

TOWN OF PEACHAM
Wednesday, August 20, 2025
Selectboard Meeting
Hybrid meeting in the Peacham Library Community Room and via Zoom

Attendance

In-person: Alfred Dedam, Selectboard Chair, Peter Craig, Selectboard, William Kempton, Selectboard, Andrea Otto, Selectboard, Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman, Rebecca Washington, Town Clerk, Anna Carvalho, Selectboard Clerk, Ron Craig, Richard Dale Roy, Bob Hansen

Via Zoom:

Minutes

1. Call to order by Alfred at 06:30pm, on Wednesday, August 20th, 2025
2. Additions to the agenda – none
3. Highway Department Update with Jeremy Withers
 - a. Met with NEK Broadband, who is requesting to put underground fiber cable on Maple Tree Lane from Worcester Rd to Snow Farm Rd. Jeremy explained that all underground cables are in their way, so that it needed to be 4 feet deep, and anything shallower would need to be encased in concrete. Discussion about concerns and geography of the area. Discussion about board being OK with it as long as it passes our specs/Jeremy's approval.
 - i. **Peter moved to approve the request as long as the cable is at least 5 feet deep, or anywhere where it's shallower is encased in concrete, and that Jeremy inspects it before back fill, seconded by William all in favor, so moved.**
 - b. Roadside mowing – Called about a roadside mower rental because the second pass didn't get done. The price for 4 11-hour days would be \$4900, plus \$525 for deliver and pick up, so \$5425 in total. The rental would be the week of Sept 15th. Two crew members have experience running it. Peter asked about approaching Town of Danville about buying into their equipment for next year, explaining how it is already set up with another neighboring town. Discussion about future rental options. Board agreed to explore collaboration with Danville, contingent on scheduling conflicts. The rental would bring the budget line item \$1500-\$1800 over.
 - i. **Peter moved to go for the rental to get our roadsides pruned back and well maintained before the end of the year, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.**

- c. Peter asked about why the State didn't finish painting the lines. Jeremy doesn't know yet, but he plans to be in touch with them.
- 4. Town Clerk/Treasurer Update with Rebecca Washington
 - a. She sent signed agreement over to SeaCoast Securities for the new fire alarm system for town office. They will send a docusign to Alfred.
 - b. Tax bills went out last week. We have started receiving some payments, so we shouldn't need to borrow more. Also fielding questions about why it increased so much.
- 5. Cemetery Deed approval
 - a. **Peter moved to approve the cemetery deed as presented, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.**
- 6. Zoning Administrator appointment – Bob Hansen
 - a. Bob is looking to have Rusty Barber appointed as the Zoning Administrator for the Rural Edge application to avoid conflict of interest. He explained it's pretty straight forward, so there shouldn't be any issues. Bob would resume the role for all other applications.
 - i. **William moved appointed Rusty Barber as a temporary zoning administrator to cover the conflict of interest Bob has on the Rural Edge application, seconded by Peter, all in favor, so moved.**
 - b. Bob also updated the board on a few of other concerns he's received, and explained the status of each case. There is some contention in at least one of the cases.
- 7. Energy Committee appointment – email request from Charlie Byron, PEC chair
 - a. **William moved to appoint Bevin Barber-Campbell for the remainder of the year, seconded by Peter, all in favor, so moved.**
- 8. Public comment
 - a. Dale Roy asked for the board member in charge of the dump to stop by this Saturday.
- 9. Approve minutes
 - a. **Peter moved to approve minutes from the regular meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, and the special meeting minutes from Tuesday, August 12, 2025, seconded by Andrea, all in favor by those present, so moved.**
- 10. Review and approve bills
 - a. **Peter moved to pay bills as presented by the treasurer, seconded William, all in favor, so moved.**
- 11. Review correspondence
 - a. John Reiss sent a public document request.

- b. Email from James Stone from Casella about putting in the concrete pad. Peter has talked to 2 contractors, neither of whom know when they could do it. He spoke to a third today who said he would get back to him. Peter explained the time constraints of doing the work.
 - c. At some point, FEMA wants a timeline for Gov Mattocks for decision, so they know whether they can retract that project. Alfred emailed Mike Terrant, who is willing to help us through the classification change process. He would like to meet to discuss it. He also needs to discuss the progress on Cow Hill. Emily Finnegan had another site visit and has some good ideas.
12. Peter moves to adjourn at 7:24pm, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.

Documents provided to the Selectboard and discussed at this meeting are available by request to the Town Office.