

# **134<sup>rd</sup> Annual Town Report**

## **Orange, Vermont**



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**For the year ending  
December 31, 2020**

**2020 Annual Report is dedicated to  
Mary Claflin-Delinquent Tax Collector**



The rumors are true! Mary has hung up her hat after 38 years as the Town of Orange's Delinquent Tax Collector.

Mary became the tax delinquent collector in 1983 when she took over the position from town resident Diane Murphy, making this her 38<sup>th</sup> year. Can you believe it? The job of a tax collector is not a glamorous one but Mary sure made it that way.

From numerous phone conversations, in person meetings with residents to set up payment plans for delinquent taxes, Mary has done it all. Mary recalls being elected every year by the electorate and as far back as she can recall, she has never had an opponent run against her!! She has worked diligently every year to work with residents to pay down their delinquent taxes and had very few tax sales as she never wanted to see people lose their homes or properties.

What has kept Mary doing delinquent tax collecting for the past 38 years you ask? Well.... It's you the people!!! She has enjoyed working with everyone over the years.

In her free time Mary will be enjoying her extensive gardens, cooking, taking several motorcoach tours, relaxing with her husband Ralph, her dog Sweet Pea and her large extended family and friends. We wish Mary good health and all the best in her future endeavors.

As quoted by Mary herself "I've enjoyed helping people and working with them. It's been a pleasure working with everyone and it makes the job much easier when we all work together. I would like to thank everyone for sending cards, calls and notes to me while I was recovering. They were all very nice and made my day. Thank you to everyone."

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### Keep in Touch

How to stay in touch: Please contact us directly by phone or email.

**\*\*Due to COVID-19 hours are different. Please call the office for an appointment.**

Normal Business Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 7:00am-1:00pm & 1:00pm-4:00pm. Wednesday and Thursday 8:00-12:00 and 1:00pm-4:00pm.

**Town Clerk/Assistant Treasurer:** Angela Eastman  
aeastman@orangevt.org

**Town Treasurer/Assistant Town Clerk:** Lee Youngman  
treasurer@orangevt.org

**Office Phone/Fax:** (802) 479-2673

**Website:** orangevt.org

### Town Clerk Fees

<b>Burial Transit Permit</b>	\$5.00
<b>Certified Copy of Vital Record</b>	\$10.00 per copy
<b>Copy Fee/Lister Card/Fax</b>	\$1.00/page
<b>Dog Licenses-Rabies certificate required</b>	
By April 1 <sup>st</sup> , Spayed/Neutered	\$10.00
By April 1 <sup>st</sup> , Not Spayed or Neutered	\$15.00
After April 1 <sup>st</sup> , Spayed/Neutered	\$10.00 plus \$10.00 late fee per dog
After April 1 <sup>st</sup> , Not Spayed/Neutered	\$10.00 plus \$10.00 late fee per dog
<b>Green Mountain Passport</b>	\$2.00
<b>Marriage License (incl, certif. copy)</b>	\$70.00
<b>Mylar Map Recording</b>	\$15.00
<b>Notary Public Services</b>	Free
<b>Posted Land</b>	\$5.00
<b>Recording Fees</b>	\$15.00/page

### Town Hall Rental

\$50 deposit plus \$50 for ½ day and \$100 full day

**Vault Use** \$4.00/hour

### Scheduled Meetings:

**Selectboard:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 5:00pm at Town Hall and/or Town Clerk’s Office. Meetings will be held remotely via *Zoom*. Please check the website for agendas and further information of how to gain access to these meetings.

**\*\*Check website for other dates/times**

**Planning Commission:** Bi-monthly at Town Hall

### Town Offices Observed Holidays

- New Year’s Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- President’s Day
- Town Meeting Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Bennington Battle Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veteran’s Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

**\*\* Misc. other days/times as deemed by the Town Clerk\*\***

### Local Libraries

**Aldrich Public Library (East Barre)-476-5118**

Tuesday and Thursday 9-12, Sunday 12-4

**Calef Memorial Library (Washington)-883-2343**

Monday 11-4, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 2-7, Saturday 9-1

### **State Representatives**

Governor Phil Scott-(802) 828-7281

Sergeant at Arms (802) 828-2228

Senator Joe Benning- (802) 626-3600

Senator Jane Kitchel-(802) 684-3482

Representative Samantha Lefebvre-(802) 595-0901

Representative Rodney Graham-(802) 433-6127

Representative Peter Welch-(888) 605-7270

Representative Patrick Leahy-(800) 642-3193

Senator Bernie Sanders-(802) 862-0697

### **COVID-19 Information**

We want to make every effort to not inconvenience town residents, but recognize the need to keep town residents, staff and the general public healthy. The office is temporarily closed to decrease the spread of COVID-19. **Please call the office first before coming in.** Please see helpful COVID-19 information below:

#### **Emergency Contact Information:**

Select Board Chair: Sue Perreault 522-9831

Emergency Preparedness: Eric Holmgren 479-1113

Road Issues: John Barnes 439-5166

Town Clerk: Angela Eastman 479-2673

#### **Property Tax payments**

Delinquent tax payments should be made payable to and remitted directly to The Town of Orange.

#### **Other Requests**

Such as requests for tax information, a copy of your tax bill etc. may be made by phone, fax or email. Please be sure to provide us with the pertinent details including address and telephone number. We collect a \$1.00 per page fee for all copies and we will bill you.

## PRESENT TOWN OFFICERS – ELECTED

### 1 Year Terms:

Moderator	David Childs
Delinquent Tax Collector	John McNeil (Interim)

### 3 Year Terms:

#### SELECT BOARD

Term Expires 2021	Sue Perreault-Chair
Term Expires 2022	Eric Holmgren
Term Expires 2023	Emily Ruff

#### LISTERS

Term Expires 2021	Ed Bedard
Term Expires 2022	Arthur McNeil
Term Expires 2023	

#### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Term Expires 2021	Clark Agnew
Term Expires 2023	Steve Pratt
Term Expires 2023	Vacant

#### ECHO VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Term Expires 2021	ORANGE	Jessica Foster-Chair
Term Expires 2023	ORANGE	Lindsey Contois
Term Expires 2022	ORANGE	Monica McDonald
Term Expires 2021	WASHINGTON	Jennifer Trombly
Term Expires 2022	WASHINGTON	Lee Gardner
Term Expires 2023	WASHINGTON	Bill Clark

#### JUSTICES OF THE PEACE/BCA (elected in general election)

Term Expires 1/31/2022	479-0334	Lee Martenson
Term Expires 1/31/2022	498-4550	Francis "Fred" Kidder
Term Expires 1/31/2022	476-2789	Lee Youngman
Term Expires 1/31/2022	479-2570	Sue Perreault
Term Expires 1/31/2022	249-1865	Tina Otis



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## PRESENT TOWN OFFICERS – APPOINTED

Town Clerk/Assistant Treasurer	Angela Eastman
Treasurer/Assistant Town Clerk	Lee Youngman

### APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD

Animal Control Officer	Michelle Boyer
Auditor	John McNeil
Central VT Transportation Advisory Committee	Lee Cattaneo
Civil Defense Director	Eric Holmgren
Economic Development Representative	Lee Cattaneo
	Eric Holmgren
Energy Coordinator	Sue Perreault
Green Up Chair	Angela Eastman
Health Officer	Michelle Boyer
Pound Keeper	Michelle Boyer
Regional Planning Commission Chair	Lee Cattaneo
Road Foreman	John Barnes
Central VT Solid Waste Management District Rep	Lee Cattaneo
Recreation Committee Members	

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Term Expires June 13, 2021	Eric Holmgren
Term Expires June 13, 2021	Lee Cattaneo
Term Expires June 13, 2022	Ray Rossi

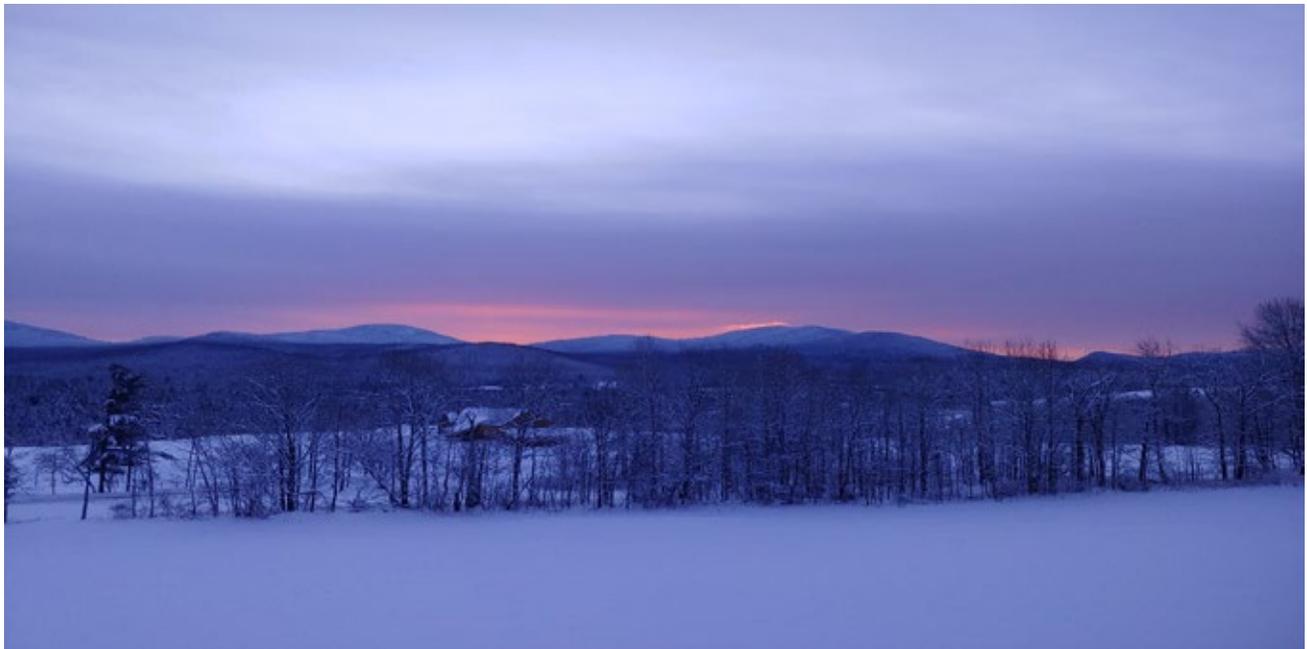


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**Warning**  
**Town of Orange Annual Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Orange are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Orange Town Hall located at 392 US Route 302 in Orange, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, to transact the following business by Australian ballot. Polls will be open at the Orange Town Hall located at 392 US Route 302 in Orange, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 7 am to 7 pm.

Legal voters are further warned that a public informational hearing will be conducted via ZOOM Electronic Platform on **Monday, February 22, 2021, at 6:00pm**. A meeting notice with information for the ZOOM link and call-in information will be posted separately.

**Article 1.** To elect a Moderator for a 1-year term.

**Article 2.** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Delinquent Tax Collector instead of electing a Delinquent Tax Collector, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2651d(a)?

**Article 3.** Shall the Town compensate the Delinquent Tax Collector with a salary instead of any statutory fees pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1530?

**Article 4.** To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a 1-year term.

NOTE: If Article 2 is approved, then no Delinquent Tax Collector will be elected and a Delinquent Tax Collector will be appointed by the Selectboard per Article 2.

**Article 5.** To elect a Selectboard Member for a 3-year term.

**Article 6.** To elect a Lister for a 3-year term.

**Article 7.** To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a 3-year term.

**Article 8.** To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a 3-year term.

**Article 9.** To elect a School Board Member for a 1-year term

**Article 10.** To elect a School Board Member for a 2-year term

**Article 11.** To elect a School Board Member for a 3-year term

- Article 12.** Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures of \$324,887.76, of which \$204,412.76 shall be raised by taxes?
- Article 13.** Shall the voters authorize highway fund expenditures of 448,539.09, of which \$309,174.09 shall be raised by taxes?
- Article 14.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$7000 to support the Town cemeteries?
- Article 15.** Shall the voters appropriate the requested sum of \$725.00 to Central Vermont Adult Basic Education?
- Article 16.** Shall the voters appropriate the requested sum of \$1,000.00 to Central Vermont Council on Aging?
- Article 17.** Shall the voters appropriate the requested sum of \$2,400.00 to Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice?
- Article 18.** Shall the voters appropriate the requested sum of \$500.00 to Family Center of Washington County?
- Article 19.** Shall the voters appropriate the requested sum of \$400.00 to Good Samaritan Haven?
- Article 20.** Shall the voters appropriate the requested sum of \$350.00 to Orange County Restorative Justice Center?
- Article 21.** Shall the voters appropriate the requested sum of \$1500.00 to Orange County Special Investigative Unit
- Article 22.** Shall the voters appropriate the requested sum of \$500.00 to People's Health and Wellness Clinic?
- Article 23.** Shall the voters appropriate the requested sum of \$200.00 to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont?
- Article 24.** Shall the voters appropriate the requested sum of \$700.00 to Safeline?

**Article 25.** Shall the voters appropriate the requested sum of \$700.00 to Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?

**Article 26.** Shall the voters appropriate the requested sum of \$250.00 to Vermont Association for Vermont Family Network?

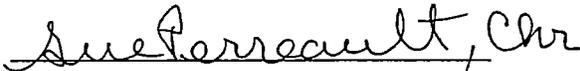
**Article 27.** Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being August 16, 2021 and November 15, 2021?

**Article 28.** Shall each property tax installment payment be made via one of the following options:

1) by delivery to the Treasurer by 4 pm on or before the due dates as set forth in Article 27; or

2) by U.S. Postal Service, with postmark on or before the due dates as set forth in Article 27?

Dated at Orange, Vermont, this 26 day of January 2021.



Sue Perreault, Selectboard Chair



Emily Ruff, Selectboard Member



Eric Holmgren, Selectboard Member

**2021 Annual School District Meeting Warning  
Echo Valley Community School District**

The legal voters of the Town of Orange, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Orange Town Hall in the Town of Orange on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 between the hours of seven o'clock in the forenoon and seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.) to vote by Australian ballot upon the following articles:

Article I To elect a Moderator for a 1-year term, by Australian ballot.

Article II To elect a Clerk for a 1-year term, by Australian ballot.

Article III To elect a Treasurer for a 1-year term, by Australian ballot.

Article IV To see if the Echo Valley Community School District will authorize the Board of Directors of the Echo Valley Community School District to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise, in anticipation of taxes, by Australian ballot.

Article V To vote by Australian Ballot on the following :  
Shall the voters of the Echo Valley Community School District approve the Echo Valley Community School District School board to expend **\$5,133,909** which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year for Echo Valley Community School District. This represents a **-0.12%** decrease from the previous year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$15,857** per equalized pupil. The projected spending per equalized pupil is **0.36%** lower than spending for the current year.

Article VI To see if the Echo Valley Community School District will vote to apply **\$25,000** of FY20 (2019 - 2020) audited fund balance to be placed in a Echo Valley Community School District Capital Improvement Fund, by Australian ballot.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2021.

Jessica Foster  
Bill Clark  
Lindsey Contois  
Monica Mcdonald  
Lee Gardner  
Jennifer Trombly

**Echo Valley Community School District Directors**

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**TOWN OF ORANGE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

Town Moderator, Adrian Otterman called the annual meeting for the Town to order at 6:30 p.m. Adrian opened with a meeting with the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of prayer.

Adrian explained Roberts Rules of Order that he would be following for the town meeting and that he would moderate this meeting until another Moderator was elected under Article 1 of the town meeting.

Adrian asked if there was any objection to allowing State Representatives Graham and Demrow to speak. Hearing none, Mr. Graham and Mr. Demrow approached the stage and introduced themselves. The two representatives talked a little bit about what is happening in the house and state government. Representative Graham spoke about carbon reduction bill, Act 250 changes, marijuana bill and the prostitution Bill. Representative Demrow asked to leave a legislative handout in the back with more information and how he could be reached.

Adrian then called upon Siobhan Perricone to the floor and she stood up and spoke about Central Vermont Fiber. Central Vermont Fiber is looking to provide high speed reliable internet to Orange and the surrounding communities. She stated that no tax money would be used for this and residents would have the option to obtain this fiber network or not. She updated us that CV Fiber has received a federal grant and a state grant to conduct a feasibility study for fiber in local towns and is being conducted now.

Adrian then called upon Chris LaMonda from Barre Town EMS who gave an update on the ongoing ambulance services available in the area and updates to the ambulances. He also mentioned that they had two ambulance providers return home safely from the middle east after being deployed. Chris will leave his business card in the back of Town Hall for anyone interested.

Moderator Adrian Otterman opened read the warning in its entirety.

**Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the coming term as the law directs.** Francis Kidder nominated Adrian Otterman for Moderator. Adrian was elected as Moderator for the coming term as the law directs. The motion carried unanimously.

**Article 2: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the current Town Report.** There was motion by Lee Youngman to receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the current Town Report. The motion was seconded by Ron Tallman and the motion carried unanimously. Eric Holmgren, Selectboard Chair stated that there was a supplement to the town report that was printed and handed out that included new budget numbers. The handout includes what was spent in 2019. There were no questions asked and no comments given about the town reports.

**Article 3: To elect all necessary town officers as the law directs**

**1 Year Term: Delinquent Tax Collector** Mr. Kevin Wilson nominated Mary Claflin as delinquent tax collector for a one-year term. There was no discussion amongst residents. The motion carried unanimously.

**3 Year Term: Selectboard Member** Mr. Dirk Anderson nominated Ms. Emily Ruff as selectboard member. Mr. Gary Eggleston nominated Mr. Kevin Wilson as selectboard member. Moderator Adrian Otterman asked if each candidate would like to stand up and speak on their behalf. Ms. Emily Ruff stood up first and spoke followed by Mr. Kevin Wilson. After each candidate voted, a floor vote was taken. Kevin Wilson received 23 votes and Emily Ruff received 29 votes for a 3-year term.

**3 Year Term: Lister** Lee Youngman nominated John McNeil for Lister and seconded by Michelle Boyer. John was elected as Lister for the coming term as the law directs. The motion carried unanimously.

**3 Year Term: Cemetery Commissioner (2)** Angela Eastman nominated Cemetery Commissioner and Clark Agnew nominated Tom Seerveld as Cemetery Commissioner. The motion carried unanimously.

**Article 4: To determine if the electorate will vote to raise the sum of \$338,467 for the General Fund of which \$181,682 is to be raised in taxes.** Jessica Foster made a motion and seconded by Lee Youngman to raise the sum of \$338,467 for the general fund. The motion carried unanimously.

**Article 5: To determine if the electorate will vote to raise the sum of \$640,329 for the Highway Fund of which \$353,355 is to be raised in taxes.** Jessica Foster made a motion and seconded by Michelle Boyer to raise the sum of \$353,355 for the highway fund. The motion carried unanimously. Discussion was had amongst resident regarding the salary increases and the road conditions.

**Article 6: Will the town vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes and money allocated by the State and Federal government** Jessica Foster made a motion and seconded by Siobhan Perricone to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Article 6b: To determine if the electorate will vote to raise the sum of \$7,000 to support the Town Cemeteries** Jessica Foster made a motion to raise the sum of \$7,000.00 to support the Town Cemeteries. The motion was seconded by Siobhan Perricone. The motion carried unanimously.

**Articles 7-17:** Adrian suggested that Articles 7-17 were nonprofit agencies asking for donations and if we could do all of them in one single vote. Adrian read each agency and the money requested and a motion was made by Sean Brown and seconded by Siobhan Perricone to approve all requested monies to the nonprofits and the motion carried unanimously.

**Article 18: To determine the method of collection of taxes for 2020** The electorate voted to keep the method of collecting taxes the same as last year. Gary Eggleston made a motion, and this was seconded by Ernie Wilson Sr. The motion carried unanimously.

**Article 21: Will the Town vote to set the time to start Town Meeting 2021** Kevin Wilson made a motion, seconded by Siobhan Perricone, to set Town Meeting 2021 for the first Tuesday in March at 6:30 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

**Article 22: To discuss any other business that may come before this meeting** Adrian asked if there was any other non-binding business to come before the assembly.

Angela Eastman explained that a subsequent validation meeting would need to be held no later than thirty days from now to validate this town meeting business as the meeting was not properly warned. The electorate voted to recommend to hold the meeting on April 13, 2020. This was a non-binding vote.

Gary Eggleston asked if a bulletin board could be posted outdoors for news. Angela Eastman stated that there was a board posted outside the Town Clerk's Office for news and announcements and that the town would consider purchasing a larger one.

Cheyenne Barnaby suggested having a leash law in town due to recent circumstances involving her dog being bitten by another dog. The selectboard responded to her stating that this will be in further discussion at a later selectboard meeting.

Discussion was held to move the school meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in March, one week after Town Meeting at 6:00pm to help eliminate the subsequent meetings. Jessica Foster will bring this information to her next school board meeting and get back to the town regarding this.

With no other business to come before the board and the electorate, Adrian asked for a motion to adjourn the town meeting at 8:40pm.

Attest: Angela Eastman, Town Clerk



Photo Credit: Frank Perricone

## Selectboard Annual Report

This has been a year of challenges, times of happiness, laughter and tears. Through it all the town has preserved and shone through with light! We would like to thank our listers, auditor, town road crew, town clerk, town treasurer and all the other elected and appointed officials for their hard work and dedication over the past year. Because of you, this is why Orange is the best place to live.

The Selectboard has dedicated numerous hours over the past year keeping an eye on the budget and keeping the town affairs running smoothly. In addition to here are some highlights from the year:

- We purchased a new 2021 International Dump Truck which replaced the 2011 Freightliner Dump Truck with an all angle articulating plow to make it easier and more efficient to plow the roads in town
- We paved a section of Reservoir Road that from Bisson Rd to just past Trickle Brook Dr. making the roadway much smother for travel
- We continued to do cold patch repair of town We installed a guardrail in town by Trickle Brook Drive to help prevent accidents
- We continue to work on replacement of culverts, improving ditches and roads in town through the funding from State and Federal grants
- We are still actively working on Emerald Ash Borer mitigation in town and have formed an EAB committee
- We received reimbursement from FEMA for our Spring flooding in 2019
- We are always looking for volunteers to join any of our committees in town and can always use volunteer help with various town projects.

Please reach out to any of the selectboard members with a compliment or a concern. Thank you to the residents for your continued support and patience over the past year. We look froward to the time when we can gather face to face.

Sincerely, Sue Perreault, Selectboard Chair



Photo Credit: Chad Spencer

## Town Clerk Annual Report

Wow! This sure has been a crazy year! With COVID-19, Town Meeting, Green Up/Bulk Trash Day, two elections, staff changes and office closures this has kept us on our toes. The office remains closed at this time due to COVID-19 protocols in place but we are fully available to help you with your various requests by phone or by appointment. Please check out our website or call the office for an appointment and we would be happy to assist you. I have continued to improve the record keeping systems at the office as well as assisting residents and keeping the office running smoothly on a daily basis. If you have a compliment for our staff or a complaint please call so we can help.

In January the Selectboard appointed Lee Youngman as the Town Treasurer. Lee comes to us as being not only a resident, but as a prior selectboard member. Lee brings her wealth of knowledge of being a prior selectboard member as well as an extensive background in finance. She started in January and quickly started to organize and update the finances. Lee works part time here in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please call Lee if you have a finance question and she will be sure to help.

Diane Waters continued to work with us this year finishing up scanning all the town Land Records into our Land Records system provided by NEMRC. She has scanned in 40 years' worth of records! Great Job Diane! She has also taken on several other projects to include reorganizing the town vault to make it easier and more helpful to find necessary documents and books. She has also created a filing system within the vault for finding items, relabeled all of the town folders, organized all of the mobile home bill of sales, moved and reorganized the lister files and town records, labeled and stuffed all the election envelopes for resident mailings, entered all cemetery plots into NEMRC and continued to scan land records as they come in. Diane has not only been a life saver to me but a huge asset to the town. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

We have a book library located in the town office where you can browse through books and take what you like...for free! We also continue to have ATV/Snowmobile/Motorcycle manuals, driver manuals, CDL manuals, annual fishing and hunting publications, copies of the town report and various other publications. Please call before coming in to ensure safety for all. The website has helpful information as well.

I would like to thank all the town residents for being patient while we try to navigate through these tough times.

Angela Eastman-Town Clerk



## Town of Orange

### Treasurer's Annual Report

My first year as town treasurer was a whirlwind. I started in January as our town clerk and internal auditor were busy getting the town report together. January went by in a blur as I was learning new systems, making and fixing plenty of mistakes and getting used to the rhythms of the office and the town calendar.

Our auditors, Sullivan Powers and Company came in the second week of March to start our annual audit and were promptly curtailed by the COVID shutdown. The usual discovery process and detective work that accompanies an audit consequently took longer than normal to process. We received our final audit in July with several recommendations. Acting on those recommendations, we have implemented several changes to our bookkeeping systems, created a treasurer's procedures manual and instituted additional select board oversight of some of those functions.

Preparing tax bills during COVID was also a new challenge this year. The federal government extended the tax filing deadline and the state followed suit. Because of the way education taxes in Vermont are calculated and collected, this caused a statewide delay in getting tax bills out. Tax collection season felt busier than usual because of the shortened time period between the two payment due dates.

As I prepare to close out 2020 books, and look back on the huge learning curve of this job, I realize how fitting it was to start in this strangest of years, and chalk up my experiences to the year of the pandemic. I look forward to a smooth 2021, and thank the town for the opportunity to serve.

Lee Youngman  
Town Treasurer

Account	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY-2020	Budget FY - 2021
<b>General Fund Revenue</b>			
<b>TAXES</b>			
Current Tax Revenue	181682	1962239	0
Delinquent Tax Rev.	2000	90503.94	100000
Current Yr. Late Tax Inte	4500	222.9	0
Delinquent Tax Interest	12000	17772.77	18000
Delinquent Tax Penalty	10000	7038.05	10000
Current Taxes from State	24000	0	0
ANR Pilot Payment	9000	11436	11500
Current Use Hold Harmless	69000	69040	69600
State buildings PILOT Pay	0	2240	2250
State PMT -prop tax adj	0	16549.71	16500
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Total	312182	2177042.37	227850
<b>FEES/PERMITS/LICENSES</b>			
Recording Fees	8200	9928	7000
Photocopies & Fax Fee Rev	1200	854	800
Posted Land	50	135	120
Town Hall Rent	7800	2290	3000
Town Hall Security Deposi	0	300	0
Vault fees	300	394.5	350
Certified Copies	550	470	500
Junkyard permit	550	0	100
Clerk Fees-Marriage	0	60	100
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Total	18650	14431.5	11970
<b>SERVICES</b>			
Bulk Trash Income	3000	5399.95	3000
Ambulance Reimbursements	0	3103	0
Civil Fines	1500	273.11	120
Dogs:Rabies Clinic	375	0	0
Dogs:Registration Fees	1500	2296.5	2300
Impound Fees	0	40	0
Fish & Game Fees	100	0	0
Green Mountain Passport	10	4	50
Fire Reimbursements	1000	0	0
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Total	7485	11116.56	5470
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Interest Income	150	852.76	900
State Equalization Paymen	0	634	640
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	6701.96	2300
CTCL Grant (election -COV	0	5000.01	0
LGER grant (COVID expense	0	2127.4	0
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Total	150	15316.13	3840
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>338467</b>	<b>2217906.56</b>	<b>249130</b>

### General Fund Expenditures

Bank Reconciliation Adjus	0	-3857.64	0
Payroll Expenses			
Salaries - Selectboard	3000	3000	3000
Salaries - Town Clerk	45000	44540	45136
Salaries -Document Scanne	5000	4266.75	0
Salaries - Listers	3000	3560	3600
Delinquent Tax Collector	10000	8070.28	10000
Salaries - Health Officer	200	743	500
Salaries - Ballot Clerks	1000	1064	1000
Salaries - Auditors	5000	2330	2500
Salaries - Treasurer	21000	18882.8	24000
SS & Medicare	7500	7036.68	7500
Retirement - Employer	4000	5574.78	5500
Health Insurance - Admin.	5000	5000	5000
Unemployment Insurance	2440	223.44	1261.96
Workers Comp Insurance	300	457.8	171.8
Life Insurance - Clerk	410	595.7	410
Total	112850	105345.23	109579.76

### Office Ops & Expense

Professional Audit	12000	26564	24000
Recording Expense	500	601.76	600
Office Supplies	2500	1566.06	2500
Delinq. Tax Collector Sup	600	423	600
Lister's Supplies	1500	244.95	500
Postage	2000	1350.53	3300
Training/Office	20000	12811.75	5000
Mileage	1000	612.5	500
Meetings/Conferences/Work	600	0	128
Copier Rental	1025	949.65	900
Copier Service Contract	0	414.61	450
Newsletter	500	220	500
Town Report	2400	2490.42	2800
Legal notices/Advertisemen	1000	312.6	2000
Electricity-Off/TwnHall	4500	2190.93	3000
Telephone & Internet	1500	1130.48	1500
new website design	0	0	2010
Heat - Town Hall	3000	1850.73	2700
Heat - Town Clerk	2000	853.53	1200
Tech Support	1500	1173	1500
NEMRC liscense	5000	5000	5000

NEMRC disaster recovery	0	546.36	600
Dues	6000	4408.75	4550
Janitorial Off./Town Hall	250	-100.98	250
Document Shredding	55	70	100
Software Licenses	0	2232.44	2300
Unbudgeted COVID-19 expen	0	736.83	0
unbudgeted election expen	0	844.56	0
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Total	69430	69498.46	68488
<b>General Expense</b>			
Green Up Day Expense	500	176.09	500
County Taxes	24560.95	24560.96	26000
Legal Fees	3000	1362.6	3000
Rabies Clinic	500	0	0
Bulk Trash Expense	5000	4379.2	6050
Property/Public Off. Ins	6350	12581	6209
Leased land	111	110.75	111
Tax Abatements	0	33411.68	10000
Refunds of State Payments	4000	0	0
Miscellaneous	500	3128.59	2375
EAB mitigation	0	0	750
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Total	44521.95	79710.87	54995
<b>Public Safety</b>			
Electricity-Streetlights	1100	564.98	600
Barre Town Ambulance reta	56065.6	56065.6	56500
Washington Fire Dept Reta	0	5000	2500
Tri-Town Fast Squad retai	0	0	3500
Police Protection	12000	8656.25	8000
Animal Control	1500	735	500
Fires & accidents Barre T	6000	4227	6000
Fires - Tri Village retai	6000	0	6000
Fires & Accidents-washing	6000	1530	6000
Dry hydrant grant program	0	100	100
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Total	88665.6	76878.83	89700
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>			
Mowing	835	840	900
Security System	1100	200	300
Repairs/Maint.-Clerk	1000	349.07	500
Repairs/Maint-Town Hall	500	222.08	500
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Total	3435	1611.15	2200
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>318902.55</b>	<b>329186.9</b>	<b>324962.76</b>

**Transfers Out**

Capital Improvements	5000	5000	5000
Planning Commission	1000	1000	1000
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	6000	6000	6000
<b>Voted Articles</b>			
Article:Brookhaven	3000	3000	7500
Article:Other Cemetery	4000	4000	5500
Article:Non Profits	7175	7675	9225
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Total	14175	14675	22225
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### Highway Fund Revenue

Current Tax Revenue	353355	-353355	0
State Aid to Highway	55000	75427.51	75000
Flood disaster reimbursem	28000	32048.5	0
GIA and BBR grants	28000	5421.74	20000
Generator Grant	35694	35694	0
Paving Grant	0	19559.56	0
Highway Equipment Loan	140000	110000	80500
Culvert Purchases by Resi	0	211.2	0
Misc equipment sales	0	1000	0
Fleet & Single permits	280	365	365
Insurance refund	0	97	0
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	12657.37	3500
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Total	640329	-60873.12	179365

### Highway Fund Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits			
Salaries - Barnes	52000	54421.22	53435.2
Salaries - Road Crew	45000	45336.94	45000
Salaries - Temp Help	2500	0	2500
Road emergency Ot	0	0	4000
SS & Medicare	12000	7631.77	7300
Retirement - Highway	5500	5861.33	6000
Health Ins. - Highway	19000	17400.01	19200
Life Insurance - Highway	809	832.96	816
Vision Insurance	0	101.42	114
Unemployment Insurance	1804	289.29	718
Workers Comp Insurance	7600	7335.2	3264.2
Uniforms	4000	2476.1	2600
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Total	150213	141686.24	144947.4

### Garage Expense

Garage Supplies	5700	7274.34	6200
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Workshops/MSHA Trainings	650	350	500
Mileage	1600	1397.92	1500
Electricity	2000	1658.88	1800
Telephone	600	624	600
Heat	5000	2684.26	3500
Propane	0	176.64	150
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Total	15550	14166.04	14250
<b>General Expense</b>			
Property Insurance	6666	13663	6578
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Total	6666	13663	6578
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>			
Security System	500	485	500
Septic Pumping	700	0	350
Repairs/Maintenance	3000	3400.1	3000
Garage Generator	10418.5	10677.36	386
Garage Improvement	17000	442.73	17000
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Total	31618.5	15005.19	21236
<b>Highway Equipment</b>			
New Equipment Purchase	140000	141035	80500
Equipment Rental	6000	2500	6000
Diesel Fuel	30000	18305.46	20000
Equipment Repairs & Maint	30000	0	15000
Truck 4 - 2011 Freightlin	0	2158.45	0
Truck 5 - 2013 Frieghtlin	0	2134.68	0
Truck 1 - 2019 Int'l	0	6245.51	0
Truck 2 - 2021 Internatio	0	299.69	0
Grader	8000	9842.82	0
Loader	0	1762.01	0
Backhoe	0	3015.55	0
Culvert Thawer/misc equip	0	94.07	0
Sand Screen	0	43.18	0
Hydroseeder	0	21.27	0
Road grants	0	6777.18	0
Equipment Purchase	0	1000	0
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Total	214000	195234.87	121500
<b>Road Maintenance</b>			
Culverts	6000	3648.98	4000
Road Salt	16000	8096.64	14000
Chloride	7000	4606	5000
Paving	80000	70914.25	20000
Resurfacing	45000	39342.54	40000
Cold patch	3000	3461.48	3500
Street Signs	500	37.65	500

Guardrail	3500	3504	3500
Highway Permits	2000	1350	1500
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Total	163000	134961.54	92000
<b>Debt Service</b>			
Equipment Payments	45000	45760	61995.69
Interest - Highway	4700	2200	6032
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Total	49700	47960	68027.69
<b>Transfers Out</b>			
Equipment Savings	20000	800	20000
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Total	20000	800	20000

## Auditors Report

The full audit of the Town's finances is performed by a professional firm. Sullivan, Powers & Co. conducted the audit of FY 2019 and a full report is available at the Town Office. The FY 2020 audit will be put out to bid. Sullivan, Powers & Co. recommended that an auditor be appointed by the selectboard to perform bank reconciliations for the municipal checking and money market accounts. I have been performing these reconciliations as well as preparing reports of various funds (see page ##) and preparing the Delinquent Tax Collector's report with Mary Clafin. To the best of my knowledge, these are an accurate representation of the Town's financial position and I am not aware of any notable issues with any of the Town's funds.

John McNeil



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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	194	31,776,400	27,209,000	4,567,400	31,776,400
Residential II	R2	196	45,071,300	38,499,800	6,571,500	45,071,300
Mobile Homes-U	MHU	15	454,100	218,800	235,300	454,100
Mobile Homes-L	MHL	50	4,618,900	2,899,800	1,719,100	4,618,900
Seasonal I	S1	11	860,000	0	860,000	860,000
Seasonal II	S2	43	7,496,900	0	7,496,900	7,496,900
Commercial	C	2	1,207,600	0	1,207,600	1,207,600
Commercial Apts	CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial	I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E	UE	5	6,726,400	0	6,726,400	6,726,400
Utilities-O	UO	2	3,376,300	0	3,376,300	3,376,300
Farm	F	5	2,953,300	1,870,300	1,083,000	2,953,300
Other	O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	W	36	8,250,200	0	8,250,200	8,250,200
Miscellaneous	M	49	2,222,400	35,800	2,186,600	2,222,400
<b>TOTAL LISTED REAL</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>115,013,800</b>	<b>70,733,500</b>	<b>44,280,300</b>	<b>115,013,800</b>	
P.P. Cable	0	0		0	0	
P.P. Equipment	0	0				
P.P. Inventory	0	0				
<b>TOTAL LISTED P.P.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>TOTAL LISTED VALUE</b>		<b>115,013,800</b>	<b>70,733,500</b>	<b>44,280,300</b>	<b>115,013,800</b>	
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>						
Veterans 10K	16/16	160,000	150,000	10,000	160,000	
Veterans >10K		480,000				
<b>Total Veterans</b>		<b>640,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	
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				
<b>Total Contracts</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
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				
<b>Total FarmStabContr</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Current Use	56/56	11,665,517	2,096,068	9,569,449	11,665,517	
Special Exemptions	2		0	1,287,300	1,287,300	
Partial Statutory	1/1	964,450	0	964,450	964,450	
<b>Sub-total Exemptions</b>		<b>13,269,967</b>	<b>2,246,068</b>	<b>11,831,199</b>	<b>14,077,267</b>	
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>13,269,967</b>	<b>2,246,068</b>	<b>11,831,199</b>	<b>14,077,267</b>	
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST</b>		<b>1,017,438.33</b>				
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST</b>			<b>684,874.32</b>	<b>324,491.01</b>	<b>1,009,365.33</b>	
<b>NON-TAX</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411</b>				

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

TOTAL NUMBER OF EXEMPT PARCELS: 16

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
<b>Total Real Prior to Exemptions</b>	<b>1,287,300</b>	
<b>Total Exemptions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,287,300</b>
<b>Grand Lists After</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

We certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the grand list of Orange for the year 2020.  
Given under our hands at \_\_\_\_\_ on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 2021.  
[Signature] TOWN CLERK

I hereby certify that I have examined the grand list for the year 2020 now on file and hereby certify this abstract in  
accord with 32 V.S.A. 4183.  
Attest [Signature] TOWN CLERK  
Date: January 4, 2021

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 municl 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.

# Delinquent Tax Report

12/31/2019 12/31/2020 ----->

Tax Year	Principal Due	Collected	Principal Due	Interest Due	Penalty Due	Abated	Total Due
2009	946.00	579.06	<b>366.94</b>	1788.49	0.00		<b>2155.43</b>
2016	12976.76	10866.07	<b>2110.69</b>	530.06	78.35		<b>2719.10</b>
2017	31982.87	19127.70	<b>12855.17</b>	4237.05	800.80		<b>17893.02</b>
2018	42284.49	11250.06	<b>31034.43</b>	5326.52	1514.63		<b>37875.58</b>
2019	84544.99	38920.71	<b>45624.28</b>	6161.59	2954.71		<b>54740.58</b>
2020		78013.67	<b>82995.26</b>	3130.39	6015.91		<b>92141.56</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		137994.00	<b>174986.77</b>	<b>21174.10</b>	<b>11364.40</b>	20763.27	<b>207525.27</b>

## 2009

Harrington Patrick

## 2016

Martin Marvin & Kim  
Pirie Gordon & Sandy  
Renfrew Walter

## 2017

Brooks Bruce & Kathy  
Farnham Steven  
Hedges Allen  
Jean Derek & Dennis  
Martin Marvin & Kim  
Pirie Gordon & Sandy  
Raine Will  
Renfrew Walter  
Sanborn James

## 2018

Brooks Bruce & Kathy  
Carroll Roseanne  
Farnham Steven  
Hedges Allen  
Houle Jay  
Jean Derek & Dennis  
Ladeau Robert  
Manning Gene & Pam  
Marchant Bruce  
Martin Marvin & Kim  
Moote Lewis Jr  
Morrison Harry & M  
Pirie Gordon & Sandy  
Raine Will  
Reed Lee  
Renfrew Walter  
Spencer Daniel Sr  
Spooner Thomas  
Stuart Patricia

## 2019

Bilodeau Michael  
Bresett Timothy  
Brooks Bruce & Kathy  
Burns Betty  
Carroll Roseanne  
Chadwick Brian & Carol  
Clark Debra  
Farnham Steven  
French Bonnie L  
Germain Casey & Shawn  
Golden Susan  
Houle Jay T  
Jay Jessica  
Jean Derek & Dennis  
Ladeau Robert  
Marchant Bruce  
Martin Marvin & Kim  
Moote Lewis Jr  
Morrison Harry  
Nichols Dana  
Otis Chelsea  
Pirie Gordon & Sandy  
Raine Will  
Reed Lee  
Renfrew Walter  
Spencer Daniel Sr  
Welch Gene  
Wilber Edward  
Woodworth Joshua M

## 2020

Audet Veronica  
Avery James  
Battles Jason & Kathy  
Bilodeau Michael  
Brooks Bruce & Kathy  
Burns Betty  
Campbell Christopher  
Carroll Roseanne  
Chadwick Brian

## 2020-cont

Chicklas Jeffrey  
Clark Brenda  
Clark Debra  
Davenport Michael  
Davis David  
Dubois Albert  
Duprey Paul  
Farnham Steven  
Fitts Homer  
Fitzgerald Mark  
French Bonnie  
George Michael  
Germain Casey & Shawn  
Golden Susan  
Harrington Patrick  
Houle Jay  
Jean Derek & Dennis  
Kidder Francis  
Ladeau Robert  
Lajeunesse Anthony  
Lamson Gregory  
Leclaire Denise  
Lewis Jeremy  
Marchant Bruce  
Martin Marvin  
Missner Emily  
Moote Lewis Jr  
Morrison Harry  
Neddo David  
Nichols Dana  
Nykiel Tina M  
Otis Chelsea  
Pender Brian  
Pirie Gordon & Sandy  
Pratt Frank  
Pratt Steve  
Raine Will  
Real LLC  
Reed Elsie & Will  
Reed Lee

## 2020-cont

Renfrew Walter  
Riddel Douglas  
Rolston Chad  
Ruel Ryan  
Sousa John  
Spencer Daniel Sr  
Stuart Patricia  
Tatro Ashley  
Taylor Zachary  
Teague Denis  
Tilton Jeremy  
Townsend Jonathan  
Verdon Mario  
Villafranco Henry  
Welch Gene  
White Kevin  
Wilber Edward  
Wilson Sarah  
Woodworth Joshua

# Dog Licenses

## How do I get my dog licensed?

This year because of office restrictions due to COVID-19 licenses must be renewed either by phone, or you can drop off your request and payment in the drop box at the Town Clerk's office or lastly you may call and set up an in-person appointment to renew your license. Please attach or bring a copy of your up-to-date rabies certificate (by law the Town must have a copy of it on file) and also a copy of your spaying/neutering certificate if applicable, to the Clerk's Office. We start registering dogs January 2nd for the new year. The last day to register your dog(s) is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## How much does a dog license cost?

- Spayed/Neutered > \$10.00
- Unspayed/Unneutered > \$15.00
- Working Farm Dog > \$5.00 plus cost of regular registration
- License fee plus \$10.00 late fee after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## What can I do if my neighbor's dog is barking or loose?

The first thing to do is talk to your neighbor about the situation. If you do not get a satisfactory response from your neighbor, you can call Michelle Boyer, Animal Control at 439-5827. There is no leash law in Orange but there is a dog ordinance. You can obtain a copy of this at the Town Offices.

## Why do I need to license my dog?

State Law Requires every dog to be licensed in the State of Vermont. Every dog must be licensed in the town it resides in (VSA 20-3581) and must have a current rabies vaccine.

### Dog License Report

Sex	#Dogs	Fees	State	Late Fees	Farm Fees	Total Fees
Neutered	92	470.00	460.00	250.00	0.00	1180.00
Male	18	180.00	90.00	90.00	0.00	
Spayed	86	435.00	430.00	160.00	0.00	1025.00
Female	19	177.00	95.00	70.00	0.00	342.00
Dealer	1	37.50				37.50
Breeder	1	30.00	1.00			31.00
Male (B)	9	6.00	0.00	0.00		6.00
Female (B)	5	6.00	0.00	0.00		6.00
Total:	231	1341.50	1076.00	570.00		2987.50

## Rabies Clinic

It is extremely important that your pets are properly vaccinated. While rabies is rare, it is a serious and often fatal disease. To help prevent the spread of this disease, a Rabies Clinic will be held in Orange at the Town Clerk's Office sometime in the month of May. Date to be determined. Please bring your dog(s) on a leash and your cat(s) in a carrier.



The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services, helps income challenged care-providers of cats & dogs neutered for \$27.00. The balance is paid ONLY by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, and put into a designated account.

VSNIP is now at "0" funding due to dogs not being registered at least by six months of age. Required by law, a rabies vaccination enables your dog to be licensed. While town offices may not be open to the public, dogs *can* be licensed. Call, provide the rabies certificate, include a check for that amount, and a SASE. **Rabies IS in Vermont and IS deadly.** Tractor Supply Stores are now holding monthly rabies clinics again! Call for their schedule.

**Licensing a dog: 1)** identifies your dog if lost, **2)** provides proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but would still need immediate medical attention}, **3)** bites another animal/person, which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanasia to test for rabies if your current vaccination isn't proven, **4)** helps support VSNIP to address the over-population of cats and dogs in VT, and **5)** **§3590. List of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed states, in part ...** "the municipal clerk shall notify the owners or keepers of all dogs and wolf-hybrids named on the list that have not already been licensed or inoculated, and after May 30 shall furnish to the legislative body a list of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed or inoculated as required by law. **Owners shall also be notified that unlicensed or uninoculated dogs or wolf-hybrids may be destroyed.**" (No one want this, so vaccinate & register – for the protection of your animals and people!

For an application for VSNIP, send a SASE to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if this is for a cat/dog or both. 802-672-5302

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<b>Act 60</b>		
Beginning Balance		43,604.76
<b>Revenue (from State)</b>		5,389.00
End Balance		48,993.76
<b>Capital Improvements</b>		
Begining Balance		20804.25
<b>Revenue</b>		5000
Town Budget	5000	
<b>Expense</b>	1795.0	1795
End Balance		24009.25
<b>Civil Defense</b>		
Balance		489.91
<b>Economic Development</b>		
Balance		649.75
<b>Planning Commission</b>		
Beginning Balance		5357.27
<b>Revenue</b>		
Town Budget	1000	1000
End Balance		6357.27
<b>Record Restoration</b>		
Beginning Balance		6619.78
<b>Revenue</b>		3588
Recording Fees	3588	
<b>Expense</b>	1100	1100
End Balance		9107.78

<b>Recreation Fund</b>		
Beginning Balance		1486.23
<b>Revenue</b>		
Fundraising	25	25
<b>Expense</b>		
Mowing	840	
Park Tickets	0	
Ballfield Insurance	6	
Electricity	255.76	255.76
End Balance		409.47
<b>Richardson Gazebo Fund</b>		
Beginning Balance		53.61
<b>Revenue</b>		
Sales of books/plates	53.00	53.00
End Balance		106.61

### Statement of Indebtedness

#### 2019 International Dump Truck

Starting Balance		110000
2020 Payment	22000	22000
2020 Interest	1760	
Balance		88000

#### 2021 International Dump Truck

Starting Balance		110000
2020 Payment	0	
2020 Interest	0	
Balance		110000

**Cemetery Investments**

	Start Balance 1/1/2020	Fees	Withdrawals	Earnings	End Balance 11/30/2020	Yield
<b>Brookhaven</b>						
Mutual Fund	72,678.79	760.35	0.00	6,270.62	78,189.06	8.63%
CD	15,538.78		0.00	54.41	15,593.19	0.35%
<b>Other Cemeteries</b>						
Mutual Fund	43,503.80	456.94	0.00	2,514.68	45,561.54	5.78%
CD	12,060.54		0.00	42.23	12,102.77	0.35%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>143,781.91</b>	<b>1,217.29</b>		<b>8,881.94</b>	<b>151,446.56</b>	<b>6.18%</b>

## Town of Orange

### Highway Department Annual Report



We had another busy, productive year on the roads in Orange.

There are 254 culverts along our roads in Orange. In 2020, the Road Crew replaced 6 of those culverts across town which were in critical condition. We continue to work on the ditches in town to help with road stability and erosion control and replace culverts at the same time.

New this year to the Town is a 2021 International Dump Truck which replaces the 2011 Freightliner. The new truck has the capacity to haul 16 ton of material and has an all-angle plow which allows for the driver to rotate the plow from side to side and makes intersections easier to plow. The Town contracted with FW Whitcomb, after the usual bid process, and re-paved the section of Reservoir Road from Bisson Road to just past Trickle Brook Drive. This turned out really well and greatly improved the driving on Reservoir Road.

Due to COVID-19, no grant money was available through the state and federal government for ditch work, however our road crew performed necessary ditch work on Clement Road, Eastman Road, Cramp Road and Richardson Road including stone lined ditch and grass lined ditches at town expense.

Roadside mowing was completed over a 2-week time frame in October. This was delayed due to a rental company scheduling error but we finally got it done. We saved money by renting this equipment and will continue to do so in the future. All the roads in town were mowed and look fantastic.

#### **Please remember a few important things as you travel the roads:**

Please do not speed or have erratic driving as this puts you, your passengers and others at risk for an accident and damages the road surface.

We have over 34 miles of town road that are maintained by a 2-person work crew. Please be patient while they tend to your road and others in town

Please keep the town right of way free and clear of vehicles, trailers and other debris so the town equipment can smoothly navigate through plowing and needed repairs to the roads

It is against town ordinance to deposit snow into the roadway

We are all anxiously awaiting the warm weather but with warm weather comes mud. Our road crew works very hard to keep the roads in the best condition possible during this season. Please exercise patience during this time and remember that mother nature, rain, melting ice and road traffic all contribute to the ruts and muddy road conditions. Feel free to contact the town garage or the town clerk to advise us of adverse road conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

John Barnes, Road Foreman

## Town of Orange

2021 International 10-wheel Dump Truck with plow, wing and sander

2019 International 10-wheel Dump Truck with plow, wing and sander

2016 John Deere 544K Wheel Loader

2016 Power Eagle Culvert Thawing Machine w/trailer & water tote

2013 Freightliner 6-wheel Dump Truck with Plow, Wing, Sander

2011 Water/Chloride Tank and Trailer

2006 John Deere 672D Grader

2005 John Deere 410G Backhoe with twister wrist

Sand Screen/Trailer

York 9244 HT Road Rake with 2 foot extension

# 2020 VITAL RECORDS

## BIRTHS

	DATE	MOTHER	FATHER
	02/14/20	Jessica Bourgeois	Andrew Bourgeois
Jude Robert McDonald	04/15/20	Monica McDonald	Scott McDonald
Olive Margaret Smith	05/14/20	Hope Smith	Jacob Smith
Levi Hayes McLaughlin	09/02/20	Jevonne McLaughlin	Shane McLaughlin
Samuel Aiden Montour	11/08/20	Mary Montour	Alexander Montour

## MARRIAGES

NAME	RESIDENCE	NAME	RESIDENCE	DATE
Scott Raymond McDonald	East Barre	Monica Renae Tonne	East Barre	02/29/20
Melissa Ann Chateaufvert	Orange	Michael Alfred Riley	Orange	07/18/20
Jessica Lin Symonds	Orange	Timothy Michael Lemieux	Orange	09/12/20
Sheila Cayia Douglas	Orange	Timmy Carl Stone	Orange	09/19/20
Elizabeth Lynn Flannigan	Orange	Alain Robert Grenier II	Orange	09/19/20

## DEATHS

NAME	RESIDENCE	DATE	AGE
Paula Ann Clement	Orange	01/16/20	58
Jean Ella Griggs	Orange	02/13/20	88
Timothy Lee Doyle	Orange	03/06/20	71
Riette Laperle	Orange	03/16/20	89
Joan Louise Ransom	Orange	05/14/20	88
Jefrey Scott Cameron	East Barre	06/05/20	29
Karen Patricia Crossett	Orange	06/26/20	42
Theresa Aurora Pelow	Orange	09/04/20	93
Randall P. Johnson	Orange	09/26/20	59



## CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN ORANGE

### *Local Partnerships in Learning*

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. (CVABE), a community-based nonprofit organization has served the adult education and literacy needs of Orange residents for fifty-five years. CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16- 90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer and financial literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college

CVABE provides outreach to the town and education services to an average of 4 Orange residents annually. **Last year 8 Orange residents enrolled in our free programs.**

CVABE provides free instruction to nearly 500 people annually in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVABE \$2,942 per student to provide a full year of instruction.

We deeply appreciate Orange's voter-approved *past* support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the neighbors who need education for a better life. For more information, call CVABE at (802) 476-4588, or visit [www.cvabe.org](http://www.cvabe.org)

**Central Vermont Council on Aging**  
**Report of Services to Orange FY18**  
**October 5, 2020**

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, interdependent, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities.

For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters aged 60 and up to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect the elders in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources.

Some of the options we make available include:

- CVCOA Help Line - (800) 642-5119 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development and technical assistance for home-delivered and Community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, Medicare & You workshops, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including administration of the Dementia Respite Grant.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 21 Orange residents. CVCOA has maintained continuity of all of the above-services during COVID-19. Case Manager, Chuck Rhynard is designated to work directly with the seniors in Orange.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Orange for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.



## 2020 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT

### TOWN OF ORANGE

Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH) is a not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association serving 23 communities in central Vermont with skilled nursing care, physical, speech, and occupational therapy, medication management, social work support, and a personal care to central Vermonters of all ages in the comfort and privacy of home. The organization is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, each of whom lives in CVHHH’s service area. CVHHH is guided by a mission to care for all central Vermonters regardless of a person’s ability to pay, their geographic remoteness, or the complexity of their care needs. CVHHH embraces new technology and collaborates with other local providers to ensure that central Vermonters’ care needs are met. In addition to providing medically necessary care, CVHHH promotes the general welfare of community members with public flu and foot-care clinics and grief and bereavement support groups.

To learn more, visit [www.cvhhh.org](http://www.cvhhh.org).

**CVHHH Services to the Residents of Orange  
Jan 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020\***

<b>Program</b>	<b># of Visits</b>
Home Health Care	770
Hospice Care	138
Long Term Care	18
Maternal Child Health	93
<b>TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS</b>	<b>1,019</b>
<b>TOTAL PATIENTS</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>59</b>

*\*Audited figures are not available at the time of report submission. Preliminary figures are prorated based on the number of visits from January 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020 and are not expected to vary significantly.*

Town funding will help to ensure that CVHHH provides services in Orange through 2021 and beyond. For more information contact Sandy Rouse, President & CEO, or Kim Farnum, Director of Community Relations & Development at 223-1878.



**FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY  
....serving families in Orange**

The Family Center of Washington County provides services and resources to all children and families in our region. In FY'20 we offered services for children, youth and families, including: Early Care and Education, Children's Integrated Services-Early Intervention, Family Support Home Visiting, Child Care Financial Assistance, Child Care Referral, Hello Baby Information, Family Supportive Housing Services, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project, Specialized Child Care supports, Transportation, Reach Up Job Development, Family Works, on-site Parent Support Groups, Food Pantry, Diaper Bank, Parent Education, and Playgroups for children from birth to five. We are grateful for the support shown by the voters of Orange. For more information about Family Center programs and services, please visit: [www.fcwcv.org](http://www.fcwcv.org) or visit our Facebook page.

**Among the 8 individuals in Orange who benefited from the Family Center's programs and services from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 were:**

- \* **5 families** who received **Child Care Financial Assistance**.
- \* **3 family** who received **Information & Referral**, including consulting our Child Care Referral services, receiving assistance in finding child care to meet their needs, answering questions related to child care and child development, and receiving information about other community resources available.

*Building resourceful families and healthy children to create a strong community.*



**Good Samaritan Haven**  
Everyone needs a home

105 North Seminary Street  
PO Box 1104  
Barre, VT 05641  
802-479-2294  
[www.goodsamaritanhaven.org](http://www.goodsamaritanhaven.org)

October 26, 2020

Selectboard  
Town of Orange  
392 Route 302  
Orange, VT 05641

Re: Good Samaritan Haven 2020 Appropriation Request

To the Selectboard,

Good Samaritan Haven respectfully requests \$400 in funding from the Town of Northfield to support its Emergency Shelter Program.

Good Sam has welcomed thousands of people in need since we opened our doors in 1986. We provide the basics - a bed, warm food and help to more stability. Last winter we provided 76 shelter beds each night in four shelter sites Barre and Montpelier.

With COVID-19, everything changed. Good Sam was unable to use our shelters or utilize the help of volunteers. Throughout 2020 we have managed and provided support for approximately 250 homeless individuals and families in motels. This work continues in the motels and 2 reduced capacity shelters.

Winter is coming fast. We are planning to open a new shelter in November in Montpelier for those with no other option. We are turning to area towns and private individuals to help us respond.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rick DeAngelis

Executive Director

## ORANGE COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER

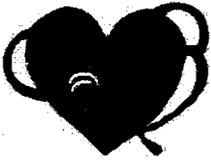
Orange County Restorative Justice Center (OCRJ) is a community based restorative justice program, offering cost effective alternatives to the criminal and civil court system. Our programs include:

- **Court Diversion** for youth and adults referred by the State's Attorney who are facing criminal charges in court. A Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers, works with clients to address the harm they caused to victims and the community, while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Clients must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel.
- **Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP)** for youth receiving civil complaints for underage alcohol or marijuana possession;
- **Driver's License Suspension Program (DLS)**, helping Vermonters reinstate their licenses through income-sensitive fine repayment plans;
- **Safe Driver Education Program** for those involved in driving related infractions. The program educates on the risks and impacts of distracted driving.
- **Pre-Trial Services Program**, providing support and services related to mental health and substance abuse for adults facing charges in criminal court.
- **Reparative Panels**, for adults found guilty of crimes. As part of probation, participants work with a Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers, to address the harm they caused to victims and the community, while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Participants must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel.
- **Restorative Re-entry**, for adults returning to our communities after incarceration. A case manager works with participants to access housing, employment and, where applicable, services and treatment for underlying issues. Volunteers help support successful re-entry.
- **Circles of Support and Accountability**, for offenders re-entering community who are at a high risk for re-offense. Participants meet weekly with a case manager and volunteers for 12-18 months, to support their successful and safe re-entry into community.
- **Victims Assistance**, for those impacted by the crimes referred to OCRJ programs. A dedicated case manager works with harmed parties to address their concerns and needs related to the individuals and the incidents referred for restorative programs.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020, 324 clients were referred for services, a 22% increase from the previous year. Of those, 131 people were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, 42 were referred for YSASP, 8 for DLS, 39 for Pre-Trial Services, and 42 were referred for re-entry services. In addition, OCRJC reached out to 62 victims, and 24 people participated in our Safe Driver class. With few exceptions, cases involved offenses that occurred in Orange County. In FY20, OCRJ worked with 12 cases where the incident occurred in Orange. Each case involved at least one person responsible and the individuals impacted by their actions.

OCRJ's FY20 operating budget was \$230,480. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. The town of Orange appropriated \$350 for FY20 to support the Orange County Restorative Justice Center. OCRJC requests \$350 for 2021 to support ongoing programs.

Thank you for your support! For additional information contact Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, Orange County Restorative Justice Center at 802-685-3172 or [jessie@ocrjvt.org](mailto:jessie@ocrjvt.org).



## PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

553 North Main Street, Barre, Vermont 05641

802-479-1229; phwcv.org

### Orange 2019 Report

In 2019, People's Health & Wellness Clinic celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing primary health care and wellness education to uninsured and underinsured people in central Vermont. Our services include high quality medical, mental health, oral health, and bodywork services which are provided at no cost to our patients. We also continue to provide extensive case management, referrals, and assistance enrolling in health insurance and financial assistance programs.

In Calendar Year 2019, People's Health & Wellness Clinic served 557 unduplicated individuals, who required 2,631 patient interactions. 227 of these patients were new to the clinic. We had 1,147 healthcare visits and 615 medical consults. 179 individuals came for 284 dental hygiene visits and 94 referrals to dentists for more advanced treatment. We provided 262 pharmaceutical samples, immunizations, and vouchers, and wrote hundreds more prescriptions. Our services include screening all patients for eligibility in a variety of health insurance and financial assistance programs, such as Vermont Health Connect, Medicaid, You First, and hospital patient financial assistance programs. 92 patients were assisted with enrollment in these programs.

Volunteer practitioners are the heart of our service model. In 2019, over 60 volunteers gave over \$96,000 worth of their time serving our patients. Over \$30,000 worth of pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, and other services were donated for our patients.

***8 separate Orange residents sought our services in 2019, 2 of whom were new to the clinic. They required 31 separate patient interactions. They came for 18 medical visits and 5 dental visits. Orange patients had 2 medical consults and 7 diagnostic tests (labs, x-rays, etc.). Our navigation services helped 1 individual enroll in health insurance and assistance programs.***

As a federally deemed free clinic, we cannot charge for services. We depend on grants and donations. We are grateful to the voters of Orange for many years of support and we are pleased to be able to provide these services to the central Vermont community.

Rebecca Goldfinger-Fein  
Executive Director



# Prevent Child Abuse

## Vermont™

October 2020

Town of Orange  
Ms. Angela Eastman  
392 US Route 302  
Orange, VT 05641

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Montpelier, Vermont 05601  
Local: 802-229-5724  
Toll Free: 1-800-CHILDREN  
Fax: 802-223-5567  
E-mail: pcavt@pcavt.org  
Web: www.pcavt.org

Dear Ms. Eastman,

For many years Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAVT) has been a strong voice for assuring that Vermont maintains a focus on preventing child abuse and neglect. Funding from the Town of Orange has helped us provide programs, training and literature to families, educators, and others. Thank you for your past support.

This year has been unusual in so many ways and unfortunately families are under an enormous amount of stress. Our programs and trainings are needed more than ever as we help these families navigate through these uncertain times. Some of the programs we provide include the Circle of Parents (support group), Parents Help Line, Shaken Baby Training, Nurturing Parenting and Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training. Each year we send out 13,000 of Vermont Home Companion Directory to parents of young children.

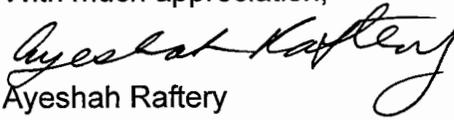
In 2019 PCAVT provided the following programs and resources to Orange County residents:

- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training to
  - 13 Licensed Center Providers
  - 1 School Coordinator of Student Services
  - 2 After School Professionals
- Shaken Baby Syndrome Training in which 200 adults participated
- Family Support Programs served 33 people

~~We would like to request \$200 from the Town of Orange. Together we can promote and support healthy relationships within families, schools, and communities to eliminate child abuse and neglect. Please consider supporting Prevent Child Abuse Vermont once again.~~

Thank you for your past support.

With much appreciation,

  
Ayesah Raftery  
Director of Development

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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.

Due to Covid-19 and the Stay-at-Home order, many victims were not able to call for assistance because their abuser was watching them. Therefore, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, reported statistics might be lower than last year. Calls to Safeline started to increase as survivors had more flexibility to reach out and as children went back to school where mandated reporters could contact authorities about potential abuse. Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 1,292 services for 316 victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

9 services were provided for 9 victims who identified themselves as residents of Orange. 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. Most of the victims have children within their family.

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.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

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



### **Report of Services for Town of Orange**

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2020 Fiscal Year was an exciting one. In September, we held a successful fundraising and awareness event, Dancing With The Stars of Burlington, and have sustained our outreach efforts throughout the state to ensure that all Vermonters are aware of our services. The number of clients we serve has continued to increase annually. A new referral system was also developed in the fall, which is intended to increase the number of referrals we receive from eye care providers, thus connecting more clients with life-changing vision rehabilitation therapy.

As with many nonprofits, VABVI had to make several adjustments in light of COVID-19. We quickly adjusted from providing services in client homes and schools, to providing remote services via telephone and video conferencing. We are continuing to accept new clients and are currently providing remote services. We will be resuming in-person services as soon as it is safe to do so, and are continuously developing protocols to keep staff and clients safe when we are able to meet face-to-face.

It's clear to us at VABVI that our mission and services will continue to play a critical role in the lives of many Vermonters well into the future. In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have adapted our services and are working nonstop to support anyone living in Vermont who is experiencing vision loss.

**SMART Device Training Program (formerly known as the iOS Training Program):** The program has served 239 clients across Vermont since it was established in 2018. Now, due to COVID-19, the SMART Device Training Program is more important than ever. Current social distancing protocols have led to our blind and visually impaired clients to become increasingly at risk for feelings of isolation and loneliness. In addition, with many healthcare providers now only seeing patients via "telehealth," it is critical that our clients know how to utilize technology. Our Vision Rehabilitation Therapists (VRTs) are providing remote services to program clients who are in need of assistance. Clients who received technology training prior to COVID-19 have reported that the skills learned in this program have been invaluable throughout the pandemic.

**PALS (Peer Assisted Learning and Support) Groups:** PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and to discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. Now, due to social distancing requirements, PALS groups are operating remotely via Zoom and telephone.

**HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence):** The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills. This program is currently being conducted remotely.

**IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience):** IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, meet adult mentors, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This year's IRLE Camp, which was



**VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926

going to take place throughout Southern New England with activities at the Mystic Aquarium and Roger Williams Zoo, has been postponed until 2021.

During Fiscal Year 2020, we served 1,804 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 1 students in Orange, and 35 adults and 11 students in Orange County. Since 2013, VABVI has served a total of two children and three adults in Orange.

For more information about VABVI's services or to volunteer, please contact Shannon Turgeon at (802) 863-1358 ext. 217, or at [sturgeon@vabvi.org](mailto:sturgeon@vabvi.org). Visit us our website at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org) and feel free to "like" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/vabvi802/>.



October 7, 2020

Orange town  
Angela Eastman  
392 US Rt. 302  
Orange, VT 5641

Dear Select Board,

The mission of the Vermont Family Network is to empower and support all Vermont families of children with special needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P) merged, Vermont Family Network has collectively served the families of Vermont for more than 30 years and created a virtual “one stop shop” for families of children with special needs and the providers who serve them.

We are writing you today to ask for your support in continuing to serve families in Orange town and throughout the state, with an appropriation of \$250. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are reaching out to communities like Orange town where we have served many families to seek your help. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we are able to do all around the state continues to happen with the same excellence and care that it has for the past 30 years.

We are proud to serve over 1400 families yearly with expert information, referral and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport and Rutland, an annual conference and much more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team who teach children and parents all around the state about important topics like bullying prevention, child abuse prevention and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership and communication. Each year almost 10,000 school children benefit from one of these educational programs.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much needed services to families all across the state. Please feel free to reach out to me at [Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org](mailto:Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org), or 802-876-5315, ext. 105 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Claire Giroux-Williams  
Development and Communications Manager  
Vermont Family Network



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## **Town of Orange Planning Commission Report**

In 2020 the Town Planning Commission worked on implementing the priority goals and objectives in the Orange Town Plan which was approved on September 7, 2018. The approved plan will 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. Having and implementing a town plan is beneficial, and sometimes necessary, when applying for State and regional planning and construction grants.

The town applied for and received on September 28, 2020, Village Center Designation of the area of Orange along U.S. Route 302 from east on the town offices to west of the Orange Center School. Some of the benefits provided by Village Center Designation include:

- Technical assistance to support revitalization and planning efforts.
- Tax credits for improvements to properties in the Center.
- Priority consideration for State grants such as community development, transportation and natural resources.

There are other priorities in the Town Plan for establishing working committees, which have not been implemented, that would benefit the town when applying for grants related to recreation, conservation, energy and wastewater disposal.

If you have an interest in helping the town by serving on one of these committees, please leave your name, phone number and area of interest with the town clerk and a member of the planning commission will contact you to further explain what would be the role of the committee.

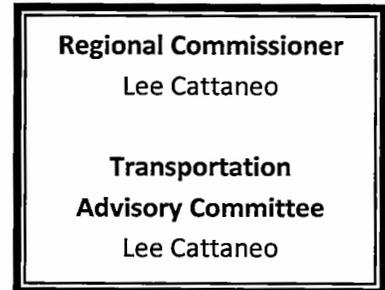
# CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF ORANGE

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission provides planning, development, and project implementation assistance to communities. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners.

### 2020 Orange Activities

- ❖ Conducted outreach on the Basin 14 Tactical Basin Plan to incorporate the Town's needs.
- ❖ Assisted with Local Emergency Management Plan update including development of sharing permission form.
- ❖ Coached Town staff on Better Roads grant invoice preparation.
- ❖ Coached Town on reimbursement request for 2018 school generator project.
- ❖ Supported application to Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program (LGER).
- ❖ Drafted successful State village center designation application.
- ❖ Identified bridges, culverts, and road embankments that are vulnerable to damage from floods and estimated risk of damage so that potential mitigation measures could be identified.



### CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ *Municipal plan and bylaw updates:* Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education, bylaw modernization, and plan updates.
- ❖ *Brownfields:* Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the community, stimulate the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- ❖ *Transportation planning:* Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee and provide studies, plans, data collection, and counts.
- ❖ *Emergency planning:* Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and the state on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- ❖ *Energy conservation and development:* Foster projects that support energy conservation to save energy and tax dollars and identify opportunities for renewable energy generation.
- ❖ *Natural resource planning and projects:* Implement activities to protect water resources/supplies, enhance recreational opportunities, maintain the forest products industry, and enhance environmental health.
- ❖ *Regional plans:* Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- ❖ *Geographic Information System services:* Provide municipalities, state agencies, and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.
- ❖ *Special projects:* Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
- ❖ *Grants:* Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, write applications, and manage projects.

The Commission 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 appreciated! CVRPC is your resource -- please contact us at 802-229-0389 or [cvrpc@cvregion.com](mailto:cvrpc@cvregion.com) for assistance.



# Annual Report

Short Form 2020

Central Vermont Internet (CVFiber) is a Communication Union District (CUD) representing twenty Central Vermont communities. CVFiber's mission is to ensure everyone in its member towns has access to internet speeds of at least 100 Mbps (megabits per second) for both uploading and downloading data. Currently, many Central Vermont residences and businesses located outside more populous areas have limited access to high-speed broadband. This limited broadband availability has been highlighted by the Covid-19 pandemic as students and employees shifted to remote learning and working. Slow internet access stifles economic development, creates public safety risks, limits access to telehealth services, reduces property values, and hampers residents' abilities to access common online services.

Beginning in 2019 and culminating in 2020, CVFiber conducted a community survey regarding the current state of broadband, experiences with internet providers, and future interest in offerings. Through the survey, CVFiber collected valuable information on a wide variety of topics to help guide its high-speed broadband planning. A more detailed breakdown of a number of the questions we asked across all communities can be found here: <http://bit.ly/CVFiberSurvey2020>

CVFiber completed a Feasibility Study and Business plan using grant funding from USDA Rural Development and the State of Vermont. The purpose of these documents is to facilitate an application for a \$4-million VEDA loan to allow CVFiber to begin network construction in 2021. This money will enable CVFiber to begin the design and build out of high-speed broadband.

CVFiber is committed to making affordable high-speed broadband available to Central Vermont in the coming years. We welcome your engagement and feedback to help us achieve this goal. Please reach out to your respective community representative or visit our website for the latest developments and progress toward accomplishing this momentous goal.

Respectfully submitted,

The CVFiber Governing Board

Delegate for Orange:  
Siobhan Perricone ([cvfiber.orange@gmail.com](mailto:cvfiber.orange@gmail.com))

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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Chris LaMonda, MPH

Director of EMS

Barre Town EMS continues to be a premier paramedic level EMS service. We currently have 5 ambulances scheduled for 19 shifts per week (3 shifts per day Monday-Friday and 2 shifts Saturday-Sunday). Our primary service area covers Barre Town, Berlin, Orange, Topsham, Washington, and parts of Brookfield. This area is approximately 215 sq miles with a population of 14,347. We are also the primary Paramedic intercept service and mutual aid for a majority of Washington and Orange counties, as well as the primary transport agency for the Central Vermont Medical Center.

Barre Town EMS staff size ranges from 35-38 employees (13 full time). We currently have 23 paramedics on the roster which allows Barre Town EMS to have at least one paramedic on every scheduled ambulance. This past year has seen the resilience and dedication of our staff. With multiple full-time staff out on extended leaves and two retirements we were able to promote staff to fill open roles. This hard work and dedication allowed us to fully staff over 99% of all shifts.

Barre town EMS had two unexpected retirements this past year. We sadly lost Paramedic Pete Munsell to a long battle with heart disease. Pete retired early in the fiscal year after over 22 years of Vermont EMS service. The Last 10 years of which were at Barre Town EMS. Lynn Doney also retired this past year. With the two retirements we hired Jason Gray and Eden Towers as full-time staff. Jason has been a part time Barre Town EMS provider for many years and has proven to be an asset. Eden joins us as a recent graduate of the Vermont Technical College Paramedic program.

Barre Town EMS ended the year financially in the black (\$2,326,046 expenses and \$2,474,195 revenues). COVID-19 did have a big impact on us. We ended the fiscal year with 3825 calls for service. However, as of January 2020 we had projected to reach 4036 calls by the end of the fiscal year. This would have put us slightly above our original projections. During the peak of COVID in Vermont we saw a drop of 20 calls per week. This created an estimated loss of 280 transports equaling nearly \$150,000 in potential revenues. Barre Town EMS worked hard at increasing revenues and decreasing expenses. We added \$73,267 in revenues through participation in COVID-19 testing and state and federal grants. We also changed policies to help reduce expenses. One major change was how and when we called in extra staffing "coverage". By decreasing use of "coverage" we were able to decrease expenses while not effecting patient care or the regional EMS system.

Some of the equipment purchases in the fiscal year were:

- 1 video intubation scope parts
- Cell phones for all trucks
- Replaced a scoop stretcher
- Replaced an exterior door

We also did not purchase a few budgeted items because of COVID-19 effect on the towns budget:

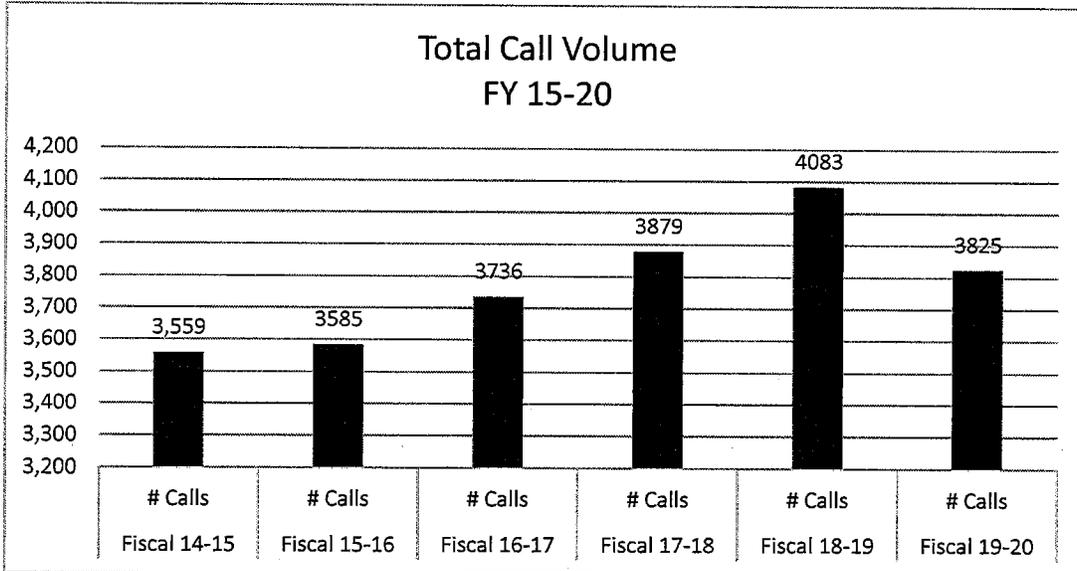
- IV pump
- iPad
- Painting ambulance bays

We did replace our last diesel ambulance with a new 2019 Ford e450 Medix ambulance. With this purchase we now have a fleet of 5 gas powered ambulances all equipped with the Stryker power load and power stretcher system.

**Call volume by town**

**Fiscal 2019-2020**

<u>Town</u>	<u>Total Calls</u>
Barre	758
Berlin	2206
Orange	86
Topsham	79
Washington	56
Brookfield	37
Other	603





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