



139th Annual Town Report *Orange, Vermont*

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*for the year ending
December 31, 2025*

Echo Valley 8th Grade is hosting a

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Delicious Baked Ziti



Fresh Salad



Warm Rolls



Community Donated Pies

**Food Served Between 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
at the Washington Village Campus**

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

\$8 / Adult

\$5 / Seniors 65+

\$5 / Children up to Age 8

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Directory

Town Office
Office Phone/Fax: (802) 479-2673
392 US Route 302
Orange, Vermont 05641
(802) 479-2673

Normal Business Hours:
8AM- 4PM Monday through Thursday
8AM-12PM Friday

Town Clerk: Diane Hallenbeck



Website: Orangevt.org
Facebook: [townoforangevermont](https://www.facebook.com/townoforangevermont)

Scheduled Meetings

The Selectboard:
2nd and 4th Monday of every month
6:00PM at the Town Complex.

Planning Commission:
2nd Wednesday of every month
4:30PM at the Town Complex

Recreation Committee:
1st Wednesday of the month
6:30PM at the Town Complex

Cemetery Commission:
As needed

Grants Committee: As needed

Updates are posted on our website



Elected Officials (2025–2026)

Governor of Vermont:
Phil Scott
109 State Street, Pavilion
Montpelier, VT 05609
802-828-3333

U.S. Senators
Bernie Sanders
Burlington Office
1 Church St., 3rd Floor
Burlington, VT 05401
802-862-0697

Peter Welch
Burlington Office
199 Main St., 4th Floor
Burlington, VT 05401
802-863-2525

U.S. Representative (At-Large):
Becca Balint
Burlington Office
159 Bank St., Suite 204
Burlington, VT 05401
802-652-2450

Vermont State Officials
State House of Representative
Michael Tagliavia
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301
(802) 828-2228

Emergency Contacts

Selectboard Chair
Steve Simpson (802) 345-8761

Emergency Preparedness
Eric Holmgren (802) 479-1113

Road Issues:
Kevin Wilson (802) 486-0429

Town Information

Town Property Taxes are due on 08/18/2026 and 11/16/2026 respectively by the close of business. You can mail your payment to 392 US Route 302 Orange, VT 05641, drop it off in the drop box at the Town Clerk's Office, or stop by the office in person. Partial payments are accepted and will be applied against the tax bill sent out in July. You can also pay your bill online – Orangevt.org – credit cards are accepted with a fee.

Local public libraries:

- Calef Memorial Library
(Washington, VT)
☎ Phone: (802) 426-3581
🌐 Website: caleflibrary.org
- Aldrich Public Library (Barre, VT)
☎ Phone: (802) 476-7550
🌐 Website: aldrichpubliclibrary.org
- Groton Free Public Library
☎ Phone: (802) 584-3425
🌐 Website: grotonvtlibrary.org

Senior & Community Services:

- Barre Area Senior Center
☎ Phone: (802) 476-4818
🌐 Website: barreseniorcenter.org
- Orange East Senior Center
☎ Phone: (802) 533-7300
🌐 Website: orangeeastseniorcenter.org
- Central Vermont Council on Aging
☎ Phone: (802) 479-0531
🌐 Website: cvcoa.org

Land Posting Reminder:

Land postings run from January 1-December 31 every year and must be renewed at the Town Clerks Office on January first

Health & Wellness

- People's Health & Wellness Clinic
☎ Phone: (802) 479-5582
🌐 Website: peopleshealthwellnessclinic.org
- Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice
☎ Phone: (802) 229-5551
🌐 Website: cvhh.org
- Clara Martin Center
☎ Phone: (802) 479-4116
🌐 Website: claramartin.org

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Town Clerk Fees

Burial Transit Permit	\$5.00
Certified Copies	\$10.00
Copies/Fax	\$1.00 per page
Green Mountain Transport	\$2.00
Marriage License	\$80.00
Recording Fees	\$15.00 per page
Property Transfers	\$15.00 each
Mylar Map	\$25.00 each
Town Hall Rental	\$150.00 per day
Vault Use	\$4.00 per hour

Appointed Town Officers

Town Clerk
Diane Hallenbeck
townclerk@orangevt.org

Interim Town Treasurer
Diane Hallenbeck
treasurer@orangevt.org

Assistant Town Clerk / Treasurer
Diane Waters
assistant@orangevt.org

Animal Control Officer & Pound
Keeper
Michelle Boyer

Central VT Transportation Advisory
Committee
Lee Cattaneo

Central VT Solid Waste Management
District Representative
Lee Cattaneo

Civil Defense Director
Eric Holmgren

Economic Development
Representative
Lee Cattaneo

Delinquent Tax Collector
John McNeil

Emergency Preparedness
Eric Holmgren

Energy Coordinator
Vacant

Green Up Chair
Janis Blais

Health Officer
Tina Otis

Grant Committee Members
Steve Simpson
Emily Ruff
Lee Cattaneo
Diane Hallenbeck

Regional Planning Commission Chair
Lee Cattaneo

Road Commissioner
Kevin Wilson

Road Foreman
Matt Wadsworth

Recreation Committee Members
Betzy Bancroft
Janice Blaise
Rod Coronado
David Gomo
Eric Holmgren
Ginny Raboin
Michael Raboin Jr.
Emily Ruff
Sheila Stone
Kevin Wilson



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Elected Town Officers

Moderator

1 Year Term

David Childs	March 2025 to March 2026
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Selectboard Members

3 Year Term

Chair, Steve Simpson	(802) 345-8761	ssimpson@orangevt.org	Expires March 2027
Vice Chair, Kevin Wilson	(802) 486-0429	kwilson@orangevt.org	Expires March 2026
Kristin Paya	(802) 338-6632	kpaya@orangevt.org	Expires March 2028

Listers – lister@orangevt.org

3 Year Term

Ed Bedard	(802) 479-1860	Expires 2026
John McNeil	(802) 479-9922	Expires 2027
Art McNeil	(802) 476-7951	Expires 2028

Cemetery Commissioners - orangevtcc@gmail.com

3 Year Term

Rod Coronado (Chair)	(802) 479-2668	March 2025 to March 2028
Clark Agnew	(802) 479-0755	March 2024 to March 2027
Michael Raboin Jr.	(802) 279-9616	Expires 2026

Justice of the Peace

2 Year Term

Tina Otis	(802) 249-1865	February 2025 to January 2027
Lee Martenson	(802) 479-0334	February 2025 to January 2027
Francis (Fred) Kidder	(802) 498-4550	February 2025 to January 2027
Kevin Wilson	(802) 486-0429	February 2025 to January 2027
Sue Perreault	(802) 522-9831	February 2025 to January 2027

Echo Valley Community School

3 Year Term

Dominique LaFond Copeland (Chair)	March 2024 to 2027	Washington
Matthew Flinn (Vice Chair)	March 2024 to 2027	Orange
Brittany Driscoll (Clerk)	March 2025 to 2028	Washington
Michael Concessi (Member)	March 2024 to 2027	Orange
Don Mountford (Member)	March 2023 to 2026	Orange
Josh Bell (Member)	March 2023 to 2026	Washington

TOWN OF ORANGE, VERMONT
TOWN MEETING WARNING
March 3, 2026

The legal voters of the Town of Orange are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Orange Town Hall, in said Town, on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, to transact the following business from the floor:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year, as the law directs.

Article 2: To receive the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the current Town Report.

Article 3: To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms, as the law directs:

- Selectboard Member for a term of three (3) years
- Lister for a term of three (3) years
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three (3) years

Article 4: Shall the Town set compensation for elected Town Officers as follows:

- Selectboard Member: \$2,000.00 per year
- Lister: \$20.00 per hour
- Cemetery Commissioner: \$25.00 per hour

Article 5: Shall the voters authorize General Fund expenditures for operating expenses in the amount of **\$457,938.00**, of which **\$313,818.00** shall be raised by taxes and **\$144,120.00** by non-tax revenues?

Article 6: Shall the voters authorize Highway Fund expenditures in the amount of **\$740,544.00**, of which **\$665,199** shall be raised by taxes and **\$75,345.00** by non-tax revenues?

Article 7: Shall the voters authorize the Town to provide notice of availability of the annual report at least thirty (30) days before Town Meeting, in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a)(2)?

Article 8: Shall the voters authorize the Town to provide the Town newsletter electronically by posting it on the Town website, in lieu of mailing a paper copy to all households?

Article 9: Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, grants, and funds allocated by the State and Federal Government?

Article 10: Shall the voters appropriate **\$750.00** to Barre Area Senior Center to support senior citizens in living independently and remaining active?

Article 11: Shall the voters appropriate **\$1,000.00** to Central Vermont Council on Aging to assist seniors in remaining independent?

Article 12: Shall the voters appropriate **\$2,650.00** to Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for short-term home care services?

Article 13: Shall the voters appropriate **\$725.00** to Central Vermont Adult Education for free instruction and academic tutoring for adults?

Article 14: Shall the voters appropriate **\$500.00** to Elevate Youth Services for counseling, treatment, and support services to youth and families in need?

Article 15: Shall the voters appropriate **\$500.00** to the Family Center of Washington County for services and resources to children and families?

Article 16: Shall the voters appropriate **\$500.00** to Good Beginnings of Central Vermont to offer in-home support, accessible education, and meaningful connections for parents and caregivers from prenatal through the postpartum period?

Article 17: Shall the voters appropriate **\$100.00** to Green Up Vermont to promote stewardship of Vermont's natural landscape and waterways through Green Up Day and year-round public awareness?

Article 18: Shall the voters appropriate **\$500.00** to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont to promote and support healthy relationships within families, schools, and communities?

Article 19: Shall the voters appropriate **\$350.00** to Orange County Restorative Justice Center for restorative justice programs for adults and youth? Note: This article was placed on the Warning by vote of the Selectboard. The petition submitted did not contain the minimum number of signatures required by law.

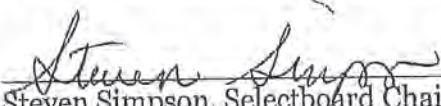
Article 20: Shall the voters appropriate **\$700.00** to Safeline for free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and stalking? Note: This article was placed on the Warning by vote of the Selectboard. The petition submitted did not contain the minimum number of signatures required by law.

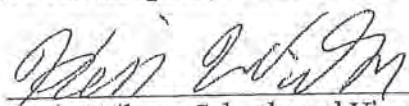
Article 21: Shall the voters of the Town of Orange authorize the payment of property taxes in two (2) installments pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. Chapter 133, with the first installment due August 17, 2026, and the second installment due November 17, 2026, and require that payments be received at the Town Clerk's Office by the close of business on the respective due dates?

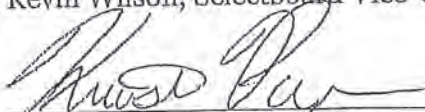
Article 22: Shall the Town vote to set the date and time of Town Meeting 2027 to be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2027, at 6:00 PM?

Article 23: To transact any other business deemed necessary and proper.

Dated this 26th day of January 2026.
By the Selectboard of the Town of Orange:


Steven Simpson, Selectboard Chair


Kevin Wilson, Selectboard Vice-Chair


Kristin Paya, Selectboard Member

ECHO VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TOWN OF ORANGE WARNING & ARTICLES

The legal voters of the Town of Orange, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Orange Center School Gymnasium on Monday, March 2, 2026 at six o'clock in the evening (6:00 P.M.) to act upon the following articles:

Article I	To elect the Moderator of the Echo Valley Community School District for the ensuing 2026-2027 year.
Article II	Shall the voters of the Echo Valley Community School District vote to adopt Australian Ballot voting for the annual School District Budget and all other warned articles, beginning with the FY2028 budget?
Article III	Shall the voters of the Echo Valley Community School District vote to authorize payment of \$1,000 to each School Director, the District Treasurer, and the District Clerk for the ensuing term?
Article IV	Shall the voters of the Echo Valley Community School District vote to authorize the Board of Directors to borrow money on the notes of the School District in anticipation of taxes?
Article V	Shall the voters of the Echo Valley Community School District approve the school board to expend \$7,476,262 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Echo Valley Community School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$12,877 which is 12.66% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.
Article VI	To transact any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

The legal voters of the the Town of Orange, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Orange Town Clerk's Office on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 between the hours of ten o'clock in the morning and seven o'clock in the evening (10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.) to vote by Australian ballot upon the following article:

Article I	To elect one School Director for the Town of Orange for a Three (3) year term on the Echo Valley Community School District Board.
Article II	To elect one School Director for the Town of Orange for a Two (2) year term on the Echo Valley Community School District Board.
Article III	To elect One (1) District Clerk for the Echo Valley Community School District for the ensuing 2026-2027 year.
Article IV	To elect One (1) District Treasurer for the Echo Valley Community School District for the ensuing 2026-2027 year.

Echo Valley Community School District School Board of Director
Dated this 22nd Day of January, 2026

School Board Chair, Dominique LaFond-Copeland: _____

SELECTBOARD REPORT

The Selectboard has had a busy year addressing the many matters of town business. We recognize and appreciate the dedication of all elected and appointed officials who serve the Town of Orange.

We extend our sincere thanks to the road crew and office staff for their continued hard work and commitment to the town. We want to thank **Chelsea Magwire, William Crowther, and John Barnes** for their service to the Town of Orange. Their contributions are greatly appreciated, and they will be missed. We are pleased to welcome **Diane Hallenbeck and Mike Utton** to their new roles.

Throughout the year, the Selectboard continued working with FEMA to secure reimbursement for damages resulting from the 2023 and 2024 flood events. In addition, the Board has been actively working through existing grant projects while continuing to seek out new grant opportunities to support town operations and infrastructure improvements.

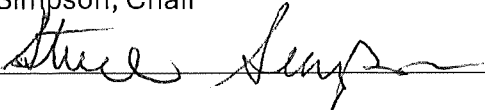
As part of the Town's ongoing efforts to improve municipal buildings and reduce long-term energy costs, the Selectboard has been working on the **Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP)** project. This project focuses on evaluating and upgrading town facilities to improve energy efficiency, resilience, and sustainability. Throughout the year, the Board and the MERP Committee have worked through required assessments, planning, and coordination with state agencies and consultants. This large project will begin as soon as contractors are secured and weather conditions permit, and the Selectboard will continue to oversee progress as grant requirements are met and implementation moves forward.

Looking ahead, the Town is preparing for the **next reappraisal in 2029**, which will ensure that property assessments remain fair and up to date for all residents.

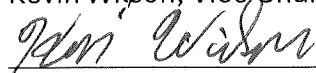
We look forward to the Budget Forum in February and Town Meeting, where we can discuss the proposed 2026 budgets with our neighbors. The Selectboard wishes everyone a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

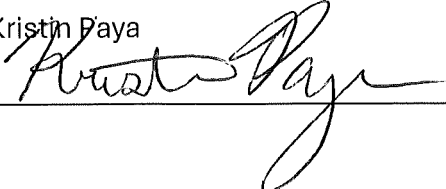
Steve Simpson, Chair



Kevin Wilson, Vice Chair



Kristin Paya



Town of Orange Town Meeting 2025

The annual meeting of the Town of Orange was called to order by Moderator David Childs at 6:10pm on Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 in the Orange Town Hall.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a Moment of Silence, and Introductions, Rep. Mike Tagliavia addressed the assembly with legislative updates and took questions. Siobhan Perricone followed with updates on CVNEK Fiber.

The rules for the meeting were announced and the Warning was read in its entirety.

Article 1: Francis Kidder nominated David Childs to be Moderator for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations, and David Childs was elected.

Article 2: Gary Eggleston moved to suspend the rules and move Article 11 to Article 2 and Article 26 to Article 3. Motion seconded and paper ballot requested with 7+ supporting. Motion failed to garner the necessary 2/3 votes to suspend rules with a 42 yes, 22 no vote with 50 required to pass. (As Warned) Motion to accept reports of the Town Officers amended on motion by Cheryl Farnham to include the budget handout. Amendment passed and main motion passed on voice vote.

Article 3: Motion was made by Francis Kidder and seconded to change Road Commissioner from an appointed to an elected position. After discussion, motion failed on a voice vote.

Article 4: Mike Raboin Jr. was nominated by Gary Eggleston to a 3-year Selectboard term.

Kristin Paya was nominated by Wayne Symonds to a 3-year Selectboard term.

Kristin Paya was elected with 46 votes to Mike Raboin's 24.

Art McNeil nominated by John McNeil to a 3-year term as Lister. There were no other nominations, and Selectman Kevin Wilson was directed to cast one vote for Art McNeil.

David Gomo nominated Kevin Wilson to a 3-year term as Cemetery Commissioner.

Clark Agnew nominated Rodney Coronado to a 3-year term as Cemetery Commissioner

Rodney Coronado was elected with 42 votes to Kevin Wilson's 32.

Article 5: Sean Brown moved, and was seconded, but later revised Article to set compensation for elected town officials as \$2000 per year per Selectboard Member, \$20/hr for Lister, \$25/hr for maintenance by Cemetery Commissioners, and mileage paid at the Federal rate. After discussion, Article 5 as moved passed on a voice vote.

Article 6: Motion by Steve Simpson to authorize General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$405,746.30 of which \$188, 171.30 shall be raised by taxes and \$217, 045.00 by non-tax revenue. Motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Article 7: Motion by Steve Simpson to authorize Highway Fund expenditures of \$645,222.91 of which \$544,822.91 shall be raised by taxes and \$100,400.00 by non-tax revenues. Motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Article 8: Motion by Kevin Wilson, and seconded, to raise \$100,000 for repairs and repaving of Tucker Road. After discussion, motion passed on a voice vote.

Article 9: It was moved, and seconded, to raise \$5000 to support the Town Recreation Facilities. After discussion passed on a voice vote.

Article 10: Motion by Cheryl Farnham, and seconded, to raise \$14,300 to support the Town Cemeteries. After discussion passed on a voice vote.

Article 11: Motion by Francis Kidder, and seconded, to move article 11 as printed. After much discussion and request for a paper ballot supported by 7+ voters, motion failed with 29 yes and 33 no.

Article 12-22: Without objection, moderator combined Articles 12-22. Motion by Mike Concessi, and seconded, to raise \$8475 to support requests in Articles 12-22 passed on a voice vote.

Article 23: It was moved, and seconded, to authorize the Town Treasurer with approval of the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, grants, and money allocated by State and Federal Government passed on a voice vote.

Article 24: Motion by Sue Perreault, and seconded, to set payment of property taxes in two installments with due dates being Aug. 15, 2025 and Nov. 15, 2025, with delivery to town clerk's office postmarked on or before the due dates passed on a voice vote.

Article 25: Motion by Mike Concessi, and seconded, to set the date and time of Town Meeting 2026 to be held March 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. passed on a voice vote.

Article 26: Other non-binding business. Leo Martineau spoke in support of adding a man to the road crew. Gary Eggelston asked about progress of auditing with Selectman Wayne Symonds responding that they were close to NEMRC finalizing reconciling the books before turning over to the contracted town auditors.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 on voice vote with those wishing to continue to speak to do so personally with the Selectboard.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea E. Magwire, Town Clerk

Town Clerk's Report

It has been a busy and productive year in the Town Clerk's Office. I began my role as Town Clerk in September and, in a short time, have learned a great deal about both the position and the community. I have truly enjoyed getting to know the residents of Orange and my neighbors throughout town. Everyone has been thoughtful and courteous, making the transition both welcoming and rewarding.

The Town Clerk serves as a central point of contact for residents and works to ensure that the daily business of the Town is conducted accurately, efficiently, and in accordance with state law. Throughout the year, the Clerk's Office was responsible for recording and preserving land records; issuing vital records, marriage licenses, dog licenses, and various permits; and collecting payments for taxes, fees, and licenses. The office also maintained voter checklists, assisted with voter registration, and supported local, state, and federal election processes.

In addition to statutory duties, the Clerk's Office regularly assisted residents with questions related to property records, town policies, meeting schedules, and general municipal services.

The Clerk worked closely with the Selectboard, Treasurer, Listers, and other Town officials to prepare meeting warnings, agendas, minutes, and official correspondence, and to ensure compliance with public records and open meeting requirements. Support was also provided for Town Meeting preparations and the publication of the annual Town Report.

Learning the administration and management of grants has been a new and meaningful professional challenge this year. While navigating unfamiliar processes and requirements has taken time, it has been an important area of growth and an opportunity to expand the services and resources available to the Town.

The Town Office staff has been more than I could have asked for—consistently supportive and collaborative—and together we have built a strong and effective team. The Clerk's Office continues to update procedures and use available technology to improve recordkeeping, access to information, and communication with residents, while preserving the permanent records that document the history of the Town of Orange.

I would like to thank the Selectboard, Town Officers, volunteers, and residents for their cooperation and support throughout the year. It is a privilege to serve the Town of Orange.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Hallenbeck
Town Clerk



2025 Vital Records

As recorded by the Town Clerk

Births

Child's Name	Date	Mother	Father
Brien Garvy Beliveau	Oct 30	Kristen Marie Kivlen	Shawn Joseph Beliveau
Acenas Mokasim Emerson Bernier	Feb 23	Jane Claire Acenas Mokasim	Michael Charles Bernier
Griffin John Braman	Jun 15	Shannon Rose Pelchuck	Ethan Alexander Braman
Alora Brianna Safford	Nov 13	Malina Brianne Safford	Isaac Daniel Safford
Isla Rose Shaw	Oct 3	Heather Shaw	Benjamin Shaw

Deaths

Name	Residence	Date	Age
Duncan McKay	Orange	Jan 20	92
Mary Claflin	East Orange	Jan 29	84
Antonio Espinoza	Orange	Jan 29	38
Michael Jacobs	Orange	Jan 29	63
Lyle Morgan	Orange	Feb 4	74
Gracelyn Blaise	Orange	Feb 10	83
Allen Blouin	Orange	Feb 13	66
Nancy Goodrich	Orange	Mar 26	76
Marsha Bancroft	Orange	Apr 5	87
Zachary Lizee	Orange	May	50
Merlin Neddo	Orange	May 17	95
Noel Palin	Orange	May 24	92
Christopher Mackay	—	Jun	33
Kenneth Farnham	Orange	Jun 16	86
David Schmoll	Orange	Jul 26	94
Laura Kezer	Orange	Jul 28	86
Paul Brassard	Orange	Aug 9	73
Jonathan Brauch	Orange	Sep 25	70
Alice Smith	Orange	Sep 25	92
Kaylee Bailey	East Corinth	Oct 5	16
Albert Downing	Topsham	Oct 12	82
Kenneth Cochran	Orange	Oct 31	90
Virginia Collins	Orange	Dec 5	91
Charles Otis	Orange	Dec 22	65
Debra Clark	Orange	Dec 26	70
Mary Caughey	East Orange	Dec 28	90

TOWN HIGHWAY REPORT

The year 2025 was another busy and productive year for the Highway Department.

Once again, Mud Season presented its usual challenges, particularly in obtaining the materials needed to repair low spots and other areas of the town roads. Despite limited stock at local suppliers, the crew worked diligently to maintain safe and passable roadways.

During the summer, the crew focused on ditching, grading, and resurfacing town roads to keep them in good condition.

In addition, the Highway Department is actively working on grant opportunities to fund projects such as **culvert repairs, ledge blasting, and improvements to the salt shed**, which will help maintain and improve the town's road infrastructure.

We also experienced personnel changes this year. **Matt Wadsworth** was appointed as the new Road Foreman following the resignation of **John Barnes**, and a new crew member, **Mike Utton** was hired to fill Matt's former position.

Through all the challenges and transitions, the road crew did a fantastic job keeping up with the work required to maintain the town's roads. Their dedication, skill, and hard work are greatly appreciated.

TOWN HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

- 2022 International CV15 Dump Truck with plow
- 2021 John Deere 310SL Backhoe Loader with twister wrist
- 2021 International 10-Wheel Dump Truck with plow, wing, and sander
- 2021 Turbo Turf Hydro Seeder HM-400-TE with trailer
- 2019 International 10-Wheel Dump Truck with plow, wing, and sander
- 2017 International 10-Wheel Dump Truck with wing and sander
- 2016 John Deere 544K Wheel Loader
- 2016 Power Eagle Culvert Thawing Machine with trailer and water tote
- 2006 John Deere 672D Grader
- York 9244 HT Road Rake with 2-foot extension
- Water/Chloride Tank and Trailer
- Sand Screen
- Plate Compactor



2025 Town Planning Commission Report



In 2025 the Town Planning Commission continued working on implementing the priority goals and objectives in the Orange Town Plan which was approved on September 7, 2018. For the approved plan to remain in effect, it must be reviewed and updated on an eight-year cycle, with a four-year time frame for checking the status of implementing the goals and objectives identified in the plan. The four-year review indicated that there were no changes to State requirements or Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission policies that would necessitate an update to the Town Plan. That is not currently the case, as recent legislation relating to Act 250 reform, flood safety, housing, conservation, and more will require changes to the Town Plan prior to readoption by September 2026. Having and implementing a town plan is beneficial, and sometimes necessary, when applying for State and regional planning and construction grants.

The Planning Commission has started the revision and readoption process and will be holding public input meetings during the Spring and Summer months. The meetings will be noticed when scheduled, and public participation is encouraged.

The Town was previously awarded a grant, funded in part by the Federal Highway Administration thru the State Agency of Transportation Municipal Assistance Section, for the study of Rt. 302 in the Orange Town Center to address highway and pedestrian safety. In 2024, the Planning Commission reviewed and evaluated proposed traffic calming measures and sidewalks in the village center, held a local concerns public meeting, and followed later by a public presentation on the alternatives with a slide show and copies of the presentation distributed to all present. A public meeting on the selected alternative was held during March 2025, and a selected alternative was recommended to the Selectboard for adoption.

One of the goals in the current Town Plan is to develop a management plan for the Town forest. During 2025, the Planning Commission worked with the County Forester to have a plan developed. Several public meetings were held where those attending provided valuable input and comment. A hearing on the final plan was held, and the plan was recommended to the Selectboard for adoption.

Along with the regular monthly meetings of the Planning Commission, this Spring and Summer there will be discussions on Town Plan revisions and readoption. Having public participation is of benefit to the Town and all are encouraged to attend meetings which are posted at the Town office and on the website.

Recreation Committee Report

The Orange Recreation Committee met monthly in 2025 with the objective of promoting community involvement and appreciation of the resources available to our town residents. This committee has responsibility for stewardship of the public lands in the town of Orange by ordinance. Primary objectives were identified: The need to maintain and improve the ballfield and recreation field on Reservoir Road, the desire to improve access and awareness of the Town Forest, and the desirability of hosting social gatherings at which the residents of Orange can get to know each other.

It was recognized that fundraising would be necessary to meet those objectives, and various fundraising strategies have been discussed. The Recreation Committee hosted a spaghetti supper in May and an Easter egg hunt in April. The success of the events was due in large part to the organizational work done by members of the Recreation Committee, and donations from various local businesses. There were rave reviews about the spaghetti sauces and requests to host these suppers more often. The committee is also considering restoring our town's birthday each August with a celebration at the Orange town recreation field as well as a celebration for the country's 250th anniversary.

Brush-hogging at the recreation field has been done, and the committee has plans for improving drainage, parking and possible expansion of the field. Long term goals include building a picnic pavilion and generally enhancing access to and utilization of the recreation field.

For 2026, the Recreation committee is hoping to discuss collaboration with the Orange Center School to revitalize a nature trail across from the school. We're also planning further work on the Orange Town Forest trail system and a parking lot for access to these trails. Our county forester wrote a new management plan for the Orange Town Forest with input from the Planning Commission, Recreation Committee and interested residents. A copy of this management plan is available to view at the Orange Town Office, and we encourage Orange residents to check it out. Recreation committee members will be helping implement the management plan as volunteers for projects such as invasive plant removal.

The Recreation Committee is currently meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30, in the town hall. Meetings are open to the public, and all are invited to attend.

Animal Control Report

Animal Control services for the Town of Orange are provided by:
Michele Boyer of Country Canine Kennels

Michele brings more than 55 years of experience caring for dogs and responds to a wide range of calls involving domestic animals, including enforcement of the Town Animal Ordinance and applicable state statutes. She also serves as the Animal Control Officer for the towns of Topsham, Groton, and Corinth. Through her work, she helps ensure a safe, healthy, and responsible environment for dogs, and the community as a whole.

Animal Control activity was minimal in 2025. Thank you for your continued responsible care of your pets.

Registering your dog(s):

State law requires all dogs to wear a collar and tag and to be licensed in the town where they reside, in accordance with Vermont statutes (20 V.S.A. § 3581).

To register your dog, please bring a current rabies vaccination certificate and, if applicable, proof of spaying or neutering to the Town Clerk's Office. You can pay with a credit card, cash or check. Once registered, you will be issued a dog license and tag. Dog registrations for the new year began in January 2026 and the last day to register without a late fee is April 1st.

Dog Licensing Fees

Male/Female (unaltered)	\$18 for each dog
Spayed/Neutered	\$13 for each dog
Working Farm Dog	+ \$5.00 for each dog

*There is a \$10.00 late fee for each dog after April 1st



Impound Procedures

Dogs may be impounded if they are found stray or running at large, are unlicensed, unregistered, or not current on rabies vaccination. Animal Control may also take an animal into custody if it appears to be in danger or at risk to its health or safety.

Impoundment costs may include ticket fines, impound fees, and boarding expenses. Dogs will not be released to their owners until proof of current licensing is provided.

Lost or Found a Pet

If you have lost or found a dog, please contact Animal Control as soon as possible with a description of the animal at (802) 439-6877 or countrycaninevt@gmail.com. Prompt reporting helps reunite pets with their owners.

Cats are not impounded for running at large. If your cat is missing, you may contact the Central Vermont Humane Society at (802) 476-3811 or Animal Control for guidance.

Additional options include placing notices in local newspapers, requesting to post an alert on the Town of Orange Facebook page, or using online resources such as Lost and Found Pets of Vermont. Posting signs in the area is also encouraged.

Barking or Loose Dogs

If you are experiencing an issue with a neighbor's dog that is barking excessively or running loose, the first step is to speak with your neighbor to address the concern. If the issue is not resolved, you may contact the Animal Control Officer. While there is no town leash law in Orange, the town does have an *Animal and Nuisance Ordinance*. A copy of the ordinance is available at the Town Offices or on the town website at Orangevt.org

Dog License Report for 2025:

	Number	Rate
Female	24	\$15.00
Female Spayed	66	\$10.00
Male	26	\$15.00
Male Neutered	60	\$10.00

In 2025, Vermont law required the Town to remit \$7.00 of each dog license fee to the State to support rabies control and animal welfare programs.

Rabies Clinic

Barre Town Fire Department

Date: Saturday, March 21

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: 79 Pitman Road

Fee: \$20.00 per vaccine

Residents can stop by the Orange Town Office to obtain intake and consent forms or print them from the Orange Town website. All forms must be completed in advance of the clinic.

This will be a drive-thru clinic. Please remain in your vehicle at all times.

For the safety of all participants:

- Dogs must be leashed
- Cats must be crated

To receive a three-year rabies vaccination, pets must provide proof of a prior rabies vaccination. Pets without documentation are eligible for a one-year vaccination only.

*Tractor Supply Co. in Montpelier will hold pet vaccination clinics on **March 22** and **April 19**. For clinic times and details, visit tractorsupply.com or call (802) 223-2246.

CEMETERY REPORT

Of the Town's six cemeteries, **Brook Haven Cemetery** is currently the only cemetery with plots available for purchase.

Residents interested in purchasing a cemetery lot may stop by the **Town Office** or visit the Town website at **orangevt.org** to review a copy of the cemetery map.

Brook Haven Cemetery offers plots for a single grave or up to four full graves. For cremated remains, up to two separate cremains may be interred in a single lot. Once an area of the cemetery has been selected, purchasers may contact any of the Town's **Cemetery Commissioners** to finalize the sale.

Installation of a headstone or monument requires a concrete foundation, which must be poured by the Cemetery Commission. The cost is **\$700 for foundations up to 12 square feet**, which accommodates most standard headstones. Please be sure to provide the exact measurements of the headstone when arranging payment for the foundation.

The Town of Orange maintains and operates its cemeteries from **May 1 through November 1**. Cemeteries are open for visitation year-round; however, burials and foundation installations must occur during the operating season.

Cemetery Commission Officers

- **Clark Agnew** – (802) 479-0755 – cagnewjr84@gmail.com
- **Rodney Coronado** – (321) 281-6200 – orangevtcc@gmail.com
- **Michael Raboin Jr.** – (802) 279-8822 – raboin1971@gmail.com

2025 Burial Record

In 2025, there were four burials at Brook Haven Cemetery:

- Richard Lorne Derick
- Lauren Lee Derick
- Beverly Bernier
- Nancy Davenport

The Cemetery Commission remains committed to maintaining the Town's cemeteries with care and respect, preserving these important spaces for current residents and future generations.

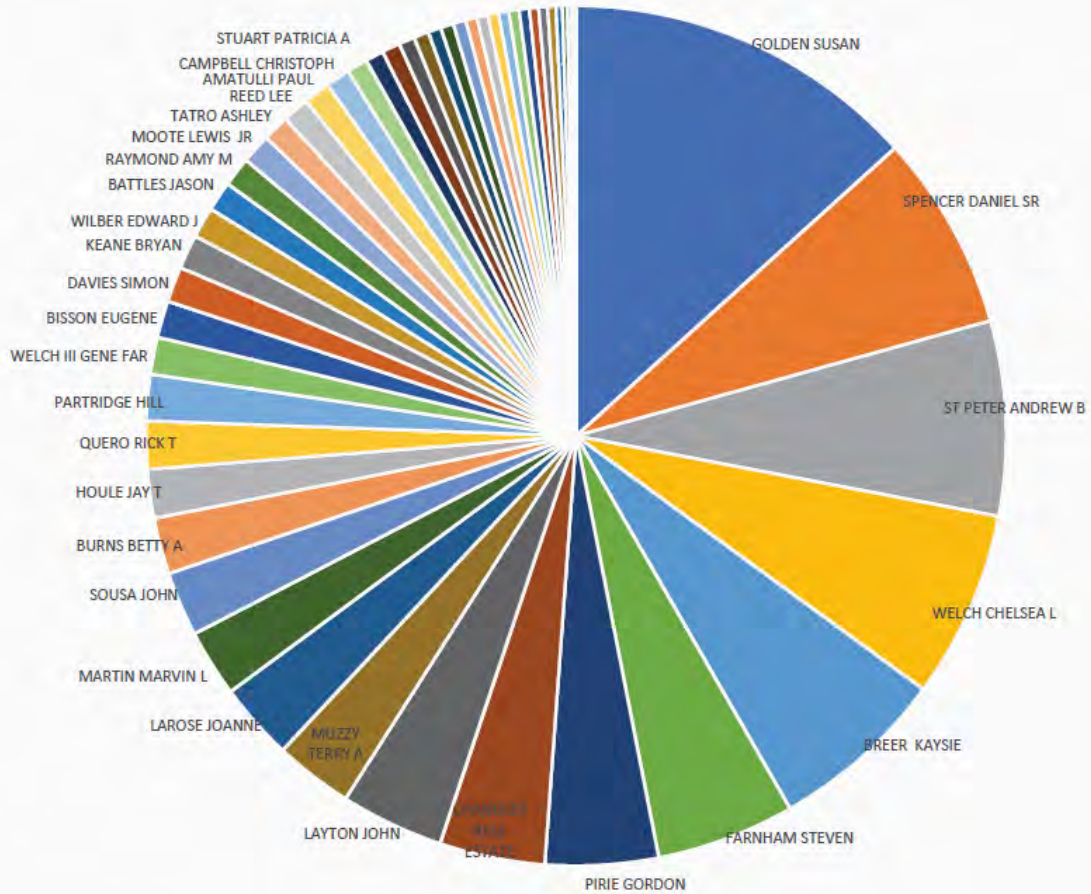
Delinquent Tax Collectors Report

	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total
Total Due 12/31/2024	\$180,262	\$31,565	\$13,814	\$225,641
Collections	\$78,791	\$13,582	\$6,287	\$98,661

Balances Due 12/31/2025				
Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total
2018	\$1,186	\$839	\$72	\$ 2,098
2019	\$5,659	\$3,938	\$453	\$10,051
2020	\$11,295	\$6,679	\$921	\$18,895
2021	\$14,002	\$6,886	\$1,120	\$22,009
2022	\$14,706	\$5,349	\$1,093	\$21,147
2023	\$27,870	\$7,052	\$2,230	\$37,151
2024	\$41,850	\$5,863	\$3,137	\$50,851
2025	\$76,888	\$1,440	\$6,127	\$84,455
Total	\$193,446	\$38,047	\$15,153	\$246,656

2018	2022	2023	SOUSA JOHN	2025
FARNHAM STEVEN	DIMICK DEBRA	SOUSA JOHN	SPENCER DANIEL SR	LADEAU ROBERT
SPOONER THOMAS	FARNHAM STEVEN	SPENCER DANIEL SR	ST PETER ANDREW	LAYTON JOHN
2019	GOLDEN SUSAN	ST PETER ANDREW	TEAGUE DENIS	MARTIN MARVIN
FARNHAM STEVEN	KEANE BRYAN	WELCH CHELSEA	TOWNSEND JONATHAN	MAXHAM JOLENE
GOLDEN SUSAN	LAROSE JOANNE	WELCH GENE	WELCH CHELSEA	MOOTE LEWIS JR
JAY JESSICA	LAYTON JOHN	WILBER EDWARD	WELCH GENE	MUZZY TERRY
MOOTE LEWIS JR	MARTIN MARVIN	YOUNG BEVERLY	WILBER EDWARD	NYKIEL TINA
WELCH CHELSEA	MOOTE LEWIS JR	2024	YOUNG BEVERLY	ORANGE ACRES LLC
2020	PIRIE GORDON	BISSON EUGENE	2025	PARTRIDGE HILL
FARNHAM STEVEN	REED LEE	BREER KAYSIE	AMATULLI PAUL	
GOLDEN SUSAN	SPENCER DANIEL SR	BURNS BETTY	BATTLES JASON	QUERO RICK
HARRINGTON PATRICK	WELCH CHELSEA	CAMPBELL CHRIS	BISSON EUGENE	RAYMOND AMY
MOOTE LEWIS JR	WILBER EDWARD	DIMICK DEBRA	BLAIR DOUGLAS	REED ELSIE
PIRIE GORDON	2023	GOLDEN SUSAN	BOWEN RICHARD	REED LEE
SPENCER DANIEL SR	BISSON EUGENE	HALLOCK BRYANT	BREER KAYSIE	ROCK GUY
WELCH CHELSEA	BREER KAYSIE	HOULE JAY	BUCCELLATO SHIRLEY	SOUSA JOHN
2021	BURNS BETTY	KEANE BRYAN	BURNS BETTY	SPENCER DANIEL SR
DIMICK DEBRA	GOLDEN SUSAN	LADEAU ROBERT	CAMPBELL CHRIS	ST PETER ANDREW
FARNHAM STEVEN	HOULE JAY	LAROSE JOANNE	CHANDLER REAL ESTATE	STUART PATRICIA
GOLDEN SUSAN	KEANE BRYAN	LAYTON JOHN	DAVIES SIMON	TATRO ASHLEY
KEANE BRYAN	LADEAU ROBERT	MARTIN MARVIN	EDWARDS SCOTT	TEAGUE DENIS
LAROSE JOANNE	LAROSE JOANNE	MOOTE LEWIS JR	FARNHAM STEVEN	TOWNSEND JONATHAN
LAYTON JOHN	LAYTON JOHN	MUZZY TERRY	GOLDEN SUSAN	VILLAFRANCO HENRY
MOOTE LEWIS JR	MARTIN MARVIN	NYKIEL TINA M	HALLOCK BRYANT	WELCH CHELSEA
PIRIE GORDON	MOOTE LEWIS JR	PIRIE GORDON	HOULE JAY	WELCH GENE
REED LEE	NYKIEL TINA	RAYMOND AMY	JACOBS GARY	WILBER EDWARD
SPENCER DANIEL SR	PIRIE GORDON	REED ELSIE	JEAN DEREK	WILSON SARAH
WELCH CHELSEA	REED LEE	REED LEE	KEANE BRYAN	YOUNG BEVERLY

Delinquent Property Tax Overview



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(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	193	31,649,100	26,483,300	5,165,800	31,649,100
Residential II R2	208	49,023,600	39,951,100	9,072,500	49,023,600
Mobile Homes-U MHU	19	531,600	334,100	197,500	531,600
Mobile Homes-L MHL	49	4,845,500	3,114,300	1,731,200	4,845,500
Seasonal I S1	7	638,200	169,500	468,700	638,200
Seasonal II S2	43	6,841,600	101,100	6,740,500	6,841,600
Commercial C	2	299,600	0	299,600	299,600
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	5	5,560,100	0	5,560,100	5,560,100
Utilities-O UO	2	3,376,300	0	3,376,300	3,376,300
Farm F	5	2,937,300	1,847,100	1,090,200	2,937,300
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	37	8,177,600	0	8,177,600	8,177,600
Miscellaneous M	39	1,964,000	552,100	1,411,900	1,964,000
TOTAL LISTED REAL	609	115,844,500	72,552,600	43,291,900	115,844,500
P.P. Cable	0	0		0	0
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	0	0		0	0
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		115,844,500	72,552,600	43,291,900	115,844,500
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	17/17	170,000	150,000	20,000	170,000
Veterans >10K		510,000			
Total Veterans		680,000	150,000	20,000	170,000
P.P. Contracts	0	0			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	0/0	0	0	0	0
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	57/57	11,954,100	2,472,700	9,481,400	11,954,100
Special Exemptions	2		0	1,287,300	1,287,300
Partial Statutory	1/1	974,900	0	974,900	974,900
Sub-total Exemptions		13,609,000	2,622,700	11,763,600	14,386,300
Total Exemptions		13,609,000	2,622,700	11,763,600	14,386,300
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		1,022,355.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			699,299.00	315,283.00	1,014,582.00
NON-TAX	21	NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411			

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REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
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Status on Personal Property	
1) Has inventory been exempted by vote of town/city?	Yes_XX_ No_____
2) Has machinery and equipment been exempted by vote of your town/city?	Yes_XX_ No_____
3) If yes for #2, what portion is now exempt? (include percentage)	_____100.00_____
4) If no for #2, please indicate below how your town/city is assessing business personal property (Place "X" by option used)	
a) at fair market value _____	b) at depreciated value _____

Summary of Adjustments to Taxable Values (Local Agreements Etc.)	
Approved (VEPC) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Grandfathered Contracts/Exemptions	0
Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Homestead Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Nonhmstd Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed Tax)	0
Special Exemptions	1,287,300
Current Use (Use Value Appraisal Program)	11,954,100
Veteran Exemptions	170,000
Homestead Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	450,000
Nonhmstd Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	60,000
Partial Statutory Exemptions	974,900

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CONTRACTS - (Town code: 453)
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DATE VOTED	PARCEL ID	NAME	CAT. CODE	BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE	STATUTE CODE TITLE	VALUE BEFORE EXEMPTION	CONTRACT AMOUNT	ASSMT LESS CONTRACT
/ /	019075.	SAGE MOUNTAIN BOTANICAL S	R2	/ /	/ /		1,047,600	974,900	72,700
Partial	453-143-10212					Nonhomestead		974,900	72,700
								974,900	
Non-Taxable Church Etc									

STATUTE

The real property parcels listed below are exempt from the property tax under Vermont law. These parcels are included in the grand list book in accord with 32 VSA section 41.52 and subject to parcel payments under 32 VSA section 4041a. Payment can only be issues if complete and accurate information is provided. Do not include parcels subject to local agreements.

OWNER NAME	PARCEL ID	CATEGORY	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	VALUE ESTIMATE
BROOK HAVEN CEMETERY	000017.	M	SEVERAL TOWN CEMETERIES	0	1,200
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7)	18 VSA §5317			
CHRIST COMMUNITY ALLIANCE CHURCH	000016.	M	CHURCH IN CENTER OF TOWN	369 US ROUTE 302	451,300
	9) 32 VSA § 3802(4): 3832(2)				
CLEMENT CEMETERY	000020.	M		0	900
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7)	18 VSA §5317			
CUTLER CORNER CEMTERY	000022.Cut	M		0	1,800
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7)	18 VSA §5317			
EAST ORANGE CHURCH	000018.	M	CHURCH & ADJOINING CEMETE	4353 EAST ORANGE RD	725,700
	9) 32 VSA § 3802(4): 3832(2)				
EAST ORANGE UNION SOCIETY	003901.	C	SCHOOL HOUSE USED FOR CHU	4380 EAST ORANGE ROAD	136,400
	9) 32 VSA § 3802(4): 3832(2)				
ECHO VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRI	000013.	M	SCHOOL BUILDINGS	357 US RT 302	3,179,900
	10) 32 VSA § 3802(4)	3800(b)			
HUTCHINSON CEMETERY	000021.	M		0	1,200
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7)	18 VSA §5317			
ORANGE CENTER CEMETERY	000019.	C		0	900
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7)	18 VSA §5317			
PEAKE CEMETERY	000023.	M		0	600
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7)	18 VSA §5317			
TOWN OF ORANGE- GRAVEL PIT WHITCOMB	000008.	M	GRAVEL PIT PURCHASED FROM	0	73,300
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
TOWN OF ORANGE- SEPTIC SYS SCHOOL	000014.	M	LAND ACROSS FROM BUILDING	0	54,600
	10) 32 VSA § 3802(4)	3800(b)			
TOWN OF ORANGE- TOWN FOREST	000010.	M	TOWN FOREST	0	368,900
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
TOWN OF ORANGE- TOWN GARAGE	000006.	M	TOWN GARAGE ON RICHARDSON	0	179,800
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
TOWN OF ORANGE- TOWN HALL & CLERKS'	000007.	M	TOWN HALL & TOWN CLERK'S	392 US ROUTE 302	327,000
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
TOWN OF ORANGE-LAND RICHARDSON RD-	000015.	M	RICHARDSON ROAD TO CORREC	0	1,700
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				

TOTAL NUMBER OF EXEMPT PARCELS: 16

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Special Exemptions Abstract
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Parcel	Exemption	Real Value	Assessment
SPAN			Special lessSpec. Exempt Exemption
0000PP.011 ER THURSTON FARM SOLAR EAST LLC 453-143-10718	Solar	644,200 UE Nonhmstd Homestead	644,200 0 0
0000PP.012 ER THURSTON FARM SOLAR WEST LLC 453-143-10719	Solar	643,100 UE Nonhmstd Homestead	643,100 0 0

Special Exemption Totals

Type	Homestead	Nonhomestead
Ski Lifts & Snowmaking	0	0
Whey Processing	0	0
Vermont Yankee	0	0
Qualified Housing	0	0
Solar	0	1,287,300
Wind	0	0
Other	0	0
Total Real Prior to Exemptions	1,287,300	
Total Exemptions	0	1,287,300
Grand Lists After	0	0

We certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the grand list of Orange, VT for the year 2025.
Given under our hands at Orange Town Office on this 21st day of January in the year 2026.

John McNeil A.J. McNeil Edmund J. Beland
LISTERS

I hereby certify that I have examined the grand list for the year ____ now on file and hereby certify this abstract in
accord with 32 V.S.A. 4183.

Attest Spencer Hareland TOWN CLERK

Date: January 23, 2026

Section 5404(b) of Title 32 of the V.S.A. requires the following.

The clerk of a municipality, or the supervisor of an unorganized town or gore, annually
by August 15 shall transmit to the director, in electronic format prescribed by the
director, education and municipal grand list data, including exemption information and grand
list abstracts.

If changes or additions to the grand list are made by the listers or other officials
authorized to do so after the transmission of the electronic grand list and abstract of
the grand list, such clerks shall forthwith certify the same to the director by
transmitting an updated electronic grand list book and electronic abstract of the grand
list.

BUDGET

2024 Budget 2024 Actual 2025 Budget 2025 Actual 2026 Budget

GENERAL FUND					
REVENUES					
TAXES					
Current Tax Revenue	181,722	76,657	215,946	140,529	313,818
Other Tax Revenues					
Voted Articles	0	9,625	0	27,775	0
Delinquent Tax Rev.	0	87,633	0	63,694	0
Current Yr. Late Tax Inte	500	767	500	1,117	500
Delinquent Tax Interest	7,500	12,365	10,000	10,152	10,000
Delinquent Tax Penalty	6,000	6,041	8,000	6,889	8,000
ANR Pilot Payment	11,500	16,146	11,500	11,584	11,500
Current Use Hold Harmless	61,000	82,126	61,000	87,762	80,000
State Buildings PILOT Pay	2,100	0	2,100	2,906	2,300
Land use change tax	0	0	0	0	0
Tax Sales	0	0	0	0	0
Other Tax Revenues total	88,600	214,702	93,100	211,878	112,300
FEES/PERMITS/LICENSES					
Recording Fees	7,000	9,114	7,500	9,263	7,500
COTT Revenue	150	0	300	0	150
Vault Copies	250	69	100	24	50
Photocopies & Fax Fee	500	778	750	259	350
Posted Land	100	115	100	75	100
Town Hall Rent	9,000	7,900	8,000	8,775	8,500
Vault fees	200	60	100	8	50
Certified Copies	300	140	200	380	250
Clerk Fees-Marriage	60	45	0	30	45
Total	17,560	18,221	17,050	18,814	16,995
SERVICES					
Bulk Trash Income	2,500	287	500	2,003	2,000
Ambulance Reimbursements	0	0	0	0	0
Civil Fines	200	570	250	207	100
Dogs: Rabies Clinic	0	1,116	0	80	50
Dogs: Registration Fees	1,700	1,340	1,500	356	1,500
Dogs: Late Fees	150	690	500	60	0

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2024 Budget 2024 Actual 2025 Budget 2025 Actual 2026 Budget

Green Mountain Passport	15	22	20	20	0
Fire Reimbursements	0	0	0	0	0
School Election Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4,565	4,025	2,770	2,726	3,650
MISCELLANEOUS					
Interest Income	4,000	18,023	10,000	13,537	10,000
Green Up Day	400	2,142	400	400	400
State Equalization Paymen	630	628	625	628	625
Workmans Comp Refund	0	0	0	0	0
Cannabis Control	0	0	0	0	0
WEC Capital Credit Refund	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenue	30,220	36,267	0	826	150
Total	35,250	57,061	11,025	15,391	11,175
Transfers					
Transfer In	0	640	0	1,139	0
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	0	0	0
Planning Commission Rev	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	640	0	1,139	0
Total Other Revenue	145,975	294,649	123,945	249,948	144,120
(excluding Current Tax)					
GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Payroll Expenses					
New Hire Expense	100	0	100	1,701	600
Salaries - Selectboard	3,000	3,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Salaries - Town Clerk	56,583	39,476	48,000	39,684	49,440
Salaries - Listers	4,000	5,520	4,000	4,910	4,500
Salaries - Del. Tax Colle	8,000	5,205	8,000	4,987	8,000
Salaries - Health Officer	200	0	200	0	200
Salaries - Ballot Clerks	2,000	1,010	750	0	1,000
Salaries - Treasurer	0	0	14,000	10,862	25,750
Salaries - BCA / BOA	0	0	500	0	1,000

BUDGET

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
Salaries - Animal Control	500	0	0	450	750
Salaries - IT Services	0	0	0	0	5,000
Salaries - Asst TC/Treasu	25,443	30,941	25,116	30,620	26,000
Salaries - Bookkeeper	0	0	0	0	0
SS & Medicare	8,420	6,982	7,923	7,847	9,810
Child Care Contribution T	0	671	456	1,096	1,128
Retirement - Employer	5,122	2,785	6,997	4,363	5,000
Health Insurance - Admin.	5,000	0	5,000	4,170	5,000
Unemployment Insurance	440	523	500	244	500
Workers Comp Insurance	8,745	6,119	500	3,986	4,160
Life Insurance - Clerk	385	0	0	0	400
Total	127,939	102,233	128,042	120,919	154,238
OFFICE OPS & EXPENSES					
Professional Audit	27,000	9,628	15,000	2,805	30,000
Recording Expense	500	0	300	430	300
Office Supplies	2,500	4,189	3,500	3,479	4,000
Lister Supplies	200	0	0	300	500
Postage	3,200	3,000	3,000	2,703	3,500
Training/Office	6,000	2,640	4,000	1,303	3,000
Mileage	600	628	700	582	700
NEMRC Accounting Services	7,000	0	0	5,153	9,000
Copier: Lease Fee	1,300	1,312	1,400	1,281	1,300
Copier: Copies allowance	600	789	600	808	850
Newsletter	3,500	2,611	3,000	2,482	3,000
Town Report	4,000	3,648	3,500	4,117	4,500
Legal notices/Advertisment	1,500	468	1,000	229	500
Electricity-Off/TwnHall	3,000	2,430	3,000	2,836	3,100
Telephone & Internet	1,900	1,920	3,000	6,008	4,000
Office Equipment	0	0	3,000	1,462	1,500
Generator/Equipment	0	0	1,000	0	800
Heat - Town Hall	1,100	1,098	2,200	550	3,000
Heat - Town Clerk	890	642	900	2,038	1,800
Tech Support	8,262	11,034	7,500	7,864	8,500
NEMRC License	5,642	6,113	7,173	5,811	6,000
NEMRC Disaster Recovery	654	645	664	664	700

BUDGET

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
Dues	3,660	5,131	3,000	5,778	6,000
Janitorial Off./Town Hall	1,461	325	0	258	800
Software Licenses/Website	450	2,267	2,000	4,339	3,800
HeyGov	0	0	6,400	6,300	0
Total	84,919	60,518	75,837	69,581	101,150
GENERAL EXPENSES					
Green Up Day	400	0	400	0	0
Green Mountain Transit	675	0	675	0	675
County Taxes	26,000	22,301	26,000	15,566	20,000
Legal Fees	8,225	19,168	15,000	13,588	15,000
Election Expenses	100	1,439	750	43	750
Bulk Trash Expense	4,500	2,313	4,000	6,547	7,000
Property/Public Off. Ins	10,000	9,259	8,000	6,916	9,184
Rabies Clinic	0	910	1,000	64	1,000
Leased land	111	0	111	0	111
Tax Abatements	2,500	4,236	2,500	8,004	2,500
Miscellaneous	0	1,315	0	379	500
Bank Fees	500	14	100	88	100
Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Total	53,011	60,954	58,536	51,195	56,820
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Electricity-Streetlights	675	643	1,200	1,112	1,200
Barre Town Ambulance Reta	70,265	69,680	70,000	69,680	70,000
Barre Town Fire Retainer	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
Washington Fire Dept Reta	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,630	3,000
CTERT	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	3,500
Police Protection	15,000	13,450	20,000	3,451	0
Animal Control	500	2,700	5,400	3,539	3,500
Dog tags	160	159	180	160	180
Fires/Accidents Barre Tow	6,000	328	4,000	4,132	4,200
Tri Village Fire Retainer	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,500	9,500
Fires/Accidents Washingto	2,000	7,125	7,000	8,595	9,000
Dry Hydrant Grant Program	100	0	0	0	0
Total	109,450	108,834	122,530	103,049	105,330

BUDGET	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS					
Mowing	1,100	2,310	2,500	2,310	2,500
Security System	900	637	900	450	600
Mowing Recreation	0	0	0	2,970	3,000
Electricity - recreation	0	0	0	265	300
Repairs/Maint: Clerk	300	2,260	1,000	1,039	26,000
Repairs/Maint: Town Hall	300	865	1,000	944	1,000
Total	2,600	6,073	5,400	7,979	33,400
Transfers Out					
Capital Improv: Town Hall	5,000	12,813	5,000	5,000	5,000
Planning Commission	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Act 60 Reappraisal	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	0
Capital Improv: Clerk	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Transfer out	0	0	0	1,816	0
Total	12,000	19,813	17,000	18,816	7,000
VOTED ARTICLES	0	0	0	0	0
Articles - Cemetery Care	0	0	0	14,300	0
Voted Article-Town Rec Fa	0	2,800	0	5,000	0
Articles - Non Profits	0	8,125	0	8,475	0
Total	0	10,925	0	27,775	0
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES	389,919	369,350	407,345	399,313	457,938

BUDGET	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
HIGHWAY FUND					
REVENUE					
Current Tax Revenue	541,791	541,791	544,823	544,823	665,199
Other Highway Revenue					
State Aid to Highway	12,500	93,121	100,000	42,098	75,000
Public Safety Grant	0	2,973	0	7,313	0
Better Back R Grant	0	0	0	36,602	0
Paving Grant	0	0	0	0	0
Highway Equipment Loan	0	0	0	0	0
Misc equipment sales	0	52	0	0	0
Equipment Trade In	0	0	0	0	0
Logging in Town Pit	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12,500	96,145	100,000	86,012	75,000
Permits & Fees					
Fleet & Single permits	0	390	400	345	345
Highway Fees and Permits	450	0	0	0	0
Total	450	390	400	345	345
Misc Highway Revenue					
Insurance refund	0	0	0	0	0
Street Sign Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0
Paving Article	20,000	0	100,000	100,000	0
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	36,038	0	22,153	0
Total	20,000	36,038	100,000	122,153	0
Transfers					
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	0	0	0
Xfer in fr HW Equip Fund	0	0	0	100,000	0
Total	0	0	0	100,000	0
HIGHWAY FUND					
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	32,950	132,573	200,400	308,510	75,345

BUDGET

2024 Budget 2024 Actual 2025 Budget 2025 Actual 2026 Budget

Salaries & Benefits					
New Hire Expenses	100	0	0	609	600
Salaries - Road Foreman	69,331	74,593	74,000	58,626	76,200
Salaries - Road Crew	61,187	68,079	68,000	90,943	70,040
Salaries - Temp Help	9,000	966	5,000	0	5,000
Overtime	5,000	10,701	10,000	10,200	10,000
SS & Medicare	11,673	11,693	12,011	12,166	12,500
Retirement - Highway	10,336	10,353	10,598	11,173	10,500
Health Ins. - Highway	26,277	29,561	26,000	31,280	35,700
Life Insurance - Highway	839	419	400	646	700
Vision Insurance	130	92	130	69	100
Unemployment Insurance	438	306	300	162	200
Workers Comp Insurance	5,000	7,996	8,000	5,209	8,000
Uniforms	4,800	3,627	3,500	3,777	3,500
Drug testing - town share	0	23	0	23	200
Total	204,111	218,410	217,938	224,884	233,240
Garage Expense					
Garage Supplies	5,000	6,076	6,000	9,666	10,000
Workshops/MSHA Trainings	400	20	400	40	500
Mileage	1,500	1,117	1,200	1,681	1,200
Electricity	1,900	1,701	1,900	1,897	2,000
Telephone	750	974	900	1,209	750
Propane-Heat	3,500	3,008	3,000	4,877	6,000
Propane-Generator	400	0	400	0	0
Total	13,450	12,895	13,800	19,370	20,450
General Expense					
Property Insurance	6,500	9,074	6,700	7,568	10,100
Misc Highway Expense	500	465	500	1,362	1,500
Emergency Road Expenses	0	0	0	0	30,000
Total	7,000	9,538	7,200	8,931	41,600
Buildings & Grounds					
Security System	434	497	0	716	500
Septic Pumping	425	0	500	0	600

BUDGET

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
Repairs/Maintenance	3,500	915	1,500	1,894	3,000
Garage Generator	450	17	400	631	600
Capital Improvements	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4,809	1,429	2,400	3,241	4,700
Highway Equipment					
New Equipment Purchase	2,000	1,700	2,000	44,326	0
Equipment Rental	6,000	11,910	2,000	0	6,000
Diesel Fuel	44,193	32,992	40,000	27,727	40,000
Equipment Repairs & Maint	60,000	800	70,000	1,216	51,000
Truck 1 - 2019 Int'l	0	64,575	0	7,338	0
Truck 2 - 2021 Int'l	0	11,121	0	23,016	0
2021 JD Backhoe	0	570	0	494	0
Truck 3 - 2022 Int'l	0	1,554	0	13,395	0
2006 JD Grader	0	26,084	0	2,756	0
2016 JD Loader	0	2,963	0	1,026	0
Truck#4 2017 int'l dump t	0	0	0	1,191	0
Misc equip	0	0	0	82	0
Gas Pump	0	0	0	0	0
Sand Screen	0	324	0	1,738	0
Water Tank/Trailer	0	0	0	117	0
York Rake	0	0	0	0	0
Hydroseeder	0	39	0	0	0
Hydroseeder trailer	0	0	0	0	0
Chains	4,500	5,892	4,500	4,907	5,000
Total	116,693	160,525	118,500	129,330	102,000
Road Maintenance					
Culverts	4,000	0	20,000	7,569	20,000
Road Salt	10,000	7,899	10,000	15,534	20,500
Sand	0	0	40,000	38,633	40,000
Chloride / Dust Control	12,000	10,344	12,000	16,926	17,000
Paving	0	0	0	0	0
Resurfacing	60,000	124,965	70,000	69,278	75,000
Ditching	5,000	1,505	5,000	534	5,000
Paving-Tucker Road	0	0	0	17,583	0
Cold patch	3,500	0	20,000	1,043	35,000
Street Signs	3,000	2,244	3,000	3,704	4,000
Guardrail	9,000	0	9,000	0	10,000

BUDGET

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
Roadside Mowing	0	0	12,000	0	0
Stormwater Permits	1,300	1,350	1,500	1,350	1,500
Total	107,800	148,308	202,500	172,152	228,000
Debt Service					
Equipment Payments	55,385	55,384	55,385	56,022	32,782
Interest - Highway	3,933	3,021	4,000	2,022	1,772
Total	59,318	58,405	59,385	58,044	34,554
Transfers Out					
Equipment Reserves	20,000	20,000	20,000	132,000	75,000
Garage Capital Improvemen	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total	21,000	21,000	21,000	133,000	76,000
Paving Article	20,000	0	0	0	0
HIGHWAY FUND					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	494,863	572,106	583,338	690,908	740,544

Statement of Indebtedness

2022 International Dump Truck	
Starting Balance	47,331
Interest	1,367
2025 Principal Payment	-15,777
2025 Interest Payment	-1,367
End Balance	31,554

2021 JD Backhoe	
Starting Balance	33,091
Interest	905
2025 Principal Payment	-16,100
2025 Interest Payment	-905
End Balance	16,991

2021 JD Backhoe	
Starting Balance	23,240
Interest	655
2025 Principal Payment	-23,240
2025 Interest Payment	-655
End Balance	0

FY25 ANNUAL REPORT – ORANGE

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) provides planning, development, and project implementation services to its 23 municipalities in Washington and western Orange Counties. Municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners. CVRPC has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. Your continued support for local and regional planning is valued! CVRPC is your resource – please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

Regional Commissioner Lee Cattaneo Transportation Advisory Committee Lee Cattaneo
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Orange Activities Through June 30, 2025 (Fiscal Year 2025)

- Provided assistance to apply for \$476,549 of municipal resilience implementation funding (**Awarded \$402,731.12** for Town Hall, Town Offices and Town Garage Building Envelope and HVAC improvements.)
- Provided assistance and resources on National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) compliance, Substantial Damage and recovery processes.
- Provided Municipal Project Management for Sidewalk Scoping Study in village.
- Completed consultation with the Planning Commission for the 2026 Orange Town Plan update.
- Assisted with the Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) application for the Town Plan update.
- Identified two discretionary municipal water quality restoration projects from the Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Projects Database supported by goals identified in the municipal plan.
- Updated municipal staff regarding National Flood Insurance Program training opportunity, FEMA maps updates, river corridor planning, and DEC Rivers Program no adverse impact model bylaw.
- Facilitated public meetings on updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and town approval of plan; completed review of updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and submitted for VEM approval (approved 4/16/25).

Overview of CVRPC Programs and Services

- ❖ *Technical assistance for municipal plan and bylaw updates, focusing on predictable and effective local permitting*
- ❖ *Brownfields environmental site assessments to facilitate redevelopment and economic growth*
- ❖ *Transportation planning, studies, data collection, traffic counts, and coordination of local involvement through the regional Transportation Advisory Committee*
- ❖ *Emergency planning for natural disasters and coordination with local volunteers and the State*
- ❖ *Climate and energy planning to support projects to reduce energy burdens and build resilience*
- ❖ *Natural resource planning to protect water resources, preserve forest blocks, enhance recreational opportunities and support agricultural and forest industries*
- ❖ *Regional Planning to coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth*
- ❖ *Geographic Information System Services to support to municipalities*
- ❖ *Clean Water Service Provider: Developing water quality projects to meet phosphorous reduction targets*
- ❖ *Special Projects such as recreation paths, farmland preservation, and affordable housing*
- ❖ *Grant support through project identification, scoping, and applications*



TOWN OF ORANGE ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The Barre Area Senior Center (BASC) continues to welcome new people to the center. In fact, BASC now has community members from more than **20 surrounding towns** participating in activities. BASC currently has **over 300 registered participants**.

Our mission is to provide access to programs and resources that help older adults live independently and remain active. Programs have ranged from **arts and crafts, education, fitness, health and social services, technology, and nutrition**. We continue to expand our reach throughout the community and have partnered with more than a dozen organizations throughout the year to offer programs and educational workshops.

Thanks to funding awarded to the center, BASC launched a new participant sign-in and activity platform designed specifically for senior centers. This system has allowed us to track participation with greater ease and efficiency. These funds were also used to create a small computer lab at the center to help break down the technology barrier for older adults by providing access to computers and opportunities for education. Grant funding has also made it possible for us to expand our food distribution services, as food insecurity remains an essential need for many people and is an important way to encourage healthy diets.

Community collaboration remains key to our mission, as it expands our ability to offer opportunities and resources that benefit BASC participants. Additional community partners include the **Central Vermont Council on Aging, AARP, Central Vermont Career Center, and the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce**.

BASC also offers a variety of ways for community members to share their expertise and passions through volunteer opportunities. The dedication of our volunteers and participants makes these programs successful. We look forward to the coming year with enthusiasm as we continue to grow our supporters and participants, strengthen community connections, and expand programming and activities.

BASC relies on **donations, fundraisers, voter-approved funding, and grants** to support operating costs. The center is open **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday**, and **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Fridays**, with additional hours as needed to accommodate programs and events.

BASC would like to thank the **voters of Orange** for the generous support you have given throughout the year. Without this support, we would not be able to offer the programs and services that benefit older members of our community.



Appropriation Request – Town of Orange

CVCOA Mission:

To support Central Vermonters to age with dignity and choice.

Amount of Request:

\$1,000.00 (*level funding*)

The Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is the designated agency serving older Vermonters aged 60 and over, as well as their families and caregivers, throughout the 54 towns of Central Vermont. CVCOA is a nonprofit organization that assists older adults in remaining independent for as long as possible. All services are made available to our clients at no charge, without regard to health, income, or other resources.

The funding provided by the Town of Orange, along with the 53 other towns in our service area, is essential to CVCOA and directly supports older adults and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We accomplish this by connecting older adults to a wide array of benefit programs, resources, services, and healthy aging opportunities needed to thrive. Additional information about CVCOA's programs and services is included following this letter.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Orange for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of older adults in the community. Thank you for your contribution to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.

With gratitude,

Leanne Hoppe

Director of Development and Communications

802-476-2662

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2025 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT

Orange, Vermont

CVHHH provides medically necessary home health and hospice care (including skilled nursing, rehabilitation therapy, social work, licensed nursing assistant support, and end-of-life care) and supportive services (maternal, child and family health care, outpatient palliative care, homemaker services, and personal care) to Central Vermonters of all ages and at all stages of life. CVHHH serves 23 communities in Central Vermont, including Warren, and we provide care regardless of a person’s ability to pay. Care is delivered to our patients wherever they call home (including in assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, community care homes, and transitional housing). CVHHH’s Palliative Care Consultative Service (PCCS) is overseen by a full-time Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner, Dr. Kelley Elwell, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC. Through the program, Kelley Elwell provides specialized care and targeted support and education to individuals living with serious illness with the goal of offering relief from symptoms, pain, and stress, and to help people understand their conditions and improve their quality of life.

We know that older adults overwhelmingly want to remain in their own homes for as long as they are able. CVHHH supports older Vermonters in regaining their health and wellness after a hospital stay or a medical event and offers patients tools and education to maintain their independence and stay safely at home.

Our work meets a significant need among Central Vermonters to access targeted healthcare and interventions in a lower-cost setting. As a mission-driven nonprofit, we deliver care regardless of our clients’ ability to pay. As the cost of everyday expenses such as gas, groceries, and property taxes rise for many Central Vermonters, CVHHH remains committed to this goal.

CVHHH Services to the Residents of Orange, Vermont

Data is annualized for calendar year 2025 based on actual service data - January 1, 2025 through September 1, 2025.

Program	# of Visits
Home Health Care	591
Hospice Care	140
Long Term Care	N/A
Family Child Health	N/A
Palliative Care Consultative Service	8
TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS	739
TOTAL PATIENTS	45
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	57

For more information contact Sandy Rousse, President & CEO, or Emily McKenna, Chief Advancement Officer, at 802-223-1878.



September 26, 2025

Town of Orange
392 Route 302—PO Box 233
East Barre, VT 05649

Members of the Selectboard:

Central Vermont Adult Education (CVAE) has provided free adult education and literacy instruction for residents of Orange for sixty years. We are grateful to the Orange voters for their long-time generous support of our programs. This year, CVABE requests level funding from town voters, in the amount of \$725. This funding is key in helping Orange residents who need basic education to improve their lives.

We request that an article be placed before the voters at your annual Town Meeting.

Thank you for your assistance. If further information is needed, I welcome you to call me at (802) 476-4588.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Kravitz".

Brian Kravitz
CVAE Development and Outreach Director
bkravitz@cvae.net

Elevate Youth Services Is An Important Resource To The Residents Of Orange

During the past year (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) Elevate Youth Services, (formerly the Washington County Youth Service Bureau) provided the following services to **6 young people and families in the town of Orange**.

- **4 Youths and their Families** were assisted by the **Country Roads Program** that provides 24-hour crisis intervention, short-term counseling, and temporary, emergency shelter for youth who have runaway, are homeless, or are in crisis.
- **2 Youth** was provided with **Substance Abuse Treatment** through the **Healthy Youth Program**. This service includes substance abuse education, intervention, assessments, treatment and positive life skills coaching. Support is also available for families.

Services provided to Orange residents have involved multiple sessions, were provided by certified or licensed counselors, and emergency temporary shelter included 24-hour supervision, meals, and transportation. **No one is turned away for inability to pay.**

This report outlines the specific services delivered to Orange residents in FY '25. Orange residents are encouraged to access any of our community-based programs, detailed on our website at www.elevateyouthvt.org.

Elevate Youth Service's (EYS) mission is "Promote safety, competence, and confidence as youth create their path through adolescence and into adulthood." We envision communities that value youth, ensure their well-being, and see them thrive. We accomplish this through a variety of services including: youth & family counseling; emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth; a transitional living program for homeless youth; support for pregnant/parenting teens; adolescent substance use treatment; a transitional living program for DCF-involved youth; a teen center; support for youth involved in foster care; and a 24-hour crisis service. EYS also operates 3 statewide coalitions that focus on youth initiatives.

In FY25, Elevate Youth Services supported 388 in youth and their families in central Vermont, including a 71% increase in supportive housing and a 25% increase in direct service care compared to FY24. The youth we are reaching today require more intensive supports, and we have adjusted our programming accordingly - quadrupling our available housing options and expanding other direct care services to better meet their needs

For Information and Assistance Call 802-229-9151, 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Thank you for your support!



Town of Orange Budget Report Good Beginnings of Central Vermont October 20, 2025
Submitted by: Molly Gleason, Executive Director

Contact: director@goodbeginningscentralvt.org, 802-595-7953 FY25

Budget Information: July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025

Income	
Individual Donations	63.75%
Grants	26.06%
Town Allocations	4.08%
Fundraising Events	2.33%
Business Donations	2.98%
Interest	0.80%
State Funding	0.00%
Expenses	
Personnel	74.26%
Rent	6.04%
Insurance	4.64%
Accounting	2.98%
Information Technology	4.03%
Facilitators, Consultants, Presenters	2.30%
Travel and Mileage	0.03%
Conferences and Workshops	0.99%
Promotion and Advertising	0.09%
Family Emergency Fund	0.22%
Child Birth Education Scholarships	0.09%
Telephone and Internet	1.31%
Other (office supplies, dues, postage, etc)	3.10%



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October 8th, 2025

Diane Hallenbeck, Town Clerk
Select Board Members
Town of Orange
392 US Route 302
Orange, VT 05641

Dear Diane and Select Board Members:

With this letter, the Family Center of Washington County respectfully requests to be added to the Town Meeting Warning on Town Meeting Day 2026 with a funding request for \$500, the same as last year.

During our last fiscal year, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, it has been our pleasure to serve **23 individuals** of the **Orange Community** through our array of child development and family support services. A summary report and funding request application are included with this letter.

In Orange we provided the following services to community members:

- 1 parent and 2 children engaged in our weekly playgroups
- 11 individuals used childcare financial assistance with help paying for childcare
- 4 children received Early Intervention support for children from birth to age 3.
- 1 individual benefited from Welcome Baby supports
- 3 individuals used CIS childcare supports
- 1 individual received case management for housing Services

In Central Vermont we provided the following Services:

- **22 children** enrolled in our 5 STARS Early Childhood Education program.
- **340 children** received Early Intervention support for children from birth to age 3.
- **47 families** participated in Family Support Home Visiting.
- **20 families** benefited from Parents as Teachers Home Visiting curriculum.
- **200 individuals** received Specialized Child Care support.
- **75 families** were assisted in finding childcare through our referral services.
- **584 families** received help paying for childcare.
- **71 parents** received information and general services referrals.
- **28 parents** and 31 children participated in Parent Education sessions.
- **299 parents and 335 children** engaged in our weekly playgroups.
- **206 parents and 214 children** joined us in community events.

- **72 parents and 27 children** participated in parent support groups.
- **817 children** received diapers, with **21,772 diapers** distributed.
- **210 parents and 245 children** benefited from our food pantry.
- **663 parents and 939 children** received food deliveries through our gleaning program.
- **1512 ready-made meals** were distributed to families in need.
- **217 parents and 340 children** received financial support during times of hardship.
- **87 families** received case management for housing services.

In total, we served **over 3,580 individuals** in Central Vermont that were positively impacted by The Family Center from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Your support is important – it helps us continue our work in the community and demonstrates to government agencies and private foundations that we have the support of communities where we provide services. We look forward to continuing our activities in your town during the coming year.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Claire Kendall

Claire Kendall
Executive Director



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

**Success on
Green Up Day
May 3, 2025**



Green Up Day was a resounding success because your community joined the statewide clean-up effort. As you can see by the stats graphic the entire State got a wonderful spring cleaning with nearly all our city and town roads covered. Businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued, and our healthy way of life cherished. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We've been able to rally thousands of volunteers for special projects and flood clean-up across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are also incorporating an innovation challenge fair called **greenSTEM** in 2026 for students in grades 7-12. Our goal is to engage more students in finding environmental solutions and connect them to community service.

We are requesting level funding for 2026.

Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play. Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or at www.greenupvermont.org.

2026 Green Up Day is May 2nd.

Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.

SAFELINE, INC.
P.O. Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038
safelineinfo@safelinevt.org
(802) 685-7900 office
(800) 639-7933 24/7 hotline

Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit charitable organization that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

Safeline provided 2,630 services for 298 victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking. 96 services were provided for 18 victims who identified themselves as residents of Orange. This is an increase in the number of services and the number of victims from last year. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety.

Services were provided for 17 adults and 1 child and included 12 females and 4 males. Services were for 12 domestic violence, 3 stalking and 3 family violence situations. Services that were provided included assistance with 9 Relief from Abuse orders, 22 crisis interventions, 5 safety plans, 15 information & referral, 24 emotional support, 5 housing advocacy and other services.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource to the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence in our society. Safeline offers a full-range of prevention education activities for community organizations, faith communities, youth groups and other groups seeking information about domestic and sexual violence.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

We thank the voters for your support as we strive to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Orange.

October 2, 2025

Dear Friends,

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAVT) respectfully submits this request to your town. As Vermont's statewide leader in child abuse prevention since 1976, PCAVT promotes and supports healthy relationships within families, schools, and communities to ensure that every young person has a safe and happy childhood. To that end, PCAVT requests support to further our work and mission.

Programs and Services in Support of Children and Families

PCAVT believes that child abuse is preventable—and that prevention must begin early, with consistent access to education, support, and connection. The organization offers a broad range of evidence-based and trauma-informed services to families, educators, children, and communities across all 14 counties of Vermont. Programs are delivered in-person, virtually, and in partnership with schools, childcare centers, correctional facilities, and family service agencies. PCAVT programming is also shared nationally through online trainings and published materials.

In 2024, PCAVT served 10,985 individuals and reached over 218,000 children, teens, and adults through direct service and professional development. The organization's core programs include:

- **The Healthy Relationships Project:** School-based child sexual abuse prevention curricula and adult education.
- **Family Support Programs:** Peer-led and curriculum-based parenting education and support groups.
- **Safe Environments for Infants and Toddlers:** Education on shaken baby syndrome prevention and infant safe sleep.
- **The Vermont Parents' Home Companion & Resource Directory:** A trusted resource distributed annually to more than 30,000 Vermont families through hospitals and healthcare partners.

These programs include not only live services but also practical educational materials—student lessons, staff trainings, workshops, and outreach tools—that help adults recognize risk and support children. Our programs are offered in every county in Vermont impacting the children and families in your community.

Vermont and Nationwide Impact

PCAVT's programs are designed to meet families where they are—especially those facing the greatest challenges. Its services reach diverse populations including Black and Latino/a Vermonters, New American families, LGBTQ+ youth and caregivers, incarcerated

parents, and those navigating poverty, housing insecurity, or substance use disorder challenges. By offering responsive, free services, PCAVT helps break the cycle of trauma and offers pathways to stability, safety, and healing.

Recent data shows the impact of PCAVT's work. A 2025 study in the journal *Child Maltreatment* found that PCAVT's trainings for adults are linked to lower rates of child sexual abuse in Vermont. This shows that early prevention works and highlights how important flexible funding is to keep these services strong and consistent.

Organizational Background

Founded as Parents Anonymous of Vermont in 1976 and formally incorporated as Prevent Child Abuse Vermont in 1977, PCAVT has evolved from a single parent education program to a comprehensive prevention organization serving families across the lifespan.

Today, PCAVT operates with 10 full-time staff, a 14-member board, and an annual operating budget of \$1.27 million. The organization partners with the State of Vermont, United Ways, federal agencies, foundations, and private donors to fund its work. It uses the Results Based Accountability (RBA) framework to monitor outcomes and make data-informed decisions, ensuring that resources are used efficiently to make measurable, lasting change.

Next Steps

PCAVT would be grateful to be included in your town's 2026 Annual Budget. Your support will ensure that PCAVT remains responsive, adaptive, and able to meet Vermont families with the resources, education, and compassion they need. We'd be happy to provide additional information of the services we have provided in your community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Karen Nevin

Director of Development

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont

P.O. Box 829 | Montpelier, Vermont 05601

802-498-0620

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"YOU HAVE PROVIDED ME A PLACE TO SPEAK FREELY ABOUT MY DAUGHTER. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS SAFE PLACE YOU HAVE PROVIDED ME. THANK YOU SO MUCH AND I HOPE I CAN CONTINUE COMING."

-INSIDEOUT DAD PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

Orange County VERMONT Restorative Justice Center

Orange County Restorative Justice Center (OCRJC) is a community-based restorative justice non-profit agency, offering cost-effective alternatives to the family, criminal and civil courts and the state corrections system. We remain committed to our mission and vision—building and advocating for just communities by providing restorative programs to address legal issues, wrongdoing, conflict and the needs of harmed parties (victims); and connecting participants to services that improve the health, well-being and positive behavior of individuals and the community. We want the everyday life in our Orange County communities to be safe, just and provide opportunities for all people to thrive.

- We offer 14 programs to Orange County residents: Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) for at-risk youth, Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program (YSASP), Safe Driver Education, Driver's License Reinstatement, Adult and Youth Court Diversion, Pretrial Services, Reparative Panels, Services for Harmed Parties and community education in Restorative Practices; for formerly incarcerated people we offer Restorative Reentry Services, Transitional Housing, Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) and the Healthy Lifestyles leisure activities program.
- During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, we served 526 people in our programs. Local volunteers provided 1,274 hours of their time to support 256 restorative meetings. We supported 82 harmed parties and distributed \$13,554 in restitution to those who experienced losses due to crime. OCRJC helped: 55 people connect with counseling services, 17 people access financial support, 18 people participate in education programs and 19 people reinstate their driver's licenses. We maintained 4 apartments for Transitional Housing and taught 91 people in our Safe Driver Education program.
- In FY25, OCRJC worked with 8 Orange residents and addressed 7 incidents that took place in Orange. For each incident referred to us, the person responsible and the individuals impacted by the crime are offered services.
- OCRJC's FY25 operating budget was \$713,971. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. The town of Orange appropriated \$350 in 2025 to support our work. OCRJC requests \$350 in 2026 to support ongoing programs.
- Thank you for your support! For additional information, visit our website at <https://ocrjvt.org> or contact Lisa Lee, Victim Services & Community Outreach Coordinator: call 802-685-3172 or email Lisa@OCRJVT.org.



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

This year, we have been implementing our mission to ensure that unserved and underserved community members in the 72 towns that make up our communications union district have access to reliable, fast, and affordable fiber internet.

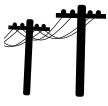
We did this through numerous efforts, including focusing on our internal processes, upgrading our financial and build software, and expanding our locally-sourced workforce. We also continued to fully integrate NEK Broadband and CVFiber into a single merged entity.

CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE

Projected Growth by Year

2025		2026 projected	
Towns served	40	Towns served	55
Miles built	510	Miles built	555
Addresses passed	10,026	Addresses passed	15,000

10,026 
SERVICE AVAILABLE

1,055 
MILES OF NETWORK

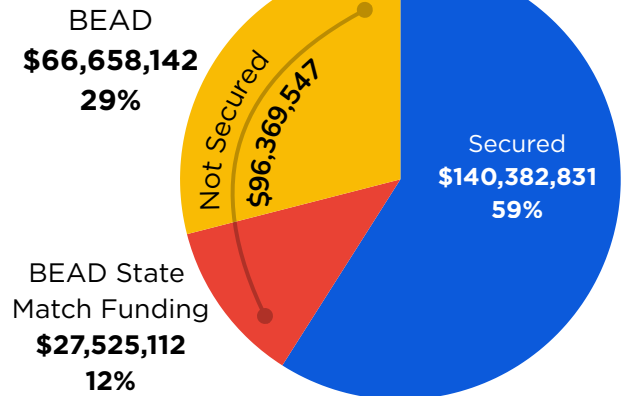
1,902 
CUSTOMERS SERVED



BUILDING CAPACITY

In 2025, we doubled the number of our staff for the 4th year in a row, and now we have 26 staff members. There were also 3 broadband training classes, and out of the 28 graduates, NEKCV employs eight class graduates.

TOTAL FUNDING



BUDGET SUMMARY

	2025 Budget	2025 Forecast	2026 Budget
INCOME			
Operations Revenue	\$2,047,769	\$1,890,583	\$3,524,616
RDOF Revenue	\$1,247,036	\$1,830,733	\$477,590
Ops & Admin Grant Revenue	\$3,856,318	\$8,708,463	\$8,000,707
Capital Investment Grant Revenue	\$36,529,448	\$17,208,689	\$34,997,009
Other Revenue	\$220,254	\$366,379	\$346,722
TOTAL REVENUE	\$43,900,825	\$30,004,848	\$47,346,644
EXPENSES			
Operational Costs excludes depreciation/amortization	\$1,247,036	\$1,057,340	\$1,671,193
Administrative Costs	\$3,856,318	\$3,634,149	\$5,089,496
TOTAL EXPENSES & COSTS	\$5,103,354	\$4,691,489	\$6,760,689
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS	\$38,797,471	\$25,313,359	\$40,585,955
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$36,529,448	\$18,802,570	\$33,269,506
ANNUAL NET CASHFLOW	\$2,268,023	\$6,510,789	\$7,316,448
PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS			\$6,510,789
TOTAL SURPLUS			\$13,827,238
NON-CASH COSTS depreciation/amortization		\$2,800,000	\$4,430,648

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, visit get.nekbroadband.org. or cvfiber.net

NEKCV is a communications union district (CUD) that aims to provide high-speed internet access to 72 towns across the Northeast Kingdom and Central Vermont.



Central VT Solid Waste Management District

FY25 Annual Report, December 2025

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 53,000 residents. CVSWMD's mission is to provide education, advocacy, and services for residents and businesses to reduce and manage their solid and hazardous waste to protect public health and the environment. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates, and providing information and resources to our member communities. The per capita assessment has been established at \$1.29 for fiscal year 2027.

Orange's appointed representative to CVSWMD's Board of Supervisors is Lee Cattaneo.

CVSWMD continues to provide valuable programs and services to its residents, including:

Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC): CVSWMD recycles TVs and computers, paint, batteries, and mercury bulbs and thermostats free of charge through State programs. We also accept dozens of hard-to-recycle items that cannot be placed in Regular Recycling. In FY25, 149,839 lbs. of materials were collected and diverted from the landfill. The ARCC permanently closed in May of 2025. Staff worked to ship out as much accumulated material as possible and relocate ARCC operations to Berlin under a new name: the Eco Depot.

Eco Depot: Located in Berlin's Industrial Park, the CVSWMD Eco Depot opened November 24, 2025. Please note that the facility is open by appointment only to ensure safety and short wait times. This specialized facility is open year-round and accepts Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) from Vermont residents, and Hazardous Waste (HW) from Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) businesses. In FY25, CVSWMD held four one-day haz-waste collections throughout the District and helped 400 in-district residents dispose of 39,418 lbs. of household hazardous waste. We accepted 690 lbs. of hazardous waste from businesses. In addition to hazardous waste, the Eco Depot accepts the same special recycling items we used to take at the ARCC (electronics, paint, batteries, mercury devices, bulbs). Please see our website cvswmd.org or call for a full list and to make an appointment.

Grants: CVSWMD continues to offer several grant programs: the Organizational Waste Reduction and Reuse Program (OWRRP); the Municipal Services Program (MSP); the Emergency Municipal Solid Waste Response Program (EMSWRP); and the School Grant (SG) program. In FY25, CVSWMD awarded \$5,641 in grant funding to towns, businesses, organizations and schools in our District. Green-Up Day grants totaling \$6,227 were distributed to member Towns. The Kellog Hubbard Library received \$1,080 from the OWRRP and three schools received \$4,441 collectively in grants.

Compost and Waste Reduction: CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters and Soil Saver composting bins to District residents at discounted rates and provides them with free kitchen compost buckets and recycling bins.

School Program: In FY25 the CVSWMD School Program reached 2,018 K-12 students through 107 visits. Presentations and initiatives included information on living more sustainably, engaging in the “Rs” (recycling, repurposing, reusing), using food scraps as a natural resource, and special recycling. We also conducted 10 Food Waste and Single-use Item Reduction Reviews with school food service staff, and 12 Solid Waste Management System Reviews with custodial staff. We discussed Blue Bin and Special Recycling, food scrap diversion, and safe management of hazardous waste.

Outreach and Education: CVSWMD emails a bi-monthly newsletter, is active on social media, and attends local events to answer questions and address waste management concerns. We conduct outreach to businesses, schools, and organizations. We are rebooting our Repair Fairs and Composting workshops next year. We also plan to re-open our Low Waste Event Kit and Bin Loan programs to help reduce and manage waste at events.

CVSWMD maintains its website with information about waste disposal, recycling, and composting as well as how to safely store and dispose of hazardous and landfill-banned waste materials. The website has resources for businesses, waste haulers, schools, and Towns. Check out our A-Z Guide for disposal options for over 190 different items!

For questions about waste or to find out more about our facility, programming, and collections, please call us at (802) 229-9383 or visit us at cvswmd.org.



Tri-Village Fire Association
P.O. Box 67
West Topsham, VT 05086

October 4, 2025

Our costs have risen dramatically and we are responding to more calls each year, especially on RT 302.

Therefore, the members of the Tri-Village Fire Department are respectfully requesting that the Town of Orange allocate ~~\$7,500.00~~

Respectfully submitted,

\$9,500 @ 10/10/2025

Richard Sampson, Chief
Annie Dolan
Clerk/Treasurer



Corinth-Topsham Emergency Response Team
P.O.Box 58
West Topsham, VT 05086
ctert58@yahoo.com.

October 4,2025

The members of the Corinth-Topsham Emergency Response Team are respectfully requesting that the Town of Orange allocate us with \$4,000.00 in funding . Our call volume has again increased again in 2024. We have had days where we have responded to 5 calls. The cost of education has also increased. Since our members also work regular jobs, it is difficult to respond to every call especially during the day. We have new members but can always use more volunteers.

Respectfully
Mark Nickles, Chairman & Training Officer
Richard Dolan, Co- Chairman
Annie Dolan, Clerk / Treasurer
Nora Appleton
Rich Sampson
Bryanna Thompson
Tim Ouellette
Lindsay Tabor
Tom Sanville
Connor Daniels



Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP)

The **Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP)** is a statewide program administered by **Vermont Economic Services** to assist income-challenged Vermonters. Applications may be printed from the VSNIP website or requested by phone at **802-241-0589**.

Due to limited funding, the State implemented a **voucher waitlist in October 2025**. Vouchers are now issued based on funds appropriated each fiscal year. If no vouchers are available at the time an application is received, applicants are placed on a waitlist. Unfortunately, the need for spay and neuter services often cannot wait.

PLEASE CONSIDER: LOW-COST SPAY & NEUTER CLINICS

- **Feline & Friends Foundation** – 802-323-4793
Schedule on **FFFVT.org**
 - **Community Pet Clinic** – Humane Society of Chittenden County
802-923-9028
 - **Feline & Friends Foundation** – 802-323-4793
Schedule on **FFFVT.org**
 - **Homeward Bound: Addison County Humane Society (“Taxi Cat”)**
802-388-1100
 - **Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society**, West Windsor
802-484-5829
 - **Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter**, Orleans (Cats only)
802-754-2228
 - **VT-CAN**, Middlesex
802-223-0034
 - **Northeast Kingdom Spay Neuter Program**, Orleans & Essex Counties
802-334-7393
 - **Community Animal Aid Wellness Clinic** (*No surgeries*)
Exams, vaccinations, parasite treatment, minor illnesses, wounds, and injuries
Once monthly: East Barre Fire Station, 2nd Saturday of the month
Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon
Email: animalaidvt@gmail.com
Phone: 802-734-025
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The Vermont Volunteer Services for Animals (VVSA) and its partners remain committed to reducing pet overpopulation and supporting humane, community-based solutions across Vermont.



TOWN OF ORANGE
Fireworks Display Permit Application
392 U.S. Route 302, Orange, VT 05641
(802) 479-2673
townclerk@orangevt.org

Name of Person in Charge of Display:

Phone Number:

Date of Application *(Must be submitted at least 21 days prior to the display)*

Qualifications of Person Conducting the Display:

Date and Time of Display:

Sponsor's Name *(if conducted by a company or organization)*:

Location of Display:

Inspected On: _____ By: _____

NOTICE: No permit granted hereunder shall be transferable. The applicant assumes full responsibility for any and all damage to property and/or personal injury resulting from the fireworks display.

APPROVAL

Selectboard Chair: _____ Date: _____

Selectboard Member: _____ Date: _____

Selectboard Member: _____ Date: _____



TOWN OF ORANGE
392 U.S. Route 302
Orange, VT 05641