pioneer Valley Municipal IT Cooperative (PVMITC) through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), that will help assist Pelham with IT needs. Currently, Pelham does not have any employees or a Department that aids with IT service or support. The PVPC will contract with NOVIS Insight, a for-profit group, who will help the Town either set a budget for IT expenses or request pricing for priority items. NOVIS will begin with their own initial assessment, and then proceed to review the 2021 best practice report. The Select Board are very hopeful that the work between these two groups will improve security and bring the Town's Information Technology into the 21st century.

The Select Board would like to thank the many elected officials, committee and board members, volunteers, and employees who put in countless hours to ensure the smooth operation of the Town. Residents who are engaged and become involved are the reasons why Pelham continues to be a viable and genuine small town.

Are you curious on how to get involved on a Board/Committee? If you are new to Pelham or have lived here many years, please consider joining one of the many groups looking for new members. Being an active member of your community and sharing your ideas could help inspire more residents to become involved. Our small community thrives on people staying engaged and caring about what goes on where they live. For a list of vacant positions please visit, www.townofpelham.org/home/urgent-alerts/help-fill-vacancies-boardscommittees.

For a listing of board/committee schedules visit, townofpelham.org & click on 'Meeting Schedules', which is under the 'About Pelham' tab across the homepage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Agolia 2024, Chair David Shanabrook 2025, Vice-Chair Tara Loomis 2023, Clerk



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Town Clerk

Vital Records

Seven births, sixteen deaths, and three marriages were recorded in Pelham between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022.

Dog Licensing

196 dog licenses and two kennel licenses were issued between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023.

Town Bylaws, as amended by Article 41 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, provide for the adjusted balance from dog licensing receipts to be transferred annually to the Elementary School Library account. The adjusted balance of \$600.00 was transferred in 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Burgess, Town Clerk



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Treasurer

7/1/2020	Beginning Balance	4,727,929.65
	Revenue	7,060,478.07
	Expenses	5,943,074.07
6/30/2021	Ending Balance	5,845,333.65

End of Year Trust Fund Balances

Trust Fund	OPEB	1,396,770.89
	Stabilization	288,130.25
	Conservation	13,533.44
	Town Building Gifts	3,875.24
	Wright Fund	1,505.35
	Cemetery	39,176.27
	Judy Brooks Adventure	11,429.59
	Capital Equipment	721,625.61
	H Ramsdell Fund	9,898.77
	Operating Fund	48,309.59



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Zoning Board of Appeals

Over the past several years, the ZBA's most frequent business has involved applications for special permits for home occupations and for accessory apartments. At this point, the zoning bylaws that relate to these uses differ within and beyond the Village Center. Reviews of applications for these two purposes are now conducted by the Planning Board or the ZBA, depending upon whether the property is inside or outside the Village Center respectively. You may view or download a permit application at:

https://www.townofpelham.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4851/f/uploads/application_for_finding.pdf

The Zoning Board of Appeals also reviews applications for comprehensive permits for the construction of subsidized housing under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40B and Town of Pelham 40B Regulations, and reviews applications for variances and appeals of decisions by the Building Inspector.

The Board complies with the zoning rules and regulations authorized under Chapter 40A, Massachusetts General Laws, and it makes its decisions based on the Pelham zoning bylaw developed and amended by the Planning Board and voted by Town Meeting. That code may be viewed at this location on the town's website: <https://www.townofpelham.org/board-selectmen/code-town-pelham>

Enforcement authority of the zoning bylaw rests with the Building Inspector.

The Board encourages anyone who has questions about the Board’s mandate or activities to visit the following site:
<https://www.townofpelham.org/zoning-board-appeals>

The Select Board has appointed the following Pelham residents to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Role</u>
Jeff Eiseman	2023	Member	Chair
Nick Cichanowski	2027	Associate Member	
Karen Dzenolet	2026	Member	
Ralph Faulkingham	2027	Member	Clerk and Secretary
Kate Hudson	2026	Associate Member	
David Litwak	2025	Member	
Noah Wartenberg	2024	Member	

We note the resignation of Amanda Huhmann and Ann McNeal, and we honor the stellar service they provided to the town and to the ZBA as members.

In calendar year 2022, the ZBA held public hearings on two applications and approved...

1. ...granting a special permit to Vincent Frano of 378 Daniel Shays Highway to conduct a home occupation of facilitating workshops for children grades 5 through 10 under the umbrella of Build, Repair, Grow, a 501 C (3) non-profit organization; and
2. ...issuing a finding to William Rock concerning his property at 25 Amherst Road that facilitated the change in the use of his property from business to residential.

Prepared and submitted by Jeff Eiseman