



Town of Orange
Grant Committee Meeting
December 23rd, 2024 - 10:00 am

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am by Chair Emily Ruff. In attendance were members Emily Ruff, Steve Simpson, Lee Cattaneo, and Orange Town Clerk Chelsea Magwire.

2. Agenda Revisions

Steve Simpson advised that the Selectboard is in their budget process and has a line item for grants. Emily Ruff recommended the committee meet after the numbers are updated to review any match requirements to include. Chelsea Magwire will send updated numbers to committee members.

3. Review FY25 Better Roads Grant activities -

This agenda item covers the expiring FY24 version of the grant for George Street. The committee confirmed that the road work was not completed. Emily Ruff will contact Daniel Judkins to confirm we will not be eligible for reimbursement for FY24. Emily Ruff will contact Ashley Andrews re the Town's Grants in Aid award to get details in order to discuss at next grant meeting. Emily Ruff requested the Selectboard and Road Commissioner include the FY25 Better Roads grant award for Bisson Road to ensure the work is planned for completion.

4. Review FY26 Better Roads Grant Application

Steve Simpson made a motion to submit the FY26 grant using the George Street application from FY24 as a model, with input from road staff on what specific map square footage needs to be submitted. Lee Cattaneo seconded the motion, all were in favor. Emily Ruff proposed meeting with Road staff and Chelsea Magwire Thursday morning to complete the application due 12/27 for FY26.

5. Confirm dates for 2025 Committee Meetings

The next meeting of the Grant Committee will be held January 9th at 10:30 am. The committee will review grant budget recommendations including finalize any match obligations for Park and Ride, BBR or other known or open grants. Submission of HSIP reimbursements for completed work and review of upcoming application deadlines will also be included in agenda.

6. Other Business

Lee Cattaneo gave an update regarding the Scoping Study for Route 302 and updates from the consultants. An upcoming meeting will take place to review this process as well as other planning activities. Flood hazard plans will be updated to reflect the new requirements.

7. Adjourn

Emily Ruff made a motion to adjourn at 11:06 am. Steve Simpson seconded, all were in favor.