

Town of
ORFORD
New Hampshire



Restored Iron Marker at the intersection of Bridge Street and Route 10

Annual Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 2021

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ORFORD TOWN OFFICIALS

Elected by nonpartisan ballot on Town Meeting Day

MODERATOR

Harry Pease	353-9080	2020 to 2022	2-year term
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SELECTBOARD

John Adams	353-9201	2021 to 2024	3-year term
Fred Kidder II	359-2028	2020 to 2023	3-year term
P Chase Kling	353-4214	2021 to 2022	1-year term

TREASURER

Nancy Murphy	353-9029	2019 to 2022	3-year term
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SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Jane Hebb	353-4496	2020 to 2026	6-year term
Sarah Putnam	353-9636	2018 to 2024	6-year term
Brenda Smith	353-8114	2016 to 2022	6-year term

TAX COLLECTOR

Deborah Hadlock	353-4404	2020 to 2023	3-year term
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TOWN CLERK

Deborah Hadlock	353-4404	2020 to 2023	3-year term
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PLANNING BOARD

Faith Knapp	353-4333	2020 to 2023	3-year term
Jennifer Carter	728-8404	2021 to 2022	1-year term
Ann Green	353-4150	2021 to 2022	1-year term
Harry Osmer	353-2188	2021 to 2022	1-year term
Terry Straight	728-7569	2019 to 2022	3-year term
<i>Open Position</i>		2020 to 2022	2-year term

ORFORD FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Carol Boynton	353-4874	2021 to 2024	3-year term
Susan Kling	353-9166	2020 to 2023	3-year term
Stacey King	353-9055	2020 to 2022	2-year term

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Vicki Schwaegler	353-9725	2021 to 2024	3-year term
Chris Crowley	353-9873	2020 to 2023	3-year term
Seth Carter	353-9222	2019 to 2022	3-year term

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Brenda Smith	353-8114	2021 to 2024	3-year term
Paul Messer, Sr.	353-4883	2020 to 2023	3-year term
Linda Pease	353-9080	2020 to 2022	2-year term

Nominated and Elected from the floor on Town Meeting Day

OVERSEERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectboard	353-4889	2021 to 2022	1-year term
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FENCE VIEWERS

P. Chase Kling	353-	2021 to 2022	1-year term
Dennis Streeter	353-	2021 to 2022	1-year term

SEXTON

Cemetery Commission		2021 to 2022	1-year term
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ORFORD SOCIAL LIBRARY

Gail Keefer	353-4424	2019 to 2022	3-year term
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BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lawrence Hibbard	359-8282	2021 to 2022	1-year term
Ruth Hook	353-4855	2021 to 2022	1-year term
Robert Palifka	353-9367	2021 to 2022	1-year term
William Paxton	353-4389	2021 to 2022	1-year term
Lawrence Duffy	617-645-9387	2021 to 2022	1-year term
Tom Thomson	353-4488	2021 to 2022	1-year term
Ken Wiren	201-321-5058	2021 to 2022	1-year term

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Craig Pelletier	353-9409	2021 to 2024	3-year term
David Smith	353-4585	2021 to 2024	3-year term
J.J. Hebb	353-8125	2020 to 2023	3-year term
Robb Day	353-4140	2020 to 2023	3-year term
Lawrence Hibbard	353-4841	2019 to 2022	3-year term

Appointed by the Selectboard

AUDITOR

Roberts & Greene 2021 to 2022 1-year term

FIRE CHIEF

Terry Straight 353-4629 2021 to 2022 1-year term

POLICE CHIEF

Jason Bachus 353-4252 2021 to 2022 1-year term

ROAD AGENT

Terry Straight 353-4629 2021 to 2022 1-year term

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Open Position
(Selectboard Acting EMD) 353-4889 2021 to 2022 1-year term

HEALTH OFFICER

Open Position
(Selectboard Acting Health Officer) 353-4889 2021 to 2022 1-year term

NILES FUND COMMITTEE

David Coker 353-4104 2021 to 2022 1-year term
Jennifer Tilden 353-4625 2021 to 2022 1-year term
Melinda Ricker 353-9099 2021 to 2022 1-year term
Ann Green 353-4150 2021 to 2022 1-year term
Ruth Hook 353-4855 2020 to 2022 1-year term

TREE WARDEN

Bill Wilson 353-9414 2021 to 2022 1-year term

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR FLOOD PLAINS

Paul Messer, Sr. 353-4883 2020 to 2023 3-year Term
Peter Dooley 353-4887 2020 to 2023 3-year Term
Shawn Washburn 353-4207 2020 to 2023 3-year Term

INSPECTORS OF ELECTION

Marion Spottswood 353-4423 2020 to 2022 2-year term
Judith Parker 353-4882 2020 to 2022 2-year term
Patricia Buck 353-9268 2020 to 2022 2-year term
Open Position 2-year term

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Harrison Pease	353-9080	2021 to 2024	3-year term
Craig Putnam	353-9636	2021 to 2024	3-year term
John Miller	353-4877	2020 to 2023	3-year term
<i>Open Position</i>		2020 to 2023	3-year term
Ted Cooley	353-2139	2019 to 2022	3-year term
Tom Bubolz	353-4303	2019 to 2022	3-year term
Carl Schmidt	353-9307	2019 to 2022	3-year term

Alternates:

Fran Plaisted		2021 to 2024	3-year term
Emily Bryant		2021 to 2024	3-year term
Carl Cassel		2020 to 2023	3-year term

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Ted Cooley	353-2139	2021 to 2024	3-year term
<i>Open Position</i>		2022 to 2024	2-year term
Scott Gagnon	353-4140	2020 to 2023	3-year term
Mark Blanchard	353-9873	2020 to 2023	3-year term
Jordon Sutherlin	353-8220	2019 to 2022	3-year term
John Miller	353-4877	2019 to 2022	3-year term

Alternates:

Robb Day	353-4140	2021 to 2022	1-year term
David Smith	353-4585	2021 to 2022	1-year term

**TOWN OF ORFORD
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**MINUTES FROM THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
2021**

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD, County of Grafton, in said state, qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the official polls of the Town of Orford, New Hampshire, will be held in the Niles room of the Orford Town Building on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021, at 11:00 AM, to act upon the following subjects:

Polls will open for **voting by ballot on Article 1 on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021, at 11:00 AM and will close at 7:00 PM**, unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

ARTICLE 1

To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers. The polls will be open from eleven o'clock in the morning and will close no earlier than seven o'clock in the evening for you to cast your ballot for the following officers:

Selectboard Member	3-Year Term
Selectboard Member	1-Year Term
Planning Board	3-Year Term
Planning Board	3-Year Term
Planning Board	1-Year Term

The **business portion** of the annual Town Meeting was convened at **1:00 PM on Saturday May 22, 2021**, at the Rivendell School gym, when all of the other Articles (including votes from the floor) were considered.

Moderator Harrison Pease asked that we all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked all the Veterans for their service.

Seth Carter thanked Joe Davis for serving on the Trustees of the Trust Funds for over 20 years.

Ann Green reported that there are five scheduled concerts at the bandstand coming this summer.

The fourth of July parade will be held this year, the theme is Unsung Heros, red, white and blue.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million, one hundred fifty-eight thousand, four hundred fifty-four dollars (\$1,158,454) for general municipal operations.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 87,837
Election & Registration	34,138
Financial Administration	63,264
Revaluation of Property	23,450

Legal Expenses	12,500
Engineering Expenses	5,000
Planning Board	7,150
General Government Buildings	12,500
Cemeteries	26,293
Insurance	31,850
Regional Association	1,733
Contingency Fund PUBLIC	5,000
SAFETY	
Police	\$ 144,915
Ambulance	56,902
Dispatch	24,750
Fire Department	73,878
Emergency Management HIGHWAYS	800
AND BRIDGES	
Highways	\$ 408,125
Street Lighting	9,400
SANITATION	
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 10,100
Land Fill Closure	6,000
HEALTH	
Animal Control	\$ 500
WELFARE	
Direct Assistance	\$ 5,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 40,779
Libraries	51,000
Patriotic Purposes	1,450
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 3,940
IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS	
Maintenance of Community Field Appropriation	10,200

After a brief discussion the article was passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Dave Bischoff and seconded by Jim McGoff to consider Article 15 at this time.

ARTICLE 15 — Petitioned Warrant Article

To see if the Town, pursuant to RSA 231:62, shall elect by ballot, a Road Agent and if approved by the Town Voters this position will appear on the next years 2022 Town Official Ballot for a term of one year.

After a brief discussion. The Article was defeated by paper ballot Yes 29 to No 56.

A motion was made by Carl Cassel and seconded by Emily Bryant to consider Article 14.

ARTICLE 14 - Petitioned Warrant Article

To see if the town will vote to authorize 50% of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to

RSA 79A:25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79- A:25, II. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2021, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting.

The article was passed by paper ballot Yes 43 to No 39 and one blank ballot.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred eleven thousand one hundred forty-six dollars (\$311,146) for payments into the following Capital Reserve Funds. (Majority vote required) *The Selectboard recommends this article.*

Road Improvements CRF (1989) (previously referred to as Bridges and Roads CRF)	\$120,000
Heavy Equipment Maintenance (2003)	6,825
Fire Trucks CRF (1989)	49,000
Fire Dept. Equipment CRF (2015)	27,825
Fire Dept. Major Maintenance (2017)	3,500
Grader CRF (1983)	6,180
Highway Dept. Trucks CRF (1997)	38,625
Loader CRF (1983)	20,085
Police Cruiser CRF (1985)	12,360
Town Building CRF (2019)	17,510
Police Dept. Major Expense & Software	7,000
Cemetery Mower/Bldg. CRF (2015)	1,236
Tree Care & Replacement EFT (1991)	1,000

Terry Martin made an amendment to move \$27,825 from Fire Dept. Equipment CRF and \$3,500 from Fire Dept. Major Maintenance and add that money to the Road Improvement CRF, which changed the amount from \$120,000 to \$151,325. The amendment passed by hand vote 35 yes and 31 no.

The amended article then passed by paper ballot Yes 70 and No 8

A motion was made by Jim McGoff and seconded by Ruth Hook to consider Article 16.

ARTICLE 16 - Petitioned Warrant Article

To see if the Town will vote to request the Orford Selectboard to form a "Orford Town Road Commission" made up of five resident-taxpayers with town roads, bridges, and heavy equipment experience, for the purpose of assisting and suggesting to both the Selectboard and Road Agent on issues that pertain to town highway garage building, roads, bridges, road equipment and vehicles, and any other items that fall under the Orford Road Department. And to explore the possibility of privatizing (contracting out) the care and maintenance of all town owned roads and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Selectboard and to the Orford general public by December 1 2021. Members to be appointed as follows: three (3) by the Selectboard and two (2) by the Budget Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Justin Adams and seconded by Lisa Camarra. The article was approved by paper ballot Yes 42 and No 38.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate twenty-six thousand five hundred thirty dollars (\$26,530) to be added to the Town of Orford Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This represents funds received from FEMA in 2020. (Majority vote required) *The Selectboard recommends this article.*

A motion was made by Peter Dooley and seconded by Kevin Follensbee. A voice vote was made in the affirmative. The article passed.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to be known as the "Broadband Development Capital Reserve Fund", for the purpose of developing Town wide plans and/or business models for a Town wide Broadband system, and to raise and appropriate two-thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Selectboard as agents of the Town to expend money from this fund for this purpose without further Town Meeting approval.

(Majority vote required) *The Selectboard recommends this article.*

Motion made by John O'Brien and seconded by Peter Dooley.

Ron Smith asked that the wording be changed on the warrant article to read as:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to be known as the "Broadband Development Capital Reserve Fund", for the purpose of developing Town wide plans and/or business models for Town wide Internet service, and to raise and appropriate two-thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Selectboard as agents of the Town to expend money from this fund for this purpose without further Town Meeting approval. The amendment passed by voice vote. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate fifteen thousand six hundred seven dollars (\$15,607) for the following requests for appropriations:

Visiting Nurse Alliance \$7,000

Tri-County CAP \$2,475

Grafton County Senior Citizen's \$2,000

West Central Behavioral Health \$1,400

Public Health Council of the Upper Valley \$932

CASA \$500

WISE \$500

Rivendell Trails Association \$450

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services \$350

(Majority vote required) *The Selectboard recommends this article.*

The motion was made by Janice Bartley and seconded by Linda Dooley. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred ninety-three thousand dollars (\$193,000) to purchase a 6-wheel International dump truck or equivalent dump truck with a snowplow, wing plow, steel dump body, a new two-way radio, appropriate DOT regulation

lighting, and including an 84 month bumper to bumper warranty to be paid as follows: To authorize the withdrawal of up to one hundred ninety-three thousand dollars (\$193,000) from the highway department trucks capital reserve fund and authorize the selectmen to dispose of the current 2008 International dump truck with the proceeds to be applied to the purchase price and reduce the amount to be withdrawn from the capital reserve fund. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until 12/31/2022 or until the project is completed, whichever comes first. (Majority vote required) *The majority of the Selectboard recommends this article.*

The motion was made by Bob Palifka and seconded by Roger Hadlock. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) for the purpose of municipally managing a NH Department of Transportation State Aid Bridge grant for the design engineering, permitting, and replacement of the Archertown Road Bridge over Jacobs Brook. Of the appropriation, up to nine hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$960,000) will come from NHDOT State Bridge Aid, one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) will come from the existing Road Improvement Capital Reserve fund, and one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) will come from the unassigned Fund Balance. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until 12/31/2026 or until the project is completed, whichever comes first. (Majority vote required) *The Selectboard recommends this article.*

The motion was made by John O'Brien and seconded by Peter Dooley. The article passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (2011) originally approved at the 2011 annual meeting, Warrant Article 6. Funds were never allocated to this CRF and the account has a zero balance. (A 2/3 Majority vote required) *The Selectboard recommends this article.*

The motion was made by Janice Bartley and seconded by Sally Tomlinson. The article passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Community Field Expendable Trust Fund (1984) originally approved at the 1984 annual meeting, Warrant Article #39, and currently has a zero balance. (A 2/3 Majority vote required) *The Selectboard recommends this article.*

The motion was made by Paul Perry and seconded by Carl Johnson. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Community Field 1 (Hazen Morey) Expendable Trust Fund (1984) originally approved at the 1984 annual meeting, Warrant Article #41, and currently has a zero balance. (A 2/3 Majority vote required) *The Selectboard recommends this article.*

The motion was made by Peter Dooley and seconded by Bob Palifka. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand two hundred dollars (\$5,200) for the purpose of completing the construction of the permanent structure near the highway garage to house the grader and other town equipment, with five thousand two hundred dollars (\$5,200) to come from the unassigned fund balance. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until 12/31/2026 or until the project is completed, whichever comes first. (Majority vote required) *The Selectboard recommends this article.*

The motion was made by Carl Cassel and seconded by Sally Tomlinson. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of expanding the highway garage to be used to address safety issues identified in the Primex audit report, with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until 12/31/2026 or until the project is completed, whichever comes first. (Majority vote required) *The Selectboard recommends this article.*

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Paul Messer and seconded by Peter Dooley. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17

To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

There were no reports. John Adams thanked Chris Crowley for all his work on the Trust Fund Accounts.

ARTICLE 18

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. **There were none made.**

There being no further business to discuss or vote on, the Moderator thanked everyone for attending. This meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Hadlock
Town Clerk

Results of the March 9, 2021 Elections:

Selectboard 3-year Term:

John Adams — 119

Selectboard 1-year Term:

P. Chase Kling — 86

Faith Knapp — 68

Peter Dooley — 36

Planning Board 3-year Term:

Tom Thomson (did not take the position)

Harry Osmer (agreed to take the position for 1 year)

Planning Board 3-year Term:

Terry Martin (did not take the position)

Planning Board 1-year Term:

Ann Green

Results of the May 22, 2021 Nominations and Elections from the Floor:

Overseers of Public Welfare:

Selectboard 1-year term

Fence Viewers:

P. Chase Kling 1-year term

Dennis Streeter 1-year term

Health Officer:

Selectboard 1-year term

Sexton:

Cemetery Commission 1-year term

Budget Advisory Committee:

Larry Duffy 1-year term

Lawrence Hibbard 1-year term

Ruth Hook 1-year term

Robert Palifka 1-year term

William Paxton 1-year term

Tom Thomson 1-year term

Ken Wiren 1-year term

Orford Free Library Trustees:

Carol Boynton – 1-year term

Parks and Playgrounds:

Craig Pelletier 3-year term

David Smith 3-year term

Trustees of the Trust Funds:

Vicki Schwaegler 3-year term

Cemetery Commission:

Brenda Smith 3-year term

Moderator's 2022 Orford Town Meeting Procedures

Harrison Pease, Moderator, Town of Orford

Speaking

- Please wait to be recognized by the Moderator before speaking.
- Speakers must be registered voters in the Town of Orford.
- Please go to the microphone to speak so that everyone can hear you.
- Please state your name the first time you speak.
- Please limit comments to no more than 5 minutes.
- Please add to previous comments; do not just repeat what has already been said.
- The Moderator will recognize those who have not spoken on an article before recognizing anyone who has already spoken.
- It's okay to disagree, but please be respectful of other people and their opinions.

Motions

- All motions must be moved and seconded before discussion begins.
- One motion or amendment at a time please to avoid confusion.
- A "Motion to Reconsider" any previous vote on an article can occur at any time after the first vote was taken.
- A "Motion to Restrict Reconsideration" of any previous vote on an article can be made at any time after the first vote was taken (RSA 40:10).
- A "Motion to Call the Question" cuts off debate, however, voters who are already standing at the microphone will be allowed to speak before a vote is taken on the motion. The Moderator shall have the right to refuse to recognize the motion, if in his opinion, the voters have not had an adequate opportunity to discuss the issue.
- If you believe the Moderator has erred in terms of procedure, you may request a "Point of Order" and the voters will decide. A majority vote is required to overrule the Moderator (RSA 40:4). You do not have to be recognized by the Moderator to raise a point of order.

Voting

- To vote, you must be a registered voter in the Town of Orford, not just a resident.
- Any article may be voted by paper ballot if 5 registered voters make a request in writing to the Moderator prior to the vote (RSA 40:4-a).
- When any vote, other than by ballot, declared by the Moderator is questioned by 7 or more of the voters present, orally or in writing, the vote shall be retaken by paper ballot immediately and before any other business is begun (RSA 40:4-b).
- Without objection, these procedures are for the 2022 Orford Town Meeting. These procedures may be altered by the voters at the meeting by majority vote (RSA 40:4)

**TOWN OF ORFORD
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**PROPOSED
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

2022

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD, County of Grafton, in said state, qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Rivendell Academy Gymnasium in said Orford on Tuesday the 8th of March next at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1

To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers. The polls will be open from four o'clock in the afternoon and will close no earlier than nine o'clock in the evening for you to cast your ballot for the following officers:

Selectboard Member	3-Year Term
Moderator	2-Year Term
Planning Board	3-Year Term
Planning Board	3-Year Term
Planning Board	2-Year Term
Planning Board	2-Year Term
Planning Board	1-Year Term
Treasurer	3-Year Term
Supervisor of the Checklist	6-Year Term
Free Library Trustee	3-Year Term
Cemetery Commissioner	3-Year Term
Cemetery Commissioner	1-Year Term
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3-Year Term

ARTICLE 2 – Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million two hundred three thousand thirty-seven dollars (\$1,203,037) for general municipal operations. (Majority vote required) The Selectboard recommend this article.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 90,024
Election & Registration	39,458
Financial Administration	67,088
Revaluation of Property	15,600
Legal Expenses	12,500
Engineering Expenses	5,000
Planning Board	10,550
General Government Buildings	12,850
Cemeteries	28,140
Insurance	35,613
Regional Association	1,777
Contingency Fund	5,000

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	\$ 158,565
Emergency Services	85,038

Fire Department	74,680
Emergency Management	500
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES	
Highways	\$ 435,985
Street Lighting	9,500
SANITATION	
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 10,184
HEALTH - Animal Control	\$ 500
WELFARE - Direct Assistance	\$ 5,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 41,781
Libraries	52,314
Patriotic Purposes	1,450
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 3,940

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred seventy-two thousand six hundred fifty-five dollars (\$372,655) for payments into the following Capital Reserve Funds. (Majority vote required) The Selectboard recommend this article.

Road Improvements CRF (1989) (previously referred to as Bridges and Roads CRF)	123,600
Heavy Equipment Maintenance (2003)	7,166
Fire Trucks CRF (1989)	50,960
Fire Dept. Equipment CRF (2015)	29,216
Fire Dept. Major Maintenance (2017)	3,500
Grader CRF (1983)	6,365
Highway Dept. Trucks CRF (1997)	69,652
Loader/Backhoe CRF (1983)	20,688
Police Cruiser CRF (1985)	22,000
Town Building CRF (2019)	18,035
Police Dept. Major Expense & Software	0
Cemetery Mower/Bldg. CRF (2015)	1,273
Tree Care & Replacement EFT (1991)	10,000
Town Properties	10,200
TOTAL	372,655

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sixteen thousand eight hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$16,878) for the following requests for appropriations:

- Visiting Nurse Alliance \$7,000
- Tri-County CAP \$2,600
- Grafton County Senior Citizen's \$2,000
- West Central Behavioral Health \$1,800
- Public Health Council of the Upper Valley \$928

Rivendell Recreation - \$750
CASA \$500
WISE \$500
Rivendell Trails Association \$450
Ammonoosuc Community Health Services \$350
(Majority vote required) The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate sixteen thousand one hundred fifteen dollars (\$16,115) to be added to the Town of Orford Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This represents funds received from FEMA in 2021. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to be known as the “Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund”, for the purpose of accruing funds for the Town of Orford’s revaluation which occurs every 5 years, and to raise and appropriate seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Selectboard as agents of the Town to expend money from this fund for this purpose without further Town Meeting approval.

(Majority vote required) The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two thousand four hundred twenty-two dollars (\$2,422.00) to be added to the Town of Orford Playground (2011) Trust fund, with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This represents funds received from various donors. (Majority vote required.) The Selectboard recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sixty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$68,500.00) to purchase a new 4WD / AWD replacement police vehicle with required up-fitting, to include DOT required lights, siren, controller, prisoner partition, radar system, replacement two-way radio system, trailer package and other necessary equipment installed. To authorize the withdrawal of up to sixty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$68,500.00) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. In addition to authorize the selectmen to dispose of the current 2015 Ford Interceptor AWD with the proceeds to be applied to the purchase price and reduce the amount to be withdrawn from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until 12/31/2023 or until the project is completed, whichever comes first (Majority vote required) The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) to purchase a mobile Solar Radar Feedback Trailer Sign, or equivalent, for traffic calming and reduction of speeding, by displaying the current speed of motor vehicle operators and the legal speed limit where the trailer is placed, as well as data collection to determine high violation timeframes. (Majority vote required) The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred eighteen thousand, four hundred dollars (\$218,400) to purchase a 10-wheel International dump truck or equivalent dump truck with a snowplow, wing plow, steel dump body, a new two-way

radio, appropriate DOT regulation lighting, and including an 84 month bumper to bumper warranty to be paid as follows: To authorize the withdrawal of up to two hundred eighteen thousand, four hundred dollars (\$218,400) from the highway department trucks capital reserve fund and authorize the selectmen to dispose of the current 2013 International dump truck (Truck #2) with the proceeds to be applied to the purchase price and reduce the amount to be withdrawn from the Highway Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund (1997). This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until 12/31/2023 or until the project is completed, whichever comes first. (Majority vote required) The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to reclaim and pave River Road, shim coat and overlay Brook Road, and shim coat and overlay Dublin Road (Route 10 to the start of the gravel section), or any other paving project approved by the Selectboard, to be paid as follows: To authorize the withdrawal of seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) from the Unassigned Fund Balance, and one hundred thousand to be raised by taxes. This will be a 2-year non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI. (Majority vote required) The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the replacement and upgrade of the electrical system on Fire Engine #3. This upgrade should extend the life of the vehicle by approximately 10 years. (Majority vote required) The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to create an Orford Town Road Committee. The purpose of this committee will be to assist the Road Agent with project planning, estimating for bids and other major items that impact the highway department. The Selectboard shall appoint members to the committee for 1-year terms. The committee will be made up of a maximum of five people with experience in any of the following highway department related areas: road construction; road maintenance; vehicle or heavy equipment operation or maintenance; bid writing including performance specifications; safety; computer hardware or software; or building layout or building construction. The Road Agent and a Selectboard member will attend the committee meetings as non-voting participants. (Majority vote required) The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into negotiations regarding a purchase and sale agreement for property in Orford. The purpose of this purchase is to gain access to additional sand. (Majority vote required) The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 15 – PETITION ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 to help defray the costs of providing music events at the Orford Community Bandstand. (Majority vote required) The majority of the Selectboard do not recommend this article.

ARTICLE 16– PETITION ARTICLE

To see if the Town, pursuant to RSA 231:62, shall elect by ballot, a Town Road Agent, and if approved by the Town voters, this position will appear on next year's 2023 Town Official Ballot for a term of one year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 17– PETITION ARTICLE

To see if the town will adopt the provisions of RSA 32:14-24 to allow a statutory budget committee to be formed. The budget committee shall consist of seven (7) members; six (6) members-at-large whom are elected to staggered 3-year terms, and one (1) member of the Board of Selectmen, serving one (1) year term. (Must be voted with secret ballot, Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 18– PETITION ARTICLE

Upon passage of the previous article, to see if the town will appoint the at-large members of the budget committee by the voters at this annual meeting (2022) from the floor for a one-year term and the next annual town meeting (2023) elections for its members will be for staggered terms and shall be by official ballot. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 19

To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 20

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

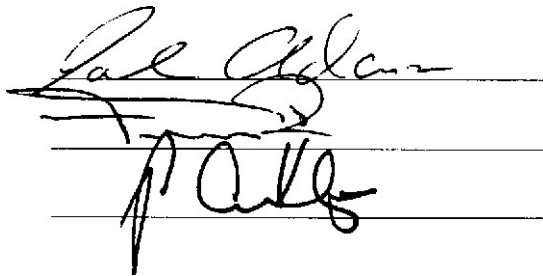
Given under our hand and seal at Orford the 7th day of February in the year two thousand and twenty-two.

We, the undersigned Selectboard for the Town of Orford, do hereby certify that on or before February 18, 2022, a copy of the warrant was posted at the Orford Post Office and at the Orford Town Office, these being two public places within the Town of Orford, as prescribed in RSA 39 and RSA 669:2

John Adams, Selectboard Chair

Fred Kidder, II, Selectboard Member

P. Chase Kling, Selectboard Member



BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROPOSED 2022 WARRANT ARTICLES - (Refer to Warrant Articles in this Annual Report)

- Article 2: 2 Favor, 5 Opposed** \$1,203,037 Operating Budget **OPPOSED**
- Majority Recommends to Reduce Budget by \$31,662 total \$1,171,375
 - PD Reduce 4210.10-113 Salaries P/T requested \$ 4,750 Recommended \$ 1,750
 - PD requested \$158,565 Recommended \$155,565
 - FD Level Fund requested \$ 74,680 Recommended \$ 73,878
 - Hwy Level Fund requested \$435,985 Recommended \$408,125
- Article 3: 2 Favor, 5 Opposed** \$372,665 Raise & Appropriate Capital Reserve Funds **OPPOSED**
- 12/8/21, SB increased the Police Cruiser CRF contribution from \$12,731 to \$22,000, not explained to BAC.
- Article 4: 7 Favor** \$16,878 Charity Donations **PASSED**
- Article 5: 7 Favor** \$16,101 FEMA money **PASSED**
- Article 6: 7 Favor** \$7,000 Establish Revaluation CRF **PASSED**
- Article 7: 7 Favor** (\$2,421.28) transfer from Bank to Playground CRF **PASSED**
- Article 8: 2 Favor, 5 Opposed** \$68,500 4WD/AWD Pickup – (F150 Pickup \$69,613.95) **OPPOSED**
- Opposition RECOMMEND's Primary Vehicle should be the Interceptor SUV
- Article 9: 2 Favor, 5 Opposed** \$7,000 Radar Trailer Sign **OPPOSED**
- Article 10: 2 Favor, 5 Opposed** \$218,400 10-Wheel Dump Truck **OPPOSED**
- The majority do not agree with replacing current 6-wheel dump truck with ONLY 42,000+ miles.
- Article 11: 1 Favor, 3 Opposed, 3 Abstained**
- \$250,000 Pave River Road, Brook Road, and Dublin Road **OPPOSED**
- 7 in Favor to Remove **"or any other paving project approved by the Selectboard"** to avoid monies approved for a project does not go to another job that was not first approved by the voters.
- Article 12: 4 Favor with the REMOVAL of the word "APPROXIMATELY" 10 years, 3 Favor as written \$15,000 Upgrade Electrical Engine #3 System **FAVOR-removal****
- "Approximately"**
- Article 13: 1 Favor, 5 Opposed, 1 Abstained 1/25/22 REVISED Road Committee 5 People **OPPOSED-as written****
- "people"**
- 5 Opposed to the use of 5 PEOPLE (means could be a non-resident), but support 5 **RESIDENT-Taxpayers**
 - 7 Favor 12/22/21 Recommends REVISE wording of Art 13 as follows to Create an Orford Town Road Committee: (Using 2020 Annual Report Art. 16, revisions & used the Road Commission Recommendations) To see if the Town will vote to request the Orford Selectboard to form an "Orford Town Road Committee" made up of (7) seven members, 1 Selectboard Member and the Road Agent as non-voting participants, and (5) five resident-taxpayers with town roads, bridges, and heavy equipment experience, for the purpose of assisting and suggesting to both the Selectboard and Road Agent on issues that pertain to town highway garage building, roads, bridges, road equipment and vehicles, and any other items that fall under the Orford Road Department. Members to be appointed as follows: three (3) by the Selectboard and two (2) by the Budget Advisory Committee.
- Article 14: BAC's last meeting 1/6/22, Selectboard REVISED 1/10/22 - negotiate Purchase & Sale agreement**
- 7 Abstained as presented to us prior to 1/10/22, \$439,000 to purchase property due to lack of information
 - Need to verify property is still on the market, otherwise this is a moot request.
 - If asking price is \$389,000, why \$50,000 for closing cost?
 - If the town goes forward with the purchase, prior to the closing, title insurance should be purchased to protect the town.
 - The BAC recommends the Town of Orford agrees to purchase said property tax number 8-91-48 (14.9 acres), and the town's offer is contingent on the following:
 - Use Harry Burgess, Soil Scientist, to prepare said results of perk test soil samples to determine sand quality and quantity on this property before purchasing.
 - Determine if there are any environmental concerns on the property before purchase.
 - Is any of the property in current use before purchasing?
 - Is there a Recorded Survey by a Licensed Surveyor?
 - Perform Septic System and Building Inspection prior to purchase.
 - Are there any restrictions, mineral rights, right of way, or any other encumbrance on the property before purchase?
- Recommends to ADD an Article: 7 Favor Sell 1991 Fire Truck **FAVOR-to SELL****
- The BAC recommends the SB sell, per 2020 Warrant Article 13 while it still has value, OR add another Warrant Article: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the current 1991 Fire Truck with the proceeds to go into the Fire Truck CRF (1989). (Note: not to the General Fund as per the 2020 Warrant Article)

Members: Ruth Hook, Chair; Larry Duffy, Lawrence Hibbard, Bill Paxton, Bob Palifka, Tom Thomson, Ken Wiren

2022 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD
Appropriations & Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)			Appropriations 2021	Actual Expenditures 2021	Recommended Appropriations 2022
		Warrant Article #			
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
4130-4139	Executive	2	\$ 87,837	\$ 85,355	\$ 90,024
4140-4149	Election, Registration				
	Vital Statistics	2	\$ 34,138	\$ 32,538	\$ 39,458
4150-4151	Financial Administration	2	\$ 63,264	\$ 64,392	\$ 67,088
4152	Revaluation of Property	2	\$ 23,450	\$ 12,504	\$ 15,600
4153	Legal Expense	2	\$ 12,500	\$ 9,481	\$ 12,500
4153	Engineering Expenses	2	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
4191-4193	Planning Board	2	\$ 7,150	\$ 7,010	\$ 10,550
4194	General Government Buildings	2	\$ 12,500	\$ 10,327	\$ 12,850
4195	Cemeteries	2	\$ 26,293	\$ 23,675	\$ 28,140
4196	Insurance	2	\$ 31,850	\$ 32,850	\$ 35,613
4197	Advertising &				
	Regional Associations	2	\$ 1,733	\$ 1,733	\$ 1,777
4199	Contingency Fund	2	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,100	\$ 5,000
	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>				
4210-4214	Police	2	\$144,915	\$139,430	\$158,565
4215-4219	Emergency Services	2	\$ 81,652	\$ 80,385	\$ 85,038
4220-4229	Fire	2	\$ 73,878	\$ 61,126	\$ 74,680
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2	\$ 800	\$ 0	\$ 500
	<u>HIGHWAY AND STREETS</u>				
4312	Highways & Streets	2	\$408,125	\$333,573	\$435,985
4316	Street Lighting	2	\$ 9,400	\$ 8,898	\$ 9,500
	<u>SANITATION</u>				
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	2	\$ 10,100	\$ 9,498	\$ 10,184
	Land Fill Closure		\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 0
	<u>HEALTH</u>				
4414	Pest Control	2	\$ 500	\$ 190	\$ 500
	<u>WELFARE</u>				
4441-4442	Direct Assistance	2	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,338	\$ 5,000
	<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>				
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	2	\$ 40,779	\$ 34,570	\$ 41,781
4550-4559	Library	2	\$ 51,000	\$ 50,944	\$ 52,314
4583	Patriotic Purposes	2	\$ 1,450	\$ 870	\$ 1,450
	<u>CONSERVATION</u>				
4619	Other Conservation	2	\$ 3,940	\$ 2,598	\$ 3,940
	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>				
4711	Principal – Long Term				
	Bonds & Notes	2	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0
4721	Interest – Long Term				
	Bonds & Notes	2	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0
4800	<u>OTHER APPROPRIATIONS</u>				
	Improvements Other				
	Than Buildings	2	\$ 10,200	\$ 10,200	\$ 0
<u>SUBTOTAL 1</u>			\$1,158,454	\$1,024,585	\$1,203,037

2021 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD – 2

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warrant #	Appropriations	Actual	Appropriations
		2021	Expenditures 2021	2022
<u>SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES</u>				
Bridges Replace/Repair	03	\$151,325	\$151,325	\$123,600
Fire Truck	03	49,000	49,000	50,960
Fire Equipment	03	0	0	29,216
Grader	03	6,180	6,180	6,365
Highway Trucks	03	38,625	38,625	69,652
Heavy Equipment Maintenance	03	6,825	6,825	7,166
Loader/backhoe	03	20,085	20,085	20,688
Police Cruiser	03	12,360	12,236	22,000
Police Dept. Major Repairs/Software	03	7,000	7,000	0
Town Buildings	03	17,510	17,510	18,035
Cemetery Mower/Building	03	1,236	1,236	1,273
FD Major Repair/Maintenance	03	0	0	3,500
Tree Care Replacement		1,000	1,000	10,000
Town Properties		0	0	10,200
		<u>\$311,146</u>	<u>\$311,146</u>	<u>\$ 372,655</u>
Transfer to Capital Reserve Accounts	5,7	26,530	26,530	18,537
Broadband Development CRF		2,000	2,000	0
Revaluation CRF	09			7,000
Police Cruiser	08			68,500
Highway Truck	10	193,000	2,393	218,400
Archertown Road bridge over Jacobs Brook		1,200,000	0	
Paving	11			250,000
<u>SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED</u>		\$1,732,676	\$342,069	\$ 935,092

*Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a non-lapsing or nontransferable article.

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Acct. #	Appropriations	Actual	Appropriations
		2021	Expenditures 2021	2022
<u>INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES**</u>				
	4902	Solar Radar Speed Sign	10	7,000
	4902	Fire Engine Upgrade	12	15,000
	4909	Charitable Appropriations	04	15,607
	4903	Highway Garage Addition		0
	4903	Highway Garage Grader Cover		0
				16,878
				40,000
				5,200
<u>SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED</u>		\$ 60,807	\$ 15,607	\$ 38,878

**"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles." Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one-time nature you wish to address individually.

BY PETITION

4520	Music Events	15		1,500
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2021 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD -- 3

SOURCE OF REVENUE		Revenue Used To Set Tax Rate 2021	Actual Income 2021	Estimated Revenue 2022
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>TAXES</u>			
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 2,850	19,078	\$ 5,000
3185	Timber Taxes	42,807	43,049	20,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,737	3,737	3,800
3189	Other Taxes	0	0	0
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	35,000	41,474	10,000
	Inventory Penalties	250	358	350
3187	Excavation Tax (2 cents per cu. Yd.)	0	0	0
	<u>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</u>			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$330,000	332,082	\$330,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,600	1,788	1,600
3311-3319	<u>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	\$ 0	16,115	\$ 0
	<u>FROM STATE</u>			
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	92,254	92,254	63,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	62,929	62,913	64,500
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	960,000		
3379	<u>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</u>	10,200	10,200	10,200
	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$ 12,186	12,504	\$ 5,000
3409	Other Charges	0	0	0
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$ 0	0	\$ 0
3502	Interest on Investments	585	589	1,200
3503-3508	Other (Insurance Refunds)	6,196	6,196	0
	<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>			
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds (special warrant articles)	\$ 313,000	2,393	\$ 361,900
	<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>			
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS</u>		\$1,873,594	\$644,730	876,550

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2021	2022
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended	\$1,158,454	\$1,203,037
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended	1,732,676	935,092
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended	60,807	38,878
SUBTOTAL - By Petition	<u>0</u>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$2,951,937	\$2,178,507
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	1,873,594	876,550
Less: Voted from Fund Balance	<u>191,730</u>	<u>93,537</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$ 886,613	\$1,208,420

**SUMMARY OF REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES
For the Town of ORFORD – 2021 (MS-434)**

RSA 21-J:34

Account #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	For Use by Municipality
	<u>TAXES</u>		
3120	Land Use Change Tax		2,850
3185	Timber Tax		42,807
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		3,737
3187	Excavation Tax		0
3189	Other Taxes		0
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		35,250
	<u>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</u>		
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$330,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits and Fees		1,600
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (3 HWY Safety Grants Dept. of Interior)		0
	<u>FROM STATE</u>		
3351	Shared Revenues		\$ 0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution		92,254
3353	Highway Block Grant		62,929
3359	Other (including Railroad Tax)		960,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS (Rivendell Com. Field)		10,200
	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>		
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$ 12,186
3409	Miscellaneous Charges & Fees		\$
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>		
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$ 0
3502	Interest on Investments		585
3503	Other (insurance refunds)		\$ 6,196
	<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>		
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$313,000
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES			\$1,873,594
		<u>For Municipal Use</u>	
	Unassigned Fund Balance	1,352,464	
	Less: Voted from Fund Balance	191,730	
	Fund Balance Retained	1,160,734	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			<u>\$ 2,065,324</u>
REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)			\$ 8,000

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED
Voted by the Town of Orford on May 22, 2021 (MS-232)

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34.

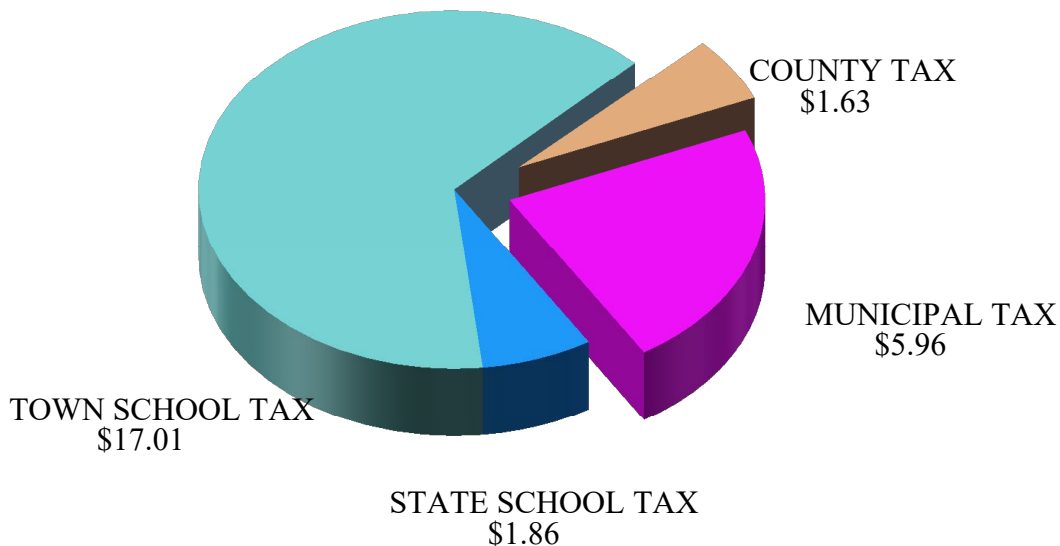
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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS		Warr. Art. #	Appropriations as Voted
<u>Account #</u>	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
4130-4139	Executive	2	\$ 87,837
4140-4149	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	2	34,138
4150-4151	Financial Administration	2	63,264
4152	Revaluation of Property	2	23,450
4153	Legal Expense	2	12,500
4153	Engineering Expense	2	5,000
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	2	7,150
4194	General Government Buildings	2	12,500
4195	Cemeteries	2	26,293
4196	Insurance	2	31,850
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	2	1,733
4199	Other General Government/Contingency	2	5,000
	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
4210-4214	Police	2	144,915
4215-4219	Emergency Services	2	81,652
4220-4229	Fire	2	73,878
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2	800
	<u>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</u>		
4312	Highways and Streets	2	408,125
4313	Bridges	2	
4316	Street Lighting	2	9,400
	<u>SANITATION</u>		
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	2	16,100
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	2	0
	<u>HEALTH</u>		
4414	Pest Control	2	500
	<u>WELFARE</u>		
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	2	5,000
	<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>		
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	2	40,779
4550-4559	Library	2	51,000
4583	Patriotic Purposes	2	1,450
	<u>CONSERVATION</u>		
4619	Other Conservation	2	<u>3,940</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES			\$1,148,254

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED - 2
Voted by the Town of Orford on May 22, 2021

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS		Warr. Art. #	Appropriations as Voted
4909	Charitable Appropriations	06	15,607
4902	Highway Truck CRF	07	193,000
4904	Archertown Road/Jacobs Brook Bridge	08	1,200,000
4903	Highway Garage Addition	12	40,000
4903	Highway Grader Cover	13	5,200
<u>TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS (CRF)</u>			
4915	To Capital Outlay Fund	03, 04	311,146
4915	To Broadband CFR	05	2,000
4800	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)	02	10,200
Appropriation Sub Total			\$2,925,407
4909	FEMA Funds rec'd, transferred to CRF	14	26,530
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			<u>\$2,951,937</u>

2021
TAX FOR EACH OF THE MAJOR CATAGORIES
FOR EACH \$1,000 OF PROPERTY VALUATION
\$26.46/\$1000



NOTE: THE STATE SCHOOL TAX IS GOES DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL, AND WHEN COMBINED WITH THE TOWN SCHOOL TAX COMPROSES 71.3% OF THE TAX BILL, WHICH THE MUNICIPAL PORTION IS 22.50%

2021 TAX RATE CALCULATION

TOWN/CITY: ORFORD

Gross Appropriations	2,925,407
Add: FEMA CRF Pmt.	26,530
Total Appropriations	2,951,937
Less: Revenues	(1,873,594)
Less: Fund Balance Voted Surplus	(191,730)
Taxes to be Raised	886,613
Add: Overlay	6,890
War Service Credits	43,200

Net Town Appropriation	936,703

TOWN RATE 5.96

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	936,703
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SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget	3,345,314
Regional School Apportionment	0
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(381,363)

LOCAL SCHOOL RATE 17.01

State Education Taxes	(287,502)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	2,676,449

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

STATE SCHOOL RATE 1.86

State Education Tax	
154,184,631	287,502

COUNTY PORTION

COUNTY RATE 1.63

Due to County	256,494
Less: Shared Revenues	0

Approved County Tax Effort	256,494
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TOTAL RATE 26.46

Total Property Taxes Assessed	4,157,148
Less: War Service Credits	(43,200)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	4,113,948

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
For State Education Tax (no utilities)	1.86	287,502
For all Other Taxes	<u>24.60</u>	<u>3,826,446</u>
	26.46	4,133,948

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS
January 2021 to December 2021

Account Number	Account Name	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	Variance Under (over)	2022 Budget
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive

01-4130.10-130	EX Salaries - Selectmen	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
01-4130.10-220	EX Social Security	279.00	186.00	93.00	279.00
01-4130.10-225	EX Medicare	65.00	43.50	21.50	65.00
01-4130.10-341	EX Telephone	1,100.00	1,054.32	45.68	1,100.00
01-4130.10-350	EX Copier maintenance/Lease	550.00	540.00	10.00	550.00
01-4130.10-390	EX Recording Fees	150.00	367.98	(217.98)	200.00
01-4130.10-550	EX Printing	100.00	20.50	79.50	100.00
01-4130.10-560	EX Dues & Subscriptions	1,850.00	1,757.78	92.22	2,000.00
01-4130.10-570	EX Advertising	2,000.00	696.25	1,303.75	1,500.00
01-4130.10-620	EX Office Supplies	2,300.00	2,133.18	166.82	2,000.00
01-4130.10-625	EX Postage	1,500.00	1,940.73	(440.73)	2,000.00
01-4130.10-690	EX Selectmen's Expenses	<u>100.00</u>	<u>85.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	Total Executive	14,494.00	13,325.24	1,168.76	14,394.00

Town Administration

01-4130.20-110	TA-Salaries F/T	51,000.00	50,294.62	705.38	52,700.00
01-4130.20-120	TA-Salaries P/T	500.00	27.00	473.00	100.00
01-4130.20-210	TA Health	8,753.00	8,752.45	.55	8,044.00
01-4130.20-215	TA HRA/FSA Insurance	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
01-4130.20-217	TA Dental	476.00	475.80	.20	469.00
01-4130.20-219	TA Life	126.00	126.00	0.00	126.00
01-4130.20-225	TA Medicare	748.00	713.10	34.90	764.00
01-4130.20-220	TA Social Security	3,193.00	3,049.20	143.80	3,267.00
01-4130.20-300	TA NH Retirement	5,697.00	6,374.55	(677.55)	7,410.00
01-4130.20-690	TA Mileage/Expenses	100.00	75.60	24.40	100.00
01-4130.20-850	TA Training & Seminars	<u>150.00</u>	<u>110.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
	Total Town Administration	71,243.00	69,998.32	1,244.68	73,630.00

Town Meeting

01-4130.30-550	MTG Town Report Printing	1,700.00	1,718.66	(18.66)	1,650.00
01-4130.30-625	MTG Postage	<u>400.00</u>	<u>312.42</u>	<u>87.58</u>	<u>350.00</u>
	Total Town Meeting	2,100.00	2,031.08	68.92	2,000.00

TOTAL EXECUTIVE	87,837.00	85,354.64	2,482.36	90,024.00
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Town Clerk

01-4140.10-120	TC Wages - Deputy Town Clerk	3,000.00	2,020.71	979.29	2,500.00
01-4140.10-130	TC Wages-Town Clerk	21,000.00	20,961.50	38.50	22,500.00
01-4140.10-225	TC Medicare	348.00	333.26	14.74	363.00
01-4140.10-220	TC Social Security	1,488.00	1,424.95	63.05	1,550.00
01-4140.10-341	TC Telephone	530.00	527.16	2.84	500.00
01-4140.10-560	TC Dues & Subscriptions	70.00	40.00	30.00	50.00
01-4140.10-615	TC Vital Statistics	600.00	525.00	75.00	600.00
01-4140.10-613	TC Dog Licenses	750.00	659.62	90.38	750.00
01-4140.10-620	TC Office Supplies	500.00	492.08	7.92	600.00
01-4140.10-625	TC Postage	800.00	782.05	17.95	900.00
01-4140.10-850	TC Training/Seminars/Mileage	1,400.00	1,148.44	251.56	1,400.00
01-4140.10-855	TC BMSI - Software & Training	<u>2,225.00</u>	<u>2,213.00</u>	<u>12.00</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>
	Total Town Clerk	32,711.00	31,127.77	1,583.23	34,013.00

Account Number	Account Name	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	Variance Under (over)	2022 Budget
<u>Voter Registration</u>					
01-4140.20-130	EL Wages - Election Officials	1,000.00	1,026.11	(26.11)	4,500.00
01-4140.20-220	EL Social Security	62.00	63.60	(1.60)	279.00
01-4140.20-225	EL Medicare	15.00	14.89	.11	66.00
01-4140.20-570	EL Advertising	50.00	95.20	(45.20)	100.00
01-4140.20-620	EL Printing & Supplies	100.00	0.00	100.00	50.00
01-4140.20-690	EL Meals	100.00	100.00	0.00	300.00
01-4140.20-850	EL Training/Mileage	<u>100.00</u>	<u>110.00</u>	<u>(10.00)</u>	<u>150.00</u>
	Total Voter Registration	1,427.00	1,409.80	17.20	5,445.00
TOTAL ELECTION & REGISTRATION		34,138.00	32,537.57	1600.43	39,458.00
<u>Tax Collection</u>					
01-4150.40-190	TX Tax Collector's Fees	29,500.00	31,989.83	(2,489.83)	31,500.00
01-4150.40-195	TX Deputy Tax Collector	1,500.00	600.75	899.25	800.00
01-4150.40-220	TX Social Security	93.00	37.25	55.75	50.00
01-4150.40-225	TX Medicare	22.00	8.71	13.29	15.00
01-4150.40-390	TX Mortgage Research	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
01-4150.40-560	TX Dues	40.00	20.00	20.00	40.00
01-4150.40-625	TX Postage	1,500.00	805.22	694.78	1,500.00
01-4150.40-620	TX Office Supplies	500.00	539.58	(39.58)	500.00
01-4150.40-630	TX Avitar Software	2,116.00	2,116.00	0.00	2,180.00
01-4150.40-850	TX Training and Seminars	<u>800.00</u>	<u>475.00</u>	<u>325.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>
	Total Tax Collector	36,321.00	36,592.34	(271.34)	37,635.00
<u>Treasury</u>					
01-4150.50-130	T Salary - Treasurer/Deputy	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
01-4150.50-225	T Medicare	29.00	29.00	0.00	29.00
01-4150.50-220	T Social Security	124.00	124.00	0.00	124.00
01-4150.50-340	T Bank Fees	240.00	240.00	0.00	240.00
01-4150.50-620	T Office Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
01-4150.50-630	T Training and Seminars	<u>200.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>165.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	Total Treasury	2,793.00	2,428.00	365.00	2,793.00
<u>Information Technology</u>					
01-4150.60-330	IT Support (E)	5,200.00	5,210.00	(10.00)	5,210.00
01-4150.60-335	IT Equip. & Maintenance	1,200.00	876.66	323.34	1,800.00
01-4150.60-340	IT Licenses & Fees	6,900.00	6,914.79	(14.79)	7,100.00
01-4150.60-341	IT - Topsham (internet)	<u>1,050.00</u>	<u>1,019.88</u>	<u>30.12</u>	<u>1,050.00</u>
	Total Information Technology	14,350.00	14,021.33	328.67	15,160.00
<u>Auditor</u>					
01-4150.70-135	AUD Annual Audit	<u>9,800.00</u>	<u>11,350.00</u>	<u>(1,550.00)</u>	<u>11,500.00</u>
	Total Audit	9,800.00	11,350.00	(1,550.00)	11,500.00
TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		63,264.00	64,391.67	(1,127.67)	67,088.00
<u>Revaluation of Property</u>					
01-4152.10-390	AS Assessing/Pick-ups	12,100.00	7,480.00	4,619.60	8,000.00
01-4152.10-391	AS Statistical Update	10,850.00	4,524.00	6,326.00	7,100.00
01-4152.20-110	TM Wages - Tax Maps	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
TOTAL REVALUATION OF PROPERTY		23,450.00	12,504.40	10,945.60	15,600.00
<u>Legal Expense</u>					
01-4153.10-320	LE Town Attorney	12,000.00	9,481.34	2,518.66	12,000.00
01-4153.10-690	LE Other Expenses - Floodplain	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
TOTAL LEGAL EXPENSES		12,500.00	9,481.34	3,018.66	12,500.00

Account Number	Account Name	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	Variance Under (over)	2022 Budget
<u>Engineering Services</u>					
01-4153.20-320	Engineering Services	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES		5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
<u>Planning Board</u>					
01-4191.10-390	PB Recording Fees	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4191.10-391	PB-Planning Assistant	3,600.00	6,575.90	(2,975.90)	8,000.00
01-4191.10-400	PB Secretarial	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
01-4191.10-550	PB Legal/Professional Fees	2,000.00	82.00	1,918.00	1,000.00
01-4191.10-560	PB Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	90.00	10.00	100.00
01-4191.10-570	PB Advertising	250.00	178.50	71.50	250.00
01-4191.10-625	PB Postage	100.00	83.60	16.40	100.00
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD		7,150.00	7,010.00	140.00	10,550.00
<u>Government Building</u>					
01-4194.10-360	GB Custodial Services	600.00	200.00	400.00	600.00
01-4194.10-365	GB Sidewalk Shoveling Services	2,000.00	1,050.00	950.00	1,800.00
01-4194.10-410	GB Electricity	2,500.00	1,887.10	612.90	2,500.00
01-4194.10-411	GB Propane	3,000.00	3,555.10	(555.10)	3,600.00
01-4194.10-430	GB Maintenance. Contracts	2,000.00	1,726.00	274.00	2,000.00
01-4194.10-610	GB Supplies	300.00	154.71	145.29	250.00
01-4194.10-620	GB Shredding	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4194.10-710	GB Improvement - Grounds	500.00	547.00	(47.00)	500.00
01-4194.10-720	GB Maintenance & Repairs	1,500.00	1,207.13	292.87	1,500.00
01-4194.10-750	GB Furniture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING		12,500.00	10,327.04	2,172.96	12,850.00
<u>Cemeteries</u>					
01-4195.10-110	CE Wages	22,380.00	20,142.00	2,238.00	23,725.00
01-4195.10-220	CE Social Security	1,388.00	1,248.76	139.24	1,471.00
01-4195.10-225	CE Medicare	325.00	292.12	32.88	344.00
01-4195.10-490	CE Supplies/Maintenance	500.00	384.14	115.86	600.00
01-4195.10-635	CE Gasoline	1000.00	908.05	91.95	1,300.00
01-4195.10-630	CE Mileage	700.00	700.00	0.00	700.00
TOTAL CEMETERIES		26,293.00	23,675.07	2,617.93	28,140.00
<u>Insurance</u>					
01-4196.10-520	IN Property & Liability	17,316.00	17,316.00	0.00	19,688.00
01-4196.10-521	IN Worker's Comp Ins	14,534.00	14,534.00	0.00	15,925.00
01-4196.10-525	IN Insurance Deductible	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.00
TOTAL INSURANCE		31,850.00	32,850.00	(1,000.00)	35,613.00
<u>Advertising & Regional Association</u>					
01-4197.10-560	UVLSRPC Dues	1,733.00	1,733.04	(0.04)	1,777.00
TOTAL REGIONAL ASSOCIATION		1,733.00	1,733.04	(0.04)	1,777.00
<u>Contingency Fund</u>					
01-4199.10-000	CF Contingency Fund	5,000.00	4,100.00	900.00	5,000.00
TOTAL CONTINGENCY FUND		5,000.00	4,100.00	900.00	5,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL OPERATIONS BUDGET		310,715.00	283,964.77	26,750.23	323,600.00

Account Number	Account Name	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	Variance Under (over)	2022 Budget
PUBLIC SAFETY					
<u>Police Department</u>					
01-4210.10-110	PD Salaries - F/T	73,882.00	73,703.53	178.47	77,450.00
01-4210.10-113	PD Salaries P/T	1,750.00	1,725.00	25.00	4,750.00
01-4210.10-120	PD Special Details	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
01-4210.10-210	PD Health Insurance	23,632.00	23,631.60	.40	21,718.00
01-4210.10-215	PD HRA/FSA Insurance	1,500.00	574.84	925.16	1,500.00
01-4210.10-217	PD Dental	1,596.00	1,595.64	.36	1,572.00
01-4210.10-219	PD Life	51.00	50.40	.60	51.00
01-4210.10-225	PD Medicare	1,126.00	1,048.45	77.55	1,221.00
01-4210.10-220	PD Social Security	233.00	106.95	126.05	418.00
01-4210.10-230	PD NH Retirement	21,005.00	23,046.10	(2,041.10)	26,240.00
01-4210.10-341	PD Telephone & Communication	1,500.00	1,406.34	93.66	1,600.00
01-4210.10-430	PD Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	2,500.00	2,511.51	(11.51)	2,500.00
01-4210.10-560	PD Professional Dues	325.00	310.00	15.00	325.00
01-4210.10-620	PD Office Supplies & Equip.	500.00	273.65	226.35	500.00
01-4210.10-635	PD Gasoline	3,000.00	2,892.23	107.77	3,000.00
01-4210.10-690	PD Prosecution	4,015.00	4,015.00	0.00	4,270.00
01-4210.10-840	PD Uniforms & Equipment	1,200.00	1,116.91	83.09	1,200.00
01-4210.10-845	PD Computer software/IMC	3,900.00	516.36	3,383.64	7,050.00
01-4210.10-850	PD Training & Education	1,000.00	891.42	108.58	1,000.00
01-4210.10-870	PD Legal Expenses/Transcription	<u>200.00</u>	<u>14.00</u>	<u>186.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	Total Police Department	144,915.00	139,429.93	5,485.07	158,565.00
<u>Ambulance</u>					
01-4215.10-351	ES Ambulance Services	56,902.00	56,902.00	0.00	60,613.00
01-4215.10-352	ES Dispatch	<u>24,750.00</u>	<u>23,483.50</u>	<u>1,266.50</u>	<u>24,425.00</u>
	Total Emergency Services	81,652.00	80,385.50	1,266.50	85,038.00
<u>Fire Department</u>					
01-4220.10-120	FD Wages - P/T	23,000.00	16,912.00	6,088.00	23,000.00
01-4220.10-130	FD Wages - Fire Wardens	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
01-4220.10-220	FD Social Security	1,460.00	1,100.60	359.40	1,460.00
01-4220.10-225	FD Medicare	340.00	257.38	82.62	340.00
01-4220.10-390	FD Dispatch	450.00	367.40	82.60	450.00
01-4220.10-395	FD Emergency Medical Supplies	1,200.00	1,222.96	(22.96)	1,200.00
01-4220.10-430	FD Equipment Maintenance	3,500.00	1,525.26	1,974.74	3,500.00
01-4220.10-435	FD Hose & Ladder Testing	3,700.00	3,112.20	587.80	3,700.00
01-4220.10-440	FD Rent	8,400.00	8,400.00	0.00	8,400.00
01-4220.10-442	FD Utilities	6,000.00	4,616.12	1,383.88	5,000.00
01-4220.10-530	FD Supplemental Insurance	6,228.00	6,228.00	0.00	6,230.00
01-4220.10-560	FD Dues & Subscriptions	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00
01-4220.10-620	FD - Office Supplies	200.00	160.00	40.00	100.00
01-4220.10-625	FD - Postage	100.00	56.00	44.00	100.00
01-4220.10-635	FD Vehicle Fuel	1,200.00	887.49	312.51	1,200.00
01-4220.10-630	FD Vehicle Maintenance	6,000.00	7,579.22	(1,579.22)	6,000.00
01-4220.10-740	FD Equipment	6,000.00	6,623.09	(623.09)	8,000.00
01-4220.10-830	FD Forest Fire	1,000.00	502.06	497.94	1,000.00
01-4220.10-845	FD - Uniforms	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
01-4220.10-850	FD Training/Mileage	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>1,176.00</u>	<u>2,824.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
	Total Fire Department	73,878.00	61,125.78	12,752.22	74,680.00
<u>Emergency Management</u>	Total Emergency Management	800.00	0.00	800.00	500.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		301,245.00	280,941.21	20,303.79	318,783.00

Account Number	Account Name	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	Variance Under (over)	2022 Budget
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HIGHWAY AND STREETS

Road Maintenance

01-4312.20-110	HW Salaries - F/T	170,000.00	155,756.00	14,244.00	175,000.00
01-4312.20-120	HW Salaries - P/T	0.00	410.00	(410.00)	0.00
01-4312.20-210	HW Health Insurance	49,889.00	35,547.49	14,341.51	43,033.00
01-4312.20-215	HW HRA/FSA Insurance	3,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,750.00
01-4312.20-217	HW Dental	2,986.00	1,861.97	1,124.03	2,606.00
01-4312.20-219	HW Life	153.00	138.60	14.40	153.00
01-4312.20-225	HW Medicare	2,465.00	2,196.30	268.70	2,538.00
01-4312.20-220	HW Social Security	10,540.00	9,391.12	1,148.88	10,850.00
01-4312.20-230	HW NH Retirement	18,542.00	19,804.55	(1,262.55)	24,605.00
01-4312.20-341	HW Telephone	1,500.00	1,451.52	48.48	1,500.00
01-4312.20-340	HW Software Fees	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	0.00
01-4312.20-410	HW Electricity	1,700.00	1,684.80	15.20	1,700.00
01-4312.20-411	HW Heating Oil	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4312.20-430	HW Drug & Alcohol Testing	400.00	304.00	96.00	400.00
01-4312.20-440	HW Equipment Rental	5,000.00	3,900.00	1,100.00	6,000.00
01-4312.20-445	HW Contracted Services	6,000.00	4,092.50	1,907.50	8,000.00
01-4312.20-446	HW Roadside Mowing	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
01-4312.20-560	HW Dues & Subscriptions	150.00	234.99	(84.99)	100.00
01-4312.20-609	HW Shop Supplies	1,500.00	2,941.30	(1,441.30)	3,000.00
01-4312.20-610	HW Office Supplies	100.00	34.38	65.62	100.00
01-4312.20-611	HW Safety Supplies	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
01-4312.20-612	HW Personal Protection	1,000.00	972.25	27.75	1,000.00
01-4312.20-635	HW Gasoline	250.00	265.04	(15.04)	250.00
01-4312.20-630	HW Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	32,000.00	20,942.48	11,057.52	30,000.00
01-4312.20-637	HW Propane	2,000.00	3,766.71	(1,766.71)	4,500.00
01-4312.20-636	HW Diesel	20,000.00	13,978.60	6,021.40	20,000.00
01-4312.20-640	HW Building Maintenance	4,000.00	5,282.70	(1,282.70)	10,000.00
01-4312.20-730	HW Road Improvement Projects	0.00	236.26	(236.26)	500.00
01-4312.20-732	HW Road Treatment	5,500.00	4,182.92	1,317.08	6,000.00
01-4312.20-740	HW Equip Repair/Replacement	4,500.00	5,079.90	(579.90)	5,500.00
01-4312.20-840	HW Uniforms	4,000.00	3,047.18	952.82	3,500.00
01-4312.20-861	HW Culverts	5,000.00	5,903.39	(903.39)	10,000.00
01-4312.20-862	HW Gravel	25,000.00	16,551.85	8,448.15	30,000.00
01-4312.20-863	HW Asphalt Patch	3,000.00	413.82	2,586.18	4,000.00
01-4312.20-864	HW Road Salt	18,000.00	6,483.20	11,516.80	18,000.00
01-4312.20-865	HW Road Signs	800.00	414.91	385.09	1,500.00
01-4312.20-866	HW Training/Travel	1,500.00	302.24	1,197.76	1,500.00
01-4312.20-890	HW Roadside Refuse Disposal	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4312.20-891	HW Vandalism	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
	Total Road Maintenance	408,125.00	333,572.97	74,552.03	435,985.00

Street Lighting

01-4316.10-410	SL Street Lighting	9,400.00	8,897.96	502.04	9,500.00
	Total Street Lighting	9,400.00	8,897.96	502.04	9,500.00

TOTAL HIGHWAY & STREETS	417,525.00	342,470.93	75,054.07	445,485.00
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SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal

01-4324.10-390	WD Disposal-Floyd's Rubbish	8,500.00	8,493.66	6.34	8,584.00
01-4324.10-395	WD Dues - Northeast Resource	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
01-4324.40-395	ED Household Hazardous Waste	1,500.00	904.84	595.16	1,500.00
	Total Solid Waste Disposal	10,100.00	9,498.50	601.50	10,184.00

Land Closure

01-4324.50-100	WD Landfill Closure	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL SANITATION	16,100.00	15,498.50	601.50	10,184.00
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Account Number	Account Name	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	Variance Under (over)	2022 Budget
HEALTH					
<u>Animal Control</u>					
01-4414.10-390	AC Veterinary/Boarding	<u>500.00</u>	<u>190.00</u>	<u>310.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	Total Animal Control	500.00	190.00	310.00	500.00
TOTAL HEALTH		500.00	190.00	310.00	500.00
WELFARE					
<u>Direct Assistance</u>					
01-4442.10-410	DIR ASST Electricity	500.00	476.42	23.58	500.00
01-4442.10-411	DIR ASST Heat	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
01-4442.10-440	DIR ASST Rent	3,000.00	1,861.10	1,138.90	3,000.00
01-4442.10-690	DIR ASST Food/Misc.	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	Total Direct Assistance	5,000.00	2,337.52	2,662.48	5,000.00
TOTAL WELFARE		5,000.00	2,337.52	2,662.48	5,000.00
CULTURE & RECREATION					
<u>Parks & Recreation</u>					
01-4520.10-120	P&P Wages - Beach Monitor	3,000.00	322.50	2,677.50	3,000.00
01-4520.10-130	P&P Wages - Swim Instructor	2,200.00	1,579.73	620.27	2,100.00
01-4520.10-131	P&P Swim Aides	3,000.00	1,705.50	1,294.50	2,750.00
01-4520.10-133	P&P Swim Program - Misc.	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
01-4520.10-220	P&P Social Security	509.00	223.68	285.32	487.00
01-4520.10-225	P&P Medicare	120.00	52.32	67.68	114.00
01-4520.10-360	P&P Mowing	14,100.00	14,100.03	(0.03)	14,100.00
01-4520.10-361	P&P Community Field Mowing	12,800.00	12,799.99	0.01	12,800.00
01-4520.10-410	P&P Electricity	650.00	667.39	(17.39)	650.00
01-4520.10-691	P&P Portable Toilets	1,250.00	1,200.00	50.00	2,280.00
01-4520.10-695	P&P Improvements	1,500.00	1,369.28	130.72	1,500.00
01-4520.10-800	P&P Herbicide Application	850.00	50.00	800.00	1,200.00
01-4520.10-900	P&P Orford Garden Club	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	Total Parks & Recreation	40,779.00	34,570.42	6,208.58	41,781.00
<u>Library</u>					
01-4550.10-110	LIB Wages	12,389.00	12,338.12	50.88	13,000.00
01-4550.10-220	LIB Social Security	769.00	764.92	4.08	806.00
01-4550.10-225	LIB Medicare	180.00	178.96	1.04	189.00
01-4550.20-490	LIB Free Library-Appropriations	12,162.00	12,162.00	0.00	12,162.00
01-4550.30-490	LIB Social Lib-Appropriations	<u>25,500.00</u>	<u>25,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>26,157.00</u>
	Total Library	51,000.00	50,944.00	56.00	52,314.00
<u>Patriotic Purposes</u>					
01-4583.10-610	PP Patriotic Purposes-Misc.	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
01-4583.10-611	PP Parades	600.00	270.00	330.00	600.00
01-4583.10-612	PP parade Sheriff's Detail	<u>600.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>
	Total Patriotic Purposes	1,450.00	870.00	580.00	1,450.00
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		93,229.00	86,384.42	6,844.58	95,545.00

Account Number	Account Name	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	Variance Under (over)	2022 Budget
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Conservation Commission

01-4619.10-000	CONS E-Coli Testing	2,670.00	1,708.00	962.00	2,670.00
01-4619.10-360	CONS Mowing	500.00	640.00	(140.00)	500.00
01-4619.10-550	CONS Legal/Professional Fees	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
01-4619.10-560	CONS Dues & Subscriptions	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
01-4619.10-570	CONS Advertising	120.00	0.00	120.00	120.00
01-4619.10-690	CONS Mileage Reimbursement	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00

TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION		3,940.00	2,598.00	1,342.00	3,940.00
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Other Appropriations

01-4800.10-112	ET Maintenance-Community Field	10,200.00	10,200.00	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL OTHER APPROPRIATIONS		10,200.00	10,200.00	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL OF TOWN DEPTS & OTHER APPROPRIATIONS		847,739.00	740,620.58	107,118.42	879,437.00
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TOTAL BUDGET GRAND TOTAL		1,158,454.00	1,024,585.35	133,868.65	1,203,037.00
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SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

01-4915.10-930	Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	313,146.00	313,146.00	0.00	372,655.00
01-4915.10-930	Create a Revaluation CRF	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
01-4915.10-930	Playground Donation to CRF	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,422.00
01-4902.10-600	Highway Truck	193,000.00	2,392.70	190,607.30	218,400.00
01-4904.10-701	Paving Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	250,000.00
01-4909.10-741	Police Cruiser	0.00	0.00	0.00	68,500.00
01-4904.10-700	Archertown Rd/Jacobs Brook Bridge	1,200,000.00	0.00	1,200,000.00	0.00
01-4909.10-737	CO FEMA Funds Rec'd-paid to CRF	26,530.00	26,530.00	0.00	16,115.00

TOTAL SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES		1,732,676.00	342,068.70	1,390,607.30	935,092.00
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INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

01-4902.10-650	PD Equipment-Solar Radar Speed Sign	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
01-4902.10-825	Fire Truck Electrical System Upgrade	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
01-4909.10-700	Charitable Appropriations	15,607.00	15,607.00	0.00	16,878.00
01-4903.10-732	Highway Garage Storage Addition	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	0.00
01-4903.10-732	Highway Grader Cover	5,200.00	0.00	5,200.00	0.00

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES		60,807.00	15,607.00	45,200.00	38,878.00
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01-4520.10-910	Musical Events at the Bandstand-by Petition	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
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TOTAL APPROPRIATED FUNDS-2021		2,951,937.00	1,382,261.05	1,569,675.95	2,178,507.00
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 2021 Annual Report

Trust and Trustee Changes. The following changes occurred during 2021:

- Discontinued the unused Bridge Replacement CRF (2011, Warrant Article 9).
- Established a Broadband Development CRF (2021, Warrant Article 5).
- Created four Cemetery Trusts under the Common Cemetery Trust.

Victoria Schwaegler was elected as a Trustee, replacing Joe Davis, who retired. The TTF currently has one vacancy for one Alternate Trustee.

Expenditure Notes.

- The major purchase of the replacement for Town Truck #3, approved in Warrant Article 7, was not completed prior to the December 20, 2021 deadline to close the books. Therefore, the end-of-year Balance on the Highway Department Truck CRF includes a future commitment to that purchase. Purchase is expected to be completed early in 2022.
- A \$750 Scholarship awarded in 2020 was claimed before the February 2021 deadline. The \$1,000 Scholarship awarded in 2021 was claimed.

Other expenditures were consistent with usual annual operations.

Income Notes.

- Earnings on Bank Accounts (Savings and Certificates of Deposit) continue to be low (~0.2%).
- For the Investment Accounts, due to the large gains in the Stock Market, earnings on the Mutual Fund Investments were very robust (about 20% change in Market Value) for the Common Cemetery, Alice Mann Scholarship, and the Lenore Niles Fund Trusts. The Money Market Account for the Town Hall Heritage Center Trust had a small gain.
- Received all appropriations approved at the 2021 Town Meeting.
- Received Donations totaling \$1,000 for the Common Cemetery Trust.
- No new Donations for Private Trusts were received during the year.¹

Reporting. Trustees submitted the required reports (MS-9 & 10) to the NH Department of Justice (DOJ) for 2020. Copies of the accepted documents may be viewed in the Trustees section of the Orford website. The DOJ Charitable Trusts Unit held two virtual meetings about changing the format of these electronic submissions. Deployment of updates has been postponed beyond the planned 2022 target.

Historical Notes. For historical interest, the Trustees researched the origin of the Orford Trust Funds. The Trustees of the Trust Funds were created by Warrant Article 13 at the March 14, 1916 Town Meeting. In that same Warrant Article, funds for Cemetery Perpetual Care received from 7 individuals between 1903 and 1916 were turned over to the Trustees as the first Trust Funds in the care of the Trustees. The first Trust that was not a Cemetery Trust Fund was the Alice Mann Scholarship Trust in 1949. Warrant Article 23 created the Cemetery Commission in 1965.

Elected Trustees: Seth Carter, Christopher Crowley, Victoria Schwaegler
Alternate Trustees: Bartlett Harwood

¹ Note: Warrant Article 20 in 1994 granted the Selectboard the authority to accept private donations without further vote, until such time as that authority may be rescinded in the future.

**ORFORD TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Trust Fund Name (Date)	BOY Balance At Cost \$	BOY Balance At Market \$	PRINCIPAL ADDED	INVESTMENT REALIZED GAINS	INVESTMENT DIVIDENDS	INTEREST INCOME	EXPENDED FUNDS	EOY Balance At Cost \$	EOY Balance At Market \$	Year Change At Market \$	CODE
<i>Cemetery Trusts</i>											
COMMON CEMETERY TRUST (1916) (1)	346,243.04	499,881.35	1,000.00	36,234.43	3,269.70	209.55	375	388,070.30	621,371.45	121,490.10	B&I
<i>Capital Reserve Funds & Expendable Trust Funds</i>											
ROAD IMPROVEMENT CRF (1994) (2)	456,037.87	456,037.87	177,855.00			1,193.13	114,258.65	520,827.35	520,827.35	64,789.48	B
DUMP CLOSURE CRF (1991)	12,813.31	12,813.31				32.87		12,846.18	12,846.18	32.87	B
FIRE TRUCKS CRF (1983)	299,619.52	299,619.52	49,000.00			801.76		349,421.28	349,421.28	49,801.76	B
FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CRF (2015)	96,321.23	96,321.23				245.85	1,869.75	94,697.33	94,697.33	(1,623.90)	B
FIRE TRUCK MAJOR MAINTENANCE CRF (2017)	11,636.27	11,636.27				29.74	2,278.05	9,387.96	9,387.96	(2,248.31)	B
HEAVY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE ETF (2003)	13,641.20	13,641.20	6,825.00			39.60		20,505.80	20,505.80	6,864.60	B
GRADER CRF (1983)	212,986.27	212,986.27	6,180.00			575.86		219,742.13	219,742.13	6,755.86	B
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRUCKS CRF (1997)	303,005.32	303,005.32	38,625.00			862.31	2,392.70	340,099.93	340,099.93	37,094.61	B
LOADER CRF (1983)	68,681.76	68,681.76	20,085.00			189.76		88,956.52	88,956.52	20,274.76	B
POLICE CRUISER CRF (1985)	35,131.76	35,131.76	12,360.00			98.47		47,590.23	47,590.23	12,458.47	B
PD MAJOR EQUIP. & DATABASE UPDATE EXPENSE CRF (2020)	7,003.11	7,003.11	7,000.00			22.69		14,025.80	14,025.80	7,022.69	B
TOWN BUILDINGS CRF (2019)	76,499.61	76,499.61	17,510.00			266.61	930.12	93,346.10	93,346.10	16,846.49	B
TOWN TAX MAP CRF (2002)	4,390.82	4,390.82				11.26		4,402.08	4,402.08	11.26	B
CEMETERY MOWER/BUILDING CRF (2015)	14,042.83	14,042.83	1,236.00			36.86		15,315.69	15,315.69	1,272.86	B
TREE CARE AND REPLACEMENT ETF (1991)	5,489.59	5,489.59	1,000.00			13.18	3,494.00	3,008.77	3,008.77	(2,480.82)	B
TOWN PROPERTY ETF (2000)	53,501.35	53,501.35	10,200.00			104.54	9,953.32	53,852.57	53,852.57	351.22	B
WWII MONUMENT MAINTENANCE ETF (2004)	3,006.08	3,006.08				7.71		3,013.79	3,013.79	7.71	B
WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION CRF (2004)	6,470.93	6,470.93				16.60		6,487.53	6,487.53	16.60	B
BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT CRF (2021) (3)	0.00	0.00	2,000.00			1.35		2,001.35	2,001.35	2,001.35	B
<i>Private (Donor-Funded) Trusts</i>											
COMMUNITY FIELD 2 (HAZEN MOREY) (1985)	5,862.92	5,862.92				3.00		5,865.92	5,865.92	3.00	B
PLAYGROUND (2011)	6,610.24	6,610.24				3.38		6,613.62	6,613.62	3.38	B
ORFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BEQUEST (ALICE MANN) (1949)	7,175.83	15,132.55		729.04	43.97	0.87	1000.00	6,949.71	18,499.58	3,367.03	B&I
HAZEN MOREY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP (1985)	2,694.94	2,694.94				5.99	750.00	1,950.93	1,950.93	(744.01)	B
MENTA SAWYER SCHOLARSHIP (1987)	9,855.58	9,855.58				33.07		9,888.65	9,888.65	33.07	B
SCHOOLS FUND FOR EXCELLENCE (1989)	36,584.31	36,584.31				93.96		36,678.27	36,678.27	93.96	B
LENORE NILES FUND (1991)	135,678.34	170,038.01		14,994.39	1,847.14	17.65		152,537.52	209,490.26	39,452.25	B&I
TOWN HALL HERITAGE CENTER TRUST (2013)	47,709.71	47,709.71			0.72	20.18		47,730.61	47,730.61	20.90	B&I
UNALLOCATED											
Totals	2,278,693.74	2,474,648.44	350,876.00	51,957.86	5,161.53	4,937.80	137,301.59	2,555,813.92	2,857,617.68	382,969.24	
	Unrealized CG						Investment Unrealized CG				
		195,954.70						301,803.76			

Notes:

(1) Both TTF and Cemetery Trusts were created by Warrant Article 13, 1916.

(2) Discontinued unused Bridge Replacement CRF (2011) (Warrant Article 9, 2021).

(3) Created Broadband Development CRF (Warrant Article 5, 2021).

Code B = Trust Funds in Bank Accounts Only (Checking, Savings & CDs). No risk to principal.

Code B&I = Trust Funds also include Investment Accounts (Mutual Funds & Brokerage). Some risk to principal.

UNALLOCATED = Any Accrued Interest Income from common Bank Accounts not yet apportioned to individual Trust Funds.

CAPITAL RESERVE WORKSHEET FOR 2022 BUDGET

revised 2/1/2022

Table with columns: YRS (2018-2034) and rows: 1984 ROAD IMPROVEMENT CRF, 1983 HIGHWAY OPT TRUCKS, 1983 GRADER 2006, 2003 HEAVY EQUIP MAINT, 1989 FIRE DPT TRUCKS, 2015 FIRE DEPT EQUIPMENT, 2017 FIRE DEPT MAJ MAINTENANCE, 1978 POLICE VEHICLES, POLICE EXP TRUST, 1992/2015 CEMETARY MOWER/BLDG, 1991 TOWN BUILDINGS.

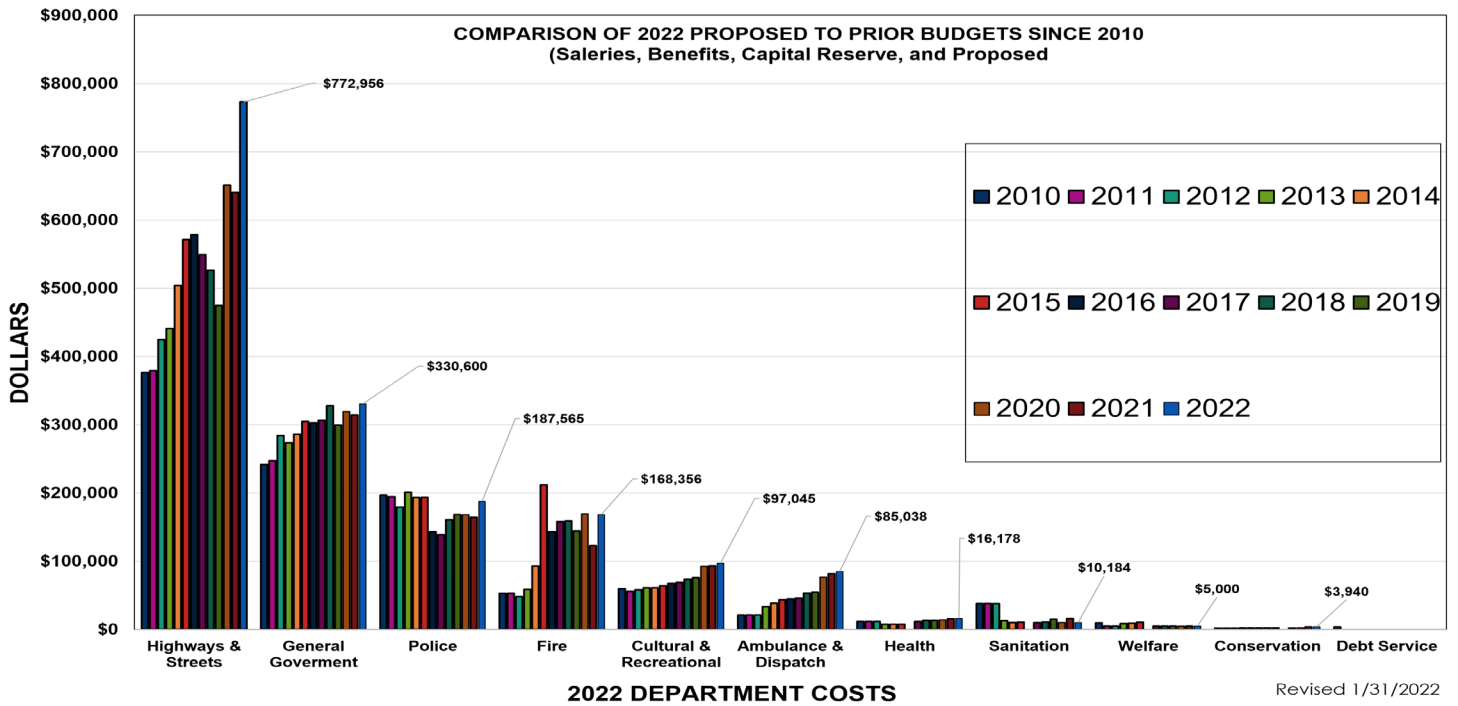
PROJECTED BALANCES ADJUSTED FOR ACTUALS AS OF 12/31/2021 (year end balance)

And moving of \$27,825 (Warrant article 3) from Fire dept equipment CRF and \$3,500 from Fire dept Major Maintenance CRF to Road Improvements CRF per 2021 Town Meeting

Genesis mower/bldg schedule corrected to reflect 6 year replacement, truck, backhoe, police vehicles increased to 5%

1=BOUGHT IN 2021, TO BE RECEIVED AND PAID FOR IN 2022; **2=ADD EXTRA THIS YEAR, WAY LESS NEXT YEAR; *3 ADD CREDIT FOR OLD VEHICLE NEXT YEAR; ****4 \$16,115 Added from 2022 Article 5

revised 2/1/2022



ORFORD VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2022 (revised 1/22/2022)

	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
YEARS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT																					
Truck #2 7	■																				
Truck #3 7																					
1.5 Ton Truck 5																					
Loader 25																					
Backhoe 17																					
Grader 30																					
POLICE DEPARTMENT																					
CRUISER 7	■	■																			
DATABASE UPDATE 25K CAP																					
FIRE DEPARTMENT																					
Pumper Engine #3 30																					
Rescue Equipment Truck 30																					
Tanker Truck #2 30																					
CEMETERY																					
Mower 6																					

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year 2021

General Fund

Cash on Hand January 1, 2021

Woodsville Guaranty Bank:	\$ 513,904.18
Mascoma Savings Bank:	\$1,730,448.19

Receipts:

Tax Collector: Debbie Hadlock	\$4,269,927.31
Town Clerk: Debbie Hadlock	\$333,733.69

Interest:

Woodsville Guarantee Bank	\$159.82
Mascoma Bank	\$429.59

Other Sources:

State of New Hampshire	\$228,267.15
U.S. Government	\$215,926.35
Rivendell license fee for use of town fields	\$10,200.00
Transfers from Trustee of Trust Funds	\$137,301.59
Miscellaneous	\$24,747.35

Total Receipts: \$5,220,692.85

Disbursements:

Rivendell Interstate School District	\$2,955,629.00
Grafton County Tax	\$256,494.00
Transfers to Trustees of Trust Funds	\$349,876.00
Conservation Commission	\$24,857.52
Misc. Town Expenses	\$1,449,244.14

Total Disbursements \$5,036,100.66

Net Income/Loss: \$ 184,592.19

Cash on Hand December 31, 2021

Woodsville Guarantee Bank:	\$1,111,797.83
Mascoma Bank:	\$ 830,457.90

2021 Funds Encumbered/Liabilities

Rivendell Assessment for school year ending June 2022 \$1,461,661.00

Restricted Funds

Conservation Commission Fund

Balance December 31, 2020	\$117,321.77
Additions	\$24,827.52
Interest	\$56.30
Expenses	\$ 1,000.50
Balance December 31, 2021	\$141,210.75

Special Projects

Balance December 31, 2020	\$6,260.40
Donations	\$993.80
Expenses	\$2,300.00
Balance December 31, 2021	\$4,954.20

Firefighter's Memorial Fund

Balance December 31, 2020	\$546.19
Donations	\$625.00
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Balance December 31, 2021	\$1,171.19

Playground Fund

Balance December 31, 2020	\$2,498.80
Donations	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 76.98
Balance December 31, 2021	\$2,421.82

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy L Murphy, Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Committed to Collector

Property Taxes, 1 st Issue	2,020,586.00
Property Taxes, 2 nd Issue	2,105,466.00
Yield Taxes	43,048.69
Land Use Change Tax	<u>51,850.00</u>
Total	4,220,950.69

Remitted to Treasurer

Property Taxes, 1 st Issue	1,939,557.76
Property Taxes, 2 nd Issue	1,902,051.45
Past Property Taxes	269,419.47
Yield Taxes	43,048.69
Land Use Change Tax	<u>43,905.04</u>
Total	4,197,982.41

Uncollected Taxes

Property Taxes, 1 st Issue	54,929.93
Property Taxes, 2 nd Issue	152,731.53
Past Years Taxes	<u>127,893.65</u>
Total	335,555.11

**TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Auto Registration Fee	\$331,762.22
Dog License & Penalties	1,110.50
Boat Registrations	991.72
Vital Records	460.00
Misc.	26.00
 TOTAL REVENUE	 \$334,350.44

2021 number of vehicles registered in Orford 2,187

**Town Clerk Office Hours: Tuesday 1:00 to 6:00PM, Wednesday 10:00AM to 1:00PM,
Thursday 8:00 to 11:00AM**

DOG LICENSE FEES

Male or Female	\$9.00
Altered Animals	6.50
Senior Citizens (over 65 years old, 1st dog)	2.00

Group Licenses

The minimum number of dogs required to qualify for a group license is five (5) dogs, with a standard fee of \$20.00

**Proof of rabies vaccination and altering are required.
All dogs should be licensed by May 1, 2022**

If your dog is not licensed with the Town of Orford by May 31, 2022, you will be in violation of RSA 466:1. A civil forfeiture will be issued which carries a \$25.00 fine plus late fees.

Rabies Clinic

The Orford/Fairlee Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, 2022 between 5:30PM – 6:30 PM at the Fairlee Fire Station. This has been arranged with the Oxbow Veterinary Clinic of Bradford, VT. Attendance at this program is not only convenient, but also offers the rabies shots at a reduced rate of \$10.00

If anyone sees an animal they suspect of being rabid, please contact dispatch or the NH Fish and Game Department.

2021 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
Town of ORFORD in Grafton County

This is to certify that the information provided in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. Rev 1707.03(d)(7) - Selectboard of the Town of Orford

<u>CATEGORY</u>	Number of <u>Acres</u>	2021 Assessed Valuation by City/Town
1. VALUE OF <u>LAND</u> ONLY		
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 70-A	25,578.55	\$ 1,776,720
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B	8.00 0	1,111 0
C. Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C	0	0
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0	0
E. Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	0
F. Residential Land	2,331.08	37,609,500
G. Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT include Utility Land)	<u>180.37</u>	<u>3,313,900</u>
H. Total of Taxable Land	28,098.00	42,701,231
I. Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,749.30	5,635,900
 2. VALUE OF <u>BUILDINGS</u> ONLY		
(Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B)	Structures	Valuation
A. Residential		101,537,288
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		2,206,300
C. Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT include Public Buildings)		7,775,300
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D Number of structures	10	44,512
E. Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	<u>0</u>
F. Total of Taxable Buildings		\$111,563,400
G. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		9,703,400
3. PUBLIC UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition)		
A. Public Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/ dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines, etc.)		\$ 3,147,300
<i>Utility Summary:</i>	PSNH dba Eversource Energy	\$1,430,400
	New Hampshire Electric Corp	1,693,500
	Great River Hydro LLC	23,200
	Green Mt. Power Corp	<u>200</u>
Grand Total Valuation of all Utility Companies		\$3,147,300
B. Other Public Utilities		0
4. MATURE WOOD AND TIMBER (RSA 79:5)		0
5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1G, 2E, 3A, 3B and 4) (This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality)		\$157,411,931
 6. Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with VA Assistance)		
Total # granted	0	0
 7. Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b		
Total # granted	0	0
 8. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a		
Total # granted	0	0
 9. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each)		
Total # granted	0	0
 10. Water/Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a		
Total # granted	0	0
 11. MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value of your municipality.		
		<u>\$157,411,931</u>

2021 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

12. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	Total # granted	0	
	Amount granted per exemption	0	\$ 0
13. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39 a & b	Total # granted	3	\$75,000

Elderly Exemption Report: Total Number of individuals granted an elderly exemption for the current year and total amount of exemption granted:

AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT
65 - 74	0	\$15,000	\$ 0
75 - 79	0	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
80+	<u>3</u>	\$25,000	<u>\$75,000</u>
TOTAL	3		\$75,000

Elderly Exemption Report

Income Limits

Assess Limits

Single	\$25,000	\$ 40,000
Married	37,500	40,000

14. Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	Total # granted	0	
	Amount granted per exemption	0	\$ 0
15. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	Total # granted	1	
	Amount granted per exemption	5,000	5,000
16. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # granted	0	0
17. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # granted	0	0
18. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # granted	0	0
19. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)	Total # granted	0	0
20. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 12-19)			\$ 80,000
21. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)			<u>\$157,331,931</u>
22. LESS Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed in line 3B			\$ 3,147,300
23. NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)			<u>\$154,184,631</u>

Veterans' Tax Credits

Limits

Individual

Tax Credits

Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28, 72:28-b	\$ 500	45	\$22,500
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	700	1	700
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	4,000	5	20,000
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28c	500	0	
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		51	\$43,200

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report

Income Limits

Assess Limits

Single	\$13,400	\$ 35,000
Married	20,400	35,000

2021 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

<u>Current Use Report – RSA 79-A</u>	Total No. of Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation
	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Farm Land	1,700.81	\$ 620,048
Forest Land	7,723.39	522,408
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	14,793.91	605,338
Unproductive Land	1,216.68	25,657
Wetland	<u>143.76</u>	<u>3,271</u>
TOTAL (See Item 1A)	25,578.55	\$ 1,776,720

<u>Other Current Use Statistics</u>	<u>Total Number of Acres</u>
Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	9,619.95
Removed from Current Use during Current Year	7.15

	<u>Total Number</u>
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	214
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	426

Land Use Change Tax

Gross monies received for Calendar Year 2020	\$ 5,128.00
Conservation	
Allocation: Percentage: 100%	
Monies to Conservation Fund	\$ 5,128.00
Monies to General Fund	

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B

	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Farm Land	0.00	\$ 0.00
Forest Land	4.00	694.00
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	4.00	417.00
Unproductive Lane	0.00	0.00
Wet Land	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	8.00	1,111.00

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics

Owners in Conservation Restriction	1
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	1

Discretionary Preservation Easements - RSA 79-D

Owners	Structures	Structure Valuation
4	10	\$44,512

Description of Discretionary Preservation Easement Granted (i.e.: Barns, Silos, etc.)

Map	Lot	Block	%	Description
000008	000093	000051	65	79D HISTORIC BARN
000008	000029	000054	60	79D HISTORIC BARN
000008	000093	000077	65	79D HISTORIC BARN
000008	000093	000077	65	79D HISTORIC BARN
000008	000093	000077	75	79D HISTORIC BARN
000008	000093	000077	75	79D HISTORIC BARN
000008	000093	000077	75	79D HISTORIC BARN
000008	00091B	000013	75	79D HISTORIC BARN
000008	00091B	000013	75	79D HISTORIC BARN
000008	00091B	000013	75	79D HISTORIC BARN

<u>Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74)</u>	\$3,737.00
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2021 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Village District: VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

<u>CATEGORY</u>	Number of <u>Acres</u>	2021 Assessed Valuation by City/Town
1. VALUE OF <u>LAND</u> ONLY		
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 70-A	36.00	\$ 9,772
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0	0
C. Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C	0	0
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0	0
E. Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	0
F. Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)	40.42	2,251,900
G. Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT include Utility Land)	19.43	827,700
H. Total of Taxable Land	95.85	3,089,372
I. Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	15.03	516,000
2. VALUE OF <u>BUILDINGS</u> ONLY (Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B)		
A. Residential		\$ 5,265,200
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		126,400
C. Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT include Public Buildings)		1,779,800
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D		
Number of structures	0	0
E. Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	0
F. Total of Taxable Buildings		\$ 7,171,400
G. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Building (\$1,252,000)		821,900
3. PUBLIC UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition) within district		
A. Public Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/ dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines, etc.)		\$ 0
B. Other Public Utilities		0
4. MATURE WOOD AND TIMBER (RSA 79:5)		0
5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		
(This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality)		<u>\$ 10,260,772</u>
Exemptions		
6. Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with VA Assistance)	0	0
7. Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	0
8. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	0
9. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up to \$150,000 for each)	0	
10. Water/Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a	0	0
11. MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value of your municipality.		<u>\$ 10,260,772</u>
12. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37 Total # granted	0	
Amount granted per exemption	0	\$ 0
13. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39 a & b Total # granted	0	0
14. Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b Total # granted	0	0
Amount granted per exemption	0	0
15. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b Total # granted	0	0
Amount granted per exemption	5,000	0
16. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	0	0
17. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62 Total # granted	0	0
18. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	0	0
19. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)	0	0
20. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum on Lines 12-19)		<u>0</u>
21. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR VILLAGE DISTRICT IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)		<u>\$ 10,260,772</u>



Roberts & Greene, PLLC

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Orford as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Orford, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the pension and OPEB information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational and economic context.

We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Orford's basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor and individual general fund schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Roberts & Greene, PLLC

Concord, New Hampshire
August 23, 2021

SELECTBOARD REPORT 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to cause changes to the way the town did its business. The Governor executed emergency orders which allowed elections and town meetings to be rescheduled and some town business to be carried out remotely rather than in person. As result the annual town meeting was postponed until May and the Selectboard meetings were carried out remotely.

The delayed town meeting meant that budget and warrant article approvals were postponed. This in turn shortened time to get work done and purchases made. The pandemic created shortages in supplies resulting in delayed deliveries of culverts, the authorized snowplow truck, as well as impacting the paving schedules and safety improvements at the Highway garage. Fortunately, even with some delays, the Town Road #100 culvert project was finally completed.

The Selectboard would like to thank the efforts of the newly created Road Committee in attempting to get their assignments done per schedule even though their start date was delayed. The report they were charged with creating can be found on the Orford Website under “documents” on the Orford Road Commission tab. The Selectboard believes the Road Committee can provide valuable advice so has put forward a new warrant article to make the Road Committee a permanent fixture with a clear mandate and terms of tenure. Please support this year’s warrant article #13.

This year saw the retirement of long time Cemetery Commissioner Paul Messer, Sr. after 37 years of service in this position. We deeply appreciate that service and thank him for all those years! Also, health officer Faith Knapp announced her retirement. The Selectboard wishes to thank her for her years of service. That position is now open. The State of New Hampshire has announced new training requirements for persons in that position. That training is done on-line by the state. If interested in this position, please contact the Selectboard (603-353-4889). Also open is the Emergency Management Director position. Please see the full description on the EMD report found under “Selectboard and Department Reports”

The Selectboard would like to thank all those who volunteer in town to make our town what it is. Some positions are elected by ballot (Selectboard, Planning Board, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Supervisor of the Checklist, Orford Free Library Trustee, Cemetery Commission and Trustees of the Trust Fund), while others are elected from the floor or appointed by the Selectboard.

Many are “just volunteers” that offer their time in various ways for the benefit of the Town. One such volunteer that will be greatly missed is John O’Brien who donated countless hours working quietly behind the scenes to get “stuff done”.

If you are thinking that you may have some time to help the Town do its required tasks or would like to know more about any of the various committees, commissions or volunteer programs please contact the Selectboard or the committee chairmen directly. We need your participation.

Selectboard: John Adams, Fred Kidder III, P Chase Kling

ASSESSOR'S REPORT 2021

In 2021, there were roughly 110 properties visited that had indicated they made changes to the property or had ongoing construction as of April 1, 2020. These properties were adjusted accordingly.

Data Verification of all properties will continue this year. We visited roughly 200 properties for assessment data verification. We expect to visit another 200-250 properties. Our goal is to verify the physical data to ensure the assessments are accurate. If no-one is at home, we will take the opportunity to verify the exterior measurements of all primary improvements (buildings etc.)

If an adult is home at the time of the visit, the representative from the Assessor's Office will ask to verify the interior information via tour provided by the adult, if it is safe for all involved. At no time will a representative enter a property where a minor is the only person home. In the event a property is posted "No Trespassing", the representative will knock on the door to seek permission to verify the physical data. In the event no-one is home, there will be no attempt to verify the exterior data. The Assessing Official will make another attempt on a subsequent date. If the property is "Posted" and gated the Assessor's Office will not enter the premises. However, there will be a letter sent requesting an appointment to verify the physical data. If the property owner doesn't respond to the request, the Assessor will estimate the features of the property to the best of his/her ability.

It is of the utmost importance to have accurate data to ensure all property owners in Bridgewater are assessed equitably.

Offord conducted a town-wide re-assessment in 2020 bringing the assessments to market value as of April 1, 2020. The real-estate market continues to be very robust with values continuing to increase. The 2021 estimated weighted mean assessment to sale ratio is 65.2%. The estimated median assessment to sale ratio is 76.2%. The next scheduled town wide revaluation will be conducted in 2025 unless it becomes necessary prior to 2025.

Please take the time to review your property record card for accuracy on an annual basis. If you have questions, please contact the selectmen's office.

I would like to thank you for your continued cooperation

Todd Haywood, RES, CNHA
Orford Assessing Agent

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2021

Unfortunately, because of new job time commitments, the interim EMD appointed to complete the prior year term stepped down and did not seek the new annual appointment. This left the town without a director and despite an extensive search no one accepted the position. As allowed by state law the Selectboard stepped in to fill the void. Fortunately, no declared emergency occurred that required significant emergency management.

Please help us in filling this position.

The position requires skills in coordinating town department responses in the event of a declared emergency. This response also includes reporting to the state of New Hampshire emergency management office using their systems. There is training required on how to report situations. Training is free from the state. Other time commitments include quarterly reports to the Selectboard, semi-annual reports to the state, initiating an annual local training event, establishing an annual budget and writing this annual report of activities.

Please contact me for more information.

We look forward to you volunteering to help.

Acting Emergency Management Director: Town of Orford Selectboard, represented by John Adams, (603-353-9201)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Spring came relatively early in 2021 and we did not have too bad of a mud season. Summer started pretty much as usual, giving us some good weather to do ditching along Blackberry Hill Road. We were also able to replace several culverts throughout the town.

We have been busy doing a lot of routine maintenance and repairs on the vehicles and equipment. By doing a lot of this work in-house, we are able to save on our maintenance and repair budget line item.

We were able to do some paving at the entranceways to Sawyer Brook Road, Orfordville Road, Baker Road, Quinttown Road, and E. Cemetery Road. This work will eliminate potholes from vehicles stopping and starting on it. This was also a safety concern for when we are grading, we no longer have to back out into a state highway. Once again, we would like to start road reconstruction on the River Road, which will consist of ditching, replacing culverts, reclaiming the current asphalt, putting down new gravel, and new asphalt. This is part of our 10-year plan for repaving paved roads. We ask you to support Warrant Article #11 for paving projects.

In February, we welcomed Jeffrey Roberts to the crew. Jeff has been a huge asset to the highway department with his ability to help maintain equipment along with running equipment. It is a pleasure working with Jeff and Roger.

We are hoping to replace our 2012 truck 2. It is going on 10 years old, and the truck has close to 50,000 miles on. This is not a lot for diesel engine, but it is starting to have maintenance issues. These issues are no longer covered under warranty. Our trucks are out in the worst weather. The purchase of this truck will not affect the tax rate. The funds for this truck will come out of the truck capital replacement fund, which is a fund where we set aside money each year to replace vehicles. We hope you will support Warrant Article #10 to replace truck 2.

In closing, I would like to thank the many town residents of Orford for the positive feedback on the work being done by the highway department and the many goodies that are dropped off at the Highway garage. We also appreciate the many emails and kind notes that we receive throughout the year.

Terry Straight, Road Agent

ORFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our mission continues to be community-focused through our efforts to protect the lives, property and environment of our local community and visitors with compassionate trained professionals. We currently have 21 members with various levels of certification including, firefighters and EMT (level 1 and higher), and 2 paramedics. All members are CPR/AED certified. Our members have put in many long hours over weekends, evenings, and holidays for various trainings and calls. Two of our members became ice rescue certified in March. In December we conducted a live burn training exercise and we invited some of our neighboring towns. In addition, many of our members have put in many extra hours working on, including but not limited to, the upkeep of fire trucks, cleaning the station, fire hydrant maintenance, and performing weekly and monthly equipment checks.

We continue to train in such areas as cold-water pumping, SCBA, ladders, and driver training. We also spend time “preplanning” various scenarios so that we are better prepared to serve the community for any future emergencies. We spent time looking for possible water sources for hard-to-get-to places, troublesome driveways, and places that might provide us with challenges and how to best approach the situation if an emergency ever happens there. We do all these activities, because we are group of people who love to serve the town of Orford. 2020/2021 has been challenging years for all of us with COVID. Let’s all hope for a much better 2022.

Please dial 911 in the event of any emergencies. The members of the Orford Fire Department would like to remind you that we are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. We are here to serve the community. If you have any questions or would like to check out the department, please feel free to reach out to any of our members. We are always looking for new, dedicated members. If you have a desire to serve and help your community, please contact the department. Stop by the fire station on the first and third Monday of the month when we have training. Stay up to date with department news by following us on Facebook @Orford NH.Fire Department

The members of the department would like to thank the town for their continuing support your Orford fire Department responded to 139 calls in 2021.

Mutual Aid Calls	14	Powers Lines	10	Wood Rescues	0
Brush Fires	3	Medical Calls	78	Propane Leak	4
Fire Alarms	10	Auto Accidents	9	Water Rescues	0
Service Calls	10	Structure Fire	0	Chimney Fire	1

Our call volume over the last 8 years:

2020: 114	2018: 153	2016: 117	2014: 110
2019: 141	2017: 126	2015: 132	2013: 104

We hope you do not have one, but if you do have an emergency, you can count on us being there. Here’s to a safe 2022.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Straight, Fire Chief

2021 REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Despite a brief flurry of wildfire activity across the state this spring, the summer and fall months saw weather conditions which kept the fire danger consistently at low levels. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

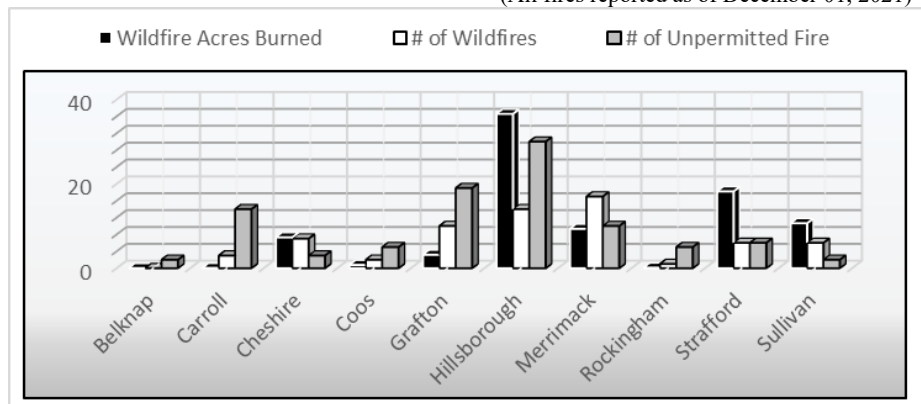
The long-lasting drought effects in Coos County are showing some minor signs of improvement but a good portion of northern Coos remains in the abnormally dry category with the northeastern portion still remaining in moderate drought. While the drought conditions have improved, we expect some areas of the state may still be experiencing abnormally dry or drought conditions this spring. For this reason, we ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: **Always Be Careful** with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2022 fire season, please remember to contact **Forest Fire Warden Jim Hook 353-4894** or Deputy Forest Fire Wardens, Jimmy Carter 353-9669, John Dunham 603-276-0213, Terry Straight 603-728-7569, or Arthur Dennis to determine if a fire 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. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping 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.nh.gov/nhdfl/. For up to date information, follow on Twitter and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**



2021 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 01, 2021)



*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.*
1	81	25	0	7	1	4	2	41

*Miscellaneous includes power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc...

In 2021, 491 Police Officers were killed while serving their communities. My thoughts and prayers go out to their families and their communities. May they all Rest in Peace, knowing their sacrifice was not in vain, but a sacrifice of their love for the communities they served.

REPORT OF THE ORFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT 2021

The Orford Police Department's mission is to provide professional and compassionate police service through community partnerships that build trust, reduce crime, create a safe environment, and enhance the quality of life in the Orford community. To fulfill that mission, Integrity, Respect, Fairness, and Excellence are the core values of this department.

This year we continued into the uncharted and historical pandemic events around the COVID-19 virus, which continues to have national and world-wide concerns and impacts. 330 of the Police Officers killed in the line of duty in the U.S., was a direct result of their exposure to the virus while serving their communities. This virus continues to take a toll on us all, in how we interact with others, in how we lead our daily lives, and in how we perceive "normalcy".

As with many things in this profession, I get advised and receive recommendations on the various aspects of statutory enforcement. As your Police Chief, my enforcement interactions include warnings, court summons, violations, and arrests. Many interactions however, are specifically intended to educate or convey an observation I have made in regards to a statutory or municipal violation, and nothing more. With that, I try to treat every interaction as unique and utilize the various levels of enforcement as officer discretion and statutes allow. From speed enforcement, to noise problems, to DMV registrations, to inspections, please ensure you are compliant before recommending and/or insisting in my strict enforcement on others.

This community has endured through the tragedy of loss because of the pandemic, untimely deaths, a suicide, a drug overdose death, and a homicide, as well as other felony level crimes resulting in several arrests. I had a total of 754 calls for service and the New Hampshire State Police completed 44, which does not account for the calls in which I requested assistance. There was also other serious investigations, resulting in misdemeanor and felony level arrests and continuing current investigations. Other calls for service are detailed in the attached report, which unfortunately included nine motor vehicle accidents (as opposed to three in 2020). I continue to monitor calls for service in Orford during my off hours, evenings, and weekends, resulting in fewer calls for service by the New Hampshire State Police, 44 in 2021 versus 63 last year. Motor vehicle enforcement continues to be an important and vital enforcement role in the overall safety of this community resulting in 267 motor vehicle stops of which 46 summonses were issued.

Keep your family's safety and security in mind at all times by locking and securing your homes, your businesses, and your vehicles. Do not leave valuables in your vehicles at any time, and report any suspicious activity.

Please drive safely, watch for things that are out of place, take care of your neighbors and "If you see something, say something."

Respectfully,

Jason D. Bachus
Chief of Police
Orford Police Department

Law Enforcement Agency Calls for Service	OPD 2019	OPD 2020	OPD 2021
Total Incidents	815	768	802
Accidents	11	3	11
Alarm Response	14	8	13
Animal Complaint	28	37	27
Arrests	5	5	12
Assault (active/past)	1	1	1
Assist Agency (PD, FD, Ambulance)	59	61	64
Assist Citizen	74	89	57
Criminal Threatening	3	4	4
Disorderly Conduct	3	0	1
Domestic Disturbances	2	1	0
Drug Violations	1	0	1
DUI	1	0	0
Follow-ups/Inv/Misc.	79	54	74
Forgery/Bad Check/Fraud	7	1	11
Harassment	1	3	0
Homicide	0	0	1
Illegal Dumping/Littering	3	5	5
MV Unlocks	8	1	5
Paper Service	12	4	29
Parking and Misc. MV	19	16	7
Roadway Obstruction/Misc.	12	16	15
Robbery/Burglary	0	0	3
Sex Offender Registration	7	9	8
Sexual Assault/Rape	1	1	1
Suicide	0	0	1
Suspicious Activity/Person	11	11	25
Theft (Property/Identity)	4	16	17
Total MV Stops	295	224	267
Citations Issued	65	41	46
Warnings Issued	230	183	221
Unattended Death	2	1	2
Vandalism	3	11	5
VIN Verification	5	2	3
Weapon / Fish & Game	2	2	0
Welfare Check / House Check	19	66	19
Misc. Activities	60	53	69
NHSP Covered Calls	63	63	44

Notes: A complete listing of calls for service available at OPD

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
TOWN-OWNED LAND, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT
2020 Revaluation Assessments

<u>Departments</u>	<u>Land & Buildings Assessed Value</u>	<u>Equipment Replacement Value</u>
<u>Cemeteries</u>		
Dame Hill Cemetery	\$ 44,000	
Orford West Cemetery (Street Cemetery)	112,900	
Orford East Cemetery (Davistown)	38,200	
Equipment		20,000
<u>Fire Department</u>		
Vehicles		810,000
Hose & Rack		20,000
<u>Highway Department</u>		
Land and Buildings, Recycling Center	207,900	
Townshed Road Gravel Pit	59,500	
Orfordville HWY Garage	1,800	
Mobile Equipment		398,000
Vehicles		380,000
Contents		80,000
<u>Library - Free Library</u>		
Land and Building	165,200	
Furniture and Equipment		15,000
<u>Parks and Playgrounds</u>		
Community Field	143,500	
Connecticut River Boat Landing	144,000	
East Common w/ Bandstand	97,700	
West Common	22,100	
Indian Pond Picnic Area	240,500	
Lower Baker-Boat Access	138,400	
Upper Baker Pond-Town Beach	166,600	
<u>Police Department</u>		
Vehicle		35,000
<u>Town Office (Includes Police Department)/Town Buildings</u>		
Land and Buildings	309,700	
Furniture and Equipment		90,000
Heritage Center	79,900	
<u>Conservation Commission</u>		
Former Watkins Land (Sunday Mt. Development)	1,600	
Former Richmond Land	202,600	
Former Theodore R. Eck Land	58,200	
<u>Additional Town Property</u>		
Flat Rock	10,400	
Hall Land	20,700	
Huckins Hill Road	12,600	
N/S Rt 25A former Jones Property	11,400	
Former Brookside Store Land	1,300	
Former Ducharme Property	<u>154,500</u>	
(Adjacent to Boat Launch)		
	\$2,445,200	\$1,848,000

Replacement Values for buildings, contents, vehicles and equipment are insured thru PRIMEX

2021 BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

First, we want to **especially thank Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Administrative Assistant**, again for going the extra mile for all her help during the budget process. This year, we met on nine (9) occasions, of which four (4) were with the Selectboard which included the Public Hearing. All seven (7) Budget Advisory Committee members were present to discuss and vote on the Warrant Articles below. Again this year, the committee submitted questions prior to meeting with the Selectboard. In addition to the Selectboard's answers, we did some of our own research using Annual Town Reports and reviewing Selectboard minutes before we made an informed decision.

Prior to 2013, Department Heads were not directly involved in the budget discussions. 2013, the Selectboard (**SB**) and Budget Advisory Committee (**BAC**) involved the Department Heads during the budgeting process so they could provide information, make recommendations, have sufficient time to gather the needed information, and the process could be more thorough. Their input was both valued and needed for the best decisions to be made. Again this year, the Selectboard chose to meet with Department Heads in October. The Selectboard did not schedule the Budget Advisory Committee to meet with Department Heads till the last joint SB/BAC meeting in December. The result was we were left in the dark by not having the Police, Fire, and Highway Department Heads available for us earlier to make our best-informed decisions as we still have some unanswered questions.

Significant increases to the General Operating Budget are: Voter Registration is up \$4,018, due to a busy election year; Employee raises of 6.0% based on the Government's Cost of Living, and Employee Retirement – NHRS increased the retirement plans for Employees from 11.17% to 14.06% and Police from 28.43% to 33.88%; Planning Board up from \$7,150 to \$10,500; Police Dept. up from \$144,915 to \$158,565 (\$11,803 wages & retirement) and \$3,000 for a part-time Officer; and Highway Dept. up from \$408,125 to \$435,985 (\$11,603 wages & retirement).

The Committee presented our recommendations to the Selectboard on 12/22/21. Our recommendation included reducing the Police Salaries P/T by \$3,000 and recommended \$155,565, level fund the Fire Dept. to \$73,878, and level fund the Highway Dept. to \$408,125, thus reducing the General Operating fund from \$1,203,037 to \$1,171,375 (a reduction of \$31,662).

Once again, the Committee discussed with the Selectboard their concern of purchasing a NEW Highway Truck to replace the 2013 #2 Truck with only 44,004 miles, driven a total of 4,862 miles this past 12 months, it ran just 682 hours as of the end of December 2021, purchasing a 10-Wheel Dump Truck instead of our current 6-Wheel Dump Truck, and changing the Replacement Schedule from 10 years to 7 years.

Update status of Orford's Infrastructure Projects – still open from as far back as 2017 storm

- **New Project**, not on this list but created more paving maintenance to our roads – 5 road aprons were put down this year, 2021. Financing of \$50,000 came from Town's encumbered fund balance for the Archertown Hill Reconstruction 2017 Warrant Article for paving.
- #1. Archertown Road Bridge over Jacobs Brook – Projected to start in 2023
- #2. Road #100 bridge – completed as of October 13, 2021
- #3. Sawyer Brook Rd – completed August 2021
- #4. High Bridge – 2017 warrant article lapsed
- #5. River Road paving – 2018 Warrant Article lapsed; 2022 Proposed Warrant Article \$250,000 Pave River Road, Brook Road, and Dublin Road
- #6. Sand Pit Reclamation plan – being worked on
- #7. Beaver Bog on Orfordville Road – still pending
- #8. Archertown Hill Road Reconstruction – still pending
- #9. Hwy Garage Primex fix-it safety issues & addition – bids will be placed again at the start of 2022.
- #10. 2020 Highway work scheduled 20 culverts to be replaced (2020 – 9 replaced, 2021 – 4 replaced) – did not receive an updated schedule from the Road Agent when the balance of work will to be completed.
- #11. Lean-to cover for Grader – Road Commission has been looking over the project
- Reported 3/10/2021, the guard rail on the Mousley Bridge was reported damaged – scheduled for 2022
- Mousley Brook Culvert replacement, July 2017 storm FEMA project – still waiting for estimates from engineering firms

Members: Ruth Hook, Chair; Larry Duffy, Lawrence Hibbard, Bill Paxton, Bob Palifka, Tom Thomson, Ken Wiren

CEMETERY COMMISSION 2021

First and foremost, we take this opportunity to thank Paul Messer for 37 years of outstanding service to the Town of Orford as a Cemetery Commissioner. It is not obvious to most of us the extraordinary knowledge he has and the incalculable hours he has spent, including many evenings and weekends, to fulfill the duties of a Cemetery Commissioner. He will be greatly missed as he is retiring effective at Town Meeting, 2022.

Tree Removal at Dame Hill Cemetery: Two maple trees at Dame Hill Cemetery that were identified as a danger by the Commission and the Tree Warden were safely removed. We plan to plant replacement trees in 2022.

Database of Cemetery Residents: Cora Day finished her database of Cemetery Residents. It is available on the Town's website under the Cemetery Commission tab.

Recognition of Veterans: Last year we reported that John O'Brien had asked for approval to have veteran's monuments installed at each cemetery, which the Commission granted. We hope that someone will take up this important project in John's memory.

Gate Repair at East Cemetery: Paul Messer repaired the gates at the East Cemetery so that they now open and close properly.

Water Containers: Paul Messer will donate sap drums for water containers at each cemetery and David Smith will build stands for the water containers and install them in 2022.

Cemetery Signs: The Commission reviewed sign designs provided by Vision Signworks of Piermont. Signs were ordered and delivered and will be installed at each cemetery in 2022.

Safety Equipment: In consultation with the Fire Chief, the Commission purchased a container to hold flammable liquids, i.e., gas, oil and grease, as well as an exit sign, fire extinguisher, first aid kit and eye wash kit for the West Cemetery mower shed.

The Commission again thanks Kurt Gendron for his diligent work in maintaining our cemeteries and the Orford residents who donated wreaths and flowers to enhance their appearance. We also want to thank David Smith for shadowing Paul Messer in 2021 to learn from his extensive knowledge and experience.

Commissioners:

Paul Messer

Linda Pease

Brenda Smith

Fred Kidder, Ex-Officio

THE NILES TRUST FUND

2021

The Niles Trust Fund was established in 1991 following a generous bequest of \$50,000 to the Town of Orford made by Mrs. Eleanor Niles in 1988. Following their move to town in 1950, Mrs. Niles and her husband, Harry, developed a fondness of Orford and its citizens and left this gift to be used for activities and opportunities that will benefit Orford residents. A Committee established by the town voters in 1990 recommended that an appropriation representing accrued interest of the Fund be made at the annual Town Meeting. Further, it was agreed that funds will be used to improve community facilities and sponsor organizations and individuals with financial aid for opportunities that otherwise may be unattainable.

Unfortunately, the Committee did not receive any requests for assistance this year. A few examples of requests that were approved in the past may help to initiate an idea of a special project for funding. In recent years, the Fund has supported special activities of the Orford School sports program, community plantings by the Orford Garden Club, new “Welcome to Orford” signs placed on RT 10 at the North and South town lines, sponsorship of Orford students to participate in extracurricular educational activities, CPR class co-sponsored by Orford Free and Social Libraries, and tree care on the East-West Commons.

Orford residents, and town committees and organizations are encouraged to consider applying for funding for projects which will benefit the town and its residents. Applications are available on the Orford website and at the Town Office. Interested applicants are encouraged to submit proposals at least two weeks in advance of the event in order to allow time for the Committee to convene.

Respectfully submitted by,

The Niles Committee

Ann Green (Chair)
Melinda Ricker
David Coker
Jennifer Tilden
Ruth Hook

ORFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
2021 Annual Report

The Orford Conservation Commission (OCC) continues to actively work on a variety of conservation-related projects throughout Orford. Our objectives remain to promote, initiate, and continue dedicated stewardship of the many remarkable natural resources in Orford.

The projects undertaken by the OCC in 2021 included:

- Mountain View Farm Conservation Area: The OCC cosponsored and endorsed a stargazing party at this beautiful and protected land in Quinttown.
- Orford Conservation Land: Continued maintenance of trail to the Connecticut River from Rt. 10 and monitored tree plantings at riparian buffer.
- Easement Reviews: Conducted annual reviews of conserved land in Orford.
- Conservation Easements: Worked on conservation easement projects with the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT).
- Jacobs Brook flooding/erosion mitigation and restoration of aquatic life: Continue to monitor this site after extensive flood mitigation work completed.
- Orfordville Road Bog: The OCC paid for a design by Horizons Engineers for a culvert with integrated spillway. The reconstruction, when done, will maintain water height to support aquatic life and prevent road erosion. The permit from NH DES is in hand and is valid for 5 years.
- Japanese Knotweed Control: Colonies were managed along Tillotson Falls Road. Roadside mowing was coordinated with these efforts. Thanks to the Orford Highway Department for their assistance in knotweed control. Continued work is planned for 2022.
- Other activities: Reviewed wetland permit applications; reviewed NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) letters to landowners regarding wetlands violations or failing septic systems; and reviewed possible sites for Connecticut River Conservancy cleanup efforts. Planned invasive plant species identification and containment project for 2022.
- Water Testing: Water testing conducted June through September at ten sites along Jacobs Brook at Indian Pond beach/boat launch, and the Baker Ponds. Expanded testing schedule will continue for 2022. New water testers have been trained.

The Conservation said goodbye to commissioners Tom Bubolz and Carl Cassel. We thank them both for their many years of service to the Commission and wish them well in their further endeavors!

Commissioners and Alternates:

Edmond Cooley (Chair), conservation@orfordnh.us, John Miller (Vice-Chair), Harry Pease, Craig Putnam, and Carl Schmidt; Alternates: Emily Bryant (Asst. Secretary), and Fran Plaisted (Secretary).

ORFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE Report on 2021

The OEC pursues opportunities to reduce energy costs and environmental burdens within the Town of Orford. In normal (non-pandemic) years, it partners with other towns and organizations like Vital Communities. These bring Orford citizens access to programs like Weatherize, Solarize, and Button-Up. OEC has no budget. As a town committee, it acts in an advisory role to the Selectboard. It may also offer recommendations regarding energy usage in town properties.

Much of 2020 and all of 2021, however, limited in-person activities. 2021's initial meetings were on-line (Zoom) as allowed under NH Emergency Order #12 and continued thus through May. June through October meetings were in-person at Town Offices, distanced and with masks available. Meanwhile, the emergency order expired even as Covid-19 variant Delta/then Omicron gained force. Owing to Covid risk to our vulnerable close contacts, we found it irresponsible to meet in person after October. Were we in Vermont or many other states, an on-line meeting would not still require a quorum (4 for OEC) physically be at an in-person publicly accessible site.

OEC's primary accomplishment in 2021 is action by the Selectboard on our Streetlights recommendation (see at website below) that Orford update fixtures to energy-efficient LEDs as soon as feasible. Orford's streetlighting design and technology is of the 1980s. A lot has changed in cost, efficiency, and fixture capabilities. OEC developed a survey which the Selectboard sent all boxholders so the public might offer input before the Town gets into specific design and contracting phases. OEC's baseline projection shows a modest initial investment may have a payoff as short as 1 ½ years, a return on our money considerably better than any Capital Reserve. Our analysis was prompted by the Selectboard after questions arose in fall 2020 as they developed the 2021 budget. Recent decisions by the NH PUC, now legally challenged, drastically unwisely gutted NH-Saves, a program that funds important energy efficiency investments including municipal lighting cost reduction. We will soon learn if incentives supporting the lighting project will still exist. The last streetlighting was considered was in 2013, when no action was taken.

From 2018 into 2021, OEC worked to improve the Town Offices' habitability and longevity cost-effectively through a staged series of modest investments. These efforts have unfortunately not been seriously considered; seemingly supplanted by a few quick, little-researched stop-gap short-term actions.

In addition to tracking various state government energy policy shifts, OEC follows five energy-related strands:

- Technologies of interest such as large battery gains,
- Electric Vehicle (EV) related needs as use grows,
- Skylink/other break-out true high-speed data delivery systems,
- Development of microgrids in rural areas,
- Efforts relating to Climate Change issues.

At present, the interest strands are followed by individual members and shared between members, but no actions are planned, only that we build our awareness and capability.

April 2021 Ted Cooley alas retreated from his long-term chair-ship. Thankfully he stays on the committee and guides our transition. This year Ted migrated OEC's digital documents to the Town's systems. Secretary John Miller is adding resources to our website and posting other interesting energy notes at Orford@googlegroups.com.

In normal times, OEC holds warned, open meetings the second Tuesday monthly at 7 PM in the Niles Room of the Town Offices. Meetings are warned and minutes posted on the Orford Town Website and Listserve. **We welcome your thoughts and participation.**

Mark Blanchard (Chair), Edmond Cooley (former Chair), John Miller (Secretary), Jordon Sutherlin (Vice Chair), Scott Gagnon; Alternates: Robb Day and David Smith.

Website: <http://orfordnh.us/commissions-committees/energy-committee/>, Facebook at [Orford Energy Committee](#)
Email: energy@orfordnh.us

ORFORD FREE LIBRARY

The year 2021 was another one with challenges related to Covid protocols. We were pleased to continue to be a community resource during this time. While the library did not have in-person visitors from January-May, we provided curb-side and remote services that were well received. In June we opened by appointment and in August we were fully open. Our patron count for the year was 760. The library circulated 3,841 items.

The Free Library provided materials, programs, services and activities for children and adults. The Summer Reading Program – Tails and Tales, was held outdoors and in-person story hours resumed in the fall. Family activities included: Fresh Air Scrabble, Pumpkins to Go, a Yankee Swap and Take and Make ornament kits. We installed a 2nd Little Free Library in front of the Congregational Church on Main St. The ILL books and downloadables, available through the state library, and WiFi access outside the building are well-used resources.

The library received an ARPA grant through the NH Institute of Museum and Library Services. We used this funding to purchase STEM related items for children, preschool through age 10. These included 10 Launchpad tablets preloaded with apps and a cart with 11 activity kits. These materials have been well received and the kits are being integrated into the story hour presentations.

We are grateful to the Friends of the Orford Libraries. With their support we have been able to increase our outreach to patrons and provide materials such as word search, crossword and coloring books for adults and hands-on make and take kits for children and families.

We extend our thanks to the volunteers who have been able to return to the library. Lastly, we want to thank our director, Laurel Fulford, for her continued efforts to maintain our services to patrons during a challenging time.

Board of Trustees: Susan Kling, Carol Boynton, Stacey King

Library Director: Laurel Fulford

Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 2021	\$ 23,919.01
Town of Orford	24,551.00
Gifts/Donations	500.00
Misc.	571.95
Interest	<u>9.09</u>
	\$49,551.05

Expenditures

Books	2,876.12
Multimedia	1,587.79
Magazines	188.46
Librarian	12,389.00
Fuel/Heat	1,549.28
Repair/Improvements/Equipment	6,607.94
Postal	115.68
Telephone	490.50
Electric	331.47
Copier/Library Supplies	1,371.51
Grounds	485.00
Computer/Internet Services	659.89
Dues/Memberships	466.12
Programs/Materials	841.40
Howe/Evergreen Annual Fees	1,030.00
ARPA Grant	2,980.60
Misc.	124.20
Balance in checking account December 31, 2021	<u>15,456.09</u>
	\$49,551.05

ORFORD SOCIAL LIBRARY

The Orford Social Library (OSL) played an increasingly important role as a community connector through 2021 while the pandemic continued to limit in-person gatherings. The library's steady outreach during this stressful time offered entertainment, learning, and interaction with others. Several Orford community groups use the OSL as their meeting place which is another noticeable way we try to facilitate connections among town folk. The OSL reopened to the public in May. Over 2200 patrons visited from May through December. We held 17 programs virtually and 83 programs/events in person throughout the year. Over 877 downloadable e-books and e-audios were checked out through NH Downloadables

Highlights funded by NH Humanities grant awards included three facilitated book talks (presenter + books for all participants); in addition to 2 programs: *The Popularity of Sherlock Holmes* and "*Forced into Politics*". Another grant brought us a hands-on workshop with award-winning West African drummer, Theo Martey; *The Borders of Our Minds* - virtual armchair travel journalist David Moulton. The Social and the Free Library partnered to support the NH Summer Reading theme with a live-animal program from Squam Lakes Science Center designed specifically for this topic. We capped off the summer reading program with a virtual finale featuring storyteller, Simon Brooks.

A competitive grant award of \$4688 from the Association of Rural & Small Libraries enabled the OSL to purchase three new computers and update the router to extend our wifi coverage. We were also able to buy new books with a \$1000 grant from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The OSL was pleased to be able to offer most of our usual annual events: Poem on a Postcard, Perennial & (new) High Mowing Organic Seed Give-Aways, Ice Cream Social, The Book Sale, and Halloween's "Witches of Orford". On-going programs continue to be popular and key to keeping our community connected: weekly Mah Jongg & French Conversation groups; monthly Book Groups, Tech Help, Knitting/Crafting, and Children's Story & Art. In addition, the OSL offered a variety of "take & makes" for an activity to do at home - Valentines, bees' wax reusable wrappers, fabric gift bags to name a few.

We are proud to share the exciting news that the OSL has earned the distinction of being the only 2021 "Star Library" in the state. This award is based on the Index of Public Library Service. Last year 5,608 libraries in the U.S. were rated on their per capita service outputs with only 262 libraries selected to receive a "Star" designation.

We're very grateful for the financial support we have received from members of the community, the town, and the Friends of the Orford Libraries who have been constant in providing improvements to both libraries in town. In addition, we send heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who help the OSL continue its outreach efforts. The OSL would not have earned the honor of being New Hampshire's only "Star Library" without all of these supporters. Special thanks to Esther Dobbins Marsh as our bookkeeper and with much appreciation to Trustees Tom Trunzo, Terry Martin, Gail Keefer, Althea Goundrey, Bonnie McCouch, and Libby Chapin.

Laina Warsavage, Library Director

Cash Balance as of 01/01/2021	909.86	2021 Expenses:	
2021 Income:		Salaries & P/R Taxes	27,914.18
Town of Orford	25,500.00	Education, Dues & Travel	654.46
General Fundraising	11,179.40	Books, Magazines & Audio	2,123.23
Program Grants & Donations	2,046.28	Library Office Expenses	762.12
Book Sale	1,137.00	Office Utilities, Phone & DSL	5,155.02
Misc. Income	330.99	Insurance	3,300.00
Investment Redemption	5,500.00	Accounting Fee	275.00
Designated Income:		Building & Grounds Maintenance	1,044.63
Friends	3,000.00	Computer & Copier Expenses	1,451.86
Grants	8,589.00	Program & Fundraising Expenses	2,782.60
ARPA Funds	1,000.00	Designated Income Expenses	8,845.81
Total 2021 Income	58,282.67	Total 2021 Expenses	54,308.91
		Cash Balance as of 12/31/2021	4,883.62

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE

2021

We continue to see many challenges due to the ongoing pandemic. The Parks and Playground Committee was able to return to a little normalcy with the restart of the swim program and seeing everyone in person for green up day. We made kits available for early pick up outside at the Town Office or from Sandra and crew at the transfer station. This seems to be working well for many and we plan to continue to offer this. Once again, we had a great turn out. It was nice for committee to be back in person and to meet many new residents. Thanks to Sandra Marsh and crew for the all the help with this. Thank you to everyone that participated for the great work!

Diamond Turf and Trees continues to assist us with improving the playing fields at the Community Field. The Rivendell Baseball team was excited to be able to finally play games on the improved field. We continue to work improving the grass areas. The fields seem to hold up better to the continuous fall use with the seeding that was completed late in 2020. We plan to continue to improve this area.

I once again would like to thank Lawrence Hibbard for all the time and effort he has put into the upkeep of the Community Field. I have received many compliments from visitors regarding what a great area the Community Field is.

Robb and Lawrence once again made sure the flags were up on the telephone poles around town. A special thanks to Bill McKee for continuing to raise and lower the flags around town when necessary.

The combined swim program with Piermont resumed this year. They returned to the 3-week swim program. It was enjoyed by many, and it was nice to see the kids back learning to swim at the pond.

The Parks and Playground Committee and the town suffered a huge loss with the passing of John O'Brien. John was a 20 plus year member of the committee. He gave many hours of his time to various projects around town often donating the use of his own equipment. Even after he retired from the committee John was always willing to help us out when asked. Thanks, John, for all your efforts to better the town properties. You will be missed.

We look forward to seeing everyone in May at the transfer station for Green Up Day!

ORFORD PLANNING BOARD 2021

As the unusual year continued for the Board with Covid playing a large factor in meeting in-person and recruiting volunteers to replace resigned individuals. Overall, business was as usual approving subdivisions and communicating with the town's taxpayers about rules and regulations.

In January, we continued attending virtually in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency order. February and March, the Board authorized the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to update our Rules and Regulations Binder. The Board also agreed to change the meeting date to the 2nd Tuesday of each month to accommodate Vickie Davis who contracts through UVLSRPC as Orford's Planning Assistant. Vickie Davis has been a great asset to Orford's planning board to assist in proper execution of the rules and regulations that the Board must abide.

In May, we welcomed the newly appointed alternate Jennifer Carter while Faith Knapp took over as the interim Planning Board Chair from Terry Martin. June meeting was used for discussions on new state and local subdivision rules and regulations since there was no new business. July, Harry Osmer nominated Jenn Carter to replace Faith Knapp as the Chair. August, the board voted unanimously to have Jenn appointed to the position of the Planning Board Chair. Harry Osmer was elected as the Vice-Chair. The board also gained an alternate Kenny King. Throughout the rest of the year, Kenny was voted to be a member of the Board and the board members continued to educate themselves on the evolving rules and regulations. The board reviewed 3 applications for subdivisions and several informal questions from landowners about the process of subdividing.

We are an all-volunteer Board and work without compensation. If you have land use matters such as sub-divisions or voluntary merger of lots, we encourage you to contact us or Vickie Davis at the UVLSRPC for advice on the steps you will need to take to complete your project.

Meetings of the Orford Planning Board are at 5:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall. Agendas are available at the Post Office, Town Hall, and published on the ListServe. The Public is always welcome to visit and be heard at our meetings. We have at least two openings for Alternates; it is interesting work. If you are inspired to help with this important work, please contact any of us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Carter, Chair, Harry Osmer, Vice-Chair, Fred Kidder, Select Board Ex-Officio, Terry Straight, Faith Knapp, Kenny King, and Ann Green.



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Connecticut River – Upper Valley Subcommittee Annual Report – 2021

The Upper Valley Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets every two months and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by participating municipalities, with allowance for alternates. During early 2021, meetings were virtual due to emergency orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since July 2021, the Subcommittee has transitioned to a hybrid meeting format where a quorum of members is required to be present in person. Current members of Vermont are Ben Dana from Fairlee; Lynn Bohi and David Barrell from Hartford; Bill Bridge and Linda Matteson from Thetford; Chet Clem from Norwich; and openings in Bradford. Current members of New Hampshire are Alice Creagh from Hanover; Ruth Bleyler, Eric Agterberg and Bruce Garland (alternate) from Lebanon; Bill Malcolm from Lyme; Carl Schmidt and Edmond Cooley from Orford; and Karyn Brown and Helga Mueller from Piermont. During 2021, Bill Malcolm from Hanover served as chair and Tara Bamford of Thetford (recently resigned) served as vice-chair. Those communities with one representative have an opening for a second volunteer.

Upper Valley is one of the five subcommittees a part of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions since 1989. The Subcommittees provide a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality and wildlife habitat. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback on matters pertaining to the river to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and municipalities. Feedback covers comment on proposed permits and plans, and maintaining a corridor management plan. Meetings and events are open to the public.

During 2021, Upper Valley engaged on a number of issues. Projects that were reviewed include a Romano circle wetlands permit in Lebanon, preliminary plans for a bridge replacement near the Westboro railyard in Lebanon, the draining of a pool in Lyme with comments focused on chlorination and pH levels, herbicide use at sites in multiple towns, livestock crossings in Piermont, and rehabilitation work at the Lyme-Thetford Bridge. Upper Valley continues to follow the renewal of the Great River Hydro FERC license for three Connecticut River dams. In addition, Upper Valley has engaged in discussion on the topic of climate migration with students from Antioch University who researched the topic as it relates to the Connecticut River Valley.

Upper Valley also supported outreach efforts in service of the Connecticut River, including the distribution of an information article about the Upper Valley region and participation in a new virtual speaker series that has delved into conversations about river wildlife corridors, invasive species, water quality, and a history of our River. Further, Upper Valley contributed to water quality monitoring efforts along the Connecticut River.

During 2022, Upper Valley will continue their activities in management, outreach, and learning for the Connecticut River. Members welcome local participation in permit reviews, the speaker series, and water quality monitoring. If you are interested to learn more, please contact our staff support Olivia Uyizeye at uyizeye@uvlsrpc.org.



2021 Annual Report

At the October 21, 2021 meeting of the Upper Valley Ambulance Board of Directors, the proposed budget for 2022 was passed unanimously.

We have done our best to build a fiscally responsible budget that meets the needs of the communities that we serve. This budget supports an ambulance replacement schedule that ensures that we have the most up to date and reliable sources of transportation for the sick and injured that reside and travel through your communities. In order to keep up with the rising cost of living in our area and to have competitive wages in order to recruit new folks and hold onto the valuable ones that we have, as well as account for substantial raises in insurance rates we are forced to increase our fees to the Towns that we serve. The Board of Directors and I have worked hard to cut the budget where we can to help make up for the increases in wages and insurance.

This budget only allows for a 0.49% profit margin. This is an extremely small margin to work with, but we feel that with extreme diligence, we can continue to provide quality care and transportation with this budget.

Since there is no forecast for an increase in reimbursements by health insurance plans or Medicare and Medicaid, the increase in our expenses will have to result in an increase in the fee to our towns.

In 2022 we need to increase our per capita rate by \$3.00/person bringing the total per capita rate to \$49.00/person. The 2020 census numbers are out and we will be using that data.

The census number for the Town of Orford are unchanged from 2010, with a total population still at 1237. When the new per capita rate is calculated, the total annual fee for the Town of Orford will be \$60,613.00 which is up \$3,711.00 from 2021.

As always UVA's policy is that our financial operations are transparent to our communities. Any member of town leadership wishing to review our books should please make an appointment with me to do so. In addition, as in previous years, I offer the communities the opportunity to schedule a time when I can meet with either your Selectboard or budget committee. The best way to contact me is to send me an email at alan@uppervalleyambulance.com and we can arrange a mutual time for a phone call to discuss any questions or concerns, or to set up a day/time for me to meet with your town's leadership.

Upper Valley Ambulance continues to appreciate the support of the towns we serve, and we reciprocate by providing you with high quality emergency medical services.

Best Regards,

Alan Beebe
Executive Director



UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

UVLSRPC ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER COMMUNITIES 2021

Serving 27 communities in Grafton, Sullivan and Merrimack Counties since 1963, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) has been providing professional planning assistance to municipal boards, along with providing inter-municipal planning services, acting as a liaison between local and state/federal agencies, and providing assistance on development, public health, transportation, and environmental issues throughout the region.

Regional Plans

- Keys to the Valley Regional Housing Initiative: UVLSRPC has tackled the housing challenges of our region by teaming up with two Regional Planning Commission's in Vermont. Our team gathered data, provided outreach, and developed a toolbox for all of those involved in the solutions to the housing crisis. www.Keystothevalley.com
- Regional Corridor Transportation Plan: UVSLRPC has the knowledge and expertise in the areas of Regional Transportation. Our team is wrapping up our corridor planning effort with a guided Action Plan to further assist communities in developing transportation projects that are shovel-ready for funding. Our overall goal is to bring more transportation funds to the Upper Valley Region! <https://www.uvlsrpc.org/projects/transportation/regional-corridor-transportation-plan/>

Regional Programs

- COVID-19 Support: UVLSRPC provided various regional and local technical assistance to our communities during the global pandemic. Some of the services we provided included: staffing support for understaffed municipalities; outreach and networking to provide technical assistance; served on a community wide transportation committee to enhance services to those in need; assisted communities in grant writing and various recovery fund applications; and continued to find funding sources to support the work in progress to better serve our members.

Local

- Circuit Riders - Staff provided planning board support in varying degrees to Charlestown, New London, Newport, Orford, Springfield, and Wilmot and GIS support for Claremont.

Please contact us at (603) 448-1680 or info@uvlsrpc.org to share your thoughts and suggestions about how we can better serve our community. It is a pleasure to serve the municipalities of this region.

Meghan Butts

Meghan Butts
Executive Director

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Pediatric Services Orford, NH

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is one of the oldest and largest non-profit providers of in-home healthcare services in the region. VNH is committed to providing the highest quality care throughout all stages of life, from maternal child care to end of life hospice care, and everything in between. Providing individuals and families with the care they need within the comfort of their own home allows them to maintain comfort and dignity throughout their time of care.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 VNH made 475 homecare visits to 47 residents. This included approximately \$20,056 in unreimbursed care to residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 449 home visits to 44 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 6 home visits to 1 resident for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

VNH serves many of Orford's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, at-risk families, people with terminal illnesses, children with chronic medical needs, and the uninsured and underinsured. We are dedicated to delivering outstanding home health and hospice services that enrich the lives of the people we serve.

Over the past year this has included many telehealth visits for which we did not receive reimbursement. It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Orford's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Hilary Davis, Director External Relations and Service Excellence (1-888-300-8853)

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Tri County CAP is a Family of Programs, serving families in Coos, Carroll, and Grafton Counties. We are dedicated to improving the lives and well-being of New Hampshire's individuals, families, and communities. We provide opportunities and supports for people to learn and grow in self-sufficiency and to get involved in helping their neighbors and improving the conditions in their communities. We seek to eliminate the root causes of poverty through the development of programs that allow low-income individuals the opportunity to meaningfully participate in the State and National economy and the social fabric of their communities through programs that address: Education; Emergency Support; Economic Development; Food Self Sufficiency; Marshalling of Local Resources; and Transportation.

Tri County Community Action Program provides opportunities to strengthen communities by improving the lives of low to moderate income families and individuals.

Annually we serve more than 24,000 individuals that reside over 4,455 sq. miles of Northern New Hampshire. TCCAP and our 16 service programs provide services to all residents of Coos, Carroll, and Grafton County's requesting and needing support.

During our Fiscal Year 2021 we served a Total of 16 Orford Clients valuing \$20,556 in services provide.

Tri County Community Action Program thanks all communities and counties that we serve for their financial support of the programs, so that we may be able to continue to provide services to our community families in need.

Amy A. Goyette, NCRI, Strategic Initiatives and Projects Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. 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 Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP's 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, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2020-21, 68 older residents of Orford were served by the Council's programs offered through the Orford, Horse Meadow and Upper Valley Senior Centers, as well as RSVP. 24 Orford residents were assisted by ServiceLink.

- Older adults from Orford enjoyed 2,645 meals prepared by GCSCC.
- Staff completed 139 wellness calls with homebound Orford residents.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 16 contacts with a trained outreach worker and 116 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Orford residents participated in eight health, education or social activities.

The cost to provide Council services for Orford residents in 2020-21 was \$35,067.72. Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. *Orford's population over age 60 has increased 57.4% over the past 20 years according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.*

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Orford'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.

Kathleen Vasconcelos, Executive Director

WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Our sincere thanks to the Town of Orford and its residents for their generous and long-standing support of community behavioral healthcare and West Central's mission to serve local communities with expert and compassionate care for our most vulnerable friends and neighbors.

In fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021), West Central Behavioral Health (West Central) served 1,665 adults, children, youth and elders, providing behavioral health services at outpatient clinics across the area, residential care for adults, community-based programs, substance use treatment, and 24-hour crisis services. Over 60,000 client visits took place, 19,000 of which were with children ages 3 -17. Additionally, close to 2,000 calls to West Central's 24/7 Crisis Services were logged in FY21. Throughout the region, we provided nearly \$600,000 in charitable care.

With your support, a total of 289 services were provided to 7 Orford residents, including 5 children.

In FY2021, West Central established an early childhood treatment program to care for children aged 0-5 and made progress towards finalizing 24/7 Mobile Crisis Response and Integrated Care. Teletherapy became a lifeline for many of our clients as in-person services were not always an option. The unexpected longevity of the COVID-19 pandemic has brought hardship and worsened symptoms of mental illness in many of our clients, and is challenging us to offer new services and expand community partnerships to

assist those in need. The economic and emotional stresses coming out of the pandemic are apparent and will require enhanced services for some time to come.

By supporting access to mental health care, the Town of Orford is investing in the health and safety of the town and its residents. Mental health affects every facet of a community's welfare, and is more important than ever in these difficult times. Services delivered at West Central's Outpatient Clinics in Lebanon, Newport and Claremont and in the community included:

- Adult Outpatient Programs, providing mental health services for individuals coping with anxiety, adjustment during times of crisis (such as bereavement, divorce, or job loss), trauma, and other challenges.
- Substance use disorder (SUD) services, providing therapy, support groups, and medication-assisted treatment (suboxone) for those with SUD, and psychiatric medication management for those with co-occurring mental illness.
- Child and Family Programs, providing counseling, therapy, and case management for children and families.
- Mobile Crisis Response, launched in July 2021, our crisis clinicians provide 24/7 mobile crisis response throughout our region. Phone and in-person support for individuals, caregivers, and social service providers during times of crisis, trauma, and disasters. Assisting first responders working in local schools, hospitals, social service agencies, and businesses.
- Enhanced Care and Community Support Programs, serving those with chronic, severe, and severe and persistent mental illness.
- Additional programs including: Mental Health First Aid; Assertive Community Treatment; Supported Employment; and InSHAPE – a health and exercise program for those living with severe mental illness.

PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL OF THE UPPER VALLEY

Thank you to the residents of Orford for supporting the Public Health Council of the Upper Valley (PHC) in 2021.

The PHC is the largest and broadest coalition of advocates on public health issues in the greater Upper Valley region. Our mission is to improve the health of Upper Valley residents through shared public health initiatives. We have become a trusted and solution-oriented convener that makes a positive difference in the lives of everyone in our region. The PHC is a force multiplier for the organizations, professionals, and citizens, who together make our communities healthier places to live, work, and play.

In 2021, PHC staff and partners worked together to increase collaboration, promote greater health equity, and address priority public health issues for the region. The greatest of these priorities was COVID-19 and its impact on our region. Our work this year has included:

- Hosted regular meetings for PHC partners to share information about pandemic resources and provide opportunities for sharing and problem solving.
- Ensured cross-border communication about COVID vaccination efforts and helped coordinate vaccine clinics as needed, primarily in New Hampshire given the two states different approaches to vaccine distribution.
- Provided staff support to Upper Valley emergency response efforts and committees within Upper Valley Strong.
- Hosted five flu clinics in rural communities, providing about 1,400 free vaccines, with support from Dartmouth Hitchcock, Geisel School of Medicine and many local partners.
- Continued health equity work by facilitating a committee to explore racism and health as well as consulted on several student projects exploring health equity issues.
- Collaborated with local school districts and the Hartford Community Coalition to ensure availability of summer meals for children in the region.

- Hosted Lead-Safe Practices trainings for local contractors and launched a webpage with childhood lead poisoning prevention resources.

PHC greatly appreciates the support we receive from Orford and will continue to work hard to meet your needs in 2022. For more information about PHC, visit us at www.uvpublichealth.org.

CASA

Since 1989 CASA of NH has been helping abused and neglected children in our state by giving them a voice in our family courts – a voice that is provided by a caring adult volunteer advocate. CASA of NH is the only nonprofit organization in the state to recruit, screen and train volunteers to advocate for victimized children. CASA volunteers live in every corner of our state. They are compassionate and hard-working members of our community who care about the safety, wellbeing and futures of over **1,400 children across our state** who have experienced the hurt and confusion that comes from living in an abusive or neglectful household.

Parents are facing increased stress regarding care for their child while working, confronting economic instability and job loss, and feeling even more food and housing-insecure. In addition to the hardships faced with COVID-19, we are continuing to see the effects of opioid and substance misuse within the families whose children we serve; 78% of new cases last year had a known Parental Substance Abuse Component. In addition to physical abuse and neglect, children have been trafficked for drugs, witnessed their parents overdosing (and in some cases dying), and some have been directly exposed to or have ingested drugs themselves. Abuse and neglect can have a tremendous impact on a child's lifelong health and wellbeing.

The work that the Town of Orford is helping us achieve has never been more important. **With over 78% of our cases stemming from parental or caretaker drug misuse**, the children our CASAs serve are the unseen victims of the current drug crisis. Your contribution can help to bring these children out of the confusion and into the arms of a loving family.

Marcia Sink, President & CFO

WISE

WISE leads the Upper Valley to end gender-based violence through survivor-centered advocacy, prevention, education and mobilization for social change.

For 50 years, WISE has been the only organization dedicated to providing crisis advocacy and support for victims of gender-based violence within 23 communities in Windsor and Orange Counties, VT and Grafton County, NH, including Orford. WISE is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting people and communities impacted by domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking and stalking. WISE offers a confidential and free 24-hour crisis line, peer support groups and workshops, emergency shelter, transitional housing, safety planning and accompaniment to hospitals, police stations, court houses and other social service agencies.

In FY21 (7/1/20-6/30/21), WISE provided advocacy and other critical support services to a total of 1362 people, 67% accessed WISE services for the first time. WISE advocates are available every hour, every day at 866-348-WISE, or webchat or text at wiseuv.org. Follow us @WISEuv.

CROSS RIVENDELL TRAILS ASSOCIATION

RTA operates on an approximately \$15,000 per year budget, which includes outreach and stewardship events and programs, trail maintenance (including equipment and supplies), and school education. All funds raised are used solely to support the activities of the RTA including place-based education, student trail crews, trail maintenance, and outdoor recreation.

RTA 2021 activities included community events and educational programs. Due to the pandemic, we had to continue to adapt our events and programs for the safety of participants. In the spring, we held our annual fundraising dinner as a to-go event, where participants could drive up, pick up an order of lasagna dinners, and enter a drawing for prizes from local businesses. Over the summer, RISD students supported by the RTA participated in trail crew activities in cooperation with the Upper Valley Trails Alliance. The students learned trail maintenance skills and provided much-needed trail work in each town. RTA was unable to hold our annual Sundaes at Sunday event due to the pandemic, but we offered gift certificates for free ice cream at Gladstone's Creamery during the month of August to anyone who hiked to Sunday Mountain's summit. On November 7th, we are holding a Jack O' Lantern walk, and our annual fall Rivendell Ramble is virtual, as a "hike as you can" event. Over the past year, RTA has also supported education programs on the trail in collaboration with the Rivendell Interstate School District. One exciting project completed in 2021 is the construction of a 1-mile section of ADA accessible trail behind Rivendell Academy, made possible by a grant from the New Hampshire Recreational Trails Program.

The CRT is open year-round for the community to hike and enjoy the beauty of our area's forested landscape. Orford students, RTA members, trail adopters, landowners, and residents enjoy and support the Cross Rivendell Trail. The RTA welcomes and actively seeks community involvement as committee members, volunteer trail adopters, and donors. More information is available on the RTA / CRT website: www.rivendelltrail.org, on Facebook at "Cross Rivendell Trail", or email: Rivendelltrail@rivendellstudent.org.

Directors of the Rivendell Trails Association

AMMONOOSUC HEALTH CLINIC (ACHS)

Last year, ACHS set up COVID19 vaccine clinics at our sites that served thousands of area residents. Our healthcare team worked weekends and evenings, inside and outside, as well traveling to area businesses - all in the name of stopping the spread of this disease and helping to keep as many residents as we could healthy. As we continue to navigate the pandemic, we'll need your continued support. Ever-changing protocols and procedures, staffing needs and supply issues, complicate our day-to-day business, putting additional stress on our employees and patients. These are stressors all businesses and organizations are facing, yet in healthcare it feels particularly daunting. Despite these challenges, ACHS continues to assist your residents with their everyday primary, behavioral, and dental health care needs. Your investment in ACHS helps us to continue to provide **comprehensive primary preventive health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay - pandemic or not.**

Support from the Town of Orford is extremely important in our continued efforts to provide affordable health care services to your residents, and to those in the 26 area rural towns in our service area. ACHS's sliding fee scale for payment of services ensures patients in need will still get affordable health care in a timely manner – especially important in today's unsettled health care climate. For more information about this program, please visit: www.ammonoosuc.org. ACHS Services Provided include COVID19 Vaccines and Testing, Primary Preventive Medical Care – Family Practice - Prenatal Care through Geriatrics, Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening Program, Behavioral Healthcare (Counseling, Substance Misuse Disorder Assistance and in school K-12 services), Dental & Oral Healthcare – Affordable Dental care for all ages, 340B Low-Cost Prescription Drug Program, Low Cost Vision Plan – Discounted Eye Exam and Glasses for those who qualify, Financial Services - Sliding Fee Payment Scale for eligible patients.

Orford Statistics: Total # of Patients-35, Total # of Medicaid Patients-1, Total # of Medicare Patients-10, Total # of Self-Paying Patients-3, and Total # of Sliding Fee Scale Patients-2

On behalf of Ammonoosuc Community Health Services' board of directors, staff and patients, we thank you for your continued support.

VITAL STATISTICS

Town of Orford for the year ending December 31, 2021

Date of Marriage	Groom's Name	Bride's Name	Place of Residence	Marriage
08/28/2021	Beaulieu, Trevor P.	Facto, Rachel L.	Orford	North Haverhill
09/25/2021	Washburn, Casey C.	Defelice, Megan K.	Orford	Orford
10/09/2021	Nelson, Adam D.	Reed, Sarah K.	Orford	Rumney

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01/30/2021	Laurendeau, Cooper Scott	Lebanon, NH	Laurendeau, Eric	Laurendeau, Jen
06/21/2021	Miller, Abigail Irene	Lebanon, NH	Miller, Alexander	Miller, Rozzlyn
06/23/2021	Blair, Paisley Rose	Lebanon, NH	Blair, Kyle	Stanley, Tabitha
07/01/2021	Ruggles, James John	Lebanon, NH	Ruggles, Jayson	Piper, Miranda
07/07/2021	Rogers, Gavin Jeffrey	Lebanon, NH	Rogers, Justin	Rogers, Lauren
08/13/2021	Rose, Hailee Tyler	Lebanon, NH	Rose, Timothy	Rose, Sarah
12/03/2021	Gray, Ava Reese	Lebanon, NH	Gray, Tristan	Longmoore, Lindsay

Date of Death	Decedent's Name	Death Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01/07/2021	Dennis, Russel James	Orford	Dennis, Ralph	Wing, Ramona
02/25/2021	Reznek, Philip Robert	West Lebanon	Reznek, Paul	Spindell, Ainslee
04/23/2021	Quackenbush, Elaine Ruth	Unity	Bryce, Allen	Cumming, Ruth
05/18/2021	Alonso De La Torre, Edith M.	Lebanon	Thurau, Erwin	Meier, Auguste
05/19/2021	Leonard, Priscilla F.	Meredith	Drown, Charles	Duval, Doris
07/20/2021	Flood, Trevon Robert	Orford	Flood, William	Harris, Robin
08/01/2021	Sanborn, Bernard Malcolm	Orford	Sanborn, Harry	Blake, Lulu
11/20/2021	Goodrich, Brooke Lynn	Orford	Goodrich, Brian	Benjamin, Becky
12/01/2021	O'Brien, John A.	Sharon, VT	O'Brien, Leon	Applin, Faith
12/02/2021	Garrett, June Althea	Orford	Marsh, Ralph	Cutler, Gladys
12/22/2021	Ball, Albert Leslie	Orford	Ball, Leslie	Ledger, Doris

TOWN DIRECTORY

Web Site: www.orfordnh.us

E-mail: orfordselectmen@orfordnh.us

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

2529 Route 25A, Orford, NH

Selectboard holds a GoToMeeting every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 5:30 PM to conduct Town business; Appointments with the public start at 5:30 PM.

SELECTBOARD OFFICE

Selectboard's office is located in the Town Office

Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Administrative Assistant

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

603-353-4889

FAX 603-353-4489

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk's office is located in the Town Office

Deborah Hadlock, Town Clerk

E-mail: townclerk@orfordnh.us

Office Hours: Tuesday 1:00 - 6:00 PM

Wednesday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Thursday 8:00 - 11:00 AM

603-353-4404

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector's office is located in the Town Office

Deborah Hadlock, Tax Collector

Office Hours: Thursday 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

603-353-4404

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Call 9-1-1 for AMBULANCE or emergencies

Police Department is located in the Town Office

Jason Bachus, Police Chief

E-mail: Orfordpd@orfordnh.us

603-353-4252

ANIMAL CONTROL

603-353-4252

603-353-4889

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Call 9-1-1 for emergencies

Terry Straight, Fire Chief

603-728-7569

FIRE PERMITS

Fire Warden Jim Hook 353-4834, or Deputies: Chief Terry Straight 603-728-7569,

Jimmy Carter 353-9975, John Dunham 603-276-0213 or Arthur Dennis

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

603-353-9366

Terry Straight, Road Agent

E-mail: Highway@orfordnh.us

Urgent Dispatch

603-643-2222

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Selectboard

603-353-4889

PLANNING BOARD

603-353-4889

Planning Board holds its' meeting the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 PM. If

you need to schedule an appointment, please contact the Planning Assistant Vickie

Davis at 603-448-1680 or email vdavis@uvlsrc.org

FREE LIBRARY

603-353-9166

Laurel Fulford, Librarian

Tuesday and Friday 3:30-7:30 PM; Saturday 9 -11:30 AM; Sunday 2-5 PM

Email: orfordfreelibrary@mytopsmail.com

SOCIAL LIBRARY

603-353-9756

Laine Warsavage, Library Director

Monday 1-8 PM; Wednesday 9 AM-1 PM; Thursday 1-8 PM; Saturday 9 AM-1 PM

E-mail: orfordsoclib@gmail.com

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