

TOWN OF PEACHAM  
Wednesday, March 4, 2026  
Selectboard Meeting  
Hybrid meeting in the Peacham Library Community Room and via Zoom

Attendance

In-person: Alfred Dedam, Selectboard Chair, William Kempton, Selectboard, Christian Snow, Selectboard, Andrea Otto, Selectboard, Christina Rumery, Selectboard, Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman, Rusty Barber, Anna Carvalho, Selectboard Clerk

Via Zoom: Janie Carle, Robert Bartell, Amber Lowell

Minutes

1. Call to order by Alfred at 06:30pm, on Wednesday, March 4, 2026
2. Selectboard organization
  - a. Elect a Chair
    - i. **William moved to appoint Alfred Dedam as Selectboard chair, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**
  - b. Determine date and time of meetings
    - i. **Christian moved to set meetings for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month meeting at 6:30pm, seconded by Andrea, all in favor, so moved.**
  - c. Determine meeting rules
    - i. Alfred commented that he general goal is to encourage participation, but allow rules for shutting down any disrespectful discourse. Anna explained that the board has been using the template from VLCT, and that she had provided the most recent version. Board proceeded in making the necessary selections.
    - ii. **Christian moved to adopt the rules of procedure with the aforementioned changes, seconded by Andrea all in favor, so moved.**
3. Additions to the agenda – none
4. Highway Department update – Jeremy Withers
  - a. All trucks are up and running well.
  - b. Moving snow to get ready for the snow melt.
  - c. Gov Mattocks house demolition is scheduled. There is a washout between the houses that needs to be addressed. The house lots will need to be turned into green space, so the washout will need to be filled somewhat. Will need permits to work around the stream and it should be post mud season. Alfred suggested reaching out to Emily Finnegan and Jarron Borg to weigh in about support creating flood plains, and suggested a site visit.

- d. Tim Shall, engineer for Mill Trace Bridge, is working on the plans. Jeremy hopes to see something soon. If it's simple enough, he's hoping his crew can do most of the work, and subcontract the rest.
- e. Jeremy has a meeting scheduled with Logan Perrin from VTrans to look at our budget for state aid money. He will need certificate of compliance for him.
- f. Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory needs to be signed. These are our standards that we need to meet.
  - i. **Andrea moved to sign the certificate seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**
- g. Selectboard contact list – will get filled out
- h. Email about emerald ash borer presence in Peacham. Agreement that being proactive is important, but we have time to come up with a plan.
- 5. Town Clerk/Treasurer update – Rebecca Washington email
  - a. Thanked those who cleaned up Town Meeting
  - b. She has information for Christina Rumery, the new member of the Selectboard.
  - c. Requested authority to approve one-day liquor licenses, as sometimes they are time sensitive. She would advise as they come up.
    - i. **William moved to grant Rebecca Washington signing authority to approve one-day liquor licenses, seconded by Andrea, so moved.**
  - d. Gave a brief explanation of the Tax Anticipation Note item.
    - i. **Christian moved to approve the Tax Anticipation Note for \$500,000 and authorize the Town Treasurer, Rebecca Washington, as the authorized signer, seconded by Andrea, all in favor, so moved.**
- 6. Tax Anticipation Note – see 5d
- 7. Town Hall Renovation update – Rusty Barber
  - a. Asking for approval for proposal for AV installation system for the new meeting room, for \$8,683.16, which is under budget.
    - i. **William moved to approve the quote, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**
- 8. Selectboard Appointments
  - a. Selectboard Clerk
    - i. **Christian moved to reappoint Anna Carvalho for a term of 1 year as Selectboard Clerk, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.**
  - b. Cemetery Committee
    - i. **William moved to appoint Kathy Buck for a term length of 3 years to the Cemetery Committee, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**
  - c. Cemetery Sexton
    - i. Board received a budget for sexton work for Joe Mangan of Hill House Estates, LLC. Alfred explained there is money in the budget to cover the difference.

- ii. **Alfred moved to appoint Joe Mangan of Hill House Estates, LLC as Cemetery Sexton, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.**
  - iii. Alfred noted that the term length is 1 year.
- d. Conservation Commission
  - i. **William moved to reappoint Neil Monteith and Carol Fox for a term of 3 years on the Conservation Commission, seconded by Andrea, all in favor, so moved.**
  - ii. **Alfred moved to appoint Andrea Otto for a term of 3 years to the Conservation Commission, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**
  - iii. **Alfred moved to appoint Isaiah Steinbach to remainder of the 3 year term ending in 2028 to the Conservation Commission, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.**
- e. CUD Representatives
  - i. **William moved to reappoint Jock Gill and Karen Lewis as CUD representatives for a term of 1 year as, seconded by Andrea, all in favor, so moved.**
- f. Development Review Board
  - i. **Alfred moved to reappoint Marilyn Magnus and Matt Kempton for a 3-year terms to the Development Review Board, seconded by Andrea, all in favor, so moved.**
- g. Energy Committee
  - i. **Andrea moved to reappoint Jock Gill and Thomas Bryer for 3-year terms to the Energy Committee, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved**
- h. Emergency Management Coordinator and alternate
  - i. **William moved to reappoint Robert Starbuck and Neil Monteith for 1-year terms as Emergency Management Coordinators, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved**
- i. 911 Coordinator
  - i. **Christian moved to reappoint Clarissa Kendall for 1 year as 911 Coordinator, seconded by Andrea, all in favor, so moved.**
- j. Fence Viewers
  - i. **William moved to reappoint Betsy McKay, Karen Gallas, and Kathy Corcoran as Fence Viewers for a term of 1 year, seconded by Andrea, all in favor, so moved.**
- k. Fire Chief
  - i. **Alfred moved to appoint Jeff Berwick for a 1 year term as Fire Chief, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**
- l. Fire Warden

- i. **William moved to appoint Robert Starbuck to a 5-year term as Fire Warden, seconded by Andrea, all in favor, so moved.**
  - m. Green Up Chair
    - i. **William moved to reappoint Rose Dedam as Green Up Chair for a term of 1 year, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**
  - n. Memorial Day Chair – tabled
  - o. NEKWMD Representative
    - i. **Christian moved to reappoint Amber Lowell for a term of 1 year as NEKWMD Representative, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.**
  - p. NVDA Representative – tabled
  - q. Planning Commission
    - i. **William moved to appoint to Michael Low for a 3-year term to the Planning Commission, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**
    - ii. **William moved to appoint Christian Snow to a 1-year term to the Planning Commission, seconded by Andrea, all in favor, so moved.**
  - r. Recreation Committee
    - i. **Alfred moved to reappoint Justin White, Ian Boswell, Greg Lockhart, and Gretchen Boswell to the Recreation Committee for a term of 1 year and add Erin Lane to the Recreation Committee for a term of 1 year, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.**
  - s. Service Officer
    - i. **Christian moved to reappoint Nichole Wolfgang for a term of 1 year as Service Officer, seconded by Andrea, all in favor, so moved.**
  - t. Tree Board
    - i. **William moved to reappoint Jason Bean for a term of 3 years on the Tree Board, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**
  - u. Tree Warden
    - i. **Alfred moved to reappoint Jason Bean for a term of 1 year as Tree Warden, seconded by Andrea, all in favor, so moved.**
  - v. Deputy Tree Warden – none
- 9. Public Comment – none
  - a. **William moved to approve minutes from Wednesday, February 18, 2026, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**
- 10. Review and approve bills
  - a. **Christian moved to approve bills as presented by the Town Treasurer, seconded William, all in favor, so moved.**
- 11. Review correspondence
  - a. Email from Larry Ruggles, Town Hall renovation contractor, with a bill.
  - b. Alfred was copied on some subcontractor correspondences with Rusty Barber.

- c. Noah Houghman –Invasive Species Coordinator for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation to confirm EAB in Peacham.
  - d. Emails regarding appointments to Cemetery Preservation Committee.
  - e. Bid for Cemetery Sexton from Hill House Estates, LLC.
  - f. Beatrice Ring – email FYI about statute prohibiting armed forces and troops in polling locations.
12. Proposed Executive Session for personnel
- a. **William moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel at 7:54pm, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**
  - b. **Alfred moved exit executive session at 8:07pm, seconded by Andrea, all in favor, so moved.**
  - c. **Alfred moved to help Robert Bender complete his community service by painting structures at the Transfer Station and Town Garage if necessary, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.**
13. William moves to adjourn at 8:08pm, 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.