



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

Hampshire, ss.

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

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Pelham, qualified to vote in the Town affairs to meet in the Pelham Historic Old Town Hall, located at the intersection of Route 202 and Amherst Road in said Pelham on Saturday, the 15th day of October, in the year A.D. 2025 at 6:00 pm for the reading of the Town Warrant and to proceed with the following articles:

Article 1.

To 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.

To 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.

To 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.

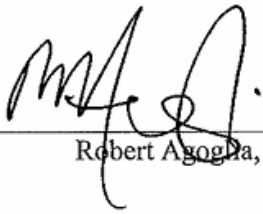
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of Amherst-Pelham Regional School District for Amherst – Pelham Regional Middle School Roof Replacement Project which proposed repair project would materially extend 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.

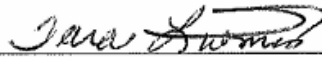
You are hereby further directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Police/Fire Station and Rhodes Building in said Pelham fourteen days, at least, before the holding of said Meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 25th day of September, 2025.

SELECT BOARD OF PELHAM



Robert Agogna, Chair



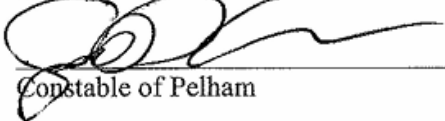
Tara Loomis, Vice Chair



Jessica Barr, Clerk

Hampshire, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Pelham by posting up attested copies of the same at the Police/Fire Station and the Rhodes Building fourteen days, at least, before the date hereof, as within directed.



Constable of Pelham

9-29-25 9:30am
Date and Time