

# The Pelham Slate

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#### FROM THE SELECT BOARD

In June, the Select Board attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Amethyst Brook Apartments with local officials, state representatives, and staff from Home City Development. The event included a tour, ribbon cutting, ceremony highlighting Pelham's achievements with affordable housing, and refreshments. Housing Chair Tilman Lukas and Select Board Chair Bob Agoglia both spoke during the ceremony. If you are interested in applying to live at ABA, call (413) 362-7470 or email, amethystbrook@oconnells.com.



In August, the Select Board assisted with the bid opening for the Elementary School playground improvements project; removal of old equipment, new equipment installation, and landscaping. Thank you to Jeff Squire of Berkshire Design Group and School representative Venuta Carulli for leading the efforts.

**Coming Soon:** The Select Board will be launching a new online permit platform, IWORQ, for inspections; building, gas, plumbing; in September. The public will be able to fill out electronic permits and pay fees online.

The Select Board held a celebration of appreciation potluck in early October for all board/committee/commission members as well as staff. Thank you to all residents who continue to serve their community and give their own time. Their dedication is truly appreciated.

Special Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 beginning at 6:00pm at the Old Town Hall, 376 Amherst Rd. The building, built in 1743, is the oldest continuously used town hall in the United States.

Sincerely, Robert Agoglia, Chair '27, Tara Loomis, Vice-Chair '26, Jessica Barr, Clerk '28

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## JOIN THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Greetings from the Sustainability Committee! We are dedicated to helping Pelham residents and town departments act in promoting attention to the ways we can change our consumer habits to reduce waste, eliminate plastic, and contribute to the health of the environment. There is much to be said how this work positively contributes to our environment, but the committee has also discovered how it creates opportunities to connect with neighbors and friends thereby creating a socially sustainable community. We see ourselves as participating in a broad movement of individuals and groups working to achieve the necessary changes. And we have fun while doing this work.

## FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

#### **CENSUS**

When the 2026 Annual Street Listing forms are mailed, please fill them out according to instructions and return them at your earliest convenience. Election law requires that the Board of Registrars, each year, verify the residence of voters for the purpose of keeping the voter registration rolls accurate. The Annual Street List is the primary tool for doing this. If a voter does not respond to the first or second Annual Street List mailings, they will be placed into INACTIVE status and a Confirmation Card will be mailed to them. If the voter fails to return the Confirmation Card, they will remain in Inactive Status. If they are in inactive status when they go to the polls to vote, they will be required to complete and sign an affidavit of current and continued residence and to show official documentation that confirms their residential address.

**2025** Dog Licenses expire on March 31, 2026 and must be renewed by May 31, 2026 to avoid a late fee. Any dog license renewed on or after June 1 will incur a late fee.

\*\*All dogs 6 months or older must be licensed annually.

#### **DOG LICENSE FEES**

⇒ \$10 for a spayed or neutered dog.

Proof of spaying or neutering must be provided if procedure was done since the previous license was issued.

⇒ \$15 for a non-spayed/non-neutered dog.

#### TO LICENSE DOG(S) BY MAIL:

- A copy of the current rabies vaccination certificate for each dog if done less than a year ago
- Proof of neutering or spaying <u>if procedure</u> done less than a year ago
- A #10 size SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE to return the license and tag
- Check payable to "Town of Pelham"

Send the following items to:

Town Clerk 351 Amherst Road Pelham, MA 01002

## **FEE SCHEDULE (JULY 1, 2025)**

FILING OF MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	\$40	DOGS LICENSE	
FILING A HOME BIRTH	\$35	\$10 SPAYED/NEUTEREI	D
CERTIFIED COPIES		\$15 NON-SPAYED/NON	I-NEUTERED
(BIRTH, MARRIAGE, DEATH)	\$10	LICENSE LATE FEES	
BURIAL PERMIT	\$20	\$25 AFTER 6/1	
DUCINIESS SERVICIONES	620	\$50 AFTER 7/1	
BUSINESS CERTIFICATE	\$30	\$75 AFTER 8/1	
CERTIFICATE OF NO APPEAL	\$20	KENNEL LICENSE	
(ZONING BD OF APPEALS)		\$25 LESS THAN 4 DOGS	
STREET LIST	\$5	\$50 LESS THAN 10 DOG \$100 OVER 10 DOGS	3S

## FIRE SAFETY NEWS: CFL BULBS & SMOKE DETECTORS

Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) were once hailed as a revolutionary solution to energy efficiency and environmental conservation. With their spiral design and significantly lower electricity consumption compared to traditional incandescent bulbs, CFLs became a staple in homes and offices around the world. However, emerging research and safety concerns are casting a shadow over these once-popular light sources. CFL bulbs were once given out by MassSave as an energy saving solution over incandescent bulbs.



An Example of a Compact Fluorescent Lamp (CFL) removed from a Pelham Home

While CFLs consume less energy, they also contain electronic components that can overheat or fail. Reports of CFLs smoking, sparking, or even catching fire have been on the rise.

In the last year, The Pelham Fire Department has responded to 2 incidents in Pelham involving CFL bulbs. In one situation the department was called for the odor of burning in the home, investigation by firefighters found a CFL bulb with signs of burns and smoking. In another situation, a CFL bulb was the most likely cause of a house fire in Pelham.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has issued several recalls of CFLs over the past decade due to fire risks. Faulty ballasts and substandard manufacturing practices, particularly in cheaper off-brand bulbs, can increase the likelihood of malfunction.

In light of these concerns, many consumers and governments are turning to LED (Light Emitting Diode) bulbs. LEDs offer longer lifespans, zero mercury content, and superior energy efficiency. While CFLs were an important stepping stone in the evolution of energy-efficient lighting, their potential health and environmental hazards are prompting a necessary reevaluation. As safer, more advanced technologies like LEDs become the norm, experts urge consumers to handle CFLs with care and dispose of them responsibly.

If your home contains CFL bulbs, the Pelham Fire Department recommends replacing them with LED bulbs.

#### **SMOKE DETECTORS**

A wave of non-UL listed smoke detectors sold through online marketplaces, including Amazon, is causing serious concerns for both home safety and real estate transactions. Home inspectors and fire departments across the country are flagging uncertified smoke alarms during inspections, leading to delays in the issuance of a **26F Certificates of Compliance**, a requirement for property closings in Massachusetts.

These smoke detectors, often sold by third-party vendors under unfamiliar brand names, lack **UL** (**Underwriters Laboratories**) or **ETL** certification — essential marks that signify compliance with established safety standards. Without this certification, smoke alarms may not function properly during a fire, endangering lives and violating local safety codes.

#### PELHAM POLICE NOW CERTIFIYING CAR SEATS

Sergeant Sean Connor of the Pelham Police Department is now Certified in Child Passenger Safety. If you are interested in booking an appointment to have your car seats looked at to ensure correct installation, to make sure you have the right seat for the child, and/or to make sure the child is safely secured during your travels, please reach out to Sergeant Connor (413) 253-0484 Extension 4.



If you are interested to find out when the next community event is in surrounding towns, please contact the Police Department or check their page on the town website, pelhamma.gov/p/41/Pelham-Police-Department.

#### HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPCOMING DATES FOR 2025

Saturday, October 25, 10:00 am Meet at Pelham Library Ramsdell Pelham Library Ramsdell Room Room

Presentation at 10 am Followed by Field Visit at @

## The Geologic History of Pelham: the Rise and Fall of a Great **Mountain Belt\***

UMass Geology Professor Michael Williams will explain how the rocks of Pelham originated

thousands of miles away, forming the roots of a Himalayan -scale Mountain belt. In this presentation followed by a field trip, we'll see how the geology of lection. Bring in an antique Pelham is changing our understanding of the Himalayas and Andes today. We will carpool to visit examples of Pelham's geology and see some evidence of our town's dynamic history. For more information contact Bruce Klotz at 413-695-1797.



Annual Meeting at 6:30 pm, Presentation at 7 pm **Antique Glass Bottles \*** 

Until the late 19th century, glass bottles were hand-blown, so each one was unique. Amherst resident Jim Thomas, a past president of the Berkshire Antique Bottle Association, will explain how the bottle's shape, color. and presence of embossing are all clues to its age and provenance. He will share stories and samples from his extensive colbottle or two of your own for Mr. Thomas to evaluate! For more information contact George Naughton at 413-253-5290.

Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 pm Community Hall

Continuing a 100-Plus Year Tradition: Holiday Potluck Supper Early in the last century Eugene Bartlett, CEO of the Pelham Fishrod Factory, funded an annual December celebration at Pelham's Community Hall. Join us in -PHS President, Cynthia Weigel continuing this tradition with a

Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 pm social hour and sit-down potluck dinner. ALL ARE WELCOME! For more information contact David Boyden at 860-653-4140.

> \*Program co-sponsored with the Pelham Library

#### **BECOME INVOLVED!**

If you would like to help with program planning, research a historical object, share your knowledge of Pelham history or otherwise volunteer, contact Cynthia Weigel, 413-256-4606.

#### Officers:

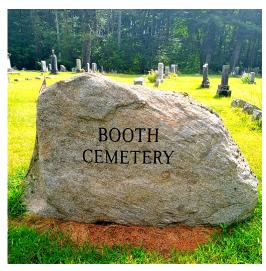
President: Cynthia Weigel Vice President: David Boyden Secretary: Susan Ashman Treasurer: Bruce Klotz

#### **Trustees:**

Linda Hanscom George Naughton Sharrie Revdak Virginia Servos Sharyn Wentworth

## **CEMETERY MARKER**





Pictured: Engraved Cemetery Marker

Pictured L-R: Edward Chapin, Superintendent Rick Adamcek, Charlie Ryznic, Shawne Couture, & Ethan Dickinson

Highway Department members pictured above with the new stone, graciously donated by Charles Weeber, that will mark the newly-renamed Booth Cemetery on North Valley Road. Thank you to the Weeber family for their generous donation.

The stone, chosen by the Cemetery Commission after looking at numerous stones around town, was carefully moved on July 3, 2025 from Dr. Weeber's property to the cemetery.

Thank you to the Highway Department for providing the equipment to move the stone with care.

## HAPPY FALL FROM THE PELHAM LIBRARY

It was a busy summer! Congratulations to the over 75 children and families who participated in this year's Summer Reading Program, "Level Up at Your Library" and were treated to a magic show with Ed the Wizard, a makerspace workshop with Playful Engineers, cooperative games with Trevor the Games Man, juggling, an open mic night, and of course our big party! Also, huge congratulations also to the cast and crew of "Matilda Jr." and its director and assistant directors, Cindy Naughton, Solomon Goldstein-Rose and Amanda Strout. Pelham Players is still going strong after more than 20 years! We've also been hosting more programs in our Sustainability Series, including Annual Bike Repair and Maintenance and enjoying summer Qigong classes outdoors. Our garden is looking beautiful! Be sure to take a look the next time you're here.

We are thrilled to welcome our new History Room Coordinator, Allegra Giovine, to the staff. She'll be available for historical and genealogical inquiries and will be acting as a nexus between the Library's collections and those of the Pelham Historical Society, the Pelham Historical Commission and the Town Clerk. She's already hard at work organizing our Archives Room, which is no easy task.

#### PLANNING BOARD NEWS & UPDATES

On the Planning Board, we're busy caused partial collapse of North with a broad-ranging slate of priorities. We welcome your participation flooding. Eversource states that widening the corridor to 252-50 our emergent priorities: will better protect the powergrid

#### Solar installation:

PureSky is proposing a solar project on 63 acres in Cadwell Forest, on a Cowls-owned plot surrounded by permanently protected public land. About 30 acres would be clear-cut for panels and a battery storage unit would be part of the project. PureSky would need several waivers to proceed, likely including for project size, siting on Critical Natural Landscape, slope, lack of frontage, and others. The Planning Board will decide whether to grant these waivers.

PureSky has advised the Planning
Board to expect this application in
late November or December. We
are currently working to understand
how new state regulations will apply, but that application is what formally starts the clock on the process, with public hearings among the steps that follow. We hope that you'll come hear about the project, ask questions, and provide your perspective. An initial project plan is posted in the library.

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#### **Eversource ROW:**

Eversource proposes to widen their powerline corridor. The project would involve clearcutting 278 acres in their right-of-way through Pelham and many other Western MA towns. One example of the kind of sensitive area they're impacting is where Buffam Brook converges with Amethyst Brook. The cut zone goes up to the water's edge, as well as up the now-vegetation-stabilized cliff-faces where a 1950s rockslide

caused partial collapse of North Valley Road and downstream widening the corridor to 252-500' will better protect the powergrid. We agree that protecting the powergrid is important, but Eversource is proposing to take down straight-line swaths of trees that, by their own figures, could never reach the wires. In comparison to the numerous outages that regularly occur along roads with their proxi mate trees, at most two, and possibly zero, outages have been caused by trees in their corridor per records that go back to 2011. Presumably, this is because the corridor's cur rent 125-335' width is already protective. So we're working our way through Eversource's lengthy document, but so far outweigh the significant cons of losing 278 acres of trees and wetlands. We believe that Ever source should distinguish be tween trees that do and do not put the grid at risk, and work to preserve the latter.

The project will not come before the Planning Board, but we were notified due to our involvement in a prior round of this project, and we are helping to coordinate a response from the impacted towns for MEPA' (Mass Environmental Policy Act review. We will testify at any hearings, and submit comments before the Public Comment deadline of November 21 (or later, if an extension is granted). Before proceeding, Eversource will need to file a Notice of Intent with

Pelham's Conservation Commission and other towns' Commissions, and we'll aim to support these office channels of response, as well.

Additional priorities ongoing & on the horizon:

Massachusetts Downtown Initiative: A report from this recently completed grant project is available in the library on the planning board page on the town website, pelhamma.gov/p/81/Planning-Board.

Its recommendations about Pelham's potential will help guide us in areas as varied as: sidewalks, plantings, amenities, signage, infrastructure, drainage, parking, communications, activities, and more.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness: This grant-funded program (MVP 2.0) is getting underway with an inclusive process for improving Pelham's resilience in the face of climate change. Once priorities are identified and one that meets criteria is selected, the grant covers another \$50k towards implementing it.

#### **Housing-related regulations:**

Now that Town Meeting has passed our ADU-related bylaw, consistent with a new state regulation, we are awaiting the Attorney General's standard review of it. We can turn next to local ADUs, which can go beyond state requirements. We anticipate collaboration with the Housing Committee, and

## All About Heat Pumps & Upcoming Event on 10/25/25

#### Is your heating system getting older? Please consider a **Heat Pump!**

- ⇒ Did you know that the average lifespan of a propane furnace is 15-20 years?
- ⇒ If your system is starting to make strange noises, heating seems erratic, or you see your heating and repair costs rising, it's the right time to plan an upgrade.
- ⇒ If you've always wanted air conditioning or your A/C is costly or getting old, these are more reasons to consider a heat pump!
- ⇒ Heat pumps provide dual heating <u>AND</u> cooling. Federal clean energy tax incentives for heat pumps of up to \$2,000 are still available until year end. Massachusetts continues to offer residential rebates up to \$10,000 on air-source heat pumps and up to \$15,000 on ground source heat pumps.

Electrify Pelham's (EP) three heat pump coaches can help you learn more about heat pumps! EP is a program of the Pelham Energy Committee that offers Pelham residents free personalized coaching (based on training from the <a href="https://example.com">HeatSmart Alliance</a>) to transition their home heating and cooling system to electric heat pumps. Contact <a href="electrifypelham@gmail.com">electrifypelham@gmail.com</a> if you are considering a heat pump. We can help you understand heat pump alternatives, requirements and opportunities take advantage of federal and state financial incentives; and work through your priorities and decisions, answer your heat pump questions, and help identify qualified installers.

#### Come to our Heat Pump Petting Zoo! Saturday, October 25th from 9:30-11am

Electrify Pelham will hold two next-door open houses here in Pelham to showcase an air source heat pump and ground source heat pump in operation and answer your questions. If interested, please contact, <a href="mailto:electrifypelham@gmail.com">electrifypelham@gmail.com</a> and we'll send you location information. Limited space available, so please be among the first to respond!

#### Library continued from page 5...

The Library is a busy place full of new books, movies, Library of Things offerings (just added: metal detectors, binoculars and a stud finder), electronic offerings and fabulous programming! Yoga and Qigong are back, we're doing more collaborations with other groups in town, and our weekly early childhood programming continues to be so much fun! Be sure to sign up for our email events list and for Wowbrary to be the first to know about all the great stuff. As always, if there is something you'd like to see us doing please let us know. We're here to help and we can't wait to see you!

Jodi Levine, Director

#### Planning continued from page 6...

consideration of their other proposals for affordability. Short-term rentals will be a related focus.

Additional efforts include bylaw corrections, improving the readability of regulations, applying DarkSky principles, monitoring the Centennial Water Treatment Plant progress, collaborating on the effort to have the MWRA better compensate Quabbin watershed towns, considering proposed regu-

lations, and more.

In these efforts, the board has been increasingly relying on and benefitting from the assistance of our staff person, Kyle Finnell. With Kyle's help, we'll work towards becoming more and more responsive and effective.

If you'd like to be involved in these projects, or want to pop in on our meetings, we'd love to connect. To

find out when we're discussing something that interests you, you can use the Subscribe link on the Planning Board page at <a href="maytown-government.org">mytown-government.org</a> to get emails of our meeting agendas. We reserve time in our meetings for public comment and discussion, and you're more than welcome to attend!

-Judith Eiseman, Chair

#### Fire Safety continued from page 3...

In Massachusetts, properties cannot receive a Certificate of Compliance or pass final inspection without functioning, code-compliant smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Homeowners unknowingly installing non-UL-listed models are being forced to replace them—sometimes at the last minute—to meet regulatory requirements.

Consumer advocates are now urging Amazon and other platforms to remove all uncertified smoke detectors and improve oversight of third-party sellers offering safety-critical products. While Amazon does offer certified options, noncompliant models often appear prominently due to lower prices and misleading descriptions.

#### What Residents Should Know:

- Look for the UL or ETL mark on the device or packaging.
- Avoid detectors from unbranded or unfamiliar companies with few reviews.
- Replace uncertified devices immediately, especially before listing or selling a home.
- Consult your local fire department or home inspector to ensure compliance with local regulations.

If you have any questions regarding fire safety, contact:

Chief Dennis Nazzaro 413-253-3311 or firechief@pelhamma.gov





#### Sustainability continued from page 1...

Over the last few productive years, we produced and published the *What To Do With Your Stuff* and *Moving Towards Zero Waste*: A Guide to Products and Resources manuals, both found on the library and town websites. We held a workshop on **Moving Towards Zero Waste** which was very helpful and informative. And we held the first annual **Pelham Picks Up! Project** with the Pelham Elementary School. Our efforts helped to clear 6 huge trash bags of waste and recyclable materials over the course of a week. A second one is planned for next spring. As we look to the future, the plan is to continue informing the community on ways to reduce waste by keeping these manuals updated and finding ways to continue to educate and bring our community together as we all strive to contribute to the health of our environment.

We're seeking enthusiastic and like minded persons to join us in this meaningful and satisfying work. If you are interested, contact the Select Board Office. There are currently 2 vacancies.

Abbie Jenks (Former Chair), Linda Spink, Linda Smircich, Rosemary Agoglia, Diane Gray

#### **NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN 2026**

The Town of Pelham and its Housing Committee are happy to welcome 34 new families to our community! Construction of Amethyst Brook Apartments (ABA) was completed at the end of May and the first families began moving into 20 Amherst Road in early June. ABA is the first affordable rental property in town. The 6-unit building at 20 Amherst Road is Energy Star certified and the 28-unit building at 22 Amherst Road is certified by the Passive House Institute. The two buildings consist of 24 one-bedroom apartments, 7 two-bedroom apartments, and 3 three-bedroom apartments.

We would like to thank Home City Development Inc., the non-profit developer of ABA, and the generous support of town residents, Boards and Committees for helping Pelham become more affordable for our 54 new neighbors.

Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity, Inc. is prepared to build two new affordable 3-bedroom houses on Cadwell Street in 2026 similar to the affordable single family homes Habitat built at 8 and 10 Amherst Road. These houses will be highly energy efficient and take advantage of solar energy to meet much of the owner's electric energy needs. Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity has been a wonderful partner with the town and we look forward to continuing to assist them in providing more home-ownership opportunities in Pelham.

The Housing Committee is continuing to work with the Planning Board to review possible changes to our current zoning regulations. During the past few years, the Planning Board revised zoning restrictions in the Village Center neighborhood to allow small businesses, greater diversity of housing, and smaller lot sizes. The Housing Committee wants to explore the possibility of similar zones in other parts of Pelham. The goal is to have fewer restrictions on lot size and dimensional requirements; limit local restrictions on accessory dwelling units (ADU's); and allow two family, multifamily, and cluster housing, while still providing reasonable environmental and aquifer protection. We thank the Planning Board for their cooperation, and their willingness to explore these and other options.

Tilman Lukas, Chair

## **NEW VILLAGE CENTER REPORT AVAILABLE NOW!**

The Pelham Planning Board celebrates the completion of the Pelham Village Center planning project with the release of "Pelham Village Center - Vision and Potential: A Community Plan". The Planning Board consulted with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to conduct an assessment of Village Center to create a plan to guide development and activation of the Town-owned properties in the center of town.

<u>Funded through a grant from the Massachusetts Downtown Initiative Program</u>, the plan summarizes the potential uses of the properties and recommends actions to achieve the vision crafted through resident engagement.

To learn more and to support implementation of the plan's recommendations, contact Judith Eiseman, Planning Board Chair, at <a href="mailto:planning@pelhamma.gov">pelhamma.gov</a> or attend a regular Planning Board meeting on the Second Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm at the Library Ramsdell Room.

Find the report here: <a href="https://pelhamma.gov/p/81/Planning-Board">https://pelhamma.gov/p/81/Planning-Board</a>

Judith Eiseman, Chair

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## SNAPSHOT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Every year, as approved by Pelham voters in 2011, the 3% Community Preservation Local Surcharge is included and itemized in your tax bill. Last November, Pelham received a State Match of \$96,574. The State Match, which is usually equal to the local surcharge, combined with the collected local surcharge creates the Pelham Community Preservation Act (CPA) revenue. These revenues are reserved for the three CPA categories and then the reserves are appropriated, i.e., *encumbered,* by Town Meeting to fund various projects that help to preserve our community.

#### **CPA Funds Reserved for Future Projects**

Open Space/Recreation - \$36,242.13 Historic Resources - \$130,643.00 Community Housing - \$52,000.40 Undesignated & Reserve - \$463,902.04 Open Space/Recreation

Community Garden - \$4,541.52

Design of Playground Upgrade - \$9,500.00 Construction of Playground Upgrade - \$93,150.87 **Historic Resources** 

Documentation of Historic Buildings - \$2,737.50 Old Town Hall Lightning Protection - \$8,590.00 Community Housing: No open projects

#### **Local CPA Surcharge Calculation for Pelham Residents**

Four Step Process: Refer to your fiscal year real estate bill from the Tax Collector

Step 1: Subtract \$100k from your assessed property value.

Step 2: Convert that value to the number of thousands, Members: Cydnie Reiman, Dana MacDonald, Judith i.e., divide that value by 1,000.

Step 3: Multiply the number of thousands by the tax rate per \$1,000 shown on the real estate bill. Step 4: Find 3% of that result. This is your local CPA surcharge for the year.

Source: https://www.communitypreservation.org/ funding

#### **POSSIBLE PROJECT IDEAS**

#### Open Space/Recreation

- Land in NW Pelham
- Creation of town common
- Town park with picnic tables and grills
- Pickleball or basketball court
- Bridge over brook at Amethyst Brook Apts
- Kestrel purchase of Lilacland
- New sign at Cadwell Forest

#### **Historic Resources**

- Repair the Pelham Hill Cemetery stone walls
- Restore oak tree in Pelham Hill Cemetery

#### **Community Housing**

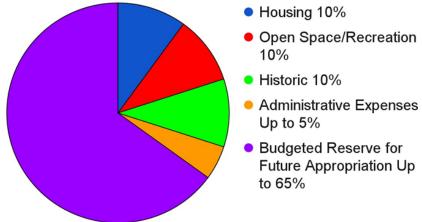
Housing or moderated apts on town owned land or in Village Center

#### **COME TO OUR MEETINGS!**

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meets on every third Thursday of the month from 6 to 7:30 pm. 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.

Eiseman, James Lumley, Barbara Cooper Administrative Assistant: Kate Sypek

## How Annual CPA Revenues are Reserved





# Town Offices 351 Amherst Rd

Call Ahead to Verify We Are In: (413) 253-7129

## Assessor's Clerk Ext. 2

Lori Turati Wednesdays 9am-12pm & by appointment

## Collector/ Treasurer Ext. 3

June Massee Monday-Thursday 8am-3:30pm

## Town Clerk Ext. 4

Melissa Hibbard Monday-Thursday 8am-2pm

## Select Board Executive Assistant

Ext. 1

Susannah Carey Monday-Thursday The Pelham Slate FALL 2025

# State Representatives

## Representative, Aaron Saunders

7th Hampden District (617) 722-2425 x7300 STATE HOUSE

#### AARON.SAUNDERS@MAHOUSE.GOV

State Senator, Jo Comerford (617) 722-1532 STATE HOUSE COMERFORD@MASENATE.GOV

## **STAY INFORMED!**

Do you want to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts?

#### **SIGN UP ONLINE:**

pelhampolicema.com

-Click on CodeRed icon.
-Enter information.



## **Board/Committee Meeting Schedules**

#### Assessors, Board of

3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM Rhodes Building, 351 Amherst Rd

#### **Cemetery Commission**

1st Thursday, 6:00 PM Community Center, 2 South Valley Rd

#### **Conservation Commission**

2nd and last Thursdays 7:00 PM Community Center, 2 South Valley Rd

## **Community Preservation Committee**

3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM Community Center, 2 South Valley Rd

#### **Council on Aging**

2nd Wednesday, 2:00 PM Community Center, 2 South Valley Rd

#### **Energy Committee**

As needed, 7:30 PM Community Center, 2 South Valley Rd

#### Health, Board of

2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM Community Center, 2 South Valley Rd

#### **Historical Commission**

3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM Community Center, 2 South Valley Rd

#### **Housing Committee**

2nd Monday, 4:30 PM Community Center, 2 South Valley Rd

#### **Library Trustees**

2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM Community Center, 2 South Valley Rd

#### **Planning Board**

2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM Community Center, 2 South Valley Rd

#### **School Committee**

1st Tuesday & as needed 6:00 PM Community Center, 2 South Valley Rd

#### **Select Board**

1st & 3rd Mondays & as needed, 7:00PM Rhodes Building, 351 Amherst Rd



## Public Bodies that meet AS NEEDED:

- Anti-Racism Advisory Committee
- Cable Advisory Comm.
- Capital Planning Comm.
- Community Garden Committee
- Community Hall Comm.
- Cultural Council
- Finance Committee
- IT Advisory Group
- Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

# Please note that these are only anticipated meeting times & locations:

By law, definitive meeting information is posted 48 hours in advance on

https://

mytowngovement.org/

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

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