PELHAM, N. H.

Harmony Prevails at Annual Election and Town Meeting—Citizens’ Cane Awarded.

Pelham, N. H., March 11.

More than 150 voters attended the annual town meeting today, acting harmoniously upon the 21 articles embraced in the warrant. Henry M. Currier served as moderator.

Under article 1, town officers were elected as follows: Town clerk, George P. Wood; town treasurer, Carl M. Mansfield; selectman for three years, John W. Smith; chief of police, Arthur H. Peabody; fence viewers, Arthur H. Peabody, Sherman Hobbs, Forest E. Kelley; surveyors of wood and lumber, Forest E. Kelley, W. W. Hobbs, Edwin J. Atwood; auditors, Mrs. Catherine Donovan, Clifton H. Merrim, Charles H. Jack. Forest E. Kelley and Ernest G. Sherman were elected as trustees of cemeteries for three years; Mrs. Bertha A. Greeley, trustee of library for three years; George P. Wood, trustee of trust funds for three years, under other articles.

As a mark of respect, on motion of Mr. Woodbury, all town business was suspended for a short period at 2 o’clock in commemoration of the late former president and former chief justice, William Howard Taft.

The town voted to elect two highway agents after several ineffectual ballots relative to the number to be chosen, and Richard H. Currier was elected for the east side of Beaver brook, and Elmer E. Seaman for the west side.

The following amounts were then voted: For general highway purposes and bridges, $3841.32, which amount secures about $200 additional from the state by apportionment; $1290.61 or an approximate amount necessary to secure state aid for the construction of a permanent highway; thus securing state aid for a like amount, $1290.61; $2000 for state aid maintenance, also securing an equal amount ($2000) from the state.

The total amount to be raised by taxation for highways this year is approximately $7322.45. The total amount to be available for highways this year from all sources is approximately $16,715.52. This includes a joint highway fund/contingency fund from last year and now in state and town treasuries, of $6198.48.

Other amounts raised were $2000 for town charges; $200 for control of white pine blister rust; $25 for Memorial day, additional; $400 for library; $60 for cemeteries, additional; $200 to purchase of cemetery lots; $1250 to purchase a power pump and hose equipment for additional fire fighting apparatus, on condition that the Fire department shall purchase a chassis of specification for the purpose of mounting the new equipment.

The selectmen were authorized to distribute inventory blanks.