Special Meeting of the Pelham School Committee
April 12, 2012
Pelham Community Room

In Attendance:

Debbie Gould, Chair	Lisa Desjarlais, Pelham Principal
Darius Modestow	Debbie Westmoreland, Recorder
AnneMarie Foley (arrived @ 5:59)	Lennie Ware, Pelham After-School Director
	Public

1. Welcome   5:36 p.m.
A. & B. Call to Order and Agenda Review—Ms. Gould called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.

3. Accept Gifts   5:38 p.m.
Ms. Desjarlais reported that the Department of Fish and Wildlife contacted her to donate the attached list of technology equipment that is worth approximately $20,000. She noted that Jerry Champagne, Information Systems Director, has reviewed the list and recommends accepting all of the equipment. Ms. Gould moved to accept the technology equipment being donated by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Mr. Modestow seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

2. New and Continuing Business   5:42 p.m.

A. Preschool Discussion
DOCUMENTS: Potential Preschool Enrollment—Pelham Preschool Proposal
Ms. Gould noted that since the last meeting, Ms. Desjarlais received notice that Pelham was not awarded the Rotary Club grant to support start-up costs for the preschool. Additionally, Superintendent Geryk and her assistant did some research on potential enrollments and waiting list students at other programs. At Ms. Gould's request, Ms. Westmoreland reviewed the information that was gathered over the past week.   Lennie Ware, Pelham After-School Director, noted that she would not be able to absorb students under age five in her existing program. If there were an after-school component, it would have to be housed in the preschool classroom. Ms. Ware said she would be willing to hear more about the potential for adding an after-school preschool. Brief discussion followed regarding what staffing and facilities would be necessary for a preschool program. Ms. Gould asked Ms. Desjarlais about the potential of receiving grant funding from any source next year. Ms. Desjarlais noted that the letter from the Rotary Club did not specify why they did not award the grant to Pelham this year, but it is possible to apply again next year. Ms. Desjarlais reported that she visited the Shutesbury Preschool program and they do receive grant funding. She said that there is potential grant funding that can be explored over the course of the year; noting that it would be difficult to operate a program such as this without supplemental grant funding. Ms. Gould noted that she believes it will be too financially risky to open in September, particularly since Pelham did not receive the grant for start-up funds. Annemarie Foley arrived at 5:59 p.m. There was general agreement among the School Committee members that it would not be prudent to move forward with a September 2012 opening. Discussion followed about whether to commit to moving forward with planning for opening a preschool in the Fall of 2013, acknowledging that it will be necessary to subsidize the program for at least the first year whenever it opens. Ms. Ware asked if consideration had been given to a model in which an organization like hers would operate the preschool program since her operating costs are significantly lower than the district's. Discussion followed about the pros and cons of such a model as well as other possibilities for raising start-up funds. There was no vote but full consensus that there will not be a preschool program in Pelham for the 2012-2013 school year.

4. Adjournment   6:23 p.m.
Mr. Modestow moved to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Ms. Foley seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Westmoreland

Excess Computers to School:

	Inv#	Asset#			Model	Serial#	Acq Cost	
1.	F590592	580533	LAPTOP / NOTEBOOK COMPUTER	COMPUTER LAPTOP	LATITUDE C840	4PZXW21	2,049.00	Computer peripherals include:
2.	F591208	581006	LAPTOP / NOTEBOOK COMPUTER	COMPUTER LAPTOP	M460	35945381	1,250.99	Six (6) Gateway AC power adapters
3.	F591303	581007	LAPTOP / NOTEBOOK COMPUTER	COMPUTER LAPTOP	M460	35945386	1,250.99	Power cords
4.	F591305	581008	LAPTOP / NOTEBOOK COMPUTER	COMPUTER LAPTOP	M460	35945388	1,250.99	One (1) set of Dell speakers
5.	F591308	581009	LAPTOP / NOTEBOOK COMPUTER	COMPUTER LAPTOP	M460	35945391	1,250.99	One (1) MS Wireless Optical Desktop Elite keyboard w/ Mouse
6.	F591784	581408	LAPTOP / NOTEBOOK COMPUTER	COMPUTER LAPTOP, 2.4 GHZ, 2048 MB RAM, 100MB HD	475M	40427011	1,690.78	Two (2) laptop cases
7.	F591785	581409	LAPTOP / NOTEBOOK COMPUTER	COMPUTER LAPTOP, 2.4 GHZ, 2048 MB RAM, 100MB HD	M475	40427012	1,690.78	
8.	F591792	581418	LAPTOP / NOTEBOOK COMPUTER	COMPUTER LAPTOP TABLET, 2.29 GHZ, 2GB RAM, 100	E295C	40427013	1,654.56	
9.	F591978	581566	LAPTOP / NOTEBOOK COMPUTER	COMPUTER LAPTOP	M475	4524506	1,488.96	
10.	F591981	581567	LAPTOP / NOTEBOOK COMPUTER	LAPTOP / NOTEBOOK COMPUTER	M475	4524509	1,488.96	
11.	F593115	582672	STANDARD DESKTOP COMPUTER	CPU	OPTIPLEX 745	CXSZYC1	737.00	
12.	F593123	582680	STANDARD DESKTOP COMPUTER	CPU	OPTIPLEX 745	FOTZYC1	737.00	
13.	F593125	582682	STANDARD DESKTOP COMPUTER	CPU	OPTIPLEX 755	B30LLH1	979.00	
14.	F593144	582698	STANDARD DESKTOP COMPUTER	CPU	OPTIPLEX 745	HWSZYC1	737.00	
15.	F645302	597657	LAPTOP / NOTEBOOK COMPUTER	LAPTOP, DELL LATTITUDE D 630	D 630	6M6JVG1	1,682.17	
16.	VS-0232		STANDARD DESKTOP COMPUTER	CPU	OPTIPLEX 745	4DWCRD1	988.31	

Any questions - contact Tina McPherson 253-8346.

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