



Orford

New Hampshire

2022 TOWN REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2022

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ORFORD TOWN OFFICIALS

Elected by nonpartisan ballot on Town Meeting Day

MODERATOR

Harry Pease	353-9080	2022 to 2024	2-year term
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SELECTBOARD

P Chase Kling	353-4214	2022 to 2025	3-year term
John Adams	353-9201	2021 to 2024	3-year term
Jennifer Carter	728-8404	2022 to 2023	3-year term

TREASURER

Nancy Murphy	353-9029	2022 to 2025	3-year term
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SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Paula Graves	353-4897	2022 to 2028	6-year term
Jane Hebb	353-4496	2020 to 2026	6-year term
Sarah Putnam	353-9636	2018 to 2024	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

Harry Osmer	353-2188	2022 to 2025	3-year term
Terry Straight	728-7569	2022 to 2025	3-year term
Open Position	###-####	2022 to 2023	1-year term
Faith Knapp	353-4333	2020 to 2023	3-year term
Kenneth King	353-9055	2022 to 2023	3-year term

ORFORD FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Stacey King	353-9055	2022 to 2025	3-year term
Carol Boynton	353-4874	2021 to 2024	3-year term
Susan Kling	353-9166	2020 to 2023	3-year term

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Seth Carter	353-9222	2022 to 2025	3-year term
Vicki Schwaegler	353-9725	2021 to 2024	3-year term
Chris Crowley	353-9821	2020 to 2023	3-year term

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Linda Pease	353-9080	2022 to 2025	3-year term
Brenda Smith	353-8114	2021 to 2024	3-year term
David Smith.	353-4585	2021 to 2023	3-year term

Nominated and Elected from the floor on Town Meeting Day

OVERSEERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectboard	353-4889	2022 to 2023	1-year term
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FENCE VIEWERS

P. Chase Kling	353-	2022 to 2023	1-year term
Dennis Streeter	353-	2022 to 2023	1-year term

SEXTON

Cemetery Commission		2022 to 2023	1-year term
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ORFORD SOCIAL LIBRARY

Gail Keefer	353-4424	2022 to 2025	3-year term
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BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lawrence Duffy		2022 to 2023	1-year term
Robert Palifka	353-9367	2022 to 2023	1-year term
William Paxton	353-4389	2022 to 2023	1-year term

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Lawrence Hibbard	353-4841	2022 to 2025	3-year term
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

Appointed by the Selectboard

AUDITOR

Roberts & Greene		2022 to 2023	1-year term
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FIRE CHIEF

Terry Straight	353-4629	2022 to 2023	1-year term
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POLICE CHIEF

Jason Bachus	353-4252	2022 to 2023	1-year term
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ROAD AGENT

Selectboard	353-4489	2022 to 2023	1-year term
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Carl Johnson	727-2281	2022 to 2023	1-year term
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HEALTH OFFICER

Open Position (John Adams Acting Health Officer)	353-9201	2022 to 2023	1-year term
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NILES FUND COMMITTEE

David Coker	353-4104	2022 to 2023	1-year term
Jennifer Tilden	353-4625	2022 to 2023	1-year term
Melinda Ricker	353-9099	2022 to 2023	1-year term
Ann Green	353-4150	2022 to 2023	1-year term
Ruth Hook	353-4855	2022 to 2023	1-year term

TREE WARDEN

Bill Wilson	353-9414	2022 to 2023	1-year term
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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	2022 to 2024	2-year term
Linda Pease	353-9080	2022 to 2024	2-year term
Susan Hinchliffe	353-9511	2022 to 2024	2-year term
Eva Daniels	353-4220	2023 to 2024	2-year term

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bob Hedges	353-4701	2023 to 2026	3-year term
Ted Cooley	353-2139	2022 to 2025	3-year term
Carl Schmidt	353-9307	2022 to 2025	3-year term
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

Alternates:

Fran Plaisted		2021 to 2024	3-year term
Emily Bryant		2021 to 2024	3-year term

ROAD COMMITTEE

Charles Smith, Jr.		2022-2023	1-year term
Michael Wright		2022-2023	1-year term
Hebert Austic		2022-2023	1-year term

**MINUTES FROM THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2022**

The Polls were opened at 4:00 P.M. The voting began for the Town Offices. Ballots will be accepted until at least 9:00 P.M.

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Orford was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Moderator Harrison Pease.

Terry Harwood gave the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked all the Veterans for their service. John O'Brien passed away this past year and usually gave the Pledge of Allegiance, he will be missed.

Harry asked that we recognize and thank Paul Messer for his 37 year on the Cemetery Commission and Brenda Smith for her 23 years on the Supervisors of the Checklist. They are not seeking reelections.

Harry asked everyone to turn to page 13 in the town report and he went over the Town Meeting Procedures.

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.

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

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

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.

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 ETF (1991)	10,000
Town Properties	10,200
TOTAL	372,655

A motion was made by Bob Palifka and seconded by Chase Kling. The article was passed by voice vote.

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

A motion was made by Fred Kidder and seconded by Janice Bartley. The article was passed by voice vote.

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.

A motion was made by Chuck Otto and seconded by Nancy Murphy. The article was passed by voice vote.

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.

A motion was made by Fred Kidder and seconded by Chase Kling. The article was passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Ruth Hook and seconded by Sam Perry to move Article 17.

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.

After a brief discussion. A motion was made by Terry Harwood and seconded by Chuck Otto. A paper ballot was required for this vote and polls will be open for one hour. The article was defeated by paper ballot Yes 12 to No 77.

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.

After a brief discussion. A motion was made by Bob Palifka and seconded by Ted Cooley. The article passed by voice vote.

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.

After a brief discussion. A motion was made by Fred Kidder and seconded by Paul Perry. The article passed by voice vote.

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.

After a brief discussion. A motion was made by Terry Straight and seconded by Faith Knapp. The article passed by voice vote.

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.

John Adams made a motion to amend this article to \$231,000 since the price of the truck has gone up in the past few months. It was seconded by Bob Palifka.

The motion to amend the article was passed by voice vote.

The warrant article will now read as:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred thirty-one thousand dollars (\$231,000) 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 thirty-one thousand dollars (\$231,000) 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.

After a brief discussion. Terry Straight made a motion and it was seconded by Chuck Otto.

The Article was passed by a hand vote of Yes 49 to No 34

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

A motion was made by Fred Kidder and seconded by Chuck Otto.

Janice Bartley asked to amend the article by taking out "or any other paving project approved by the Selectboard". It was seconded by Ruth Hook.

The amended article was approved by voice vote.

The warrant article will now read as:

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), 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

The amended article was approved by voice vote.

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.

A motion was made by Roger Hadlock and seconded by Terry Straight. The article was passed by voice vote.

The Polls for the official ballot and for voting on Article 17 closed at 9PM.

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.

A motion was made by Terry Straight and seconded by Paul Goundrey. Ruth Hook made a motion to the article to change the wording from five People to five Residents. Seconded by Janice Bartley.

The motion to amend the article passed by voice vote.

The article will now read as:

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 Residents 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.

The article passed by voice vote.

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.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Peggy Villar and seconded Chuck Otto.

The article was passed by voice vote.

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.

A motion was made by Janice Bartley and seconded by Peggy Villar. The article was passed by voice mail.

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.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Chuck Otto and seconded by Robb Day.

The article was not passed by voice mail.

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.

A motion was made by Nancy Murphy and seconded by Sally Tomlinson to pass over the article because article 17 did not pass. Article was passed over by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19

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

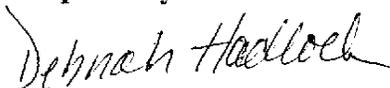
John Adams gave an update on the broadband progress.

ARTICLE 20

There being no further business the discuss or vote on, the Moderator thanked everyone for attending.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:48 PM

Respectfully submitted



Deborah Hadlock

Results of the March 8, 2022 Election:

Selectboard 3-year Term:

P. Chase Kling – 70

Jennifer Carter – 65

Moderator 2-year Term:

Harrison Pease – 131

Treasurer 3-year Term:

Nancy Murphy – 122

Trustee of Trust Funds 3-year Term:

Seth Carter – 115

Planning Board 3-year Term:

Harry Osmer – 116

Planning Board 3-year Term:

Terry Straight – 73

Planning Board 2-year Term:

Vote for two

33 write in with 1 vote

126 blank votes

Planning Board 1-year Term:

Kenneth King – 98

Supervisor of the Checklist 6-year Term:

Paula Graves – 3

Orford Free Library Trustee 3-year Term:

Stacey King – 110

Cemetery Commission 3-year Term:

Linda Pease – 128

Cemetery Commission 1-year Term:

David Smith – 119

Moderator's 2023 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 2023 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**

2023

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 14th 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
Tax Collector	3-Year Term
Town Clerk	3-Year Term
Planning Board	3-Year Term
Planning Board	3-Year Term
Planning Board	1-Year Term
Free Library Trustee	3-Year Term
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3-Year Term
Cemetery Commissioner	3-Year Term

ARTICLE 2 – Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million three hundred forty-seven thousand four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$1,347,495) for general municipal operations. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 95,750
Election & Registration	38,404
Financial Administration	72,713
Revaluation of Property	15,900
Legal Expenses	12,500
Engineering Expenses	5,000
Planning Board	14,050
General Government Buildings	13,450
Cemeteries	30,775
Insurance	37,385
Regional Association	1,900
Contingency Fund	5,000

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	\$ 172,646
Emergency Services	88,087

Fire Department	81,249
Emergency Management	500
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES	
Highways	\$ 518,771
Street Lighting	9,200
SANITATION	
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 16,334
HEALTH - Animal Control	\$ 500
WELFARE - Direct Assistance	\$ 5,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 50,063
Libraries	56,538
Patriotic Purposes	1,700
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 4,080

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred twenty-six thousand three hundred twenty-two dollars (\$426,322) 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)	135,960
Heavy Equipment Maintenance (2003)	7,883
Fire Trucks CRF (1989)	56,056
Fire Dept. Equipment CRF (2015)	32,348
Fire Dept. Major Maintenance (2017)	3,850
Grader CRF (1983)	7,391
Highway Dept. Trucks CRF (1997)	81,799
Loader/Backhoe CRF (1983)	23,716
Police Cruiser CRF (1985)	10,000
Town Building CRF (2019)	19,839
Cemetery Mower/Bldg. CRF (2015)	1,480
Tree Care & Replacement ETF (1991)	10,000
Town Properties	29,000
Revaluation	7,000
TOTAL	426,322

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sixteen thousand eight hundred two dollars (\$16,802) for the following appropriation requests:

Visiting Nurse Alliance \$7,000, Tri-County CAP \$2,474, Grafton County Senior Citizen's \$2,500, West Central Behavioral Health \$1,800, Public Health Council of the Upper Valley \$928, Rivendell Recreation \$750, CASA \$500, WISE \$500, Ammonoosuc Community Health Services \$350

(Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate thirteen thousand, one hundred eighty-one dollars (\$13,181) 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 2022. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred twenty-eight thousand, twenty dollars (\$128,020) 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 the NH Highway Block Grant in 2022 for additional road projects in the amount of \$54,379, and a special one-time bridge funds received from the State of NH in 2022 for the maintenance, construction and reconstruction of municipally owned bridges in the amount of \$73,641. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to cover the additional charges for the 6-Wheel truck and 10-Wheel truck, and to authorize the withdrawal of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) from the Highway Department Trucks Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a 3-year non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 VI. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000) to purchase a one and one-half ton F-550 or equivalent dump truck equipped with hydraulic hoist side dump body, 9' snow plow with wing, including the standard 3-year, 32,000 mile warranty, to be paid as follows: To authorize the withdrawal of up to one hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000) from the Highway Department Trucks Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the current 2019 F-550 dump truck by either trade-in or outright sale with the proceeds distributed as follows: Trade-in proceeds are to be used to offset the purchase price reducing the amount of money withdrawn from the Highway Department Trucks Capital Reserve Fund, while outright sale proceeds are to be added to the Highway Department Trucks Capital Reserve Fund at a future annual meeting. This will be a 5-year non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 VI. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to reconstruct, reclaim and pave the Archertown Road hill, and reconstruct and reclaim Archertown Road flat from the hill to Newcomb Bridge, to be paid as follows: To authorize the withdrawal of one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000) from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000) from the Unassigned Fund Balance, and one hundred thousand to be raised by taxes. This will be a 3-year non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) to purchase and make operational at the Town garage a 20KW stand-by generator, with cold weather kit and battery with 200-amp transfer switch at the Highway garage, capable of supplying power for all functions in the building, with the exception of welding. To include: generator, generator enclosure, concrete pad, lumber, posts, transfer switch, automatic overload cut off device, electrical and gas hook-ups, testing, 500-gallon propane tank, first propane fill and first year generator maintenance contract. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to purchase a leaf blower and a segmented grader cutting edge for use by the Highway department. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to upgrade the streetlights in the Town of Orford to LED lighting. This will be a 3-year non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 VI. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to readopt the all veterans' tax credit pursuant to RSA 72:28-b for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the amount of the standard or optional veterans' tax credit adopted by the Town under RSA 72:28 (Majority vote required) The Selectboard recommend this article

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to readopt the optional veterans' tax credit pursuant to RSA 72:28, II for an annual tax credit on residential property in the amount of \$500. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to modify the Purchasing Policy (action taken under Article 11 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting), item 2-Definitions, sections g, h, i, m, n, o as follows:

- g) Major purchase (requiring a sealed bid): any single purchase or expected annual purchase of a single item, or combination of like items, equal to or greater to be changed from \$10,000 to \$25,000
- h) Non-major purchase (requiring 3 estimates be requested): any single purchase or expected annual purchase of a single item, or combination of like items to be changed from between \$1,000 and less than \$10,000 to between \$2,500 and less than \$25,000.
- i) Minor purchase (purchase with no prior authorization): any single purchase or expected annual purchase of a single item, or combination of like items to be changed from less than \$1,000 to less than \$2,500.
- m) Minor surplus disposal of Town items: An item under \$1,000 to be changed to \$2,500 of used value.
- n) Non-major surplus disposal of Town items (requiring 3 estimates be requested): An item in used value to be changed from between \$1,000 and \$10,000 to between \$2,500 and \$25,000.

o) Major surplus disposal of Town items (requiring a sealed bid): An item of used value to be changed from greater than \$10,000 to greater than \$25,000. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to change the title of the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve, originally established in 1985 to Police Vehicle Capital Reserve, and under the provisions of RSA 35:1, amend the purpose to read “For the purpose of purchasing a motor vehicle make and model certified for police usage and upfitted with new-condition equipment for law enforcement activities as a police pursuit vehicle”. (2/3 vote required per RSA 35:16 – Change of Purpose) The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to change the title of Police Department Major Equipment & Database Update Expense Capital Reserve Fund, originally established in 2020, to Police Vehicle PPV & Computer Equipment Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, and under the provisions of RSA 35:1, amend the purpose to read “For the purpose of repairing, or purchasing replacements, for police pursuit vehicle equipment originally installed on the police department vehicle at purchase, plus any computer equipment installed in the vehicle”. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund. (2/3 vote required per RSA 35:16 – Change of Purpose) The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 18 – 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 recommend this article.

ARTICLE 19 – PETITION ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectboard to consider the feasibility of the town purchasing the Orford Congregational Church building located on Main Street, at an amount to be mutually determined by both parties. (Majority vote required) The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.

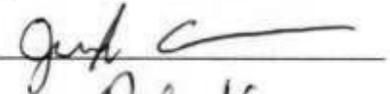
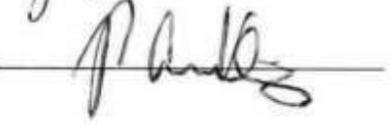
ARTICLE 20

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

ARTICLE 201

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

Given under our hand and seal at Orford the 8th day of February in the year two thousand and twenty-three.

John Adams	
Jennifer Carter	
P. Chase Kling	

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR ORFORD 2023 TOWN MEETING

Meetings were held between September 2022 and the end of January 2023. The committee also met with the Selectboard several times and with some department heads. During the meetings and through written communication many questions were asked of the Selectboard; not all questions had answers at those times.

In late December 2022 four members of the Budget Advisory Committee resigned. The remaining members continued with meetings, prepared advice we shared with the Selectboard, and created a Mission Statement for the Budget Advisory Committee which is now posted on the Town of Orford website.

We unanimously approve of the \$1,347,495 Total Operating Budget in Warrant Article 2. Changes to some Warrant Articles were requested such as setting contribution to the Truck Capital Reserve at \$81,799 a 17.44% increase, according to the Federal Reserve Economic Data charts. A Warrant Article to withdraw \$45,000 from the Highway Capital Reserve that is needed to cover the increase in dump trucks cost increase was recommended, and to be 3-year non-lapsing. Cost sharing for the Community Field maintenance is unbalanced with Orford bearing most of the cost while Rivendell School District had most of the use. Negotiations are now under way to share the maintenance cost more closely following the ratio of use; Rivendell 6.5 months, Orford 1.5 months of the year. There were also a few wording changes requested in Warrant Articles and most were implemented by the Selectboard.

Inflation, weather events, price creep for items on order, and inability to get purchase and vendor commitment have made financial planning extremely difficult this year. Fuel, heating oil, propane, materials, and prices for services seem to have skyrocketed. The company we ordered 2 dump trucks from in 2021 and 2022 would not give delivery dates and increased the prices dramatically, so the orders were cancelled in late December. At the same time, two Western Star trucks were ordered from a different company with estimated delivery dates. The replacement schedule for these new trucks was increased from 7 to 10 years. Nature took a toll during mud season requiring massive amounts of stone and gravel to be purchased to fix several roads. Storm damage caused power outages requiring both the Road Crew and Fire Department to respond.

Road Crew response was hampered by the power outage, as the current Town Garage generator power is insufficient to open the overhead doors. This will be corrected if Warrant Article 10 for a new 20KW generator is passed.

We thank the Selectboard for including the Budget Advisory Committee at early budget meetings of department heads. We thank Esther for all her help providing information and assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Budget Advisory Committee
Larry Duffy, Bill Paxton, Bob Palifka-Chair

2023 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD
Appropriations & Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)			Appropriations 2022	Actual Expenditures 2022	Recommended Appropriations 2023
		Warrant Article #			
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
4130-4139	Executive	2	\$ 90,024	\$ 87,013	\$ 95,750
4140-4149	Election, Registration				
	Vital Statistics	2	\$ 39,458	\$ 36,492	\$ 38,404
4150-4151	Financial Administration	2	\$ 67,088	\$ 66,706	\$ 72,713
4152	Revaluation of Property	2	\$ 15,600	\$ 14,922	\$ 15,900
4153	Legal Expense	2	\$ 12,500	\$ 3,499	\$ 12,500
4153	Engineering Expenses	2	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,280	\$ 5,000
4191-4193	Planning Board	2	\$ 10,550	\$ 13,347	\$ 14,050
4194	General Government Buildings	2	\$ 12,850	\$ 10,703	\$ 13,450
4195	Cemeteries	2	\$ 28,140	\$ 26,894	\$ 30,775
4196	Insurance	2	\$ 35,613	\$ 55,034	\$ 37,385
4197	Advertising &				
	Regional Associations	2	\$ 1,777	\$ 1,776	\$ 1,900
4199	Contingency Fund	2	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,470	\$ 5,000
	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>				
4210-4214	Police	2	\$158,565	\$153,140	\$172,646
4215-4219	Emergency Services	2	\$ 85,038	\$ 84,010	\$ 88,087
4220-4229	Fire	2	\$ 74,680	\$ 74,318	\$ 81,249
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
	<u>HIGHWAY AND STREETS</u>				
4312	Highways & Streets	2	\$435,985	\$451,783	\$518,771
	<i>Over expenditure – Gravel</i>		\$200,396	\$200,396	0
4316	Street Lighting	2	\$ 9,500	\$ 8,724	\$ 9,200
	<u>SANITATION</u>				
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	2	\$ 10,184	\$ 10,615	\$ 9,884
	Land Fill Closure		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,450
	<u>HEALTH</u>				
4414	Pest Control	2	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
	<u>WELFARE</u>				
4441-4442	Direct Assistance	2	\$ 5,000	\$ 290	\$ 5,000
	<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>				
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	2	\$ 41,781	\$ 38,183	\$ 50,063
4550-4559	Library	2	\$ 52,314	\$ 52,285	\$ 56,538
4583	Patriotic Purposes	2	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,443	\$ 1,700
	<u>CONSERVATION</u>				
4619	Other Conservation	2	\$ 3,940	\$ 2,750	\$ 4,080
	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>				
4711	Principal – Long Term				
	Bonds & Notes	2	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0
4721	Interest – Long Term				
	Bonds & Notes	2	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0
<u>SUBTOTAL 1</u>			\$1,403,433	\$1,397,072	\$1,347,495

2023 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD – 2

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warrant #	Appropriations	Actual	Appropriations
		2022	Expenditures 2022	2023
<u>SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES</u>				
Bridges Replace/Repair	03	\$123,600	\$123,600	\$135,960
Fire Truck	03	50,960	50,960	56,056
Fire Equipment	03	29,216	29,216	32,348
Grader	03	6,365	6,365	7,391
Highway Trucks	03	69,652	69,652	81,799
Heavy Equipment Maintenance	03	7,166	7,166	7,883
Loader/backhoe	03	20,688	20,688	23,716
Police Cruiser	03	22,000	22,000	10,000
Town Buildings	03	18,035	18,035	19,839
Cemetery Mower/Building	03	1,273	1,273	1,480
FD Major Repair/Maintenance	03	3,500	3,500	3,850
Tree Care Replacement	03	10,000	10,000	10,000
Revaluation	03			7,000
Town Properties	03	10,200	10,200	29,000
		<u>\$372,655</u>	<u>\$372,655</u>	<u>\$ 426,322</u>
Transfer to Capital Reserve Accounts	5,6	18,537	18,537	141,201
Revaluation CRF		7,000	7,000	
Police Cruiser		68,500	9,796	
Highway Trucks	7,8	231,000	2,519	190,000
Paving	9	250,000	244,053	400,000
<u>SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED</u>		\$ 947,692	\$654,560	\$ 1,157,523

*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		
		2022	Expenditures 2022	2023		
<u>INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES**</u>						
	4915	Charitable Appropriations	04	16,878	16,878	16,802
	4902	Highway Generator	10			16,000
	4902	Highway Equipment	11			20,000
	4902	Street Light LED Project	12			15,000
	4902	Fire Engine Upgrade		15,000	15,000	
	4902	Speed Cart		7,000	7,000	
<u>SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED</u>			\$ 38,878	\$ 38,878	\$ 67,802	

**"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	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
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2023 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD -- 3

<u>SOURCE OF REVENUE</u>		Revenue Used To Set Tax Rate 2022	Actual Income 2022	Estimated Revenue 2023
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>TAXES</u>			
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 6,555	3,278	\$ 2,500
3185	Timber Taxes	49,729	49,729	25,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,828	3,828	3,800
3189	Other Taxes	0	0	0
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	12,000	21,932	10,000
	Inventory Penalties	200	175	200
3187	Excavation Tax (2 cents per cu. Yd.)	0	0	0
	<u>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</u>			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$330,000	337,181	\$330,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,600	1,693	1,600
3311-3319	<u>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	\$ 0	13,181	\$ 0
	<u>FROM STATE</u>			
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	109,001	109,001	63,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	64,051	118,430	64,500
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	8,042	81,683	5,364
3379	<u>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</u>	10,200	10,200	29,000
	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$ 5,700	6,164	\$ 6,810
3409	Other Charges	0	0	0
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$ 0	0	\$ 0
3502	Interest on Investments	750	577	750
3503-3508	Other (Insurance Refunds)	1,256	1,256	937
	<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>			
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds (special warrant articles)	\$ 374,500	87,315	\$ 340,000
	<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>			
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	0	0	0
	<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS</u>	\$ 977,412	\$845,623	\$ 883,461

<u>BUDGET SUMMARY</u>	2022	2023
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended	\$1,403,433	\$1,347,495
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended	947,692	1,157,523
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended	38,878	67,802
SUBTOTAL – By Petition	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$2,391,503	\$2,574,320
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	977,412	883,461
Less: Voted from Unassigned Fund Balance-Gravel	200,396	0
Less: Voted from Fund Balance	<u>93,537</u>	<u>291,201</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,120,158	\$1,399,658

**SUMMARY OF REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES
For the Town of ORFORD – 2022 (MS-434)**

RSA 21-J:34

<u>Account #</u>	<u>SOURCE OF REVENUE</u>	<u>Warr. Art. #</u>	<u>For Use by Municipality</u>
	<u>TAXES</u>		
3120	Land Use Change Tax		6,555
3185	Timber Tax		49,729
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		3,828
3187	Excavation Tax		0
3189	Other Taxes		0
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		12,200
	<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		109,001
3353	Highway Block Grant		64,051
3359	Other (including Railroad Tax)		6,250
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS (Rivendell Com. Field)		10,200
	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>		
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$ 5,700
3409	Miscellaneous Charges & Fees		\$
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>		
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$ 0
3502	Interest on Investments		750
3503	Other (insurance refunds)		\$ 3,023
	<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>		
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$374,500
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES			\$ 977,412
	<u>For Municipal Use</u>		
	Unassigned Fund Balance	1,401,593	
	Less: Voted from Fund Balance	93,537	
	Less: Voted to Reduce Taxes	<u>130,000</u>	
	Fund Balance Retained	1,178,056*	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			<u>\$ 1,200,949</u>
REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)			\$ 7,476

*Less: Approved from Fund Balance-Gravel \$200,396 (Fund Balance - \$977,660)

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED
Voted by the Town of Orford on March 8, 2022 (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.

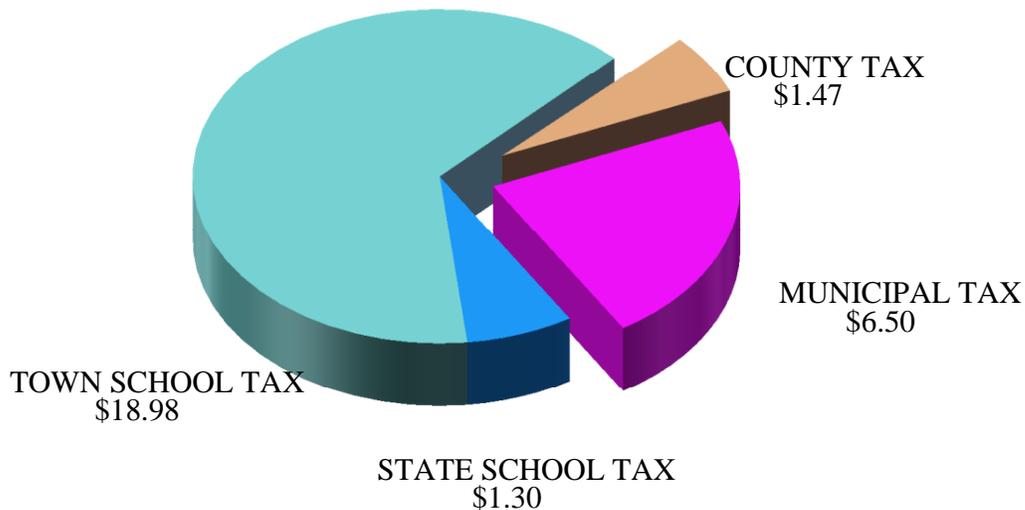
Town of Orford Selectboard

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	Warr. Art. #	Appropriations as Voted
<u>Account #</u>		
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
4130-4139	2	\$ 90,024
4140-4149	2	39,458
4150-4151	2	67,088
4152	2	15,600
4153	2	12,500
4153	2	5,000
4191-4193	2	10,550
4194	2	12,850
4195	2	28,140
4196	2	35,613
4197	2	1,777
4199	2	5,000
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
4210-4214	2	158,565
4215-4219	2	85,038
4220-4229	2	74,680
4290-4298	2	500
<u>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</u>		
4312	2	435,985
4316	2	9,500
<u>SANITATION</u>		
4324	2	10,184
4325	2	0
<u>HEALTH</u>		
4414	2	500
<u>WELFARE</u>		
4441-4442	2	5,000
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>		
4520-4529	2	41,781
4550-4559	2	52,314
4583	2	1,450
<u>CONSERVATION</u>		
4619	2	<u>3,940</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		\$1,203,037

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED - 2
Voted by the Town of Orford on March 8, 2022

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS		Warr. Art. #	Appropriations as Voted
4529	Concert Event Funding	15	1,500
4909	Charitable Appropriations	04	16,878
4902	Police Cruiser	08	68,500
4902	Speed Cart	09	7,000
4902	Highway Truck CRF	10	231,000
4904	Fire Engine Electrical System Upgrade	12	15,000
4909	Paving Project	11	250,000
TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS (CRF)			
4915	To Capital Outlay Fund	03	372,655
4915	FEMA Funds rec'd, transferred to CRF	05	16,115
4915	To Revaluation CFR	06	7,000
Appropriation Sub Total			\$ 985,648
4918	Parks & Rec checking Acct transfer to CRF	07	2,422
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			<u>\$2,191,107</u>

2022
TAX FOR EACH OF THE MAJOR CATAGORIES FOR
EACH \$1,000 OF PROPERTY VALUATION \$28.25/\$1,000



NOTE: THE STATE SCHOOL TAX IS GOES DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL, AND WHEN COMBINED WITH THE TOWN SCHOOL TAX COMPROSES 71.79% OF THE TAX BILL, WHILE THE MUNICIPAL PORTION IS 23.01%

2022 TAX RATE CALCULATION

TOWN/CITY: ORFORD

Gross Appropriations	2,172,570
Add: FEMA CRF Pmt.	18,537
Total Appropriations	2,191,107
Less: Revenues	(977,412)
Less: Fund Balance Voted Surplus	(93,537)
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	(130,000)
Taxes to be Raised	990,158
Add: Overlay	7,476
War Service Credits	43,200

Net Town Appropriation	1,040,834

TOWN RATE 6.50

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,040,834
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SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget	3,749,160
Regional School Apportionment	0
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(508,608)

LOCAL SCHOOL RATE 18.98

State Education Taxes	(203,043)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	3,037,509

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

STATE SCHOOL RATE 1.30

State Education Tax	
154,184,631	203,043

COUNTY PORTION

COUNTY RATE 1.47

Due to County	234,457
Less: Shared Revenues	0

Approved County Tax Effort	234,457
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TOTAL RATE 28.25

Total Property Taxes Assessed	4,515,843
Less: War Service Credits	(43,200)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	4,472,643

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
For State Education Tax (no utilities)	156,570,465	1.30
For all Other Taxes	160,011,164	26.95
	28.25	4,472,643

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS
January 2022 to December 2022

Account Number	Account Name	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	Variance Under (over)	2023 Budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
<u>Executive</u>					
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	93.00	186.00	93.00
01-4130.10-225	EX Medicare	65.00	21.75	43.25	22.00
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	459.99	90.01	800.00
01-4130.10-390	EX Recording Fees	200.00	93.86	106.14	200.00
01-4130.10-550	EX Printing	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4130.10-560	EX Dues & Subscriptions	2,000.00	1,757.86	242.14	2,000.00
01-4130.10-570	EX Advertising	1,500.00	1,367.00	133.00	1,500.00
01-4130.10-620	EX Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,124.64	875.36	1,800.00
01-4130.10-625	EX Postage	2,000.00	1,403.83	596.17	1,800.00
01-4130.10-690	EX Selectmen's Expenses	<u>100.00</u>	<u>125.00</u>	<u>(25.00)</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	Total Executive	14,394.00	12,001.25	2,392.75	14,015.00
<u>Town Administration</u>					
01-4130.20-110	TA-Salaries F/T	52,700.00	52,877.44	(177.44)	57,000.00
01-4130.20-120	TA-Salaries P/T	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4130.20-210	TA Health	8,044.00	8,043.49	.51	8,985.00
01-4130.20-215	TA HRA/FSA Insurance	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
01-4130.20-217	TA Dental	469.00	468.60	.40	476.00
01-4130.20-219	TA Life	126.00	126.00	0.00	126.00
01-4130.20-225	TA Medicare	764.00	751.31	12.69	827.00
01-4130.20-220	TA Social Security	3,267.00	3,213.17	53.83	3,535.00
01-4130.20-300	TA NH Retirement	7,410.00	7,434.59	(24.59)	7,860.00
01-4130.20-690	TA Mileage/Expenses	100.00	87.50	12.50	100.00
01-4130.20-850	TA Training & Seminars	<u>150.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	Total Town Administration	73,630.00	73,002.10	627.90	79,609.00
<u>Town Meeting</u>					
01-4130.30-550	MTG Town Report Printing	1,650.00	1,648.00	2.00	1,751.00
01-4130.30-625	MTG Postage	<u>350.00</u>	<u>362.00</u>	<u>(12.00)</u>	<u>375.00</u>
	Total Town Meeting	2,000.00	2,010.00	(10.00)	2,126.00
TOTAL EXECUTIVE		90,024.00	87,013.35	3,010.65	95,750.00
<u>Town Clerk</u>					
01-4140.10-120	TC Wages - Deputy Town Clerk	2,500.00	1,665.41	834.59	2,500.00
01-4140.10-130	TC Wages-Town Clerk	22,500.00	22,499.88	.12	24,500.00
01-4140.10-225	TC Medicare	363.00	350.42	12.58	392.00
01-4140.10-220	TC Social Security	1,550.00	1,498.21	51.79	1,674.00
01-4140.10-341	TC Telephone	500.00	527.16	(27.16)	500.00
01-4140.10-560	TC Dues & Subscriptions	50.00	20.00	30.00	50.00
01-4140.10-615	TC Vital Statistics	600.00	552.00	48.00	600.00
01-4140.10-613	TC Dog Licenses	750.00	463.69	286.31	750.00
01-4140.10-620	TC Office Supplies	600.00	518.67	81.33	600.00
01-4140.10-625	TC Postage	900.00	1,020.00	(120.00)	1,000.00
01-4140.10-740	TC Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
01-4140.10-850	TC Training/Seminars/Mileage	1,400.00	1,365.28	34.72	1,400.00
01-4140.10-855	TC BMSI - Software & Training	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>2,251.00</u>	<u>49.00</u>	<u>2,330.00</u>
	Total Town Clerk	34,013.00	32,731.72	1,281.28	37,296.00

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<u>Voter Registration</u>					
01-4140.20-130	EL Wages - Election Officials	4,500.00	2,998.48	1501.52	750.00
01-4140.20-220	EL Social Security	279.00	185.92	93.08	47.00
01-4140.20-225	EL Medicare	66.00	43.46	22.54	11.00
01-4140.20-570	EL Advertising	100.00	105.40	(5.40)	50.00
01-4140.20-620	EL Printing & Supplies	50.00	24.98	25.02	50.00
01-4140.20-690	EL Meals	300.00	200.00	100.00	100.00
01-4140.20-850	EL Training/Mileage	<u>150.00</u>	<u>202.50</u>	<u>(52.50)</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	Total Voter Registration	5,445.00	3,760.74	1,684.26	1,108.00
TOTAL ELECTION & REGISTRATION 39,458.00 36,492.46 2,965.54 38,404.00					
<u>Tax Collection</u>					
01-4150.40-190	TX Tax Collector's Fees	31,500.00	33,680.80	(2,180.80)	33,500.00
01-4150.40-195	TX Deputy Tax Collector	800.00	257.40	542.60	500.00
01-4150.40-220	TX Social Security	50.00	15.96	34.04	31.00
01-4150.40-225	TX Medicare	15.00	3.72	11.28	7.00
01-4150.40-390	TX Mortgage Research/Tax Liens	250.00	78.40	171.60	200.00
01-4150.40-560	TX Dues	40.00	0.00	40.00	40.00
01-4150.40-625	TX Postage	1,500.00	1403.35	96.65	1,800.00
01-4150.40-620	TX Office Supplies	500.00	266.50	233.50	600.00
01-4150.40-630	TX Avitar Software	2,180.00	2,244.00	(64.00)	2,532.00
01-4150.40-850	TX Training and Seminars	<u>800.00</u>	<u>774.25</u>	<u>25.75</u>	<u>800.00</u>
	Total Tax Collector	37,635.00	38,724.38	(1,089.38)	40,010.00
<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	240.93	(.93)	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>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	Total Treasury	2,793.00	2,393.93	399.07	2,793.00
<u>Information Technology</u>					
01-4150.60-330	IT Support (E)	5,210.00	5,210.00	0.00	5,760.00
01-4150.60-335	IT Equip. & Maintenance	1,800.00	1,211.09	588.91	1,800.00
01-4150.60-340	IT Licenses & Fees	7,100.00	7,616.23	(516.23)	10,800.00
01-4150.60-341	IT - Topsham (internet)	<u>1,050.00</u>	<u>1,049.88</u>	<u>.12</u>	<u>1,050.00</u>
	Total Information Technology	15,160.00	15,087.20	72.80	19,410.00
<u>Auditor</u>					
01-4150.70-135	AUD Annual Audit	<u>11,500.00</u>	<u>10,500.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>10,500.00</u>
	Total Audit	11,500.00	10,500.00	1,000.00	10,500.00
TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION 67,088.00 66,705.51 382.49 72,713.00					
<u>Revaluation of Property</u>					
01-4152.10-390	AS Assessing/Pick-ups	8,000.00	8,051.90	(51.90)	8,000.00
01-4152.10-391	AS Statistical Update	7,100.00	6,370.00	730.00	7,400.00
01-4152.20-110	TM Wages - Tax Maps	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
	TOTAL REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	15,600.00	14,921.90	678.10	15,900.00
<u>Legal Expense</u>					
01-4153.10-320	LE Town Attorney	12,000.00	3,271.88	8,728.12	12,000.00
01-4153.10-690	LE Other Expenses - Floodplain	500.00	227.50	272.50	500.00
	TOTAL LEGAL EXPENSES	12,500.00	3,499.38	9,000.62	12,500.00

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<u>Engineering Services</u>					
01-4153.20-320	Engineering Services	5,000.00	1,279.98	3,720.02	5,000.00
TOTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES		5,000.00	1,279.98	3,720.02	5,000.00
<u>Planning Board</u>					
01-4191.10-390	PB Recording Fees	100.00	76.00	24.00	100.00
01-4191.10-391	PB-Planning Assistant	8,000.00	7,780.02	219.98	10,000.00
01-4191.10-400	PB Secretarial	1,000.00	1,470.00	(470.00)	1,000.00
01-4191.10-550	PB Legal/Professional Fees	1,000.00	3,672.45	(2,672.45)	2,500.00
01-4191.10-560	PB Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4191.10-570	PB Advertising	250.00	178.50	71.50	250.00
01-4191.10-625	PB Postage	100.00	170.20	(70.20)	100.00
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD		10,550.00	13,347.17	(2,797.17)	14,050.00
<u>Government Building</u>					
01-4194.10-360	GB Custodial Services	600.00	350.00	250.00	500.00
01-4194.10-365	GB Sidewalk Shoveling Services	1,800.00	1,200.00	600.00	1,500.00
01-4194.10-410	GB Electricity	2,500.00	1,702.20	797.80	2,500.00
01-4194.10-411	GB Propane	3,600.00	3,442.83	157.17	4,500.00
01-4194.10-430	GB Maintenance. Contracts	2,000.00	1,342.03	657.97	2,500.00
01-4194.10-610	GB Supplies	250.00	280.01	(30.01)	250.00
01-4194.10-620	GB Shredding	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-4194.10-710	GB Improvement - Grounds	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
01-4194.10-720	GB Maintenance & Repairs	1,500.00	2,385.86	(885.86)	1,200.00
01-4194.10-750	GB Furniture	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
TOTAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING		12,850.00	10,702.93	2,147.07	13,450.00
<u>Cemeteries</u>					
01-4195.10-110	CE Wages	23,725.00	22,438.96	1,286.04	25,800.00
01-4195.10-220	CE Social Security	1,471.00	1,391.22	79.78	1,600.00
01-4195.10-225	CE Medicare	344.00	325.44	18.56	375.00
01-4195.10-430	CE Equip/Building Maintenance	0.00	311.41	(311.41)	400.00
01-4195.10-490	CE Office/Shop Supplies	600.00	445.48	154.52	300.00
01-4195.10-635	CE Gasoline	1,300.00	1,156.25	143.75	1,500.00
01-4195.10-630	CE Mileage	700.00	825.00	(125.00)	800.00
TOTAL CEMETERIES		28,140.00	26,893.76	1,246.24	30,775.00
<u>Insurance</u>					
01-4196.10-520	IN Property & Liability	19,688.00	19,688.00	0.00	21,460.00
01-4196.10-521	IN Worker's Comp Ins	15,925.00	15,925.00	0.00	15,925.00
01-4196.10-525	IN Insurance Deductible	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00
01-4196.10-530	IN Diesel Spill Uncovered Claim	0.00	19,320.66	(19,320.66)	0.00
TOTAL INSURANCE		35,613.00	55,033.66	(19,420.66)	37,385.00
<u>Advertising & Regional Association</u>					
01-4197.10-560	UVLSRPC Dues	1,777.00	1,776.33	.67	1,900.00
TOTAL REGIONAL ASSOCIATION		1,777.00	1,776.33	.67	1,900.00
<u>Contingency Fund</u>					
01-4199.10-000	CF Contingency Fund	5,000.00	1,470.00	3,530.00	5,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL OPERATIONS BUDGET		323,600.00	319,136.43	4,463.57	342,827.00

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PUBLIC SAFETY					
<u>Police Department</u>					
01-4210.10-110	PD Salaries - F/T	77,450.00	77,432.35	17.65	83,616.00
01-4210.10-113	PD Salaries P/T	4,750.00	1,725.00	3,025.00	5,750.00
01-4210.10-120	PD Special Details	2,000.00	980.00	1,020.00	2,000.00
01-4210.10-210	PD Health Insurance	21,718.00	21,717.50	.50	24,259.00
01-4210.10-215	PD HRA/FSA Insurance	1,500.00	1,624.09	(124.09)	1,500.00
01-4210.10-217	PD Dental	1,572.00	1,571.66	.34	1,596.00
01-4210.10-219	PD Life	51.00	50.40	.60	51.00
01-4210.10-225	PD Medicare	1,221.00	1,120.22	100.78	1,239.00
01-4210.10-220	PD Social Security	418.00	138.43	279.57	109.00
01-4210.10-230	PD NH Retirement	26,240.00	26,301.85	(61.85)	27,225.00
01-4210.10-341	PD Telephone & Communication	1,600.00	1,622.10	(22.10)	1,800.00
01-4210.10-430	PD Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	2,500.00	646.06	1,853.94	1,500.00
01-4210.10-560	PD Professional Dues	325.00	390.00	(65.00)	390.00
01-4210.10-620	PD Office Supplies & Equip.	500.00	650.69	(150.69)	500.00
01-4210.10-635	PD Gasoline	3,000.00	3,620.79	(620.79)	4,000.00
01-4210.10-690	PD Prosecution	4,270.00	4,270.00	0.00	7,361.00
01-4210.10-840	PD Uniforms & Equipment	1,200.00	1,368.81	(168.81)	1,500.00
01-4210.10-845	PD Computer software/IMC	7,050.00	6,911.65	138.35	7,050.00
01-4210.10-850	PD Training & Education	1,000.00	899.25	100.75	1,000.00
01-4210.10-870	PD Legal Expenses/Transcription	<u>200.00</u>	<u>99.00</u>	<u>101.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	Total Police Department	158,565.00	153,139.85	5,425.15	172,646.00
<u>Ambulance</u>					
01-4215.10-351	ES Ambulance Services	60,613.00	60,613.00	0.00	63,087.00
01-4215.10-352	ES Dispatch	<u>24,425.00</u>	<u>23,397.00</u>	<u>1,028.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
	Total Emergency Services	85,038.00	84,010.00	1,028.00	88,087.00
<u>Fire Department</u>					
01-4220.10-120	FD Wages - P/T	23,000.00	15,196.00	7,804.00	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	1,112.03	347.97	1,636.00
01-4220.10-225	FD Medicare	340.00	260.09	79.91	383.00
01-4220.10-390	FD Dispatch	450.00	417.00	33.00	450.00
01-4220.10-395	FD Emergency Medical Supplies	1,200.00	798.15	401.85	1,200.00
01-4220.10-430	FD Equipment Maintenance	3,500.00	2,851.82	648.18	3,500.00
01-4220.10-435	FD Hose & Ladder Testing	3,700.00	3,586.40	113.60	3,700.00
01-4220.10-440	FD Rent	8,400.00	8,400.00	0.00	9,600.00
01-4220.10-442	FD Utilities	5,000.00	6,652.41	(1,652.41)	7,500.00
01-4220.10-530	FD Supplemental Insurance	6,230.00	6,230.00	0.00	6,230.00
01-4220.10-560	FD Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
01-4220.10-620	FD - Office Supplies	100.00	261.26	(161.26)	100.00
01-4220.10-625	FD - Postage	100.00	62.00	38.00	100.00
01-4220.10-635	FD Vehicle Fuel	1,200.00	1,575.42	(375.42)	1,200.00
01-4220.10-630	FD Vehicle Maintenance	6,000.00	14,598.62	(8,598.62)	8,000.00
01-4220.10-740	FD Equipment	8,000.00	7,290.05	709.95	8,000.00
01-4220.10-830	FD Forest Fire	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
01-4220.10-841	FD Computer Software	0.00	1,650.00	(1,650.00)	1,650.00
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>2,876.25</u>	<u>1,123.75</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
	Total Fire Department	74,680.00	74,317.50	362.50	81,249.00
<u>Emergency Management</u>	Total Emergency Management	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		318,783.00	311,467.35	7,315.65	342,482.00

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HIGHWAY AND STREETS

Road Maintenance

01-4312.20-110	HW Salaries - F/T	175,000.00	157,801.11	17,198.89	177,254.00
01-4312.20-120	HW Salaries - P/T	0.00	475.00	(475.00)	5,000.00
01-4312.20-210	HW Health Insurance	43,033.00	40,991.63	2,041.37	60,197.00
01-4312.20-215	HW HRA/FSA Insurance	2,750.00	915.48	1,834.52	3,500.00
01-4312.20-217	HW Dental	2,606.00	2,309.80	296.20	2,744.00
01-4312.20-219	HW Life	153.00	142.81	10.19	153.00
01-4312.20-225	HW Medicare	2,538.00	2,221.32	316.68	2,643.00
01-4312.20-220	HW Social Security	10,850.00	9,498.41	1,351.59	11,300.00
01-4312.20-230	HW NH Retirement	24,605.00	21,888.65	2,716.35	24,480.00
01-4312.20-341	HW Telephone	1,500.00	1,451.52	48.48	1,500.00
01-4312.20-410	HW Electricity	1,700.00	1,410.24	289.76	1,700.00
01-4312.20-411	HW Heating Oil	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-4312.20-430	HW Drug & Alcohol Testing	400.00	260.00	140.00	400.00
01-4312.20-440	HW Equipment Rental	6,000.00	7,130.00	(1,130.00)	6,000.00
01-4312.20-445	HW Contracted Services	8,000.00	14,810.00	(6,810.00)	15,000.00
01-4312.20-446	HW Roadside Mowing	6,000.00	5,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00
01-4312.20-560	HW Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4312.20-609	HW Shop Supplies	3,000.00	2,290.94	709.06	2,500.00
01-4312.20-610	HW Office Supplies	100.00	190.86	(90.86)	500.00
01-4312.20-611	HW Safety Supplies	1,000.00	766.62	233.38	2,000.00
01-4312.20-612	HW Personal Protection	1,000.00	1,083.00	(83.00)	2,000.00
01-4312.20-635	HW Gasoline	250.00	437.84	(187.84)	500.00
01-4312.20-630	HW Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	30,000.00	56,299.57	(26,299.57)	40,000.00
01-4312.20-637	HW Propane	4,500.00	4,781.87	(281.87)	6,000.00
01-4312.20-636	HW Diesel	20,000.00	21,697.36	(1,697.36)	30,000.00
01-4312.20-640	HW Building Maintenance	10,000.00	2,677.77	7,322.23	7,500.00
01-4312.20-730	HW Road Improvement Projects	500.00	1,778.19	(1,278.19)	500.00
01-4312.20-732	HW Road Treatment	6,000.00	4,055.16	1,944.84	6,000.00
01-4312.20-740	HW Equip Repair/Replacement	5,500.00	6,133.30	(633.30)	7,500.00
01-4312.20-840	HW Uniforms	3,500.00	3,828.04	(328.04)	3,000.00
01-4312.20-861	HW Culverts	10,000.00	3,151.43	6,848.57	10,000.00
01-4312.20-862	HW Gravel	30,000.00	49,396.84	(19,396.84)	60,000.00
01-4312.20-862	<i>HW Over Expenditure – Gravel</i>	<i>200,396.00</i>	<i>200,396.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
01-4312.20-863	HW Asphalt Patch	4,000.00	2,761.84	1,238.16	4,000.00
01-4312.20-864	HW Road Salt	18,000.00	21,450.34	(3,450.34)	15,000.00
01-4312.20-865	HW Road Signs	1,500.00	1,991.81	(491.81)	2,000.00
01-4312.20-866	HW Training/Travel	1,500.00	703.97	796.03	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	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	Total Road Maintenance	636,381.00	652,178.72	(15,797.72)	518,771.00
01-4316.10-410	SL Street Lighting	<u>9,500.00</u>	<u>8,724.36</u>	<u>775.64</u>	<u>9,200.00</u>
	Total Street Lighting	9,500.00	8,724.36	775.64	9,200.00

TOTAL HIGHWAY & STREETS	645,881.00	660,903.08	(15,022.08)	527,971.00
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SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal

01-4324.10-390	WD Disposal-Floyd's Rubbish	8,584.00	8,583.54	.46	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	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,931.22</u>	<u>(431.22)</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
	Total Solid Waste Disposal	10,184.00	10,614.76	(430.76)	9,884.00

Land Closure

01-4324.50-100	WD Landfill Closure	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,450.00
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TOTAL SANITATION	10,184.00	10,614.76	(430.76)	16,334.00
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Account Number	Account Name	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	Variance Under (over)	2023 Budget
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HEALTH

Animal Control

01-4414.10-390	AC Veterinary/Boarding	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	Total Animal Control	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00

TOTAL HEALTH	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
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WELFARE

Direct Assistance

01-4442.10-410	DIR ASST Electricity	500.00	0.00	500.00	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	290.00	2,710.00	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	290.00	4,710.00	5,000.00

TOTAL WELFARE	5,000.00	290.00	4,710.00	5,000.00
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CULTURE & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation

01-4520.10-120	P&P Wages - Beach Monitor	3,000.00	510.00	2,490.00	3,000.00
01-4520.10-130	P&P Wages - Swim Instructor	2,100.00	1,711.14	388.86	2,000.00
01-4520.10-131	P&P Swim Aides	2,750.00	2,176.14	573.86	2,500.00
01-4520.10-133	P&P Swim Program - Misc.	300.00	281.94	18.06	300.00
01-4520.10-220	P&P Social Security	487.00	272.66	214.34	465.00
01-4520.10-225	P&P Medicare	114.00	63.76	50.24	109.00
01-4520.10-360	P&P Mowing	14,100.00	14,100.03	(0.03)	19,709.00
01-4520.10-361	P&P Community Field Mowing	12,800.00	12,799.99	0.01	14,080.00
01-4520.10-410	P&P Electricity	650.00	654.31	(4.31)	700.00
01-4520.10-691	P&P Portable Toilets	2,280.00	2,645.00	(365.00)	3,000.00
01-4520.10-695	P&P Improvements	1,500.00	1,909.43	(409.43)	2,000.00
01-4520.10-800	P&P Herbicide Application	1,200.00	570.00	630.00	1,000.00
01-420.10-821	P&P Rivendell Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
01-4520.10-900	P&P Orford Garden Club	<u>500.00</u>	<u>488.71</u>	<u>11.29</u>	<u>750.00</u>
	Total Parks & Recreation	41,781.00	38,183.11	3,597.89	50,063.00

Library

01-4550.10-110	LIB Wages	13,000.00	12,973.25	26.75	14,010.00
01-4550.10-220	LIB Social Security	806.00	804.33	1.67	869.00
01-4550.10-225	LIB Medicare	189.00	188.07	.93	203.00
01-4550.20-490	LIB Free Library-Appropriations	12,162.00	12,162.00	0.00	13,187.00
01-4550.30-490	LIB Social Lib-Appropriations	<u>26,157.00</u>	<u>26,157.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>28,269.00</u>
	Total Library	52,314.00	52,284.65	29.35	56,538.00

Patriotic Purposes

01-4583.10-610	PP Patriotic Purposes-Misc.	250.00	42.94	207.06	250.00
01-4583.10-611	PP Parades	600.00	650.00	(50.00)	650.00
01-4583.10-612	PP parade Sheriff's Detail	600.00	750.00	(150.00)	600.00
01-4583.10-613	PP Veterans' Day Celebration	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	Total Patriotic Purposes	1,450.00	1,442.94	7.06	1,700.00

TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	95,545.00	91,910.70	3,634.30	108,301.00
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Account Number	Account Name	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	Variance Under (over)	2023 Budget
CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
<u>Conservation Commission</u>					
01-4619.10-000	CONS E-Coli Testing	2,670.00	2,100.00	570.00	2,670.00
01-4619.10-360	CONS Mowing	500.00	400.00	100.00	500.00
01-4619.10-550	CONS Legal/Professional Fees	300.00	250.00	50.00	300.00
01-4619.10-560	CONS Dues & Subscriptions	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
01-4619.10-570	CONS Advertising	120.00	0.00	120.00	260.00
01-4619.10-690	CONS Mileage Reimbursement	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION		3,940.00	2,750.00	1,190.00	4,080.00
TOTAL OF TOWN DEPTS & OTHER APPROPRIATIONS					
		1,079,833.00	1,077,935.89	1,897.11	1,004,668.00
TOTAL BUDGET GRAND TOTAL		1,403,433.00	1,397,072.32	6,360.68	1,347,495.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES					
01-4915.10-930	Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	372,655.00	372,655.00	0.00	426,322.00
01-4915.10-930	Create a Revaluation CRF	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	0.00
01-4915.10-930	Playground Donation to CRF	2,422.00	2,422.00	0.00	0.00
01-4902.10-600	Highway Truck	231,000.00	2,519.05	228,480.95	145,000.00
01-4902.10-600	Additional Funds for Highway Trucks	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,000.00
01-4904.10-701	Paving Projects	250,000.00	244,052.84	5,947.16	400,000.00
01-4909.10-741	Police Cruiser	68,500.00	9,795.76	58,704.24	0.00
01-4909.10-737	CO FEMA Funds Rec'd-paid to CRF	16,115.00	16,115.00	0.00	13,181.00
01-4909.10-740	CO NH Unanticipated Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	128,020.00
TOTAL SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES		947,692.00	654,559.65	293,132.35	1,157,523.00
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES					
01-4902.10-650	PD Equipment-Solar Radar Speed Sign	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	0.00
01-4902.10-825	Fire Truck Electrical System Upgrade	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
01-4909.10-700	Charitable Appropriations	16,878.00	16,878.00	0.00	16,802.00
01-4902.10-746	Highway Generator	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00
01-4902.10-746	Highway Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
01-4909.10-732	Streetlight Upgrade	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES		38,878.00	38,878.00	0.00	67,802.00
01-4520.10-910	Musical Events at the Bandstand-by Petition	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATED FUNDS-2022		2,391,503.00	2,092,009.97	299,493.03	2,574,320.00

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 2022 Annual Report

Trust and Trustee Changes: The following changes occurred during 2022:

- The Town of Orford created a Revaluation CRF (Orford Warrant Article 6).
- 11 new Cemetery Trusts were created under the Common Cemetery Trust, for a total of 445 Trusts.
- The Orford Village District (OVD) created a Maintenance CRF (OVD Warrant Article 3, April). The Orford Village District is a Municipal District within the Town of Orford. It oversees the water supply for users near Route 10 and Bridge Street in Orford. NH required that the OVD establish a CRF this year to hold any appropriations for maintenance of its equipment. While the Village District is autonomous -- officials, meetings, appropriations, expenditures, *etc.* – are separate from the Town of Orford, NH Statutes mandate that the Orford Trustees of the Trust Funds (TTF) are responsible for the Orford Village District CRF, similarly to Town CRFs. That is why this new CRF appears in this Town Report and is included in financial reports to NH along with the Orford Trusts. The Funds of this new Orford Village District Trust are held in Bank Accounts separately from the Town of Orford Trusts.

Seth Carter was reelected as a Trustee, and Terry Harwood was renamed an Alternate Trustee. The TTF currently has one vacancy for an Alternate Trustee.

Expenditure Notes: Most expenditures were consistent with typical annual operations. Of note:

- The major purchases for the replacement of the police vehicle (W.A. 8) and Town Truck #2 (W.A. 10) were not completed in 2022. The equipment is on order, but delivery and payment are still pending.
- Two Scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded.

Income Notes:

- Earnings for Bank Savings Accounts remain small (0.05%). Earnings on Bank CDs improved. The year began with 0.2% interest on 12-month CDs, increased to 0.5% mid-year, then rose to 2% recently. The 2% rate also applies to the SWEEP Account holding the bulk of the Town CRF and ETF Funds.
- For the Investment Accounts, the big decline in the US Stock Market in 2022 resulted in commensurate losses of 10% to 20% in Market Value for the Common Cemetery, Alice Mann Scholarship, and Lenore Niles Trusts Mutual Fund holdings. Capital Gains and Dividend Income were about the same as 2021.
- The Trustees received all appropriations approved at the 2022 Town Meeting for CRFs and ETFs.
- The Trustees received \$3,400 from the Cemetery Commission for Cemetery plot sales, plus \$2,721 in Funds returned from the Balance in a Cemetery Commission Checking Account that was closed out.
- A donation of \$2,422 was added to the Playground Trust (2011).

Reporting: Trustees submitted the required annual reports (MS-9 & -10) to the NH Department of Justice (DOJ) for 2021 via the NHTTF on-line Portal. Copies may be viewed in the Trustee section of the Orford website. In August, the DOJ Charitable Trusts Unit announced changes to the format of the MS-9 submissions. The changes are mandatory for CY 2023 reports, but the Trustees plan to use the option to change early, beginning with CY 2022 reports. Options to use either the prior or an alternate MS-10 report format were also announced. The Trustees plan to continue using the prior MS-10 format.

Notes: The Trustees met with various Advisory Committees for the Donor and Common Cemetery Trusts. The discussions reinforced that the procedure to request expenditures from these Trusts is to submit requests in advance to the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

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

**ORFORD TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FINANCIAL REPORT (FINAL)
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Trust Fund Name (Date)	BOY Balance At Cost \$	BOY Balance At Market \$	ADDED FUNDS	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 (445)</i>											
COMMON CEMETERY TRUST (1916) (Note 1)	388,070.30	621,371.45	3,400.00	25,985.38	4,651.31	2,881.36		424,994.35	549,762.05	(71,609.40)	B&I
<i>Orford Capital Reserve Funds & Expendable Trust Funds</i>											
ROAD IMPROVEMENT CRF (1994)	520,827.35	520,827.35	139,715.00			1,755.38	216,247.12	446,050.61	446,050.61	(74,776.74)	B
DUMP CLOSURE CRF (1991)	12,846.18	12,846.18				46.49		12,892.67	12,892.67	46.49	B
FIRE TRUCKS CRF (1983)	349,421.28	349,421.28	50,960.00			1,355.21		401,736.49	401,736.49	52,315.21	B
FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CRF (2015)	94,697.33	94,697.33	29,216.00			393.40	2,951.80	121,354.93	121,354.93	26,657.60	B
FIRE TRUCK MAJOR MAINTENANCE CRF (2017)	9,387.96	9,387.96	3,500.00			40.20		12,928.16	12,928.16	3,540.20	B
HEAVY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE ETF (2003)	20,505.80	20,505.80	7,166.00			86.96		27,758.76	27,758.76	7,252.96	B
GRADER CRF (1983)	219,742.13	219,742.13	6,365.00			761.47		226,868.60	226,868.60	7,126.47	B
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRUCKS CRF (1997)	340,099.93	340,099.93	69,652.00			1,432.39	2,519.05	408,665.27	408,665.27	68,565.34	B
LOADER CRF (1983)	88,956.52	88,956.52	20,688.00			358.74		110,003.26	110,003.26	21,046.74	B
POLICE CRUISER CRF (1985)	47,590.23	47,590.23	22,000.00			215.01	9,795.76	60,009.48	60,009.48	12,419.25	B
PD MAJOR EQUIP. & DATABASE UPDATE EXPENSE CRF (2020)	14,025.80	14,025.80				33.65	6,614.94	7,444.51	7,444.51	(6,581.29)	B
TOWN BUILDINGS CRF (2019)	93,346.10	93,346.10	18,035.00			371.87	10,969.00	100,783.97	100,783.97	7,437.87	B
TOWN TAX MAP CRF (2002)	4,402.08	4,402.08				15.93		4,418.01	4,418.01	15.93	B
CEMETERY MOWER/BUILDING CRF (2015)	15,315.69	15,315.69	1,273.00			58.30		16,646.99	16,646.99	1,331.30	B
TREE CARE AND REPLACEMENT ETF (1991)	3,008.77	3,008.77	10,000.00			18.18	12,891.00	135.95	135.95	(2,872.82)	B
TOWN PROPERTY ETF (2000)	53,852.57	53,852.57	10,200.00			124.38	21,125.40	43,051.55	43,051.55	(10,801.02)	B
WWII MONUMENT MAINTENANCE ETF (2004)	3,013.79	3,013.79				10.91		3,024.70	3,024.70	10.91	B
WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION CRF (2004)	6,487.53	6,487.53				23.48		6,511.01	6,511.01	23.48	B
BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT CRF (2021)	2,001.35	2,001.35				7.24		2,008.59	2,008.59	7.24	B
REVALUATION CRF (2022) (Note 2)	0.00	0.00	7,000.00			15.79		7,015.79	7,015.79	7,015.79	B
<i>Orford Village District Capital Reserve Fund</i>											
MAINTENANCE CRF (2022) (Note 3)	0.00	0.00	30,000.00			7.38		30,007.38	30,007.38	30,007.38	B
<i>Private (Donor-Funded) Trusts</i>											
COMMUNITY FIELD 2 (HAZEN MOREY) (1985)	5,865.92	5,865.92				2.91		5,868.83	5,868.83	2.91	B
PLAYGROUND (2011)	6,613.62	6,613.62	2,422.00			4.08		9,039.70	9,039.70	2,426.08	B
ORFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BEQUEST (ALICE MANN) (1949)	6,949.71	18,499.58		0.00	85.97	0.49		7,036.17	13,968.43	(4,531.15)	B&I
HAZEN MOREY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP (1985)	1,950.93	1,950.93				0.87	1,000.00	951.80	951.80	(999.13)	B
MENTA SAWYER SCHOLARSHIP (1987)	9,888.65	9,888.65				17.16	1,000.00	8,905.81	8,905.81	(982.84)	B
SCHOOLS FUND FOR EXCELLENCE (1989)	36,678.27	36,678.27				44.75		36,723.02	36,723.02	44.75	B
LENORE NILES FUND (1991)	152,537.52	209,490.26		21,982.77	1,506.04	4.62		176,030.95	201,011.09	(8,479.17)	B&I
TOWN HALL HERITAGE CENTER TRUST (2013)	47,730.61	47,730.61			97.43	20.14		47,848.18	47,848.18	117.57	B&I
UNALLOCATED											
Totals	2,555,813.92	2,857,617.68	431,592.00	47,968.15	6,340.75	10,114.74	285,114.07	2,766,715.49	2,923,395.59	65,777.91	
	Unrealized CG	301,803.76					Investment Unrealized CG	156,680.10			

Notes:

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

(2) Created Revaluation CRF (Orford Warrant Article 6, 2022).

(3) Revalued Maintenance CRF (OVD Warrant Article 3, 2022).

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.

FD RESERVE INCREASE %

CAPITAL RESERVE WORKSHEET FOR 2023 BUDGET

Road improvement addition includes warrant articles 3, 5, and 6

		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
1894 ROAD IMPROVEMENT CRF														
	ADD EACH YR	\$123,600	\$277,161	\$142,758	\$149,896	\$157,391	\$165,260	\$173,523	\$182,199	\$191,309	\$200,875	\$210,919	\$221,465	\$232,538
	PROJECTED BALANCE	\$446,051	\$723,212	\$865,970	\$1,015,866	\$1,173,257	\$1,339,517	\$1,512,040	\$1,694,239	\$1,885,549	\$2,086,424	\$2,297,342	\$2,518,807	\$2,751,345
1893 HIGHWAY DPT TRUCKS CRF														
	TRUCK 2 2012		\$248,363											\$381,766
	TRUCK 3 2008		REORDER	\$234,371										
	1.5 TON TRUCK 2019		REORDER	\$72,000	\$73,000									
	ESTIMATED CREDIT TRADE IN			\$77,000	\$10,000						\$14,000			\$35,000
	ADD EACH YR	17.44%	\$69,652	\$81,799	\$80,850	\$84,893	\$89,137	\$93,594	\$98,274	\$103,187	\$108,347	\$113,764	\$119,452	\$125,425
	PROJECTED BALANCE		\$408,665	\$242,101	\$37,730	\$55,580	\$229,610	\$323,204	\$421,477	\$459,398	\$499,951	\$573,162	\$688,057	\$866,716
1993 LOADER/BACKHOE CRF														
	LOADER 1998													
	BACKHOE 2015											\$250,417		
	ESTIMATED CREDIT TRADE IN	10%											\$25,000	
	ADD EACH YR	14.64%	\$20,688	\$23,716	\$24,902	\$26,147	\$28,827	\$30,269	\$31,782	\$33,371	\$35,040	\$36,792	\$38,631	\$40,563
	PROJECTED BALANCE		\$110,003	\$133,719	\$158,621	\$184,768	\$212,223	\$241,050	\$271,319	\$303,101	\$336,472	\$371,511	\$408,142	\$445,705
1993 GRADER 2006 CRF														
	ESTIMATED CREDIT TRADE IN	10%												
	ADD EACH YR	16.11%	\$6,365	\$7,391	\$7,613	\$8,076	\$8,318	\$8,568	\$8,825	\$9,090	\$9,363	\$9,643	\$9,933	\$10,231
	PROJECTED BALANCE		\$226,869	\$234,260	\$241,872	\$249,713	\$257,790	\$266,108	\$274,676	\$283,501	\$301,954	\$311,597	\$321,530	\$331,760
2003 HEAVY EQUIPT MAINT ETF														
	ADD EACH YR	10.00%	\$7,166	\$7,883	\$8,277	\$8,691	\$9,125	\$9,582	\$10,061	\$10,564	\$11,092	\$11,647	\$12,229	\$12,840
	PROJECTED BALANCE		\$24,807	\$32,690										
1999 FIRE TRUCKS CRF														
	(extended to 36 yrs)													
	PUMPER #3 1996													
	RESCUE 1999													
	TANKER TRUCK #2 2016													
	ESTIMATED CREDIT TRADE IN	0%												
	ADD EACH YR	10.00%	\$50,960	\$56,056	\$58,859	\$61,802	\$64,892	\$68,136	\$71,543	\$75,120	\$78,876	\$82,820	\$86,961	\$91,309
	PROJECTED BALANCE		\$401,736	\$457,792	\$516,651	\$578,453	\$643,344	\$711,481	\$783,024	\$852,682	\$901,558	\$968,478	\$1,028,257	\$1,091,441
2015 FIRE DEPT EQUIPMENT CRF														
	PROTECTIVE GEAR	10	\$7,622	\$8,439	\$8,861	\$9,304	\$9,769	\$10,257	\$10,770	\$11,309	\$11,874	\$12,468	\$13,091	\$13,746
	SCBA AIR PACKS	10	\$7,622	\$8,439	\$8,861	\$9,304	\$9,769	\$10,257	\$10,770	\$11,309	\$11,874	\$12,468	\$13,091	\$13,746
	DRY HYDRANTS	10	\$7,622	\$8,439	\$8,861	\$9,304	\$9,769	\$10,257	\$10,770	\$11,309	\$11,874	\$12,468	\$13,091	\$13,746
	HOSE	10	\$3,811	\$4,220	\$4,431	\$4,652	\$4,885	\$5,129	\$5,386	\$5,655	\$5,938	\$6,235	\$6,546	\$6,874
	RADIOS, PAGER	10	\$2,946	\$2,812	\$2,853	\$3,101	\$3,256	\$3,419	\$3,589	\$3,769	\$3,957	\$4,155	\$4,363	\$4,581
	ADD EACH YR	5%	\$29,216	\$32,348	\$33,966	\$35,664	\$37,447	\$39,319	\$41,285	\$43,350	\$45,517	\$47,793	\$50,163	\$52,692
	PROJECTED BALANCE		\$124,307	\$156,655										
2017 FIRE TRUCK MAJ MAINTENANCE CRF														
	ADD EACH YR	5%	\$3,500	\$3,850										
	PROJECTED BALANCE	10.00%	\$12,928	\$16,778										
POLICE VEHICLES YR2021														
	12/2022 CRF													
	POLICE VEHICLE 12/2022	7	\$9,796	\$8,704										
	ESTIMATED TRADE CREDIT GRANT		\$0,000	\$5,000										
	ADD EACH YR	5%	\$22,000	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$13,230	\$13,892	\$14,566	\$15,315	\$16,081	\$16,885	\$17,729	\$18,616	\$19,547
	PROJECTED BALANCE		\$60,009	\$16,305	\$28,305	\$40,905	\$54,135	\$68,027	\$82,613	\$1,542	\$31,694	\$48,579	\$64,924	\$104,471
POLICE MAJ EQUIP														
	25K CAP CRF													
	2020 DATABASE UPDATE EXPENSE		\$0	\$0										
	PROJECTED BALANCE		\$7,445	\$7,445										
2015 CEMETARY MOWER/BLDG CRF														
	MOWER	?												
	ESTIMATED CREDIT TRADE IN	3%												
	ADD EACH YR	16.20%	\$1,273	\$1,480	\$1,554	\$1,632	\$1,713	\$1,799	\$1,889	\$1,983	\$2,083	\$2,187	\$2,296	\$2,411
	PROJECTED BALANCE		\$16,647	\$18,127	\$19,681	\$21,313	\$23,026	\$24,825	\$26,714	\$28,697	\$30,760	\$32,966	\$35,262	\$37,673
1991 TREE CARE & REPLACEMENT ETF														
	ADD EACH YR		\$10,000	\$10,000										
	PROJECTED BALANCE		\$136	\$10,136										
1991 TOWN BUILDINGS CRF														
	ADD EACH YR	5%	\$18,035	\$19,839	\$20,831	\$21,872	\$22,966	\$24,114	\$25,320	\$26,586	\$27,915	\$29,311	\$30,777	\$32,315
	WITHDRAWALS													
	PROJECTED BALANCE		\$100,784	\$120,623	\$141,454	\$163,326	\$186,292	\$210,406	\$235,726	\$262,312	\$290,227	\$319,538	\$350,315	\$382,630
TOWN PROPERTIES (COMM FIELD) CRF														
	ADD EACH YR		\$10,200	\$29,000										
	WITHDRAWALS													
	PROJECTED BALANCE		\$43,052	\$72,052										
2022 REVALUATION CRF														
	ADD EACH YR		\$7,000	\$7,000										
	WITHDRAWALS													
	PROJECTED BALANCE		\$7,016	\$14,016										

PROJECTED BALANCES ADJUSTED FOR ACTUALS AS OF 12/31/2022 (year end balance)
 Increases from 2022 to 2023 are per FEDERAL RESERVE ECONOMIC DATA, From 2024 forward Most Categories increase 5%
 Fund requires WARRANT ARTICLE for expenditure; other CRF-S & ETF-S can be spent without WARRANT ARTICLES
 2023 truck 2 trade based on verbal quote; 2 International trucks cancelled for lack of delivery, 2 Western Star trucks ordered with delivery promise revised 1/26/2023

**Tax Collector's Report
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022**

Committed to Collector

Property Taxes, 1 st Issue	2,090,018.00
Property Taxes, 2 nd Issue	2,389,695.55
Yield Taxes	49,728.65
Land Use Change Tax	3,110.00
Total	4,532,552.20

Remitted to Treasurer

Property Taxes, 1 st Issue	2,035,821.03
Property Taxes, 2 nd Issue	2,037,556.85
Past Property Taxes	357,709.42
Yield Taxes	49,745.72
Land Use Change Tax	6,611.92
Total	4, 487,444.94

Uncollected Taxes

Property Taxes, 1 st Issue	41,300.93
Property Taxes, 2 nd Issue	352,256.60
Past Years Taxes	170,303.56
Total	563,861.09

Respectfully Submitted, Deborah Hadlock, Tax Collector

**Treasurer's Report
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022**

General Fund

Cash on Hand January 1, 2022

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

Receipts:

Tax Collector: Debbie Hadlock	\$4,489,529.23
Town Clerk: Debbie Hadlock	\$338,821.81

Interest:

Woodsville Guarantee Bank	\$109.82
Mascoma Bank	\$467.31

Other Sources:

State of New Hampshire	\$424,173.03
Rivendell license fee for use of town fields	\$10,200.00
Transfers from Trustee of Trust Funds	\$241,308.09
Miscellaneous	\$15,884.56

Total Receipts: **\$5,520,493.85**

Disbursements:

Rivendell Interstate School District	\$3,108,422.00
Grafton County Tax	\$256,494.00
Transfers to Trustees of Trust Funds	\$398,192.00
Misc Town Expenses	\$1,370,415.30

Total Disbursements \$5,133,523.30

Net Income/Loss: \$ 386,970.55

Cash on Hand December 31, 2022

Woodsville Guarantee Bank:	\$1,454,693.44
Mascoma Bank:	\$ 874,532.84

2023 Funds Encumbered/Liabilities

Rivendell Assessment for school year ending June 2023

Due to Conservation Commission	\$3,322.48*
Due from Conservation Commission	\$43,805.98*

*FY22 LUC payment returned by bank and Trust Fund reimbursement to Town deposited in wrong account.

Restricted Funds

Conservation Commission Fund

Balance December 31, 2021:	\$141,210.75
Additions	\$ 43,805.98*
Interest	\$ 68.54
Balance December 31, 2022	\$185,078.97*

*43,805.98 Erroneously deposited into Conservation from Trust Funds – Due to General Account

* 3,322.48 Transfer for FY22 LUC reversed by bank – Due from General Fund

Special Projects

Balance December 31, 2021:	\$4,954.20
Transfer to Bandstand	\$4,927.20
Balance December 31, 2022:	\$ 27.00

Balance of Bandstand Funds transferred to Orford Bandstand Committee.

Firefighter’s Memorial Fund

Balance December 31, 2021:	\$1,171.19
Donations	\$ 850.00
Balance December 31, 2022:	\$2,021.19

Playground Fund

Balance December 31, 2021:	\$2,421.82
Transfer to CRF	\$2,421.82
Balance December 31, 2022:	\$ 0.00

Balance of Funds transferred to Playground Capital Reserve Fund, closing this account.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy L Murphy, Treasurer

**TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Auto Registration Fee	\$337,180.08
Dog License & Penalties	1,050.50
Boat Registrations	837.68
Vital Records	560.00
Misc.	37.50
TOTAL REVENUE	\$339,665.76

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

DOG LICENSE FEES

Male or Female	\$9.00
Altered Animals	6.50
Senior Citizens (over 65 years old, 1 st 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, 2023

If your dog is not licensed with the Town of Orford by May 31, 2023, 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 29, 2023 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.

**2022 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>	2022 Assessed Valuation <u>by City/Town</u>
1. VALUE OF <u>LAND ONLY</u>		
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 70-A	25,556.70	\$ 1,537,110
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B	8.00 0	954 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	2,353.26	37,971,900
G. Commercial/Industrial Land (<u>DO NOT</u> include Utility Land)	<u>180.49</u>	<u>3,314,000</u>
H. Total of Taxable Land	28,098.44	42,823,964
I. Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,749.31	5,635,900
2. VALUE OF <u>BUILDINGS ONLY</u>	Structures	Valuation
(Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B)		
A. Residential		103,755,088
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		2,209,700
C. Commercial/Industrial (<u>DO NOT</u> include Public Buildings)		7,817,300
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		\$113,826,600
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.)		\$ 3,440,600
<i>Utility Summary:</i>		
PSNH dba Eversource Energy	\$1,996,200	
New Hampshire Electric Corp	1,423,000	
Great River Hydro LLC	21,200	
Green Mt. Power Corp	<u>200</u>	
Grand Total Valuation of all Utility Companies	\$3,440,600	
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)		\$160,091,164
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>\$160,091,164</u>

2022 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

<u>Elderly Exemption Report</u>	<u>Income Limits</u>	<u>Assess Limits</u>
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>\$160,011,164</u>
22. LESS Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed in line 3B			\$ 3,440,600
23. NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)			<u>\$156,570,464</u>

<u>Veterans' Tax Credits</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Tax Credits</u>
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28, 72:28-b	\$ 500	43	\$21,500
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$ 500	2	1,000
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

<u>Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report</u>	<u>Income Limits</u>	<u>Assess Limits</u>
Single	\$13,400	\$ 35,000
Married	20,400	35,000

2022 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

<u>Current Use Report – RSA 79-A</u>	Total No. of Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed
	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Farm Land	1,702.36	\$ 527,709
Forest Land	7,705.63	465,613
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	14,792.59	519,286
Unproductive Land	1,216.55	21,804
Wetland	<u>139.57</u>	<u>2,698</u>
TOTAL (See Item 1A)	25,556.70	\$ 1,537,110

<u>Other Current Use Statistics</u>	<u>Total Number of Acres</u>
Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	9,612.42
Removed from Current Use during Current Year	21.85

	<u>Total Number</u>
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	211
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	422

Land Use Change Tax

Gross monies received for Calendar Year 2021 \$ 43,905.00

Conservation

Allocation: Percentage: 100% thru 3/31/21, 50% from 4/1/21-12/31/21

Monies to Conservation Fund \$ 24,873.00

Monies to General Fund \$ 19,032.00

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B

	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Farm Land	0.00	\$ 0.00
Forest Land	4.00	596.00
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	4.00	358.00
Unproductive Lane	0.00	0.00
Wet Land	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	8.00	954.00

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	60	79D HISTORIC BARN
000008	000029	000054	65	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	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

Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74) **\$3,828.00**

2022 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Village District: VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>Number of Acres</u>	<u>2022 Assessed Valuation by City/Town</u>
1. VALUE OF <u>LAND</u> ONLY		
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 70-A	36.00	\$ 8,308
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	2,260,400
G. Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT include Utility Land)	19.43	827,700
H. Total of Taxable Land	95.85	3,096,408
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		\$ 5,279,600
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		126,400
C. Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT include Public Buildings)		1,784,300
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		\$ 7,190,300
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		\$ 10,286,708
(This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality)		
Exemptions	Total Granted	Valuation
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	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.		\$ 10,286,708
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)		0
21. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR VILLAGE DISTRICT IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)		\$ 10,286,708

**ORFORD VILLAGE DISTRICT
2022**

Minutes from the April 5, 2022 Annual Meeting

Warrant Articles

Article 1 – Election of Officers

- For a 1-year term – moderator
- For a 1-year term – Clerk
- For a 1-year Treasurer
- For a 3-year Commissioner
- For a 2-year Commissioner
- For a 1-year Auditor

The following was moved and seconded and passed without any dissenting votes – For 1-year term: Gail Dimmick, Moderator, Jane Hebb, Treasurer, Calvin Roznek, Auditor. For a 3-year term: Alan Hebb, Commissioner. There was no candidate for the 2-year Commissioner position.

Article 2 – District Operations – to raise an appropriate \$42,484 for general district operations with \$4957 to come from a state grant, \$33,537 from user fees and \$4,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Article 2 was passed by voice vote

Article 3 – Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund - to see if the village district will vote to establish a Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairs to the equipment or the main line and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be placed in this fund with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. Further, to name the Commissioners as agents from said fund. Recommendations Required (Majority Vote Required)

Article 3 was passed by voice vote

Article 4 – to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting

There was no other business addressed

2022 Appropriations

4196	Insurance	\$ 1,600	4711	Long Term Bond & Notes	\$16,522
4331	Administration	\$ 2,550		Total Operations	\$42,484
4332	Water Services	\$14,937			
4335	Water Treatment	\$ 6,875	4915	Capital Reserve Fund	\$30,000



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Orford
Orford, New Hampshire

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying 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, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the budget to actual comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Orford, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Town's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Consider whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, any significant audit findings, and any internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the pension and OPEB related schedules on pages 30 – 33 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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. 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.

The Town of Orford has not presented a management's discussion and analysis. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined that the management's discussion and analysis is necessary to supplement, but is not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Supplementary Information

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. The combining and individual general fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 and individual general fund schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

December 21, 2022

Roberts & Greene, PLLC

SELECTBOARD REPORT 2022

Year 2022 is bookended by two significant weather events: March “Mud-season” and in late December heavy wet snow. Mud-season was the worst in many years causing many roads to be closed and to be rebuilt. The snow in December had road closures from downed trees and widespread power outages including the Town garage. This resulted in the inability to obtain fuel to keep trucks and equipment running and hampered radio communications. We thank the emergency responders, highway, police, and fire, fuel suppliers, as well as many citizens for their efforts on our behalf! Please support warrant article #10 for the installation of a stand-by generator at the Town garage. This will make Highway Department activities and radio communications much easier during power outages.

Shortages continued to disrupt our plans. One of the most significant was the lack of delivery, and the lack of a schedule of delivery, for two snowplow trucks that were on order. The original orders were canceled, and a new source was used to complete the schedule. One truck is already in production and the other is due to be started in September. Delays from shortages have also resulted in contractors renegeing on cost estimates. Snowplow truck bodies now cost more than what was allocated two years ago. Warrant article #7 is proposed to correct the shortfall. Another project that is behind original schedule is the addition to the Town garage. It was delayed and a new contractor was awarded the project. It is now more than 90% complete.

For the first time in many years’ significant inflation and long lead times have impacted our ability to develop reliable cost estimates to use for the basis of the operating budget. Contractors will not guarantee prices for next year nor will they commit to availability of products within the year.

Advisory committees are a corner stone of how our town business is carried out. The Selectboard relies on the broad-based backgrounds of committee members to help call to attention ideas and situations we may not have thought of. These recommendations may or may not be immediately agreed to or acted on. In this regard we would like to recognize the work of the Energy Committee that studied the energy use in streetlights and recommended that they be replaced with more efficient lamps. The Selectboard has brought forward that recommendation to the Town as a warrant article for installing LED streetlights with a payback of less than two years. Please support warrant article #12.

We filled the key volunteer position of Emergency Management Director (EMD). Carl Johnson is now undergoing training for that position. We continue to look for a Health Officer. This position is eligible for state training and procedural support. Please consider volunteering for this. Volunteers are needed for many positions in town. These positions, historically staffed by volunteers, have openings because of retirements. Training and mentoring will be provided. Please see the listings elsewhere in this Town Report.

Selectboard: John Adams, P Chase Kling, Jennifer Carter

ASSESSOR'S REPORT 2022

In 2022, there were roughly 125 properties visited that had indicated they made changes to the property or had ongoing construction as of April 1, 2021. 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 Orford are assessed equitably.

Orford 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 2022 estimated weighted mean assessment to sale ratio is 62.6%. The estimated median assessment to sale ratio is 65.5%. 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.

Sincerely,
Todd Haywood, RES, CNHA
Orford Assessing 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. Orford Fire responded to our highest number of calls yet in 2022! We currently have 21 members including junior members and support staff. Our members have various levels of certification including level 1 and 2 firefighters, cold water rescue, pumping and cold weather pumping and airpack. Some members have their EMT or paramedic certification. All members are CPR/AED certified. Our members have put in many long hours over weekends, evenings, and holidays for various trainings and calls. In addition, many of our members have put in a large amount of hours working on, including but not limited to upkeep of the 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.

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 186 calls in 2022.

Mutual Aid Calls	24	Powers Lines	28	Wood Rescues	1
Brush Fires	6	Medical Calls	74	Trees Down	10
Fire Alarms	22	Auto Accidents	4	Auto Fires	1
Service Calls	15	Structure Fire	0	Hot air balloon down	1

Our call volume over the last 8 years:

2021: 139	2019: 141	2017: 126	2015: 132
2020: 114	2018: 153	2016: 117	2014: 110

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 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Straight, Fire Chief

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

This year was another year where we observed wet weather in early spring followed by rapid drying and drought conditions which extended through the summer for much of the state. Drying conditions in early May led to large fire growth on numerous fires which required multiple days to extinguish and firefighter response from local, state, and federal agencies. Wildfire activity continued through the summer months where dry conditions led to more multi-day fires. Fires burned deep into the ground, requiring firefighters to establish water supplies and to spend days digging out all the hot spots.

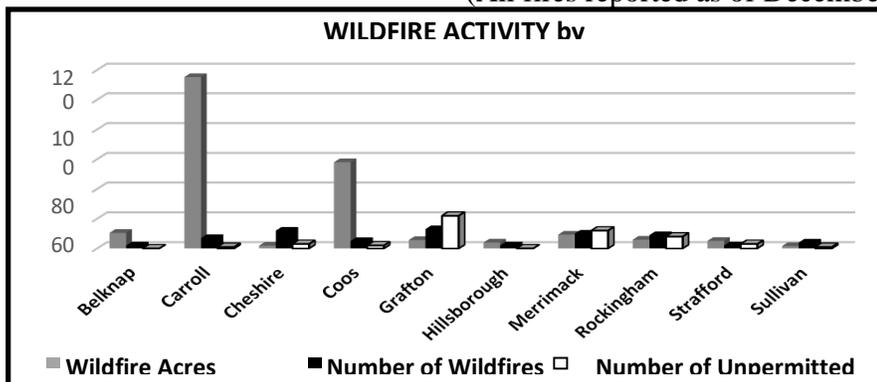
This fall we had multiple fires started by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes 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 Rockingham County are showing some minor signs of improvement but a good portion of Rockingham County remains in moderate drought and much of the state is still in the abnormally dry category. 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 2023 fire season, please remember to contact Forest Fire Warden Jim Hook 353-4834 or either of the Deputy Fire Wardens Jimmy Carter 353-9669, John Dunham 603-276-0213, Terry Straight 603-728-7569 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 Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. 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/nhdf/. For up-to-date information, follow us on Twitter and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**



2022 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS (All fires reported as of December 2022)



(All fires reported as of December 01, 2022)

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2022	66	217	52
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED											
Railroad operations & maintenance	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined	Recreation & ceremony	Debris & open burning	Natural	Other causes	Power generation, transmission, distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of fire by a minor	Equipment & vehicle use
1	3	21	4	60	7	5	7	1	2	1	3

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
2022**

After an average winter season, on Friday March 25th mud season hit and the bottom fell out of 14 of our Town dirt roads. Travel for public safety and residential vehicles became virtually impossible and hazardous, so access to properties was extremely compromised. The restoration and recovery work was beyond the capability of our 3-man highway department, so many trucking contractors hauled material from Martin's Quarry, Bradford, VT (crushed ledge underlayment) and the vehicle travel surface material from Chief's Gravel in Haverhill, NH.

As no Statewide emergency was declared, the Town of Orford bore all the expense of restoring, and in a number of cases replacing road material lost during the flood events of 2011 and 2017.

Road Agent Terry Straight left July 2nd and our 2-man road crew, Roger Hadlock and Jeff Roberts, continued the reconstruction efforts to completion in September. October saw the hiring of Steve Williams of Lyme as our new Road Foreman (not the Road Agent). Williams brings 25+ years of highway work experience in Lyme, Norwich, Vt., and Hanover.

Fairly warm weather in November and the first half of December was disrupted by a significant snow fall (December 19th and 20th) with 20+ inches of snow and downed limbs and power lines. This was followed by a pre-Christmas heavy rain and wind event with similar challenges.

Orford Selectboard, Acting Road Agents
John Adams
Jennifer Carter
P. Chase Kling

**Emergency Management
2022**

At the very end of 2022 I took on the open Emergency Management Director role for the town of Orford. I am currently completing a graduate level program in Emergency Management through The University of New Haven. I am looking forward to getting myself up to speed and being involved with this position. If you have any questions or interest in emergency management, please feel free to contact me at emd@orfordnh.us You can also follow us on Facebook at Orford NH Emergency Management.

Carl Johnson, Emergency Management Director

In 2022, 229 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 2022

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.

As the COVID-19 Pandemic has begun to subside and the majority of "normalcy" returning, Orford has seen an increase in investigatory criminal acts. This increase included 24 investigations of Criminal Threatening, Disorderly Conduct, Domestic Fights, and Assaults (a 70% increase over 2021). There was also four drug related offenses or arrests, of which there were none in 2021. Other increases in calls for service requiring extra hours that took away from patrol activities included 20 motor vehicle accidents, 42 animal complaints, and 33 agency assist calls for service with DCYF or APS.

New Hampshire State Police responded to a total of 72 calls for service in Orford in 2022.

Motor vehicle enforcement continues to be an important and vital enforcement role in the Orford Community. A grant for the MPH Industries Speed Monitor Cart was received resulting in over \$6500 in savings from the authorized expenditure approved at the 2022 town meeting. In early December 2022, I also applied for an additional grant to get a handheld radar to further enhance the ability for speed enforcement. The grant was approved for the full expenditure amount, saving Orford taxpayers just under \$1700. Speeding is an ongoing and concerning problem in many areas of Orford and speed enforcement resulted in the majority of the 241-motor vehicle stops in this community.

Finally, the Piermont Police Department and Orford Police Department, with the approval of our respective Selectboard, has entered into an extended police patrol contract agreement. This contract will allow for our towns to request, and receive if available, extra patrols, targeted patrols, or coverage during absences in our respective communities. These patrol hours will be in addition to the regular patrol hours from the host community.

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 submitted,
Jason D. Bachus
Chief of Police
Orford Police Department

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	
Cemetery Building	12,500	
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	
Playground	2,500	
<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)		
	\$2,460,200	\$1,848,000

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

CEMETERY COMMISSION 2022

Cemetery Signs: The signs purchased by the Commission in late 2021 from Vision Signworks of Piermont were installed at each of Orford's three cemeteries. Each sign displays the cemetery name and address.

Meetings with Trustees of Trust Funds: The Commission met with Orford's Trustees of Trust Funds twice during 2022. The Trustees made a presentation regarding the sources and uses of Perpetual Care Funds, provided handouts detailing the breakdown of cemetery expenditures to the various cemetery accounts, and explained the authorized uses of the Common Cemetery Trust Fund, the Cemetery Mower/Building Capital Reserve Fund, and the Town Cemetery Budget for general expenditures.

Cemetery Mapping: The Commission has begun the process of mapping the new section at the south end of the West Cemetery so that it can be used for burials. Emily Bryant shared a preliminary map that she prepared. She also provided relevant deeds and a cemetery plan obtained from the Grafton County Register of Deeds. Charles Smith, Jr., offered to assist with a survey. In December, the Commission contacted Topographix in Hudson, NH to obtain information about their on-site services for cemetery mapping and also their ground penetrating radar for possible use in the East Cemetery to locate unmarked graves in the lower section.

Cemetery Walk-about Inspections: David Smith and Chase Kling inspected the Dame Hill and East Cemeteries and provided written reports of their findings and recommendations. The reports are well documented and will help inform the Commission on future cemetery care and maintenance. The reports are available on the Cemetery Commission page of the Town of Orford website. The West Cemetery will be inspected in 2023.

Tree Removal at Dame Hill Cemetery: Additional trees were identified for removal by the Commission and the Tree Warden at Dame Hill Cemetery. The trees are either dead or are damaging the stone walls and vault. Longto Tree Service has been contracted to remove the trees.

Cemetery Rules and Regulations: The Commission has begun updating the Cemetery Rules and Regulations originally written in 1973. We are reviewing rules from other New Hampshire towns to assist us.

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.

Commissioners: Brenda Smith, David Smith, and Linda Pease
Selectboard Representative: Chase Kling

ORFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
2022 Annual Report

The Orford Conservation Commission (OCC) strives to actively initiate participation in conservation-related projects around Orford. Our objectives remain to promote, launch, and continue dedicated stewardship of the many remarkable natural resources in Orford.

The projects undertaken by the OCC in 2022 included:

- Mountain View Farm Conservation Area: The OCC cosponsored and promoted a stargazing party at this beautiful and protected land in Quinttown.
- Orford Conservation Land: Richmond Property: Continued maintenance of the trail to the Connecticut River from Rt. 10 and monitored tree plantings at riparian buffer. Piermont Heights: Monitoring and reporting to Forest Society (NH).
- Easement Reviews: Conducted annual reviews of conserved land in Orford.
- Conservation Easements: Worked on conservation easement projects with the Upper Valley Land Trust (UFLT).
- Jacobs Brook flooding/erosion mitigation and restoration of aquatic life: Continue to monitor this site after extensive flood mitigation work completed. Continued repairs to regrading and plantings.
- 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 (as of 2020) 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 tentatively planned for 2023.
- 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 2023.
- 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 2023. New water testers have been trained.
- Pollinators: Plan training for and demonstrations of plantings for pollinators in 2023.

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).

NILES TRUST FUND

2022

The Niles Trust Fund was established in 1990 following a generous bequest of \$50,000 to the Town of Orford made by Mrs. Eleanor (Harry) Niles. Both Mrs. Niles and her husband, Harry, formed a fondness for Orford and its citizens following their move to town in 1950. They made this bequest to the town to be used for activities and opportunities that will be of benefit to Orford residents. In 1990, a warrant article was passed at Town Meeting to establish a committee for the purpose of making recommendations for disbursements. In keeping with Mrs. Niles's civic interests, the funds will be available for improving community facilities and sponsoring organizations and individuals of Orford with limited available resources for financial aid to support new opportunities and activities.

In 2022, the Committee received one application for a grant. Orford Administrator Assistant, Esther Dobbins-Marsh, requested a maximum of \$600 as payment for a consultant to assess if the physical plant of the Public Defender's Office on Route 10 would accommodate a central library and the Town Offices. This request was supported by the Orford Board of Selectmen and the Orford Library Study Committee. The Committee unanimously approved the request up to \$600.

The Committee sincerely thanks Chris Crowley, a trustee of the Orford Trust Funds, for his time and commitment to attend a committee meeting and sharing the history and administrative relationship of the Trustees with the Niles Fund and the Committee. It was a very informative discussion with plan to meet again soon.

Orford residents, 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's review and approval.

Respectfully submitted by,

The Niles Fund Committee

Ann Green (Chair)

Melinda Ricker

David Coker

Jennifer Tilden

Ruth Hook

Orford Free Library

The year 2022 saw a return to familiar operations and services at the Free Library. We were pleased to be able to fully welcome patrons back without the COVID restrictions of the past two years. Our patron count for the year was 1311. The library circulated 4568 items.

This year, we made a much-needed renovation to the main room of the library by removing our old heater and installing a new and efficient propane heater. The room is more spacious and comfortably warm.

The Free Library provided materials, programs and activities for children and adults. The Summer Reading Program – “Oceans of Possibilities.” was held in conjunction with the Social Library and included two special outdoor presentations at the Orford Playground Pavilion. Children’s Story Times featured our STEM kits and the NH Ladybug books. A well-attended Mystery Book Discussion Series was led by Heidi Wilson. Take and Make Kits for all ages were available throughout the year. Our Pumpkin Carving event was held, once again, in-person. In December, the Historical Society and the library held a joint Holiday Open House.

We are grateful for the support of the Friends of the Orford Libraries. Thanks to their funding we have been able to provide a wide variety of Take and Make Kits at no cost to patrons, materials and programming for the Summer Reading Program and passes to Squam Lakes Science Center and the Fairbanks Museum. The Free Library has a new, sturdy book drop thanks to the generosity of the Friends.

We extend our thanks to the volunteers who make our Sunday hours possible and who assist our Director. In September we honored these volunteers at an Appreciation Celebration. Finally, we thank our Director, Laurel Fulford, for all she does to keep the library humming along and graciously helping our patrons.

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

Library Director: Laurel Fulford

Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 2022	\$ 15,319.66
Town of Orford	25,292.00
Gifts/Donations	100.00
Friends of Orford Libraries’ gift	3,000.00
Sale/Copier/Printer	238.00
Misc.	625.31
Interest	<u>6.78</u>
	\$44,581.75

Expenditures

Books	3,301.23
Multimedia	1,439.12
Magazines	238.23
Librarian	13,130.00
Fuel/Heat	2,551.78
Repair/Improvements/Equipment	7,460.25
Postal	136.15
Telephone	532.61
Electric	468.35
Copier/Library Supplies	589.83
Grounds	420.00
Computer/Internet Services	779.87
Dues/Memberships	1,236.50
Programs/Materials	1,084.69
Howe/Evergreen Annual Fees	1,030.00
Misc.	975.89
Balance in checking account December 31, 2022	<u>9,207.25</u>
	\$44,581.75

ORFORD SOCIAL LIBRARY

The Orford Social Library (OSL) expanded our offerings to help connect more people to new ideas and each other. Over 4000 patrons visited this year and over 1600 attended our events and programs.

Highlights of programming include: To the Arctic and Back, Paddling the Connecticut, Hike at Echo Mountain, and NH Humanities grant awards for Jeannie Powers: *The Woman Who Dared*” and a facilitated book talk (presenter + books for all participants) *“The Women With Silver Wings”*. The Social and the Free Library partnered to support the NH Summer Reading theme with a live-animal program from Squam Lakes Science Center and a New Hampshire Sea Grant *“Whales and Seals”* program.

The library was awarded several grants this year: The Pilcrow Foundation provided a 2/1 match for \$1200 for children’s books. The Friends of the Library provided the \$400 match. Another grant provided all costs for the director to attend the Association of Rural and Small Libraries conference. An anonymous regional donor awarded a partial grant of \$10,000 for sustainability in libraries which we hope to purchase roof top solar panels to reduce both the cost of utilities and our carbon footprint.

The OSL offered our usual annual events: Poem on a Postcard, Plant Exchange, High Mowing Organic Seed Give-Aways, Ice Cream Social, Book Sale, Halloween's "Witches of Orford" and our Holiday Open House. On-going programs included: weekly Mah Jongg, Bridge, French and German conversation; monthly Book Groups, Tech Help, Knitting/Crafting, and Children's Story & Art. "Take & Makes" for an activity to do at home.

Thanks to all the financial support we have received from members of the community, the town, and the Friends of the Orford Libraries to support our work. Heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers, Esther Dobbins Marsh as our bookkeeper, Gail Keefer, Althea Goundrey, Bonnie McCouch, & Libby Chapin as trustees. Welcome to our new trustees Brynne MacMurtry and Lisa Wheelock, and much appreciation to retiring members Terry Martin and Althea Goundrey.

Laine Warsavage, Library Director

Cash Balance as of 01/01/2022	4,883.62	2022 Expenses:	
2022 Income:		Salaries & P/R Taxes	31,390.25
Town of Orford	26,157.00	Education, Dues & Travel	363.34
General Fundraising	11,994.31	Books, Magazines & Audio	2,719.05
Program Grants & Donations	1,150.00	Library Office Expenses	928.07
Book Sale	115.00	Office Phone & DSL	1,565.13
Misc. Income	80.00	Insurance	3,354.00
Raffles, Advent Calendar Sales	2,246.55	Fundraising Expenses	636.98
Investment Redemption	6,500.00	Heat, Water & Electricity	3,902.18
Designated Income:		Building & Grounds Maintenance	2,245.80
Friends	3,000.00	Computer & Copier Expenses	981.74
Grants	2,276.00	Program Expenses	1,038.75
Other	185.00	Designated Income Expenses	4,893.66
Total 2022 Income	53,703.86	Total 2022 Expenses	54,018.95
		Cash Balance as of 12/31/2022	4,468.53

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE

2022

The Parks and Playground Committee once again hosted Green Up Day. It was nice once again to be able to meet so many of you in person at the transfer station. We continue to have kits available for early pick up outside at the Town Office or from Sandra and crew at the transfer station. Thanks to Sandra Marsh and crew for the all the help with this. We would not be able to do this without all of their help! 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. We continue to work improving the grass areas. The fields seem to hold up better to the continuous fall use with the steps we have been taking with fertilization and grub control. 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. He puts many hours into maintaining this area, and it has not gone unnoticed!

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 was a huge success this past year. They had a 3-week swim program that had 91 area kids enrolled. They had a total of 72 kids from Orford and Piermont. The other 19 students paid to participate in our program. They came from many surrounding towns including Bradford, Woodsville, Pike, Wells River, East Corinth, and Fairlee! For the 2023 season lessons will be held 7/24/23-8/11/23.

The concerts at the Bandstand continue to bring in people from many neighboring towns. They are an event that many look forward to. Thank you to the Bandstand Committee that works hard to bring in the many talented groups to entertain us on many summer evenings. Please check out their newly created Facebook Page to help keep everyone updated.

New this year we had a weekly Open-Air Market on the common. Thank you to Cara Dyke for all your efforts to pull this together and keep it going. If you have not checked it out please stop by some Saturday morning and see what the many vendors have available for you! Orford Open Air Market also has a Facebook page where you can find more information or contact Cara about becoming a vendor.

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

Orford Planning Board 2022

Meetings of the Orford Planning Board are held at 5:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month in the Town Hall. Agendas are available at the Post Office, Town Hall, and published on the ListServ and Town website. The public is always welcome to visit and be heard at our meetings. As COVID continues to inhibit public participation, the Planning Board decided to provide for virtual attendance at each meeting at least through March 2023. Contact the Select Board office for the virtual link. We are an all-volunteer Board and work without compensation. If you have land use matters such as subdivisions, boundary line agreements, or voluntary merger of lots, we encourage you to contact us or Vickie Davis at the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission for guidance on application steps.

The Board has five-member positions including one vacant seat. There is also a Select Board representative and alternate representative on the Board and at least three alternate positions. If you are inspired to be of service to our community with this important and interesting work, please contact any of us.

An unusual case from Mountain View Hideaway, LLC was presented to the Select Board. Town Counsel advised the Select Board to send the application requesting a private road over a right of way from Prettyman Road to the Planning Board for potential street plat approval. The Planning Board worked with Town Counsel on this complex case which was the topic of discussion at a several meetings and hearings. The case is pending awaiting a required engineering study of the road.

The Board approved a minor subdivision for Simon Thomson, Trustee (I-93, Lot 27) for two lots at 1222 Route 25A in October. A voluntary merger of two lots was approved in July. Four informal meetings were held throughout the year with potential applicants to discuss their subdivision plans and guide them through the application process. In November, the Board reviewed and updated application fees and published them on the Town web site per a new state law. General discussion of Community Heart & Soul program and developing a master plan will continue into 2023.

Many thanks to Ann Green and Fred Kidder for their years of dedicated service.

Terry Straight, Chair

Nicholas Kellogg, Alternate

Harry Osmer, Vice-Chair

Paul Griffin, Alternate

Kenny King, Member

John Adams, Selectboard Alternate

Faith Knapp, Member

Jennifer Carter, Selectboard Representative

**TOWN ROAD COMMITTEE
2022**

The Road Committee was established at the 2022 Annual Meeting and was created to assist the Road Agent with project planning, estimating for bids and other major items that impact the highway department.

The Selectboard appointed Mike Wright, Herb Austic and Paul Goundrey to the committee. When Paul Goundrey resigned from the committee in July 2022, the Selectboard appointed Charles Smith, Jr., who was elected by the committee to be the chair.

The committee established a regular meeting schedule, and with the Road Agent and Selectboard liaison Chase Kling attending these meetings. A project list is being prepared for 2023 with the Selectboard, and the Selectboard as a whole will begin attending meetings with the Road Committee members on a quarterly basis to review and discuss upcoming projects in Town.

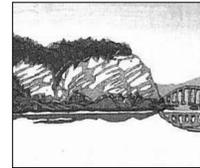
In 2022, the major project accomplished was the planning and execution of the garage storage addition, for compliance with the Primex safety inspection. The Road Committee members stepped up and planned, presented and executed the work to complete the project within a 6-month timeframe. The garage addition was completed in two phases – phase one, the exterior portion of the addition, was completed in 2022. Phase two, the interior of the addition, will be started after the first of the year 2023 with an expected completion date of the end of February 2023. The project will be completed for what the town voted on at \$40,000.

The Committee continues to work with the Selectboard to clarify the purpose and scope of the committee, and is here to serve the town's people with quality and budget in mind.

The Orford Road Committee
Charles Smith Jr., Chairman, Road Committee
Herb Austic, Michael Wright

Upper Valley Local River Subcommittee

of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions



New Hampshire – Piermont, Orford, Lyme, Hanover, Lebanon

Vermont – Bradford, Fairlee, Thetford, Norwich, Hartford

Connecticut River – Upper Valley Local River Subcommittee – Annual Report 2022

The Upper Valley Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets every two months and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by riverfront municipalities, with allowance for alternates. Throughout 2022, the Subcommittee has maintained a hybrid meeting format where a quorum of participating municipalities 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 openings in Piermont. Those with one representative have an opening for a second volunteer. During 2022, Bill Malcolm served as chair. Meetings and events are open to the public.

Upper Valley is one of the five subcommittees a part of the CRJC 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 river-related topics to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and municipalities. Feedback covers comments on proposed permits and plans, and maintaining a bi-state corridor management plan.

During 2022, Upper Valley engaged several issues. Projects that were reviewed include multiple bridge replacements, expanded mining and methane capture facilities in Lebanon, culvert replacement in Fairlee, dock installation in Hanover, herbicide use in Orford, new apartment complex in Hartford, and fish passage settlement for the relicensing of Wilder Dam. Upper Valley is also following the relicensing of the Glen Hydro Facility on the Mascoma River.

Upper Valley supported outreach efforts in service of the Connecticut River, including a virtual speaker series (see www.crjc.org/riverwide) that delved into conversations on the local river recreation economy, stormwater retrofits, native american history & current experiences, and human & beaver dams. Further, Upper Valley supported water quality monitoring efforts along the Connecticut River.

In 2023, Upper Valley will continue their activities in management, outreach, and learning for the Connecticut River. Upper Valley welcomes local participation in permit reviews, educational events, watershed planning, and water quality monitoring. If you are interested to learn more, please contact us at info@crjc.org.



2022 Annual Report

The mission of Upper Valley Ambulance is to provide around-the-clock emergency medical response to residents and visitors of the nine communities we serve. Emergency Medical Services is one of the three legs of public safety, along with law enforcement and fire/rescue. While we all hope that we never require the services of a public safety agency, having those services available is important to our peace of mind and can be lifesaving.

The nine communities of Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Orford, Piermont, Thetford, Strafford, Vershire and West Fairlee have a combined population of over 12,000 full-time residents. This population is like that of Hanover, Hartford, or Lebanon but is spread over a much larger area. These nine communities span over 340 sq. miles compared to the 45-50 sq. miles that define each of our larger neighbors.

In 2022, UVA responded to approximately 1500 calls. When someone calls 9-1-1, they typically are experiencing an overwhelming event that exceeds their ability to manage. We and our community FAST squads respond with a range of professional interventional skills. This involves medical assistance but can also be a helping hand and reassurance. Perhaps an individual has fallen and cannot get up without assistance. We will assess them to determine if they are injured or have an underlying medical problem that caused them to fall. If not, we help them up and leave them with advice on how to stay safe in the future. Those kinds of calls make up about 33% of what we do and typically there is no ambulance transport. We provide that service at no charge to the patient. The next call could be a rollover accident on the highway with multiple injured patients. Our highly skilled EMT's, Advanced EMT's, Paramedics are trained to be prepared to handle anything at any time of day or night. That is what you, our constituents, expect of us.

An ambulance will always respond to help you when you call 9-1-1. Although we pledge to have a crew on duty 24 hours a day/365 days a year, we typically have a second and, most days, a third in-house ambulance crew during the daytime. On most nights we also have providers willing to come in at night to staff an additional ambulance if needed. Despite this, if our ambulances are already committed to calls when another call comes in, we pay for another ambulance service to respond to that call. You are thus ensured help in your time of need.

Along with health concerns routinely found in any population, our communities – like many - are experiencing an increase in the number of mental health, substance use, and violence-related health emergencies. As such, our professionals are responding to a broader array of complex situations that require new aspects of proficiency and management.

Our operations are supported by the income we generate by billing for ambulance transport and through a fee that we charge the communities based on their year-round population. The split is roughly 65% (bill for services) and 45% (town funds). The UVA Board of Directors and I acutely understand that our communities face budgetary constraints. As such, we are careful with public funds and believe we run a tight financial ship. Finally, we are grateful to have the opportunity to serve you, although we sincerely hope you won't need us.

Eva Arnold, Executive Director
Upper Valley Ambulance

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Highlights 2022

- Local to communities: UVLSRPC staff have worked with several municipalities in planning circuit rider work, GIS support, and provided technical assistance on transportation-related projects. Staff have assisted municipalities with successful grant writing and completed plans such as hazard mitigation plans, natural resource inventories, and master plans.
- Regional Housing: UVLSRPC continued to fight the housing challenges of our region by teaming up the State of New Hampshire and the other 8 Regional Planning Commissions to update the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. Our team gathered data, provided outreach, and worked with consultants to draft methodology and an analysis of the NH workforce housing statute.
www.Keystothevalley.com
- Regional Transportation: UVSLRPC has the knowledge and expertise in the areas of Regional Transportation. Our team wrapped up our corridor planning effort with a guided Action Plan to further assist communities in developing transportation projects that are shovel-ready for funding. Staff have assisted on several technical requests, developed many projects to ‘application ready’ and supported engineering on 7 projects. Our overall goal is to bring more transportation funds to the Upper Valley Region through project development and technical assistance.
<https://www.uvlsrpc.org/projects/transportation/regional-corridor-transportation-plan/>
- Regional Economic Development: UVLSRPC provided various regional and local technical assistance to our communities including grant administration support on economic development projects. Our team also completed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan for Sullivan County and worked with the State to convene the Southwest Comprehensive Economic Development Region to promote collaboration on funding opportunities.

Connect with us at info@uvlsrpc.org or 603-448-1680

Meghan Butts, Executive Director, mbutts@uvlsrpc.org

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 cost 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, 2021 and June 30, 2022, VNH made 456 in-home visits to 37 residents. This included approximately \$8,917 in unreimbursed care to residents.

- **Home Health Care**: 324 home visits to 31 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services**: 120 home visits to 5 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care**: 12 home visits to 1 residents 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.

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.

Anthony Knox, Community Relations Manager

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 20,000 individuals that reside over 4,455 sq. miles of Northern New Hampshire. TCCAP and our 15 service programs provide services to all residents of Coos, Carroll, and Grafton County's requesting and needing support. During our Fiscal Year 2022 we served a Total of 29 Orford Clients valuing \$22,711 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. (GCSCC) is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well-being of our communities' older citizens. GCSCC's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

GCSCC operates eight senior centers located 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 senior 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.

From July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, 71 older residents of Orford were served by GCSCC's programs offered through the Orford, Horse Meadow, and Upper Valley Senior Centers, as well as RSVP. Nineteen Orford residents were assisted by ServiceLink.

- Older adults from Orford enjoyed 2,773 meals prepared by GCSCC.
- Staff completed 54 wellness calls with homebound Orford residents.
- Orford residents received assistance with problems, crises, or issues of long-term care through six contacts with a trained outreach worker and 111 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Orford residents participated in 66 health, educational, or social activities.
- Five Orford residents utilized our on-demand, door-to-door transportation services.

The cost to provide Council services for Orford residents in 2021-22 was \$39,935.15

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. This contributes to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors, and saves tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by GCSCC 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.*

GCSCC appreciates Orford's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older adults and adults with disabilities. Our programs enable community members to meet the challenges of aging, while remaining in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Kathleen Vasconcelos, Executive Director

WISE

In fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022), West Central Behavioral Health (West Central) served 1,440 children and adults providing behavioral health services at outpatient clinics across the region, residential care for adults, community-based programs, substance use treatment, and 24-hour mobile crisis response.

As the only provider of comprehensive, community-based mental health treatment and support services in the area, West Central was pleased to provide mental and behavioral health services for

those in Orford during the last fiscal year. With your support, a total of 332 services were provided to 8 Orford residents, including 5 children. 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. We are grateful to be able to support the residents of Orford, and the larger community, as they educate their children and provide for their families. WISE advocates are available every hour, every day at 866-348-WISE, or webchat or text at wiseuv.org. Follow us @WISEuv.

PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL OF THE UPPER VALLEY

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 2022, 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 ongoing 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 1,450 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. We are also serving as host for the Upper Valley Community Health Equity Partnership, a program funded by the State of Vermont through a grant from the US Centers from Disease Control and Prevention.
- Collaborated with local school districts and the Hartford Community Coalition to ensure availability of summer meals for children in the region.

PHC appreciates the opportunity to serve the residents of Orford and will continue to work hard to meet your needs in 2023. For more information about PHC, visit us at www.uvpublichealth.org.

CASA

Founded in 1989, Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire is the only nonprofit organization in the state that protects the rights of our state's abused and neglected children to live, learn and grow in the embrace of a loving family. Our trained volunteer advocates speak for our children's best interests in the New Hampshire Family court system. In recent years, the need for our services has increased dramatically.

The ongoing substance misuse crisis and now the ever changing COVID-19 pandemic have led to a scarcity of resources available to support children in need. Without someone to focus on these children and ensure that their needs and best interests are being met, the futures of many abused and neglected children are threatened by a lack of help, stability, and support. 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.

While we are still anticipating an increase in cases due to the long-reaching effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have begun to see an increase in the severity of the cases being brought to our attention. We are seeing some of the most severe neglect of children ever witnessed. Children and families have clearly struggled during these seemingly endless months of isolation.

However, the bright light during this challenging time is that CASA of NH has an incredibly strong team of staff, board of directors, and more than 600 volunteer advocates completely committed to this difficult but life changing work. In addition to all of the good work they do for our children, our CASA volunteers also save the state more than \$3.5M in legal fees – fees that would otherwise be paid for by state tax dollars. If CASA of NH cannot provide a volunteer, the state will then hire a paid GAL (Guardian ad Litem) at \$60 per hour plus travel costs.

The work that the Town of Orford is helping us achieve has never been more important. Your contribution can help to bring these children out of the confusion and into the arms of a loving family.

Marcia Sink, President & CFO

AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Since the pandemic began, ACHS has been operating non-stop with our dedicated team of health care professionals. We've been on the frontlines providing vaccinations, screenings, preventative and follow up care as well as providing behavioral health for residents of all ages – vitally important in these uncertain times. While the ACHS-dental center has been forced to close due to persistent staffing shortages and fluctuations in dental funding, we stand committed to providing affordable dental options. We continue to advocate at the state and national level for affordable dental services in our region and offer a referral voucher program with dentists throughout the state for our patients in need.

Your continued investment in ACHS helps us provide **comprehensive primary preventive health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay - whether we are in a pandemic or not.** Your investment helps us continue to provide high quality, affordable healthcare to our **9,275 patients** and to reach more residents in need.

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.

We appreciate your continued support. Be mindful, be active, and be well.

Edward D. Shanshala II, MSHSA, MSEd
Chief Executive Officer

Ivy Pearson
ACHS Board President

VITAL STATISTICS

Town of Orford for the year ending December 31, 2022

Marriages		Groom's Name	Bride's Name	Place of Residence	Marriage
Date	02/22/2022	Fields, John E.	Mathews, Michelle K	Orford	Orford
	08/13/2022	Nutter JR, Theodore L	Walz, Rhonda Y	Orford	Orford
	11/01/2022	Follensbee, Kevin R	Bartley, Janice E	Orford	Orford

Births		Child's Name	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Date	02/06/2022	Melvin, Layla Michelle	Lebanon, NH	Melvin, Michael	Smith, Hannah
	02/22/2022	Rowan, Raymond Ottis	Lebanon, NH	Rowan, Brandon	Moschinger, Brianna
	03/09/2022	Gray, Karson Todd	Lebanon, NH	Gray, Zackery	Gray, Haley
	03/14/2022	Chevalier, Nikolai Adam	Lebanon, NH	Chevalier, Adam	Chevalier, Jessica
	06/25/2022	Edmunds Korb, Noah Sage	Hanover, NH	Korb, Joshua	Edmunds, Grace
	11/09/2022	Washburn, Sawyer Shawn	Lebanon, NH	Washburn, Casey	Washburn, Megan
	11/23/2022	Cilley, Lyla Marie	Lebanon, NH	Cilley, Darren	Cilley, Renee

Deaths		Decedent's Name	Death Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Date	01/05/2022	Patterson, Anthony Zane	Lebanon	Patterson SR, Ronald	Campbell, Carol
	05/11/2022	Sanborn, Franklin Arthur	Orford	Sanborn, Joseph	Franklin, Ruth
	06/27/2022	Smith, Hideko N	Lebanon	Nagahama, Sosei	Unknown, Gosei
	08/29/2022	Boddington, Karoline Helen	Orford	Sturz, Karl	Archer, Angie
	09/09/2022	Leon, Virginia M	Lebanon	Derosa, Eugenio	Farese, Sofia
	09/15/2022	Beeson, Herbert Brierly	Orford	Beeson, Herbert	Schumaker, Helen

TOWN DIRECTORY

Web Site: www.orfordnh.us

E-mail: orfordselectmen@orfordnh.us

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

2529 Route 25A, Orford, NH

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

SELECTBOARD OFFICE

The Selectboard office is located in the Town Office

603-353-4889

Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Administrative Assistant

FAX 603-353-4489

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

Friday 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

TOWN CLERK

603-353-4404

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

TAX COLLECTOR

603-353-4404

Tax Collector's office is located in the Town Office

Deborah Hadlock, Tax Collector

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Call 9-1-1 for AMBULANCE or emergencies

Police Department is located in the Town Office

603-353-4252

Jason Bachus, Police Chief

E-mail: Orfordpd@orfordnh.us

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

Selectboard, Road Agent

E-mail: Highway@orfordnh.us

Urgent Dispatch

603-643-2222

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Carl Johnson

603-727-2281

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@uvlsrpc.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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