

Town of Peru
Selectboard draft minutes
402 Main Street
Sep 2, 2026
5:30pm

Selectboard attendance: Laurie Gayda, Ben Foltz, and Andy Dahlstrom

Others in attendance: Wayne Blanchard, Michael Hughes, Melinda Beebe, David Utiger.

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.

Request To Change Agenda: none

Public Comment: Michael Hughes expressed interest in another meeting about traffic control designs and plans in the Peru historic district. That topic will be added to the 09/16 Selectboard agenda.

Request To Change Agenda: none

Review / Approve Minutes from 08/19/2026 meeting: Foltz moved to approve minutes, seconded by Gayda. Foltz and Gayda voted in favor of the motion, Dahlstrom abstained.

New Business:

1) Service agreement with BCRC for road program support (contract to continue work with Jim Henderson, in the amount of \$1500/year). So moved by Dahlstrom, seconded by Gayda. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

2) Local Option Tax update from State of VT. Dahlstrom summarized email from the VT Dept of Taxes stating that the town's Local Option Sales Tax and the Local Option Meals and Alcohol Tax will take effect on October 1, and that businesses in town and e-commerce vendors have been alerted.

Continuing Business:

1) Town highway paving and culvert update. Blanchard announced that all summer paving and culvert projects are now complete: South Rd paving is finished, the aprons from Hapgood Pond Rd onto North Rd and the Town Garage are finished, and six culverts on Bradford Rd are installed.

2) Green Mtn Power access for electric service to 344 Main St. This issue that was tabled by the Selectboard at the August 19 mtg was summarized, and will be reintroduced toward a plan of action at the September Peru Planning Commission meeting.

3) Town network services provided by Silloway. This topic was tabled until 09/16, for lack of new, detailed information.

Other Business: Melinda Beebe asked if Main St pavement painting is scheduled. Blanchard said he would call vendors to get quotes for that work. David Utiger asked about roadside trees at 344 Main St. being cut as part of the construction project there. He was referred to the next Planning Commission meeting, for details of the construction permit.

Review Bills and Approve Payments, following public meeting.

At 6pm, Foltz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gayda. All agreed to adjourn.