Town of Peru

Selectboard Agenda
402 Main Street
June 3, *2026*
6:30PM*

Board members present: Ben Foltz, Laurie Gayda, Andy Dahlstrom
Others in attendance: Lucas Hughes, Jim Potter, Cheryl Fox (Town Treasurer), Melinda Beebe (Town Clerk), Wayne Blanchard (Road Foreman), Tracy Black (Delinquent Tax Collector)

Meeting Call to Order: Dahlstrom called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

Review / Approve Minutes, from 05/20/2026 and 05/27/2026: Foltz moved to accept the two sets of minutes, Dahlstrom seconded, all voted in favor.

Request To Change Agenda: none

Public Comment: Potter asked if jake-brake use on Rt. 11 can be addressed. Dahlstrom offered to check with his VTrans contact and to review the Orange Book. Some discussion that Town of Peru may have no say in state highway regulations. Potter also asked about Main Street painting. Blanchard explained that the timing of new paving in September meant that we missed the road painting window for 2025, but expect to get pavement painting this summer. Discussion turned to other traffic control measures. Potter asked about the planting of trees on the Town Green, and what that meant for the proposal for the Main St. intersection redesign. Dahlstrom jumped ahead in the agenda to summarize the visit by BCRC's Mark Anders, and his traffic calming advice. Anders learned that MSK Engineering had presented a set of intersection designs. Anders said in his visit to Peru that he would recommend "turning a Y into a T", which is one of the MSK design proposals. (See New Business below for future public meeting on this topic.)

New Business:

1) Delinquent Tax Collector matters. Black summarized initial steps she and Assistant Clerk Harriet Dahlstrom have taken toward a proposal from the web host and design company Revise; Black and Dahlstrom have a meeting with

Revise on Tuesday, June 9 to learn more. Black gave the history of abating one Peru resident's taxes. Wide-ranging discussion considered the merits of the past approach. Black said that the June 24 meeting of the Peru BCA would also be used to consider the tax abatement case again. She said that Town Moderator Gary Ameden will be alerted to that second agenda item.

2) Calendar and update for Board of Civil Authority hearings for reappraisal appeals: the consensus is that the appraisal hearing will be scheduled for June 24, 2026, and will include two appeals.

3) Consider Town of Peru employee pay policy, with Executive Session if needed. Town employees suggest a 3% COLA increase in pay. The Road Crew agrees to that COLA figure and also asks the Selectboard to consider a merit increase to bring the Peru Road Crew pay up to that in neighboring mountain towns. The Selectboard will consider these pay requests, plus the annual wage and compensation figures shared by VLCT. Pay is expected to be decided and announced at the June 17 SB meeting.

4) Consider Mountain Town Recreation Director Interlocal Agreement: Acceptance of the agreement moved by Foltz, seconded by Gayda. All voted in favor.

5) Update on BCRC Senior Transportation Planner Mark Anders visit. Anders will make a presentation to the Peru public on July 15, 2026, at the beginning of the Selectboard meeting. The presentation may be joined by an MSK engineer, who already supplied Peru with Main St intersection designs. The Town will publicize this informational meeting to get maximum participation from residents interested in contributing to a plan for Peru Village.

Road Foreman:

1) South Rd maintenance report: all 6 culverts are installed. Peru Road Crew will clean up and build the stone headers. Pavement grinding is expected to start next week, according to Fuller. The Town will schedule South Rd paving for September, to let the culverts settle.

The Town grader needs new tires; Blanchard will get prices and share at the next meeting.

2) Consider two bids for winter sand: Dahlstrom moved to award the winter sand contract to Pike. Seconded by Gayda. All voted in favor. (The Board voted in favor of the higher priced bid, based on the quality of the sand, on the advice of Blanchard.)

Other Business: none

Review Bills, including Town Green planting invoice, and Approve Payments: Discussion and re-reading of various communications to try to understand the billing from SavATree did not produce clarification; Gayda offered to call the company for an explanation.

Adjourn: Dahlstrom moved to adjourn, Gayda seconded, and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.