



Town of Orange
Grant Committee Meeting
October 7 2024 - 6 pm
Orange Town Complex

Attendance: Steve Simpson, Lee Cattaneo, Emily Ruff

1. Call to Order

Ruff called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. Agenda Revisions

There were not agenda revisions.

3. Approve meeting minutes - 9/23 and 9/12

On a motion made by Simpson and seconded by Cattaneo, the 9/23/24 minutes were approved. All members voted in favor.

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4. Review Current Grants in Progress

- RFQ for Scoping Study is posted on the Town website with links. CVEDC circulated on their list, and CVRPC posted on their website and the state website. October 25th will be the receipt of those submissions.
- MERP grant was submitted by Ruff with assistance from CVRPC.
- HSIP grant is in progress; Kevin Wilson and John Barnes have been communicating with appropriate parties to ensure this work meets completion deadline.
- ARPA and \$10,000 - Riddel Pond Road culvert and guardrails, and raising the road up; gazebo and town clerk roof will also be included.

5. Discuss Potential Grants

- Recreational Economy for Rural Communities grant closes 10/16. Ruff spoke with the agency and also attended a webinar, which clarified that this does not provide funding; it provides a planning assistance for the community, as a means to provide guidance through the planning process and also provide leverage for stronger applications for other funding, especially state and federal programs.
- Diesel Emissions will be opening next week, which may possibly assist in grader repairs. RFP will be circulated among committee once it is released.

- Recreational Trails Grant will open 10/14 and LWCF Grant will open 10/21. These may be useful for Town Forest or Recreation Field. Ruff will attend the webinars for these grants and report back to the committee. Allen Follensbee is working on the Town Forest management plan.
- Better Roads Road Erosion Inventory grant is open through 12/31, or when funds are exhausted. Simpson will bring this grant to Selectboard for submission and next meeting.

6. Other Business

- There was no other business discussed.

7. Adjourn

On a motion made by Cattaneo and seconded by Simpson, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm. All members voted in favor.

Next meeting: November 4 6 pm