



Town of Orange
Grant Committee Meeting
April 4 2025, 2:30 pm
Orange Town Complex

1. The meeting was called to order by Emily Ruff at 2:31 pm, with Lee Cattaneo, Emily Ruff and Steve Simpson in attendance.
2. There were no agenda revisions.
3. Approve Minutes
 - a. On a motion made by Steve Simpson and seconded by Lee Cattaneo, the minutes from February 7th were approved with all committee members in favor.
 - b. On a motion made by Steve Simpson and seconded by Lee Cattaneo, the minutes from March 7th were approved with all committee members in favor.
4. Review Current Grants in Progress
 - a. MPG / MERP Town Complex
 - i. Steve Simpson will obtain project management proposal from Greg for next phase of implementation.
 - ii. Greg's initial report was reviewed. Lee Cattaneo recommends the focus be on the high and medium priority items as outlined.
 - iii. Emily Ruff will contact Sam Lash to review the high and medium priority items from the report and review Park and Ride Grant, MERP Grant implementation, and other sources of funding. We will confirm what documentation is needed for hardship status funding, and to begin the next phase of work. We will aim to schedule before April 12th so Lee Cattaneo can also join the conversation.
 - iv. Steve Simpson indicated that the UST environmental work cannot be done by Gillespie and will reach out to Wheeler Engineering for an estimate.
 - b. Pedestrian Scoping Study
 - i. Lee Cattaneo will receive a final report in the next week or so, which will be sent to Vtrans who, if approved, can then put forward requests for available grants. Lee cautioned that federal funding on pedestrian travel-ways has been suspended at this time.
5. Review Completed Grant Reimbursement Submissions
 - a. Chelsea is working with Ashley Andrews of VTrans to complete the reimbursement for Reservoir Road FHWA award, including Lafayette sign photos and final invoices.

6. Discuss Potential Grants and Application Submissions
 - a. There are no active potential grant applications to review at this time.
7. Other Business
 - a. Reservoir Flood Mitigation - Steve Simpson shared updates about engineering and hydrology review of the Reservoir Road crossing and flood activity with regards to City of Barre waterway. Lee Cattaneo recommends we set up a meeting with Keith Cubbon / CVRPC and VTrans, per Keith's offer, and he will reach out to schedule this. Lee Cattaneo shared that the towns of Orange and Plainfield asked for Brook and Reservoir road to be classified on the secondary road system for federal aid about 10 years ago, which then listed it as a major town highway collective. Aid is administered by the state, and the only thing they've done in these ten years is replace the signs which took place approximately 6-7 years ago. Lee will ask Keith to set something up to meet with VTrans and municipal leadership to discuss utilizing federal aid on Reservoir Road for improvements and maintenance. Lee will also ask if the Winooski watershed district has funding to support the VTrans requirements on road and culverts on Culter Corner and other sites.
 - b. MTAP Application - Emily Ruff is sending a request to VCRD for Orange to be considered, given we are at 46% and incurred significant flood damage in 2023 and 2024.
 - c. ARPA Report due - Emily Ruff sent reminder from VLCT to Steve Simpson and Chelsea Magwire for
 - d. Rec Field Lease - Emily Ruff will ask John McNeil to assist in securing the current copy of the lease, as well as explore if any action was taken when the Beard Road road was downgraded in approximately 2020. The paperwork John McNeil offered regarding right of way was regarding the historic road from the forest to 302.
8. Adjourn
 - a. Next meeting: May 2, 2:30 pm
 - b. At 3:45 pm Emily Ruff made a motion to adjourn and Lee Cattaneo seconded. All members were in favor.