

## WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL PEACHAM TOWN MEETING MARCH 4, 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Peacham Meetinghouse in the Town of Peacham on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 10:00am 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 \$4,093,999.05, of which \$1,474,187.85 shall be raised by taxes and \$2,619,811.20 by nontax revenue?
4. Shall the voters establish a reserve fund to be called the Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund to be used for the purpose of purchasing fire equipment in accordance with 24 V.S.A § 2804?
5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$50,000, to be raised in taxes, to fund the Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund?
6. 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 2024.

ORGANIZATION	Request	Services to Peacham (see agency reports for further information)
<b>Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice</b>	\$2,000	Home health care; hospice; long-term care; maternal/child care; homemaking; nursing visits; home health aides; therapy visits.
<b>Catamount Arts</b>	\$500	Arts education, live performances, films, festivals, gallery exhibits, First Night.
<b>Fairbanks Museum &amp; Planetarium</b>	\$650	Provides free unlimited general admission for all Peacham residents; offers science education, exhibits, and weather/information services.
<b>Kingdom Animal Shelter</b>	\$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.
<b>Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging</b>	\$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.
<b>Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.</b>	\$769	Mental health services (request based on \$1.05 per resident from 2010 census).
<b>Northeast Kingdom Learning Services</b>	\$300	Provides learning and childcare services throughout the Northeast Kingdom.
<b>Northeast Kingdom Youth Services</b>	\$500	Services to teens; parent education program; Living Room day shelter for teens; court diversion program; school outreach/mentoring programs; transitional living assistance.

<b>Rural Community Transportation, Inc.</b>	\$500	Regional public transportation services with scheduled services to Peacham.
<b>SASH (Support and Services at Home)</b>	\$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.
<b>Umbrella</b>	\$500	Counseling, support, and safety for women, children, and families in crisis; safe house network; childcare assistance.
<b>VT Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired</b>	\$500	Training, services, support for visually impaired Vermonters.
<b>Vermont Green Up</b>	\$50	Green Up Day activities and supplies in Peacham provided by Vermont Green Up.
<b>West Danville Community Club</b>	\$500	For maintenance of free public beach at Joe's Pond.
<b>Repeat Requests for 2025:</b>	<b>\$9,929</b>	

7. 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 and Guild.}

8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000, to be raised in taxes, to support the Peacham Historical Association?

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

9. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$35,600, to be raised in taxes, to support the Peacham Library? This is an increase of \$1,800 from 2024's appropriation of \$33,800.

{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.}

10. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000, to be raised in taxes, to support Peacham Fire District #1? This is a decrease of \$18,000 from 2024's appropriation of \$23,000.

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

11. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750, to be raised in taxes, to support Window Dressers?

{Window Dressers provides low-cost window inserts to help improve the comfort and warmth of homes in Vermont.}

12. Shall the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before November 1, 2025, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date?

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

14. To elect a Selectboard member for a term of two years.

15. To elect a Selectboard member for a term of one year to complete a vacated two-year term.

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

17. To elect a Lister for a term of two years to complete a vacated three-year term.

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

19. To elect a First Constable for a term of one year.
20. To elect a Second Constable for a term of one year.
21. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year.
22. To elect a name for the 2024 Town of Peacham pickup truck.
23. Shall the Town adopt the following Declaration of Inclusion?

The Town of Peacham condemns racism and welcomes all persons regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age or disability, or socioeconomic status, and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community.

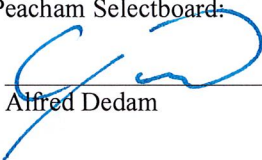
As a town, we formally condemn discrimination in all its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community, and will strive to ensure all our actions, policies and operating procedures reflect this commitment.

The Town of Peacham is and will continue to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their opinions.

24. To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

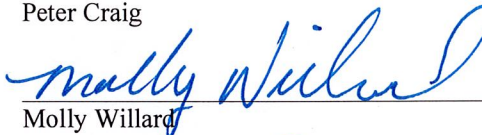
Dated in Peacham, Vermont: January 15, 2025


Peacham Selectboard:

  
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Alfred Dedam

ATTEST:   
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Rebecca Washington, Town Clerk & Treasurer

Peter Craig

  
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Molly Willard

  
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William Kempton

  
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Christian Snow