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Town of Orange, New Hampshire 2012 Annual Report



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OFFICERS 2012



TOWN OF ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

"Getting the Hay In"

The Peterson children atop the hay wagon at the "North Pasture" in the East Neighborhood, circa 1910. The hayfield, now owned by Judith Lindahl, is mowed today by the Ells family.

Photo courtesy of Judith Lindahl.

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TOWN OF ORANGE
NEW HAMPSHIRE

"Giving the gift of
the future children and the best of the town of Orange"
in the town of Orange since 1910. The original and most
of the land is owned by the town of Orange.
The town of Orange is a beautiful town.

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About this year's cover: A young moose calf enjoys the newly-seeded hayfield at Alice and George Smith's Wind Swept Farm on Cardigan Mountain Road. Photo courtesy of Sandi Pierson.

Officers of the Town of Orange

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Betty Fulton '15 Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs '14
Linda Giner, resigned 06/26/12 Robert Ells '13 (appointed)

MODERATOR

Daniel Hazelton

TOWN CLERK

Sophie Seace

TREASURER

Tessa Michetti

TAX COLLECTOR

Sharon Proulx

DEEDING AGENT

Sharon Proulx

ROAD AGENT

Scott Sanborn

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Charles Sova '14

SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Jeanne Minasian '13

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Patricia Mercer

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Jeanne Minasian '13 Gloria Stevens '14 Matthew Hodgson '15

CEMETERY AGENT

Ed Saulen

HEALTH OFFICER

Donald Pfaefflin

PLANNING BOARD

Scott Sanborn, Chair '13 George White, Vice Chair '14

Robert Proulx, Secretary '15 Frank Giner '14

Lyell Smith '13 David Stacy '15

Robert Ells, Select Board ex officio

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Donald Pfaefflin, Chair Judith Connelly Richard Jaeger

Beverly Ells Dorothy Heinrichs, Select Board ex officio

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Beth DiFrancesco '14 Sharon Dunbar '16 Caitlan Arnold '18

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Anita Watson '13 Gary Hamel '14 Patricia Mercer '12

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Brent Stevens

DEPUTY WARDENS

Franklyn Conrad James McAlister

AUDITORS

Bruce Ells Catherine Ells

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Donald Pfaefflin

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Brent Stevens

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Lyell Smith, Chair '13

Robert Proulx '14

Tim Connelly '15 Betty Fulton, Select Board ex officio

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Scott Lurgio, Chair/Treasurer

Dorothy Heinrichs, Vice Chair

Jim Collins, Secretary

Jay Heinrichs David Stacy Sandi Pierson



Linda Giner, Dorothy Heinrichs, and Betty Fulton.

In March of 2012 the town elected Betty Fulton to the Select Board. For the first time in the history of Orange (and all of Grafton County) we had an all-woman Board. Due to relocating, Linda resigned at the end of June thus the historical moment came to a close.

TOWN OF ORANGE WARRANT FOR 2013 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To the inhabitants of the Town of Orange in the county of Grafton and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to meet at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 12th day of March 2013, at eleven o'clock a.m. for the election of Town Officers as called for in Article 1 below. The polls will open 11 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. for voting on Article 1.

YOU ARE ALSO HEREBY NOTIFIED that the business meeting will be held at the Town House in said Orange at seven o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, the 13th day of March, 2013 to act upon Articles 2 through 12 in this warrant.

ARTICLE 1: (By Official Ballot) To elect the following town officers for the following terms: 1 Selectman – 3 year term, 1 Overseer Public Welfare – 1 year term, 1 Town Clerk – 1 year term, 1 Budget Committee – 3 year term, 1 Treasurer – 1 year term, 1 Cemetery Trustee – 3 year term, 1 Tax Collector – 1 year term, 1 Trustee Trust Funds – 3 year term, 1 Deeding Agent – 1 year term, 2 Auditors – 1 year term, 1 Road Agent – 1 year term, 1 Cemetery Agent – 1 year term, 2 Planning Board – both 3 year terms, 1 Supervisor of Check List – 3 year term, and any other officers as required by law.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills pursuant to RSA 80:52 on the condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at time of payment.
(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate approximately \$29,235.16 for the purpose of construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5

highways and for the purchase of equipment, said amount to be offset by the Highway Block Grant (estimated to be \$29,235.16). Said amount to be included into Article 10.
(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)
(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be paid into the Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0012 (opened 05/08/2007) for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment.
(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)
(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0015 (opened 06/20/2007) for the purpose of Town House building improvements.
(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)
(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0014 opened 05/08/2007 for the purpose of a revaluation of property.
(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)
(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid into the Town Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0013 opened 06/26/2007 for the purpose of maintaining Town roads.
(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)
(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be paid into the

Town Document Preservation Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0016 opened 05/08/2007 for the purpose of restoring and preserving Town documents.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be paid into the Cemetery Monument Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0018 opened in 2012 for the purpose of cleaning and repairing cemetery monuments.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$219,831.00 **,not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately,** for the ensuing year for general operations.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to name the Board of Selectmen as agents of the Cemetery Monument Capital Reserve Fund, created under Article 11 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting, and to authorize them to carry out the objects of said fund, and to make such expenditures from the fund in pursuit of those objects as they deem advisable.

ARTICLE 12: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL THIS, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN.

Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs Betty Fulton Robert Ells
Select Board, Town of Orange, New Hampshire

TOWN BUDGET PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION

	Approp. <u>2012</u>	Expended <u>2012</u>	Approp. <u>2013</u>
<u><i>General Government</i></u>			
Officers Salaries	\$18,500.00	\$20,645.35	\$22,500.00
Elections & Registrations	\$3,000.00	\$3,363.22	\$900.00
Financial Admin.	\$300.00	\$255.39	\$300.00
Property Reappraisal	\$7,083.00	\$6,102.03	\$3,000.00
Legal Expense	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
FICA Payments	\$2,500.00	\$3,514.39	\$3,000.00
Planning & Zoning	\$500.00	\$398.79	\$500.00
General Gov't	\$6,800.00	\$5,218.29	\$5,800.00
Buildings			
Cemeteries	\$3,700.00	\$3,117.09	\$4,000.00
Insurance	\$2,800.00	\$2,372.80	\$2,500.00
Memberships	\$1,200.00	\$1,251.69	\$1,400.00
Officers' Expenses	\$6,500.00	\$5,316.12	\$5,500.00
<u><i>Public Safety</i></u>			
Police Department	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
FAST Squad (Canaan)	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,675.00
Fire Department (Canaan)	\$10,967.00	\$10,967.00	\$10,989.00
Building Inspection	\$600.00	\$855.55	\$900.00
Emergency Mgmt.	\$300.00	0.00	\$300.00
<u><i>Highway & Streets</i></u>			
Highway	\$100,000.00	\$85,509.23	\$98,000.00
<u><i>Sanitation</i></u>			
Trash Collection	\$29,000.00	\$32,167.52	\$33,000.00
<u><i>Health</i></u>			
Health Agencies	\$3,800.00	\$4,529.50	\$4,200.00
<u><i>Welfare</i></u>			
Direct Assistance	\$3,000.00	\$1,461.00	\$3,000.00

Culture & Recreation

Library	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4000.00
Other Culture & Rec.	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00

Conservation

Timber Harvest Monitor	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Conservation Comm.	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$315.00
Tax Anticipation Note	0.00	-----	\$2,200.00

Capital Outlay

Town House	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
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<u><i>Operating Budget</i></u>	\$216,402.00	\$199,544.96	\$219,831.00
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*Totals**Capital Reserve*2012 Balance2013Approp.*Funds*

Revaluation	\$11,265.93	\$3,000.00
Town House	\$6,489.26	\$1,000.00
Cemetery	\$500.00	\$500.00
Highway Equipment	\$5,678.63	\$2,000.00
Document	\$2,295.86	\$500.00
Preservation		
Town Road Improve.	\$12,846.27	\$1,000.00
Land and	\$8,305.50	\$0.00
Conservation		

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2013</u>
<u><i>Taxes</i></u>			
Land Use Change Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Tax	\$1,000.00	\$4,359.88	\$2,000.00
Betterment Tax	\$0.00	\$890.50	0.00
<u><i>Interest & Penalties</i></u>			
Delinquent Taxes	\$10,000.00	\$17,910.09	\$12,000.00
Inventory Penalties	\$500.00	\$789.00	\$750.00
<u><i>Licenses, Permits & Fees</i></u>			

UCC	0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Motor Vehicle	\$45,000.00	\$44,149.00	\$45,000.00
Building Permits	\$200.00	\$270.00	\$200.00
Other Licenses & Permits	\$700.00	\$801.30	\$800.00

From State

Shared Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rooms & Meals Tax	\$14,000.00	\$14,765.83	\$14,500.00
Highway Block Grant	\$29,154.31	\$29,058.73	\$29,235.16
State/Fed. Forest	\$5,000.00	\$4,325.44	\$4,000.00
Emergency Operations	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,500.00

Miscellaneous Revenues

Sale of Municipal Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Interest on Investments	\$200.00	\$129.46	\$100.00
Other (Municipal Fees)	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$0.00	\$182.50	\$0.00

Total Estimated

<u>Revenue and Credits</u>	\$106,554.31	\$123,461.73	\$113,415.16
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2013 BUDGET SUMMARY

	2012	2013*
Recommended Operating Budget	\$216,402.00	\$219,831.00
Special Warrant Articles	\$6,000.00	\$8,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Appropriations Recommended	\$222,402.00	\$227,831.00
Less Estimated Revenue	\$123,461.73	\$113,415.16
Est. Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$98,940.27	\$114,415.84

**2013 Recommended Budget of both the Budget Committee and Select Board*

TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012

DEBITS:

Uncollected Taxes Beg. Of Year	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Property Taxes		\$63,647.17
Timber Yield Taxes		\$456.96
Betterment Taxes		\$890.50
Prior Year's Credits Balance	(\$873.29)	
This Year's Credits	(\$30.00)	

Taxes Committed This Fiscal Year

Property Taxes	\$559,699.86
Timber Yield Taxes	\$3,902.92
Excavation Tax @ \$.02 yard	\$127.96

Overpayment Refunds:

Interest-Late Tax	\$10.15	\$4,425.77
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<i>TOTAL DEBITS</i>	\$562,837.60	\$69,420.40
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CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer:	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Property Taxes	\$498,483.00	\$36,341.25
Timber Yield Taxes	\$3,902.92	\$456.96
Interest and Penalties	\$10.15	\$4,425.77
Converted to Liens (Principal Only)		\$27,305.92
Betterment Taxes		\$890.50
Discounts Allowed	\$13,052.67	
Prior Year Overpayment Assigned	(\$873.29)	

Abatements Made	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Property Taxes	\$462.12	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02 yard	\$127.96	

Uncollected Taxes - End of Year

Property Taxes	\$47,702.07
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$30.00)

<i>TOTAL CREDITS</i>	\$562,837.60	\$69,420.40
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<u>DEBITS:</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009+</u>
Unredeemed & Executed Liens Beg. FY		\$31,723.01	\$30,095.41
Liens Executed FY	\$30,000.46		
Interest & Costs Collected	\$172.64	\$1,534.29	\$11,767.24

TOTAL LIEN

<i>DEBITS</i>	\$30,173.10	\$33,257.30	\$41,862.65
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CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009+</u>
Redemptions	\$1,192.41	\$9,048.74	\$30,095.41
Interest & Costs	\$172.64	\$1,534.29	\$11,767.24
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	\$28,808.05	\$22,674.27	\$0.00

TOTAL LIEN

<i>CREDITS</i>	\$30,173.10	\$33,257.30	\$41,862.65
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*Sharon Lee Proulx, Tax Collector
Town of Orange*

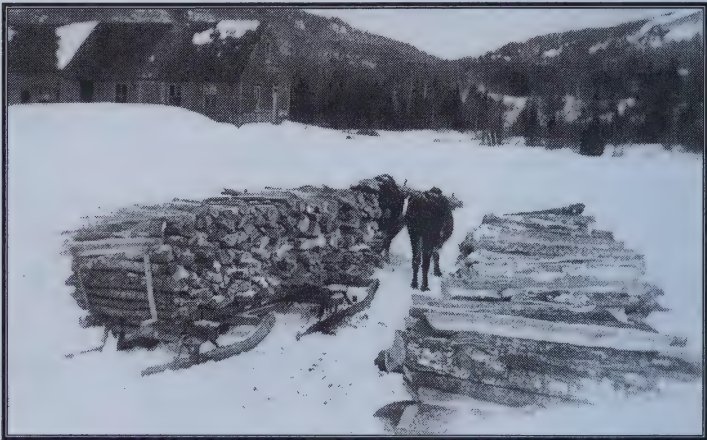
TREASURER'S REPORT 2012

CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2012	<u>\$174,950.52</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
RECEIPTS FROM BANK	
Borrowed Line of Credit	291,000.00
Interest FEMA Acct	42.75
Interest Money Mkt Acct	86.71
Total RECEIPTS FROM BANK	<u>291,129.46</u>
RECEIPTS FROM SELECTMEN	
Building Permits	270.00
Copies	22.00
Pistol Permits	60.00
Planning Board fees	149.86
Recording Deed Fee	16.00
Total RECEIPTS FROM SELECTMEN	<u>517.86</u>
RECEIPTS FROM TAX COLLECTOR	
2007 Penalty	26.00
2007 Property Tax	2,720.71
2007 Property Tax Interest	1,736.19
2008 Penalty	26.00
2008 Property Tax Interest	1,057.61
2008 Property Tax	2,306.03
2009 Penalty	516.00
2009 Property Tax	25,068.67
2009 Property Tax Interest	8,405.44
2010 Penalty	192.64
2010 Property Tax	9,048.74
2010 Property Tax Interest	1,341.65
2011 Betterment Int/Pen	25.18
2011 Betterment Tax	445.25

2011 Penalty	276.00
2011 Property Tax Interest	1,602.69
2011 Property Taxes	38,435.87
2012 Property Tax Interest	14,493.22
2012 Property Taxes	483,478.96
Overpay	<u>3,580.60</u>
Total RECEIPTS FROM TAX COLLECTOR	594,783.45
RECEIPTS FROM STATE OF NH	
Emergency Operations	5,000.00
FEMA-4026	167,759.90
Forest Land Reimburse Rev Share	4,325.44
Highway Block Grants	29,058.73
Rooms & Meals	<u>14,765.83</u>
Total RECEIPTS FROM STATE OF NH	220,909.90
RECEIPTS FROM TOWN CLERK	
Dog Licenses	361.00
Misc. Post	15.44
Motor Vehicle Permits	44,017.00
Motor Vehicle Titles	132.00
Municipal Fees	800.00
State Filing Fee	2.00
State of NH - State check list	625.00
UCC	30.00
Vital Record	<u>175.00</u>
Total RECEIPTS FROM TOWN CLERK	<u>46,157.44</u>
Total RECEIPTS FROM TRUST FUNDS	182.50

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2012	1,153,680.61
Payment Principal on Tax Anticipation Note	291,000.00
Payment of Interest on Tax Anticipation Note	2,123.11
Payments by Voucher Orders from Selectmen	784,983.73
Payments to Trustee of Trust Funds	6,000.00
Payment w/o Voucher	
-2011 wire transfer fee made in Jan 2012	20.00
Write-off from 2011 unidentified	14.10
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1,084,140.94
CASH ON HAND YEAR END 2012	\$244,490.19

*Respectfully submitted,
Tessa Michetti, Treasurer*



*Flanders' farm on Burnt Hill Road
Photo courtesy of Judith Lindahl*

COMMON TRUST FUNDS

CEMETERIES

	<u>12/31/11</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>12/31/12</u>
Hannah M. French	\$1,067.87	\$0.10	\$1,067.97
Jennie M. French	1,383.62	0.66	1,384.28
Arthur Briggs	502.67	0.00	502.67
Clara Huse	464.20	0.00	464.20
Asa Hoyt	476.89	0.00	476.89
Harry Eastman	1,299.98	0.55	1,300.53
Abbie Fellows	1,463.05	1.01	1,464.06
Adoniram Ford	1,492.04	1.20	1,493.24
Charles Ford	1,552.61	1.45	1,554.06
Lyman Batchelder	474.91	0.00	474.91

(There were no withdrawals from the above ten cemetery trusts.)

ERNEST KILTON BARNARD MEMORIAL FUND

Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$12,218.74; interest: \$13.37; withdrawal: \$182.50; Dec. 31, 2012 balance: \$12,049.61

CAPITAL RESERVES

- *Highway Equipment:* Dec. 31, 2011: \$4,673.54; interest: \$5.09; 2012 town appropriation: \$1000; current balance: \$5,678.63.
- *Town Road Improvement:* Dec. 31, 2011: \$11,833.31; interest: \$12.96; 2012 town appropriation: \$1000; current balance: \$12,846.27.
- *Revaluation:* Dec. 31, 2011: \$10,254.90; interest: \$11.03; 2012 town appropriation \$1000; current balance: \$11,265.93.
- *Town House:* Dec. 31, 2011: \$4,484.49; interest: \$4.77; 2012 town appropriation: \$2000; current balance: \$6,489.26.
- *Town Document Preservation:* Dec. 31, 2011: \$1,793.48; interest: \$2.38; 2012 town appropriation: \$500; current balance: \$2,295.86.

- *Land & Conservation:* Dec. 31, 2011: \$8,296.36, interest: \$9.14, balance Dec. 31, 2012: \$8,305.50
- *Cemetery Monuments (newly established, no 2011 balance)*
2012 town appropriation: \$500.00; current balance: \$500.00.

Cemeteries:	\$10,182.81
Kilton Fund:	12,049.61
Capital Reserves:	47,381.45
<i>Grand Total:</i>	<i>\$69,613.87</i>

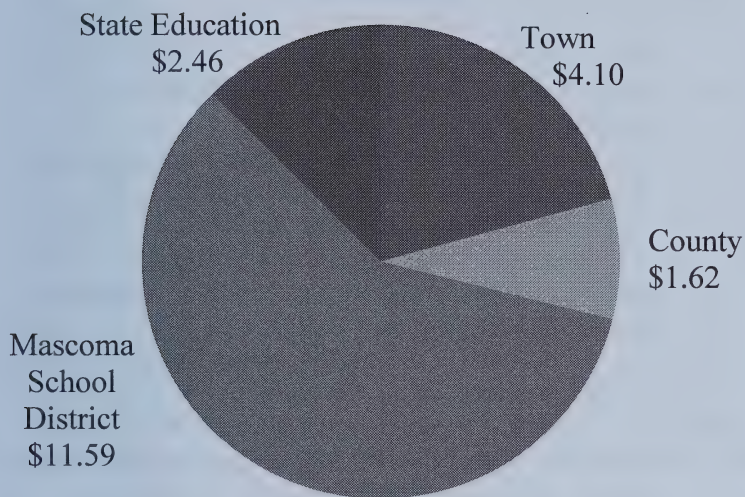
*Respectfully submitted by Trustees of Trust Funds,
Jeanne Minasian, Gloria Stevens, and Matthew Hodgson*

ORANGE TOWN CLERK REPORT ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011

Automobile Registrations	\$44,017.00
Automobile Titles	\$132.00
Municipal Fees	\$800.00
Kennel Licenses	\$361.00
UCC Fees	\$45.00
State Filing	\$2.00
Vital Records	\$175.00
Voter List	\$625.00
Misc	\$0.44
TOTAL	\$46,157.44

*Respectfully Submitted,
Sophie Seace
Orange Town Clerk*

2012 TAX BREAKDOWN



<u>Tax rate per \$1000 valuation</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Municipal:	\$4.05	\$2.21	\$2.00	\$4.10
Mascoma School District:	11.92	13.33	14.85	11.59
State School:	2.12	2.49	2.62	2.46
County:	1.44	1.49	1.50	1.62
Total tax rate:	\$19.53	\$19.52	\$20.97	\$19.77

2012 SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Properties:

- Map 1- Lot 34, Route 4, 0.10 acre (possible site of 1804 municipal toll booth), value: \$1,000
- Map 1- Lot 57, Tuttle Hill Road, 0.65 acre (vacant lot), value: \$19,700
- Map 3- Lot 3-3, Tug Mountain Road, 0.38 acre, Common Cemetery, value: \$24,600
- Map 3 - Lot 11, 8 Town House Road, 2.27 acres, land value: \$24,900, building (town house): \$121,300
- Map 3- Lot 56, Cardigan Mountain Road, 11.25 acres, "Williams Lot," value: \$37,100
- Map 3- Lot 100, Cardigan Mountain Road, 0.37 acre, French Cemetery, value: \$24,300
- Map 3- Lot 100-1, Cardigan Mountain Road, 0.75 acre, Church Cemetery, value: \$26,400
- Map 7- Lot 3, Alexandria town line, 8.9 acres completely surrounded by Mount Cardigan State Forest north of Firescrew Mountain, value: \$42,300

Highway Department:

- 2008 Ford 350 Truck w/ plow: \$24,400
- Fisher Minute Mount Plow: \$3,500
- New Sander: \$5,000
- 2001 York Rake: \$1,500
- Other equipment: \$960

Other:

- Town house, general contents: \$46,000
- Historical collection: \$5,042
- Art collection: \$7,385
- Set of six display units: \$3,000
- Gary Hamel 23 historical panels: \$7,500

Properties:	\$321,600.00
Highway Department:	35,360.00
Other:	68,927.00

TOTAL: \$425,887.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF VOUCHERS

4130-4139 Salaries

Betty Fulton	\$1,750.00
Bruce Ells	\$140.00
C. R. Hodgson	\$100.00
Catherine Ells	\$140.00
Dorothy Heinrichs	\$1,750.00
Gloria Stevens	\$100.00
Jeanne Minasian	\$100.00
Linda Giner	\$566.68
Lyell Smith	\$120.00
Patricia White	\$559.25
Robert Ells	\$1,183.32
Sandi Pierson	\$7,993.50
Sharon Proulx	\$2,162.00
Sophie Seace	\$2,630.00
Tessa Michetti	\$1,250.00
Tim Connley	\$120.00

4140-4139 Elections & Reg. & Vital Statistics

Barbara Smith	\$280.00
Beth DiFrancesco	\$280.00
Betty Fulton	\$140.00
Caitlan Arnold	\$140.00
Daniel Hazelton	\$380.00
Dorothy Heinrichs	\$280.00
Emily Hazelton	\$140.00
Gary Hamel	\$280.00
Henry Minasian	\$140.00
Linda Giner	\$140.00
Patricia White	\$280.00
Robert Ells	\$140.00
Sharon Dunbar	\$280.00
Sophie Seace	\$140.00
Valley News (public notices)	\$262.05

4140-4151 Financial Admin. (Registry of Deeds)

Carol Elliott	\$130.00
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Grafton Cty Reg. of Deeds	\$125.39
4152 Revaluation of Property	
Avitar Assoc of N.E.	\$4,687.03
Cross Country Appraisals (pick-ups)	\$1,415.00
4153 Legal Expenses	
Gardner Fulton & Waugh	\$5,000.00
4155-4159 Personnel Administration FICA	
US Treasury	\$2,235.64
US Treasury	\$1,143.45
Donald Pfaefflin (correction to w/holding)	\$77.10
Sandi Pierson (correction to w/holding)	\$58.20
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning	
Cardigan Mtn Land Survey-maps	\$50.00
Gnomon Copies	\$95.00
Robert Proulx (postage & copies)	\$74.68
Sandi Pierson (salary & postage)	\$95.00
Valley News (public notices)	\$86.03
4619 Conservation Committee	
4194 General Government Buildings	
Carpet Mill (runner)	\$150.00
FairPoint Comm. (Telephone)	\$1,052.79
NH Electric Co-Op	\$1,512.97
Town of Hanover (alarm monitoring)	\$900.00
Young's Propane	\$1,802.53
4195 Cemetery	
Edward Saulen (mowing)	\$1,764.00
Thomas Dunkerton (tree cutting)	\$400.00
Valley Monuments	\$870.00
Patricia Mercer (copies)	\$83.09
4196 Insurance	
LGC - vehicle, property, equip.	\$1,856.80
Primex	\$516.00
4197 Membership	
NH Assn. of Conservation Com.	\$185.00

NH Assn. of Assessing Officials	\$20.00
NH Municipal Assn.	\$613.27
NH Tax Collectors Assn.	\$20.00
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Reg. Pl.	\$413.41

4199 Town Officers Expense

Beth DiFrancesco (training)	\$125.00
Caitlan Arnold (training)	\$186.42
Christina Rogers (envelopes)	\$4.79
Computer Hut	\$88.00
Daniel Hazelton (training)	\$112.45
Gnomon Copy (copies)	\$440.70
Health Officer's Assn. (training)	\$35.00
Henry Minasian (software renewal)	\$79.99
IDS Identification Source (dog tags)	\$58.89
LGC (workshops, publication)	\$79.50
NH Dept. of State (vital records)	\$57.00
NHCTCA/Dartmouth Lake Sunapee (workshop)	\$80.00
Patricia Mercer (training)	\$236.10
Patricia White (training, mileage)	\$206.00
Postmaster, Town of Canaan (box rental, postage)	\$475.00
Price Digest (auto pricing book)	\$69.95
Robert Proulx (postage)	\$68.25
Sandi Pierson (supplies, postage)	\$927.59
Sharon Dunbar (training, mileage)	\$181.94
Sharon Proulx (training, postage)	\$303.88
Sophie Seace (train., postage, mileage)	\$712.60
Staples (office supplies)	\$448.65
Tessa Michetti (postage, supplies)	\$279.97
US Postal Service (envelopes)	\$323.95

4210-4114 Police	\$0.00
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4215-4219 Ambulance/FAST Squad

Canaan F.A.S.T. Squad (ambulance)	\$3,500.00
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4220-4229 Canaan Fire Dept.

Town of Canaan (fire services)	\$10,967.00
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4240-4249 Building Inspection

Donald Pfaefflin (building inspections)	\$855.00
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4290-4298 Emergency Management - E911

	\$0.00
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4312 Highways

Blaktop (asphalt/paving/patch)	\$838.60
Canaan Hardware (tools, etc.)	\$385.83
Dyers Welding (sander & truck repair)	\$5,525.87
Evans Motor Fuel (fuel)	\$196.43
Ferguson Waterworks	\$800.01
Flanders & Patch (truck repairs)	\$154.16
Frank Giner (salary)	\$868.00
Papa Z's (fuel)	\$852.37
Pike Industries (stone)	\$1,992.36
Remacle Construction (road maintenance)	\$69,470.00
Scott Sanborn (salary & expenses)	\$3,445.69
Shaker Valley Auto (truck parts)	\$157.75
Upper Valley Equip Rental (sweeper)	\$390.00
Donald Pfaefflin (replace mail box)	\$40.16

4323 Solid Waste Collection/Rubbish

North East Waste Services (trash collection)	\$32,067.52
Plymouth Village Water & Sewer (sewage)	\$100.00

4415-4419 Health Agencies & Hosp. & Charities & Other

Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$500.00
Tri-County CAP, Inc.	\$206.25
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council	\$550.00
Upper Valley Haven	\$150.00
VNA, Hospice of VT & NH	\$1,300.00
Mascoma Valley Health Initiative	\$248.25
West Central Behavioral Health	\$330.00
Upper Valley Humane Society	\$590.00
Michael Eastman (CPR training)	\$75.00
Donald Pfaefflin (health inspections)	\$580.00

4441-4442 Welfare

Patricia Mercer (salary, mileage, forms, assistance)	\$1,261.00
NH Electric Co-Op (electricity)	\$200.00

4550-4559 Library

Canaan Public Library (donation)	\$4,000.00
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4903 Buildings/Town House Capital Outlay	\$0.00
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Abatements

Judith Lindahl	\$307.21
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Edith Kim Irrevocable Trust	\$992.98
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FEMA - Irene, DR #4026, 8/28/2011

NH Dept. of Environmental Svcs. (permit)	\$200.00
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Frank Giner (salary, expenses)	\$991.95
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David Stacy (stonework)	\$29,000.00
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Scott Sanborn (salary, expenses)	\$847.21
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Ferguson Waterworks	\$6,028.84
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Betterment Assessment**MVRSD Schools**

Mascoma Valley Regional School District	\$493,554.24
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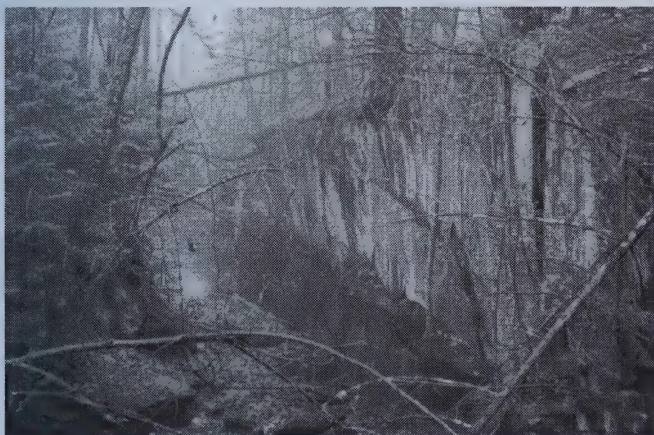
Grafton County Tax

Grafton County Treasurer (county tax)	\$46,413.00
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Grants

LEAP Grant (emergency plan)	\$5,000.00
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Lifesavers, Inc. (defib package)	\$735.00
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Abandoned mine near the height of the Pinnacle

REPORTS



*Meandering through the snow-covered garden.
Photo by Sandi Pierson 02/10/2013*

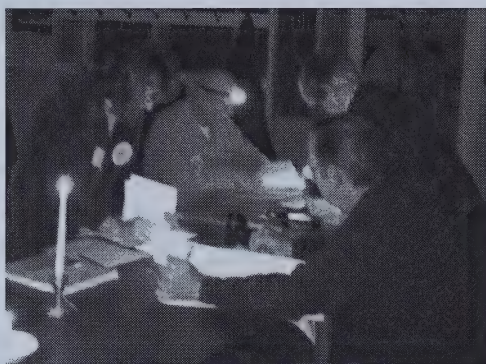
REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

Elections

Orange made history in 2012 when the Town became the first in Grafton County--and the second in New Hampshire history--to elect an all-female Select Board. Voters chose Betty Fulton to join Linda Giner and Dorothy Heinrichs last March. In November, the rest of the state followed suit by electing a female governor and two congresswomen to join our United States Senators, Jeanne Shaheen and Kelly Ayotte, along with Chief Justice Linda Stewart Dalianis.

The final election among four in this marathon year was the presidential vote in November. More than a dozen elected officials and volunteers stayed late counting the ballots.

Shortly after the polls closed, the power went out. The resourceful Orangeites continued by candlelight. Voter turnout was spectacular, with 84 percent of the Town's registered voters participating.



Counting Votes by Candlelight

Linda Giner announced her resignation in May. By state statute, the two remaining Select Board members were required to appoint a successor. Choosing to make the decision as transparent as possible, Dorothy and Betty encouraged candidates to share their vision for the town in an open meeting. Bob Ells, Henry Minasian, and George White all asked to be considered. After careful – and open – consideration, the two Board members chose Bob Ells to fill the remainder of Linda's term. Bob's previous service – 35 years on the planning board and a brief stint as the town road agent enabled him to get up to speed very quickly. He is the first resident of Orange's "East

Neighborhood” to serve on the board since John Peterson completed his service in 1923.

Selectboard Chair

Rather than have a single board chair, members of the board have chosen to share that responsibility.

Wildlife

For some, last spring brought unwelcome interactions between their animals and black bears. To help all of us learn how best to live with bears as our neighbors, the Orange Conservation Commission is bringing nationally renowned black bear expert Ben Kilham to speak at the Town House at 6 pm on Sunday, April 7th.

Recycling

Since zero-sort recycling began last year, we have seen steady increases in the tonnage of trash that is recycled rather than dumped in the landfill. Recycling saved the town \$3,499 last year.

Orange at the White House

Eight-year-old Ella Barrett was the New Hampshire winner of the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge, a joint enterprise between the First Lady and the foodie website Epicurean.com. The contest was open to kids between the ages of 8 and 12. Ella had to create an original recipe and include each of the food groups. Ella and her mother, Andrea Barrett, went to Washington in August for lunch at the White House with the other winners, hosted by Michelle Obama. Ella’s winning dish was Black Bean and Avocado Burrito with Pineapple Salsa. (You’ll find the recipe below.) Congratulations, Ella!!

Town House

This year the Town’s Emergency Management Plan was updated, supported by funding from the Office of Homeland Security. The time and participation of town residents in the planning process counted as matching funding. Many thanks to Brent Stevens for bird-dogging this project.

The Town applied for and was granted funding by the Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation for the purchase of an AED--an automated external defibrillator--for the Town House. The defibrillator helps diagnose and treat cardiac emergencies. Mike Eastman of the Canaan FAST Squad offered training to town residents.

The Town is planning to purchase an emergency generator for the Town House. Funding will be matched by a federal grant. Thanks again to Brent Stevens for initiating this. In addition, plans are underway to address several safety concerns in and around the Town House.

Welcome!

Congratulations are also in order to Aimeé and Colin Higbie on the arrival of son Jack on January 4.

Orangenh.US

Should you put the trash out on Friday or Saturday after a holiday? The Town's volunteer-run website has a Google calendar that will tell you, along with regular news updates on collections.



Welcome to our newest resident, three-day-old Jacob "Jack" Griggs Higbie

Want to keep up on town business? Read minutes from Select Board meetings? You can sign up to receive posts of meetings in your email. And the site has a discussion board and comment areas so you can get your two cents in. Plus, if you have a problem with your road, you can contact the road agent; Scott monitors the roads discussion board on Orangenh.US.

Recognition

In a place the size of Orange, we must rely on many volunteers to conduct the business of the town.

- Thanks to the following residents who served on the ad hoc committee exploring a mileage policy: Sal Guadagnino, Colin Higbie, Rosemary Haness, Jenna McAlister, Donald Pfaefflin, Sandi Pierson, Nancy Pike, and Judith Lindahl.
- Thanks to Pat White, Judith Lindahl, and Pat Mercer for serving on the insurance ad hoc committee.
- Both Scott Sanborn and Colin Higbie gave much time and talent to increase internet connectivity at the Town House.
- Our thanks are also offered to those officers who resigned this past year, Linda Giner, Edith Sova and Sharon Dunbar. Thank you for your service.
- Our taxes do not pay for cleaning the Town House. No cleaning service shows up before Town Meeting to sweep floors, clean the kitchen, and wash bathrooms. For that we owe a debt of gratitude to Sharon and Bob Proulx. Thank you!! You can also find Bob up at the Cardigan Mountain State Park parking lot on Sunday mornings mowing the lawn.
- Thanks, too, to George White for installing a nonskid rug on the handicap ramp just in time for election day in November.
- Pat Mercer and Anita Watson cleaned the Town House lawn in the spring, and Gary Hamel continues his research on the history of the people of Orange. Many thanks.
- To better serve the people of Orange, the Town Clerk Sophie Seace and deputy town clerk Pat White, have added weekday hours – check the town website for their hours.
- Thanks to Henry Minasian for being so generous with his time whenever he was asked. The information for the tax bills would have never reached the tax collector on time without Henry's help.
- A huge thanks to Sharon Proulx who was recognized this year by the Association of New Hampshire Tax Collectors for her 25 years of service to Orange. We also offer her

appreciation for her patience and assistance in getting the tax bills out.

- Thank you to Marilyn Johnson and her crew on the Orange Scholarship Committee. In addition to raising funds to help our young people pay for college, they set up and clean up the annual town potluck.
- Thanks to our road agent, Scott Sanborn, for a job well done during 2012.
- A special note of appreciation to Catherine and Bruce Ells for their seventeen years of serving the town as auditors. Kept busy with two active children and a herd of prize Guernsey cows, they have decided to step down from this role.
- A note of appreciation also to Skip Smith who has decided to step down from both the Budget Committee and Planning Board. Skip has served the town since 1981 beginning as a Selectman.
- A special note of thanks from the Selectboard to the board's secretary Sandi Pierson. We really don't know what we'd do without her.

Finally, thanks to everyone who serves the town, whether as an elected official, volunteer or quiet neighbor. Together, we make Orange a wonderful place to live.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs, Betty Fulton, and Bob Ells
Select Board*

*Ella Barrett's award-winning
Black Bean and Avocado Burrito
with Pineapple Salsa*

Makes 4 servings

For Pineapple Salsa

1 pineapple, peeled, corer and cut into small pieces

¼ cup freshly squeezed lime juice
½ t packed brown sugar
½ t salt
1 ½ red, green yellow or orange bell pepper, stemmed and sliced
1 jalapeno, seeded and sliced
Fresh cilantro leaves from 6 springs

For Burrito

1 T olive oil
1 15oz can black beans, drained and rinsed
Salt
4 (10 inch) whole wheat tortillas
½ c grated or shredded cheese of your choice
1 avocado. Pitted, peeled and sliced
Fresh cilantro, chopped (optional)

Preparation

Make the pineapple salsa

1. In a food processor or blender, combine the pineapple, red onion, bell peppers, jalapeno, and cilantro. Blend just until chunky, then transfer to a bowl.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together the lime juice, brown sugar and salt. Drizzle the lime-juice mixture over the salsa and stir to combine.

Make the burrito:

- In a small saucepan over moderate heat, warm the olive oil. Add the beans and cook, mashing gently with a wooden spoon, until heated through, about 3 minutes. Season to taste with salt.
2. Warm the tortillas in the microwave, then place them on individual plates. Evenly divide the beans among the tortillas, then top each with cheese; microwave to melt the cheese, about 20 seconds each. Divide the avocado slices among the burritos, then tightly roll each tortilla around its filling from bottom to top, overlapping one end, burrito style. Serve with pineapple salsa and additional cilantro, if desired.

(To see all 50 winning recipes, google Healthy Lunchtime Challenge.)



*Ella Barrett displays a photo of her with her mother and
First Lady Michelle Obama*

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2012

2012 was a very quiet year for the Orange Planning Board. Only a few of the regular meetings needed to be held, many being cancelled for lack of official business to be transacted.

Robert Proulx was re-elected to a three year term in March, Former member Tessa Michetti chose not to run for a new term in order to focus on her duties as our town's new Treasurer, and David Stacy now has a term running through the year 2015. At the organizational meeting in March, the Board elected Scott Sanborn as chairman, George White as Vice-Chair and Robert Proulx as Secretary. Bob Ells has been the Selectmen's *ex-officio* member since being appointed to fill out Linda Giner's term as Selectman after her resignation in the spring.

Only one public hearing for subdivision was held, early in the spring, for an application that was submitted late in 2011 by David Adams of Cross Road who proposed a minor subdivision of his 13 acre property into two lots of about 5 and 8 acres in order to provide a potential building site for his son. This application was approved by the Board with a minimum of discussion and no public opposition.

There were some preliminary discussions held during the summer with representatives of the SABA Cooperative, a holistic health and permaculture organization who was considering purchasing property in Orange and were exploring how their visions of use of the land were impacted by our planning and zoning ordinances. Orange was only one of several towns where they were looking at property, and in the end they focused on other locations. No other applications for subdivision or boundary adjustment are pending, or have been brought to the attention of the Board.

In September, the Board held a public hearing to hear a request from the Road Agent to remove several trees on Burnt Hill Road,

as required due to its designation as a Scenic Road under NH RSA 231:157. These were trees that were dead, dying or had sustained damage and/or were deemed a potential hazard. Photographs of the subject trees and a map showing their locations along the road were submitted for the Board's review. The hearing was very lightly attended; one member of the public spoke in favor of the proposal, none against, and the request was unanimously approved.

There are a few general business items that the Board will be considering as they head into 2013:

- A final review of the construction improvements and vote for approval of the reclassification of the approximately 0.6 miles of Tug Mountain Road, and the confirmation of the classification upgrades to the ends of New Colony and Peaslee Roads (the last two have been maintained by the town for some time in order that trucks and maintenance equipment could reach practical locations to turn around). These approvals are part of the follow-up requirements to complete the conditional reclassifications approved at the March 2010 Town Meeting.
- Continued review and discussion of the new Community Survey results gathered in the fall of 2011 related to a review and upgrade of the Town of Orange 2004 Master Plan. Initial indications are that little has changed in our residents' opinions. The overwhelming consensus remains for Orange to be (in the words of our 2004 master plan): *"a rural residential community with a small town atmosphere, protecting its natural and historic resources, preserving its scenic beauty and rural character, sustaining its uncrowded and quiet living conditions, and maintaining those special qualities that make Orange a desirable place to live."* Since many of the items in the 2004 Master Plan have since been addressed already by the Planning Board and the legislative body (our voters), little change or action is anticipated as a result of the new survey.
- The Board has been asked to review our junk/junkyard ordinances. Some preliminary discussion has been held and after

some additional review, a statement of the Planning Board's opinion(s) will be presented to the Board of Selectmen.

- The Board continues to periodically hear requests regarding whether they feel the town should join FEMA's flood insurance program. This was the subject of extensive discussion in 2011. At that time, the Board felt that due to inaccuracies in the FEMA floodplain mapping of our community, participation should be postponed until such time as FEMA saw fit to upgrade their maps. However, the Board remains open minded on the subject and will be glad to hear any additional information and reconsider its consensus opinion if warranted.

The Chairman wishes to thank the members of the Planning Board for their commitment and thoughtful considerations to the planning issues that impact the Town of Orange. Thank you also, to Town Attorney Bernie Waugh for once again holding his annual Municipal Law Update in December and to our Board of Selectmen for their dedication to the town.

The Planning board holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of every month. Those wishing to be heard formally by the board, whether to discuss a subdivision or boundary adjustment, or any topic of general interest related to planning and zoning may ask to be placed on the agenda by contacting Secretary Robert Proulx at 523-4590, or Chairman Scott Sanborn at 523-7240. The public is always encouraged to attend our meetings, and the Board is pleased to hear questions or comments whether on the agenda or not. It is recommended to check ahead, as meetings may be cancelled if there is no business requiring the board's attention. As the Chairman, I know I can speak on behalf the entire Board when I say that we look forward to continuing to serve the Town of Orange in the year 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Sanborn, Chair

REPORT OF THE ROAD AGENT FOR THE YEAR 2012

First of all, I would like to thank the voters who came to the polls last March to entrust me with the responsibilities of the position of Road Agent. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the town in this capacity.

The biggest challenge of the year was administering the completion of the repairs funded by FEMA as a result of the damage from Tropical Storm Irene in late summer 2011. In total, the Town of Orange received just under \$168,000 of federal disaster aid in March of 2012. Of this, about \$103,000 was reimbursement for work already completed in 2011. The actual cost of those repairs (which had been performed under the previous Road Agent's tenure) totaled only about \$24,700. Despite the cost discrepancies, those sites had all been signed off as "completed" by FEMA officials, and therefore, under their guidelines, the left-over funds remain available to the recipient for use toward other improvements, at their (our) discretion.

At the time I took office, four (4) main projects remained "to be completed", for which about \$61,000 was budgeted under the FEMA paperwork (the remainder of the \$168,000 was for general administrative costs). Our very own David Stacy did a beautiful job repairing and refacing the stone bridge abutment on Tuttle Hill Road over the small stream between the Sheltzi and Ackil properties. On the upper section of Burnt Hill Road, two culverts were replaced, and stabilization improvements made to inlets and sections of ditching. The two remaining projects were to restore headwalls and lengthen a culvert that had been washed out and relocated at the base of Burnt Hill, and to repave the intersection of Williams and Tuttle Hill Roads.

The former required a wetland permit from NHDES (Department of Environmental Services), however none of the work for the application had been started. This was prepared during spring and early summer, and submitted in July, but the approval permit

was received too late to begin work this year (this type of permit typically requires about 4 to 6 months between preparation and NHDES turn-around time). With the permit now in place, the work is slated to begin as soon as conditions allow in spring/early summer of 2013, with the necessary extension to the deadline for completing the project having been obtained from FEMA.

At the repaving site, inspection indicated that despite the floodwaters, it was not a site in need of repair, and in fact, is perhaps the best section of pavement we have in town! Through discussions with FEMA officials, it has been arranged to expend the funds earmarked for this site instead to improve the badly degraded section of pavement between the Jaegers' home and Cross Road. Grading improvements will also be made to lessen the impact of road run-off on an adjacent wetland and small impoundment. Due to the time needed for the Road Agent and FEMA officials to work out the details of the change and also to address concerns that had been raised by a citizen to FEMA, the "weather window" of opportunity to complete this work was missed. So, like the Burnt Hill Road culvert, the project is on the schedule for as soon as practicable in 2013. Many of the sites damaged by Tropical Storm Irene were toured at a "mobile" Selectmen's meeting in August, and again by the Road Agent with our primary FEMA contact in late fall. Along with the review of the FEMA repaving site, a comprehensive



*Winter maintenance 1969
Selectmen Charlie Barnum, Oswald
Hamel, and Nate Harpoottlian.
The driver is Ken Clark.*

evaluation of all our paved roads was undertaken, and surely to no one's surprise, there are numerous areas that have degraded substantially since they were paved about 12-13 years ago. The recommendation of paving professionals was to apply a "shim coat" as necessary to restore the proper crown/shape of the roads followed by a 1" deep topcoat applied to a tack layer. The recommendation of this Road Agent was to utilize some of the leftover FEMA funding for this purpose. Since there is not enough available to address all of our paved roads, the improvements will be made at this time only to the "through" portions of our paved roads which includes Tuttle Hill Road and the steep section of Cross Road. Through a request for proposal process, the Selectboard, at the Road Agent's recommendation, have selected Blaktop, Inc. to perform this work along with the work arranged through FEMA. Improvements to the dead-end Eastman, New Colony and Peaslee Roads will need to be considered as we look ahead to the longer term. The short section of pavement on Tug Mountain Road is presently in very good condition, and the short section of Razor Hill Road in town can be maintained in the short term with some localized patching.

By comparison, the rest of the duties of the position were generally quite routine. The exceptionally light snowfall at both ends of 2012 resulted in expenditures of roughly half the usual on plowing and sanding. This allowed room in the highway department budget to purchase a new sander for the town truck to replace the old one which had been sitting unused at Richard Remacle's pit for the last three years, to the point where substantial repairs were needed to make it operational, much less reliable. The old sander has been sold (by sealed bid), and the new one has proven to be of great benefit to us through the early winter.

Mud season was short but intense. Several perennial soft spots were repaired with loads of large ledge-stone and then topcoated with crushed stone aggregate that the town had stockpiled with Pike Industries from 2011. These areas should hold up well in the foreseeable future, but every year is different, so we'll have

to wait and see where new trouble spots crop up this spring! Road grading got a late start due to equipment breakdowns, but the silver lining was that the fall grading required much less time than usual resulting in some savings in that area of our budget as well.

For the first time in a few years, we swept the winter sand off the paved roads in the spring, and mowed the road-side brush in the fall. Also in the fall, several boulders were removed from underneath pavement, and many large potholes, cracks and an old “cut” over a culvert all patched. Progress has also been made toward establishing an inventory of culverts and other road infrastructure features that can be used to more efficiently and systematically manage inspections, maintenance, improvements and repairs.

There were several storms over the course of the spring and summer with winds strong enough to create blowdowns. Though we escaped the brunt of Hurricane Sandy, there were still a number of downed trees that required clearing. In non-storm related tree work, permission was obtained from the Planning Board to remove several dead, dying or damaged trees on the Scenic Burnt Hill Road. Happily, there have been no major flooding events.

Looking ahead to 2013, it appears we can continue to take care of our regular maintenance along with some modest road improvements with a proposed budget slightly below last year's, and with the benefit of the leftover FEMA funds we will be able to target



New Colony Road... in the old days.

several more significant projects in the coming year. After the money committed to the paving project there will be around \$30,000 available for road and/or infrastructure improvements. There are three or four areas where streams run next to roads that desperately need embankment stabilization. The worst of these, on Burnt Hill Road, will require a wetland permit, the work for which has already been started. The top of New Colony Road, though paved, has degraded well past the point where the pavement can be reclaimed with a simple top coat. With some careful grading, ditching and drainage improvements, we can reclaim the road back to a gravel surface utilizing more of the crushed stone aggregate topcoat and end up with a surface that will handle the light traffic received and can be maintained with routine grading rather than more expensive paving. The last couple hundred feet of the new Class V section of Tug Mountain Road and the turnaround needs a crushed gravel surface. A couple other sections of road in town will benefit from a modest “lift” in elevation.

Last but surely not least, the usual round of thank-you’s are in order, first and foremost to Richard Remacle and his crew for making this job easy, and for making the Road Agent look good every time they do their customary excellent work! To the Board of Selectmen for their accessibility, confidence and cooperation, to Sandi Pierson for keeping us all in touch and on track, to the Heinrichs for maintaining the Orange web site and road forum, to the residents who popped out of their warm, dry homes to assist with storm cleanup, sometimes even in the wee hours of the morning well before sun-up. Also to my wife, Laurie for putting up with me traipsing through the house at 4:00 AM to head out plowing, or traipsing in, soaking wet, covered with sawdust and smelling like bar & chain oil after clearing blowdowns! To anyone I may have overlooked, my apologies. I look forward to hopefully continuing to serve our community in 2013.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Sanborn, Road Agent*

REPORT OF THE ORANGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

This has been a quiet year for the Orange Historical Commission as a whole. But the word has spread that we need and want donations of artifacts, old photos, stories and anything to do with the history of Orange.

Marcia Peaslee, Priscilla Eastman, Anita Watson- Garland, Thomas Rock, James Biernat and Donna Zani Dunkerton all donated items to add to our permanent collection. Some of the generous donations include a registry from the Orange church, a sled from the Peaslee-Huse home, other items from the Orange Church, and a book of David Williams' letters that he sent from South America.

In an effort to outreach citizens from our community and other towns, Gary Hamel has assisted many families with their genealogy projects. The following families shared their history and sought Gary's help: the Staples, Ames, Chapman, Murray-Black, Wendell, Dorr, Eastman, Peaslee-Huse, Ford and Evans-Flanders families.

The Wendell family and Peaslee family were the topic of two memorable displays created by Gary Hamel to be shared with the families at the time of internment of a family member in our town cemetery. He also guided the families to historical sites that related to their family's history.

We had the opportunity to share our wonderful "Documents" exhibit of 24 historical panels with the students from The Sharon Academy in Sharon, Vermont. On a beautiful October day, thirty-six middle school students, teachers and parents were greeted by Bob and Sharon Proulx at the Orange Town House. Copies of articles about the project were given to each student as they explored the panels for an extended period. After the exploration, the students, faculty and parents gathered on the

front lawn in a circle for a question and answer period. They had a great day exploring our town's history and hiking Mt. Cardigan. The students followed up this visit by researching their local town history and producing their own art work.

Gary Hamel continues his research for future panels and also the History of Orange. His tireless efforts have brought the town that much closer to our 250th celebration in 2019.

The future plans for the Orange Historical Commission include the creation of more panels, workshops for school and community groups, field trips to historical sites, and social gatherings at the Town House to view acquisitions and enjoy displays.

As we move forward toward 2019, we still have photos to copy, scan and frame, displays to set up and local memorabilia to collect and preserve. The Commission needs both financial and volunteer help. If you are interested in becoming part of the Commission, please contact Gary Hamel, Barbara Smith or Sharon Proulx.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Proulx, Chair*



*Farming in the East Neighborhood
Photo courtesy of Judith Lindahl*

REPORT OF THE ORANGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Commission had a great of year service to the Town Of Orange. In 2012 we cleaned up an illegal dump, fostered conservation, and held a public educational event.

Recycling Report: Thanks to residents' increasing use of zero sort recycling, 29.05 tons of trash got diverted from the landfill—saving the Town \$3,400. That just about covers the cost of the free large trash pickup the Town has provided in recent years. A conservation win-win.

Illegal Dump Clean Up: On October 6, 2012, Commission members observed trash illegally dumped for the second time below the lower parking area at the intersection of Cardigan Mountain and Burnt Hill Roads. The Commission and the New Hampshire Park Service quickly joined forces to clean up the waste. It was disposed at the Canaan Transfer station. A big thanks to the volunteers, along with Road Agent Scott Sanborn, for another rapid-response cleanup.

Orange Mica Mine Educational and Interpretive Event: In early May the Commission hosted “Mica Madness,” a walk and geology tour of the historic Standard Mica Mine in Orange.



Dartmouth Geology Professor Leslie Sonder, town historian Gary Hamel, and Mica Mine owner Gordon Jackson led the way. Many reported that the event was a great learning experience and would attend more events like this in the future. Unfortunately, we observed a great deal of trash in the area. The Conservation Commission plans to hold a volunteer event to clean up the area. Stay tuned.



Bears! This year is going to be a great year as the OCC is planning a Bear Awareness potluck and lecture featuring famous bear expert Ben Kilham. The event is scheduled for the evening of April 7. Bears came out of hibernation in Orange two months early last spring. You'll want to learn the best science behind living among our wild neighbors. Check Orangenh.US for details; if you're a site member you'll get an email when we post the notice. Or look for the event on the Orange Conservation Commission website, nhacc.org/commissions/orange.

Green up Day: We're planning the annual Greenup for May. The exact date will be set soon, along with the details. Sign up on

Orangenh.US to get notice in your email, or check back at the Conservation Commission site.

Recruiting: We're looking for volunteers interested in joining the Conservation Commission. This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to learn and support good conservation practices, help with events, and serve our wonderful Town. Contact the Commission:
orangeconservationcommission@hotmail.com.

Stay in Touch: The OCC Meeting Minutes, events, general information, and conservation map inventory are posted on the Conservation Commission Website:
nhacc.org/commissions/orange.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Lurgio – Chair/Treasurer
Dorothy Heinrichs – Vice Chair
Members: Jay Heinrichs, David Stacy, Sandi Pierson



*Thanks to Henry Minasian for sharing these
three incredible photos of our native wildlife.*

TOWN OF ORANGE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT 2012

This is the start of our 20th year offering scholarships to students living in Orange, graduating from high school, and going on to further their education. Students graduating in 2013 should watch for the application and guidelines which will be mailed in February. Return of the application to the Scholarship Committee must be made by May 1, 2013. Graduates from schools other than Mascoma Valley Regional High School must contact the committee directly.

Our year, 2012, was a very successful one. We raised more money this past year with less work and had a great turnout of town residents and visitors. We coordinated and set up both the Christmas Party and the March "pot luck" which preceded the Town Business Meeting. During Canaan's Old Home Days, we took a space and sold "Mountain Made" edibles from cookies, rhubarb ketchup, jam and dog cookies. The Fall Harvest Festival, started by Pat Mercer, has proven a fun and special day.

It was greatly supported by organizers Pat White, Pat Mercer, Scott Sanborn and his music, Helen Rocke, and especially our loyal kitchen and grounds crew. All deserve our THANKS for all the work and planning they have done. We hope to have the 4th festival be an even bigger and better Town Party.

We never ask for or receive Town money and are totally self-supporting. And we do heartily thank you all. This year we, after 19 years of service, would like to invite more people to help



*A smiling Erica German spins wool
at the Harvest Festival*

with our cause - Education. We could use more ideas, plans, and bodies so please consider this an Open Invitation to join with us this year as we feel that recognition and support of the graduates is so important. Contact anyone on the following member list and join up. We would welcome you gratefully.

Respectfully submitted:

Pauline Emerson, Beth DiFrancesco, Rosemary Haness, Marilyn Johnson, Nancy Pike, Barbara Smith, Edith Sova, Gloria Stevens, Anita (Watson) Garland, Pat White

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We have awarded 24 scholarships thus far:

- 1995 – *Kimo Johnson* (Tuttle Hill Rd., planted American Liberty elm trees at Town House)
- 1996 – *Lauren Ludwig* (Tuttle Hill Rd., started town flower garden)
- 1997 – *Laura Desrochers* (Cardigan Mt. Rd.)
- 1999 – *Darcy Decato* (Eastman Rd., cleaned Town House)
Kristen Eastman (Eastman Rd., typed candle song for our Christmas parties)
- 2000 – *Ben Stacy* (Tuttle Hill Rd., assisted with BSA Hike-a-Thon)
- 2002 – *Tony Campe* (Cardigan Mt. Rd., roadside clean-up)
Heidi Burns (Cross Rd.)
- 2003 – *Ryan Morancy* (Cardigan Mt. Rd., designed a poster for our Bake Sales)
- 2004 – *James Cross* (Rt. 4, worked at Recycling Center)
Josh Watson (Cross Rd., worked at Recycling Center)
- 2005 – (unclaimed)
- 2006 – *Hillary Adams* (Eastman Rd., MVRHS Future Business Leaders of America project)
- 2007 – *Lyz Hazelton* (Tuttle Hill Rd., created gallery identification cards for art work in Town House)
Krystle Sexton (Tuttle Hill Rd., roadside clean up)

- 2009 – *Matt Jones* (New Colony Rd., raked, re-seeded & fertilized around Town House and flag pole area under the direction of the Road Agent)
Eric Sanborn (Peaslee Rd., swept sand off of bridges, trimmed brush to improve line of sight along roadways, picked up fallen trees under the direction of the road agent)
- 2010 – *Joseph Daley* (Tuttle Hill Rd., helped sell at Old Home Days)
- 2010 – *Jillian Buckwold* (Cross Rd., helped with Harvest Festival)
Emily Hazelton (Tuttle Hill Rd, organized Coffee House Concert)
Steven McAlister (Rt. 4, helped with Harvest Festival)
Stephanie Rose (Tuttle Hill Rd., helped with Old Home Day sales)
Kyra Sanborn (Peaslee Rd., organized Coffee House Concert)
- 2012 - *Hannah Arnold* (Tuttle Hill Rd., cleaned and refreshed the flower beds at the Town House)
Marcello Shelzi (Tuttle Hill Rd., scanned historic photographs for future use)



The Town of Orange: always a place for children to grow, learn, and serve. (Photo: Schoolhouse #7)

2012 REPORT OF THE STATE POLICE

I would like to take this opportunity to communicate to the residents of Orange a report of activity of the calls for service that the State Police have responded to in your community during the last year. This will hopefully provide you with a good baseline and understanding of the present law enforcement needs that currently exist within the community, as well as serving as a guide to determine what level of law enforcement resources the community desires based upon the current trends and expectations of the residents as they look forward to the future.

Currently the State Police respond to calls as requested as part of our regular patrol duties. During 2012 the State Police responded to and investigated the following calls for service in the town of Orange:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	Burglary	2
Welfare Check	3	Pistol Permits	5
Burglar Alarm	16	Missing/Lost Person	1
Request for Service	31	911 Hang-up	2
Paperwork Service	2	Domestic Disturbance	1
Suspicious Vehicle	3	Sex Offender Registration	4
Roadway Obstruction	1	Motor Vehicle Related	5
Fish & Game Related	2		

Total Calls: 82

In closing, it has been our pleasure to serve the residents of Orange during the past year and we look forward to assisting you with your law enforcement requests in 2013.

*Respectfully,
Lt. Todd Landry
Commander- Troop F*

2012 REPORT OF THE ORANGE CEMETERY COMMISSION

This past year we started the long overdue project of renovating the monuments in the two closed town cemeteries; namely the Orange Common Cemetery and French Cemetery. We are spreading the work over at least 3 years.

The first order of attention was the resetting and repair of stones in the Barnard Lot in the Orange Common Cemetery. This was done with funds from the trust set up for that purpose. There is additional work needed in the Orange Common Cemetery which will be done at a later date.

The next cemetery most needing attention was the French Cemetery on Cardigan Mountain Road. The biggest change was the removal of the large spruce tree at the west end. This work along with brush removal was accomplished by Tom Dunkerton. All the monuments needing repair have been reset or repaired by Valley Monument Company. The stick markers you see are there to help locate the "many" unmarked graves. This has been part of Gary Hamel's historical research. The trustees have been in contact with the local Boy Scout troop to make simple white markers to mark these graves. It would be their community project. This is an ongoing process.

This summer we had a representative come from the State Historical Commission, at no cost to us, to show us how to determine the location of unknown burial sites.

In 2012 there were three burials in the Church Cemetery.

We appreciate the support of the town as we proceed.

Respectfully Submitted;

*Pat Mercer, Gary Hamel, & Anita Garland
Orange Cemetery Commission*

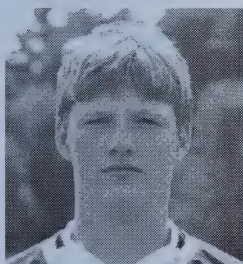
ORANGE ATHLETES CONTRIBUTE TO MASCOMA'S FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Orange student athletes contributed in a big way to the success of the fall 2012 Mascoma varsity football team, who finished the season as runner-up in NH Division VI, after taking first place in the regular season with a 7-2 record.

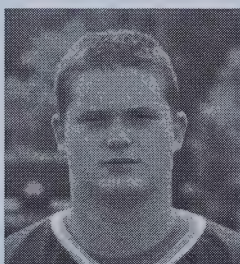
Seniors and team captains, Chris Sanborn and John “JD” Daley, both long-time Orange residents (life-long in Chris’s case) were integral to the team’s accomplishments. Each played on both sides of the ball, on nearly every snap of the season, Daley at offensive guard and linebacker, Sanborn at tight end, defensive end and linebacker. The two were among four Mascoma players selected for First Team All-State honors, Sanborn for defense, Daley for offense. Sanborn was the only Mascoma player selected for the CHaD East-West NH All-Star game which will be held at UNH in June. Both have been nominated to play in the annual NH-VT Shriners’ Maple Sugar Bowl. Mascoma’s Coach Ray Kershaw has been selected as the NH head coach, and final team selections are pending as of this writing. Both players have had 4-year careers with Mascoma football. Upon graduation, Daley is planning to serve our country in the armed forces while Sanborn plans to attend college and major in Athletic Training. John’s younger brother Andy is also a football player, currently in the 7th - 8th grade football program – we hope to hear a lot more from him on the gridiron in the future!

Three Orange underclassmen also donned football jerseys for Mascoma. Junior Sam Jones, a Second-Team All-State selection, was the team’s center on offense, and played several positions on the defensive side of the ball. The only underclassman to be chosen as a captain in 2012, he is sure to be a team leader in 2013. One of the team’s starters as a sophomore, Walt Hammond was another versatile player, making important contributions on the offensive line, at tight end, and defensive end. He is one of the harder hitting players on the field, and will undoubtedly be a key to the anticipated continued success of Mascoma football over the next two years. One of the future faces of Mascoma

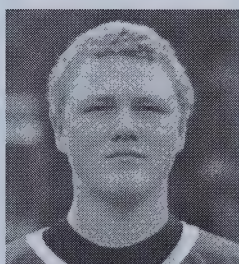
football is Willy Stone. As a freshman, Willy's playing time this year was in Junior Varsity games, but he is one of the most enthusiastic players on the team, and eats sleeps and breathes football! During the off season he is working out regularly and participating in wrestling to prepare for next fall. His name is bound to be one that will often be heard from the public-address announcer (who also happens to be an Orange resident - Scott Sanborn) in the years to come.



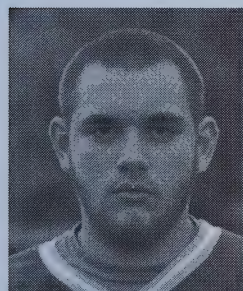
Chris Sanborn



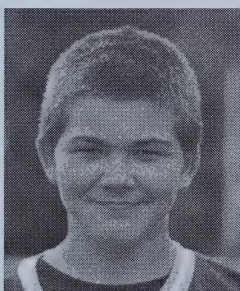
John "JD" Daley



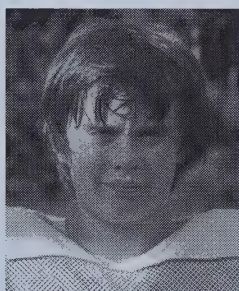
Sam Jones



Walt Hammond



Willy Stone



Andrew Daley

*Orange is proud to have
the student athletes from our small town
play such large and positive role in
Mascoma's football success!*

REPORTS OF THE HEALTH AGENCIES SUPPORTED BY THE TOWN OF ORANGE

VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

The VNA& Hospice is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice support services to individuals and their families. Our services include offering public wellness and flu clinics, in addition to free community trauma bereavement services following disasters. Following Tropical Storm Irene, the VNA& Hospice worked closely with local emergency service agencies to ascertain the condition of patients stranded in their homes and to insure their physical safety, their access to needed medications and supplies, and to food, water and shelter.

VNA& Hospice clients are of all ages, from all backgrounds, and at all stages in life. The one commonality is a desire to be cared for at home in case of illness and injury. Just like the local rescue squad or fire department, the VNA& Hospice provides a measure of security, a safety net for the community. By keeping residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals and reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical expenses.

Services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay. Last year the VNA& Hospice made approximately 132,000 home visits to 5,000 patients resulting in over 4 million dollars in unreimbursed charges for care to individuals. **In Orange, we made 92 homecare visits to residents over the past two years. Additionally, Orange residents made visits to Visiting Nurse & Hospice community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots.**

We are grateful to the Town of Orange for partnering with the VNA& Hospice to ensure that the town's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, people with terminal illnesses, those recovering from a major surgery or illness, mothers with high-risk pregnancies, children with high-tech medical needs, and the uninsured and underinsured – have access to skilled home health care and support.

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Canaan and Lebanon as well as six other communities; operates adult in-home care from offices in Lebanon and Haverhill; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, counseling, elder care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2011-12, 25 older residents of Orange were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center, and 3 Orange residents were assisted by ServiceLink:

- **Older adults from Orange enjoyed 577 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.**
- **Orange residents also received 341 home delivered meals this past year.**

- **Orange residents accessed GCSCC transportation services on 60 occasions.**
- **Orange residents benefited from 173 hours of one-on-one in-home care.**
- **They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 10 visits with a trained outreach worker or contacts with ServiceLink**
- **Orange's citizens volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 408 hours of volunteer service.**

The cost to provide Council services for Orange residents in 2011-12 was \$13,358.07.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Orange's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

MASCOMA VALLEY HEALTH INITIATIVE

MVHI is a nonprofit health organization serving the Upper Valley of New Hampshire. Our goal is to protect and promote the health of our community. MVHI was formed in 2001 with the mission of improving the health of the residents of five rural Mascoma Valley towns, and has grown to serve the towns of Canaan, Cornish, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Grantham, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Orange, Orford, Piermont, and Plainfield. Our goal is to partner with community members and organizations who share our commitment to community health, to build a strong and effective public health system that serves the needs of the residents of the Upper Valley.

MVHI is operated by a Board of Directors made up of professionals with experience in health care, education, town government, law enforcement and human services. Our Board represents a number of prominent local and regional

organizations including Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Dartmouth Medical School, the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth, Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital, and local business and government.

In 2013, we plan to establish the Upper Valley Public Health Collaboration. We expect to maintain the collaborative relationships that have advanced this project to date and to bring in new partners to help make this public health system a reality. We will set up the Advisory Committee, hire a part-time Coordinator, and begin to prove the value of the collaborative. MVHI will continue to host free flu clinics for our residents in 2013. We will also work with the State of New Hampshire and the Upper Valley All Health Hazards Regional Coordinating Committee to advocate for school-based flu vaccine clinics to protect our youth.

MVHI will continue to implement the Indian River Youth 2 Youth Program and look for more ways for these youth to get their message out to fellow students and adults in the community. Mascoma Valley Prevention Network will introduce the concept of the Parent Network, which involves parents publicly declaring their commitment to a core set of family rules and expectations around substance abuse, and begin to recruit parents to join this network. We have also received a grant from the American Medical Association Foundation that will pay for the cost of a public education campaign on the dangers of prescription medication misuse; this project will bring area pharmacists and medical students together with our Y2Y youth to develop and implement the campaign throughout our region.

MVHI staff will continue to participate on numerous committees and workgroups throughout the Upper Valley. We will be available to towns and other entities to consult on public health related issues.

For 2013, we are requesting financial support from all 13 towns and municipalities in our region at the level of 75 cents

per capita. Based on this formula, our funding request of the Town of Orange (population: 331) is \$248.25.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH

CASA is a statewide, nonprofit organization that recruits, screens and trains volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in New Hampshire courts. As these children navigate the confusion of the courts and foster care systems, CASA's guardians ad litem help to insure their best interests are always being considered. Because CASA volunteers carry only one or two cases at a time, they are able to create a clear picture of the child's needs so they end up in a safe, permanent home.

The children CASA serves come from communities across the state, including Orange. In Grafton County, CASA served 68 children last year. This number includes children who attend your schools, use local resources, and live with foster parents or with extended family members in your community.

CASA volunteers also come from across the state and donate many miles and hours to fulfill their duties. Thanks to the financial support from the Town of Orange, CASA currently supervises 29 Grafton County volunteers. These volunteers travelled 29,207 miles and spent 2,631 hours speaking up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.

UPPER VALLEY HAVEN

We continue to keep the core programs of Food, Shelter, Education, Clothing and Case Management our primary focus. Together we work each day to unravel poverty and then reshape and strengthen lives through those five core programs.

Everyone wants and hopes for a safe place in their community where people facing enormous challenges can get help and relief; a place that will do the hard work of providing

basic needs for those who are marginalized and misunderstood. What would our community be like if the Haven did not exist? Together, in fiscal year 2012, we helped 11,193 individuals with emergency resources and lasting solutions.

We are honored to have been chosen by the citizens of Orange to support our many programs in the past. We hope that you choose the Haven - an organization built by the community, for the community - again this fiscal year.

WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

West Central Behavioral Health is the NH designated community mental health center for Orange, as well as Sullivan and Southern Grafton counties. Our mission is “to reduce the burden of mental illness and to improve the quality of life in our community. We commit ourselves to provide services that are safe, effective, client-centered, timely and efficient.” Last year, West Central Behavioral Health experienced severe state budget cuts, regional economic hardship, and an increased need for services by uninsured or under-insured clients. West Central Behavioral Health is committed to making quality mental health services available to all people in the communities we serve regardless of their ability to pay.

Our clients suffer from a wide range of disorders and illnesses including psychosis, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and all forms of addiction. We also see patients with anxiety, depression, and other impairing but highly treatable conditions. We work with all ages in outpatient clinics, homes, nursing homes, jails, schools and a residential supported living program, and offer a broad variety of counseling, psychiatric services, case management and emergency consultations.

In fiscal year 2012, West Central Behavioral Health received an appropriation of \$330.00 from the Town of Orange. During that year, West Central provided 73 hours of therapeutic services and \$5,125.00 in discounted care to Orange residents.

TRI-COUNTY CAP

Tri-County CAP is a trusted private non-profit that has been serving the 3 most northern counties of New Hampshire for over 45 years. The Upper Valley Community Contact Office of the Tri-County Community Action Program provides many essential services to low-income and elderly citizens of Orange and the surrounding New Hampshire towns:

- Weatherization
- (L.I.H.E.A.P.) Fuel Assistance
- New Hampshire Electric Discount Assistance
- Referrals and coordination with other agencies
- Educational programs and speakers bureau on homelessness and poverty

Tri-County CAP provided \$6,314.00 in direct services and assistance to 12 households in the Town of Orange last year.



Bob Ells and Vern Lindahl cutting cordwood at Mountain Brook Farm on Burnt Hill Road, circa 1955.

TRASH AND RECYCLING REPORT

2012

Non-recyclable trash collected: 86.57 tons (includes 8.64 tons of large trash pick up)

ZeroSort Recyclables collected: 34.10 tons

Northeast wastes charge: \$32,167.52

2011

Tonnage collected: 98.84 tons (includes 9.75 tons of large trash pick up)

ZeroSort Recyclables collected May 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011: 18.15 tons

Canaan recycling fee, partial year: \$1000*

Grafton recycling and trash fee for East Neighborhood, partial year: \$500**

Northeast wastes charge \$30,156

Total: \$31,656

*The annual Canaan fee was set to increase from \$3000 per year to \$4000

**The annual Grafton fee was set to increase from \$1500 to \$3000

2010


Tonnage collected 109.91 (includes 7.80 large trash pick up)

Canaan recycling fee \$3000

Grafton recycling and trash fee for East Neighborhood: \$1500

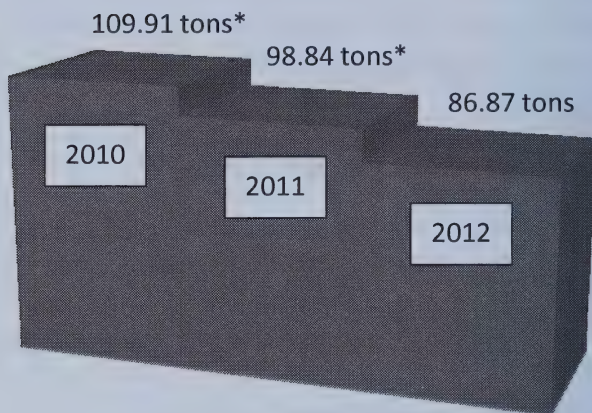
Northeast waste charge \$28,947

Total: \$33,447



*We appreciate your
recycling efforts!*

Solid Waste Not Recycled



Let's lower the bar for 2013!

The above chart shows the **non-recycled** trash collected by Northeast Waste over the past three years in Orange which included a large trash pick-up day each year. You can see that our recycling efforts have steadily increased, especially when we began ZeroSort recycling with Northeast Waste. This increase in recycling merits savings to both the environment and the town's budget. Because 2012 was the first full year of recycling with ZeroSort (who tracks our recycling tonnage), beginning in next year's town report we will be able to begin comparisons of recycling tonnage from year to year.

* The tonnage of non-recyclables in 2010 and 2011 are actually higher than shown because in 2010 and three months of 2011 the East Neighborhood of Orange disposed of both recyclables and non-recyclables at the Grafton transfer station.

*Did you know...
the town saved \$3,499.00 due to
this year's recycling efforts.*

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER 2012

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Due to a record warm winter and little snow, our first fire occurred on February 4th with several more early fires to follow. Normally a large percentage of the warm windy days with low humidity occur when the ground is saturated from a long snow covered winter. By the time the surface fuels and ground dry out enough to burn, we only have a few weeks until "green up". This year however we had an extended period of these favorable spring fire conditions. Our largest fire in the state was 86 acres. The average size fire was .6 acres. Extensive summer rains kept total acreage burned to near normal levels

As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by the

NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Several of the fires during the 2012 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2012 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of October 2012)

(Figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	3.6	7
Carroll	5.5	25
Cheshire	8.3	43
Coos	11.8	35
Grafton	96.5	59
Hillsborough	34.2	64
Merrimack	20.8	31
Rockingham	6.4	21
Strafford	12.9	19
Sullivan	6	14

Causes of fires reported: arson: 14; debris: 105; campfire: 14; children: 15; smoking: 17; railroad: 0; equipment: 6; lightning: 7; misc: 140 (power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
2012	318	206
2011	125	42
2010	360	145
2009	334	173
2008	455	175
2007	437	212
2006	500	473

*Remember, Only You
Can Prevent Forest Fires*

CANAAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

2012 REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF ORANGE

COLLECTION

Adult Books	16,015	Juvenile Books	10,458
Total Books	26,473	Adult Videos	476
Juvenile Videos	222	Total Videos	698
Adult Audios	481	Juvenile Audios	293
Total Audios	774	Magazines	1,413
Music CDs	498	Artifacts	83

CIRCULATION

Total items checked out of the library: 37,735 (Includes all items checked out of library, plus, internet usage, downloaded audio and ebooks, and Interlibrary Loans.)

Internet Usage: Individual Sessions: 1,827,
Wireless Sessions: 855, Total: 2,682

The wireless service is also available when the library is not open, to allow our patrons 24/7 access.

Downloadable Audio Books:

Audio books downloaded: 716; E Books downloaded: 704.
The library pays to belong to the Downloadable Audio Book Consortium through the NH State Library. Our patrons have access to over 4000 titles.

Inter-Library Loans: Loaned to other libraries: 511; Borrowed by our patrons: 1,124

Number of materials circulated to Orange Borrowers: 1,962 (5.2% of circulation).

REGISTERED BORROWERS

As of December 31, 2012: 2,606. Registered Borrowers from Orange: 134 (5.2% of card holders). Some families share a library card, 134 cards in 2013 is actually 154 users.

Population of Orange: 331 (2010 census data from NH Office of Energy and Planning). Forty-seven percent of Orange residents are Canaan Library card holders.

Libraries throughout New Hampshire offer a variety of entertainment and educational materials to taxpayers at a very economical rate. How much would they need to pay out-of-pocket if they purchased their books, movies and other library services in stores? The NH Library Use Calculator is based on the spreadsheet developed by the Massachusetts Library Association and adapted for web use by the Maine State Library, the Chelmsford Public Library and the Chelsea Memorial Library.

In 2012, Orange users of the Canaan Town Library made up 5.2% of total patrons. They would have paid \$25,084.60 out of pocket for the services they received from the library. Library Use Calculator can be found at www.canaanlibrary.org.

Technology was a big hit at the library in 2012. We saw a 159% increase in downloaded eBooks and a 20% increase in downloaded audio books. It is great to see our patrons using all forms of technology to gather information. Patrons are also now able to read magazines online through the library's website. Check out the Online Newstand the next time you visit our website at www.canaanlibrary.org.

WHAT IS OFFERED AT THE CANAAN LIBRARY:

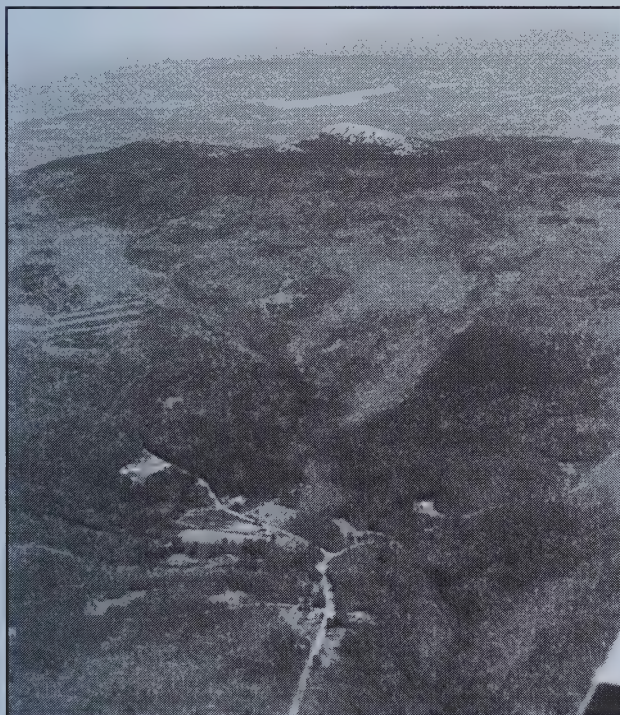
Audio Books	Adult Book Group
Book Sales	Children's Craft Programs
Children's Story Hour	Community Group Meeting Space
DVDS	Downloadable Audio Books
Downloadable eBooks	Free Cable Internet Access
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Handicap Accessibility	Inter-Library Loan
Kill-A-Watt Meters	Knitting Needles
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Local Artist Exhibits	Meetinghouse Readings
Online Card Catalog	Online Databases
Online Encyclopedia	Photocopying
Reference Assistance	Rubber Stamps
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Tax Materials	Volunteering Opportunities
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Programming (author visits, speakers, etc.)
Summer Reading Program (Adult)
Summer Reading Program (Children)

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Respectfully submitted,
Amy Thurber, Canaan Librarian



*Aerial view of Mount Cardigan
taken by Judith Lindahl in 2004*

REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE POLICY

I. History

The 2009 Town Meeting considered a petitioned warrant article to pay for "state mandated education for elected officials required to access the NH state computer banks to function at their job." Compensation was to be \$10.00 per hour, with mileage reimbursed at the federal rate. The article explicitly recited that "inasmuch as the people of Orange volunteer service to the Town, their mandated education should be compensated at a reasonable rate." The tax collector pointed out that she was required to attend the tax workshop, although it was not a computer course. The Meeting voted against broadening the policy to include all training for all employees, but passed an amended article covering a) state mandated education [required for] b) elected officials to function in their job.

In 2011, the stipend was raised to a generous \$125 per day, and \$62.50 per half-day training session. The rationale was to attract young people to Town service, many of whom - particularly those on the check list - are required to lose a day's pay in order in order to attend training crucial to their jobs. It was also noted that the state does not actually mandate training. An article to reimburse all mileage traveled "in [the] interest of the town" was defeated.

In the wake of a carefully restricted policy, successive Boards of Selectmen have received requests for mileage reimbursement altogether beyond its scope. The current Board asked that a committee give some thought to the issue of mileage reimbursement generally.

We reviewed the mileage policies of several other towns and institutions, as well as the history and current practice of Orange, and tried to factor in the reasonable use of town funds, fairness, state law, and common sense. It is our recommendation that no policy of general mileage reimbursement be instituted without a vote of the Town Meeting. We nonetheless suggest that simple prudence, state law, and custom allow reimbursement

in limited cases. Finally, we strongly endorse the policy of mileage and stipend for town employees who attend training courses essential to their duties, conditioned upon the prior approval of the Selectboard.

II. Should the Town pay for mileage?

It hardly need be said that Orange is a small town, with no source of commercial revenue; expenditures come, in essence, directly from one's neighbors' pockets. There is also an honorable tradition of volunteerism, which we should recognize and foster. Nearly everyone drives; and most of us drive to West Lebanon, or Bristol, or Plymouth regularly. The last selectman who walked - everywhere - was likely Harcourt Bull, a good sixty years ago. Accordingly, it is a fair expectation that town employees and officers will have private transportation. And it is equally fair to expect that most town business can be carried out during a personal trip to the commercial centers, as in fact it always has been.

Towns of like size do not routinely pay their officers or employees for mileage. Dorchester does not pay for travel within the town; the selectmen will pay for a required trip to Plymouth. Warren (pop. 960) does not pay for mileage; it gives its custodian (who empties the trash barrels on the common) a \$25 stipend; and the Selectboard might reimburse for a specially requested trip to Plymouth. Notably, both policies seem to be consonant with RSA 275:57, defining a reimbursable "expense" as one incurred "in connection with [one's] employment and at the request of the employer.."

If the Town were to institute mileage reimbursement, much travel would not be covered. Even large towns, such as Wolfeboro, uniformly exclude travel to and from the town house or other work sites: you don't get paid to commute. This is also the universal practice in business. Normal requirements include 1) proof that the employee has liability insurance, and 2) a contemporaneous record of mileage (starting and ending mileage, date, points of travel, business reason, etc.) A town task that can be carried out during a personal trip downtown is not reimbursable. Policies recite that the town will not reimburse

for parking tickets, fines, repairs or towing. The Census specifically directs that no passenger travel in a car being used on census business.

If the Town Meeting were to fund and direct the adoption of a mileage reimbursement policy, we recommend that it be in writing, and furnished to each employee and officer to ensure that everyone understands the requirements. It would also be wise to create a simple form for requests for payment.

We are not in favor of a broad policy of reimbursement. It is the nature of such payment schemes to expand. Orange has - to our great profit - many residents who simply do not submit requests for payments to which they are entitled. This generosity is not guaranteed; and their successors in office are likely - not unreasonably - to regard payment for travel as an entitlement, if most others are claiming it. Once instituted, a mileage reimbursement policy fosters the attitude that travel for the town is a routine expense, reducing the incentive to chose a more frugal method of getting the job done.

In rejecting the proposal that this year's Selectboard institute a "trial" policy, which could then be reviewed by the Town Meeting, we considered that benefits, once extended, are difficult to withdraw; and that there would be an element of unfairness if individuals who ran for office expecting reimbursement were then, after election, denied it.

The discussion of the related salary issue (Article 15) at the 2011 Town Meeting anticipated the creation of job descriptions in aid of the salary review. We note that mileage reimbursement qualifies as compensation, and may affect, for example, the workmen's compensation rate. If an expanded mileage policy is adopted, it ought to be considered by the salary committee as well. It would also be helpful, in gauging the cost, to track mileage reimbursements in a separate budget category.

Finally, while the Selectboard is in a better position than we are to assess the Town's fiscal health, your committee did consider that last year's Board had the luxury of a very high (17%) unassigned fund balance, and was able to lower the tax liability by some \$62,000. It seems unlikely that this year's Board will have as much leeway. In a period of both state and federal cutbacks, in a year which may entail a rise in the tax rate,

it did not seem prudent to saddle the Town with an additional, ever-rising expense.

III. Reasonableness, Fairness, and Fiscal Prudence

The town does, in fact, pay some mileage, and in attempting to square current practice with common sense, the committee focused on "reasonableness:" that the goal of any policy should be to encourage town officers and employees to make the most effective use of town funds. (The cost of overnight USPS is significantly less than a hundred mile round trip to Concord, or Haverhill.) To quote a former road agent: "Frugality makes sense." With or without a formal policy, the selectmen are responsible for prudent attention to town expenditures. We also gave weight to custom, and felt that in the one situation where mileage has been attached to the position, it ought not be unfairly withdrawn merely for the sake of consistency.

We feel that mileage reimbursement in three specific situations is fair, prudent, and reasonable, and recommend that requests for payment be approved in the current year.

1) The Road Agent should be paid mileage for the use of his personal truck for his duties, from the Highway budget.

One former Road Agent contended that, since the town furnished the Road Agent with a truck, he should not use his own vehicle. The current Agent notes that much work can be done out of his personal pickup, in which he carries tools; it is both efficient, and less expensive than running the town truck. The committee agrees that it is more cost-effective to allow the road agent his mileage out of the Highway budget.

2) Our building inspector - who was on the committee - has for years billed for mileage rather than bill his travel time at the hourly rate. (For years there was no stipend; and thereafter a nominal one). That his budget is paid for in part by his collections (building permits) should make this revenue neutral. The price of a building permit should periodically be adjusted to ensure that it in fact reflects the cost of its issuance, as the ordinance requires.

3) Like many other officers and employees, the secretary to the Selectboard routinely carries out town tasks on her personal trips to West Lebanon without requesting reimbursement for time or travel. Others who cannot conveniently do the same should direct their requests - e.g., for supplies - to the secretary. There are infrequent occasions, however, when the Selectboard makes a specific, time-sensitive request. In accordance with RSA 275:57, such travel should be eligible for reimbursement, as either time, or mileage, but not both. (As an example of a "drop everything" request, we cite the secretary's race to Dartmouth Hitchcock to obtain the physician's signature needed to allow the town to receive its defibrillator, on the day before the offer expired.)

IV. Hardship

There may be cases where an officer or employee is unduly burdened by the specifics of the office. The town clerk, as a hypothetical example, is required by the DMV to deposit the fees within specified time in a specified bank. By chance, our current clerk can do so en route to work. But were she required to make a twice weekly trip of ten miles and more solely to deposit DMV fees, the Town might consider whether some recompense would be due. We note that the Town receives \$3.00 for every transaction, of which the clerk receives fifty cents. Some portion of the town's share might be used to reimburse an unreasonably burdened clerk.

On the other hand, any creative mind can come up with reasons why he or she needs to be reimbursed. A foolish consistency, as the saying goes, is the hobgoblin of little minds. But special pleading for individuals, and unlimited discretion in the Board, can cause resentments and the perception of unfairness. In general, we do not believe that mileage should be reimbursed; and any exception "for hardship" should truly be exceptional.

V. State Conferences and Training

The Committee was strongly urged to support the current policy of stipend and - for the driver, if there is carpooling - mileage for those who attend training conferences essential to their jobs. We do so. While there has been some complaint about multiple employees attending the same conference, we note that - at least in the case of voter registration - the material can be dense, and the topic extensive. We think that it is not reasonable to expect one person (especially one new to the position) to absorb all the information, return, and reproduce the conference in detail for coworkers. For less technical subjects, it might be sufficient to for one person to attend and later share the printed materials.

We do recommend that the Town retain the requirement of prior approval by the Board. Guiding that oversight should be a consideration of whether the training is in fact essential to the official job function. Mileage reimbursement should be restricted to travel for half- and full-day training. An hour-long talk in Concord does not justify the \$55.00 cost of travel.

In conclusion, we remind the Board that we did not conduct a survey; and that town opinion, as we gleaned it, varies. It may be that a majority of the Town will differ from our conclusions. We simply hope that our efforts will assist our community in weighing the issues. We attach for your consideration a fairly restrictive policy, which attempts to meld current practice with fairness.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sal Guadagnino, Colin Higbie, Rosemary Haness,
Jenna McAlister, Donald Pfaefflin, Sandi Pierson,
Nancy Pike, Judith Lindahl
August 2012*

Mileage Policy for the Town of Orange NH

I. Purpose & General Reimbursement Policy

The town of Orange (the “Town”) does not reimburse for travel unless there is long-standing precedent, state mandate, or a directive from the Town Selectboard (“Selectboard”). This policy sets forth the specific conditions for which travel will be reimbursable.

II. Mileage Rate

For reimbursed travel mileage, the reimbursement rate will be at the then current U.S. federal mileage rate.

III. National Conventions

As is convention nationwide, commuting to and from work is not subject to mileage reimbursement and time spent in reimbursable travel is not also paid time. The Orange Town House, Town cemeteries, and other Town properties are considered places of work for all Town employees, and travel to such places of work is not reimbursable. Except for the Road Agent, Town employees reimbursed for travel may not also bill the Town for their time during such travel.

IV. Covered Roles

For the following positions, mileage reimbursements will be made as follows:

a. The Road Agent will be reimbursed mileage for the use of his or her personal vehicle on business required in the performance of the Road Agent duties, provided this is more cost effective for the Town than use of a Town vehicle.

b. The Building Inspector will be reimbursed mileage traveled on business required in the performance of the Building Inspector duties. Such mileage costs will be paid out of collections for the issued building permits, with permit costs adjusted from as needed to cover these costs.

V. Travel Impossible to Avoid

If it is impossible by any and all reasonable means for the work needed to be performed on Town property, in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Selectboard, then such travel will be reimbursable. By way of example only, such cases would include a potentially toxic spill requiring the Health Officer to visit the site, or a welfare case, where the recipient is physically

incapable of meeting the Overseer of Public Welfare at the Town House.

VI. Training and Conferences

The Town will reimburse mileage for travel to attend training or conferences essential for Town employees performing their jobs, provided such attendance receives prior approval from the Selectboard. If multiple individuals are attending such training or conference, they shall use reasonable efforts to ensure the most cost-effective means of transportation is used for the group, which may include, for example, carpooling.

VII. Distant or Time Sensitive Travel Directed by the Selectboard

If the Selectboard directs a Town employee to (i) travel to a destination at a distance from Orange greater than twenty-five (25) miles or (ii) requires the trip be made to any destination outside the Town in no more than the next seven (7) days, then such travel will be subject to mileage reimbursement. The Selectboard shall use reasonable efforts to avoid issuing such directives where a more cost effective option would suffice.

VIII. Hardship and Additional Exceptions

The Selectboard may make exceptions and reimburse mileage in its sole and exclusive discretion for individual cases that involve extreme circumstances. Such exceptions, including the cost and recipient of the expense, must be made public in the minutes of the Selectboard meeting following the reimbursement decision. The Selectboard shall keep such exceptions to a minimum.

*APPROVED BY THE SELECT BOARD
ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2012*

Do you have quality historical or contemporary photos that are Orange-related? Please consider sharing them for future annual town reports. Contact www.TownofOrangeNH@gmail.com for more information. Thanks!

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2012

At the time of this report, the audits of the Selectboard and the Trustee of Trust Funds are still pending. The audit of these functions will be performed in the near future once their reports are complete and ready for review. The Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Treasurer have all been audited, with no adjustments required. We believe their reports, as presented, are an accurate reflection of the financial position of the Town of Orange for the year ending December 31, 2012.

Once the audit of all functions is complete, our MS-60 Audit Report will be filed with the Selectboard. At that point, any recommendations as a result of this year's audit will be available to any interested resident of the Town. All recommendations will also be included in next year's Town Report as required by RSA 21-J:19.

Per RSA 21-J:19, "the summary of findings and recommendations of the auditors shall be published in the next annual report following the fiscal year in which the audit was completed." We have therefore listed all the recommendations that resulted from the 2011 audit below this year's report, most, if not all of which, were also included as part of last years audit report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine A. Ells
Auditor, Town of Orange
Bruce E. Ells
Auditor, Town of Orange

**Recommendations as a result
of the 2011 audit as reported
on MS-60 to the DRA**

Observations - Part 1. General Ledger & Financial Records

- Per RSA 41:9 VII we are recommending the Selectmen adopt an investment policy for the Town and communicate said policy with the Treasurer. This policy should be in writing and reviewed and documented in the minutes on an annual basis.
- Per RSA 41:29 VI “the treasurer may delegate the deposit function to other town officials provided such delegation is in writing and includes written procedures acceptable to the selectmen.” Since this function is being delegated to other town officials, we are recommending the Selectmen establish a written policy and procedures for the process.
- When adjusting journal entries are required, we are recommending the Selectmen document the entry. They should all sign it as they would if they were producing a voucher for payment. It would also be prudent to have the entry documented in the minutes of the Selectmen’s meeting.

Observations - Part 2. Treasurer

- Currently, the Treasurer is signing the monthly bank reconciliations, however, there is not a secondary person signing off on the Treasurer's monthly reconciliations. The audit forms indicate the monthly reconciliation of the Town’s bank accounts should be signed by the Treasurer as well as by a secondary person. To satisfy this portion of the audit, we are recommending the Treasurer sign the monthly reconciliation of bank statements and forward a copy to the Selectmen for review. At least one of the Selectmen should review and sign the reconciliation each month. Documentation of the review should be available to the auditors.

Observations - Part 3. Tax Collector

- No recommended changes

Observations - Part 4. Trustees

- The totals reported for principal and income on the two forms were accurate. Since switching to the PDIP accounts, the principal and income have not been kept separate for the non-common funds on the reports. The beginning principal reported includes the income from the prior year for these accounts and the beginning income is being reported as zero. Total income represents only the current year's income. Based on the forms, it appears as though the two should be kept separate when rolling the numbers forward from year to year.
- There needs to be a written process in place for funding and withdrawing from the capital funds. Currently there is no documentation for withdrawals from the funds to support the transaction. There also isn't a process in place for funding the capital funds as approved by the Town at the annual meeting. This year it resulted in an underfunded account.

Observations - Part 5. Town Clerk

- No recommended changes



A leisure, sunny Sunday spent on Cardigan's south peak

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

In a town which rarely has "welfare", it was unusual to need to provide as much emergency assistance as one family needed, this year. Food, pellets(heat)and electrical reconnection were needed. There were seven other inquires, who were referred to other surrounding services (Listen, TRICAP, The Haven, etc, and, in one case a payment plan for a utility), because, upon interview,they, otherwise, would not qualify for our program. There was no money for membership on the New Hampshire Welfare Administrators Association, so I paid for it(30.00 dollars and 12.00 for the speaker fee), because I feel that it is important to belong. I learned a great deal about fuel assistance and the WIC program and came away with valuable materials for my job. I helped with surveys which benefit potential recipients and assembled lists for people to have holiday assistance from churches. I work hard to preserve the privacy of people in need. In a small town like Orange, this can be a challenge! It is my duty(by law) to present the changes in actual costs(in our community ,only), to the selectboard for adoption into the guidelines, and any other guideline changes that I feel are necessary. I have done this, since their inception. The board has not adopted them, to date.

Respectfully,
Pat Mercer,
Overseer of Public Welfare, T.O.O. NH

[Note from Selectboard: On January 8, 2013, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Town Welfare Guidelines as written by the town's attorney.]

2012 REPORT OF THE “FRIENDS OF ORANGE”

Although Friends of Orange is not officially a Town function, it is , largely, composed of and benefited by residents of Orange, NH. This was an active year. There were some neighborly food drives, to assist some families with the basics. In September, the need for backpacks and supplies, at the Jr. and Sr. High Schools, was met handily. Proudly, in conjunction with Cynthia Collea and other school officials, we were able to provide twenty-three fully supplied packs, pencils, paper and flash drives, before the first day of school. This meant that no one had to start without one. We ran the Third Annual Harvest Festival, and although it rained, we managed to put another ,approximately, fifteen hundred dollars into the scholarship fund(third year in a row). Without the support of this community, and the hard work by students, parents and Friends of Orange, this would never be possible. The musicians, under the direction of a very capable Scott Sanborn, donated their time and terrific talents, to make this a unique and special day. The Aitkens donated the cord of wood (hand split)!Turkey boxes and Christmas gifts were delivered, in town, from their respective charities, and forty elementary school children received presents from the response to the mitten tree "wishes" .These children would go without, otherwise. We sponsored an after funeral reception for the family of Harold Peaslee, at the Town House. At present, we are developing a "Sunshine program", to send cards to people who are ill, get married, have babies, have a special achievement, or lose someone special. We are always open to suggestions and new participants. Thanks for a great year! I hope 2013 will be even better!

Respectfully,
Pat Mercer
Friends of Orange, T.O.O. NH

TOWN OF ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2012

Town Meeting was opened at 11:00 AM on March 13, 2012 with election of officers and consideration of the Mascoma Valley Regional School District Warrant. Voting hours ended at 7 PM, Town Meeting to continue on March 14, 2012 at 7 PM with the remainder of the town warrant articles

March 14, 2012 Town Meeting opened with David Stacy leading the towns' people in the salute to the flag, followed by Dan Hazelton, Moderator, going over the rules of the meeting. "We have guests this evening, please welcome 2 officers from Troop F that are the main officers that respond to 911 calls here in town, Sergeant Anderson and Trooper Davis. Also, we have Attorney Shawn Tanguay from Gardner Fulton & Waugh." The Moderator asked all registered voters to see the Supervisors of the Check List to get a voting slip.

Article 1: Election results of town officers held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. RESULTS:

Select Board; Betty Fulton

Moderator; Daniel Hazelton

Town Clerk; Sophie Seace

Tax Collector; Sharon Proulx

Treasurer; Tessa Michetti

Deeding Agent; Sharon Proulx

Budget Committee; Timothy Connelly

Planning Board; 2 positions: David Stacy, Robert Proulx

Supervisor of Check List; Caitlin Arnold

Road Agent; Scott Sanborn

Auditor; two positions; Bruce Ells, Catherine Ells

Overseer of Public Welfare; Pat Mercer

Trustee of Trust Funds; Betty Fulton

Cemetery Trustee; Pat Mercer

Cemetery Agent; Edwin Saulen

Due to the fact that positions for Select Board and Trustee of Trust Funds cannot be held by the same person, Betty Fulton will need to choose the position she prefers.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills pursuant to RSA 80:52 on the condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at time of payment.

MOVED: Pat Mercer SECOND: Dorothy Heinrichs
VOTE: PASSED

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$216,402.00, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, for the ensuing year for general operations.

Bob Proulx MOVED to postpone article 3 until after article 9 is voted SECONDED: Pat Mercer

Bob said that in the past we have always voted the budget after the other warrant articles were voted on.

VOTE FOR POSTPONEMENT: PASSED

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate approximately \$29,154.00 for the purpose of construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment, said amount to be offset by the Highway Block Grant (estimated to be \$29,154.00). Said amount to be included in article 3.

MOVED: Henry Minasian SECOND: Scott Sanborn
VOTE: PASSED

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid into the Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0012 (opened 5/08/2007) for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment.

MOVED: Dorothy Heinrichs SECONDED: Don Pfaefflin
VOTE: PASSED

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0015 (opened 06/20/07) for

the purpose of Town House building improvements.

MOVED: Linda Giner SECOND: Bob Ells VOTE: PASSED

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0014 (opened 05/08/2007) for the purpose of a revaluation of property.

MOVED: Henry Minasian SECOND: Pat Mercer

Discussion; Henry Minasian suggested that in the coming years the Town should think about increasing this amount, revaluations can be expensive.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid into the Town Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0013 (opened 06-26-2007) for the purpose of maintaining town roads.

MOVED: Dorothy Heinrichs SECONDED: Scott Lurgio

VOTE: PASSED

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be paid into the Town Document Preservation Capital Reserve Fund #NH-0100700-0016 (opened 05/08/2007) for the purpose of restoring and preserving town documents.

MOVED: Linda Giner SECOND: Tom Rock

Discussion: Bob Proulx asked Linda Giner how we are doing with the plan to purchase 2 used document cabinets from The Mascoma Bank. Linda said that they are rated for five hours protection from damage. Linda is talking to a gentleman that is in charge of equipment in the area to see if we can acquire one or two cabinets when they become available. She is hoping that the town can get them at a very reasonable cost. Rosemary Haness asked how much is in the fund at this time? Jeanne Minasian said \$1,793.48. Not enough to purchase if they become available. Linda said she is trying to see if they will donate both or one, she can't guarantee this but she is trying. We will need to pay shipping to here. Jeanne asked, if they don't donate them does the town have another way to pay for them? Henry said that it could be taken out of the budget if the Board chose to do

so and if it does not penalize any other budget item.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$216,402.00, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, for the ensuing year for general operations. MOVED: Scott Sanborn SECONDED: Don Pfaefflin Discussion: Henry Minasian suggested that the town consider adding a few dollars to this amount for the purchase of the document file. Not an amendment. No response from the floor. VOTE: PASSED

Article 10: (by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to cover classes and training offered and or required for positions in Orange. Charges for the program, mileage at the federal rate and the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars (\$125.00) per day will be paid to the participant by the Town.

MOVED: Henry Minasian SECOND: Pat Mercer

Discussion: Henry Minasian made an amendment

AMENDMENT: To see if the Town will vote to continue cover the cost for classes and training offered to elected and appointed officials. To continue to cover program cost, reimbursement for mileage at the federal rate, and up to one hundred and twenty five (\$125.00) for a full day course, prorated as necessary for half day or for other durations of course time. Prior approval of all expenses to the Town is to be made by the Select Board, for each attendee, and based upon individual application to the Board. NOTE: monies for this program have been included in the proposed budget.

SECOND: Jeanne Minasian

Bob Proulx said that the Budget Committee built in money for this purpose when they did the budget this year. \$1000.00 was put in for Officers Expenses and \$600.00 was put into Elections for Supervisors of the Check List. Pat Mercer said that prorating a day is almost impossible. Travel time, lunch etc., most people will not make it back to work. Linda Giner said that she needs to ask to attend classes and she is not paid travel time or lunch. Pat Mercer feels that anyone should be allowed to attend classes.

Henry said that the amendment gives the Select Board control of expenses. No one will be paid to attend without consent of the Board. VOTE to accept AMENDMENT: PASS
VOTE AMENDED ARTICLE: PASS

Article 11: (by petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of cleaning and repairing cemetery monuments.

MOVED: Pat Mercer SECOND: Bob Proulx

Discussion: Frank Giner asked if cemetery monuments are private property? Danny asked Henry as he has spent some time investigating the question. Henry said the monuments are private property. He contacted the Secretary of State office, Terry Knowles said they were private property, Henry read the Towns people a letter he said that she sent him regarding this. Perpetual care income cannot be used by the Town for up keep of the grounds. The Cemetery Trustees only can do something with the stones if they present a hazard to people going into the cemetery. He told the floor that the Town cannot clean, move or repair the stones unless the Town was responsible for the damage. Some of the grave sites in town have perpetual care funds set aside, Henry would limit the Trustees to only repairing those stones. He feels that the Town should not do more due to liability. The Cemetery Trustees stated that they have investigated the requirements and they intend to follow them step by step

Pat Mercer proposed an AMENDMENT to the article

AMENDMENT: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of cleaning and repairing cemetery monuments. SECOND: Bob Proulx

Discussion: There was much discussion about liability, should we touch the stones, do we charge for perpetual care when we sell a plot? Do we have rules regarding perpetual care? If these stones are 200 years old and there is no family left who do we ask for permission from? If we don't take care this is part of our history that we are in danger of losing it. Scott Sanborn proposed adding a few words for clarification.

Pat Mercer Withdrew her amendment

Bob Proulx withdrew his second

NEW AMENDMENT: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be placed in a capital reserve fund for the purpose of cleaning and repairing cemetery monuments, provided that protocols for notification of descendants as advised by Town Council are followed. SECOND: George White

When questioned, Town counsel stated that there is no problem raising the money, but, the Town must take the proper steps to spend it. At this time money may not be taken out of the fund without having another Town Meeting for approval. At a later time the Town may appoint the Select Board to be the agent of the money. Pat Mercer said that the Cemetery Trustees purpose was for the money to stay there until they came back to the Town Meeting.

Moved the Question: Sharon Proulx SECOND: Pat Mercer

VOTE AMENDMENT: PASSED

VOTE AMENDED ARTICLE: PASSED

Article 12: (by petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate four thousand (\$4,000.00) to be paid to the Canaan Public Library yearly to insure that the residents of Orange may have open and free use of the facility.

MOVED: Dorothy Heinrichs SECOND: Pat Mercer

Discussion: Barbara Smith presented an amendment:

AMENDMENT: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate four thousand (\$4,000.00) to be paid to the Canaan Public Library to insure that the residents of Orange may have open and free use of the facility. Said money is included in the current budget. SECONDED: Pat Mercer

Discussion: Barbara Smith said that the purpose of this article is to be sure that the Select Board understand that the Town wants to donate \$4,000.00 to the Canaan Public Library. Last year the town voted that they receive \$4,000.00 and they only received \$2,000.00 Jeanne Minasian asked how many towns donate to the Canaan Library. Dorothy Heinrichs said that Orange is the only one. Henry stated that Orange residents can use all the libraries in the district for free. Bob Proulx said when Canaan Library

asked for donations a few years back, the Town voted to give \$4,000.00 it has been in the budget ever since. This year the Select Board made a commitment to write the vouchers Thursday night at their meeting for all funds committed at this Town Meeting. Shawn Tanguay, Town counsel, said that the DRA may take this article as additional money in the budget and increase the tax rate.

George White asked the difference between commitment and obligation? Town Council stated that the Select Board has the right to spend funds in the budget as they see fit. Jay Heinrichs said he thinks the Board got the message.

VOTE AMENDMENT: PASSED

VOTE AMENDED ARTICLE: FAILED

VOTE ORIGINAL ARTICLE: FAILED

Article 13: (by petition) Should the Board of Selectmen allow snowmobiles to use Class VI roads in the Town of Orange, when after a review of the circumstances involved (i.e. location, proximity to residents, public safety etc.), said use is not expected to have unreasonable impacts?

MOVED: Henry Minasian SECOND: Pat Mercer

The Moderator said that there are a few members from the Hardy Country Snowmobile Club, will the hall allow them to speak for this article? The hall agreed – Scott Lurgio, Chair of the Conservation Committee for the Town, stated that he was concerned due to the fact that no roads or areas were mentioned in the letter or article. Bob Proulx said to allow the representatives to present their plan.

Miles Sinclair from the club showed the hall a map that indicated travel along the Groton/Orange town lines to Dorchester via Hood Road, New Colony Road to Beaver Pond connector trail between New Colony Road (extended) and Hood Farm Road. The bulk of the trail is in the State Forest. No houses are within site of the trail. Club members Have been using this trail with no complaints from Orange, the reason they came before the hall was these trails were severely damaged by the recent hurricane. The Club wants to repair them. They are class VI roads so the Town has no obligation to do so. They want permission to do this from the Town.

Bob Proulx proposed an AMENDMENT; to read;
Should the Board of Selectmen allow snowmobilers to use Class VI roads in the Town of Orange, when after a review of the circumstances involved (i.e. location, proximity to residents, public safety etc.), said use is not expected to have unreasonable impacts: Specifically, the use of the extended section of New Colony Road known as the Atwell Brook Trail, and beyond the Tug Mountain Road known as the Hood Road Trail, these two sections being connected by a trail within the Cardigan Mountain State Forest that is neither a class V or class VI road, and having been used for the past twenty (20) years as part of the Hardy Country Snowmobile Club's Trail system.

SECOND: Pat Mercer

It was asked if this amendment limits the Club to this area. Town Council stated that he doesn't think that is the case, it just states that the Town has approved the Club to use this section in Orange. Henry stated that the Town could not make a determination regarding using the trails just on the use of class V and VI roads. Town Council said that he does not think this gives approval of trails, he thinks it says where the trails begin. The Moderator agreed. Upon advise Bob Proulx withdrew his amendment, Pat Mercer withdrew her second.

NEW AMENDMENT: Should the Board of Selectmen allow snowmobilers to use the extended section of New Colony Road known as the Atwell Brook Trail, and beyond the Tug Mountain Road know as the Hood Road Trail, these two sections being connected by a trail within the Mount Cardigan State Forest that is neither a Class V or Class VI road, and having been used for the past twenty (20) years as part of the Hardy Country Snowmobile Club's Trail system. SECOND: Pat Mercer
Bob asked Scott Lurgio if this satisfies his concerns? Scott feels that this covers his concerns.

VOTE THE AMENDMENT: PASSED

VOTE AMENDED ARTICLE: PASSED

Article 14: To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

DISCUSSION: Danny Hazelton introduced Gary Hamel, the un-

official Town Historian, Gary wrote a documentary that will be included, in part, in these town minutes.

“The Town of Orange made history yesterday. After consulting with several members of the community and with the consent of the Moderator, we want to take a few moments to acknowledge this milestone. It must be clearly understood that we are not celebrating any individual or personal victory, but the achievement created by the voters in the Town of Orange.

So, what am I talking about? By yesterday’s election the Town of Orange now has an all woman select board. In our 243 year history this is a first for us. With information researched by a librarian at the State Library in Concord, we, to the best of our knowledge, believe that this is also a first in Grafton County and that we are the second town in the State of New Hampshire to do this. In addition, we have women who serve as Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Deeding Agent, Supervisor of the Checklist, Auditor, Overseer of Public Welfare, Trustee of Trust Funds, Cemetery Trustee and others

This is a celebration of women in the Town of Orange, and a thank you from this little mountain town which we all dearly love.”

In 1790 Nathan Waldo Jr., elected first Town Clerk of the newly incorporated Town of Orange. He was 23 years old. For 220 years he held this honor.

This year Caitlin Arnold was elected to be a Supervisor of the Check List with 144 of the 151 votes cast. She is 21 years old.

(those wishing to read the entire history, by Gary Hamel, may find a copy at the Orange Town House.)

Pat Mercer presented, in the name of the Town, beautiful rose bouquets to Barbara Smith as thanks for giving the Town 15 years serving as Supervisor of the Checklist and to Pat White for serving 6 years as Town Clerk. As has happened in the past, Gary Hamel gave the two women each a painting of Cardigan Mountain. Both beautifully done and greatly appreciated by Barbara and Pat.

Dorothy Heinrichs thanked Henry Minasian for his dedication to the Town this past three years as Selectman.

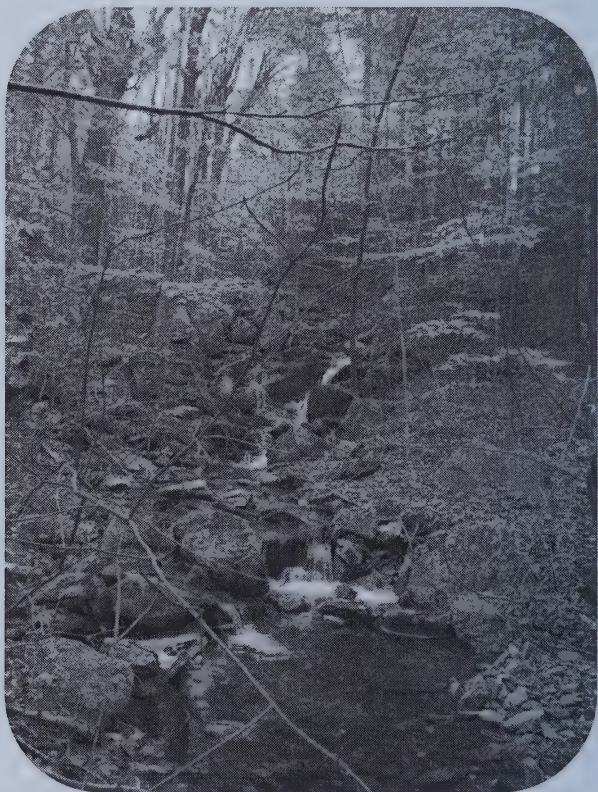
Dorothy advised the floor of an event planned by the Conservation Committee called “MICA MADNESS” to happen this spring. She also thanked everyone for recycling it has been a great success and to please keep it up. Finally, Dorothy told the Town to go on the new Town website. Donated and manned by Jay Heinrichs. The address is; www.Orangenh.us check it out.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 PM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

Patricia C. White,

Orange Town Clerk



Brown Brook in Sudrabin State Forest

VITAL STATISTICS 2012

Births:

There were no births on record in 2012.

Marriages:

Clifton V. Wheeler III of Orange, NH and Michele L. Foley of Orange, NH

Married October 27, 2012 in Orange, New Hampshire

Deaths:

There were no deaths on record in 2012.



Congratulations to our tax collector, Sharon Proulx, for being honored at the New Hampshire Association of Tax Collectors for twenty-five years of continual service. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for these twenty-five years and we look forward to many more.

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