

TOWN OF PEACHAM
Wednesday, June 17, 2026
Selectboard Meeting
Hybrid meeting in the Peacham Library Community Room and via Zoom

Attendance

In-person: William Kempton, Selectboard, Christian Snow, Selectboard, Andrea Otto, Selectboard, Christina Rumery, Selectboard, Scott Beck, Robert Gerrish, Robert Starbuck, Neil Monteith

Via Zoom: Alfred Dedam, Selectboard, Doug Morton

Minutes

1. Call to order by William at 06:30pm, on Wednesday, June 17th, 2026
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Planning Commission update – Doug Morton
 - i. Group working on preparing the updated municipal plan. NVDA staff member presented about options for updating the plan. Had discussed readopting the existing plan with statutory updates, but recent bill has changed the timeline which allows them to proceed on a normal plan update timeline. They are reviewing documents. Looking at past survey. Looking to apply for a municipal planning grant in fall that would allow them to hire someone for assistance. New date to complete or readopt plan to end of 2027 – an extra 6 months.
3. Highway Department Update – email from Jeremy Withers
 - a. Finished up shoulders on new pavement on Bayley-Hazen Rd
 - b. Working on ditching and replacing culverts
 - c. Most roads are holding up very well despite the rain
 - d. One 10-wheeler needs work, but still functions. All other equipment running well.
4. Town Clerk/Treasurer Update – email from Rebecca Washington
 - a. Building is being re-carpeted, so Jenn and Rebecca are working from home. Anyone needing assistance should email townclerk@peacham.org.
 - b. Ballots for the August primary will be available starting on July 2nd. Voters can request absentee ballots at vote.vermont.gov or from the town office.
5. Local Emergency Management Plan – Robert Starbuck
 - a. Renewal of the Local Emergency Management Plan – yearly update of contacts filed with the State. Not an operating plan. It's the same as last year. Next step will be Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is a 5-year plan with action steps, which will require a committee. Robert noted that he and Neil have learned from participating in regional management meetings that 1. Emergency Management Committee should not be run heavily by the fire department due to fire fighters

needing to be in the Incident Command Center in emergencies. 2. Emergency Management Command Center needs to be physically separate from the Incident Command Center (Fire Station). 3. Get more people involved and map out the 5-year plan. Will noted the school's potential use for a second location. We are not under pressure to complete this, but need to get a committee to methodically take the steps. Andrea asked whether the focus is weather related disaster or whether steps need to be taken for protecting town archives, for example. Robert clarified that while this is a valuable discussion to have, the State is focused on scenarios where there may be loss of life or loss of economics. He will back to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan in a few weeks.

i. **Andrea moved to renew the Local Emergency Management Plan for this year, seconded by Christian, all in favor, so moved.**

6. School purchase discussion – none
7. Town Hall update – Rusty Barber – none
8. Public comment
 - a. Robert Gerrish from Lyndonville introduced himself as a candidate for Sheriff in August election.
9. Approve minutes
 - a. **Christian moved to approve minutes from Wednesday, June 3, 2026, seconded by Andrea, all in favor, so moved.**
10. Review and approve bills
 - a. **Christian moved to approve bills as presented by the Town Treasurer, seconded Christina, all in favor, so moved.**
11. Review correspondence
 - a. Formal complaint from Cheryl Stevenson about cemetery being mowed while visitors were in the cemetery the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Discussion to clarify who was mowing and how to address it. Board in agreement that it was unacceptable and will speak to the mowing company.
 - b. Will received a correspondence about the Peacham-Groton cemetery not being mowed. He believes it's Groton's year to care for it, so he will reach out to that Selectboard.
 - c. Christian and Andrea reported that the July 4th group have requested the sheriff's presence for the parade this year.
12. Andrea moves to adjourn at 7:16pm, 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.