

# **135<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Report**

## **Orange, Vermont**



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**For the year ending**  
**December 31, 2021**

## 2021 Annual Town Report is dedicated to Sue Perreault



This year's town report is dedicated to one of our residents, Sue Perreault. Sue is a dedicated lifelong resident living in Orange her entire life. She grew up on Richardson Rd where she still currently resides in her original family home.

Before becoming involved with the Town, Sue enjoyed her childhood in Orange attending Orange Center School and Spaulding High School. She went on to obtain her 2-year degree at UVM and then furthered her education by obtaining her Bachelor's Degree from Woodbury College. Sue has dedicated her work life to helping others in the medical and human services field, recently retiring June 2021. In her spare time when she is not volunteering her time to the Town, Sue also works part time at the Orange Center School Onward Afterschool Program.

She was a long time dedicated Selectboard member dedicating over 1,310 hours of her time serving on the Town of Orange Selectboard. Sue has also served as a past School Board Member, Recreation Committee member, School Budget Committee and the Bicentennial Committee. Sue remains active in town by maintaining the town gazebo, which was donated by her parents, Sue serves as a Justice of the Peace, she is a monthly Potluck Host, Green Up/Bulk Trash Day volunteer, Poll Worker and much more for the Town of Orange.

Sue enjoys reading, gardening and most of all cooking, especially at Christmas time where she makes a time-honored recipe from her Grandmother Richardson's chocolate recipe. Sue has 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and her beloved 20-year-old cat, Harry.

One of Sue's fondest memories is working on the Recreation Committee for over 20 years where she was instrumental working alongside Kenneth Nolan in building the Recreation Field located on Reservoir Rd. She worked tirelessly to build the field along with numerous other townspeople to where it is today.

Sue is looking forward to spending many more years in her hometown where she says "I've been trying to come up with an idea that once again would be community related and I believe that paying it forward is the ideal thing in life. I would like to see this happen in town."

As quoted by Sue on more than one occasion: **"I love people, I love people, I love people."**

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## Helpful Information

### Keep in Touch

**Normal Business Hours:** Monday 8:00am-6:00pm, Tuesday through Friday 8:00am-4:00pm. **Closed for lunch every day from 12:00pm-1:00pm**

**Town Clerk/Assistant Treasurer:** Angela Eastman  
townclerk@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</b> -Rabies certificate required per VT law	
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
<b>Town Hall Rental</b>	
\$50 deposit plus \$50 for ½ day and \$100 full day	
<b>Vault Use</b>	\$4.00/hour

### Scheduled Meetings:

**Selectboard:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 5:00pm at Town Hall and/or Town Clerk's Office. Please check the website for agendas and further information

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

**Recreation Committee:** As needed

**Cemetery Commission:** As needed

**ARPA Committee:** As needed

### 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)** -(802) 476-5118  
Tuesday and Thursday 9-12, Sunday 12-4

**Calef Memorial Library (Washington)**-(802) 883-2343  
Monday 11-4, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 2-7, Saturday 9-1

### State Representatives

Governor Phil Scott-(802) 828-7281  
Senator Joe Benning- (802) 626-3600  
Senator Jane Kitchel-(802) 684-3482  
Senator Bernie Sanders-(802) 862-0697

## Helpful Information

Representative Samantha Lefebvre-(802) 595-0901

Representative Rodney Graham-(802) 433-6127

Representative Peter Welch-(888) 605-7270

Representative Patrick Leahy-(800) 642-3193

### Emergency Contact Information:

**Select Board Chair:** Emily Ruff (407) 962-8074

**Emergency Preparedness:** Eric Holmgren (802) 479-1113

**Road Issues:** John Barnes (802) 439-5166

**Town Clerk:** Angela Eastman (802) 479-2673

**\*\*Check the website weekly for updates of things happening in town and announcements at [orangevt.org](http://orangevt.org)**

### Town Taxes:

You can mail your tax payment to us at 392 US Route 302 Orange, VT 05641, drop it in the drop box at the Town Clerk's Office, pay by phone or come see us in person. The town is happy to accept partial payments which will be applied against the tax bill we send out in July. We have heard from a few residents that they would like to have the option to pay quarterly or even whenever they can make prepayments. Give Lee a call at the office if you'd like more information about this.



**\*\*Monthly potlucks are held at the Orange Town Hall from 6pm-8pm. Bring a dish to share, meet your neighbors, eat yummy food and have fun. Watch the website and the sign at the Town Office for dates.**

## Town Officers Directory

### LISTERS

Edmund Bedard	802-479-1860	lister@orangevt.org
Arthur McNeil	802-479-7951	lister@orangevt.org
John McNeil	802-479-9922	lister@orangevt.org

### DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

John McNeil	802-479-9922	lister@orangevt.org
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### CEMETERY

Clark Agnew	802-479-0755	cagnewjr84@gmail.com
Rodney Coronado	802-479-2668	rod@sagemountain.com
Steve Pratt	802-431-3797	ynot.vt@hotmail.com

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Lee Cattaneo	802-454-8435	cattaneo241@msn.com
Ray Rossi	802-479-9202	rayr1018@yahoo.com
Eric Holmgren	802-479-1113	etholmgren@myfairpoint.net

### SELECTBOARD

Emily Ruff-Chair	407-962-8074	emily@sagemountain.com
Samtha Lefebvre	802-595-0901	smyroxy@gmail.com
Eric Holmgren	802-479-1113	etholmgren@myfairpoint.net

### HEALTH OFFICERS

Michele Boyer	802-439-6877	mboyer1944@gmail.com
Emily Ruff-Assistant	407-962-8074	emily@sagemountain.com

### FIRE WARDEN – BURN PERMITS

John Barnes	802-439-5166	ocsbarnes@yahoo.com
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### JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Francis "Fred" Kidder	802-498-4550	
Lee Martenson	802-479-0334	<u>lmmartenson@msn.com</u>
Lee Youngman	802-793-2608	treasurer@orangevt.org
Tina Otis	802-249-1865	totis9093@gmail.com
Sue Perreault	802-522-9831	sueperreault55@outlook.com

### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Michele Boyer	802-439-6877	mboyer1944@gmail.com
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## PRESENT TOWN OFFICERS – ELECTED

### 1 Year Terms:

Moderator Expires 2022	David Childs
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### 3 Year Terms:

#### SELECT BOARD

Term Expires 2022	Eric Holmgren
Term Expires 2023	Emily Ruff-Chair
Term Expires 2022	Samantha Lefebvre-Appointed

#### LISTERS

Term Expires 2022	Arthur McNeil
Term Expires 2023	John McNeil
Term Expires 2024	Edmund Bedard

#### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Term Expires 2023	Steve Pratt
Term Expires 2024	Clark Agnew
Term Expires 2022	Rod Coronado - Appointed

#### ECHO VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Term Expires 2024	ORANGE	Monica McDonald-Chair
Term Expires 2023	ORANGE	Heather Flinn
Term Expires 2022	ORANGE	Vacant
Term Expires 2022	WASHINGTON	Lee Gardner
Term Expires 2023	WASHINGTON	Bill Clark
Term Expires 2024	WASHINGTON	Dominique LaFond(Clerk)

#### JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Term Expires 11/08/2022	479-0334	Lee Martenson
Term Expires 11/08/2022	498-4550	Francis "Fred" Kidder
Term Expires 11/08/2022	476-2789	Lee Youngman
Term Expires 11/08/2022	479-2570	Sue Perreault
Term Expires 11/08/2022	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
Central VT Transportation Advisory Committee	Lee Cattaneo
Civil Defense Director	Eric Holmgren
Economic Development Representative	Lee Cattaneo
Emergency Preparedness	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 Commissioner	John Barnes
Road Foreman	John Barnes
Central VT Solid Waste Management District Rep	Lee Cattaneo
Recreation Committee Members	Emily Ruff
	Mary Montour
	Angela Eastman
	Dirk Anderson
	Marsha Bancroft
	Betsy Bancroft
	Samantha Lefebvre
	Janis Blais
	Rodney Coronado
	Lee Youngman

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Term Expires June 13, 2022	Ray Rossi
Term Expires June 13, 2024	Lee Cattaneo
Term Expires June 13, 2022	Eric Holmgren



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**WARNING  
TOWN OF ORANGE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
March 1, 2022 at 6:00pm**

The legal voters of the Town of Orange are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on March 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

**Article 1:** To elect a Moderator for the coming year as the law directs

**Article 2:** To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the current town report.

**Article 3:** Will the town set the compensation rate for elected Town Officers?

**Article 4:** To elect all necessary Town Officers for the coming term as the law directs:

- Selectboard Member for a term of 2 (two) years
- Selectboard Member for a term of 3 (three) years
- Lister for a term of 3 (three) years
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of 3 (three) years

**Article 5:** Shall the voters authorize General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of **\$397,781.86** of which **\$147,723.36** shall be raised by taxes and **\$250,058.50** by non-tax revenues?

**Article 6:** Shall the voters authorize Highway Fund expenditures of **\$539,076.96** of which **\$342,842.75** shall be raised by taxes, **\$80,000** transferred from Highway Fund balance and **\$116,234.21** by non-tax revenues?

**Article 7:** Shall the taxpayers approve the purchase of a 2022 medium duty truck in the amount of **\$128,885** to replace the 2013 Freightliner? The funds for that acquisition will be in the form of a loan for up to **\$78,885** and a transfer of **\$30,000** from the Highway Equipment Fund and the remainder shall be from the trade in or auction of the 2013 Freightliner in the amount of **\$20,000**.

**Article 8:** Shall the voters appropriate up to the sum of **\$85,000** from Highway Fund balance to be used for Tucker Rd improvements?

**Article 9:** Shall the voters appropriate up to the sum of **\$40,000** from the Town Hall Capital improvement fund balance for necessary improvements to the town hall?

**Article 10:** Shall the voters raise the sum of **\$5,000** to support the Town cemeteries?

**Article 11:** Shall the voters raise the sum of **\$1,194** to support the upkeep of the town recreation field?

**Article 12:** Shall the voters raise a total of **\$7,675** to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

- \$500 to **The Arts Bus** for promoting art for young children
- \$500 to **Barre Area Senior Center** for supporting senior citizens to live independently and remain active

- \$725 to **Central VT Adult Basic Education** for free instruction and academic tutoring for adults
- \$1,000 to **Central VT Council on Aging** for seniors to remain independent
- \$2,400 to **Central VT Home, Health and Hospice** for short term home care services
- \$500 to **Family Center of Washington County** for services and resources to children and families
- \$100 to **Good Beginnings of Central VT** for brining community to families and their babies
- \$400 to **Good Samaritan Haven** for continued support for the homeless community
- \$350 to **Orange County Restorative Justice Center** for providing restorative justice programs
- \$500 to **People’s Health and Wellness Clinic** for providing primary healthcare and wellness education to the uninsured and underinsured in Central VT.
- \$700 to **Safeline** for free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking

**Article 13:** Will the Town vote to establish a conservation commission under the authority of 24 V.S.A. § 4501-4506 for the purposes of maintaining an inventory of the Town's historic and natural resources, receiving gifts of land for conservation purposes, assisting the Selectboard and Planning Commission on natural resource issues, acquiring financial support for the protection and restoration of the local historic and natural resources, and promoting public understanding of local historic and natural resources?

**Article 14:** Will the Town authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, grants and money allocated by the State and Federal government.

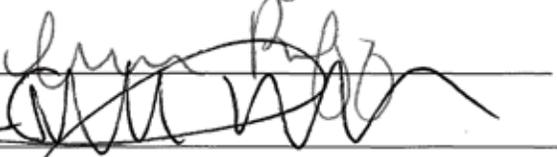
**Article 15:** Shall the voters authorize payment of property taxes in 2 (two) installments with the due dates being August 15, 2022 and November 15, 2022 delivery to Town Clerk’s Office postmarked on or before the due date.

**Article 16:** Shall the Town vote to set the date and time of Town Meeting 2023 to be Tuesday March 7, 2023?

**Article 17:** To discuss any business that may come before the meeting.

**Dated this 27th day of January 2022**

**By the Selectboard members of the Town of Orange:**

Emily Ruff, Selectboard Chair 

Samantha Lefebvre, Member 

Eric Holmgren, Member 

**2022 Annual School District Meeting Warning  
Echo Valley Community School District  
Orange, Vermont**

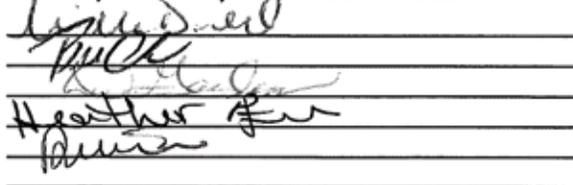
The legal voters of the Town of Orange, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Orange Town Hall in the Town of Orange on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 between the hours of seven o'clock in the forenoon and seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.) to vote by Australian ballot upon the 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 \$5,437,127 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 5.9% increase from the previous year.  
It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,621 per equalized pupil. The projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.82% higher than spending for the current year.
  
- Article VI To see if the Echo Valley Community School District will vote to apply \$25,000 of FY21 (2020 - 2021) 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, 2022.

Monica Macdonald  
Bill Clark  
Lee Gardner  
Heather Flinn  
Dominique Lafond

**Echo Valley Community School District Directors**



Town of Orange  
Town Wide Informational Meeting  
February 22, 2021-6:00pm  
Electronically via Zoom

**Board Members Present:** Sue Perreault, Chair, Eric Holmgren, Member and Emily Ruff, Member.

**Attendees:** Angela Eastman, Town Clerk, John McNeil-Delinquent Tax Collector, Samantha Lefebvre Shannon Pelchuck/Cole Contois-Resident and David Childs-Moderator

**Call to order:**

Ms. Perreault called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Additions or deletions to the agenda**

There were no additions made to the agenda

**Discussion regarding Town Meeting Articles**

Ms. Perreault opened the meeting by reading the opening paragraph and then passed the rest of the meeting to Mr. David Childs, Acting Moderator. Discussion was had regarding the items on the agenda.

The town budget was reviewed and discussion was had regarding the purchase of the new backhoe as it needs \$15,000 of work. A decision was made to purchase a new one instead of fixing the current one.

Ms. Youngman also talked about the revenue line under the highway fund regarding the numbers being written in incorrectly.

Ms. Eastman introduced the residents that were present at the meeting.

Mr. Childs recognized Ms. Eastman and Mr. McNeil for their hard work on the Town Report.

Ms. Lefebvre asked to read a statement on behalf of the state as a State Representative. She read a prepared speech regarding what is happening in the House of Representatives and what she has done this year so far.

Mr. Childs asked if there were any questions to be had and then turned the meeting back over to the Selectboard Chair.

**Open Public Comment Period**

No public comments were heard.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Childs to adjourn the meeting at 6:17pm. This was seconded by Ms. Ruff. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Eastman, Town Clerk

## Town Selectboard

### Annual Report

2021 proved once again why the Town of Orange is one of the best communities in Vermont to call home. We have all persevered through the heartache and headache of the last two years. We grieve our own personal losses, while carrying the weight of collective grief across the country. And yet, the residents of this town continue to show up for one another, supporting neighbors as if they were family, and creating a safe, healthy, and vibrant community for ourselves and for future generations.

The Selectboard has been working diligently this year to ensure our community is safe and our town government is working for the people. We also celebrate a number of highlights from 2021, including:

- We replaced an aging backhoe in need of substantial repair with a John Deere 310 SL to ensure our Road Crew can continue improving upon our local roadways.
- We redeveloped numerous internal and town policies to ensure town governance works with transparency and integrity, effectiveness and efficiency.
- We launched a brand new website to give residents more access to town documents and events.
- We dedicated time to ARPA research and to numerous trainings through VLCT to improve resources for our Town.
- We supported the application and implementation of several small and large grants alongside our Town Clerk and Road Foreman. From grants to upgrade our hydroseeder and improve our roads, to election grants and a substantial Municipal Planning grant, residents will see the fruits of these grants for years to come.
- We revived the town Recreation Committee, whose members cleaned up the recreation field and began mapping the trails of the Town Forest.
- We got to know our neighbors better through monthly potlucks.

Perhaps most of all, we know finances are a concern for every taxpayer, and that we as Selectboard are responsible for being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. To that end, we are grateful to propose a 2022 budget that is 4% below our 2021 budget and still ensures that our town roads are maintained and improved, that the Town Office is providing you the services you need, and that the Town continues to function optimally in all aspects.

Of special note, I would like to thank local Girl Scout Troop 59068 for installing a food pantry at the Town Hall. You can find the pantry just outside the hall, or inside the Town Office during the winter. It is open and available to any resident in need, no questions asked. This act of service speaks to the integrity and generosity of our community. Thank you to these future leaders of our community for showing such immense generosity to our residents in need.

I want to extend my personal gratitude to every town volunteer, elected and appointed officials, and most of all, to our town staff, for not only working hard this year, but for taking pride in your work and in our town. It is each of you that make Orange such a special place to call home.

As always, the Selectboard is here with an open-door policy to welcome any input, answer any questions, and of course, receive any complements, criticisms and complaints. Our meetings are held at 5 pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month and are open to the public. Contact us by phone or email any time - we are here to serve.

With gratitude and respect,  
Emily Ruff, Selectboard Chair



Photo Credit: Valerie Broe

## **Town Clerk Annual Report**

Welcome to the beginning of 2022! With just over 3 years under my belt, I am gaining more and more confidence with my role as Town Clerk as time goes on. I have met so many wonderful town residents and their families, and it is a pleasure to see each and every one of you. The Town Clerk's office has been very busy with land record recordings, cemetery lot sales, vault organizing, tax time

With the ongoing COVID pandemic seeming like it will never end we have managed to stay healthy, for the most part here in the office and we have been able to keep the office open to the public! We are very grateful!

We have started a few new things here in town and hope that they will be of assistance to you. 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 have a food shelf located inside the Town Clerk's office during the winter and outside in the beautiful cabinet made by the local Girl Scouts. We 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 and flyers. The new website has helpful information as well as current news.

We have been hosting town wide potlucks once a month at the Town Hall from 6pm-8pm. This is a chance to get to know your neighbors and friends and eat lots of yummy food. Please watch the website, the sandwich board out front or call if you are unsure of the date and time.

As always, the town clerk's office is open and here to serve you. We are happy to help you with all your needs to include copies, faxes, obtaining your tax bill, land records and much more. We look forward to serving you this year.

Angela Eastman-Town Clerk

## 2021 VITAL RECORDS

### BIRTHS

NAME	DATE	MOTHER	FATHER
Brea Adele Allen	01/25/21	Jessica Grandbois	Evan Allen
Dawson Riviera Comstock	02/24/21	Kaitlyn Coates	Damien Comstock
Holden Bennett	05/13/21	Amanda Bendickson	Kevin D'Anna
Leah Amber Shaw	08/26/21	Heather Shaw	Benjamin Shaw
Ayryal Lorine Paton-Brown	09/09/21	Brandi Haynes	Alexander Montour
Ryder James Williams	10/11/21	Sarah Wedding	Walker Williams
Damon Jonathan Vinson	10/11/21	Alexandra Vinson	Jonathan Vinson Sr.

### MARRIAGES

NAME	RESIDENCE	NAME	RESIDENCE	DATE
Cynthia Ann Mead	Orange	Robert James McCarty	Orange	05/15/21
Jonah Michael Matthews	Orange	Vivianne Kyle White	Orange	10/02/21
Dawn Marie Nalley	Orange	Jeremy Alan Lewis	Orange	10/10/21
Ashley Danielle Duranleau	Orange	Richard Gerard Otis	Orange	10/30/21

### DEATHS

NAME	RESIDENCE	DATE	AGE
Joseph L. Trombly	Orange	03/01/21	62
Beverly Elaine Knapp	Orange	02/28/21	89
Richard M. Bowen Sr.	Orange	06/18/21	89
Jeremy Nick Michael Silva	Orange	06/19/21	18
Mildred Batchelder	Orange	09/03/21	95
Robert M. Dole Jr.	Orange	10/14/21	84
Kenneth Ernest Nolan	Orange	11/01/21	82
Sandra L. Batchelder	Orange	11/30/21	77

## Planning Commission Report

In 2021 the Town Planning Commission continued working on implementing the priority goals and objectives in the Orange Town Plan which was approved on September 7, 2018. For the approved plan to remain in effect it must be reviewed and updated on an eight-year cycle, with a four-year time frame for checking the status of implementing the goals and objectives identified in the plan. As this coming September will mark the four-year anniversary of the Town Plan, the commission will be working on the review and update. 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 on December 9, 2021 received a Municipal Planning Grant for the development of a program that will assist the Town in developing and implementing a multiyear plan for improvements and maintenance of the Towns infrastructure which includes roads, buildings, equipment etc. An opportunity for public input will be afforded as part of the program development process.

There are other priorities in the Town Plan such as establishing working committees which have not been implemented. Having these committees 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 someone will contact you to further explain what would be the role of the committee.



Photo credit: Suzanne Goucher

## Cemetery Report

The year 2021 was my first as a Cemetery Commissioner for the Town of Orange, so please let me introduce myself. My name is Rod Coronado and I've lived across from Riddel Pond for three years now. It is a great honor to serve my community as your commissioner, and I endeavor to take the responsibility of our town's burials and cremations with humility and respect.

But the job doesn't end with internments! The Town of Orange cares for six separate cemeteries with Brook Haven near the town office being the only cemetery still open for full burials. George Street cemetery has lots available for purchase, but only for cremations. Our town's cemetery plots remain extremely affordable, so please consider purchasing single or multiple plots for your family. I am happy to meet with anyone wishing to review the location of these remaining plots.

The other cemeteries are Cutler Corner, Hutchinson, Clement and Peake which was only rediscovered in late Fall by town residents. We have identified over 30 unmarked grave stones in Peake Cemetery and in Spring 2022 we will be clearing overgrown brush and trees and surveying for more graves in the rugged terrain above Riddel Pond where the cemetery is located. Special thanks to town resident Walther Jeffries for helping to protect this important part of our town's history!

During 2021, the Cemetery Commissioners facilitated 6 burials. Additionally, we began a major effort to not only keep our town's cemeteries accessible to the public, but also began the tedious task of replacing broken and fallen over gravestones in the oldest cemeteries as well as straightening those that have shifted with the earth. We encourage you to experience and enjoy the rich history that can be found in our many cemeteries where some of our town's earliest settlers were laid to rest over 150 years ago.

Please feel free to contact me personally, if you have any questions or would like to be involved in future cemetery clean-ups and repairs. Another special thanks to residents, Gordon and Brenda Thow, for continuing to mark and honor the many veterans laid to rest in our cemeteries every Memorial and Veterans Day!

Cemetery Commissioner Chair  
Rod Coronado



## Highway Department

### Annual Report



2021 was a busy and productive year for the Road Crew in Orange completing ditching projects, roadside mowing and road maintenance.

New this year to the Town is a 2021 John Deere Backhoe and a Turbo Turf Hydroseeder. The new backhoe replaces our old, worn out 2005 John Deere backhoe. The new backhoe will provide for more efficient work and less down time. The new 400-gallon Hydroseeder replaces our small 50 gallon used Hydroseeder providing for efficient, professional bank stabilization.

The addition to the town garage is almost finished and houses our grader and backhoe. Complete with a poured concrete floor, walls and lighting, this will provide shelter and allow for our equipment to be under cover year-round. We are awaiting the installation of a new door.

A majority of the Spring and Summer was spent doing ditch work on Bennett's Mill Rd, Clement Rd, Prechtl Rd, Fish Pond Rd, Strong Rd, Cutler Corner Rd and Preston Rd. We also began tearing up Tucker Rd starting on the Route 302 side in hopes of future paving. The State of Vermont maintains a database and inventory for culverts, bridges and roads in town. Some roads and culverts are listed as high priority and therefore will receive attention 1<sup>st</sup>. This requires a large amount of time completing necessary road and grant paperwork for the State.

Roadside mowing and brush cutting were completed over a 2-week time frame in August. All the roads in town were mowed and look fantastic. All Class 2 and 3 roads were mowed this year with two passes complete.

**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.**

Mud season will be upon us before we know it! Mud season occurs every Spring when the roads become muddy because the deeply frozen ground thaws from the surface down as the air temperature warms above freezing. Please remember that the road crew tends to every road as quickly as possible during this time and as money allows. Please try to avoid excessive travel during this time to allow the road crew to fix the roads.

Feel free to contact the town garage or the town clerk to advise us of adverse road conditions or any other road problems.

Respectfully submitted,

John Barnes, Road Foreman

# Town Highway Equipment

2021 John Deere 310SL Backhoe Loader with twister wrist

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

2021 Turbo Turf Hydroseeder HM-400-TE with trailer

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

York 9244 HT Road Rake with 2-foot extension

Sand Screen





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## Animal Control Report

Animal Control for the Town of Orange is contracted annually with Michele Boyer of Country Canine Kennels. Michele has been taking care of dogs for over 50 years. Michele has been the Town of Orange's ACO for the past 5 years and responds to all types of calls within town for domestic animals and the enforcement of Town Animal Ordinance and State Statues. She is also the ACO for the towns of Topsham, Groton and Corinth. Our Animal Control officer serves to provide and maintain a healthy and safe environment for all dogs and cats.

### **Statistics for January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021:**

Calls for Barking Dogs: 8

Calls for Lost Dogs: 2

Calls for Found Dogs: 5

Calls for dogs chasing animals: 4

### **Registering your dog(s):**

State law requires collars and tags on all dogs. Every dog must be licensed in the town it resides in per VSA 20-3581. To register your dog please adhere to the following: Bring a copy of your up-to-date rabies certificate (by law the Town of Orange must have a copy of it on file) and also a copy of your spaying/neutering certificate if applicable, to the Town Clerk's Office. You will then be issued a license and tag. We start registering dogs on January 2 for the new year.

### **Impound Procedures:**

Dogs can be impounded if they are stray or running at large, are unlicensed, unregistered or unvaccinated. They can also be taken into custody by Animal Control, if they feel the animal's life is in danger. Impoundment costs include the cost of the ticket, impoundment fees and boarding costs. If your dog is impounded, he/she will not be released to you until we have proof of license.

### **Lost or Found a Pet?**

If you have lost your pet, it is always a good idea to call the Animal Control with a description of your pet. We can let you know if your animal has been found and how to reclaim it. If you have found a pet in Orange, you should call the Orange Animal Control immediately. This allows us to find the owners who may already be looking for their pet with more expediency. Cats are not picked up for running loose. If you are missing your cat, you should try calling the local Humane Society or Animal Control at (802) 439-5827. You should also try placing ads in newspapers or online at Lost and Founds of VT. Posting signs is also a good idea to help find your pet.

If you need to contact Animal Control, please call Michele at (802) 439-5827 for domestic animals only (dog and cat)

Michelle Boyer

Animal Control

## Dog Licenses

### How do I get my dog licensed?

You can come into the office, pay by credit card over the 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. 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 (802) 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

	#	Rate	Fees (Town)	State	Late Fee	Farm	Total
Female	33	15	303	126	40		469
Spayed	94	10	470	470	95		1035
Male	29	15	199	95	45	5	344
Neutered	93	10	475	460	105		1050
Total	249		1447	1151	285	5	2898

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program aka "VSNIP", under the oversight of the VT Economic Services Department, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VWSA). VSNIP helps financially challenged Vermont residents spay/neuter cats and dogs for \$27.00. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters when dogs are licensed by an added \$4.00 fee, the major funding for this important program. Funds are determined by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law when a dog is six months of age. A current rabies vaccination is required to register, and a rabies vaccination can be administered after 12 weeks of age for both cats and dogs.

Prostrate and mammary cancer is more likely to occur in unsterilized cats and dogs. It's not pretty and they're likely to die. Animals live longer and happier when they're spayed and neutered, are less likely to fight for territory, and mark what they claim to be "theirs"!

**Licensing a dog:** 1) helps identify your dog if lost, 2) provides proof 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) if your dog bites an animal or person – which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for infection, and 4) helps pay for VSNIP, addressing the population situation in Vermont.

Farms with cats should especially be aware that one rabid cat or dog can affect an entire population of animals on the premise. The answer is neutering through VSNIP which includes a rabies vaccination and the first of the two part distemper series.

Look for Rabies Clinics in March across the state. You can call your veterinarian and ask the cost of a rabies vaccination only, or call your nearest Tractor Supply Store for their Monthly Rabies Clinic schedule. Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

To receive a VSNIP Application, send a 9" S.A.S.E to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. For more information, call 802-672-5302.

Please visit our website: [www.VWSAHS.org](http://www.VWSAHS.org)  
VWSA will be hosting Rabies Clinics in March. Call for dates and locations.

**The animals thank you in advance! *Together We Truly Do Make A Difference!!***

Sue Skaskiw, VWSA Humane Society Executive Director/VSNIP Administrator

## Delinquent Tax Collector's Report

	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total
<b>Collections</b>	106,044	10,528	6,220	122,792
<b>Abatements</b>	1,197	1,698	215	3,111
<b>2021 Delinq.</b>	84,829	1,546	6,861	93,236

### Balances Due as of 12/31/2021

<b>2016</b>	520	146	14	680
<b>2017</b>	7,578	4,082	628	12,289
<b>2018</b>	18,012	5,307	1,082	24,402
<b>2019</b>	33,151	8,281	2,415	43,847
<b>2020</b>	42,652	5,764	3,257	51,673
<b>2021</b>	68,916	1,989	5,430	76,335
<b>Total</b>	170,830	25,570	12,826	209,256

### Delinquent as of 1/15/2022:

<b>2016</b>	CARROLL ROSEANNE	HARRINGTON PATRICK	CHADWICK BRIAN	MORRISON WHITNEY
RENFREW WALTER	FARNHAM STEVEN	HOULE JAY T	CLARK BRENDA	NYKIEL TINA M
<b>2017</b>	FRENCH BONNIE L	JEAN DEREK&DENNIS	CORBETT TRUCK	OTIS CHELSEA
FARNHAM STEVEN	GERMAIN CASEY	LADEAU ROBERT	DAVIS DAVID	PIRIE GORDON
HEDGES ALLEN J.	GOLDEN SUSAN	LAMSON GREGORY	DIMICK DEBRA	RAINE WILL
PIRIE GORDON	HOULE JAY T	LECLAIRE DENISE	FARNHAM STEVEN	REED LEE
RAINE WILL	JAY JESSICA E	MOOTE LEWIS JR	FRENCH BONNIE L	RENFREW WALTER
RENFREW WALTER	JEAN DEREK	MORRISON HARRY	GERMAIN CASEY	SAYERS CYNTHIA J
<b>2018</b>	LADEAU ROBERT	NYKIEL TINA M	GOLDEN SUSAN	SOUSA JOHN
CARROLL ROSEANNE	MOOTE LEWIS JR	OTIS CHELSEA	HOULE JAY T	SPENCER DANIEL SR
FARNHAM STEVEN	MORRISON HARRY	PIRIE GORDON	JEAN DEREK&DENNIS	ST PETER ANDREW
HEDGES ALLEN J.	OTIS CHELSEA	RAINE WILL	KARNEDY WILL	STUART PATRICIA A
HOULE JAY T	PIRIE GORDON	RENFREW WALTER	KEANE BRYAN	TEAGUE DENIS T
JEAN DEREK & DENNIS	RAINE WILL	SOUSA JOHN	LADEAU ROBERT	TOWNSEND JONATHAN
LADEAU ROBERT	RENFREW WALTER	SPENCER DANIEL SR	LAROSE JOANNE	VILLAFRANCO HENRY
MANNING GENE	SPENCER DANIEL SR	STUART PATRICIA A	LAYTON JOHN	WOODWORTH JOSHUA
PIRIE GORDON	WOODWORTH JOSHUA	WELCH GENE	LECLAIRE DENISE	
RAINE WILL	<b>2020</b>	WILSON SARAH	LEFEBVRE JOSHUA	
RENFREW WALTER	BILODEAU MICHAEL	WOODWORTH JOSHUA	LEWIS JEREMY A	
SPENCER DANIEL SR	BURNS BETTY A		MANNING GENE	
SPOONER THOMAS	CARROLL ROSEANNE	<b>2021</b>	MARSH MATTHEW	
<b>2019</b>	CHADWICK BRIAN	BAIRD ANDREW B	MISSNER EMILY	
AUDET VERONICA	FARNHAM STEVEN	BATTLES JASON	MOOTE LEWIS JR	
BILODEAU MICHAEL L	FRENCH BONNIE L	BILODEAU MICHAEL	MORAN STACY	
BURNS BETTY A	GERMAIN CASEY	BURNS BETTY A	MORRISON HARRY	
	GOLDEN SUSAN			

(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	192	31,509,000	26,774,200	4,734,800	31,509,000
Residential II R2	203	47,684,800	38,892,300	8,792,500	47,684,800
Mobile Homes-U MHU	16	474,600	218,800	255,800	474,600
Mobile Homes-L MHL	50	4,616,800	2,755,700	1,861,100	4,616,800
Seasonal I S1	8	695,400	0	695,400	695,400
Seasonal II S2	44	7,420,600	0	7,420,600	7,420,600
Commercial C	1	165,200	0	165,200	165,200
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	5	6,684,100	0	6,684,100	6,684,100
Utilities-O UO	2	3,376,300	0	3,376,300	3,376,300
Farm F	5	2,953,300	1,887,400	1,065,900	2,953,300
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	36	7,795,400	0	7,795,400	7,795,400
Miscellaneous M	44	1,564,600	0	1,564,600	1,564,600
<b>TOTAL LISTED REAL</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>114,940,100</b>	<b>70,528,400</b>	<b>44,411,700</b>	<b>114,940,100</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>114,940,100</b>	<b>70,528,400</b>	<b>44,411,700</b>	<b>114,940,100</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>					
Veterans 10K	17/17	170,000	160,000	10,000	170,000
Veterans >10K		510,000			
<b>Total Veterans</b>		<b>680,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>170,000</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	54/54	11,734,356	2,471,068	9,263,288	11,734,356
Special Exemptions	2		0	1,287,300	1,287,300
Partial Statutory	1/1	964,500	0	964,500	964,500
<b>Sub-total Exemptions</b>		<b>13,378,856</b>	<b>2,631,068</b>	<b>11,525,088</b>	<b>14,156,156</b>
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>13,378,856</b>	<b>2,631,068</b>	<b>11,525,088</b>	<b>14,156,156</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST</b>		<b>1,015,612.44</b>			
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST</b>			<b>678,973.32</b>	<b>328,866.12</b>	<b>1,007,839.44</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.	M	SEVERAL TOWN CEMETERIES	0	1,200
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7)	18 VSA §5317			
CLEMENT CEMETERY	000020.	M		0	900
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7)	18 VSA §5317			
CUTLER CORNER CEMETERY	000022.Cut	M		0	1,800
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7)	18 VSA §5317			
EAST ORANGE CHURCH	000018.	M	CHURCH & ADJOINING CEMETE	4353 EAST ORANGE RD	725,700
	9) 32 VSA § 3802(4):	3832(2)			
EAST ORANGE UNION SOCIETY	003901.	C	SCHOOL HOUSE USED FOR CHU	4380 EAST ORANGE ROAD	136,400
	9) 32 VSA § 3802(4):	3832(2)			
ECHO VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRI	000013.	M	SCHOOL BUILDINGS	357 US RT 302	3,179,900
	10) 32 VSA § 3802(4)	3800(b)			
HUTCHINSON CEMETERY	000021.	M		0	1,200
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7)	18 VSA §5317			
ORANGE ALLIANCE CHURCH	000016.	M	CHURCH IN CENTER OF TOWN	369 US ROUTE 302	451,300
	9) 32 VSA § 3802(4):	3832(2)			
ORANGE CENTER CEMETERY	000019.	C		0	900
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7)	18 VSA §5317			
PEAKE CEMETERY	000023.	M		0	600
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7)	18 VSA §5317			
TOWN OF ORANGE- GRAVEL PIT WHITCOMB	000008.	M	GRAVEL PIT PURCHASED FROM	0	73,300
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10)	(F)			
TOWN OF ORANGE- SEPTIC SYS SCHOOL	000014.	M	LAND ACROSS FROM BUILDING	0	54,600
	10) 32 VSA § 3802(4)	3800(b)			
TOWN OF ORANGE- TOWN FOREST	000010.	M	TOWN FOREST	0	368,900
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10)	(F)			
TOWN OF ORANGE- TOWN GARAGE	000006.	M	TOWN GARAGE ON RICHARDSON	0	179,800
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10)	(F)			
TOWN OF ORANGE- TOWN HALL & CLERKS'	000007.	M	TOWN HALL & TOWN CLERK'S	392 US ROUTE 302	327,000
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10)	(F)			
TOWN OF ORANGE-LAND RICHARDSON RD-	000015.	M	RICHARDSON ROAD TO CORREC	0	1,700
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10)	(F)			

TOTAL NUMBER OF EXEMPT PARCELS: 16

(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
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| Status on Personal Property |

| 1) Has inventory been exempted by vote of town/city? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_X\_ |

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| 2) Has machinery and equipment been exempted by |

| vote of your town/city? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_X\_ |

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| 3) If yes for #2, what portion is now exempt? |

| (include percentage) \_\_\_\_\_ |

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| 4) If no for #2, please indicate below how your town/city is |

| assessing business personal property (Place "X" by option used) |

| a) at fair market value \_\_XX\_ b) at depreciated value \_\_\_\_\_ |

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Summary of Adjustments to Taxable Values (Local Agreements Etc.)	
Approved (VEPC) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Grandfathered Contracts/Exemptions	0
Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Homestead Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Nonhmstd Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed Tax)	0
Special Exemptions	1,287,300
Current Use (Use Value Appraisal Program)	11,734,356
Veteran Exemptions	170,000
Homestead Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	480,000
Nonhmstd Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	30,000
Partial Statutory Exemptions	964,500

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DATE VOTED	PARCEL ID	NAME	CAT. CODE	BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE	STATUTE CODE TITLE	VALUE BEFORE EXEMPTION	CONTRACT AMOUNT	ASSMT LESS CONTRACT
/ /	019075.	SAGE MOUNTAIN BOTANICAL S	R2	/ /	/ /	3840	1,042,400	964,500	77,900
Partial	453-143-10212						Nonhomestead	964,500	77,900
		Non-Taxable Church Etc						964,500	

Parcel SPAN	Exemption	Real Value	Assessment	
			Special Exempt	lessSpec. Exemption
0000PP.011 ER THURSTON FARM SOLAR EAST LLC 453-143-10718	Solar	644,200 UE Nonhstd Homestead	644,200 0	0 0
0000PP.012 ER THURSTON FARM SOLAR WEST LLC 453-143-10719	Solar	643,100 UE Nonhstd Homestead	643,100 0	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
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Total Real Prior to Exemptions	1,287,300	
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Total Exemptions	0	1,287,300
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Grand Lists After	0	0

We certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the grand list of Orange VT for the year 2021.  
 Given under our hands at \_\_\_\_\_ on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 2022.  
John A. McNeil LISTERS

I hereby certify that I have examined the grand list for the year 2021 now on file and hereby certify this abstract in  
 accord with 32 V.S.A. 4183.  
 Attest: Amy Fletcher TOWN CLERK  
 Date: January 10, 2022

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.

## Treasurer Annual Report

Looking back on 2021, comparing it to 2020, I breathe a sigh of relief at the measurable successes I've had learning the ropes of this job.

In early Spring, I met with the Cemetery Commission and received their approval to close out all existing cemetery funds and combine them in to one new, easily trackable money market account. While looking at the performance of that account this year, we are pleased to report that those funds produced enough investment income this year to allow the Cemetery Commission to reduce its annual request to the taxpayers to offset cemetery operations.

Angela Eastman, John McNeil and I created new processes this year to handle tax receipts for current taxes. Posting taxes and making bank deposits was much smoother than last year!

The town received \$166,352.33 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds funneled from the US Treasury to the state of Vermont. We'll receive another \$166,352.33 in 2022. The town has 4 years to commit and spend these funds. We look forward to working with the residents and the Planning Commission to identify projects we can fund. We are not permitted to use any of these funds for road maintenance or to reduce taxes. This will be the first big federal grant I've managed; I am looking forward to that opportunity

As we close out the books for 2021, I realize that we'll be ready to go to the auditors by the end of January rather than the end of July. I look forward to a clean bill of health from Sullivan and Powers

You'll notice some changes in the way our budget numbers are formatted in this year's report. We created new accounts to make grant revenue and expenditure tracking easier. Additionally, this year, we have separated out the revenue and expenses associated with each separate fund. You can now see what it actually costs the town to run the cemeteries and the recreation field. We hope you find this transparency helpful.

I've summarized below what we are asking the taxpayers to raise in tax revenue to meet expenditures this year. You will see the detail for each fund on the pages that follow. As always, if you have any questions at all about the town's finances, I welcome your calls.

### TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED IN TAXES

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
General Fund	\$204,412.76	\$147,723.36
Highway Fund	\$309,174.09	\$342,842.75
Cemeteries	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Recreation Field	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,194.00
Non-Profits	<u>\$ 9,225.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,675.00</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$529,811.85</b>	<b>\$504,435.11</b>

Lee Youngman, Town Treasurer

## 2022 Budget Notes

In 2022, we are presenting all salaries under payroll expense. In prior years, payroll for animal control, IT and health officer was captured under expense lines, rather than salary lines. In addition, we didn't have any accounts set up to record payroll for BCA members. Again, those payroll expenses were captured under expense lines. I created new accounts under the payroll section of the general fund budget to show what we are actually paying incidental employees in those positions. The expense lines associated with those positions now will only reflect reimbursements or supplies. We also created a new account to reflect new hire expenses. We will begin to do background and credit checks as appropriate on new hires going forward.

We also separated out revenue anticipated from grants, and will now list each grant as a separate revenue line and a separate expense line both for the office and for the highway budget. This will make it easier for the select board and town residents to see what part of our budget is actually funded by grants and what portion we need to raise in taxes.

The town will engage a cybersecurity specialist this year to identify weaknesses in our data security. It's likely that our insurance carrier will require annual cyber security fitness tests beginning next year. We have budgeted \$1500.00 for this expense and expect it to become an annual expense.

The Public Safety portion of the budget reflects a one-time expenditure for the acquisition of equipment for the Animal Control Officer to be used on town business only. This equipment will be owned by the town and will not be used for any other towns' animal control issues. Barre Town ambulance requests an 11% increase for their retainer; Tri-Village Fire requests an 8% increase. We increased our budget line for Fire and Accident services from the town of Washington by 40%. In January, a house fire occurred on Morrie Drive which would have used most of our "normal" budget for that account.

We've added a new account called "Act 60 Reappraisal". We have not had a town-wide reappraisal since 2009 and will likely need to do it within the next five years. We receive approximately \$5000 from the state each year to accrue towards that expense. This new transfer will add to the state's contribution so that we will not have to borrow money to pay for that reappraisal when it needs to be done. A town-wide reappraisal could cost as much as \$150,000. Our Act 60 Reappraisal Fund Balance is currently \$54,365. We will continue to transfer money annually into this fund until we have sufficient funds to cover the next reappraisal.

The state has once again indicated that paving grants will be sparsely awarded in 2022. Accordingly, we did not budget for any paving grant revenue. We are asking residents to approve a separate warrant for Tucker Road. We are proposing \$100,000 in paving within the highway budget, which we would like to use for Reservoir Road.

We've budgeted \$7500 in the highway fund to complete the addition we've been working on for the past several years. This line item will purchase a garage door and insulation. We created a new fund called "Garage Capital Improvement Fund". We are asking the voters to initially fund this with a \$1000 transfer out from the highway fund so the town can start a savings account to cover future garage repairs or improvements.

**GENERAL FUND**

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

	Budget FY - 2021	Actual FY-2021	Budget FY - 2022
<b>TAXES</b>			
Current Tax Revenue	\$ 204,412.76	\$ 223,267.91	\$ 147,723.36
Delinquent Tax Rev.	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 95,942.53	\$ 80,000.00
Current Yr. Late Tax Inte	\$ -	\$ 1,456.96	\$ 500.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 11,567.85	\$ 7,000.00
Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,936.16	\$ 10,000.00
ANR Pilot Payment	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,436.00	\$ 11,436.00
Current Use Hold Harmless	\$ 69,600.00	\$ 63,906.00	\$ 63,335.00
State buildings PILOT Pay	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,997.00	\$ 2,000.00
Land use change tax	\$ -	\$ 1,495.00	\$ -
State PMT -prop tax adj	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 12,345.51	\$ 10,000.00
	<b>\$ 432,262.76</b>	<b>\$ 431,350.92</b>	<b>\$ 331,994.36</b>
<b>GRANTS</b>			
FY 22 Park and Ride Gran	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,600.00
FY22 Hazard Mitigation Gr	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,612.50
FY 22 Municipal Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00
	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 43,212.50</b>
<b>FEES/PERMITS/LICENSES</b>			
Recording Fees	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 9,882.00	\$ 7,000.00
Photocopies & Fax Fee Rev	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,227.00	\$ 800.00
Posted Land	\$ 120.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 100.00
Town Hall Rent	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9,650.00	\$ 7,800.00
Vault fees	\$ 350.00	\$ 386.50	\$ 300.00
Certified Copies	\$ 500.00	\$ 411.16	\$ 500.00
Salvage Yard permits	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Clerk Fees-Marriage	\$ 100.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 60.00
	<b>\$ 11,970.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,692.66</b>	<b>\$ 16,585.00</b>
<b>SERVICES</b>			
Bulk Trash Income	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,379.00	\$ 3,000.00
Civil Fines	\$ 120.00	\$ 219.00	\$ 100.00
Dogs:Registration Fees	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,721.00	\$ 1,500.00
Impound Fees	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Green Mountain Passport	\$ 50.00	\$ 6.00	\$ -
Fire Reimbursements	\$ -	\$ 950.00	\$ -
	<b>\$ 5,470.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,425.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,600.00</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
Interest Income	\$ 900.00	\$ 864.79	\$ 750.00
Green Up Day	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ -
State Equalization Paymen	\$ 640.00	\$ 632.00	\$ 640.00
Pacif Grant	\$ -	\$ 747.93	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 694.90	\$ -
	<b>\$ 3,840.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,339.62</b>	<b>\$ 1,390.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 453,542.76</b>	<b>\$ 465,808.20</b>	<b>\$ 397,781.86</b>

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

**GRANT EXPENSES**

Municipal Park & Ride Gra	\$	-	\$	-	\$	22,000.00
FY 22 Haz Mit grant expen	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,612.50
FY'22 Muni Plan grant exp	\$	-	\$	-	\$	19,890.00
	\$	-	\$	-	\$	49,502.50

**PAYROLL EXPENSES**

New Hire Expense	\$	-	\$	-	\$	200.00
Salaries - Selectboard	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
Salaries - Town Clerk	\$	45,136.00	\$	44,088.01	\$	47,632.00
Salaries -Document Scanne	\$	-	\$	832.50	\$	-
Salaries - Listers	\$	3,600.00	\$	3,850.00	\$	4,000.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$	10,000.00	\$	6,302.50	\$	10,000.00
Salaries - Health Officer	\$	500.00	\$	215.00	\$	500.00
Salaries - Ballot Clerks	\$	1,000.00	\$	890.00	\$	1,000.00
Salaries - Auditors	\$	2,500.00	\$	460.00	\$	-
Salaries - Treasurer	\$	24,000.00	\$	23,167.83	\$	25,385.36
Salaries - BCA business	\$	-	\$	340.00	\$	500.00
Salaries- Animal Control	\$	-	\$	241.02	\$	1,500.00
Salaries - IT Services	\$	-	\$	930.00	\$	1,500.00
SS & Medicare	\$	7,500.00	\$	6,843.12	\$	7,460.08
Retirement - Employer	\$	5,500.00	\$	3,620.52	\$	4,254.64
Health Insurance - Admin.	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$	1,261.96	\$	1,545.79	\$	803.00
Workers Comp Insurance	\$	171.80	\$	905.80	\$	436.00
Life Insurance - Clerk	\$	410.00	\$	367.34	\$	394.28
	\$	109,579.76	\$	102,599.43	\$	113,565.36

**OFFICE OPS AND EXPENSES**

Professional Audit	\$	24,000.00	\$	2,581.00	\$	20,000.00
Recording Expense	\$	600.00	\$	-	\$	500.00
Office Supplies	\$	2,500.00	\$	1,737.53	\$	3,270.00
Delinq. Tax Collector Sup	\$	600.00	\$	-	\$	-
Lister's Supplies	\$	500.00	\$	397.34	\$	500.00
Postage	\$	3,300.00	\$	1,460.09	\$	2,000.00
Training/Office	\$	5,000.00	\$	4,654.15	\$	5,000.00
Mileage	\$	500.00	\$	556.82	\$	500.00
Meetings/Conferences/Work	\$	128.00	\$	-	\$	-
Copier Rental	\$	900.00	\$	1,156.06	\$	1,180.00
Copier Service Contract	\$	450.00	\$	147.00	\$	340.00
Newsletter	\$	500.00	\$	690.97	\$	750.00
Town Report	\$	2,800.00	\$	2,869.42	\$	3,000.00
Legal notices/Advertismen	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,223.76	\$	1,600.00
Electricity-Off/TwnHall	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,190.62	\$	3,000.00
Telephone & Internet	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,233.70	\$	1,900.00

new website design	\$ 2,010.00	\$ 2,484.24	\$ -
Heat - Town Hall	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,181.47	\$ 3,000.00
Heat - Town Clerk	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 781.35	\$ 1,200.00
Tech Support	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 131.36	\$ 500.00
NEMRC liscense	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,150.00
NEMRC disaster recovery	\$ 600.00	\$ 562.75	\$ 600.00
Cyber Security Survey	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Dues	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 4,992.64	\$ 4,900.00
Janitorial Off./Town Hall	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
Document Shredding	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Software Licenses	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 548.77	\$ 1,300.00
Unbudgeted COVID-19 expen	\$ -	\$ 1,103.52	\$ -
unbudgeted election expen	\$ -	\$ 1,720.25	\$ -
	<b>\$ 68,488.00</b>	<b>\$ 41,404.81</b>	<b>\$ 62,490.00</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>			
Green Up Day Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 228.10	\$ 500.00
Green Mountain Transit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 675.00
County Taxes	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 24,909.52	\$ 26,000.00
Legal Fees	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 7,311.05	\$ 3,000.00
Election Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Bulk Trash Expense	\$ 6,050.00	\$ 4,075.11	\$ 6,000.00
Election Grant spend-down	\$ -	\$ 1,368.14	\$ -
Property/Public Off. Ins	\$ 6,209.00	\$ 6,209.00	\$ 6,264.00
Leased land	\$ 111.00	\$ 110.75	\$ 111.00
Tax Abatements	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,360.04	\$ 10,000.00
Pacif Grant Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,619.52	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,375.00	\$ 4,104.97	\$ 500.00
EAB mitigation	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
bank fees	\$ -	\$ 74.26	\$ 100.00
interest	\$ -	\$ 79.64	\$ 100.00
	<b>\$ 54,995.00</b>	<b>\$ 54,450.10</b>	<b>\$ 56,750.00</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
Electricity-Streetlights	\$ 600.00	\$ 665.14	\$ 600.00
Barre Town Ambulance reta	\$ 56,500.00	\$ 58,874.24	\$ 63,437.00
Washington Fire Dept Reta	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
3 Corinth Topsham Emergency	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Police Protection	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,573.00	\$ 8,000.00
Animal Control	\$ 500.00	\$ 754.60	\$ 1,500.00
Dog tags	\$ -	\$ 264.47	\$ 125.00
Fires & accidents Barre T	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,870.00	\$ 6,000.00
Fires - Tri Village retai	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,500.00
Fires & Accidents-washing	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,085.00	\$ 10,000.00
Dry hydrant grant program	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	<b>\$ 89,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 93,186.45</b>	<b>\$ 102,262.00</b>
<b>BUIDLINGS AND GROUNDS</b>			
Mowing	\$ 900.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 900.00
Security System	\$ 300.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 312.00

Repairs/Maint.-Clerk	\$ 500.00	\$ 456.08	\$ 500.00
Repairs/Maint-Town Hall	\$ 500.00	\$ 286.92	\$ 500.00
	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,823.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,212.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 324,962.76</b>	<b>\$ 293,463.79</b>	<b>\$ 386,781.86</b>
<b>TRANSFERS OUT</b>			
Capital Improvements	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Planning Commission	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Act 60 Reappraisal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 13,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<b>\$ 330,962.76</b>	<b>\$ 306,963.79</b>	<b>\$ 397,781.86</b>

**HIGHWAY FUND**

	Budget FY - 2021	Actual FY-2021	Budget FY - 2022
<b>HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>			
Current Tax Revenue	\$ 309,174.09	\$ 309,174.09	\$ 342,842.75
State Aid to Highway	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,738.36	\$ 75,000.00
GIA and BBR grants	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 7,074.25	\$ -
Highway Equipment Loan	\$ 80,500.00	\$ 80,500.00	\$ -
Misc equipment sales	\$ -	\$ 3,215.00	\$ -
Logging in Town Pit	\$ -	\$ 4,341.09	\$ 3,500.00
Fleet & Single permits	\$ 365.00	\$ 355.00	\$ 350.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 10,243.43	\$ 2,964.21
<b>GRANTS</b>			
GIA Fish Pond/Cleme	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,820.00
GIA Lords Rd	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,600.00
BBRWarsley	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 488,539.09</b>	<b>\$ 490,641.22</b>	<b>\$ 539,076.96</b>
<b>HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES</b>			
Grant Expenses			
FY22 GIA Lords Rd expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00
FY22 BBR Warsley Rd Expen	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,000.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,500.00
<b>SALARIES AND BENEFITS</b>			
New Hire Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Salaries - Barnes	\$ 53,435.20	\$ 58,068.49	\$ 56,056.00
Salaries - Road Crew	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 38,157.62	\$ 46,030.40
Salaries - Temp Help	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,500.00
Overtime	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
SS & Medicare	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,351.34	\$ 8,450.00
Retirement - Highway	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,913.10	\$ 6,960.58
Health Ins. - Highway	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 19,157.52	\$ 19,452.56
Life Insurance - Highway	\$ 816.00	\$ 832.55	\$ 788.56
Vision Insurance	\$ 114.00	\$ 119.86	\$ 120.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 718.00	\$ 690.21	\$ 604.00
Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 3,264.20	\$ 3,264.20	\$ 7,716.00
Uniforms	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,490.48	\$ 2,900.00
	\$ 144,947.40	\$ 136,170.37	\$ 155,778.10
<b>GARAGE EXPENSES</b>			
Workshops/MSHA Trainings	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,614.83	\$ 6,000.00
Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 500.00
Electricity	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,353.76	\$ 1,500.00
	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,928.24	\$ 2,000.00

Telephone	\$ 600.00	\$ 706.03	\$ 650.61
Heat	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,949.77	\$ 3,500.00
Propane	\$ 150.00	\$ 12.72	\$ 75.00
	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 12,715.35	\$ 14,225.61
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>			
Property Insurance	\$ 6,578.00	\$ 6,209.00	\$ 6,001.00
Misc Highway Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
	\$ 6,578.00	\$ 6,209.00	\$ 6,501.00
<b>BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS</b>			
Security System	\$ 500.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 492.00
Septic Pumping	\$ 350.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 800.00
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,184.97	\$ 3,500.00
Garage Generator	\$ 386.00	\$ 766.00	\$ 400.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 9,437.74	\$ 7,500.00
	\$ 21,236.00	\$ 15,558.71	\$ 12,692.00
<b>HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT</b>			
New Equipment Purchase	\$ 80,500.00	\$ 118,645.00	\$ -
Equipment Rental	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Diesel Fuel	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 25,582.56	\$ 35,000.00
Equipment Repairs & Maint	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
Truck 5 - 2013 Frieghtlin	\$ -	\$ 3,656.03	\$ -
Truck 1 - 2019 Int'l	\$ -	\$ 4,955.31	\$ -
Truck 2 - 2021 Internatio	\$ -	\$ 679.78	\$ -
Grader	\$ -	\$ 5,324.01	\$ -
Loader	\$ -	\$ 820.42	\$ -
Backhoe	\$ -	\$ 301.26	\$ -
Gas Pump	\$ -	\$ 46.08	\$ -
Sand Screen	\$ -	\$ 36.20	\$ -
Water Tank/Trailer	\$ -	\$ 306.78	\$ -
Hydroseeder	\$ -	\$ 72.34	\$ -
Hydroseeder trailer	\$ -	\$ 3,007.00	\$ -
Chains	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
	\$ 121,500.00	\$ 168,432.77	\$ 64,000.00
<b>ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>			
Culverts	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,679.00	\$ 4,000.00
Road Salt	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 12,640.28	\$ 14,000.00
Chloride	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,794.00	\$ 5,000.00
Paving	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 9,787.21	\$ 100,000.00
Resurfacing	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 42,263.49	\$ 45,000.00
Cold patch	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,658.00	\$ 5,500.00
Street Signs	\$ 500.00	\$ 730.24	\$ 1,000.00
Guardrail	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,500.00
Stormwater Permits	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 1,600.00
	\$ 92,000.00	\$ 83,542.22	\$ 179,600.00
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
02-6-80-81.00 Equipment Payments	\$ 61,995.69	\$ 42,793.70	\$ 59,480.08
02-6-80-82.00 Interest - Highway	\$ 6,032.00	\$ 4,421.99	\$ 4,300.17

	\$	68,027.69	\$	47,215.69	\$	63,780.25
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES</b>	\$	468,539.09	\$	469,844.11	\$	518,076.96
TRANSFERS OUT						
Equipment Savings	\$	20,000.00	\$	22,882.00	\$	20,000.00
Garage Capital Improvement	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
	\$	20,000.00	\$	22,882.00	\$	21,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT</b>	\$	<b>488,539.09</b>	\$	<b>492,726.11</b>	\$	<b>539,076.96</b>

### Statement of Indebtedness

#### 2019 International Dump Truck

Original loan amt of \$110,000 dated 12/27/2018 with State of VT

Starting balance		66000
2021 principal payment	22000	22000
2021 interest payment	1320	
Balance		44000

#### 2021 International Dump Truck - loan dated May 1, 2020 with Kansas State Bank

Original loan amt of \$110,000 dated May 1, 2020 with Kansas State Bank

Starting balance		110000
2021 principal payment	20793.7	20793.70
2021 interest payment	3101.99	
Balance		90242.53

#### 2021 John Deere Backhoe - loan dated June 14, 2021 with Community National Bank

Original loan amt of \$80,500 with Community National Bank

Starting Balance		80500
2021 principal payment		0
2021 interest payment		0
Balance		80500

## CEMETERY FUNDS

Note: There are two cemetery funds. Operations tracks expenses and receives the town meeting appropriation. Perpetual care covers all investment revenue or loss.

<b>CEMETERY OPERATIONS REVENUE</b>	<b>2021 BUDGET</b>	<b>2021 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2022 BUDGET</b>
Interest Income (CD closed in 2021)	\$ -	\$ 14.15	\$ -
Investment Income (acct closed in 2021)	\$ -	\$ 3,172.93	\$ -
Burials/Foundations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer in from Town Meeting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONS REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,187.08</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>PERPETUAL CARE REVENUE</b>			
Interest Income (CD closed in 2021)	\$ -	\$ 18.23	\$ -
Lot Sales	\$ -	\$ 16,035.00	\$ -
Investment Gain (loss) - (new account in 2021)	\$ -	\$ 8,241.05	\$ 10,016.00
<b>TOTAL PERPETUAL CARE REVENUE (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 24,294.28</b>	<b>\$ 10,016.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE - BOTH FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,481.36</b>	<b>\$ 15,016.00</b>
<b>CEMETERY OPERATIONS EXPENDITURES</b>			
Burials/foundations/bases	\$ -	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 4,000.00
Repairs	\$ -	\$ 1,378.17	\$ 2,000.00
Property Insurance	\$ 16.00	\$ -	\$ 16.00
Mowing	\$ -	\$ 8,820.00	\$ 9,000.00
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 16.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,148.17</b>	<b>\$ 15,016.00</b>

## Cemetery Investments

	Starting Balance January 1, 2021	Gain/Loss	Ending Balance December 31, 2021
Brookhaven Mutual fund	78189.06		0
Brookhaven CD	15593.19		0
Other Cemeteries Mutual Fund	45561.54		0
Other Cemeteries CD	12102.77		0
Combined Perpetual Care Fund	0	12554.48	163699.04
	151446.56		163699.04

**RECREATION FUND**

Budget FY - Actual FY-2021    Budget FY - 2022

**REVENUE**

Current taxes	\$-	\$-		\$1,194.00
Fundraising	\$-		\$141.00	\$-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$-</b>		<b>\$141.00</b>	<b>\$1,194.00</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Mowing	\$-		\$840.00	\$900.00
Electricity	\$-		\$251.42	\$288.00
Ballfield property insura	\$6.00	\$-		\$6.00
Potluck expenses	\$-		\$24.56	\$-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>		<b>\$1,115.98</b>	<b>\$1,194.00</b>

## Audit Report

Sullivan and Powers will once again perform our 2021 audit. We have closed the books for the year and are preparing for that audit. To that end, I've summarized an accounting of the town's funds for the year ending December 31, 2021 below. These numbers are subject to change once the full town audit is complete.

### Unaudited Fund Balances - Year ended December 31, 2021

Cash account		
Petty Cash	\$	200.00
Checking Account	\$	36,367.12
Money Market	\$	2,053,386.42
<b>Cash balances on December 31,2021</b>		<b><u>\$ 2,089,953.54</u></b>
Less:		
Outstanding Checks	\$	672,001.89
Accounts Payable	\$	2,017.50
Due to School in 2nd quarter	\$	627,113.82
Highway Fund	\$	273,387.37
Highway Equipment Fund	\$	42,882.00
Records Restoration Fund	\$	12,114.40
Recreation Fund	\$	(638.79)
Town Hall Capital Improvement Fund	\$	40,099.25
Richardson Gazebo Fund	\$	362.85
Planning Commission Fund	\$	6,805.81
Economic Development Fund	\$	649.75
Act 60 Reappraisal Fund	\$	54,365.76
Civil Defense Fund	\$	489.41
ARPA Fund	\$	166,352.33
<b>Total Committed Funds as of December 31, 2021</b>		<b><u>\$ 1,898,003.35</u></b>
<b>Unencumbered General Fund Balance on December 31, 2021</b>		<b>\$ 191,950.19</b>



## **The Arts Bus**

### **2022 Appropriations Request**

Over the hills and through the valleys, The Arts Bus has been rolling along empowering children to find joy & authentic self-expression through the arts for 11 years! Awarded the 2021 Lynne Von Trapp Award for Exemplary Leadership in Children’s Preventive Programming, the bus travels to communities to provide art education in several forms – on the bus, in classrooms, on farms, at summer camps, public events and take-home kits – directly connecting art education & supplies to children over 1,500 times each year.

Throughout 2021, we traveled to ‘Never Never Lands’ in Vermont where the bus hadn’t gone before from East Corinth to Bethel, taking children on artistic adventures through mosaic-making, puppet theatre, dinosaur building, and stage acting along with a rolling recording studio & sound technician. We taught sock-puppet making from Quechee to Northfield, co-hosted Art on the Farm at Sprague Ranch in Brookfield & Howling Wolf Farm in Randolph, and gave away free art kits & supplies from Williamstown to Warren. Throughout Fall & Winter, we commenced afterschool art education programs and received new funding to expand our program thru Orange County!

As ever, there is no charge to climb aboard The Arts Bus and we are driven to provide a creative resource right where our communities need it. Because our mission finds us at the crossroads of limited public art education resources and ever-increasing costs to raise a family & run a village, we seek grants every year to bring our services to communities like Orange so anyone can have the opportunity to come aboard.

The Arts Bus will creatively explore new ways to safely bridge the gap between the future artists, inventors, dreamers and creators of Central Vermont and the guides & tools they need to get there.

To better serve the Town of Orange, The Arts Bus is requesting **\$500.00** in town appropriations to support our work, as the need for our services has never been so in demand. To learn more and see pictures of the little artists’ creations you make happen, we invite you to our Facebook page @artsbusvt or to visit our website [www.artsbusvt.org](http://www.artsbusvt.org).

# Barre Area Senior Center Annual Report 2020-2021

- Total Budget for 2020-2021: \$136,525.00
- Website Address: [barreseniors.org](http://barreseniors.org)
- Telephone Number for Services: 802-479-9512
- Physical Address: 131 South Main Street #4 Barre, VT 05641
- Written Report/Job Title by: Jeannie Bone, Director

The Barre Area Senior Center currently serves approximately 430 members, residing in Barre Town, Barre City, Berlin, Montpelier, Plainfield, Orange, Washington, Williamstown and East Calais.

BASC relies on donations, fundraisers, voter-approved funding, grants and monetary gifts for its operating costs. BASC is an independent 501c3 charitable nonprofit, and as such, it faces financial challenges on a regular basis.

The age to participate at the senior center is 50, and a requested annual donation of only \$35 provides benefit to members, though everyone is welcome. Our mission is to provide access to programs and resources that help older adults live independently and remain active. BASC invites seniors of all ages to participate in the many programs and events offered at the center. Programs range from Arts & Crafts, Dance, Fitness, Trips, Health & Social Services and Nutrition just to name a few. We strive to provide our members with programs to increase their independence and enrich their lives all taking place in a comfortable and friendly atmosphere.

We have a broad volunteer base of approximately 65 members which allows each of them to share their expertise in different areas of need. We thank our volunteers and participants for their dedication in making these programs successful.

Our community partners include Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice, Rehab Gym in Barre, AARP, Jazzercise, SASH, and CVCOA amongst others. Working together with our local partners allow us to share knowledge and resources that benefit each of us on many levels.

BASC was fortunate to have been awarded grants this year that helped in providing funding for programs and events that have allowed us to offer a wide variety of options to accommodate the interests of our members. The support we have received has not only increased our membership base but also helped spread awareness that the BASC is truly a strong foundation in this community. Established in 1968, and celebrating our 51<sup>st</sup> year this year, BASC continues to grow and serve our aging community.

The Barre Area Senior Center is open 9:00am to 1:00pm (limited hours due to pandemic) Monday through Friday and later hours when needed to accommodate programs and events.



## 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-six 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 5 Orange residents enrolled in our free programs.**

CVABE provides free instruction for up to 450 people annually in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVABE \$3,927 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)



## A World Where Aging is Honored

CVCOA Helpline 1-800-642-5119

**Central Vermont Council on Aging  
Appropriation Request, Town of Orange for Fiscal Year 2023  
October 20th, 2021**

**Mission Statement:**

CVCOA's mission is to support Central Vermonters to age with dignity and choice.

**Amount of Request: \$1000 (level funding)**

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

The funding provided by the 54 Central Vermont towns we serve is essential to CVCOA, and directly serves its mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We accomplish this by connecting older adults to a wide array of benefit programs, resources, services, and healthy aging opportunities needed to thrive.

The financial support from the Town of Orange helps to ensure that the resources are available to support the well-being of older Vermonters in Orange. Please review the report of services that accompanies this request for a list of some of the many services that we make available to older adults in your town.

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

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LR", is positioned above the typed name.

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## 2021 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT

### ORANGE

Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH) is a full-service, not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association that provides intermittent, short-term medical care, education, and support at home to help Central Vermonters recover from an illness, surgery, or hospital stay and manage their chronic disease. We serve 23 communities in Washington and Orange Counties and care for people of all ages. Our services include home care, hospice, and maternal-child health care. We also offer public foot-care and flu vaccine clinics and COVID-19 vaccinations at home. In addition, we offer long-term care and private care services and free grief support groups. 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. To learn more, visit [www.cvhhh.org](http://www.cvhhh.org).

#### CVHHH Services to the Residents of Orange Jan 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021\*

Program	# of Visits
Home Health Care	447
Hospice Care	119
Long Term Care	49
Maternal Child Health	36
<b>TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS</b>	<b>651</b>
<b>TOTAL PATIENTS</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>41</b>

*\*Audited figures are not available at the time of report submission. These preliminary figures are prorated based on the number of visits from January 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021 and are not expected to vary significantly.*

Town funding is imperative in ensuring that CVHHH will provide services in Orange through 2022 and beyond. For more information contact Sandy Rousse, 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 provides services and resources to all children and families in our region. In FY'21 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, Welcome Baby Outreach, Family Supportive Housing Services, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project, Specialized Child Care Supports, Reach Up Job Development, Food Pantry, Diaper Bank, Parent Education, and Playgroups for children from birth to five on Facebook. 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 16 individuals in Orange who benefited from the Family Center's programs and services from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 were:**

- \*6 families** who received **Child Care Financial Assistance**.
- \*5 families** 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.
- 0\*** **\*443 average total Playgroup Facebook views** of children and caregivers, not trackable by town. Playgroups are open to all families with children birth to five. Continuing Playgroups on Facebook allowed children a sense of a normalcy of seeing familiar faces and experience music and participation in activities with someone outside their house during lockdown.
- \*1 individual** who was served by one of our **Home Visiting** services, providing parent and family education and support.
- \*2 families** who received food and household items from our **Food Pantry** delivered to their residence by our home visitors to help supplement their family's nutritional and basic needs and **\*1 child** who received diapers from our Diaper Bank.
- \*1 individual** who received **Reach Up Job Development** skills and hands-on work experience.

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



## ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021 TOWN OF ORANGE

### About Us:

The mission of Good Beginnings is to bring community to families and their babies. Founded in 1991 by three mothers in Northfield, we offer the following programs free-of-charge to any Central Vermont family with a new baby.

- **Postpartum Angel Family Support Program:** Trained community volunteers visit families weekly to provide respite, community connections, and hands-on help during the postpartum period. Anyone caring for an infant in Central Vermont is eligible, regardless of income or circumstance. Although our capacity to provide in-person visits remains limited due to COVID, we provide a range of alternatives, including text- and phone-based support, mental health referrals, meal deliveries, outdoor meet-ups, and help accessing other resources, such as our financial assistance funds (see below). Through our **In Loving Arms** service (currently on hold due to COVID), specially-trained volunteers provide “in-arms care” to babies boarding at Central Vermont Medical Center due to health issues.
- **The Nest Parent Drop-In Space:** Our cozy community space in Montpelier is open again! Stop by Wednesday through Friday from 9 till 1, to browse our resource library, get babywearing tips, or just get out of the house with your little one. We host a weekly online peer support group, and we hold outdoor meet-ups and Stroller Walks, as the weather allows.
- **Early Parenting Workshops:** Free workshops for expectant parents on what happens **after** you bring baby home. Topics include newborn and infant care, babywearing and other soothing techniques, caring for yourself, attachment parenting. Also helpful for grandparents, child care providers, and anyone else caring for an infant! We have seen an increase in demand for these workshops during the pandemic.
- **Assistance with Basic Needs:** Our **Childbirth Education Scholarships** help low income families cover the cost of childbirth education classes. Through our **Perinatal Support Fund**, we also provide financial assistance to low-income families, including free baby carriers, respite child care, assistance with rent and fuel bills, and assistance with phone/internet connectivity to ensure they can access vital services. We have seen an increase in need for all these types of support due to COVID.

### How We've Helped:

- 175 families served (totalling 258 adults and 205 children) in FY20-21
- Our 35 Postpartum Angel volunteers provided nearly 300 hours of respite, support, and community connections to 70 families
- The pandemic intensified the need for financial support from our Perinatal Support Fund. This year, 10 families received a total of \$2605 in financial assistance, 19 low-income parents received high-quality infant carriers through our Free Carrier Program, and 2 families accessed technical assistance or other financial aid programs to address barriers to connectivity.

- 27 families received hands-on support with babywearing, an important attachment strategy and coping technique for caregivers.
- 19 families attended one or more workshop in our Winter Wellness series of self-care offerings for parents and caregivers
- 28 families attended the weekly online peer support group, Baby CIRCLE Time
- 22 families attended early parenting workshops

**What Families Say:**

- My Postpartum Angel was someone I could count on and talk to about anything. She was so wonderful. She was not only an angel but she went above and beyond and I'm so glad to have met her. I would recommend this service to anyone who needs that extra person to just talk to. - SD
- My volunteer is truly amazing and was incredibly kind, thoughtful and helpful! As a single mother, I felt supported by her throughout the entire period that I was matched with her. She employed humor and just is a truly genuine and thoughtful person. I'm so grateful to the services provided by Good Beginnings from the baby wearing class to the very helpful phone support via video calls and an in person meet up with Bridget. SC
- My volunteer was a complete godsend. My fiancé is deployed so I'm raising our newborn son alone and the visits from my volunteer were such a relief. I honestly don't know if I could have done it without her!!! Thank you so much for this program. -BW
- When we welcomed our newborn home at the beginning of the pandemic, I was navigating uncharted territory in multiple areas of life - adjusting to new motherhood and ever-evolving pandemic life all at once was a huge struggle for me. I so appreciated Baby Circle each week and being in such a supportive space with other moms. The isolation and loneliness of the pandemic was really hard for me to adapt to, and having a set time to know I could see and talk with other moms (albeit, virtually!) was comforting and reassuring during a very difficult time for me. -KL
- Our Journey workshop facilitator was incredibly knowledgeable, created a welcoming and engaging space, was attentive to the group and available for all questions or comments. This program really helped me to reflect on my intentions and hopes for what's ahead, and helped me organize my thoughts on how best to prepare for the next stage of this parenthood journey! -KW
- You made me feel confident while carrying my baby. -AU

**Contact Us:**

Good Beginnings of Central Vermont

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Montpelier, VT 05602

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## 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)

December 30, 2021

Town of Orange  
392 US Route 302  
Orange, VT 05641

Dear Angela and Town of Orange Selectboard,

- Town of Orange Voter Approved Donation for 2020-2021: \$400
- Website Address: [www.goodsamaritanhaven.org](http://www.goodsamaritanhaven.org)
- Telephone Number for Services: (802) 479-2294
- Physical Address: 105 North Seminary Street, Barre, VT 05641
- Written Report/Job Title by: Rick DeAngelis, Good Samaritan Haven Executive Director

Good Samaritan Haven's main goal is always to keep individuals who are experiencing homelessness safe by providing them with shelter, basic needs, and access to services. With the help of the state program providing vouchers for motel use during the pandemic, we were able to take care of a record number of unhoused people this year, up to 350 per night. Washington County has the second largest homeless population in the state. The appropriation from the town of Orange was valuable under such trying conditions.

One of the innovative ways we worked to keep everyone safe was by launching a Mobile COVID Testing and Vaccination Clinic late in December, 2020. We continued to bring COVID testing and vaccination to underserved populations, especially the homeless, through the end of the fiscal year.

During this time period, we provided services at our main shelter in Barre, which was retrofitted in July 2020 to conform to covid safety standards. We also provided services to guests in an overnight shelter in Montpelier; to unsheltered individuals on the streets and in encampments; as well as homeless individuals sheltered in seven area motels thanks to the state of Vermont's voucher program.

For all our guests, we provided staff and support service all year, including basic needs such as food, clothing, toiletries, and laundry free of charge, as well as outreach and case management services to help clients to access healthcare, mental health treatment, financial assistance, and ultimately stable housing. Here is a snapshot of the individuals we served in FY 2020-21:

- 133 are long-term homeless
- 10 households have been evicted 3 or more times
- 96 households claim a significant disability
- 73 households have children
- 40 youth households, including 29 youth without children, and 15 with children
- 20 individuals are 62+ years old

In the motels, Good Sam staff:

- Coordinated and delivered 3 meals per day;
- Conducted daily health and wellness checks;
- Provided case management to obtain housing and other benefits;
- Coordinated rides, and access to medical care; and
- Helped to maintain safety and provide human kindness.

The Good Sam staff also worked hard in this time period to acquire additional properties to increase the quantity of guests we can serve, and the quality of those services.

Respectfully,



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 Family, Criminal and Civil Court and the VT Corrections system. Throughout this year, OCRJC has remained committed to our mission and vision—building and advocating for a just community by providing restorative programs to address legal issues, wrongdoing, conflict and the needs of harmed parties; and connecting participants to services that improve the health, well-being and positive behavior of individuals and the community. We want the everyday life in Orange County communities to be safe, just and provide opportunities for all people to thrive.

We currently offer 10 programs: Circles of Support and Accountability, Court Diversion, Driver's License Reinstatement Program, Pre-Trial Services Program, Reparative Panels, Restorative Re-entry after Incarceration, Safe Driver Education Program, Transitional Housing, Victims Assistance, Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021, 224 people were referred for services. Local volunteers provided 1110 hours of their time to support 189 Restorative Meetings. OCRJC collected \$6593 in restitution for individuals who experienced losses due to crime, and we paid out \$3222 in emergency aid. OCRJC helped 70 people connect with mental health services, 25 people received help securing housing, and over 40 people were assisted with reinstating their driver's license. In FY21, OCRJC worked with 3 cases where the incident occurred in Orange. Each case involved at least one person responsible and the individuals impacted by their actions.

OCRJ's FY21 operating budget was \$291,464. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. The Town of Orange appropriated \$350 for FY21 to support the Orange County Restorative Justice Center. OCRJC requests \$350 for 2022 to support ongoing programs.

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



## PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

51 Church Street | PO Box 544, Barre, VT 05641  
802-479-1229 | phwcv.org

### Town of Orange 2021 Report

People's Health & Wellness Clinic (PHWC) provides free healthcare to uninsured and underinsured people in Central Vermont. Services include high quality medical, mental health, oral health, and bodywork services which are provided at no cost to patients. PHWC also continues to provide extensive case management, referrals, and assistance enrolling in health insurance and financial assistance programs.

2021 brought with it another year of the COVID-19 pandemic, forcing Clinic staff and volunteers to continue a flexible and creative approach to care. With the return to in person visits, the need for telehealth services remained, connecting with patients via video and phone calls. This virtual option greatly increased access for many patients who were unable to attend in person because of health concerns, transportation, or time constraints.

In July of 2021 PHWC relocated to 51 Church Street in downtown Barre. A year-long project made possible by generous community supporters, this new facility offers a welcoming and safe space for services and positions the Clinic in a more visible and accessible location in the community.

Throughout the year the Clinic continued its collaboration with Good Samaritan Haven and the Vermont Department of Health to vaccinate over 200 Central Vermont residents through numerous walk-in vaccination clinics. PHWC continues to work with these partner organizations to support the health and safety of Central Vermont's most vulnerable community members.

In 2021, PHWC cared for 287 unduplicated patients, 90 of whom were new to the clinic. Patients visited the clinic (in person and via telemedicine) for 342 medical visits, 210 dental visits, and 111 mental health visits. 38 patients had 65 visits to receive assistance enrolling in Medicaid, other health insurance plans, and financial assistance programs. Patients came from 48 cities and towns and more than half had an income of less than 185% of the federal poverty level. Most new patients reported having to delay care because of the cost.

#### **Services provided to 11 Orange residents in 2021:**

- 4 medical visits with care provided by volunteer practitioners
- 9 dental hygiene appointments
- 3 visits to receive assistance with Medicaid/health insurance enrollment
- 9 medical consultations and case management interactions
- Assisted 1 Orange resident with COVID19 Vaccination scheduling

As a federally deemed free clinic, PHWC cannot charge for services and depends on grants, donations, and municipal funding. We are grateful to the voters of the Town of Orange for many years of support and are very pleased to be able to provide free and accessible healthcare to the Central Vermont community. For additional information, please contact Daniel Barlow, Executive Director, at 802-479-1229, ext. 109, or [daniel@phwcv.org](mailto:daniel@phwcv.org).

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

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

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic Safeline continued to be available 24/7 for victims and their families. 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 3,838 services for 315 victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

102 services were provided for 15 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.

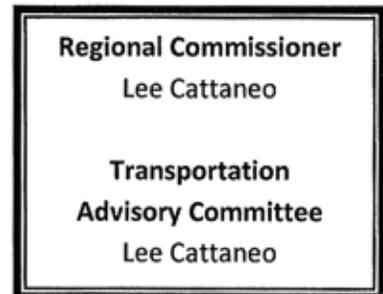
# CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## FY21 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.

### FY21 Orange Activities

- ❖ Provided energy efficiency information that helps Town track progress on its energy goals.
- ❖ Conducted Grants in Aid FY21 pre-construction site visit.
- ❖ Assisted Planning Commission to develop Town Forest Trail Planning timeline and identify grant opportunities.
- ❖ Provided information on resident and Town-level participation in the Certificate of Public Good process for siting of telecommunications facilities.
- ❖ Contacted VTrans on behalf of the Town to verify the status of a functional classification change for Reservoir Road.



### 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.

## CVSWMD FY 2021 Report for Orange

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents to reduce and manage solid waste. Lee Cattaneo represents Orange on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates and providing information and resources to our member communities. The per capita assessment is set at \$1.00 this year.

In FY21, CVSWMD provided \$6,447.50 in School Zero Waste and Organizational Waste Reduction & Reuse Program Grants, and \$4,483.54 in Green Up Day Grants. The Town of Orange received a Green Up Day Grant in the amount of \$400.00.

Also in FY21, CVSWMD provided \$9,500.00 in Municipal Services Program grants. The Town of Orange was awarded a Municipal Services Program grant to hold a bulky waste event in the amount of \$3,000.00.

The District continues to provide award-winning programming, including:

- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins, recycling bins, and kitchen compost buckets to district residents at discounted rates.
- **Outreach and Education:** In FY21, CVSWMD provided 13 workshops and webinars on topics such as recycling, composting, safer cleaning, and reducing toxins in the home.
- **School Programming:** Our School Zero Waste Program works with 26 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries and more. CVSWMD provided remote support for Orange Center School in FY21 in managing lunch-generated waste in classrooms, where most students ate lunch. Our School Program Coordinator works with maintenance staff and teachers to help schools compost on site and mentors student groups who lead initiatives toward zero waste in their schools.
- **Special Collections:** In FY21, 5 collection events were held, in which CVSWMD collected 52.1 tons of household hazardous waste, paint, batteries, e-waste, and fluorescent bulbs. 874 households were served, and 176 households participated in the Barre Town household hazardous waste collection.
- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):** The ARCC, at 540 N. Main St. in Barre, is open M, W, F 10:30am-5:30pm and every third Saturday from 9am-1pm. The ARCC is a recycling drop-off for hard-to-recycle materials. *Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.* More info at [cvswmd.org/arcc](http://cvswmd.org/arcc). In FY21, 237.7 tons of materials were collected and diverted from the landfill, and 93 visitors from Orange recycled at the ARCC.
- **Web Site:** CVSWMD posts useful information on what can (and can't) be recycled, what items are banned from the landfill (and how to dispose of those), what items can be recycled at our Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC), what can be composted, how to safely store and dispose of household hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste disposal, Act 148, details about our special collections, and an A to Z Guide listing disposal options for many materials. For specific questions, call 802-229-9383.



Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District  
137 Barre Street, Montpelier, VT 05602 | [cvswmd.org](http://cvswmd.org) | 229-9383

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Chris LaMonda, MPH

Director of EMS

This past year saw no changes to our staffing levels at Barre Town EMS. We staff 3 ambulances Monday through Friday and 2 ambulances on Saturday and Sunday with 2 backup ambulances that can be staffed with coverage crews. All scheduled ambulances are staffed at the Paramedic level. Our primary service area is 215 sq. miles covering the towns of Barre Town, Berlin, Orange, Topsham, Washington, and Northern Brookfield. We are also the primary Paramedic intercept service and mutual aid service for a majority of Washington and Orange counties, as well as the primary agency that transports patients in and out of Central Vermont Medical Center.

Barre Town EMS staff size ranges from 30-35 employees (13 full time). We currently have 20 paramedics on the roster, five of which hold a board certificate for critical care. Over the past year six per diem and one fulltime provider left Barre Town. We promoted from within for the full-time position and added 3 additional per diem staff.

Barre Town EMS ended the financial year in the black. After our initial call volume decrease caused by COVID our call volume began to stabilize in the second half of the fiscal year. The additional revenues from our participation in COVID testing & vaccinating also helped to keep us on budget. We ended the year with 3948 calls for service. While this is lower than our previous projections it was a 3.1% increase over last year (Fiscal Fy 19/20 call volume was down 6.7% from fy 18/19 because of COVID-19). We are now seeing workloads similar to pre-COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the past year our staff has been dedicated to the public health fight against COVID-19. Barre Town EMS staff was offered the COVID-19 vaccine in early January 2021. I am proud to say that 100% of our staff are fully vaccinated. I am equally proud that 21 of our 33 staff have completed additional training that allow them to work on our vaccine and testing teams. Through the fiscal year the teams worked over 500 additional hours covering over 80 vaccination or testing events. All of our COVID-10 vaccine and Testing team work is covered by our Coronavirus Emergency Outbreak Testing & Vaccination Administration grant.

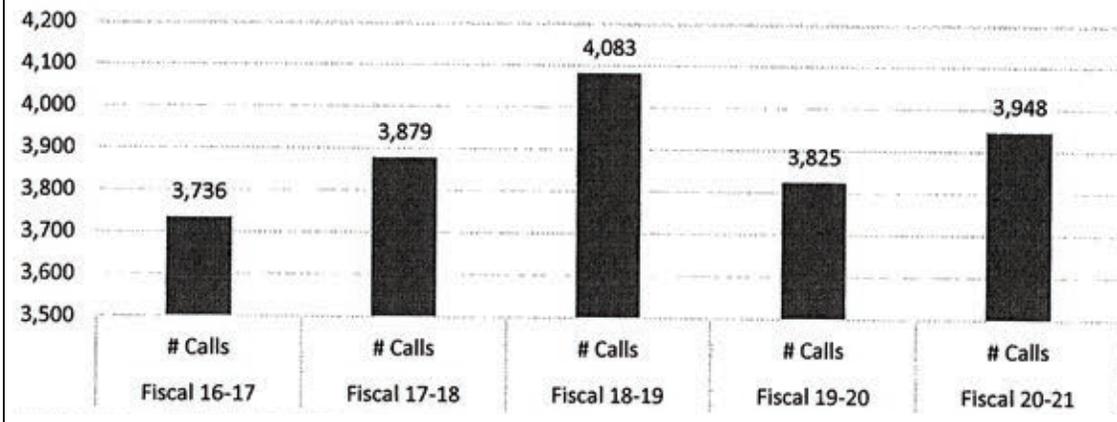
This past year our largest purchases were on budget; two ambulances and five ZOLL EKG monitor/defibrillators. We completed our 4-year rotation of our ambulance fleet with the purchase of two ambulances to replace two older units. We took delivery in January and quickly put them in service. The ZOLL EKG monitor/defibrillators were delivered just prior to the fiscal year. Training was completed in early August and the new ZOLL x-series monitor was placed on each of our ambulances.

**Call Volume by town fiscal 2020-2021**

Town	Total Calls
Barre	687
Berlin	2386
Orange	80
Topsham	66
Washington	71
Brookfield	23

**3313**

### Total Call Volume FY 16-21



## 2021 Local Health Annual Report

Twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. Additional information about your local health office and related programs can be found at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>.

### COVID-19

It has been almost two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and in response, our families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless other groups have worked to better protect the health of our communities. Together we ensured towns had access to the vaccine, testing, and other services needed to make more informed decisions about their health. As of December 1, 2021, approximately

- 494,000 Vermonters received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 546,055 people have been tested and a total of 2,570,835 tests completed.
- Many COVID-19 resources are now provided in over 20 different languages.
- Up-to-date information, including town-level data can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity>.

### Public Health Programs

In addition to COVID-19 response efforts, Local Health offices continue to provide health services and programs to Vermont communities, including but not limited to

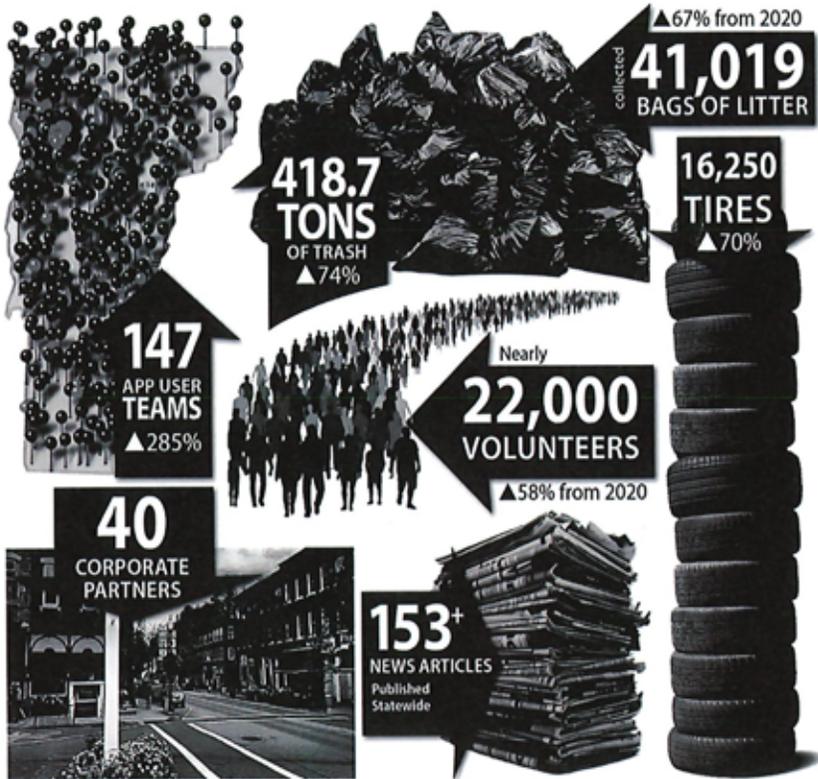
- In collaboration with Town Health Officers and other local partners, we help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health at a time when more of us are spending time at home with our families. Find information about environmental health and lead, asbestos, toxic chemicals, child safety, food safety, climate change, drinking water, and more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment>.
- The WIC nutrition program continues to provide primarily remote access to services with phone appointments. In 2021, an average of approximately 11,300 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont each month.
- As of November 23, 2021, 193,000 flu vaccine doses have been administered. Protecting people from influenza continues to be particularly important as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting these efforts. We look forward to what 2022 brings, to seeing you in the community, and encourage you to stay in touch with us.



GREEN UP VERMONT  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

Green Up Day  
May 7, 2022



**Green Up Day on May 1, 2021** was a huge success thanks to nearly 22,000 volunteers statewide who Greened Up. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is needed and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play a very special place. As one of Vermont's favorite holidays, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Along with Green Up Day, we work year-round to further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. Thank you for your support of this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.

Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org) 229-4586

Corinth-Topsham Emergency Response Team  
P.O. Box 58, West Topsham, VT 05086  
[ctertclerk20@yahoo.com](mailto:ctertclerk20@yahoo.com)

2021 was another year full of challenges for our community. COVID19 is still with us and has touched us all in one way or another. Our call volume keeps increasing to levels we have never seen before.

We have gained 6 new members and finally was able to sponsor an EMR class this fall. We are still waiting for students to complete their testing, but hopefully will gain more members soon! In December we sponsored Covid vaccine clinics at Waits River Valley School. We were impressed with the amount of people that came for their boosters and even their first shots. We are planning at least one more clinic in 2022.

We would like to thank the communities we serve for their continued support. We are always looking for volunteers and will pay for their education for anyone planning to be a CTERT member. We can be contacted at [ctert58@yahoo.com](mailto:ctert58@yahoo.com) or [ctertclerk20@yahoo.com](mailto:ctertclerk20@yahoo.com).

Michelle Brock, Paramedic, Chairman, Head of Service  
Richard Dolan, EMR, Co-Chairman  
Mark Nickles, AEMT, Training Officer  
Annie Dolan, EMR, Clerk/Treasurer  
Jason Gray, Paramedic  
Ethan Johnson, EMT  
Lindsay Tabor, EMT  
Baylie Ordway, EMT  
Jacob Brooke, EMT  
Lydia Porter Brooke, EMT  
Trish Johnson, EMR

## Tri-Village Fire Department Annual Report

Tri-Village Fire Department had another busy year. Thank you to the communities we serve for your continued support of the Tri-Village Fire Association's annual dues mailing. We did not have a raffle this year but our annual Turkey Shoot was a success. We are gaining progress on the Westside addition. Thank you so much to our members and friends who have donated their time and supplies to this project. We bought a Ford Rescue truck which is excellent for response to motor vehicles accidents. We currently have 30 dedicated members. But are always looking for new members! Please remember to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and check your fire extinguishers.

This year we responded to:

Structure fires: 3. Brush fires: 2. Chimney fires: 3. Smoke investigations: 3. Mutual aid: 4

Vehicle fires: 2. Motor Vehicle accidents: 18. Power lines: 10. Fire Alarms: 8

Medical Assists: 5

**Ernest Taylor. President**  
**Richard Dolan. Vice-President.**

**Richard Sampson.**  
**Steve Butler.**

**Chief**  
**Assistant Chief**

## CVFiber 2021 Town of Orange Report

CVFiber is a nonprofit municipality consisting of 21 communities, including Town of Orange, with the mission to build a public, reliable, and affordable high-speed fiber network to serve the community, particularly those who are unserved, and the underserved, those without reliable Internet and operating at speeds lower than 25/3 Mbps.



Construction of the 1,200 mile, \$50 million, fiber-to-the-home, 100/100 Mbps network will begin in the second quarter of 2022.

In 2021 CVFiber completed pole inventories for Calais, East Montpelier, Moretown, Middlesex and Worcester. Pole inventories for twelve more town, including Orange, will be completed in 2022.

Before construction and service can begin it is necessary to conduct pole inventories to figure out which poles may need to be replaced and the work needed to prepare the poles for the fiber.

Network design work began in 2021 and will continue into 2022. This all precedes the "make-ready" work, the actual preparation of the pole for the wire strand onto which the fiber will be lashed, a very expensive and time-consuming process.

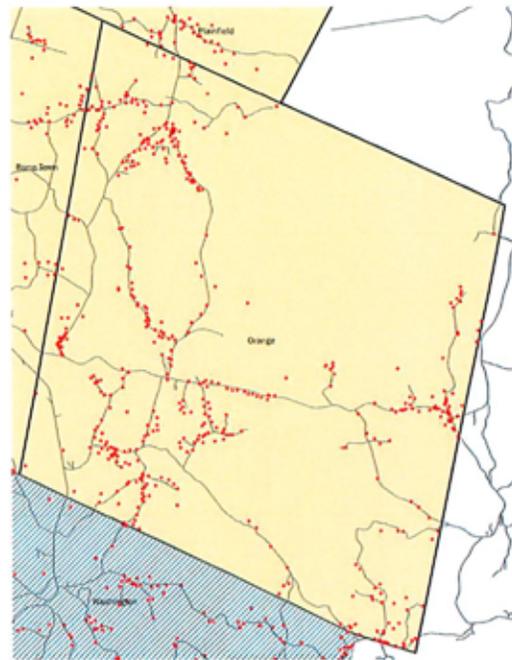


Figure 1 Town of Orange Underserved. Source: VPSD

CVFiber executed an agreement with the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) in December to supply network design, project and construction management, and equipment and materials procurement services. By the 2022 town meeting CVFiber will have engaged Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecomm (WCVT) to be the CVFiber Community Network operator and Internet service provider.

In October CVFiber was awarded a \$2.8 million ARPA grant by the Vermont Community Broadband Board to pay for the twelve-community pole inventory, detailed design and engineering, and administration expenses. CVFiber will be applying for a multimillion-dollar construction grant in the first quarter of 2022.

CVFiber is competing with other eligible entities for a share of an expected \$250 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds and \$100 million in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grant funds. Grant funds are important because they enable faster development, and they lower the cost of subscription rates. Without grants CVFiber would have to sell bonds and pay interest, which principal and interest costs would then be passed on to subscribers.

CVFiber is hopeful it will receive 40% - 50% of the total cost of building the \$50 million network from these grant funds.

The cost to build the town of Orange portion of the network is estimated at \$1.9 million. The first priority is providing broadband access to the state identified 181 underserved residences in the Orange. (See Map)

Each of our communities, including Orange, also received ARPA grant funds, which could be spent in many ways, including for broadband infrastructure. CVFiber is asking that each of its member communities consider contributing a portion of its ARPA grant funds to CVFiber to deliver service to the underserved in their community. Any funds contributed by a community will be spent in that community. The Vermont Community Broadband Board will match town contributions to CVFiber up to a \$1.5 million for the total contribution commitments made before September 15, 2022.

More information is available on the CVFiber website at [www.cvfiber.net](http://www.cvfiber.net)

Respectfully submitted.

Jeremy Hansen  
 Founder and Chair  
 CVFiber Governing Board

Siobhan Perricone  
 Town of Orange Delegate CVFiber  
 sperricone@cvfiber.net

December 31, 2021

<b>CVFIBER 2022 BUDGET</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>		
Operations		\$ 850,950
Grants		
	ARPA	\$ 9,800,000
	IJA	\$ 1,000,000
	Town ARPA Contributions	\$ 3,500,000
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 15,150,950</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration		\$ 360,500
Preconstruction		\$ 3,400,910
Construction		\$ 8,184,250
Operations		\$ 2,791,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 14,736,660</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		<b>\$ 414,290</b>



**TOWN OF ORANGE  
FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT**

Name of person in charge of display \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications of the person putting on the display

\_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time of Display (**must give 21-day notice**) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name if being done by a company

\_\_\_\_\_

Location of display

\_\_\_\_\_

Inspected on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

**NO PERMIT GRANTED HEREUNDER SHALL BE TRANSFERRABLE. APPLICANT ASSUMES ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY AND ALL DAMAGES TO PROPERTY AND OR PERSONAL INJURY.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Selectboard, Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Selectboard Member \_\_\_\_\_

Selectboard Member \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memoriam**  
**Elsie Flora Beard**  
**October 13, 1934 - May 29, 2021**



Elsie Flora Beard was born in Orange to Frank and Bernice (Flanders) Beard. Elsie loved ponies, kittens, pink flowers, bright red Christmas bows, her family, her friends, her town (Orange), the State of Vermont, and the Lord. She loved to read, listen to, and recite poetry and stories. One of her earliest memories included the 1938 hurricane. She later shared the strength of the home that protected them during that storm with a story for the Orange History Book. She also published her college essay about the history of Orange. She completed high school at Spaulding and went on to college.

From her first job as an accountant with a private firm to 36 years with the State of Vermont as an accountant, retiring from the Agency of Natural Resources in 1995; to 56 years as member and holder of many positions in Grange. Elsie was also a Sunday School teacher, Women's Fellowship member, Missions member, Clerk, Treasurer and many other positions at Orange Community Alliance Church. Elsie also held positions as a quizzing coach, chaperone, substitute and driver at Websterville Baptist Christian School. Elsie also hosted missionaries and Cadets.

She was a dedicated Selectboard member, Assistant Town Clerk, Justice of the Peace, maker of 911 signs, contributor of Orange Town History Book, volunteer at the Orange Center School and so much more for the Town of Orange. Elsie touched many lives here in Orange and will be missed by many people.