

Town of Orange
MERP Grant Committee Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2026

Present: Steve Simpson, Lee Cattaneo, Greg Colling, Sam Lash, Diane Hallenbeck, and Lee Youngman

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **11:00 a.m.**

2. Review of Construction Bids

The Committee reviewed bids received for the MERP Building Improvement Project at the Town Office Complex. Bids were received from Millbrook Construction and Perrault Construction. Both bids exceeded the original MERP award amount and available project funding.

Committee members discussed bid scope, contractor qualifications, project timelines, and opportunities to reduce project costs while maintaining priority MERP items and required improvements. Discussion included potential adjustments to project scope and prioritization of work items to align with available funding.

3. Next Steps / Committee Direction

The Committee agreed to:

- Gather additional information regarding contractor qualifications and bid details;
- Review opportunities to reduce project scope and costs;
- Consult with the project envelope consultant regarding eligible project modifications; and
- Prepare a side-by-side bid comparison for further review.

Motion by Lee Cattaneo, seconded by Steve Simpson, to hold a special meeting on June 5, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. to further evaluate bids and prepare a recommendation to the Selectboard. Final contract award consideration is anticipated at the June 8, 2026, Selectboard meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Adjournment

Motion by Lee Cattaneo, seconded by Steve Simpson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Hallenbeck