

Town of Orange
Grant Committee
Monday July 1, 2024

In attendance: Lee Cattaneo, Steve Simpson and Emily Ruff (by phone)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Simpson.

On a motion by Simpson and seconded by Ruff, the agenda was approved with no revisions and all committee members in favor.

On a motion made by Cattaneo and seconded by Simpson, the June 3 meeting minutes were approved with no revisions and all committee members in favor.

Current Grants in progress were discussed.

- MERP - MERP grant was followed up by Ruff. There has been no reply from Ms. Lash who has been out of the office for much of June. Cattaneo reported that Ms. Lash was at the recent CVRPC meeting and is trying to get all municipalities assessments done. Simpson will gather utility documentation to provide for the assessment, and Ruff will contact Ms. Lash again this week.
- MPG - Cattaneo successfully got the MPG in progress again, and the representatives have set up accounts in the system. Cattaneo will prepare RFPs for circulation to the contractor names provided.
- Park and Ride - This grant was discussed. Simpson indicated the continued work at the Town Office to bring the bookkeeping current from 2023 and 2024 to review financials on this grant. Ruff will contact Tina Bohl requesting a grant extension.
- BBR and GIA - Simpson will contact Ron Gouin to confirm deadlines and specifics on both grants.
- HSIP - Ruff emailed HSIP on June 4th and has not received a reply; will follow up with a phone call next week.

Potential Grants were discussed.

- PACIF - Simpson reported that several items have been identified in the insurance audit for loss control risk management. Simpson will gather quotes and vendor contacts for these items in order for Ruff to prepare the application.
- Communities taking Charge and Riddel Pond - Cattaneo reported back his conversations with Keith Cubbon and neither opportunity are viable for the town. Committee members will continue to review possible Riddel Pond funding sources for culvert replacement. Simpson will contact VLCT, and we will also try to obtain the contact information and context for Ben with whom Kevin Wilson has been speaking about the culvert. Cattaneo advised that the federal assessment for floods should be sharing public hearing information about this culvert soon.

Other Business

- Planning Commission will meet with Recreation Committee on July 10th. Cattaneo advised the town needs to engage a Town Forest Management Plan which has been delayed since Covid, and that funding sources would be helpful.

On a motion made by Ruff and seconded by Simpson at 7:50 pm, the meeting was adjourned with all committee members in favor.

Next Meeting: Monday August 5th, 7 pm