

**Town of Orange
Grant Committee
Minutes September 12th, 2024**

Emily Ruff, Lee Cattaneo, and Steve Simpson in attendance

1. Call to Order -
 - a. Ms. Ruff called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm
2. Agenda Revisions -
 - a. None
3. Approve meeting minutes -
 - a. Mr. Cattaneo made motion to approve, Mr. Simpson seconded, all in favor
4. Review current grants in progress
 - a. MPG and MERP - Eli Toohey and Sam Lash from CVRPC are working on a revised document for us to circulate RFPs for the next Selectboard meeting.
 - b. MPM Scoping Study - Committee discussed speed tempering strategies with CVRPC. Diamond sign with flashing is what is needed to slow traffic through the village. Mr. Cattaneo is going to call the consultant. There have been billing issues with the MPM grant. Steve has been working with Keith Cubbon with CVRPC for the prior invoices to be revised so they will include Town of Orange and Grant numbers for prior referencing.
 - c. HSIP - Kevin Wilson has agreed to take this grant forward.
 - d. Park and Ride grant was approved to December 31 2026 by the Selectboard and is now filed with the state. There is discussion about solar lights for the park and ride infrastructure. Efficiency Vermont may offer some support on this. Mr. Simpson will discuss with the town Energy Coordinator.
 - e. PACIF - The Town received the 2023 grant reimbursement.
 - f. For all current grants, Town Clerk Chelsea Magwire will be tracking the grants. Darlene from NEMRC will be doing reconciliation. Mr. Simpson will connect Ms. Ruff with these folks for the purpose of passing along and confirming the Grant Tracking spreadsheet.
 - g. Grants from 2022 for the Gazebo, and a \$10,000 grant for VTrans, were both received.
 - h. Selectboard and Town Clerk are working on obligating ARPA funds by December 31, 2024. Some money will go into town clerk repairs, Riddel Pond road bridge, gazebo roof, failed culvert on Cutler Corner, and town hall needs.
5. Discuss Potential Grants
 - a. 2024 PACIF grant application - signs and cones are a main need.
 - b. EEBG - This grant was extended to October and has been shared with Energy Coordinator.
 - c. MERP Implementation is now open. Ms. Ruff is attending the Monday webinar and we will call a special meeting after 9/16 in order to push through the application before the 9/27 deadline. We have requested the assessments from Sam Lash so they can be reviewed.
6. Other Business
 - a. Selectboard is reviewing computer, server, and internet upgrades for the town complex.
 - b. Mr. Simpson is recruiting support for the 2024 FEMA filings including the culverts.
7. Adjourn
 - a. On a motion made by Ms. Ruff and seconded by Mr. Simpson, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm, all in favor.