

TOWN OF PEACHAM
Monday, December 8, 2025
Selectboard Special Meeting
In-person meeting at the Peacham Town Offices

Attendance

In-person: Alfred Dedam, Selectboard Chair, William Kempton, Selectboard, Christian Snow, Selectboard, Andrea Otto, Selectboard, Rebecca Washington, Town Clerk, Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman, Rusty Barber

Minutes

1. Call to order by Alfred at 4:03pm, on Monday, December 8th, 2025
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Executive Session for personnel
 - i. Christian moved to enter executive session at 5:34pm, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved.
 - ii. Christian moved to exit executive session at 5:56pm, seconded by William, all in favor, so moved. No action taken.
3. Budget Discussion
 - a. Renovation Budget discussion – Rusty explained the revised budget due to updates to the renovation project. Rebecca suggested closing down the line of credit and open a new one so first payment is not until 2027.
 - b. Rebecca explained the current budget before changes, indicating a 3.46 tax rate increase to keep in mind. She provided the cost of living increase rate too. She expects some unexpended funds.
 - c. Discussion about school rate increase, and Alfred noted he'd like to try to keep the overall tax rate the same as last year, being they'd need to bring the rate down, but it seems fairly unrealistic.
 - d. Participants went through the budget line by line, with Rebecca explaining what could be adjusted versus what they don't have any control over. Discussion about truck buyouts. Discussion of deferred maintenance and inflation.
 - e. Jeremy noted some adjustments that are flexible vs inflexible in his budget.
 - f. Discussion of cemetery needs and funds.
 - g. Discussion of cuts to the proposed budget.
 - h. Discussion will continue, but progress was made.
4. Christian moves to adjourn at 5:57pm, 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.