



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

1. Meeting was called to order by Lee Cattaneo at 2:33 pm. In attendance were Steve Simpson, Lee Cattaneo, Sam Lash (CVRPC), Greg Colling (Merrimack Design) in person and Emily Ruff by phone.
2. There were no agenda revisions.
3. In order to maximize time with guest attendees, approval of April minutes was tabled to the June meeting, Steve Simpson motioned and Lee Cattaneo seconded with all in favor.
4. Review Current Grants in Progress
 - a. MERP Implementation Grant: Sam Lash from CVRPC and Greg Colling from Merrimack Design were present to discuss priorities, phases, hardship application, and project management. The group discussed ensuring the project budget is accurate and well-documented. There was clarification that up to 20% of the project funds can be allocated for ADA (accessibility) improvements. Discrepancies were noted between the town report and the actual approved budget, and clarified to consult the town meeting minutes for the final accurate figures. Financial assistance processes were reviewed, with a confirmation that 20% of the funding can be disbursed upfront. Sam Lash will be submitting a hardship application to BGS on behalf of the town utilizing the budget numbers provided. The project scope of work also needs to be submitted to VDHP by the start of June one priority actions are in process. Sam Lash is going to take the discussion from this meeting to revise the MERP Budget Excel and ensure our phased projects are prioritized.
 - b. The Municipal Planning Grant submitted this spring was accepted for a full award. Steve Simpson will enter GMS to complete the acceptance paperwork.
5. Review Completed Grant Reimbursement Submissions
 - a. FHWA Reservoir Road - Emily has asked Chelsea and Ashley Andrews if this is completed.
 - b. LHMP - This is a holdover from a prior Selectboard and clerk, and records are incomplete for submission of this reimbursement request. Emily Ruff obtained as much data as possible from Sam Lash and Chelsea to submit this reimbursement request to the state.
6. Discuss Potential Grants and Application Submissions
7. Other Business

- a. Steve Simpson will follow up with Brian at the state about the Culvert Grant Program, and with Wheeler about UST. Both will be reported on at the next meeting.