

Town of Peru
Selectboard meeting minutes
402 Main Street
March 4, 2026
6:30pm

Board member in attendance: Laurie Gayda, Andy Dahlstrom

Board members absent: Ben Foltz

Other visitors: Town Clerk Melinda Beebe

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm, (Gayda sworn-in by Beebe before meeting)

Review and Approve minutes from 2/18/2026: tabled until next meeting

Request to Change Agenda: none

Public Comments: none

Road Foreman report: none

Old Business: Peru Fire Chief Mike Gayda sent word that annual budget allocation for a future truck purchase should be increased. That request was discussed in budget-setting meeting of Selectboard. Fire truck allocation was increased then, but not as much as the Fire Chief had requested. The rationale was that the overall town budget was increasing so substantially in one year that not every request could be fully granted.

New Business:

Board members and Clerk work through the VLCT "Selectboard Organizational Meeting Checklist":

Selectboard Chair selection: Gayda nominated Dahlstrom, Dahlstrom accepted and seconded.

Unanimous agreement;

Tree Warden: Chuck Black—current Warden—re-nominated by Dahlstrom, seconded by Gayda.

Unanimous agreement

5:30pm, first and third Wednesdays, at Peru Town Center (402 Main St) set for regular Selectboard meetings;

Meeting notice locations selected: Town Center, Peru Post Office, Bromley Market, (and town website); Vermont Journal selected as newspaper of record.

Authorize each Selectboard member to accept review and accept orders on behalf of the entire Board: moved by Dahlstrom, seconded by Gayda. Unanimous agreement.

Selectboard procedure document reviewed: vote tabled until all three board members are present to sign;

Discussion of Open Meeting Law requirements, and the recommended training steps for familiarity with OML;

Discussion of Statewide Municipal Code of Ethics requirement—Town Clerk Beebe agrees to coordinate that compliance effort, by alerting all who are required to complete the ethics training and receiving the certificates of completion. Beebe and Dahlstrom will draft an email announcement on the ethics training;

Discussion of public records requests and the public nature of all town business (with the few Executive Session exceptions).

Other Business: None

Review Bills and Approve Payments: Agreement to close meeting and end recording, and move to conduct no more business.

Adjourn: 7:21pm