



Annual Report

Town of Orford, NH

For the Year Ending December 31, 2024

*A September afternoon looking West from Mount Cube across towards Quinttown and Billy Brown's Farm and Mason Pond in the Mountain View Farm Conservation Area. In the immediate background is Stonehouse Mountain and Bundy Mountain.
Photo by Chris Gothberg*

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ORFORD TOWN OFFICIALS

Elected by nonpartisan ballot on Town Meeting Day

MODERATOR

Harry Pease	353-9080	2024 to 2026	2-year term
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SELECTBOARD

P Chase Kling	353-4214	2022 to 2025	3-year term
Kevin Follensbee	252-5723	2024 to 2026	2-year term
Larry Taylor	353-9865	2024 to 2027	3-year term

TREASURER

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

Jane Hebb	353-4496	2020 to 2026	6-year term
Paula Graves	353-4897	2022 to 2028	6-year term
Sarah Putnam	353-9636	2024 to 2030	6-year term

TAX COLLECTOR

Deborah Hadlock	353-4404	2023 to 2026	3-year term
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TOWN CLERK

Deborah Hadlock	353-4404	2023 to 2026	3-year term
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PLANNING BOARD

Mark Adameczyk	970-531-5966	2024 to 2025	1-year term
Caleb Day	603-960-1860	2024 to 2025	1-year term
Martha Rose	353-2151	2024 to 2026	2-year term
Paul Goundrey	353-9813	2024 to 2026	2-year term
Ruth Hook	353-4855	2024 to 2027	3-year term
Tom Thomson	353-3388	2024 to 2027	3-year term

ORFORD FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Stacey King	353-9055	2022 to 2025	3-year term
Susan Kling	353-9166	2023 to 2026	3-year term
Carol Boynton	353-4874	2024 to 2027	3-year term

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Seth Carter	353-9222	2022 to 2025	3-year term
Chris Crowley	353-9821	2023 to 2026	3-year term
Vicki Schwaegler	353-9725	2024 to 2027	3-year term

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Linda Pease	353-9080	2022 to 2025	3-year term
David Smith.	353-4585	2023 to 2026	3-year term
Brenda Smith	353-8114	2024 to 2027	3-year term

Nominated and Elected from the floor on Town Meeting Day

OVERSEERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectboard	353-4889	2024 to 2025	1-year term
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FENCE VIEWERS

P. Chase Kling	353-4214	2024 to 2025	1-year term
Open Position		2024 to 2025	1-year term

SEXTON

Cemetery Commission		2024 to 2025	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

Open Position		2024 to 2025	1-year term
Robert Palifka	353-9367	2024 to 2025	1-year term
William Paxton	353-4389	2024 to 2025	1-year term
Vanessa DeSimone	353-9757	2024 to 2025	1-year term

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

J.J. Hebb	603-726-6096	2023 to 2026	3-year term
Robb Day	603-353-4140	2023 to 2026	3-year term
Lawrence Hibbard	603-353-4841	2024 to 2026	2-year term

Appointed by the Selectboard

AUDITOR

Roberts & Greene		2024 to 2025	1-year term
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FIRE CHIEF

Stephen Sanborn	603-276-5500	2024 to 2025	1-year term
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POLICE CHIEF

Jason Bachus	603-353-4252	2024 to 2025	1-year term
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ROAD AGENT

Theodore Nutter	603-359-9652	2024 to 2025	1-year term
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Kevin Follensbee	603-252-5723	2024 to 2025	1-year term
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HEALTH OFFICER

Open Position		2024 to 2025	1-year term
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NILES FUND COMMITTEE

David Coker	353-4104	2024 to 2025	1-year term
Jennifer Tilden	353-4625	2024 to 2025	1-year term
Melinda Ricker	353-9099	2024 to 2025	1-year term
Ann Green	353-4150	2024 to 2025	1-year term
Ruth Hook	353-4855	2024 to 2025	1-year term

TREE WARDEN

Bill Wilson	353-9414	2024 to 2025	1-year term
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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR FLOOD PLAINS

Paul Messer, Sr.	353-4883	2023 to 2026	3-year Term
Peter Dooley	353-4887	2023 to 2026	3-year Term
Shawn Washburn	353-4207	2023 to 2026	3-year Term

INSPECTORS OF ELECTION

Susan Kling	353-4214	2024 to 2026	2-year term
Linda Pease	353-9080	2024 to 2026	2-year term
Susan Hinchliffe	353-9511	2024 to 2026	2-year term
Eva Daniels	353-4220	2024 to 2026	2-year term

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ted Cooley	353-2139	2022 to 2025	3-year term
Bob Hedges	353-4701	2023 to 2026	3-year term
Harrison Pease	353-9080	2024 to 2027	3-year term
<i>Open Position</i>	###-####	2025 to 2027	2-year term
Chris Gothberg	###-####	2025 to 2028	3-year term

Alternates:

John Miller	353-4877	2023 to 2026	3-year term
Fran Plaisted	353-4601	2024 to 2027	3-year term
Emily Bryant	353-9033	2024 to 2027	3-year term

ROAD COMMITTEE

Charles Smith, Jr.	353-4363	2024-2025	1-year term
Michael Wright	353-9872	2024-2025	1-year term
David Smith	353-4585	2024-2025	1-year term

**TOWN OF ORFORD
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**PROPOSED
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
2024**

The Polls were opened at 4:00PM. The voting began for the Town Offices. Ballots will be accepted until at least 9:00PM. The total ballots cast were 337 plus 75 absentee ballots.

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

Larry Duffy gave the Pledge of Allegiance. All of the Veterans were thanked for their services.

Chase Kling and Tom Thomson gave a tribute to Peter Thomson who was the Town Moderator for 46 years and also the School Moderator for 16 years. A portrait of Peter will now hang at the Town Office.

Harry asked everyone to turn to page 13 in the town report and 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:

Moderator	2 year term
Selectboard Member	2 year term
Selectboard Member	3 year term
Free Library Trustee	3 year term
Cemetery Commissioner	3 year term
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 year term
Supervisor of the Check List	6 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
Planning Board	1 year term

ARTICLE 2 – Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million four hundred twenty-four thousand five hundred seventy-two dollars (\$1,424,572) for general municipal operations.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 100,339
Election & Registration	46,429
Financial Administration	86,721

Revaluation of Property	16,395
Legal Expenses	30,500
Engineering Expenses	8,000
Planning Board	17,250
General Government Buildings	12,950
Cemeteries	37,170
Insurance	41,227
Regional Association	1,995
Contingency Fund	5,000
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	\$ 186,712
Emergency Services	95,298
Fire Department	87,349
Emergency Management	500
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES	
Highways	\$ 514,841
Street Lighting	6,000
SANITATION	
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 10,209
HEALTH - Animal Control	\$ 500
WELFARE - Direct Assistance	\$ 5,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 50,685
Libraries	57,872
Patriotic Purposes	1,700
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 3,930

After a brief discussion. A motion was made by Sylvia Paxton 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 four hundred ninety thousand two hundred twenty-three dollars (\$490,223) for payments into the following Capital Reserve Funds.

Road Improvement CRF (1994)	142,758
Fire Trucks CRF (1983)	58,859
Fire Dept. Equipment CRF (2015)	34,574
Fire Truck Major Maintenance CRF (2017)	4,043
Heavy Equipment Maintenance ETF (2003)	8,277
Highway Department Trucks CRF (1997)	130,000
Grader CRF (1983)	7,839
Loader CRF (1983)	25,021
Police Vehicle CRF (2023)	10,500
Town Buildings CRF (2019)	20,831

Town Property ETF (2000)	29,000
Cemetery Mower/Building CRF (2015)	1,521
Tree Care & Replacement ETF (1991)	10,000
Revaluation CRF (2021)	7,000
TOTAL	490,223

A motion was made by Tom Thomson to reduce the funding by ten percent out of the 14 separate capital funds. Seconded by Theresa Taylor. After a brief discussion the motion was defeated.

The article passed by voice vote to stay the way it was written.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate seventeen thousand three hundred eleven dollars (\$17,311) for the following appropriation requests:

- Visiting Nurse Alliance \$7,000
- Grafton County Senior Citizen's \$3,000
- Tri-County CAP \$2,474
- West Central Behavioral Health \$1,800
- Public Health Council of the Upper Valley \$937
- Rivendell Recreation - \$750
- CASA \$500
- WISE \$500
- Ammonoosuc Community Health Services \$350

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

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate seventy thousand, nine hundred forty-one dollars (\$70,941) 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 in 2023 from the Special NH Highway Block Grant of \$18,044 for additional road projects, the NH Municipal Bridge fund for the maintenance, construction and reconstruction of municipally owned bridges of \$20,328, and FEMA reimbursement funds of \$32,569

A motion was made by Forrest Aldrich and seconded by Theresa Taylor, the article passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Charles Smith Jr. to move to article 14 forwarded and seconded by Ted Cooley.

ARTICLE 14 – Petitioned article

To see if the Town will vote for bylaws of the road committee to read:

The road committee will: (work with the “road agent”) to:

1. Recommend annual road maintenance priorities and budget
2. Recommend emergency road infrastructure repair
3. Recommend annual road and culvert repair priorities and budget
4. Develop and maintain long range road infrastructure capital repair plan and running estimate for same

5. Provide subject matter expertise on municipal road maintenance, repair and construction, including contract / proposal review and estimates.
6. Provide subject matter recommendation on building layout, building construction or building retrofit.

The means of communication will be in writing from the road committee via email or handed document with date of acceptance of delivery. If the *"Road Agent" does not accept recommendation/s, then the "Road Agent" will put in writing the reason not accepting the road committee recommendation/s

Note: This written notification will be provided to the chair of the road committee within 14 days.

Charles Smith Jr. chair of the Road Commission said the reason this petition article was brought up was because we have had no Road Agent for around two years. The Selectboard have been acting Road Agent. Smith said the bylaws were intended to make sure the road committee could provide support and assistance to the town road agent.

The road committee is looking forward to working with the new road agent Ted Nutter.

After a brief discussion. Joanne Fratus made a motion to amend the article to say this written notification will be provided to the chair of the road committee within 30 days instead of 14 days. This was seconded by Mark Blanchard.

This article was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the Archertown Road Flat-Phase II project (from the end of Phase I at the top of the hill, to Newcomb Bridge), which includes ledge removal, culvert replacements, ditching, grading, cost of gravel and base coat paving, plus top coat paving of the Archertown Road for both Phase I and II areas. The cost to be paid as follows: Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from taxes, and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a 3-year non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI.

An amendment was made by Charles Smith Jr. and seconded by Joanne Fratus

The article will now read:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the Archertown Road Flat-Phase II project (from the end of Phase I with a transition at the top of the hill to Newcomb Bridge), which includes ledge removal, culvert replacements, ditching, grading, cost replacements, ditching, grading, cost of gravel, stone aggregate, base coat and top coat paving for Phase II only.

A full depth reconstruction will be applied in typical, recommend by DuBois & King (Phase I), presented to Selectboard in 2020. A crushed gravel presented to Selectboard in 2020. A crushed gravel with faceted aggregate for the base and subbase, consisting of low fines, allowing for free drainage shall be used. The cost to be paid as follows: Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from taxes, and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a 3-year non-lapsing appropriation

The article passed by paper ballot 78 yes and 44 no.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to remove the culvert at Mousley Brook and construct a bridge over the same area as a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan. The cost will be shared between FEMA and the Town (75/25) to be paid as follows: Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from FEMA funds, and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a 3-year non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI.

A motion was made by Mark Blanchard and seconded by Nancy Murphy the article was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for design, permitting and to replace the dual culverts on Indian Pond Road (just north of the beach access road) with 3-4' culverts. This will be a 3-year non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI

An amendment was made to change the amount to One hundred and thirty thousand dollars (130,000) by Chuck Otto and seconded by Roger Hadlock

The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to purchase 3 hand-held radio systems, one for each member of the Highway Department. This will be a 3-year non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI.

A motion was made by Bob Palifka and seconded by Nancy Murphy. The article was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to extend the Quinttown Road apron an additional 240 feet beyond the current apron, for paving and shouldering.

A motion was made by Chase Kling and seconded by Chuck Otto. The article was defeated by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to continue exploration for uses of the Main Street Congregational Church.

A motion was made by Sylvia Paxton and seconded by Theresa Taylor. The article passed by paper ballot 62 Yes to 51 No.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) to cover costs for surveys, inspections and other expenses related to uses of the Congregational Church.

A motion was made by Terry Straight and seconded by Nancy Murphy. The article was defeated by paper ballot 40 No and 29 Yes.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town to vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Orford, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$20,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$25,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$40,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$50,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

A motion was made by Nancy Murphy and seconded by Bonnie McCouch. The article was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14 – Petitioned article

To see if the Town will vote for bylaws of the road committee to read:

The road committee will: (work with the "road agent") to:

7. Recommend annual road maintenance priorities and budget
8. Recommend emergency road infrastructure repair
9. Recommend annual road and culvert repair priorities and budget
10. Develop and maintain long range road infrastructure capital repair plan and running estimate for same
11. Provide subject matter expertise on municipal road maintenance, repair and construction, including contract / proposal review and estimates.
12. Provide subject matter recommendation on building layout, building construction or building retrofit.

The means of communication will be in writing from the road committee via email or handed document with date of acceptance of delivery. If the "Road Agent" does not accept recommendation/s, then the "Road Agent" will put in writing the reason not accepting the road committee recommendation/s

Note: This written notification will be provided to the chair of the road committee within 14 days.

JoAnne Fratus made a motion to change the days from 14 to 30 days seconded by Charles Smith Jr. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15 – Petitioned article

To see if the Town will vote to require the Orford Board of Selectmen to add “Public Comment” to the agenda of all posted Board of Selectmen public meetings.

A motion was made by Anne Green and seconded by Sylvia Paxton. The article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16

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

There were none

ARTICLE 17

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52pm

Results of the March 12, 2024 Election:

Selectboard 3 year term:

Larry Taylor 238

John Adams 155

Supervisor of the Checklist 6 years

Sarah Putnam 367

Selectboard 2 year term:

Kevin Follensbee 283

Terry Straight 117

Trustees of Trust Fund 3 years

Vicki Schwaegler 349

Moderator 2 year term:

Harrison Pease 371

Cemetery Commission 3 years

Brenda Smith 322

Planning Board 3 year term:

Ruth Hook

Terry Martin

Orford Free Library Trustee

(3 year term)

Carol Boynton

Planning Board 2 year term:

Paul Goundrey 295

Martha Rose 238

Planning Board 1 year term:

Mark Adamczyk 18

Caleb Day 17

SELECTMEN'S REPORT 2024

Many changes took place in the later part of 2023 and 2024. In November 2023, all members of the Planning Board submitted their resignations. The Orford Selectboard successfully petitioned the Grafton County Superior Court, and were able to appoint interim members to serve until the March 2024 Town meeting. Orford now has a full Planning Board consisting of 3 veteran members (Tom Thomson, Ruth Hook and Paul Goundrey), plus 3 new members (Chairman Mark Adamczyk, Secretary Martha Rose and Caleb Day). The Planning Board has had numerous informal discussions about subdivisions, lot line adjustments and mergers, which should be processed in 2025. The Planning Board will also continue to work on an update of the Wireless Tower Ordinance.

January 2024 saw the resignation of the Fire Chief and a number of members. Orford Selectmen appointed Selectman and retired Lebanon City fire officer Kevin Follensbee to act as interim Chief until after Town meeting. Following the annual meeting, lifelong resident and career EMT/fire fighter Steve Sanborn was appointed as Fire Chief. Kevin Follensbee was re-appointed as the Emergency Management director and together brought back a number of highly qualified EMT's and fire fighters to the department. The Fire department has gone from an hourly wage model to an annual stipend, returning to a true volunteer department.

Our Police Chief Jason Bachus continues to do a great job and his new police vehicle has served him well. He has cleared up a number of backlog misdemeanors and felonies court cases, which uses a lot of office time.

The Orford Bandstand Committee has generated a financial plan and business model for fund raising to rehabilitate the Bandstand. This work should be funded and completed in 2025.

The Congregational Church on Main Street is reconsidering its options and does not have a warrant article for the Town to consider at this time.

The Cemetery Commission made great strides in maintaining its stones and monuments with two well attended presentations this fall at the Dame Hill Cemetery and the West (Main Street) Cemetery. The Cemetery Commission lost its long term 35+ year employee Kurt Gendron to health issues. Coverage of care for this past summer occurred, but now the maintenance will go to a contractor and costs will increase.

At the 2024 Annual Town meeting, Kevin Follensbee won a 2-year term to complete the term of Jennifer Carter who resigned in May 2023, which Kevin was appointed to fill. Larry Taylor was elected for a 3-year term defeating a 4-term Selectman John Adams. Kevin brings a career of professional, municipal life safety skills. Larry, a 50+ year resident, farmer and construction business owner brings his business experience to the Selectboard.

The Highway department saw staff stability this year. Ted Nutter was appointed Road Agent in February 2024 and focused on a major catch-up project of ditching, graveling and grading out gravel roads, many which had need due to deferred maintenance. Good ditches and good gravel make good roads. The Highway department crew provided support to our contractors in completing the Archertown Road Phase II rehabilitation on time and under budget. 2025 will see continued repaving, rehab of the last bad section of the Archertown Road and replacement of failed culverts at Indian Pond. Thanks to Tim Chase, our steady, reliable grader operator for helping out this year.

Orford Selectmen: P. Chase Kling, Kevin Follensbee, Larry Taylor

Moderator's 2025 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 2025 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
2025**

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 11th 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	Free Library Trustee: 3-year term
Treasurer: 3-year term	Trustee of the Trust Funds: 3-year term
Planning Board: 3-year term	Cemetery Commissioner: 3-year term
Planning Board: 3-year term	

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million four hundred sixty-nine thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,469,100) for general municipal operations. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 104,404
Election & Registration	44,845
Financial Administration	91,109
Revaluation of Property	17,000
Legal Expenses	30,500
Engineering Expenses	5,000
Planning Board	21,250
General Government Buildings	12,600
Cemeteries	57,100
Insurance	45,472
Regional Association	2,055
Contingency Fund	5,000

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	\$ 188,319
Emergency Services	99,056
Fire Department	87,064
Emergency Management	500

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Highways	\$ 516,487
Street Lighting	2,500

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal \$ 14,750

HEALTH - Animal Control \$ 500

WELFARE - Direct Assistance \$ 5,000

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Playgrounds \$ 54,137

Libraries 58,702

Patriotic Purposes 1,700

CONSERVATION COMMISSION \$ 4,050

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thirty-nine thousand four hundred thirty-six dollars (\$439,436) for payments into the following Capital Reserve Funds. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

Road Improvement CRF (1994)	149,896
Fire Trucks CRF (1983)	61,213
Fire Dept. Equipment CRF (2015)	36,302
Fire Truck Major Maintenance CRF (2017)	4,245
Heavy Equipment Maintenance ETF (2003)	8,691
Highway Department Trucks CRF (1997)	52,900
Grader CRF (1983)	16,000
Loader CRF (1983)	27,700
Police Vehicle CRF (2023)	13,020
Town Buildings CRF (2019)	21,872
Town Property ETF (2000)	29,000
Cemetery Mower/Building CRF (2015)	1,597
Tree Care & Replacement ETF (1991)	10,000
Revaluation CRF (2021)	7,000
TOTAL	439,436

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate eighteen thousand three hundred seventy-four dollars (\$18,374) for the following appropriation requests:

Dartmouth Health Visiting Nurse Alliance \$7,000

Grafton County Senior Citizen's \$3,000

Tri-County CAP \$2,474

West Central Behavioral Health \$1,800

Public Health Council of the Upper Valley \$1,000

Rivendell Recreation - \$750

CASA \$500

North Country Healthcare \$500

Orange East Senior Center \$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 forty-three thousand dollars (\$43,000) for the revaluation of property in 2025. The cost will be paid as follows: twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000) from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, and the balance of twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000) from the unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate fifty thousand two hundred dollars (\$50,200) to be added to the Town of Orford Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund, with said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. This represents funds received for the sale of the 2013 international truck (\$15,100) and the 2019 F-550 (\$35,100) (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate six hundred dollars (\$600) to be added to the Town of Orford Cemetery Mower/Building Capital Reserve Fund, with said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. This represents funds received for the sale of the mower (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000) for the Archertown Road Phase I paving top coat (from the Dooley's driveway to the uphill end of Phase I). The cost will be paid from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a 3-year non-lapsing appropriation 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 one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the reconstruction and paving the Archertown Road from the Newcomb Hollow Bridge to the Norris Road intersection. The cost will be paid from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. 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 wants to replace the High Bridge Road bridge. (FYI-the cost to replace will be approximately \$1,500,000 with the Town responsible for 20% (\$300,000), and the State of NH responsible for 80% (\$1,200,000)). Should the Town wish to replace the bridge, a warrant article will be presented at the 2026 annual meeting to vote on funding. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000) to purchase a new four door, four-wheel drive cab and chassis rescue truck, with a utility style body and a wildfire slip on the unit, also including an extended warranty. To authorize the withdrawal of up to two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000) from the Town of Orford Fire Trucks Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the Selectboard to dispose of the current 1998 HME rescue truck with the proceeds to either be applied to the purchase price to reduce the amount to be withdrawn from the Town of Orford Fire Trucks Capital Reserve Fund, or sold with the proceeds added back to the Town of Orford Fire Trucks Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a 5-

year non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the existing WWII Monument Maintenance ETF which was established in 2004 mistakenly as a Taxpayer Funds: Trust under RSA 31:19-a I. Said Fund of three thousand one hundred and forty-six dollars and ninety-three cents (\$3,146.93), comprised of two thousand six hundred eighty-five dollars and sixty-three cents (\$2,685.63) of principal donations in 2004 and accumulated interest of four hundred sixty-one dollars and thirty cents (\$461.30) through 2024 are to be transferred to the town's General Fund. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to establish a WWII Monument Maintenance Trust under RSA 31:19-a IV as a Donated Funds: Income-only Trust. To raise and appropriate three thousand one hundred and forty-six dollars and ninety-three cents (\$3,146.93) to be placed in the new fund, such money to come from the town's Unassigned Fund Balance and comprised of two thousand six hundred eighty-five dollars and sixty-three cents (\$2,685.63) of principal donations in 2004 and accumulated interest of four hundred sixty-one dollars and thirty cents (\$461.30) through 2024. Trustees of Trust Funds will hold the funds for the purpose of maintaining, repairing and otherwise caring for the Town's WWII monument, with only the interest to be expended from such Trust Fund. The Selectmen are hereby authorized to accept additional future donations to the new Trust Fund for the purpose for which it has been established. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommend this article.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, a Taxpayer Funds Trust, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a and RSA 289:2-a, allowing all future proceeds received from the sale of cemetery lots in Orford cemeteries, any additional appropriations voted at annual or special Town meetings, and any interest gained thereon, for the maintenance of cemeteries; and, further to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required). The Selectboard recommends this article.

ARTICLE 15

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

ARTICLE 16

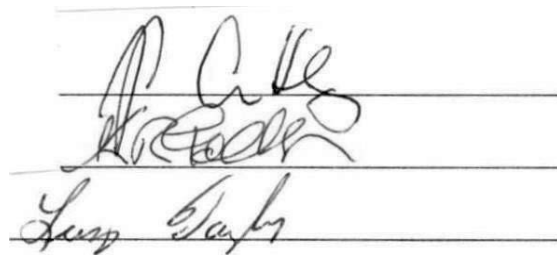
To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal at Orford the 5th day of February in the year two thousand and twenty-five.

P. Chase Kling

Kevin Follensbee

Larry Taylor



2025 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD
Appropriations & Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)			Appropriations 2024	Actual Expenditures 2024	Recommended Appropriations 2025
		Warrant Article			
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>#</u>			
4130-4139	Executive	2	\$100,339	\$ 98,064	\$104,404
4140-4149	Election, Registration				
	Vital Statistics	2	\$ 46,429	\$ 45,718	\$ 44,845
4150-4151	Financial Administration	2	\$ 86,721	\$ 81,683	\$ 91,109
4152	Revaluation of Property	2	\$ 16,395	\$ 16,789	\$ 17,000
4153	Legal Expense	2	\$ 30,500	\$ 18,886	\$ 30,500
4153	Engineering Expenses	2	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,215	\$ 5,000
4191-4193	Planning Board	2	\$ 17,250	\$ 19,361	\$ 21,250
4194	General Government Buildings	2	\$ 12,950	\$ 11,066	\$ 12,600
4195	Cemeteries	2	\$ 37,170	\$ 11,642	\$ 57,100
4196	Insurance	2	\$ 41,227	\$ 41,227	\$ 45,472
4197	Advertising &				
	Regional Associations	2	\$ 1,995	\$ 1,995	\$ 2,055
4199	Contingency Fund	2	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>				
4210-4214	Police	2	\$186,712	\$176,641	\$188,319
4215-4219	Emergency Services	2	\$ 95,298	\$ 95,164	\$ 99,056
4220-4229	Fire	2	\$ 87,349	\$ 70,550	\$ 87,064
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
	<u>HIGHWAY AND STREETS</u>				
4312	Highways & Streets	2	\$514,841	\$494,083	\$516,487
4316	Street Lighting	2	\$ 6,000	\$ 428	\$ 2,500
	<u>SANITATION</u>				
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	2	\$ 10,209	\$ 12,096	\$ 14,750
	Land Fill Closure		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	<u>HEALTH</u>				
4414	Pest Control	2	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
	<u>WELFARE</u>				
4441-4442	Direct Assistance	2	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,150	\$ 5,000
	<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>				
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	2	\$ 50,685	\$ 49,511	\$ 54,137
4550-4559	Library	2	\$ 57,872	\$ 57,866	\$ 58,702
4583	Patriotic Purposes	2	\$ 1,700	\$ 364	\$ 1,700
	<u>CONSERVATION</u>				
4619	Other Conservation	2	\$ 3,930	\$ 3,060	\$ 4,050
<u>SUBTOTAL 1</u>			\$1,424,572	\$1,310,559	\$1,469,100

2025 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD – 2

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warrant #	Appropriations	Actual	Appropriations
		2024	Expenditures 2024	2025
<u>SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES</u>				
Bridges Replace/Repair	03	\$142,758	\$142,758	\$149,896
Fire Truck	03	58,859	58,859	61,213
Fire Equipment	03	34,574	34,574	36,302
Grader	03	7,839	7,839	16,000
Highway Trucks	03	130,000	130,000	52,900
Heavy Equipment Maintenance	03	8,277	8,277	8,691
Loader/backhoe	03	25,021	25,021	27,700
Police Cruiser	03	10,500	10,500	13,020
Town Buildings	03	20,831	20,831	21,872
Cemetery Mower/Building	03	1,521	1,521	1,597
FD Major Repair/Maintenance	03	4,043	4,043	4,245
Tree Care Replacement	03	10,000	10,000	10,000
Revaluation	03	7,000	7,000	7,000
Town Properties	03	29,000	29,000	29,000
		<u>\$490,223</u>	<u>\$490,223</u>	<u>\$ 439,436</u>
WW II Donor Trust Fund	13			3,147
Revaluation	05			43,000
Transfer to Capital Reserve Accounts	6/7	70,941	70,941	50,800
Highway Trucks		0	295,508	
Archertown Road	12	400,000	392,670	
Mousley Brook Bridge (FEMA)		400,000	2,971	
Indian Pond Culverts		130,000	36,637	0
Paving Archertown Road Phase I	08			115,000
Reclaiming Archertown Road Newcomb to Norris	09			150,000
Fire Department Rescue Truck	11			240,000
<u>SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED</u>		\$1,491,164	\$1,288,950	\$ 1,041,383

*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. #	Warrant #	Appropriations	Actual	Appropriations
			2024	Expenditures 2024	2025
<u>INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES**</u>					
Charitable Appropriations	4915	04	17,311	16,561	18,374
Highway Equipment	4902		5,000	1,556	
<u>SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED</u>			\$ 22,311	\$ 18,117	\$ 18,374

**"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.

2024 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD -- 3

<u>SOURCE OF REVENUE</u>		Revenue Used To Set Tax Rate 2024	Actual Income 2024	Estimated Revenue 2025
<u>TAXES</u>				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 9,091	10,935	\$ 10,000
3185	Timber Taxes	24,400	26,861	25,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	4,362	4,362	4,350
3189	Other Taxes	0	0	0
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	10,000	15,138	12,000
	Inventory Penalties	200	158	200
3187	Excavation Tax (2 cents per cu. Yd.)	0	0	0
<u>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</u>				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$335,000	378,974	\$375,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,300	1,332	1,300
3311-3319	<u>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	\$ 0	0	\$ 0
<u>FROM STATE</u>				
3351	Special NH Block Grant	0	0	0
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	121,336	121,803	100,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	64,920	64,920	65,000
3359	Other (State Highway Grants)	5,000	4,556	6,000
3359	Federal Grants			
3379	From Other Governments	29,000	29,000	29,000
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICE</u>				
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$ 5,390	5,117	\$ 4,100
3409	Special Details (PD)	2,500	5,312	3,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$ 0	50,200	\$ 0
3502	Interest on Investments	750	620	750
3503-3508	Other (Insurance Refunds)	1,583	1,583	0
<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds (special warrant articles)	\$ 200,000	398,479	\$ 526,000
	FEMA Funds	300,000		
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>				
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	<u>51,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS</u>		\$1,165,832	\$1,170,350	\$1,161,700

<u>BUDGET SUMMARY</u>		2024	2025
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended		\$1,424,572	\$1,469,100
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended		1,491,164	1,041,383
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended		<u>22,311</u>	<u>18,374</u>
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended		\$2,938,047	\$2,528,857
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits		1,165,832	1,161,700
Less: Voted from Fund Balance		<u>70,941</u>	<u>75,947</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised		\$1,701,274	\$1,291,210

**SUMMARY OF REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES
For the Town of ORFORD – 2024 (MS-434)**

RSA 21-J:34

Account #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	For Use by Municipality
	<u>TAXES</u>		
3120	Land Use Change Tax		9,091
3185	Timber Tax		24,400
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		4,362
3187	Excavation Tax		0
3189	Other Taxes		0
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		10,200
	<u>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</u>		
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$335,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits and Fees		1,300
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		121,336
3353	Highway Block Grant		64,920
3359	State Highway Safety Grant		5,000
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - FEMA		300,000
3379	Rivendell Lease		29,000
	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>		
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$ 7,890
3409	Miscellaneous Charges & Fees		\$
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>		
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$ 0
3502	Interest on Investments		750
3503	Other (insurance refunds)		\$ 1,583
	<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>		
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$200,000
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES			\$1,114,832
<u>For Municipal Use</u>			
	Unassigned Fund Balance	594,503	
	Less: Voted from Fund Balance	70,941	
	Less: Voted to Reduce Taxes	51,000	
	Fund Balance Retained	472,562	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			<u>\$ 1,236,773</u>
REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)			\$ 5,461

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED
Voted by the Town of Orford on March 12, 2024 (MS-232)

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

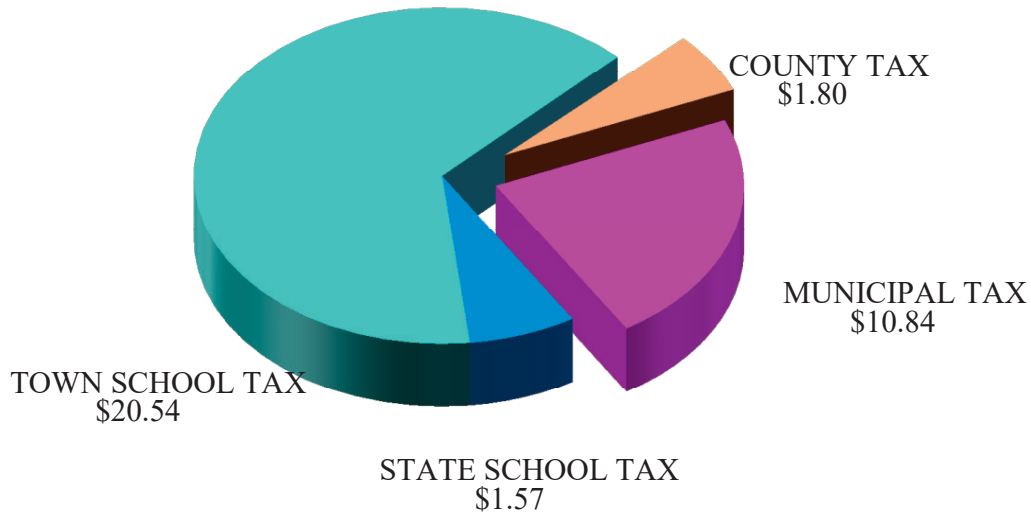
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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	Warr. Art. #	Appropriations as Voted
<u>Account #</u>		
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
4130-4139	2	\$100,339
4140-4149	2	46,429
4150-4151	2	86,721
4152	2	16,395
4153	2	30,500
4153	2	8,000
4191-4193	2	17,250
4194	2	12,950
4195	2	37,170
4196	2	41,227
4197	2	1,995
4199	2	5,000
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
4210-4214	2	186,712
4215-4219	2	95,298
4220-4229	2	87,349
4290-4298	2	500
<u>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</u>		
4312	2	514,844
4316	2	6,000
<u>SANITATION</u>		
4324	2	10,209
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	50,685
4550-4559	2	57,872
4583	2	1,700
<u>CONSERVATION</u>		
4619	2	<u>3,930</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		\$1,424,572

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED - 2
Voted by the Town of Orford on March 12, 2024

<u>PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>Warr. Art. #</u>	<u>Appropriations as Voted</u>
4902	Highway Hand-Held Radios (3)	08	5,000
4415	Charitable Appropriations	04	<u>17,311</u>
			\$ 22,311
4909	Archertown Road Phase 2	06	400,000
4909	Mousley Brook Culvert	07	400,000
4909	Indian Pond Culverts	08	130,000
			\$930,000
	<u>TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS (CRF)</u>		
4915	To Capital Outlay Fund	03	490,223
4915	Special NH Highway Block Grant	05	18,044
4915	NH Municipal Bridge Fund	05	20,328
4915	FEMA Funds rec'd, transferred to CRF	05	<u>32,569</u>
	Appropriation Sub Total		\$ 561,164
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			<u>\$2,938,047</u>

2024
TAX FOR EACH OF THE MAJOR CATAGORIES FOR
EACH \$1,000 OF PROPERTY VALUATION \$34.75/\$1,000



NOTE: THE STATE SCHOOL TAX IS GOES DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL, AND WHEN COMBINED WITH THE TOWN SCHOOL TAX COMPRISES 64.29% OF THE TAX BILL, WHILE THE MUNICIPAL PORTION IS 31.19%

2024 TAX RATE CALCULATION

TOWN/CITY: ORFORD

Gross Appropriations	2,938,047
Add: FEMA CRF Pmt.	0
Total Appropriations	2,938,047
Less: Revenues	(1,114,832)
Less: Fund Balance Voted Surplus	(70,941)
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	(51,000)
Taxes to be Raised	1,701,274
Add: Overlay	5,461
War Service Credits	55,700

Net Town Appropriation	1,762,435

TOWN RATE 10.84

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,762,435
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SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget	3,994,496
Regional School Apportionment	0
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(365,492)

LOCAL SCHOOL RATE 20.54

State Education Taxes	(287,834)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	3,341,170

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

STATE SCHOOL RATE 1.80

State Education Tax	
157,789,604	287,834

COUNTY PORTION

COUNTY RATE 1.57

Due to County	255,390
Less: Shared Revenues	0

Approved County Tax Effort	255,390
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TOTAL RATE 34.75

Total Property Taxes Assessed	5,646,829
Less: War Service Credits	(55,700)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	5,591,129

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
For State Education Tax (no utilities)	1.80	287,834
For all Other Taxes	32,95	5,358,995
	34,75	5,646,829

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS
January 2024 to December 2024

Account Number	Account Name	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	Variance Under (over)	2025 Budget
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive					
01-4130.10-130	EX Salaries - Selectmen	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
01-4130.10-220	EX Social Security	186.00	186.00	0.00	186.00
01-4130.10-225	EX Medicare	44.00	43.50	0.50	44.00
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	800.00	726.00	74.00	800.00
01-4130.10-390	EX Recording Fees	200.00	131.43	68.57	200.00
01-4130.10-560	EX Dues & Subscriptions	2,000.00	1,820.62	179.38	2,000.00
01-4130.10-570	EX Advertising	1,500.00	493.40	1006.60	1,500.00
01-4130.10-620	EX Office Supplies	1,800.00	1,702.54	97.46	2,000.00
01-4130.10-625	EX Postage	2,200.00	2,065.91	134.09	2,500.00
01-4130.10-690	EX Selectmen's Expenses	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	Total Executive	14,430.00	12,723.72	1,706.28	14,830.00
Town Administration					
01-4130.20-110	TA-Salaries F/T	59,350.00	59,379.22	(29.22)	60,915.00
01-4130.20-210	TA Health	10,386.00	10,412.74	(26.74)	11,416.00
01-4130.20-215	TA HRA/FSA Insurance	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
01-4130.20-216	TA Long Term Disability	0.00	0.00	0.00	310.00
01-4130.20-217	TA Dental	498.00	498.10	(0.10)	523.00
01-4130.20-218	TA Long Term Disability	0.00	0.00	0.00	319.00
01-4130.20-219	TA Life	126.00	108.00	18.00	108.00
01-4130.20-225	TA Medicare	860.00	844.80	15.20	884.00
01-4130.20-220	TA Social Security	3,679.00	3,611.79	67.21	3,777.00
01-4130.20-300	TA NH Retirement	8,030.00	8,060.37	(30.37)	8,242.00
01-4130.20-690	TA Mileage/Expenses	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-4130.20-850	TA Training & Seminars	<u>100.00</u>	<u>70.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	Total Town Administration	83,629.00	82,985.02	643.98	87,094.00
Town Meeting					
01-4130.30-550	MTG Town Report Printing	1,780.00	1,801.00	(21.00)	1,880.00
01-4130.30-625	MTG Postage	<u>500.00</u>	<u>554.75</u>	<u>(54.75)</u>	<u>600.00</u>
	Total Town Meeting	2,280.00	2,355.75	(75.75)	2,480.00
	TOTAL EXECUTIVE	100,339.00	98,064.49	2,274.51	104,404.00

Town Clerk					
01-4140.10-120	TC Wages - Deputy Town Clerk	2,500.00	1,801.25	698.75	3,000.00
01-4140.10-130	TC Wages-Town Clerk	28,000.00	28,000.00	0.00	29,000.00
01-4140.10-225	TC Medicare	443.00	432.22	10.78	464.00
01-4140.10-220	TC Social Security	1,891.00	1,847.70	43.30	1,984.00
01-4140.10-341	TC Telephone	500.00	527.16	(27.16)	500.00
01-4140.10-560	TC Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	170.00	(70.00)	50.00
01-4140.10-615	TC Vital Statistics	600.00	222.00	378.00	500.00
01-4140.10-613	TC Dog Licenses	750.00	163.73	586.27	750.00
01-4140.10-620	TC Office Supplies	650.00	786.42	(136.42)	650.00
01-4140.10-625	TC Postage	1,500.00	1,463.95	36.05	1,500.00
01-4140.10-850	TC Training/Seminars/Mileage	1,400.00	1,261.75	138.25	2,400.00
01-4140.10-855	TC BMSI - Software & Training	<u>2,450.00</u>	<u>2,429.00</u>	<u>21.00</u>	<u>2,570.00</u>
	Total Town Clerk	40,784.00	39,105.18	1,678.82	43,368.00

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<u>Voter Registration</u>					
01-4140.20-130	EL Wages - Election Officials	4,500.00	5,275.92	(775.92)	1,000.00
01-4140.20-220	EL Social Security	279.00	327.11	(48.11)	62.00
01-4140.20-225	EL Medicare	66.00	76.49	(10.49)	15.00
01-4140.20-570	EL Advertising	150.00	163.80	(13.80)	100.00
01-4140.20-620	EL Printing & Supplies	100.00	279.83	(179.83)	100.00
01-4140.20-690	EL Meals	400.00	400.00	0.00	100.00
01-4140.20-850	EL Training/Mileage	<u>150.00</u>	<u>89.78</u>	<u>60.22</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	Total Voter Registration	5,645.00	6,612.93	(967.93)	1,477.00
	TOTAL ELECTION & REGISTRATION	46,429.00	45,718.11	710.89	44,845.00
<u>Tax Collection</u>					
01-4150.40-190	TX Tax Collector's Fees	45,000.00	47,103.69	(2,103.69)	51,000.00
01-4150.40-195	TX Deputy Tax Collector	500.00	240.02	259.98	0.00
01-4150.40-220	TX Social Security	31.00	14.88	16.12	0.00
01-4150.40-225	TX Medicare	7.00	3.48	3.52	0.00
01-4150.40-390	TX Mortgage Research/Tax Liens	200.00	77.10	122.90	200.00
01-4150.40-560	TX Dues	40.00	0.00	40.00	40.00
01-4150.40-625	TX Postage	1,800.00	804.67	995.33	1,800.00
01-4150.40-620	TX Office Supplies	600.00	838.91	(238.91)	650.00
01-4150.40-630	TX Avitar Software	2,400.00	2,422.00	(22.00)	2,640.00
01-4150.40-850	TX Training and Seminars	<u>800.00</u>	<u>348.00</u>	<u>452.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>
	Total Tax Collector	51,378.00	51,852.75	(474.75)	57,130.00
<u>Treasury</u>					
01-4150.50-130	T Salary - Treasurer/Deputy	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,500.00
01-4150.50-225	T Medicare	29.00	29.00	0.00	38.00
01-4150.50-220	T Social Security	124.00	124.00	0.00	155.00
01-4150.50-340	T Bank Fees	240.00	286.18	(46.18)	260.00
01-4150.50-620	T Office Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
01-4150.50-630	T Training and Seminars	<u>200.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>165.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	Total Treasury	2,793.00	2,474.18	318.82	3,353.00
<u>Information Technology</u>					
01-4150.60-330	IT Support (E)	6,000.00	5,922.00	78.00	6,300.00
01-4150.60-335	IT Equip. & Maintenance	5,000.00	3,449.53	1,550.47	2,000.00
01-4150.60-340	IT Licenses & Fees	10,000.00	9,907.75	92.25	11,000.00
01-4150.60-341	IT - Topsham (internet)	<u>1,050.00</u>	<u>576.39</u>	<u>473.61</u>	<u>576.00</u>
	Total Information Technology	22,050.00	19,855.67	2,194.33	19,876.00
<u>Auditor</u>					
01-4150.70-135	AUD Annual Audit	<u>10,500.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>10,750.00</u>
	Total Audit	10,500.00	7,500.00	3,000.00	10,750.00
	TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	86,721.00	81,682.60	5,038.40	91,109.00
<u>Revaluation of Property</u>					
01-4152.10-390	AS Assessing/Pick-ups	8,256.00	5,252.08	3,003.92	8,600.00
01-4152.10-391	AS Statistical Update	7,639.00	11,037.00	(3,398.00)	7,900.00
01-4152.20-110	TM Wages - Tax Maps	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
	TOTAL REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	16,395.00	16,789.08	(394.08)	17,000.00

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<u>Legal Expense</u>					
01-4153.10-320	LE Town Attorney	20,000.00	11,978.79	8,021.21	20,000.00
01-4153.10-325	LE Right to Know Requests	10,000.00	6,907.16	3,092.84	10,000.00
01-4153.10-690	LE Other Expenses - Floodplain	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
	TOTAL LEGAL EXPENSES	30,500.00	18,885.95	11,614.05	30,500.00
<u>Engineering Services</u>					
01-4153.20-320	Engineering Services	8,000.00	3,214.90	4,785.10	5,000.00
	TOTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES	8,000.00	3,214.90	4,785.10	5,000.00
<u>Planning Board</u>					
01-4191.10-390	PB Recording Fees	100.00	51.00	49.00	100.00
01-4191.10-391	PB-Planning Assistant	11,500.00	12,649.09	(1,149.09)	14,000.00
01-4191.10-400	PB Secretarial	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
01-4191.10-550	PB Legal/Professional Fees	4,000.00	5,917.63	(1,917.63)	6,000.00
01-4191.10-560	PB Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	0.00	100.00	300.00
01-4191.10-570	PB Advertising	250.00	118.80	131.20	250.00
01-4191.10-620	PB Office Supplies	200.00	476.46	(276.46)	400.00
01-4191.10-625	PB Postage	100.00	147.68	(47.68)	200.00
	TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	17,250.00	19,360.66	(2,110.66)	21,250.00
<u>Government Building</u>					
01-4194.10-360	GB Custodial Services	500.00	100.00	400.00	500.00
01-4194.10-365	GB Sidewalk Shoveling Services	1,500.00	600.00	900.00	750.00
01-4194.10-410	GB Electricity	2,000.00	2,243.34	(243.34)	2,400.00
01-4194.10-411	GB Propane	4,500.00	3,846.07	653.93	4,000.00
01-4194.10-430	GB Maintenance. Contracts	2,500.00	1,926.17	573.83	2,500.00
01-4194.10-610	GB Supplies	250.00	95.55	154.45	200.00
01-4194.10-620	GB Shredding	500.00	186.77	313.23	550.00
01-4194.10-720	GB Maintenance & Repairs	1,200.00	2,067.74	(867.74)	1,200.00
01-4194.10-750	GB Furniture/Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
	TOTAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING	12,950.00	11,065.64	1,884.36	12,600.00
<u>Cemeteries</u>					
01-4195.10-110	CE Wages/Maintenance Contract	26,650.00	0.00	26,650.00	50,000.00
01-4195.10-120	CE Wages - Temp Help	5,000.00	5,261.56	(261.56)	0.00
01-4195.10-220	CE Social Security	1,962.00	326.20	1,635.80	0.00
01-4195.10-225	CE Medicare	458.00	76.30	381.70	0.00
01-4195.10-300	CE Mapping	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
01-4195.10-430	CE Building Maintenance	500.00	67.98	432.02	300.00
01-4195.10-445	CE Contracted Services	0.00	225.00	(225.00)	3,000.00
01-4195.10-490	CE Office/Shop Supplies	300.00	52.29	247.71	500.00
01-4195.10-560	CE Fees, Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	60.00	(60.00)	150.00
01-4195.10-570	CE Advertising	0.00	1,222.50	(1,222.50)	0.00
01-4195.10-580	CE Training & Education	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	200.00
01-4195.10-609	CE Portable Toilet	0.00	1,050.00	(1,050.00)	0.00
01-4195.10-620	CE Tree Removal	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	2,500.00
01-4195.10-630	CE Mileage	800.00	127.30	672.70	150.00
01-4195.10-635	CE Gasoline	1,200.00	523.26	676.74	0.00
	TOTAL CEMETERIES	37,170.00	11,642.39	25,527.61	57,100.00

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<u>Insurance</u>					
01-4196.10-520	IN Property & Liability	23,391.00	23,391.00	0.00	25,496.00
01-4196.10-521	IN Worker's Comp Ins	17,836.00	17,836.00	0.00	19,976.00
	TOTAL INSURANCE	41,227.00	41,227.00	(1,882.99)	45,472.00
<u>Advertising & Regional Association</u>					
01-4197.10-560	UVLSRPC Dues	1,995.00	1,995.28	(0.28)	2,055.00
	TOTAL REGIONAL ASSOCIATION	1,995.00	1,995.28	(0.28)	2,055.00
<u>Contingency Fund</u>					
01-4199.10-000	CF Contingency Fund	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	TOTAL GENERAL OPERATIONS BUDGET	403,976.00	349,646.10	54,329.90	436,335.00
PUBLIC SAFETY					
<u>Police Department</u>					
01-4210.10-110	PD Salaries - F/T	87,290.00	87,285.80	4.20	89,606.00
01-4210.10-113	PD Salaries P/T	5,750.00	3,330.00	2,420.00	3,500.00
01-4210.10-120	PD Special Details	2,500.00	4,761.25	(2,261.25)	3,000.00
01-4210.10-130	PD NH Grant paid Salary	5,000.00	3,432.21	1,567.79	6,000.00
01-4210.10-210	PD Health Insurance	28,045.00	20,825.48	7,219.52	22,830.00
01-4210.10-215	PD HRA/FSA Insurance	1,500.00	1,286.16	213.84	1,000.00
01-4210.10-216	PD Long Term Disability	0.00	0.00	0.00	445.00
01-4210.10-217	PD Dental	1,671.00	957.72	713.28	1,054.00
01-4210.10-218	PD Short Term Disability	0.00	0.00	0.00	469.00
01-4210.10-219	PD Life	51.00	43.20	7.80	44.00
01-4210.10-220	PD Social Security	265.00	390.68	(125.68)	186.00
01-4210.10-220	PD Medicare	1,330.00	1,346.31	(16.31)	1,430.00
01-4210.10-230	PD NH Retirement	27,310.00	28,376.61	(1,066.61)	30,215.00
01-4210.10-341	PD Telephone & Communication	1,950.00	1,948.90	1.10	1,950.00
01-4210.10-430	PD Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	2,000.00	1,091.63	908.37	2,000.00
01-4210.10-560	PD Professional Dues	390.00	364.00	26.00	390.00
01-4210.10-620	PD Office Supplies & Equip.	500.00	476.20	23.80	600.00
01-4210.10-635	PD Gasoline	4,000.00	3,974.46	25.54	4,200.00
01-4210.10-690	PD Prosecution	7,410.00	7,000.00	410.00	7,300.00
01-4210.10-840	PD Uniforms & Equipment	1,500.00	1,497.38	2.62	3,000.00
01-4210.10-845	PD Computer software/IMC	7,050.00	7,046.69	3.31	7,300.00
01-4210.10-850	PD Training & Education	1,000.00	985.00	15.00	1,000.00
01-4210.10-870	PD Legal Expenses/Transcription	200.00	221.50	(21.50)	300.00
01-4210.10-900	PD Federal Grant Paid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
	Total Police Department	186,712.00	176,641.18	10,070.82	188,319.00
<u>Ambulance</u>					
01-4215.10-351	ES Ambulance Services	66,798.00	66,798.00	0.00	69,272.00
01-4215.10-352	ES Dispatch	28,500.00	28,365.91	134.09	29,784.00
	Total Emergency Services	95,298.00	95,163.91	134.09	99,056.00
<u>Fire Department</u>					
01-4220.10-120	FD Wages - P/T	23,000.00	18,029.72	4,970.28	22,000.00
01-4220.10-130	FD Wages - Fire Wardens	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
01-4220.10-220	FD Social Security	1,636.00	1,142.67	493.33	1,389.00

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01-4220.10-225	FD Medicare	383.00	267.26	115.74	325.00
01-4220.10-390	FD Dispatch	450.00	315.00	135.00	300.00
01-4220.10-395	FD Emergency Medical Supplies	1,200.00	1,155.49	44.51	1,000.00
01-4220.10-430	FD Equipment Maintenance	3,500.00	2,553.30	946.70	3,500.00
01-4220.10-435	FD Hose & Ladder Testing	4,000.00	3,682.14	317.86	4,500.00
01-4220.10-440	FD Rent	10,800.00	10,800.00	0.00	10,800.00
01-4220.10-442	FD Utilities	8,500.00	6,671.08	1,828.92	8,000.00
01-4220.10-530	FD Supplemental Insurance	6,230.00	6,230.00	0.00	6,500.00
01-4220.10-560	FD Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	185.00	(85.00)	2,100.00
01-4220.10-620	FD - Office Supplies	100.00	143.80	(43.80)	300.00
01-4220.10-625	FD Postage	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-4220.10-630	FD Vehicle Maintenance	10,000.00	6,367.19	3,632.81	10,000.00
01-4220.10-630	FD Vehicle Fuel	1,800.00	971.31	828.69	1,800.00
01-4220.10-740	FD Equipment	8,000.00	7,846.36	153.64	8,000.00
01-4220.10-830	FD Forest Fire	1,000.00	1,049.40	(49.40)	1,000.00
01-4220.10-841	FD Computer Software	1,650.00	1,650.00	0.00	1,650.00
01-4220.10-845	FD – Uniforms	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
01-4220.10-850	FD Training/Mileage	4,000.00	1,090.00	2,910.00	3,000.00
	Total Fire Department	87,349.00	70,549.72	16,799.28	87,064.00
Emergency Management	Total Emergency Management	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	369,859.00	342,354.81	27,504.19	374,939.00
HIGHWAY AND STREETS					
Road Maintenance					
01-4312.20-110	HW Salaries - F/T	194,500.00	196,766.75	(2,266.75)	202,466.00
01-4312.20-120	HW Salaries P/T	1,000.00	360.00	640.00	500.00
01-4312.20-210	HW Health Insurance	51,930.00	50,305.68	1,624.32	57,076.00
01-4312.20-215	HW HRA/FSA Insurance	2,500.00	122.53	2,377.47	2,500.00
01-4312.20-216	HW Long Term Disability	0.00	0.00	0.00	930.00
01-4312.20-217	HW Dental	2,414.00	2,336.86	77.14	2,534.00
01-4312.20-218	HW Short Term Disability	0.00	0.00	0.00	976.00
01-4312.20-219	HW Life	153.00	200.70	(47.70)	195.00
01-4312.20-220	HW Social Security	12,059.00	11,825.68	233.32	12,553.00
01-4312.20-225	HW Medicare	2,825.00	2,765.57	59.43	2,938.00
01-4312.20-230	HW NH Retirement	26,260.00	26,622.53	(362.53)	27,394.00
01-4312.20-341	HW Telephone	1,500.00	1,007.04	492.96	1,025.00
01-4312.20-410	HW Electricity	1,700.00	2,031.56	(331.56)	1,800.00
01-4312.20-430	HW Drug & Alcohol Testing	400.00	475.00	(75.00)	500.00
01-4312.20-440	HW Equipment Rental	6,000.00	375.00	5,625.00	1,000.00
01-4312.20-445	HW Contracted Services	15,000.00	17,792.50	(2,792.50)	20,000.00
01-4312.20-446	HW Roadside Mowing	7,000.00	5,760.00	1,240.00	7,000.00
01-4312.20-560	HW Dues & Subscriptions	550.00	603.00	(53.00)	500.00
01-4312.20-609	HW Shop Supplies	2,500.00	2,937.58	(437.58)	2,000.00
01-4312.20-610	HW Office Supplies	750.00	766.15	(16.15)	600.00
01-4312.20-611	HW Safety Supplies	2,000.00	266.73	1,733.27	1,500.00
01-4312.20-612	HW Personal Protection	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
01-4312.20-630	HW Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	35,000.00	52,585.17	(17,585.17)	30,000.00
01-4312.20-630	HW Gasoline	2,000.00	2,184.66	(184.66)	2,000.00
01-4312.20-636	HW Diesel	25,000.00	22,927.82	2,072.18	30,000.00
01-4312.20-636	HW Propane	5,000.00	3,207.74	1,792.26	4,000.00

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01-4312.20-640	HW Building Maintenance	5,000.00	1,097.87	3,902.13	4,000.00
01-4312.20-730	HW Road Improvement Projects	500.00	172.61	327.39	500.00
01-4312.20-732	HW Road Treatment	5,000.00	2,940.56	2,059.44	2,500.00
01-4312.20-740	HW Equip Repair/Replacement	7,500.00	6,802.70	697.30	7,500.00
01-4312.20-840	HW Uniforms	3,000.00	1,692.33	1,307.67	3,000.00
01-4312.20-861	HW Culverts	10,000.00	5,564.26	4,435.74	10,000.00
01-4312.20-862	HW Gravel	60,000.00	49,759.90	10,240.10	60,000.00
01-4312.20-863	HW Asphalt Patch	4,000.00	2,244.69	1,755.31	2,500.00
01-4312.20-864	HW Road Salt	15,000.00	11,463.27	3,536.73	10,000.00
01-4312.20-865	HW Road Signs	3,000.00	2,323.73	676.27	3,000.00
01-4312.20-866	HW Training/Travel	1,500.00	170.81	1,329.19	1,500.00
01-4312.20-890	HW Roadside Refuse Disposal	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-4312.20-891	HW Vandalism	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
01-4312.20-902	HW Special Road Projects	0.00	5,623.83	(5,623.83)	0.00
	Total Road Maintenance	514,841.00	494,082.81	20,758.19	516,487.00
	Street Lighting				
01-4316.10-410	SL Street Lighting	6,000.00	428.39	5,571.61	2,500.00
	Total Street Lighting	6,000.00	428.39	5,571.61	2,500.00
	TOTAL HIGHWAY & STREETS	520,841.00	494,511.20	26,329.80	518,987.00
	SANITATION				
	Solid Waste Disposal				
01-4324.10-390	WD Disposal-Floyd's Rubbish	8,584.00	8,583.54	.46	12,825.00
01-4324.10-395	WD Dues - Northeast Resource	125.00	125.00	0.00	125.00
01-4324.40-395	ED Household Hazardous Waste	1,500.00	3,387.71	(1,887.71)	1,800.00
	Total Solid Waste Disposal	10,209.00	12,096.25	(1,887.25)	14,750.00
	TOTAL SANITATION	10,209.00	12,096.25	(1,887.25)	14,750.00
	HEALTH				
	Animal Control				
01-4414.10-390	AC Veterinary/Boarding	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
	Total Animal Control	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
	TOTAL HEALTH	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
	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	1,150.00	1,850.00	3,000.00
01-4442.10-690	DIR ASST Food/Misc.	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
	Total Direct Assistance	5,000.00	1,150.00	3,850.00	5,000.00
	TOTAL WELFARE	5,000.00	1,150.00	3,850.00	5,000.00

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CULTURE & RECREATION					
<u>Parks & Recreation</u>					
01-4520.10-120	P&P Wages - Beach Monitor	3,000.00	2,489.00	511.00	4,000.00
01-4520.10-130	P&P Wages - Swim Instructor	2,000.00	1,560.87	439.13	2,100.00
01-4520.10-131	P&P Swim Aides	2,500.00	2,304.25	195.75	3,700.00
01-4520.10-133	P&P Swim Program - Misc.	300.00	0.00	300.00	200.00
01-4520.10-220	P&P Social Security	465.00	393.97	71.03	608.00
01-4520.10-225	P&P Medicare	109.00	92.12	16.88	142.00
01-4520.10-360	P&P Mowing	20,159.00	20,159.02	(0.02)	20,613.00
01-4520.10-361	P&P Community Field Mowing	14,502.00	14,501.97	.03	14,924.00
01-4520.10-410	P&P Electricity	700.00	780.87	(80.87)	700.00
01-4520.10-691	P&P Portable Toilets	3,000.00	3,079.94	(79.94)	3,500.00
01-4520.10-695	P&P Improvements	2,000.00	2,429.21	(429.21)	2,000.00
01-4520.10-800	P&P Herbicide Application	750.00	510.00	240.00	600.00
01-420.10-821	P&P Rivendell Trails	450.00	450.00	0.00	450.00
01-4520.10-900	P&P Orford Garden Club	750.00	760.00	(10.00)	600.00
	Total Parks & Recreation	50,685.00	49,511.22	1,173.78	54,137.00
<u>Library</u>					
01-4550.10-110	LIB Wages	14,630.00	14,624.00	6.00	15,015.00
01-4550.10-220	LIB Social Security	907.00	906.64	.36	931.00
01-4550.10-225	LIB Medicare	212.00	211.96	.04	218.00
01-4550.20-490	LIB Free Library-Appropriations	13,187.00	13,187.00	0.00	13,187.00
01-4550.30-490	LIB Social Lib-Appropriations	28,936.00	28,936.00	0.00	29,351.00
	Total Library	57,872.00	57,865.60	6.40	58,702.00
<u>Patriotic Purposes</u>					
01-4583.10-610	PP Patriotic Purposes-Misc.	250.00	339.33	(89.33)	250.00
01-4583.10-611	PP Parades	650.00	0.00	650.00	650.00
01-4583.10-612	PP parade Sheriff's Detail	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
01-4583.10-613	PP Veterans' Day Celebration	200.00	24.99	175.01	200.00
	Total Patriotic Purposes	1,700.00	364.32	1,335.68	1,700.00
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	110,257.00	107,741.14	2,515.86	114,539.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
<u>Conservation Commission</u>					
01-4619.10-000	CONS E-Coli Testing	2,520.00	2,415.00	105.00	2,640.00
01-4619.10-360	CONS Mowing	500.00	200.00	300.00	500.00
01-4619.10-550	CONS Legal/Professional Fees	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
01-4619.10-560	CONS Dues & Subscriptions	250.00	285.00	(35.00)	250.00
01-4619.10-570	CONS Advertising	260.00	159.94	100.06	260.00
01-4619.10-690	CONS Mileage Reimbursement	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
	TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	3,930.00	3,059.94	870.06	4,050.00
	TOTAL OF TOWN DEPTS & OTHER APPROPRIATIONS	1,020,596.00	960,913.34	59,682.66	1,032,765.00
	TOTAL BUDGET GRAND TOTAL	1,424,572.00	1,310,559.44	114,012.56	1,469,100.00

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS
January 2024 to December 2024

Account Number	Account Name	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	Variance Under (over)	2025 Budget
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES					
01-4915.10-930	Funding of the Capital Reserve Funds	490,223.00	490,223.00	0.00	439,436.00
01-4902.10-600	Highway Truck	0.00	295,507.55	(295,507.55)	0.00
01-4902.10-601	Highway Vehicle Sale Transfer to CRF	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,200.00
01-4902.10-732	Cemetery Mower Sale Transfer to CRF	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
01-4902.10-850	Fire Department Truck	0.00	0.00	0.00	240,000.00
01-4904.10-700	Mousley Brook Culvert FEMA Project	400,000.00	2,971.45	397,028.55	0.00
01-4904.10-701	Paving Project – Archertown Road Phase II	400,000.00	392,670.14	7,329.86	0.00
01-4904.10-701	Paving Project – Archertown Road Phase I Top Coat	0.00	0.00	0.00	115,000.00
01-4904.10-701	Paving/Road Improvement – Newcomb Hollow bridge to Norris Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	150,000.00
01-4904.10-701	Road Improvement – Indian Pond Culvert	130,000.00	36,637.31	93,362.69	0.00
01-4905.10-700	Reappraisal	0.00	0.00	0.00	43,000.00
01-4909.10-737	FEMA Funds Rec'd-paid to CRF	32,569.00	32,569.00	0.00	0.00
01-4909.10-740	NH Unanticipated Funds-pd to CRF	38,372.00	38,372.00	0.00	0.00
01-4909.10-740	WWII Donor Trust Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,147.00
	TOTAL SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES	1,491,164	1,288,950.45	202,213.55	1,041,383.00
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES					
01-4909.10-700	Charitable Appropriations	17,311.00	16,561.00	750.00	18,374.00
01-4902.10-746	Highway Equipment	5,000.00	1,555.80	3,444.20	0.00
	TOTAL INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES	22,311.00	18,116.80	4,194.20	18,374.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATED FUNDS	2,938,047.00	2,617,626.69	320,420.31	2,528,857.00

Treasurer's Report for the Year 2024

General Fund

Cash on Hand January 1, 2024

Woodsville Guaranty Bank:	\$ 311,109.89
Mascoma Savings Bank:	\$ 2,660,570.52

Receipts:

Tax Collector: Debbie Hadlock	5,478,477.60
Town Clerk: Debbie Hadlock	377,499.70

Interest:

Woodsville Guarantee Bank	130.14
Mascoma Bank	503.79

Other Sources:

State of New Hampshire	192,720.92
Rivendell license fee for use of town fields	29,000.00
Transfers from Trustee of Trust Funds	548,823.35
Miscellaneous	63,949.07

Total Receipts: 6,691,074.57

Disbursements:

Rivendell Interstate School District	4,317,933.00
Grafton County Tax	255,390.00
Transfers to Trustees of Trust Funds	561,164.00
Transfers to Conservation	10,935.00
Misc. Town Expenses	2,223,690.89

Total Disbursements 7,369,112.89

Net Income/Loss: (678,038.32)

Cash on Hand December 31, 2024

Woodsville Guaranty Bank:	\$ 68,936.50
Mascoma Bank:	\$ 2,224,704.59
Outstanding Transactions:	\$ 59,152.99

Restricted Funds

Conservation Commission Fund

Balance December 31, 2023:	\$185,078.97
Additions: FY24 LUC	\$ 10,935.00
: Donation	\$ 50.00
Interest	\$ 75.20
Due to General Fund	(\$ 43,805.98)*
Balance December 31, 2024	\$166,672.90

Special Projects

Balance December 31, 2023:	\$ 27.00
Balance December 31, 2024:	\$ 27.00

Firefighter's Memorial Fund

Balance December 31, 2023:	\$2,321.19
Balance December 31, 2024:	\$2,321.19

*Correction for bank errors

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy L Murphy, Treasurer

Tax Collector's Report
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024

Committed to Collector

Property Taxes, 1 st Issue	2,626,503.00
Property Taxes, 2 nd Issue	2,972,117.00
Yield Taxes	27,721.99
Land Use Change Tax	18,010.00
Total	5,644,351.99

Remitted to Treasurer

Property Taxes, 1 st Issue	2,535,181.09
Property Taxes, 2 nd Issue	2,668,125.64
Past Property Taxes	335,682.10
Yield Taxes	26,860.56
Land Use Change Tax	18,010.00
Credit	5891.01
Total	5,589,750.40
Uncollected Taxes	599,919.25

Respectfully Submitted
Deborah Hadlock, Tax Collector

**TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Auto Registration Fee	\$387,430.14
Dog License & Penalties	843.00
Boat Registrations	1,230.06
Vital Records	415.70
Misc.	44.50
TOTAL REVENUE	\$389,963.40

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

DOG LICENSE FEES

Male or Female	\$9.00
Altered Animals	6.50
Senior Citizens (over 65 years old, 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, 2025

If your dog is not licensed with the Town of Orford by May 31, 2025, 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 26, 2025 between 6:00PM – 7.00 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.

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah M Hadlock, Town Clerk

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 2024 Annual Report

Trust and Trustee Changes. Vicki Schwaegler was reelected as a Trustee for 3 years. Terry Harwood was reappointed as an Alternate Trustee for 1 year. One Alternate Trustee position is vacant, and an Alternate Trustee with experience in investment strategies would be welcome on the team.

The following Trust changes occurred during 2024:

- The Selectboard approved a new BANDSTAND TRUST (2024) at their August 28, 2024 meeting.
- 3 new Cemetery Perpetual Care Trusts were created. Orford now has 451 Perpetual Care Trusts.

Town of Orford CRFs/ETFs. All 2024 Appropriations voted in Warrant Articles 3 & 5 were received by the Trustees. Major expenditures included purchase of a 6-wheel truck, Road Improvements, and repair of the roof at the town offices. Other expenditures were typical of annual operations.

The ICS SWEEP Account that holds the Funds for these trusts (\$2M) earned about \$38,000 in interest. The Trustees are in the process of moving funds (\$0.5M) of some CRFs (FIRE TRUCKS, GRADER and LOADER) from the SWEEP Account (2% interest rate) into special CDs (~4% interest rate).

Orford Village District (OVD) CRF. An Appropriation of \$1,000 voted in OVD Warrant Article 3 was received. There were no expenditures. The Savings Account for this CRF earned a small interest.

Donor Trusts. Additions to the Donor Trusts included \$1,200 donated to new Cemetery Perpetual Care Trusts and \$24,435 in donations for the BANDSTAND TRUST. There were no expenditures.

The Trustees spent considerable extra time this year coordinating with the Cemetery Commission regarding the process to invoice expenses to the Cemetery Perpetual Care (CPC) Trusts. The CPC Trusts may only expend from their Income per NH RSAs. Per subsequent NH Probate Court rulings outside the RSAs, the Trust income must be invoiced to specific gravesites for their care, and expenses for general cemetery maintenance and improvements are not allowable. Rediscovery of the court-ruling constraints necessitated changes to an invoicing process that was incorrect for many decades. The prior process (incorrectly) shared expenditures across all Trusts and periodically included general maintenance expenses.

The Trustees also spent considerable extra time researching the steps needed to document the creation of the BANDSTAND TRUST to satisfy NH Dept. of Justice requirements for Donor Trusts.

After it came to light that the WWII MONUMENT MAINTENANCE Trust was incorrectly created as a taxpayer-funded Expendable Trust Fund in 2004, the Trustees also spent some time coordinating with NH Depts. of Justice and DRA about how to take corrective action. Warrant Articles at the 2025 Town Meeting are the first step to correct this Trust to a Donor Trust that may expend from Income Only.

The Trustees invested some Perpetual Care, Sawyer Scholarship and OSFE Trust Funds in CDs at higher rates of return (~4%). The Trustees have now arranged for Dividend Income to be paid in cash from all mutual fund investments for the Cemetery Perpetual Care, Niles Fund and Sawyer Scholarship Trusts. Receiving Dividend Income in cash vs. reinvestment simplifies bookkeeping and reporting work for annual MS reports. Interest income was about \$4,300. Dividend Income was about 9% greater than in 2023, and Capital Gains Income was about 60% smaller. Market Values of the Mutual Funds grew 13%.

Reporting. Trustees successfully submitted the required Calendar Year 2023 MS-9 & MS-10 financial reports to the NH Department of Justice (DOJ) via the NHTTF on-line Portal. The Trustee section of the Orford website provides links to copies of these reports. For 2025, NH DOJ will require that all Donor Trusts now be identified as either "Income-Only" or "Expendable", as shown in the financial table.

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

**ORFORD TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Trust Fund Name (Date)	BOY Balance At Cost \$	BOY Balance At Market \$	ADDED FUNDS	REALIZED GAINS PRINCIPAL	DIVIDENDS INCOME	INTEREST INCOME	EXPENDED FUNDS	EOY Balance At Cost \$	EOY Balance At Market \$	Year Change At Market \$	CODE
<i>Donor-Funded Cemetery Trusts</i>											
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUSTS (Note 1) <i>Income-only</i>	439,981.57	645,955.25	1,200.00	52,375.05	6,571.89	3,310.26		503,447.77	734,971.29	89,016.04	B&I
<i>Orford Town Capital Reserve Funds & Expendable Trust Funds</i>											
ROAD IMPROVEMENT CRF (1994)	438,488.76	438,488.76	213,699.00			9,520.93	171,140.13	490,568.56	490,568.56	52,079.80	B
DUMP CLOSURE CRF (1991)	13,147.36	13,147.36				266.32		13,413.68	13,413.68	266.32	B
FIRE TRUCKS CRF (1983)	466,089.15	466,089.15	58,859.00			9,509.24		534,457.39	534,457.39	68,368.24	B
FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CRF (2015)	140,568.81	140,568.81	34,574.00			2,847.98	5,016.91	172,973.88	172,973.88	32,405.07	B
FIRE TRUCK MAJOR MAINTENANCE CRF (2017)	17,058.32	17,058.32	4,043.00			350.20		21,451.52	21,451.52	4,393.20	B
HEAVY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE ETF (2003)	32,362.83	32,362.83	8,277.00			540.67	15,139.91	26,040.59	26,040.59	(6,322.24)	B
GRADER CRF (1983)	238,392.13	238,392.13	7,839.00			4,483.28		250,714.41	250,714.41	12,322.28	B
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRUCKS CRF (1997)	193,374.15	193,374.15	130,000.00			3,520.51	295,507.55	31,387.11	31,387.11	(161,987.04)	B
LOADER CRF (1983)	136,044.88	136,044.88	25,021.00			2,872.66		163,938.54	163,938.54	27,893.66	B
POLICE VEHICLE CRF (2023)	12,368.81	12,368.81	10,500.00			299.59		23,168.40	23,168.40	10,799.59	B
POLICE VEHICLE PPV & COMP. EQUIP. MAINT. CRF (2023)	7,065.04	7,065.04				143.11		7,208.15	7,208.15	143.11	B
TOWN BUILDINGS CRF (2019)	122,444.39	122,444.39	20,831.00			1,490.04	50,524.52	94,240.91	94,240.91	(28,203.48)	B
TOWN TAX MAP CRF (2002)	4,505.28	4,505.28				91.27		4,596.55	4,596.55	91.27	B
CEMETERY MOWER/BUILDING CRF (2015)	11,162.09	11,162.09	1,521.00			234.40	809.97	12,107.52	12,107.52	945.43	B
TREE CARE AND REPLACEMENT ETF (1991)	8,438.12	8,438.12	10,000.00			256.40	3,000.00	15,694.52	15,694.52	7,256.40	B
TOWN PROPERTY ETF (2000)	66,085.21	66,085.21	29,000.00			1,320.15	7,684.36	88,721.00	88,721.00	22,635.79	B
WWII MONUMENT MAINTENANCE ETF (2004) (Note 2) <i>Income-Only</i>	3,084.45	3,084.45				62.48		3,146.93	3,146.93	62.48	B
WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION CRF (2004)	6,639.63	6,639.63				134.50		6,774.13	6,774.13	134.50	B
BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT CRF (2021)	2,048.26	2,048.26				41.49		2,089.75	2,089.75	41.49	B
REVALUATION CRF (2022)	14,164.60	14,164.60	7,000.00			319.62		21,484.22	21,484.22	7,319.62	B
<i>Orford Village District Capital Reserve Fund</i>											
MAINTENANCE CRF (2022)	31,022.72	31,022.72	1,000.00			15.96		32,038.68	32,038.68	1,015.96	B
<i>Donor-Funded Trusts</i>											
COMMUNITY FIELD 2 (HAZEN MOREY) (1985) <i>Income-only</i>	5,871.78	5,871.78				2.94		5,874.72	5,874.72	2.94	B
PLAYGROUND (2011) <i>Expendable</i>	9,044.24	9,044.24				4.52		9,048.76	9,048.76	4.52	B
ORFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BEQUEST (ALICE MANN) (1949) <i>Income-only</i>	7,438.19	17,983.53		0.00		0.49		7,438.68	22,596.00	4,612.47	B&I
HAZEN MOREY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP (1985) <i>Income-only</i>	952.28	952.28				0.48		952.76	952.76	0.48	B
MENTA SAWYER SCHOLARSHIP (1987) <i>Income-only</i>	8,448.49	8,448.49				39.52		8,488.01	8,488.01	39.52	B
SCHOOLS FUND FOR EXCELLENCE (1989) <i>Income-only</i>	36,772.17	36,772.17				591.68		37,363.85	37,363.85	591.68	B
LENORE NILES FUND (1991) (Note 3) <i>Income-only?</i>	191,601.25	236,293.97		28,285.15	3,187.45	6.32		223,080.17	273,228.13	36,934.16	B&I
TOWN HALL HERITAGE CENTER TRUST (2013) <i>Expendable</i>	48,229.38	48,229.38			389.41	20.27		48,639.06	48,639.06	409.68	B&I
BANDSTAND TRUST (2024) (Note 4) <i>Expendable</i>	0.00	0.00	25,435.00			9.15		25,444.15	25,444.15	25,444.15	B
Totals	2,712,894.34	2,974,106.08	588,799.00	80,660.20	10,148.75	42,315.43	548,823.35	2,885,994.37	3,182,823.17	208,717.09	
	Unrealized CG	261,211.74					Investment Unrealized CG		296,828.80		

Notes:

- (1) This is the total of all 451 Cemetery Perpetual Care Trusts
- (2) Incorrectly created as a taxpayer-funded ETF, actually a Donor-Funded Trust
- (3) Managed as income-only by the Niles Fund Committee
- (4) Created per Selectboard Meeting Minutes August 28, 2024

Code B = Trust Funds in Bank Accounts Only (Checking, Savings & CDs). No risk to principal.
Code B&I = Trust Funds also include Investment Securities Accounts (Mutual Funds & Brokerage). Some risk to principal.



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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, 2023, 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, 2023, 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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Town of Orford
Independent Auditor's Report

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 31 – 34 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.

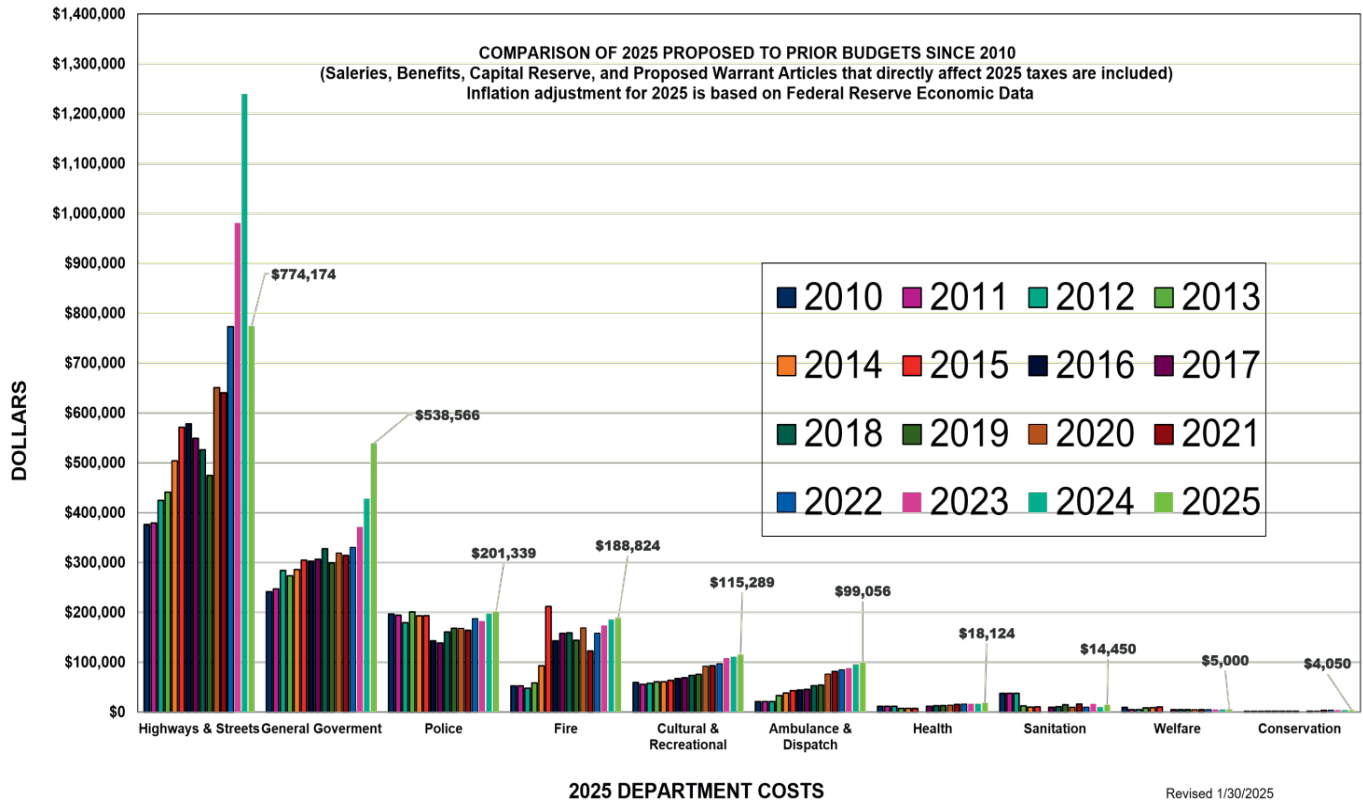
The Town of Orford has not presented a management's discussion and analysis. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined that the management's discussion and analysis is necessary to supplement, but is not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

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.

January 7, 2025

Roberts & Greene, PLLC



ORFORD VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2025

		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40		
	YEARS	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT																								
Truck #2	10	■																						
Truck #3	10																							
1.5 Ton Truck	5																							
Loader	25																							
Backhoe	17																							
Grader	30																							
POLICE DEPARTMENT																								
POLICE VEHICLE	7		■																					
DATABASE UPDATE	25K CAP																							
FIRE DEPARTMENT																								
Pumper Engine #3	30																							
Rescue Equipment Truck	28																							
Tanker Truck #2	30																							
CEMETERY																								
Mower																								

C Commit funding ■ Delivery and payment

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2024 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>	<u>Number of Acres</u>	<u>2024 Assessed Valuation by City/Town</u>
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY		
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 70-A	25,555.88	\$ 1,250,180
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B	8.00 0	770 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	2,368.87	38,130,600
G. Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT include Utility Land)	<u>180.49</u>	<u>3,314,000</u>
H. Total of Taxable Land	28,113.24	42,695,550
I. Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,749.31	5,635,900
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY		
(Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B)		
A. Residential		\$106,905,188
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		2,417,700
C. Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT include Public Buildings)		7,888,900
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		\$117,256,300
G. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		12,214,200
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.)		\$ 2,796,700
<i>Utility Summary:</i>		
PSNH dba Eversource Energy	\$1,280,600	
New Hampshire Electric Corp	1,495,100	
Great River Hydro LLC	20,800	
Green Mt. Power Corp	<u>200</u>	
Grand Total Valuation of all Utility Companies	\$ 2,796,700	
B. Other Public Utilities		0
4. MATURE WOOD AND TIMBER (RSA 79:5)		
		0
5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4)		
(This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality)		\$162,748,550
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>\$162,748,550</u>

2024 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	4	\$100,000

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>4</u>	\$25,000	<u>\$100,000</u>
TOTAL	4		\$100,000

<u>Elderly Exemption Report</u>	<u>Income Limits</u>	<u>Assess Limits</u>
Single	\$40,000	\$40,000
Married	\$50,000	\$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)			\$105,000
21. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)			<u>\$162,643,550</u>
22. LESS Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed in line 3B			\$ 2,796,700
23. NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)			<u>\$159,846,850</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	3	1,500
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	700	1	700
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	4,000	8	32,000
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28c	500	0	
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		55	\$55,700

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

2024 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	1,699.31	\$ 425,498
Forest Land	7,676.46	378,573
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	14,823.99	426,319
Unproductive Land	1,216.55	17,613
Wetland	<u>139.57</u>	<u>2,177</u>
TOTAL (See Item 1A)	25,555.88	\$ 1,250,180

<u>Other Current Use Statistics</u>	<u>Total Number of Acres</u>
Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	9,404.58
Removed from Current Use during Current Year	21.96

	<u>Total Number</u>
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	215
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	433

<u>Land Use Change Tax</u>	
Gross monies received for Calendar Year 2023	\$ 21,890.00
Conservation	
Allocation: Percentage: 50%	
Monies to Conservation Fund	\$10,945.00
Monies to General Fund	\$10,945.00

<u>Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Farm Land	0.00	\$ 0.00
Forest Land	4.00	481.00
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	4.00	289.00
Unproductive Lane	0.00	0.00
Wet Land	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	8.00	770.00

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics

Owners in Conservation Restriction	1
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	1

Discretionary Preservation Easements - RSA 79-D

Owners	Structures	Structure Valuation
4	10	\$44,512

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

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

<u>Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74)</u>	\$4,362.00
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2024 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Village District: VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>Number of Acres</u>	<u>2024 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	\$ 6,701
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)	41.83	2,403,100
G. Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT include Utility Land)	19.43	827,700
H. Total of Taxable Land	97.26	3,237,501
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		\$ 5,384,000
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		126,400
C. Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT include Public Buildings)		1,799,700
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		\$ 7,310,100
G. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Building		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		0
(This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality)		<u>\$ 10,547,601</u>
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.		<u>\$ 10,547,601</u>
12. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37 Total # granted	15,000	
Amount granted per exemption	0	\$ 0
13. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39 a & b Total # granted	0	0
14. Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b Total # granted	0	0
Amount granted per exemption	0	0
15. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b Total # granted	0	0
Amount granted per exemption	5,000	0
16. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	0	0
17. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62 Total # granted	0	0
18. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	0	0
19. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)	0	0
20. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum on Lines 12-19)		<u>0</u>
21. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR VILLAGE DISTRICT IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)		<u>\$ 10,547,601</u>

**ORFORD VILLAGE DISTRICT
2024**

Minutes from the April 2, 2024 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 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, Roberts & Greene, PCCL, Auditor, William McKee for the 3-year Commissioner. There was no candidate for the clerk position.

Article 2 – District Operations – to raise an appropriate \$45,693 for general district operations with \$4,957 to come from a state grant, \$34,236 from user fees and \$6,500 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 add \$1,000 to the Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund with said funds to come from water user fees.

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

Jane Hebb, Acting Clerk

2024 Appropriations

4196	Insurance	\$ 1,670	4711	Long Term Bond & Notes	\$16,522
4331	Administration	\$ 3,627		Total Operations	\$50,583
4332	Water Services	\$23,591			
4335	Water Treatment	\$ 5,173	4915	Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 1,000

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT 2024

In 2024, there were roughly 100 properties visited that had indicated they made changes to the property or had ongoing construction as of April 1, 2023. 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 reassessment 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 2024 estimated weighted mean assessment to sale ratio is 58.6%. The estimated median assessment to sale ratio is 61.2%. Please be advised this is subject to the Department of Revenue's final determination which will be completed sometime in the first quarter of 2025. The next scheduled town wide revaluation will be conducted in 2025 pursuant to the NH Constitution and State law.

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.

Brendon McGahan, CNHA
Granite Hill Municipal Services
Orford Assessing Agent

Fire Department 2024

The Orford Fire Department had a challenging year in 2024. We had a change in leadership and some personnel turnover. The current members are a dedicated group and remain committed to responding to emergencies in our community. We welcomed back a few former members along with two new members. We are still seeking new members either those interested in fire, rescue, EMS responder or any combination of those. Anyone interested can contact any member of the Department or email firechif@orfordnh.us.

One of the tasks the members accomplished was a review of the status of our equipment and vehicles. Some of the questions asked were; Is the equipment meeting the needs of the Town? Does any of the equipment need updating or replacing? One of those pieces that needs updating is the hydraulic extrication tools (Jaws of Life). The ones we have now were donated to the Town in 1990 (by The Orford Volunteer Fire Department Inc.). The cutters are not strong enough for some of the alloy metals used in modern cars. Replacement parts are no longer available. To assist in replacing these tools, three grants were applied for. Unfortunately, we were not awarded any of them. The plan is to apply for grants again in 2025.

Also, during the review, it was decided to seek the replacement of the Rescue. In 1998 when this vehicle was designed, the department was responding to different kinds of incidents than today. Then we were responding to motor vehicle crashes in the three surrounding towns (we were the only ones with the hydraulic extrication tools in these towns). Today we are more likely to respond to a wilderness rescue or a wildland fire. The proposed vehicle, to replace the Rescue, is more suited to these tasks.

During 2024 there were 188 requests for response. The majority (95) were requests for medical assistance. The rest included Brush/rubbish fires (5), Motor vehicle crash (8, 1 with entrapment), and other miscellaneous calls.

Stephen Sanborn, Fire Chief

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

In 2024, New Hampshire experienced an average spring wildfire season which included a 20-acre fire in Effingham in late April. Conditions remained wet enough throughout most of the summer to keep fire occurrence low. However, the fall conditions experienced throughout the northeast were higher than normal as drought conditions set in, keeping state and local firefighters very busy. The week before Thanksgiving found firefighters and forest rangers spending 3 days in an effort to extinguish a 21-acre fire in Exeter. State resources also responded to Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont to assist with large fires which occurred in the fall.

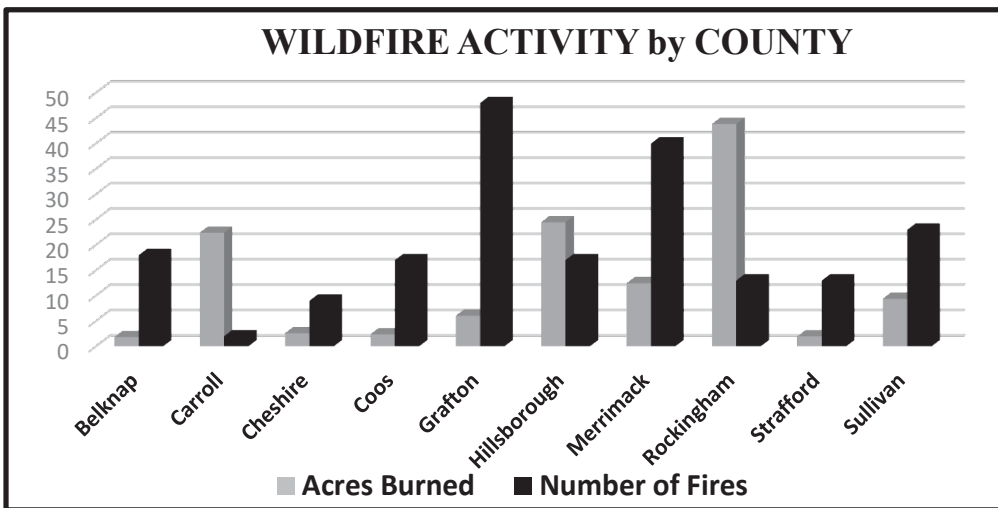
Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. In 2024, New Hampshire properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were impacted, with 37 structures threatened and 4 destroyed by wildfires. 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! 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 2025 fire season, please remember to contact Fire Warden Jim Hook 603-353-4834 or either of the Deputy Fire Wardens Jimmy Carter 603-353-9669, John Dunham 603-276-0213, Kevin Follensbee 603-252-5723, or Stephen Sanborn 603-276-5550 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 or using the QR code. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the 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.nhdfl.dncr.nh.gov. For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: [@NHForestRangers](https://www.instagram.com/NHForestRangers)



2024 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



Year-	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2024	123	125	77
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

(All fires reported as of December 01, 2024)

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED

Fireworks	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	2	29	13	108	7	10	9	5	7	2	7

Orford Highway Department Report

2024

This past year started with a few good snowstorms and a few mud seasons. We hit the ground running, working the roads and completing many projects. As with many towns, we had multiple storms that damaged many sites throughout the year. These were dealt with swiftly and with as little delay as possible. This year we worked hard to complete our tasks, start some long-term goals, complete other goals, and improve our skills.

During the year we were able to pull road ditches to allow water to run and grade the roads three times. Many thanks to Tim Chase for coming in and running our grader, his excellent skills allowed our crew members to move material and keep public safety. Many roads had a lot of gravel added to them along with other improvements. Two new culverts were installed, one on Mud Turtle Pond Road and the other on Andrews Road. In addition, we have utilized French drains to help deal with water run-off. We were able to start a longer-term project of trimming back branches and brush alongside the roads. This is a proactive measure to make the roads safer for vehicles and reduce storm issues.

The work on Archertown Road Phase 2 is now complete and came in under budget. I worked with the contractors and engineer, overseeing the project to make sure it was completed to our satisfaction. In addition, we were able to place stone in the ditches of Phase 1. Hopefully we can get the topcoat of asphalt completed in 2025, this will complete Phase 1.

As should be, the Orford Road crew has a goal of continued improvement. All three of our crew are now chainsaw certified and Certified Culvert Maintainers with the State of New Hampshire. The long process of waiting for production and supply issues is now over concerning our three new trucks. All three are fully functioning and outfitted for use. Our crew has put them to great use every day.

In preparation for winter and the coming seasons, a bit of the sand pit was excavated. We were able to not only get sand but also tailings and gravel that have been stockpiled for the spring.

Thank you to our crew Roger and Zach for your hard work and to the Selectboard for their support. With the progress we have made during 2024, we look forward to building upon these achievements and continuing to improve Orford's infrastructure. We have many projects planned for 2025 and anticipate another year of great success.

Sincerely,

Ted Nutter, Orford Road Agent

In 2024, 144 Police Officers were killed in the line of duty 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 2024

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.

In 2024, a total of 1,256 calls for service were responded to by law enforcement, a decrease from 2023 which had 1340. This decrease is mainly attributed to lessor amount of non-criminal and administrative calls for service, and the increase in criminal cases and investigations. Included in these cases or investigations were four DUI arrests (of which there were none in 2023) and numerous other thefts, fraud, malicious mischief, sex offense, and other investigatory cases. These types of cases increase time spent away from patrol due to travel and appearance to the forensics lab in Concord, and courts in Lebanon and Haverhill.

Many communities are continuing to have problems with calls for service involving theft, illegal drug possession/use, and other type of criminal mischief. Orford is not immune from this as we are a locality with NH Route 10 and 25A connecting New Hampshire and Vermont communities, inevitably resulting in the increase of contact with other community residents, increased enforcement and other activities.

I continue to be thankful and appreciative to the Orford residents for supporting me in service to Orford and making me a part of your community. I would like to thank the Orford Fire Department for sponsoring my Emergency Medical Responder licensure and the service they provide. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the other law enforcement agencies that assist and respond to Orford during times of need. This includes Lyme Police, Piermont Police, Fairlee (VT) Police, Grafton County Sheriffs Department, and the NH State Police. Finally, a special thanks to Piermont Police Chief Alling as we continue to assist and provide coverage for each other via our Extended Authority Patrol Contract.

134 people were killed on NH roads in 2024 (127 in 2023). Our youngest and newer drivers, 16-21, experienced the largest increase with 10 fatalities in 2024 (3 in 2023). Motor vehicle enforcement (speeding, distracted driving, drunk/drugged driving) will continue to be a focus with the NH Highway Safety Grant over-time enforcement patrol. Please drive safely as "zero tolerance" enforcement may become the norm, not the exception.

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.

Continue to 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

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		25,000
<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 & Trailers		616,751
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 & Computer		73,364
Speed Cart		7,300
<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	\$2,135,415

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

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

During this budgeting season the Budget Advisory Committee met several times, including joint meetings with the Selectmen and the public Budget Hearing 1/28/2025. This year, the Selectboard thoroughly scrutinized requests from all departments, as is verified in the Selectmen meeting minutes taken and published by the Administrative Assistant, Esther.

The Highway Department 2025 budget, \$774,174 with Warrant Articles requiring taxation, is \$465,562 (37.6%) less than the 2024 budget requiring taxation, \$1,239,736 with Warrant Articles. Items that affect 2025 taxes are the Operating Budget, Capital Reserve additions, and separate Warrant Articles to raise and appropriate money by taxes. For the past two years Highway Department funding along with Highway related Warrant Articles have driven the budget up substantially, most of it because of expenses on the Archerton Road hill, adjoining roadway, and other road projects. In the 2025 budget all the Warrant Articles dealing with highways are coming out of the Capital reserve, so Highway cost requiring taxation in 2025 is now calculated to be within \$1,218 of the cost in 2022.

Bob Palifka contacted John Deere directly to determine the current equivalent replacement costs for the Town Grader, Backhoe, and Loader. For the Backhoe and loader, the 2024 price was close to what had been planned for, but the Grader current price had increased so much that the Grader Capital Reserve contribution in 2025 needs to be \$16,000 instead of \$7,839 in 2024, more than double. This large increase is more than offset by the Highway Department Trucks reserve being reduced to \$52,900 in 2025 from \$130,000 in 2024. Capital Reserve 2025 contributions are now set at \$439,436 instead of \$490,223 in 2024, a reduction of \$50,787. Cemeteries cost has increased almost \$20,000 because \$5,500 is allocated for Contracted Services and Tree Removal, plus Mowing and Maintenance is to be outsourced in 2025.

Tables below summarize the costs of Warrant articles, if they all pass as written:

	2024	2025
OPERATING BUDGET, ARTICLE 2	\$1,424,572	\$1,469,100
CAPITAL RESERVE ARTICLE 3	\$490,223	\$439,436
OTHER ARTICLES REQUIRING TAXATION	<u>\$452,311</u>	<u>\$18,374</u>
TOTAL REQUIRING TAXATION	\$2,367,106	\$1,926,910

As can be seen in the above table, 2025 Town taxes will be less by \$440,196 or 18.6% compared to those in 2024, which should have a reducing effect on that portion of the December 2025 tax bill.

	2024	2025
MONEY FROM UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$70,941	\$75,947
MONEY FROM CAPITAL RESERVE + FEMA	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$526,000</u>
TOTAL NOT REQUIRING TAXATION	\$570,941	\$601,947
GRAND TOTAL OF WARRANT ARTICLES	\$2,938,047	\$2,528,857
SUBTRACT VOTED FROM UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	-\$70,941	-\$75,947
SUBTRACT ESTIMATED REVENUE	<u>-\$1,165,832</u>	<u>-\$1,161,700</u>
ESTIMATED MUNICIPAL TAX TO BE RAISED	\$1,701,274	\$1,291,210

For 2025 the Selectboard has made good use of the Capital Reserves and Unassigned Fund Balance. **The Orford Town budget with all Warrant Articles for 2025 requiring new taxes is smaller than last year's estimate by \$410,064 (24%)** and the grand total of Warrant Articles including money from the Unassigned Fund balance and Capital Reserve is smaller than last year's by \$409,190. We now anticipate a reduction of the Municipal cost in the December 2025 tax bill. The Budget Advisory Committee agrees that the proposed Articles 2 through 11 are reasonable, necessary, and we unanimously recommend their passage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Budget Advisory Committee

Bill Paxton, Vanessa DeSimone, Bob Palifka-Chair

2/3/2025

CEMETERY COMMISSION

2024

In Memory of Kurt Gendron



It was with great sadness that we were informed on September 10, 2024, of Kurt's passing after a long illness. Kurt was a dedicated employee who served the Town for 29 years, keeping our three cemeteries in the best of condition. He was quick to point out to the Commission things that needed to be done, and the right way to go about it, and we are thankful for that. Kurt had a friendly and understanding manner with people who needed information or who were just visiting the cemeteries. His caring will be long remembered.

The Commission wants to recognize the significant amount of volunteer work that was done at our cemeteries in 2024. Due to Kurt's illness, David Smith and Paul and Claudia Tracy did a lot of mowing and trimming at the cemeteries. Paul and Claudia of P&C Gravestone Preservation, also cleaned and/or reset a number of headstones, conducted a headstone cleaning demonstration in coordination with the Orford Historical Society and the NH Old Graveyard Association and sponsored a demonstration on the proper way to reset a leaning headstone. Harry Pease built and installed a new gate at the East Cemetery. Bernie Marvin, a Marine Corps Veteran from Piermont, provided a lot of information and advice about creating a Veteran's Memorial based on his experience in planning and overseeing the building of the Veteran's Memorial in Piermont. Heidi Wilson began organizing a Friends of the Orford Cemeteries group to raise money to help with repair and improvement projects at the cemeteries. Chase and Sue Kling donated holiday wreaths for the gates at the cemeteries again this year. The Commission thanks everyone who helped to maintain and improve our cemeteries this year.

Anyone interested in helping to maintain or improve our cemeteries can contact one of the Commissioners.

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

ORFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2024 Annual Report

The Orford Conservation Commission (OCC) actively initiates and supports conservation and outdoors-related projects and programs in Orford. Our objectives are to build awareness, educate, promote, and engage the community in stewardship and the enjoyment of the many remarkable natural resources and landscapes in Orford.

Major program initiatives in 2024 included:

- Hike Orford! Outings: Organized and led ongoing monthly community hiking outings, visiting some of Orford's most beautiful scenes and landscapes. Highlights included visiting the Thomson property in Quinttown at the height of the lupine season, summitting Mount Cube in June (with no black flies!), hiking Cottonstone Mountain with October's bright foliage colors, visiting the stunning Brackett Falls, and adventuring out for our Full Moon Snowshoe Hike at Mountain View Farm. What an enthusiastic community response to the hiking program! Thanks for getting outdoors with us.
- Trail Work and Property Maintenance: Cleared fallen trees, aggressive saplings, and brush from Orford Heritage Trail (OHT). Planning 2025 erosion work and repair of the OHT's water bars. Continued maintenance of the Richmond Property trail to the Connecticut River from Rt. 10 and monitored tree plantings at riparian buffer. Conducted preliminary planning with the Rivendell Trail Association for long-term stewardship of the Orford section of the Cross-Rivendell Trail. Thanks for the many volunteer trail work hours!
- Stargazing: Co-sponsored with the Upper Valley Land Trust our annual stargazing party at the Mountain View Farm Conservation Area in Quinttown. More than 100 people attended this year! Plans are already underway for our August 2025 stargazing event.
- Collaboration with Upper Valley Conservation Partners: Co-sponsored outings and worked on conservation easement projects with the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT). Co-sponsored outings and worked on trail maintenance with the Upper Valley Trails Alliance (UVTA). Collaborated with the Rivendell Trail Association (RTA) on go-forward planning for the Cross-Rivendell Trail.
- Conservation Land Easement Monitoring: Conducted annual reviews of conserved land in Orford. Monitored and reported to UVLT and Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF). Thank you to our volunteer easement monitors!
- Water Testing: With the goal of maintaining safe and healthy swimming in Orford, conducted water testing from mid-May through Labor Day at sites along Jacobs Brook, at Indian Pond beach/boat launch, and the Baker Ponds. Site testing will continue for 2025. Results to be posted each week. Our dedicated volunteer water testers remain committed.
- Invasive Species (particularly, Japanese Knotweed) Control: Japanese Knotweed colonies were managed along Tillotson Falls Road, Route 25A, and Brook Road. Roadside mowing was coordinated with these efforts. Thanks to the volunteers who make this happen. Thanks to the Orford Highway Department for their assistance. Ongoing work is planned for 2025.
- Wetlands Projects: Reviewed wetlands permit applications. Reviewed NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) letters to landowners regarding wetlands violations or failing septic systems.

An enormous thanks to all our volunteers -- for trail work, invasive species, and water testing. And thanks to our many enthusiastic hikers! We had 55 hikers with headlamps out on our Full Moon Snowshoe Hike this past January! Good news -- planning is already underway for our 2025 conservation activities and Hike Orford! outings. Plan to join us!

Commissioners and Alternates:

Bob Hedges (Chair), Edmond Cooley (Vice Chair), Harry Pease, and Chris Gothberg;
Alternates: Emily Bryant (Asst. Secretary), John Miller, and Fran Plaisted (Secretary).

Orford Free Library

The year 2024 was a positive one for the Free Library. Our total patron count for the year was 1700. The library circulated 4530 items. Both of these counts increased from the previous year.

The Free Library provided programs and activities for all ages. Our mystery book discussion series continued throughout the year. Monthly story times were held for children. The Summer Reading Program, “Adventure Begins at Your Library,” was held in collaboration with the Social Library. In July, we enjoyed an afternoon of juggling with Rich Brown, and also a butterfly program presented by George DeWolf. Pumpkin carving was held in October. We started a series of Astronomy Nights in November led by Andy Torres. A jewelry making workshop led by Elise King was held in November. The annual Holiday Open House with the Orford Historical Society took place in December. We sponsored collection drives for the Upper Valley Humane Society, Second Chance Animal Rescue and Orford Cares.

We also had a wide variety of resources for patrons. These included: Take and Make kits, a subscription to Mango Languages which allowed patrons to learn new languages at home and online genealogical research sites - Heritage Quest and LibraryAncestry.com. We continued to add new items to our “Library of Things” including outdoor games and a child’s metal detector.

The Free Library sincerely thanks the Friends of the Orford Libraries for their generous support. Their funding provided supplies for the Take and Make kits and children’s story times, special programming for the Summer Reading Program, new items to lend to patrons, the Mango Languages subscription, and passes to Squam Lakes Science Center, Fairbanks Museum and Canterbury Shaker Village.

We are especially grateful to our Library Director, Laurel Fulford. She provides a welcoming, friendly and helpful presence at the library. Thank you, also, to all of the loyal volunteers who help keep things humming along smoothly.

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

Library Director: Laurel Fulford

Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 2024	\$12,511.71
Town of Orford	27,656.00
Gifts/Donations	185.00
Friends of Orford Libraries’ gift	2,500.00
Sale/Copier/Printer	541.00
Misc.	35.79
Interest	<u>5.02</u>
	\$43,434.52

Expenditures

Books	3,622.61
Multimedia	803.34
Magazines	129.61
Librarian	14,469.00
Fuel/Heat	1,764.22
Repair/Improvements/Equipment	2,937.73
Postal	114.60
Telephone	491.64
Electric	456.88
Copier/Library Supplies	654.56
Grounds	515.00
Computer/Internet Services	467.28
Dues/Memberships	710.00
Programs/Materials	837.50
Howe/Evergreen/Mango Fees	1,966.15
Misc.	433.06
Funds to Savings	5,000.00
Balance in checking account December 31, 2024	<u>\$8,061.34</u>
	\$43,434.52

Orford Social Library 2024

The Orford Social Library offered a welcoming and stimulating atmosphere for over 4000 patrons this year. Our programs, materials and services enrich personal lives, foster community, stimulate ideas and nurture an appreciation and enjoyment of literature, nature and the arts.

Several grants were completed this year: our solar panels were installed in January and offset \$1000 of electrical cost this year. The new ADA compliant ramp and brick pathway were installed. Additional grants from The American Library Association and the Association of Rural and Small Libraries awarded us an additional \$15,000 for heat pumps and \$10,000 to provide better outside lighting and an automatic door opener. These grants provided over \$60,000 for improvements and upgrades to our beautiful building.

Highlights of our programming included a falcon demonstration on the Orford Green from Monadnock Falconry, presentations on the Thompson Family Tree Farm, New Hampshire Bats, Eastern Coyotes, Sewing-a-Tote Bag and Nutrition programs to boost energy and batch cook. We lent out free E-bikes again, and continued to partner with the Free Library to support the Summer Reading theme with the popular annual Squam Lakes live animal show and other hands-on programs.

Our regular programming included: The Ice Cream Social, Witches of Orford, Holiday Open House, Poem on a Postcard, Made in Orford local art exhibit and a Seed giveaway. Popular weekly programs continue with Mah Jongg, Bridge, Knitting, German Conversation, French Conversation and Crokinole, along with monthly Book Discussions, Story and Art time, and Tech Help.

Support from the town of Orford, the Friends of the Orford Libraries and financial support from individuals helps us provide such a wide range of quality services and engaging events. Sincere thanks to you all! In addition, our loyal volunteers: Beverly Andrews-Potry, Eva Daniels, Ann Green, Sukie Hausmann, and Jean Kuskowski deserve much appreciation for their continued help and support. Final thanks go to Trustees Lisa Wheelock (chair), Esther Dobbins Marsh (treasurer), Gail Keefer (secretary), Bonnie McCouch, Brynne MacMurtry, and Tom Trunzo for their on-going dedication and efforts.

Laina Warsavage
Library Director, Orford Social Library

Cash Balance as of 01/01/2024	4,126.75		
2024 Income:		2024 Expenses:	
Town of Orford	28,936.00	Salaries & Taxes	33,156.89
General Fundraising	10,610.00	Education, Dues & Travel	252.88
Misc. Fundraising Events	715.00	Books, Magazines & Audio	2,876.47
Program Donations	175.50	Library Office Expenses	858.06
Book Sale	180.00	Library Phone & Internet	1,218.57
Misc. Income	311.78	Insurance	3,890.00
Investment Redemption	14,000.00	Fundraising Expenses & Program	78.12
Designated Income:		Heat, Water & Electricity	2,643.49
Friends - Orford Libraries	2,500.00	Building & Grounds Maintenance	1,195.00
Other Income	500.00	Computer & Copier Expenses	705.55
		Accounting Fee	700.00
		Designated Project expenses	5,275.08
Total 2024 Income	57,928.28	Total 2024 Expenses	52,850.11
		Cash Balance s of 12/31/2024	9,204.92

NILES TRUST FUND 2024

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, held 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 2023 the Committee met with Chris Crowley, Trustee of the Orford Trust Funds, at which time it was agreed to request the Trustees to manage the Fund as if it were a Perpetual fund and disbursements be made from income only.

In 2024 the Committee received and approved one request for a grant of \$7500 for repairs of the Orford Bandstand. However, Trustees of the Fund recommended release of funds be placed on hold pending success in receiving donations to the new Orford Bandstand Donor Fund specifically created to meet the cost of repairs and to promote growth in the value of the Fund.

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

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

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE
2024

The Parks and Playground Committee once again hosted Green Up Day. I think this year was a record number of community members coming out to help pick up the town roads. Before we left most roads had been accounted for. We will 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 all the help with this. We would not be able to do this without all of their help! Thank you to everyone that participated!

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 and other town properties. He puts many hours into maintaining the various town properties, 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 92 area kids enrolled. They had a total of 66 kids from Orford and Piermont. The other 26 students paid to participate in our program. They came from many surrounding towns including Bradford, Woodsville, Pike, Wells River, and Fairlee!

We would like to thank Harry Osmer for stepping in to fill the Beach Monitor Position. After a couple of years without a monitor there were a few bumps at the start of the season. We tried to work through them the best we could. We will continue to try to improve the beach pass process. If you plan on using Indian Pond please remember to stop by the town office to pick up your beach pass.

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 for putting together another successful season. You can stay up to date on the concerts by following their Facebook Page. We continue to try to address the issues at the Bandstand.

The Open-Air Market had another successful year on the common. Thank you once again to Cara Dyke for all your efforts to pull this together and keep it going. 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!

PLANNING BOARD

2024

The Orford Planning Board continued to serve the citizens of Orford throughout 2024, regularly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at Orford Town Hall. Agendas, notices and minutes can be found on the town website, while public hearing and notices and agendas are also posted at the Town Hall and Orford Post Office. Generally, this year saw typical Planning Board business with many informal discussions, followed by Public Hearings and application decisions.

2024 started with a Major Subdivision Application Public Meeting/Hearing with Pioneer Surveying for CR Living, LLC, Tax Map 8-93, Lot 27, which was approved unanimously by the planning board. March saw new board members seated with Mark Adamczyk and Caleb Day joining the Board. Tom Thomson was added to the board in May, with Ann Green joining to serve as alternate. To support the Board and Town, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission was reengaged to continue guiding the board on planning policies and procedures. Renee Theall serves as the UPLSRPC representative for Orford.

The summer months saw the board conducting informal discussions involving Mountain View Hideaway and Nick Castel, Map 8-108R Lot 58, 48 LR Property LLC. Of those, the Mountain View application for a street plat was eventually moved to a Public Hearing in October and approved by the board nearly unanimously, except for Paul Goundrey abstaining from the vote.

Nick Castel, Map 8-108R Lot 58, 48 LR Property LLC conducted several informal meetings throughout the fall, moving from a condominium plan to an application for a subdivision, creating three lots on the property. This December application and January Public Hearing were eventually postponed due to a missing abutter notice.

The fall and early winter continued with informal discussions clarifying policies and procedures for our fellow taxpayers. Indian Pond Limited Liability LLC continued informal presentations of subdivisions and lot line adjustments for property around Indian Pond Rd and areas east. Members of the board completed an inspection of Thomson Gravel Pit. The board also conducted a survey of citizens related to updating the Wireless Telecommunications Ordinance in the town. These surveys indicated a growing desire for better cellular reception all over the town and specifically in East Orford.

Many thanks to the members of the Board for their service to this community. We encourage any folks interest in serving on the board or as alternates, so please contact the board, or come to a meeting – the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Adamczyk, Chair, Paul Goundrey, Vice Chair, Martha Rose, Secretary,
Caleb Day, Tom Thomson, Ruth Hook

Ann Green, Alternate

Chase Kling, Select Board Ex-Officio

Kevin Follensbee, Select Board Ex-Officio Alternate

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Highlights 2024

- Local to communities: UVLSRPC staff have worked with several municipalities in updating local plans and ordinances this year including auditing regulations for potential improvements, master planning, hazard mitigation planning, and natural resources inventories. UVLSRPC continued to provide planning board support and GIS support and provided technical assistance on transportation-related projects. Staff have assisted municipalities with successful grant writing and grant administration.
- Housing: UVLSRPC remained at the forefront of housing discussions, assisting communities' conversations of the need for housing through board meetings, community engagement, and RHNA presentations at housing forums. Technical assistance to communities in receiving grant funds and facilitating regulatory audits continued. The Housing Utility project, an addition to the Keys to The Valley initiative, continued to flourish and held its second annual *Home Creator Expo*. For more information on our housing work <https://www.uvlsrpc.org/housinguvs/>
- Transportation: UVLSRPC has knowledge and expertise in Regional Transportation. Our team has provided technical assistance to over 20 projects of regional priority to advance them toward implementation including data collection and grant application development. Our goal is to bring more transportation funds to the Upper Valley Region through project development and technical assistance. Our team secured funding from USDOT's Thriving Communities Program to add capacity to our communities in resiliency planning and advancing transportation projects that boost a resilient roadway network with cross-sector benefits. Our team is also in the final stages of approving the Region's Long-Range Transportation Plan that showcases both capital and non-capital strategies to improve the region's transportation system <https://uvlsrpc.org/transportation/long-range-transportation-plan-lrtp/>
- Project Highlights: UVLSRPC has been awarded funding and has worked extensively on brownfields priorities, clean transportation, resiliency planning, stream and culvert assessments, lead paint reduction, and creating a new stormwater program.

UVLSRPC will continue to serve its member communities in addressing the region's highest priorities.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Butts
Executive Director, mbutts@uvlsrpc.org



2024 Annual Report

This year has been a busy one for Upper Valley Ambulance. We are on pace to respond to over 1600 emergency calls. This represents an increase of approximately 5% over last year's emergency call volume. In addition, on July 1 we added a fourth ambulance and crew during the daytime. This ambulance is dedicated to doing interfacility transfers and provides a much-needed service to DHMC and other local hospitals as they move patients to the most appropriate hospitals. Last year, Upper Valley Ambulance did 265 interfacility transfers. We are now on pace to do over 750 interfacility transfers per year.

The interfacility transfers have been a good source of revenue for Upper Valley Ambulance. Significantly, this operation has allowed for necessary wage and staffing increases while limiting the increase of our 2025 per capita charge to the towns to \$2 per capita instead of \$10 per capita. Since this is an additional ambulance and crew, the interfacility transfers have not interrupted emergency coverage.

We have a solid core of dedicated providers. In addition to the paramedics already on staff, two of our providers are in paramedic school and should be finishing in the summer of 2025. We also have five providers who are finishing their advanced EMT certification and should be ready to practice at that higher level in the spring of 2025.

In February of 2024, the previous director, Alan Beebe, retired. I was able to work with him for a few weeks in transition and have been filling the director position since then.

Thank you for your support.

Zachary Bryan

DARTMOUTH HEALTH - 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.

As an integral part of the community healthcare system, VNH serves to breach an otherwise significant gap in the community's continuum of care. Last year, provided 317 visits to 16 Orford residents of 211 ages and at all stages of life. VNH is also the foremost team of hospice and home health experts for over 140 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. We deliver nursing, hospice and rehabilitation services at home with proven effectiveness, integrity and compassion. Just as local families have counted on us since 1907, you can count on us today.

Having our patients maintain their independence is key. Our nurses, therapists, social workers and support staff provide assessments, medical care and education to assist people in leading a more self-sufficient and independent life. We also provide support to terminal patients and their families to assure they are comfortable and experience quality of life in their final days. Our patients include the frail, elderly, and disabled often recovering from major surgery or illness as well as children with chronic medical needs. All of our patients benefit by receiving the care they need in the familiarity and comfort of home.

Town funding is what allows us to reduce the cost of services provided to those in need. With adequate town funding, we are able to provide an affordable option for home healthcare throughout the communities we serve. To continue meeting this need, we hope your budget will include continued financial support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire.

On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your consideration of this request.

Martin Degen, Chief Financial Officer

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.
REPORT 2023/2024

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. (GCSCC) is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services that support the health and well-being of our communities' older citizens as well as adults with disabilities. GCSCC's programs enable community members to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

GCSCC operates eight senior centers (located in Bristol, Canaan, Haverhill, Lebanon, Lincoln, Littleton, Orford, and Plymouth) and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP Volunteer Center (an AmeriCorps Seniors project). Through GCSCC's network, 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024, 112 older residents of Orford were served by one or more of GCSCC's programs offered through Orford Area Senior Services. In addition, 14 residents were served through ServiceLink.

- Older adults from Orford enjoyed 3,324 meals prepared by GCSCC.
- Orford residents received wellness calls, assistance with problems, crises, or issues of long-term care through 52 visits with a trained outreach worker and 42 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Orford residents participated in 264 health, education, or social activities.
- 3 door-to-door, on-demand bus rides were provided for Orford residents.

The cost for GCSCC to provide services for Orford residents in 2023-2024 was \$49,530.52.

Such services can be critical for older adults and adults with disabilities who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. Doing so saves tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. GCSCC's programs also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population ages, supportive services such as those offered by GCSCC are becoming even more critical.

GCSCC would very much appreciate Orford's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older adults and adults with disabilities. GCSCC enables our 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

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

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

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

Annually we serve more than 24,000 individuals that reside over 4,455 sq. miles of Northern New Hampshire. TCCAP and our 16 service programs provide services to all residents of Coos, Carroll, and Grafton County's requesting and needing support. During our Fiscal Year 2023 we served a Total of 66 Orford Clients valuing \$72,287.26 in services provided.

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.

Respectfully, Brenda Gagne, Chief Programs Officer

WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH

In fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024), West Central Behavioral Health (West Central) served 1153 adults and 427 children, providing behavioral health services at outpatient clinics in lower Grafton and Sullivan counties, residential care for adults, community-based programs, and mobile crisis response services. In all, 47, 743 services were delivered, 14,896 of which were to children ages 3 -17. Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) services were made available 24/7 via the NH Regional Response Access Point (NHRRAP).

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 people in Orford during the last fiscal year. A total of 138 services were provided to 7 Orford residents including 6 children. We were grateful to have received \$1800 in funding from the Town of Orford last year. These funds are crucial in providing services for adults, families, and children in need. 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.

Mental Health services continued to be in high demand throughout our region. The Mobile Crisis Response team has significantly impacted hospital admissions as nearly all of their calls result in an emergency room diversion. From July 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024, the Mobile Crisis Response Team:

- Conducted 233 outreaches (MCR dispatched into the community by RRAP); 161 were in the persons' home, 23 were at school, 42 were in the community and 7 were at the county jail
- Conducted 14 outreaches involving Police (RRAP contacted by local police requiring WCBH MCR involvement); and,
- Conducted 107 Urgent Appointment Requests initiated by the Rapid Response Access Point (crisis is triaged by RRAP and then follow-up was made by West Central MCR via telephone, telehealth sessions or in-person appointment) within 24 hours post RRAP contact
- Performed 205 evaluations at Valley Regional Hospital or Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital

West Central is one of ten community mental health centers (CMHCs) delivering behavioral health services to individuals and families throughout New Hampshire and provides services for individuals of all ages including:

- Adult Outpatient Programs
- Child and Family Services
- Arbor View is a licensed, recovery-focused community residence located in Newport, NH for 16 adults over age fifty, who are diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness.
- Mobile Crisis Response teams are available 24/7 through New Hampshire's Rapid Response Access Point (NHRRAP) crisis helpline.
- Community-based services, provided year 'round in schools, nursing homes, workplaces, and correctional facilities. West Central is the fiscal sponsor for Youth/CAN a Drug Free Communities Grant focusing on changing community norms around underage drinking and drug use.

PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL OF THE UPPER VALLEY

The Public Health Council of the Upper Valley (PHC) is our region's trusted leader in public health, supporting the people, professionals, and organizations, who together, make our communities healthier places to live, work, and play. Our mission is to improve the health of all Upper Valley residents through four key approaches:

1. Collaborative Action: We work with municipalities, health and human services organizations, businesses, and policymakers to develop and implement actionable plans and best practices to address community priorities and ensure access to essential public health services.
2. Idea and Information Sharing: We gather and disseminate important public health information across the region and create opportunities for people to come together and share their experiences and expertise.
3. Support for Underserved People: We advocate for health equity, sponsor promising programs, and provide additional technical assistance to municipal and organizational leaders to help vulnerable community members.
4. Unified Priorities: We align the public health priorities of the region to promote collaboration and progress toward shared goals.

PHC is recognized by the State of New Hampshire as one of its regional public health networks and collaborates closely with White River Junction District Office of the Vermont Department of Health.

Our work in 2024 included:

- Hosted six free flu vaccine clinics in Upper Valley in partnership with Dartmouth Health, Geisel School of Medicine, and local partners, providing close to 1,500 vaccines.
- Hosted host eight learning sessions that bring people and organizations together across state lines to address the region's health priorities.
- Supported Upper Valley Strong's responds to July 2024 flooding.
- Addressed health disparities by bringing together members of underserved communities to identify and respond to community-defined needs.

- Supported projects promoting childhood lead screening and recovery housing needs, among other improvements in our community health systems.
- Gathered local legislators and service providers to discuss many layers of work force challenges impacting health and wellbeing in our region.

PHC appreciates the opportunity to serve the residents of Orford and will work hard to meet your needs in 2025. For more information about PHC, visit us at www.uvpublichealth.org.

RIVENDELL TRAILS ASSOCIATION 2024 Annual Report

“To create and maintain the Cross Rivendell Trail as an educational and recreational resource for Rivendell’s schools and the community”

The Rivendell Trail Association (RTA) is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization based in Fairlee, Vermont, dedicated to maintaining the Cross Rivendell Trail (CRT) as a resource for place-based education and community recreation. In 2024, the RTA formed a new interim board committed to revitalizing both the organization and the trail. The RTA interim board has met monthly since July and is actively working through various tasks, including reengaging with landowners, inventorying the entire 36-mile trail, planning for needed maintenance, and reconnecting with volunteers and hikers to ensure the CRT will be a treasured multi-town resource for years to come. In addition, volunteers completed extensive trail maintenance on the CRT at Patterson Mountain and installed a beautiful new kiosk at the Flagpole Hill trailhead in Vershire. The RTA also partnered with the Upper Valley Trails Alliance to clear / re-establish the section of trail between Rte. 25A and Baker Road in Orford.

Rivendell Trails Association Interim Board of Directors

CASA

CASA serves abused and neglected children and youth from birth to 21 years of age throughout the state. Our advocacy services ensure that these young victims are placed in safe, supportive homes free from debilitating trauma. Our purpose is to provide well-trained, caring *Guardians ad Litem* (GALs) to advocate for victimized children and youth in the New Hampshire court system.

Victimization of children and acute childhood trauma are often the threshold for myriad other problems, including addiction, chronic physical conditions, depression, self-harming behaviors, insufficient educational progress, criminality, and other psychiatric disorders in later life. Ultimately, these problems harm the child and negatively impact the community as a whole, passing the impact of their trauma to the next generation. CASA advocates play a critical role in breaking the cycle of abuse and trauma. New Hampshire judges have come to rely on CASA advocates as the voice of reason in a complex legal system. **In FY year 2024, we served over 1,500 children statewide.**

Before COVID-19 struck, CASA was already trying to manage a steep increase in cases due to the substance misuse epidemic in New Hampshire. Now, between the substance misuse crisis and the pandemic, which has challenged families through job loss, increased mental illnesses, substance misuse, and domestic violence, we will be even more challenged to build the capacity needed to reach our overarching goal of serving 100% of victimized children. Regrettably, in FY 2024, we could only accept 78% of the cases referred to us and had to refuse cases involving 183 children in 91 families.

New Hampshire’s abused and neglected children are a part of every community within our state and range in age from birth to 21. National studies show that children with a CASA volunteer benefit in countless ways – they are more likely to be placed in safe, permanent homes, receive better mental, emotional and physical health services, and have fewer placement changes than children without a focused advocate. With the support of a CASA advocate, neglected and abused children have access to a brighter future.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this request for your next funding cycle. Should you require additional materials to support this letter, please contact Tarah Bergeron, Development Associate at (603) 626-4600 x2113 or by emailing tbergeron@casanh.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Marcia R. Sink, President & CEO

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE 2024 Annual Report

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency (NCHHHA), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, proudly provides compassionate home health, hospice, and long-term care services across Coös and Grafton Counties. Serving approximately 76,000 residents across 2,705 square miles, our Mission as a proud affiliate of North Country Healthcare is to improve lives by supporting patients and families through their healthcare journey at home. For many rural residents, we are not just a healthcare provider—we are a lifeline.

In 2024, we made 53,162 visits across our two counties. Across our service area, we experienced an 11% increase in the number of patients served and a 14% rise in total visits, reflecting the growing reliance on our care. In 2024, for Orford, we visited 6 patients 50 times for home health, hospice, and long-term care services. At the same time, the complexity of care has risen, with more patients facing higher-acuity conditions that require advanced clinical expertise. Despite the challenges of rising costs and reduced reimbursements from insurance companies, NCHHHA remains steadfast in our commitment to ensuring that no one in need goes without care, and we meet them wherever they might call home.

Your support of NCHHHA extends far beyond the patients we serve—it strengthens the entire community. Every home we visit in Orford represents a neighbor cared for, a family supported, and a community uplifted. By ensuring access to these essential services, you help create a healthier, more resilient town where people of all ages can thrive. Investing in NCHHHA is an investment in the wellbeing and independence of your friends, family, and neighbors.

The steadfast partnership between NCHHHA and Orford is vital to addressing the unique challenges of rural healthcare. Together, we can meet the growing demand for home-based care, adapt to changing needs, and continue to provide services that foster independence and dignity for all.

For more information, please visit www.nchhha.org or contact Ren Anderson directly at (603) 444-8399. Thank you for partnering with us to improve lives across the North Country.

WISE

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

Since 1971, WISE has been dedicated to providing trauma-informed advocacy and support for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking within 23 Upper Valley communities, including the Town of Orford. WISE supports people through the confidential and free 24-hour crisis line, on-site emergency housing and housing advocacy, legal services, safety planning, groups, and in-person advocacy at the WISE Program Center, police stations, courthouses, hospitals, social service agencies, and at Dartmouth College. In FY24 (7/1/23-6/30/24), WISE provided advocacy and other critical support services to a total of 1355 people. Among the advocacy responses sought from WISE, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and accompaniments were the most common. WISE advocates are available every hour, every day at 866-348-WISE, or text at 603-836-9472 or chat online at resourceconnect.com/wiseuv/chat

Vital Statistics

Town of Orford for the year ending December 31, 2024

Deaths

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father	Mother
McKee, Joyce A	01/27/2024	Woodsville	Marsh, Glen	Hibbard, Verna
Ball Jeanette P	02/11/2024	Lebanon	Woodward, Norman	Lear, Grace
Bryant, E Jane	02/23/2024	Lebanon	Bryant, Sterle	Wing, Lorraine
McKinnon, Kathleen	03/01/2024	Orford	Callaghan, Ambrose	Haroney, Evelyn
Burns, Beulah C	03/18/2024	Hanover	French, Erni	Pero, Agnes
Cooley, Laura E	03/23/2024	Lebanon	Cooley, Harry	Linko, Mary
Lizotte, Scott	04/18/2024	Orford	Lizotte, Skip	Roy, Bernice
Wertman, Keith J	07/07/2024	Orford	Wertman, Troy	Smith, Patricia
Eck, Theodore R	08/01/2024	Lebanon	Eck, Howard	Newcomb, Constance
Gendron, Kurt A	09/10/2024	Lebanon	Gendron, Wilfred	Ladeau, Shirley
Smallman, George BJ	10/25/2024	Orford	Smallman, George	O'Connor, Moirin
Noyes, S David	12/15/2024	Lebanon	Noyes, Roger	Baker, Joan
Fields, James E	12/26/2024	Orford	Fields, John	Roberts, Meda

Births

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father	Mother
Kardos, Charlotte K	01/30/2024	Lebanon, NH	Kardos, Daniel J	Kardos, Chloe A
Dansereau, Mavis J	02/05/2024	Lebanon, NH	Dansereau, Dwight R	Mace, Haley J
Rowan, Willow R	11/02/2024	Lebanon, NH	Rowan, Brandon M	Moschinger, Brianna
Ruggles, Everly E	12/05/2024	Lebanon, NH	Ruggles, Jayson E	Piper, Miranda M
Dow, Walter D	12/27/2024	Lebanon, NH	Dow, Jordan M	Dow, Madalyn E

Marriages

Marriage Date	Marriage Date	Marriage Place	Groom's Name	Bride's Name
06/07/2024	06/07/2024	Plymouth, NH	Maccini, Derek	Debois, Jennifer

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 **6:00 PM** to conduct Town business.

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

Stephen Sanborn, Fire Chief

603-276-5500

FIRE PERMITS

Fire Warden Jim Hook 603-353-4834, or Deputies: Kevin Follensbee 603-252-5723,

Jimmy Carter 603-353-9975, John Dunham 603-276-0213

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

603-353-9366

Ted Nutter, Road Agent

E-mail: Highway@orfordnh.us

Urgent Dispatch

603-643-2222

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Kevin Follensbee

603-252-5723

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 Renee

Theall at 603-448-1680 or email rtheall@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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Orford Town Meeting 2025

Will be held at the Rivendell Gymnasium on
Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Voting for Officers begins at 4:00 pm
and the Annual Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE

Orford/Fairlee Rabies Clinic

Will be held at the Fairlee Fire Station on
on Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Between the hours of 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm