

WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL PEACHAM TOWN MEETING MARCH 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Peacham Meeting House in the Town of Peacham on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 immediately following the Annual Peacham School District Meeting to transact the following business:

1. To elect a Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting and to continue to serve as Moderator for a term of one year or until his or her successor is elected.
2. To receive the report of the Town Auditors.
3. Shall the voters approve total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$2,731,059.13 of which \$1,145,965.61 shall be raised by taxes and \$1,585,093.52 by nontax revenue?
4. Shall the voters authorize the borrowing for renovating the Town Hall building in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed five years?
5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$9,929, to be raised in taxes, to support the following organizations? These requests are the same amounts as requested in 2023.

ORGANIZATION	Request	Services to Peacham (see agency reports for further information)
Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	\$2,000	Home health care; hospice; long-term care; maternal/child care; homemaking; nursing visits; home health aides; therapy visits.
Catamount Arts	\$500	Arts education, live performances, films, festivals, gallery exhibits, First Night.
Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium	\$650	Provides free unlimited general admission for all Peacham residents; offers science education, exhibits, and weather/information services.
Kingdom Animal Shelter	\$500	To facilitate placement of stray and unwanted animals and pets (cats); to establish and maintain an animal shelter; and to prevent overpopulation and cruelty to animals.
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$660	Services to seniors: senior meals programs; wellness and fitness programs; health insurance counseling; family caregiver support; elder justice advocacy; benefits advocacy; problem-solving for Social Security and insurance; budgeting assistance.
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	\$769	Mental health services (request based on \$1.05 per resident from 2010 census).
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	\$300	Provides learning and childcare services throughout the Northeast Kingdom.
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	\$500	Services to teens; parent education program; Living Room day shelter for teens; court diversion program; school outreach/mentoring programs; transitional living assistance.
Rural Community Transportation, Inc.	\$500	Regional public transportation services with scheduled services to Peacham.
SASH	\$2,000	SASH provides free support and services at home for elderly and disabled people who are Medicare eligible, including wellness visits, medication reviews, blood pressure screening, and healthy living planning.

Umbrella	\$500	Counseling, support, and safety for women, children, and families in crisis; safe house network; childcare assistance
VT Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$500	Training, services, support for visually impaired Vermonters.
Vermont Green-Up	\$50	Green Up Day activities and supplies in Peacham provided by VT Green-Up.
West Danville Community Club	\$500	For maintenance of free public beach at Joe's Pond.
<u>Repeat Requests for 2023:</u>	<u>\$9,929</u>	

6. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000, to be raised in taxes, to support Peacham Community Housing?

{Peacham Community Housing provides affordable housing for Peacham residents; historic preservation; support for community development projects including Café, Guild, and Acoustic Music Fest.}

7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000, to be raised in taxes, to support the Peacham Historical Association? This is an increase of \$500 from 2023's appropriation of \$1,500.

{The Peacham Historical Association provides community programs, exhibits, preservation of historic archives and collections, Peacham research, and publications.}

8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$33,800, to be raised in taxes, to support the Peacham Library? This is an increase of \$1,800 from 2023's appropriation of \$32,000.

{The Peacham Library provides; library services, including books, periodicals, films, audio books, internet access, community programs and gatherings, technology training, used book sale, and municipal meeting space.}

9. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$23,000, to be raised in taxes, to support Peacham Fire District #1? This is an increase of \$20,000 from 2023's appropriation of \$3,000.

{Peacham Fire District #1 maintains the water supply for Peacham Village, including public facilities.}

10. Shall the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before November 1, 2024, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date?

11. Shall the voters of the Town of Peacham, pursuant to 17 VSA 2650(b), approve increasing membership on the selectboard from three members to five members, with the additional two members to serve two year terms?

12. To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.

13. If Article 11 passes, to elect a Selectboard member for a term of two years.

14. If Article 11 passes, to elect a Selectboard member for a term of one year. This term will increase to two years beginning at the 2025 Town Meeting, in order to properly stagger the terms.

15. To elect a Lister for a term of three years.

16. To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.

17. To elect an Auditor for a term of one year to complete a vacated three-year term.

18. To elect a First Constable for a term of one year.

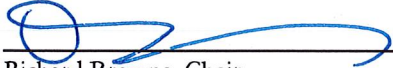
19. To elect a Second Constable for a term of one year.


20. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year.


21. To elect a Trustee of the Peacham Library (to represent the Town) for a term of three years.
22. To elect a name for the 2024 Town of Peacham plow truck for a term of three years.
23. To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated in Peacham, Vermont: January 17, 2024

Peacham Selectboard:


Richard Browne, Chair


Alfred Dedam


Peter Craig

ATTEST: 
Rebecca Washington, Town Clerk & Treasurer