

TOWN OF PEACHAM
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
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, Christian Snow, Selectboard, Andrea Otto, Selectboard, Ron Craig

Via Zoom: Janie Carle

Minutes

1. Call to order by Alfred at 06:31pm, on Wednesday, February 18, 2026
2. Additions to the agenda – None
3. Highway Department Update
 - a. Board members discussed trucks getting fixed.
 - b. Need to sign the engineer letter for Mill Trace Bridge. We got the FEMA extension. Engineer needs to draft up plans for the bridge.
 - i. **Peter moved to approve the letter for the agreement for the engineering of the Mill Trace Bridge, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**
4. Town Clerk/Treasurer Update – email from Rebecca Washington
 - a. FEMA buyouts were completed successfully. Demolition company has been given the go-head, but needs a letter stating the town does not require a demolition permit. Rebecca confirmed with Bob Hansen that we' don't.
 - i. **Peter moved to sign the letter that we do not require this, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.**
5. Cemetery bench discussion
 - a. Ron has reached out to the woman requesting to put a bench in the cemetery because he wants to discuss it, then look into location in the spring. He explained that benches have become popular and are highly utilized. He wants to get Selectboard thoughts. Peter asked about availability of a non-lot area. William suggested that she might want to buy a lot. Discussion about location. Ron suggested a local company for making the bench.
6. Town Hall Renovation update – none
7. Public comment – none
8. Approve minutes
 - a. **Peter moved to approve minutes as provided by the clerk of the board from Wednesday, February 4, 2026, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**
9. Review and approve bills

- a. **Peter moved to approve bills as presented by the town treasurer, seconded Andrea, all in favor, so moved.**
- 10. Review correspondence
 - a. Fire Department sent recommendation letter, unanimously voting to recommend Jeff Berwick be appointed as Fire Chief again.
 - b. NEK Waste Management announcement about higher tire prices. Ours is in line.
- 11. Adjournment
 - a. William moved to adjourn. Andrea seconded.
 - b. Peter thanked the town for allowing him to be on the Selectboard for the last 7.5 years, and the other members thanked him for his service.
 - c. **William moved to adjourn at 6:58pm, seconded by Peter, all in favor, so moved.**

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