

Town of Peru
Selectboard draft minutes
402 Main Street
August 5, 2026
5:30pm

Selectboard attendance: Laurie Gayda, Ben Foltz, and Andy Dahlstrom
Others in attendance: Harriet Dahlstrom, Wayne Blanchard, David Utiger, Jim Potter

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.

Review / Approve Minutes from 07/15/2026 meeting: Foltz moved to approve minutes, seconded by Dahlstrom. Foltz and Dahlstrom voted in favor of the motion, Gayda abstained.

Request To Change Agenda: none

Public Comment: none

New Business:

1) Town Roads:

a) proposal to buy salt from Cargill at \$110.75/ton: Blanchard recommended that the Town not act on the Cargill offer, but wait until the State publishes a road salt price that would be available to the Town. Blanchard said that this Cargill offer arrived several months earlier than usual, and he noted the significant price increase (about 30 %)

b) maintenance needs—gravel—for Mad Tom Notch Rd west of winter parking lot (past residences): Blanchard's reported on the condition on Mad Tom Rd, after his recent adventures in grading there, and recommended that the Town use part of the annual gravel budget to fill erosion damage on that road (expecting 50-100 yards of gravel). Foltz moved to approve this work, seconded by Gayda. All voted in favor.

Continuing Business:

1) Consider bids for Town website: Assistant Clerk Dahlstrom shared the pricing and 15-year cost projections from several website companies, and made her recommendation for a service agreement with Revise. SB member Dahlstrom moved to authorize the Asst. Clerk to request a contract for web design and maintenance from Revise, seconded by Foltz. All voted in favor.

2) Town network service agreement. Asst. Clerk shared the offer from Silloway for changes to the Town contract for IT services. The Board asked that Dahlstrom gather a full list of services from Silloway and cost breakdown. No decision to change service was motioned..

3) Steps to continue planning and public involvement in Main Street traffic control designs. The Board discussed the big-turnout and range of views spoken at the meeting on July 15. The Board welcomes: the formation of committee to guide more steps toward town traffic calming; perspective from snow-plowing teams in towns with traffic tables; further research before additional hired services from engineers and designers; a bigger scope to include other areas in Peru with traffic issues.

Other Business: none

Review Bills and Approve Payments, following public meeting.

At 6:27, Foltz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dahlstrom. All voted to adjourn.