

Results
Special Town Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 6:00pm
Historic Old Town Hall

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair Robert Agoglia, at 6:02 p.m. at the Historic Old Town Hall, 376 Amherst Road.

Daniel Robb was absent, there for a temporary Moderator had to be elected by taking the following steps.

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Announce the quorum is present.
3. Since the Moderator is absent, the first order of business is to elect by ballot a Temporary Moderator pursuant to G.L. c. 39 section 14. The Temporary Moderator will preside over this Town Meeting.
4. It is my understanding that Bob Agoglia has graciously offered to perform the duties of the Moderator tonight. Additionally, you should be aware that in elections, the person receiving the majority of votes of those present and voting is declared the winner. Accordingly, if there is only one person nominated tonight, only one vote will be required to “elect” the Temporary Moderator.
5. Do I have a nomination for Bob Agoglia to act as Temporary Moderator for purposes of this meeting?
6. Are there any additional nominations?
7. Hearing none, nominations are closed. Further, hearing no objections, I declare that Bob Agoglia is the sole nominee for the position of Temporary Moderator for this meeting.
8. Do I hear motion that the clerk of the Select Board cast one ballot for Bob Agoglia? Is there a Second?
9. I will ask for a vote on the motion that the clerk of Select Board cast one ballot. We will use a show of hands. If the vote is ‘close’ , meaning it is apparent to me that there are significant number of “no” votes, then we will have a counted vote. If the is “yes” to have the clerk of the Select Board cast a single ballot, then the clerk will cast the ballot for Bob Agoglia. The Select Board then reviews the ballot cast by the clerk and reports the same to the Town Clerk.
10. The Town Clerk then declares the election of the Temporary Moderator and administers the oath of office:
“Do you solemnly swear that you will faithfully and impartially perform and discharge the duties of the office of Temporary Moderator to which you have been elected?”

Article 1.

VOTED unanimously see if the Town will vote to transfer the \$1,000 appropriated under Article 5 of the 2025 Annual Town Meeting for “New Mail Box for Rhodes Building”, to instead be used to fund the purchase of an electronic board/committee platform for the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 2.

VOTED unanimously see if the Town will vote to adopt the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$16,000 from the Open Space and Recreation Fund, for the Pelham Elementary School Playground Committee’s application to pay for the increased cost of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) renovation of the Pelham School Playground, which appropriation shall be added to the existing appropriation under Article 15 of the 2025 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 3.

VOTED unanimously see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation to provide, as set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill so submitted, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment

by the General Court, and further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, or take any other action relative thereto.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PELHAM TO CONTINUE THE EMPLOYMENT OF GARY L. THOMANN AS POLICE CHIEF

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Gary L. Thomann, the police chief of Pelham police department, may continue to serve in the position until May 17, 2032, the date of his retirement, or until the date he is relieved of his duties, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of his office. The select board may require, at its own expense, that Gary L. Thomann be examined by an impartial physician designated by the select board to determine such capability. No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of Gary L. Thomann pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service subsequent to May 31, 2027, and upon retirement, Gary L. Thomann shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he retired on May 31, 2027.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Article 4.

VOTED unanimously to amend the article's motion to see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of Amherst-Pelham Regional School District for Amherst – Pelham Regional Middle School Roof Replacement Project which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) sixty-one point ninety-five percent (61.95%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA.

Recommended by the Select Board.

Original Motion:

That the Town appropriate a portion of the amount of ten million, twenty-four thousand, and sixteen (\$ 10,024,016) dollars as determined by the Regional Agreement, for the purpose of paying costs of Amherst – Pelham Regional Middle School Roof Replacement Project including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the ‘Project’), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the Town may eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District. To meet this appropriation the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by the received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that Town may receive from the MSBA for the project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) sixty-one point ninety – five percent (61.95%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA;

AMENDED MOTION:

That the town appropriate \$266,000 from the Regional Capital Reserve Account, which is Pelham's portion of the amount of ten million, twenty-four thousand, and sixteen (\$10,024,016) dollars as determined by Regional Agreement, for the purpose of paying costs of Amherst -Pelham Regional Middle School Roof Replacement Project including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Amherst -Pelham Regional School District. To meet this appropriation the Amherst -Pelham Regional School District is authorized to borrow said amount M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges the that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) sixty-one point ninety-five percent (61.95%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA;

The business of the warrant having been completed, the meeting voted to dissolve at 6:34 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

35 voters were checked in.

Attest:

Melissa A. Hibbard
Town Clerk