



Town of Orange
Grant Committee Meeting
November 21 2024 - 10:30 am
Orange Town Complex

In attendance: Lee Cattaneo, Emily Ruff, Steve Simpson, with Town Clerk Chelsea Magwire

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:47 am by Ruff.
2. There were no agenda revisions.
3. On a motion by Simpson and second by Cattaneo, the committee's October 7th minutes were approved.
4. Review Current Grants in Progress
 - **HSIP** - Kevin Wilson has contracted with tree cutting service, and has contacted landowners. The cutting service will be dropping wood. Signs are being ordered. All work will be completed by December per grant restrictions.
 - **MPG - Traffic Scoping Study** - We have not received an answer from VTrans as to whether or not they will accept the idea. Our proposal was to have a double yellow striping, a walk/bike area and a crossing (similar to Berlin/302 by McDonald's). They are working on the final presentation for the December 11th Planning Commission Meeting, and hoping to have an answer from VTrans by then.
 - **Town Complex Scoping Study** - Cattaneo completed the contract and Simpson signed them. Cattaneo will be meeting with the contractor next Tuesday at 11:30 am. MPG Mid-Report is due December 2 2024; we will confirm with Eli on Tuesday 11/26 who submits the report. For this Scoping Study, we want to receive the invoices directly and review them before payments are made. We will also confirm with Sam Lash on Tuesday how we integrate the funds on this project sources from the MERP Mini Grant.
 - **MERP** - The town received the full award from the application. On Tuesday, we will confirm the process for applying to BGS for financial hardship to receive the funds in advance, and with the CVRPC representatives will confirm binding commitments from town for Scope of Work. SB will discuss this grant at 11/25/24 meeting for potential signature. Signature is due 12/16/24.
 - **PACIF** - Simpson applied for \$1500 and \$794 was approved. This should arrive as a paper check.

- **FEMA** - Meetings and site visits are in progress to attempt to close the authorizations on current work and move forward on reimbursements.

5. Review Grants Awaiting Response

None at this time.

6. Discuss Potential Grants

- Research is needed on lease for the Recreation Field and right of way deeds for the Town Forest for potential future grants.

7. Other Business

Next Special Meeting - November 26th, 10:30 am with CVRPC

Next Regular Meeting - December 5th 10:30 am

8. Adjourn

On a motion by Ruff, seconded by Simpson, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm with all members in favor.