

TOWN OF PEACHAM
Tuesday, December 30, 2025
Selectboard Special Meeting
In-person meeting at the Peacham Town Offices

Attendance: Alfred Dedam, Selectboard Chair, Christian Snow, Selectboard, Peter Craig, Selectboard, Andrea Otto, Selectboard, Rebecca Washington, Town Clerk, Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman,

Minutes

1. Call to order by Alfred at 5:21pm, on Tuesday, December 30th, 2025
2. Additions to the agenda – None
3. Budget Discussion
 - a. Unexpended funds close to finalized, but last day of year payroll still needed. Large portion of unexpended funds are due to town and worker's comp insurance payment that is normally paid in full in Dec, but bill not ready, and Rebecca was told not to pay in advance. Billing will also be switched to quarterly billing. Grants-in-aid reimbursement received this year as opposed to next year. Paving project came in under budget. Delinquent taxes collected effectively and more than anticipated. Unexpended funds can lower taxes or be used to budget for something specific. Discussion of possible paving projects.
 - b. FEMA Rake Factory Road reimbursement expected in 2026, but State funds likely to take longer.
 - c. Discussion of cemetery expenses and the endowment fund.
 - d. Discussion of maintenance contract for HVAC system. Discussion of oil company used.
 - e. Contracted services – discussion of cleaning.
 - f. Mill Trace Bridge discussion. We need to find an engineer who is willing to build it. If not, need to either return the FEMA funds or spend more to bring bridge up to code.
 - g. Discussion of truck buyouts, and dividing up the payments to avoid such large changes in budget from one year to the next.
 - h. Discussion of transfer rates versus expenses, and whether or not we should be breaking even. Discussion of options. Discussion of burning that has been underway.
 - i. Clarification of tax rate numbers as it stands.
 - j. Discussion of deferred maintenance that has been addressed, and how to continue to maintain investments and assets and keep tax rates consistent. Board agrees they would like to avoid major ups and downs in tax rates. Discussion of if and where to add funds to even out future budgets.
 - k. **Peter moved to accept the budget, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**
4. Approve Bills
 - a. Rebecca asked board to review payroll for 12/31/25.
5. Peter moves to adjourn at 6:56pm, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.

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