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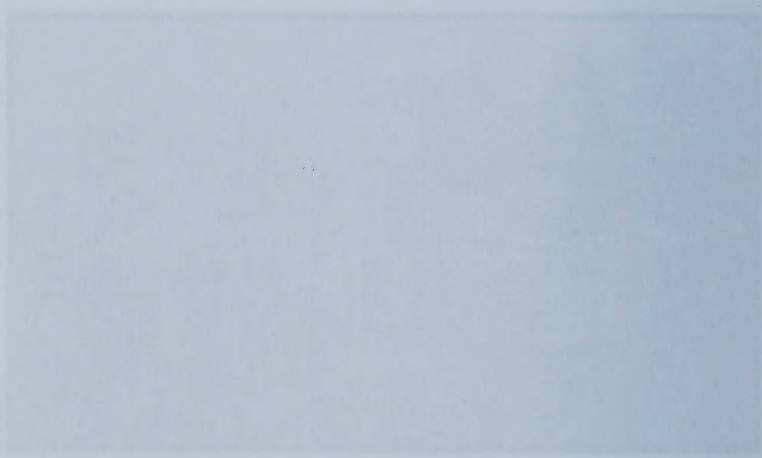
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*Workers at the Standard Mine*

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*About this year's cover: Orange's own Santa Clause promises to bring Nathaniel and Emma Hall's Christmas wishes back with him to the North Pole. Photo courtesy of Jim Hall.  
Background photo courtesy of Sandi Pierson.*

# Officers of the Town of Orange

## *BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

Henry Minasian, Chair '12      Linda Giner '13  
Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs '14

## *MODERATOR*

Daniel Hazelton

## *TOWN CLERK*

Patricia White

## *TREASURER*

Christina Rogers (appointed)

## *TAX COLLECTOR*

Sharon Proulx

## *DEEDING AGENT*

Sharon Proulx

## *ROAD AGENT*

Frank Giner

## *SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE*

Charles Sova

## *SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE*

Jeanne Minasian

## *OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE*

Patricia Mercer

## *TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS*

Louis Shelzi '12      Jeanne Minasian '13      Edith Sova '14

## *CEMETERY AGENT*

Ed Saulen

## *HEALTH OFFICER*

Donald Pfaefflin

## *PLANNING BOARD*

Robert Proulx, Chair '12      Scott Sanborn, Vice Chair '13  
Tessa Michetti, Secretary '12      Lyell Smith '13  
George White '14      Frank Giner '14  
Henry Minasian, Select Board ex officio

## *ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT*

Donald Pfaefflin, Chair      Judith Connelly      Richard Jaeger  
Beverly Ells      Dorothy Heinrichs, Select Board ex officio



*SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST*

Barbara Smith '12    Beth DiFrancesco '14    Sharon Dunbar '16

*CEMETERY COMMISSION*

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

*FOREST FIRE WARDEN      DEPUTY WARDENS*

Brent Stevens              Franklyn Conrad    James McAlister

*AUDITORS*

Bruce Ells    Catherine Ells

*BUILDING INSPECTOR*

Donald Pfaefflin

*BUDGET COMMITTEE*

Lyell Smith, Chair '13              Robert Proulx '14

Tim Connelly '12    Linda Giner, Select Board ex officio

*CONSERVATION COMMISSION*

Scott Lurgio, Chair/Treasurer

Dorothy Heinrichs, Vice Chair              Jim Collins, Secretary

Jay Heinrichs    David Stacy    Edith Sova    Charlie Sova



*2011 cast of the Orange Pond Players theater camp*



*STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF ORANGE  
WARRANT FOR 2012  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING*

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

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** to meet at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 13th day of March 2012, at eleven o'clock a.m. for the election of Town Officers as called for in Article 1 below. The polls will open 11 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. for voting on Article 1.

**YOU ARE ALSO HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the business meeting will be held at the Town House in said Orange at seven o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012 to act upon Articles 2 thru 15 in this warrant.

**ARTICLE 1:** (By Official Ballot) To elect the following town officers for the following terms: 1 Moderator – 2 year term, 1 Selectman – 3 year term, 1 Overseer Public Welfare – 1 year term, 1 Town Clerk – 1 year term, 1 Budget Committee – 3 year term, 1 Treasurer – 1 year term, 1 Cemetery Trustee – 3 year term, 1 Tax Collector – 1 year term, 1 Trustee Trust Funds – 3 year term, 1 Deeding Agent – 1 year term, 2 Auditors – 1 year term, 1 Road Agent – 1 year term, 1 Cemetery Agent – 1 year term, 2 Planning Board – 2 for 3 year term, 1 Supervisor of Check List – 6 year term, and any other officers as required by law.

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

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

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

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)

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

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid into the Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0012 (opened 05/08/2007) for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0015 (opened 06/20/2007) for the purpose of Town House building improvements.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

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

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)



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

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be paid into the Town Document Preservation Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0016 opened 05/08/2007 for the purpose of restoring and preserving Town documents.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 3/0)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 3/0)

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

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

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

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



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

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL THIS, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF FEBRUARY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE.

*Henry Minasian*      *Linda Giner*      *Dorothy Heinrichs*  
*Chairman*              *Vice-Chairman*      *Selectwoman*



*Harcourt Bull*

## TOWN BUDGET PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION

	Approp. <u>2011</u>	Expended <u>2011</u>	Approp. <u>2012</u>
<u>General Government</u>			
Officers Salaries	\$17,400.00	\$17,993.04	\$18,500.00
Elections & Reg.	\$800.00	\$594.74	\$3000.00
Financial Admin.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Property Reappraisal	\$2,500.00	\$2,450.00	\$7,083.00
Legal Expense	\$6,000.00	\$2,230.66	\$5,000.00
FICA Payments	\$3,000.00	\$2,146.27	\$2,500.00
Planning & Zoning	\$500.00	\$647.90	\$500.00
Gen. Gov't Buildings	\$6,000.00	\$7,587.84	\$6,800.00
Cemeteries	\$2,000.00	\$1,939.50	\$3,700.00
Insurance	\$3,800.00	\$2,607.56	\$2,800.00
Memberships	\$1,000.00	\$486.48	\$1,200.00
Officers' Expenses	\$5,500.00	\$4,931.00	\$6,500.00
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Police Department	\$10,000.00	\$11,812.66	\$1.00
FAST Squad (Canaan)	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Fire Department (Canaan)	\$10,984.00	\$10,984.00	10,967.00
Building Inspection	\$1,000.00	\$404.58	\$600.00
Emerg. Mgmt. (E911)	\$300.00	0.00	\$300.00
<u>Highway &amp; Streets</u>			
Highway	\$100,000.00	\$98,242.82	\$100,000.00
<u>Sanitation</u>			
Trash Collection	\$29,000.00	\$30,156.33	\$29,000.00
<u>Health</u>			
Health Agencies	\$3,300.00	\$4,126.25	\$3,800.00
<u>Welfare</u>			
Direct Assistance	\$3,000.00	\$683.00	\$3,000.00
<u>Culture &amp; Recreation</u>			
Library	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4000.00
Other Culture &	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00

Rec.			
<u>Conservation</u>			
Timber Harvest	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Monitor			
Conservation	\$500.00	\$175.00	\$500.00
Comm.			
<u>Capital Outlay</u>			
Town House	\$4,500.00	\$4,657.25	\$2,500.00
<u>Operating Budget</u>	\$219,334.00	\$210,356.88	\$216,402.00
<u>Totals</u>			

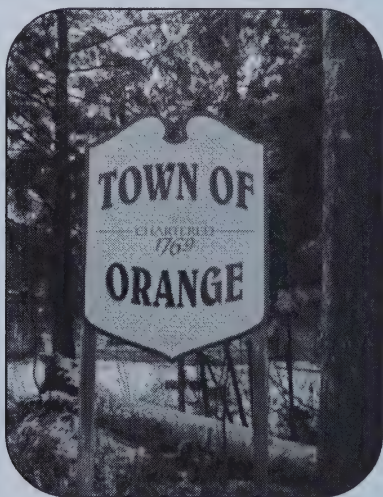
<u>Capital Reserve</u>	<u>2011 Balance</u>	<u>2012 Approp.</u>
<u>Funds</u>		
Revaluation	\$10,254.90	\$1,000.00
Town House	\$6,951.49	\$2,000.00
Highway Equipment	\$4,673.54	\$1,000.00
Document Preserv.	\$1,793.48	\$500.00
Town Road Improv.	\$11,833.31	\$1,000.00
Land & Conservation	\$8,296.36	\$0.00

## *SOURCES OF REVENUE*

	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2012</u>
<u>Taxes</u>			
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax			
Yield Tax	\$1,000.00	\$4,101.65	\$1,000.00
Betterment Tax	0.00	\$6,000.00	0.00
<u>Interest &amp;</u>			
<u>Penalties</u>			
Delinquent Taxes	\$5,000.00	\$11,934.58	\$10,000.00
Inventory Penalties	\$500.00	\$964.00	\$500.00
<u>Licenses, Permits</u>			
<u>&amp; Fees</u>			
UCC	0.00	\$75.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle	\$45,000.00	\$45,263.00	\$45,000.00
Permit Fees			



Building Permits	\$200.00	\$125.00	\$200.00
Other Licenses & Permits	\$600.00	\$799.88	\$700.00
<i>From Federal Govt.</i>			
FEMA & Other	0.00	\$17,140.00	0.00
<i>From State</i>			
Shared Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rooms & Meals Tax Dist.	\$0.00	\$14,777.07	\$14,000.00
Highway Block Grant	\$31,400.18	\$30,805.17	\$29,154.31
State/Fed. Forest	\$4,500.00	\$5,062.86	\$5,000.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>			
<i>Revenues</i>			
Interest on Investments	\$250.00	\$225.95	\$200.00
Municipal Fees	0.00	812.00	800.00
Amts. voted from Fund Bal.		\$62,535.00	
<i>Total Estimated Revenue and Credits</i>	<i>\$88,450.18</i>	<i>\$183,481.16</i>	<i>\$106,554.31</i>



*Our new welcoming sign.... Thanks, Bob!*

*TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT*  
*Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2011*

<u>DEBITS:</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<u>Uncollected Taxes</u>		
Property Taxes		\$69,228.69
Timber Yield Taxes		\$1,119.87
This Year's New Credit	\$873.29	
 <u>Taxes Committed This Year</u>		
Property Taxes	\$597,589.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	\$3,438.74	
Betterment Taxes	\$7,200.00	
 <u>Overpayment Refunds:</u>		
Interest-Late Tax	\$29.10	\$4,615.33
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$607,383.55</b>	<b>\$74,963.89</b>
 <u>CREDITS:</u>		
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$520,928.03	\$40,692.50
Timber Yield Taxes	\$2,981.78	
Interest and penalties	\$29.10	\$4,615.33
Converted to liens (principal only)		\$28,745.23
Betterment Taxes	\$6,000.00	
Discounts Allowed	\$13,013.80	
 <u>ABATEMENTS MADE:</u>		
Property Tax abatements		\$910.83
Betterment Tax abatements	\$309.50	
 <u>UNCOLLECTED TAXES – END OF YEAR</u>		
Property Taxes	\$63,647.17	
Timber Yield Taxes	\$456.96	
Betterment Taxes	\$890.50	
Property Tax Credit Balance	\$873.29	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$607,383.55</b>	<b>\$74,963.89</b>

DEBITS:

Levies of:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008+</u>
Unredeemed Liens Balance			
Beginning of Year	\$0.00	\$31,323.84	\$24,204.49
Liens Executed During			
Fiscal Year	\$31,723.01		
Interest & Costs Collected	\$0.00	\$1,288.07	\$6,966.08
<b>TOTAL LIEN DEBITS</b>	<b>\$31,723.01</b>	<b>\$32,611.91</b>	<b>\$31,170.57</b>

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008+</u>
Redemptions	\$0.00	\$6,255.17	\$19,177.75
Interest & Costs Collected	\$0.00	\$1,288.07	\$6,966.08
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance End of Year	\$31,723.01	\$25,068.67	\$5,026.74
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$31,723.01</b>	<b>\$32,611.91</b>	<b>\$31,170.57</b>

*Sharon Lee Proulx, Tax Collector  
Town of Orange*



*Walter Dimond with his oxen, Duke and Dan*



## *TREASURER'S REPORT 2011*

**STARTING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2011: \$257,204.33**

### **RECEIPTS FROM BANK:**

Borrowed from Line of Credit	\$229,000.00
Interest Money Market Account	\$225.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$229,225.95</b>

### **RECEIPTS FROM TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS:**

Wired from NH Pool	\$2,467.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,467.00</b>

### **RECEIPTS FROM SELECTMEN:**

Building Permits	\$200.00
Pistol Permits	\$80.00
Driveway Permits	\$0.00
Cemetery Plots	\$0.00
Intent to excavate	\$100.00
Refund	\$268.20
Attorney Reimbursement	\$383.36
Copies	\$85.00
A-10 Filing Fee	\$16.00
Planning Board Fees	\$421.88
Fairpoint	\$10.00
Overpayments	\$75.99
Reimburse town purchase of publication	\$18.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,658.43</b>

### **RECEIPTS FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:**

Highway Block Grants	\$30,805.17
Rooms & Meals	\$14,777.07
Forest Land Reimbursement	\$5,062.86
Revenue Sharing	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,645.10</b>

### **RECEIPTS FROM TAX COLLECTOR:**

2011 Property Taxes	\$520,928.03
2011 Property Tax Interest	\$29.10

2010 Property Taxes	\$40,692.50
2010 Property Tax Interest	\$1,457.55
Yield Tax 2011	\$2,981.78
Overpay	\$873.29
Betterment	\$6,000.00
Penalties	\$180.00
2008 Redeemed Tax Liens	\$19,177.75
2008 Interest & Costs	\$6,966.08
2009 Redeemed Liens	\$6,255.17
2009 Interest & Costs	\$1,288.07
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$606,829.32</b>

**RECEIPTS FROM TOWN CLERK:**

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$45,263.00
Motor Vehicle Titles	\$98.00
Municipal Fees	\$812.00
Dog Licenses	\$398.50
Dog License Penalties	\$38.00
Voting Lists	\$25.00
Copies	\$26.00
UCC	\$75.00
Marriage License	\$50.00
Returned Check Fee	\$50.00
Kennel fee	\$45.00
Vital Record	\$15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,895.50</b>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2011 \$937,721.30**

Payment Principal on Tax Anticipation Note	\$229,000.00
Payment of Interest on Tax Anticipation Note	\$1,143.67
Payments by Voucher Orders from Selectmen	\$784,331.44
Payment to Trustee of Trust Funds	\$5,500.00
Unknown credit	\$14.10

**CASH ON HAND YEAR END 2011: \$174,950.52**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Rogers, Treasurer*

## COMMON TRUST FUNDS

### CEMETERIES

	<u>12/31/10</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>12/31/11</u>
Hannah M. French	\$1,067.87	\$0.00	\$1,067.87
Jennie M. French	1,382.96	0.66	1383.62
Arthur Briggs	502.67	0.00	502.67
Clara Huse	464.20	0.00	464.20
Asa Hoyt	476.89	0.00	476.89
Harry Eastman	1,299.59	0.39	1,299.98
Abbie Fellows	1,462.25	0.80	1,463.05
Adoniram Ford	1,491.21	0.83	1,492.04
Charles Ford	1,551.72	0.89	1,552.61
Lyman Batchelder	474.91	0.00	474.91

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

### ERNEST KILTON BARNARD MEMORIAL FUND

Dec. 31, 2010 balance: \$12,209.92, interest: \$8.82,

Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$12,218.74

### CAPITAL RESERVES

- *Highway Equipment:* Dec. 31, 2010: \$3671.40; interest: \$2.14; 2011 town appropriation: \$1000; current balance: \$4,673.54.
- *Town Road Improvement:* Dec. 31, 2010: \$10,825.47; interest: \$7.84; 2011 town appropriation: \$1000; current balance: \$11,833.31.
- *Revaluation:* Dec. 31, 2010: \$9,248.23; interest: \$6.67; 2011 town appropriation \$1000; current balance: \$10,254.90.
- *Town House:* Dec. 31, 2010: \$4,949.74; interest: \$1.75; withdrawn: \$2,467.00; 2011 town appropriation: \$2000; current balance: \$4,484.49.
- *Town Document Preservation:* Dec. 31, 2010: \$1,293.15; interest: \$0.33; 2011 town appropriation: \$500; current balance: \$1,793.48.



- *Land & Conservation:* Dec. 31, 2010: \$8,290.55, interest: \$5.81, balance Dec. 31, 2011: \$8,296.36

Cemeteries:	\$10,177.84
Kilton Fund:	12,218.74
Capital Reserves:	41,336.08
<i>Grand Total:</i>	<i>\$63,732.66</i>

*Respectfully submitted by Trustees of Trust Funds,  
Edith Sova, Jeanne Minasian, & Louis Shelzi*



*Class VI Washburn Road in Orange  
within Sudrabin State Forest*

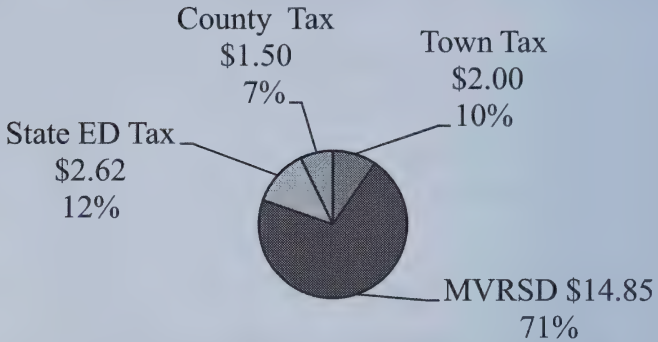
*ORANGE TOWN CLERK REPORT  
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011*

Automobiles Registrations	\$45,263.00
Automobile Titles	98.00
Municipal Fees	812.00
Kennel Licenses	45.00
Dog Licenses	398.50
UCC Fees	75.00
Penalties	88.00
Marriage License	50.00
Vital Records	15.00
Voter List	25.00
Copies	26.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$46,895.50</i>



*William and Hattie Eastman*

## 2011 TAX BREAKDOWN



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

## 2011 VALUATION DATA

Parcels of land in Orange: 286  
 Total acreage: 15,098.81  
 Land value: \$12,613,421  
 Current Use Credit: \$9,203,479  
 Improvements value: \$19,955,400  
 Total Orange valuation: \$32,568,821



## 2011 SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

### *Properties:*

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

### *Highway Department:*

- 2008 Ford 350 Truck w/ plow: \$24,400
- 2001 York Rake: \$3,900
- Other equipment: \$500

### *Other:*

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

Properties:	\$321,600.00
Highway Department:	28,800.00
Other:	68,927.00

**TOTAL: \$419,327.00**

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF VOUCHERS

### Salaries (inc. fees to clerk & tax collector

Barbara Smith (voter checklist updates)	\$154.00
Beth DiFrancesco (voter checklist updates)	\$82.00
Christina Rogers (salary, treasurer 9 mo.)	\$937.53
Dorothy Heinrichs (officers salaries)	\$1,750.00
Edith Sova (officers salaries)	\$100.00
Henry Minasian (officers salaries)	\$1,750.00
Jeanne Minasian (officers salaries)	\$100.00
Linda Giner (officers salaries)	\$1,750.00
Louis Shelzi (officers salaries)	\$100.00
Patricia Mercer (local officials workshop)	\$125.00
Patricia White (Fees to clerk)	\$627.50
Patricia White (officers salaries)	\$1,400.00
Patricia White (training)	\$125.00
Sandi Pierson (Deputy treasurer 3 mo.)	\$312.51
Sandi Pierson (secretarial hours)	\$6,111.50
Sharon Dunbar (voter checklist updates)	\$94.00
Sharon Proulx (officers salaries)	\$1,500.00
Sharon Proulx (statutory fees)	\$652.00
Sophie Seace (deputy ckerk hours)	\$322.00

### 4140-4139 Elections and Reg. & Vital Statistics

Barbara Smith (election official)	
Barbara Smith (election supplies)	\$50.00
Beth DiFrancesco (election official)	\$8.99
Dan Hazelton (election official)	\$50.00
David Stacy (election official)	\$75.00
Gary Hamel (election official)	\$50.00
Henry Minasian (election official)	\$50.00
Linda Giner (election official)	\$50.00
Mary Ellen Shelzi (election official)	\$50.00
Nancy Pike (election official)	\$50.00
Patricia White (election supplies 03/08/11)	\$50.00
Patricia White(election official)	\$45.76
Valley News (supervisors chck list notice)	\$50.00

**4150-4151 Financial Admin. (Registry of Deeds)** \$0.00

### 4152 Revaluation of Property

Cross Country Appraisals (pick-ups)	\$2,450.00
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**4153 Legal Expenses**

Gardner Fulton & Waugh (general)	\$2,230.66
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**4155-4159 Personal Administration FICA**

IRS (4155 personnel admin FICA)	\$2,146.27
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**4191-4193 Planning & Zoning**

Gnomon Copy (copies for PB meeting)	\$37.95
Robert Proulx (PB mailing)	\$46.10
Robert Proulx (planning board expenses)	\$145.76
Robert Proulx (community survey mailing)	\$270.73
Valley News (planning Board expense)	\$147.36

**4619 Conservation Committee**

NHACC (Assoc. of Conservation Commissions)	\$175.00
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**4194 General Government Buildings-TH**

Alan's Signs & Graphix ( TH road side sign)	\$550.00
BMD Electric LLC.	\$240.00
Canaan Hardware ( hinges & screws)	\$15.36
NH Electric Co-op (TH Electricity)	\$1,547.15
NHMA (NH municipal assoc.)	\$603.61
Marilyn Johnson (X-mas party & supplies)	\$104.32
Henry Minasian (TH weather seal)	\$12.57
Pierson, Sandi (postage)	\$17.60
Fair Point Communications (TH phones)	\$1,012.80
Defiance Electric (TH fire alarm repair)	\$243.94
JBC Septic & Rentals	\$345.00
Sears (dehumidifier down stairs offices)	\$249.99
Henry Minasian (hardware)	\$5.96
Jay Heinrichs (reimbursement for software)	\$160.00
Henry Minasian (Norton anti-virus software)	\$40.00
Pierson, Sandi (cleaning supplies)	\$21.58
Carpet Mill USA Inc (carpet for clerk's office)	\$30.00
Young's Propane (TH propane gas for heat)	\$2,341.21
Linda Giner (Cleaning supplies for T.H.)	\$39.47
Patricia White (T.H. supplies)	\$7.28

**4195 Cemetery**

Anita Watson (cemetery trustee training)	\$201.50
Gary Hamel (cemetery trustee training)	\$125.00
Patricia Mercer (cemetery trustees training)	\$125.00



Edwin Saulen (mowing cemeteries) \$1,488.00

**4196 Insurance**

Primex (4196 workers comp. insurance) \$540.00  
LGC (property & liability insurance) \$2,067.56

**4197 Membership**

NH Association of Assessing Officials (membership) \$20.00  
NH Tax Collectors Assoc (membership) \$20.00  
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission \$381.48  
NH City & Town Clerks Assoc. \$40.00  
NH Health Officers Assoc. (membership) \$25.00

**4199 Town officers Expenses**

Aitken, Neil \$25.00  
Barbara Smith (postage sup. chk. lst.) \$9.68  
Cardigan Mountain Land Survey (tax map updates) \$456.00  
Carol Elliott (tax lien search) \$150.00  
Christina Rogers (postage treasurer) \$88.00  
CPI Printing (office forms) \$69.37  
Deluxe (blank checks for treasurer) \$206.74  
Department of Safety (motor veh. & boat law) \$23.00  
Dept. of Agriculture Markets & Food \$145.00  
Ells, Bruce (auditor stipend) \$120.00  
Ells, Catherine (auditor stipend) \$120.00  
Gnomon Copy (inv. 409085 8/09) \$34.20  
Gnomon Copy (Orange contact List) \$27.50  
Gnomon Copy (town report) \$333.20  
Gnomon Copy (voucher forms) \$234.50  
Grafton County Registry of Deeds \$91.08  
Henry Minasian (office supplies) \$26.99  
Henry Minasian (postage) \$19.42  
IDS (animal tags & licenses) \$88.73  
Local Government Center (book) \$18.00  
Lyell Smith (budget comm. Stipend) \$100.00  
Marilyn Johnson (Christmas party supplies) \$63.63  
NH Department of State (marriage licensing fees) \$43.00  
NHCTCA/Dartmouth Lake Sunapee (clerk workshop) \$40.00  
Patricia Mercer (local officials workshop) \$54.57  
Patricia White (training, mileage, postage) \$57.28  
Price Digest (automobile RED book) \$69.95  
Proulx Sharon (certified mail) \$51.50

Proulx, Robert (budget comm. Expenses)	\$132.43
Proulx, Robert (budget comm. Stipend)	\$100.00
Proulx, Robert (public notices)	\$105.77
Proulx, Sharon (deed notices)	\$175.10
Proulx, Sharon (tax collector workshop)	\$50.00
Sandi Pierson (postage, office supplies, mailings)	\$639.65
Sova, Charles (treasurer expenses)	\$276.42
Stamp Fulfillment Services (window env.w/postage)	\$255.60
Staples (copy paper)	\$29.99
Staples (toner cart. & DVD R/W)	\$90.98
Tim Connelly (budget comm. Stipend)	\$100.00
Treasurer of State of NH (vital rec.se)	\$11.00
USPS (Po Box renewal fees)	\$100.00
Valley News (check list notice)	\$12.80
Valley News (public meeting notice)	\$69.93
Valley News (Selectmen Hearing)	\$14.99
<b>4210-4214 Police</b>	
Gardner Fulton & Waugh (litigation fees)	\$10,668.91
Gardner Fulton & Waugh (litigation closure)	\$18.75
Grafton County Sheriffs Dept. (dispatch fee)	\$1,125.00
<b>4215-4219 Ambulance FAST Squad</b>	
Canaan F.A.S.T. Squad (ambulance)	\$3,500.00
<b>4220-4229 Canaan Fire Dept.</b>	
Town of Canaan (fire services)	\$10,984.00
<b>4240-4249 Building Inspection</b>	
Donald Pfaefflin (health & building inspecting)	\$404.58
<b>4290-4298 Emergency Management - E911</b>	
<b>4312 Highway - winter</b>	
Canaan Hardware	\$30.45
Dyer's Welding (maintenance to town plow)	\$542.00
Evans Motor Fuel (gas for town truck)	\$796.05
Flanders & Patch (maint. on town truck)	\$354.90
Frank Giner (Hwy maintenance)	\$2,049.00
Papa Z's (gas for town truck)	\$281.18
Richard Remacle (winter maintenance)	\$30,648.50
Shaker Valley Auto Parts (town truck, parts)	\$40.94

**4312 Highway - summer**

Canaan Hardware (bolts & screws)	\$36.46
Cardigan Mtn. Land Survey, LLC	\$381.60
D & B Outdoor Power Eq. LLC (327pt5s saw)	\$535.00
Estate Wildlife Control (pest removal)	\$100.00
Evans Motor Fuel (gasoline for town truck)	\$1,597.95
Ferguson Water Works	\$960.60
Giner, Frank (summer road work)	\$2,947.00
JFG Enterprises (trucking of gravel from Lebanon)	\$945.00
Kibby Eq. (rake teeth)	\$575.75
Kibby Equipment Inc. (repair parts for rake)	\$337.50
Lakeview Auto (vehicle inspect. town truck)	\$48.00
Minasian, Henry (pvc pipe for town truck)	\$11.92
NH Dept of Corrections	\$1,006.23
Papa Z's (gasoline for town truck)	\$123.35
Pike Industries (crushed stone)	\$11,994.44
Razor Hill Excavation (gravel)	\$8,500.00
Richard Remacle Const. (summer road work)	\$33,399.00

**4323 Solid Waste Collection Rubbish**

North East Waste Services (trash PU & recycle)	\$28,556.33
Plymouth Village, Water & Sewer District (sewer)	\$100.00
Town of Canaan (recycling for Jan - April)	\$1,000.00
Town of Grafton (usage thru April 30-11)	\$500.00

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

CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates (charity)	\$500.00
Donald Pfaefflin (health & building inspecting)	\$960.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council	\$450.00
Health Officers Association (conference)	\$30.00
Tri-County Cap, LLC (charity)	\$206.25
Upper Valley Haven (charity)	\$150.00
Upper Valley Humane Society (pick-up stray)	\$200.00
VNA Assoc. of VT & NH	\$1,300.00
West Central Behavioral Health (charity)	\$330.00

**Assistance Welfare**

Mercer, Patricia (mileage to welfare workshop)	\$52.00
Mercer, Patricia (welfare class & wages)	\$161.00
Mercer, Patricia (welfare workshop)	\$30.00
Minasian, Henry (welfare workshop)	\$30.00
Welfare direct assistance (utilities electric)	\$410.00



**4550-4559 Library**

Canaan Public library (donation)	\$2,000.00
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**4903 Buildings Town House Capital Outlay**

Avitar Assoc. of NH (software installment - final)	\$4,657.25
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**Abatements**

Betty & Archie Eastman (abatement)	\$614.88
C. D. Marcillo (betterment rebate (3-20A))	\$154.75
Chad Michetti (betterment rebate (3-17C))	\$154.75
David Goodwin (betterment rebate (3-17))	\$154.75
Gunn, Colin, Beck, & David (betterment rebate(3-21))	\$154.75
Henry & Jeanne Minasian (abatement)	\$97.60
Judy Lindahl (abatement)	\$286.01
Lindahl, Judy (assessment rebate)	\$201.06
Louise Tetreault (betterment rebate(3-20B-1 & 3-20B-2))	\$309.50
Payson Trust Melinda B (betterment rebate (3-20))	\$154.75
Paul & Jacqueline Dick (abatement)	\$754.48
Paul Rogers(betterment rebate (3-17A & 3-17B))	\$309.50
Payson Trust c/o Milinda Payson (abatement)	\$1,093.12
Peter Williams (betterment rebate (3-14))	\$154.75
Pricilla Neily (abatement)	\$974.05

**FEMA - IRENE DR 4026 08/28/11**

Ferguson Water Works (FEMA 4026)	\$601.20
Frank Giner (FEMA DR 4026 road repairs)	\$3,693.50
Razor Hill Excavation (FEMA DR 4026 storm Irene)	\$3,225.00
Remacle, Richard (FEMA DR 4026 storm Irene)	\$16,548.50

**Betterment Assessment**

Pierson, Sandi (certified mailing)	\$111.80
Frank Giner (up-grade Tug Mtn Rd.) (labor)	\$532.00
Remacle, Richard (up-grade Tug Mtn Rd.)	\$4,811.00

**MVRSD Schools**

Mascoma Valley Regional School District	\$494,445.60
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**Grafton County Tax**

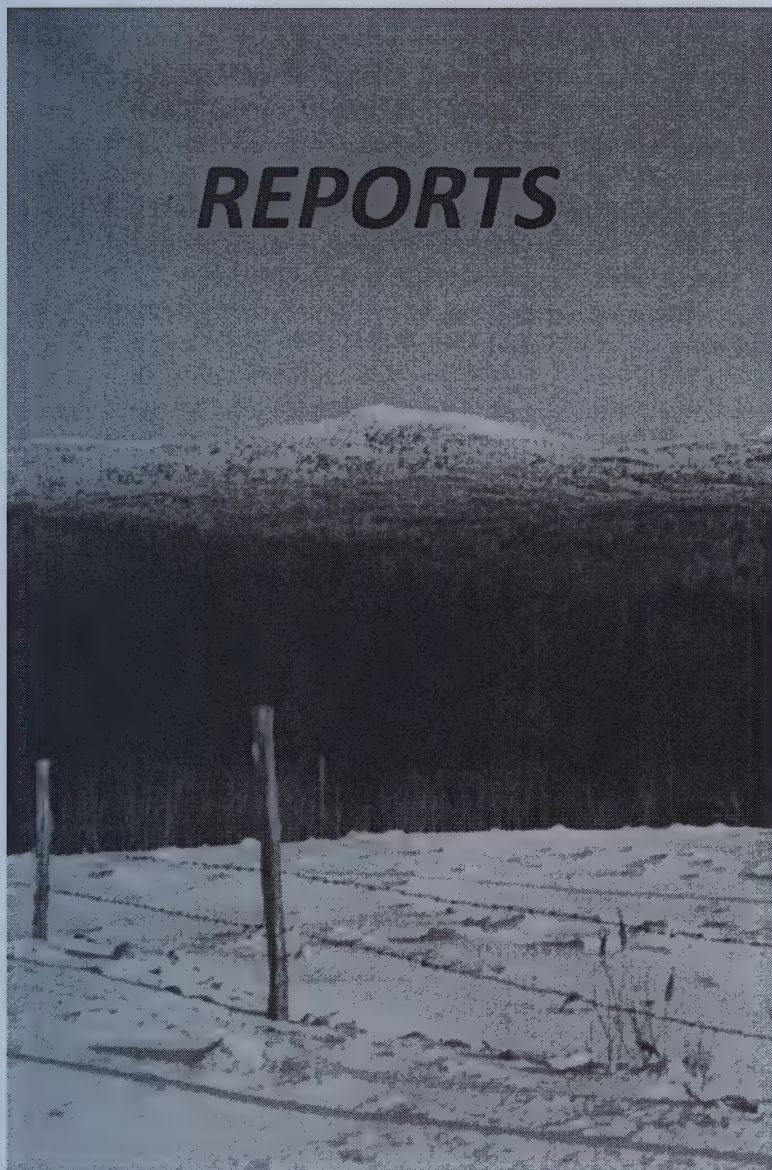
Grafton County treasurer (County Tax)	\$43,112.00
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**NH Adm. Grant**

Sharon Proulx (toner cartridge)	\$70.99
Staples (laser printer & supplies for tax collector)	\$349.91



# ***REPORTS***



*Photo by the late Dr. Israeli Dinnerman*



## *REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN*

The year 2011 came and went quickly. Your Selectboard has made every effort to ensure that Orange continues to be a place for people to call "HOME." Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs joined the Board in March and has proven to be an asset to the town with prior Selectboard experience. The Board has worked effectively as a team, under the guidance of Lead Selectman Henry Minasian. There is mutual respect, collaboration with suggestions, and ideas discussed to better enable us to perform our roles.

The economy continues to be a challenge as we try to manage "NEEDS" versus "WANTS." For taxpayers, there is an ongoing struggle with the funding of education; which is the major portion of our TAX dollar. In fact, currently \$ .90 of every TAX dollar goes out of the town, the majority of it to support our schools. Although educating our youth is critical to the future of our country, it seems a disproportionate burden. Citizens are encouraged to take an interest in the school budgeting process in to stay informed about how your TAX dollar is spent. The coming year holds state and national elections. Let's hope that these governing bodies can work effectively to improve the financial stability of the country, create jobs, and reduce the deficit burden that fall to our children and grandchildren. For them, the American Dream is fading as a distant memory.

### **Events that we would like to share:**

- Law suit involving Police issues was resolved in favor of the Town.
- Police protection is now provided by the NH State Police.
- Zero-Sort recycling was introduced in the town and has been successful.
- Good Citizen Reception was held for Stephanie Rose. She stopped to assist a young boy on the side of the road who was crying because he missed the bus; when taking him to his home she was attacked by a dog and suffered

physical and emotional trauma. She was presented with flowers and a plaque as a Good Citizen. We are proud to have her as a resident of Orange.

- Gary Hamel located a “treasure” of historical documents relating to the Town.
- Town website was created: [orangenh.us](http://orangenh.us).
- WaveComm installed equipment on the Cardigan Mountain fire tower to facilitate high-speed internet access for residents.
- Class VI section of Tug Mountain Rd. was brought up to Class V status and came in under budget.
- The Town would like to congratulate Jerzy and Joanna Popielarz who have been residents of the Town for a few years and became naturalized citizens of the United States on July 4<sup>th</sup> in Portsmouth NH.
- Donation of 257 acres from Norco (including Hoyt Mine) to Cardigan Mountain State Forest.
- On August 28<sup>th</sup>, Tropical Storm Irene hit the Upper Valley. Although she dealt a devastating blow to our neighbors in Vermont, her impact on Orange was smaller in comparison. The Town did sustain some road, culvert and flooding damage. There is a pending claim with FEMA to help with the related expenses and restoration of affected areas.

***Thank you to the following:***

- Robert Proulx- new “Welcome to Orange” roadside sign
- Robert Proulx- mows the lawn and cleans up the trash for the picnic area at the Cardigan State Park
- Sal Guadagnino and Rosemary Hanes -hosted the Lions Club Fishing Derby at Topsfield
- Planning Board for year-long work on Community Survey
- Friends of Orange - Harvest Festival
- Music Programs at Town House
- Christmas Party Committee & OUR Santa Claus
- Mascoma Savings Bank- new computer
- All elected and appointed officials of the Town

- Sandi Pierson-her organizational skills
- Richard Remale Construction
- Razor Hill Construction
- Orange Conservation Commission and Frank Giner for cleaning up a dump site at the lower state forest parking lot.
- Residents that helped during Tropical Storm Irene: Bob Slattery, Bob Senter & crew, Brent Stevens, Henry Minasian, and Frank Giner

As we move forward into 2012, your Selectboard would like to thank you for the faith and trust you demonstrated by giving us the opportunity to serve you. Although we have not always made everyone happy, there is always an effort to do the will of the people and keep the town viable while maintaining a reasonable tax rate as possible. Please join us at a Selectboard meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Town House. Take this opportunity to learn more about your town! May this year be a healthy and happy year for all of us!

*Respectfully submitted,  
Select Board*

*Henry Minasian, Chair  
Linda J. Giner  
Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs*



*All dressed up to attend the Orange Harvest Festival*

## *REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD*

The Planning Board had another productive year in 2011. On January 18, a public hearing was held on the proposed set of driveway regulations designed to promote the planned and safe growth of the undeveloped areas of the town and to provide a clear procedure and line of authority for the submission and approval of driveway permits. This project, led by Vice Chairman Scott Sanborn, involved several months of research and development of these comprehensive driveway regulations. As a result of the public hearing, minor modifications were made and the regulations were officially adopted on April 19.

At that same public hearing, a proposed amendment to the Orange Zoning Ordinance regarding Article III B.2.(a) was presented and discussed. The proposed amendment to the article, which deals with lot size and layout, was designed to be more consistent with sound planning and to more clearly define certain provisions within the section. The amendment was voted on by official ballot and approved by the voters on March 8, 2011 by a vote of 74 in favor and 32 opposed.

At the March 8 town election, Frank Giner was reelected and George White was elected to the Planning Board, both for three-year terms. At the April meeting, the following were elected as officers for one year: Robert Proulx as Chair, Scott Sanborn as Vice Chair, and Tessa Michetti as Secretary.

At the 2011 Town Meeting, Bob Ells was recognized and honored for his thirty-five years of service, with the distinction of being the longest serving member in the history of the Orange Planning Board.

In April, the Board reviewed and approved, after a public hearing, the application of Susan Rowe Morison, Trustee of Rowe Realty Trust, for a minor subdivision of the property (Map 3, Lot 50) at 40 Peaslee Road. This resulted in the 15.26 acre property being subdivided into three lots: Lot 1 containing the seasonal home with 3.25 acres, Lot 2 with 2.83 acres, and Lot 3



with 9.18 acres. In May, the Board reviewed and approved, after a public hearing, the application of the Andrew A. Lozeau and Shirley L. Lozeau Revocable Trust for a minor subdivision of the property (Map 4, Lot 3) on Razor Hill Road. This resulted in the 18.02 acre property being subdivided into two lots: Lot 1 with 5.62 acres and Lot 2 with 12.40 acres. In June, the Board reviewed and approved, after a public hearing, the application of the Senter Family Revocable Trust of 2006 for a minor subdivision of the property (Map 4, Lot 4) on Razor Hill Road. This resulted in the 41+/- acre property being subdivided into three lots: Lot 1 with 2.78 acres, Lot 2 with 5.08 acres, and Lot 3 with 33.5+/- acres.

In June, at the request of the Orange Selectboard, the Planning Board began a discussion of the possible involvement of Orange in the National Flood Insurance Program. In October, Rob Evans from the FEMA Floodplain Management Office met with the Planning Board to explain the program and to answer our questions and concerns. As a result of that meeting, it was agreed that more accurate and detailed mapping of the two possible floodplain areas in Orange needs to be completed before any further study and action can be undertaken by the Planning Board.

The Planning Board has begun the process of updating the 2004 Master Plan. The Master Plan is very important because it provides a guideline and framework for the future growth and development of our community. One of the first steps in updating and revising the Master Plan is to solicit the views of residents and property owners on a number of significant issues pertaining to the future development of the Town. Knowing how you feel about the issues is valuable information the Planning Board will incorporate into the new Master Plan. The Planning Board mailed out a total of 196 community surveys in early September; 124 to resident households and 72 to non-resident property owners. A total of 79 responses were returned; 50 from year-round resident households, 7 from seasonal resident households, and 22 from non-resident property owners. This represents an excellent return rate of 40%. Usually

communities have a response rate of only 12% to 25% for such surveys. A final tabulation has been made that includes all responses to the specific questions, plus a complete record of the many, many comments, suggestions, and concerns that were expressed by the respondents.

In December, the Planning Board held a joint meeting with members of the Selectboard and the Zoning Board of Adjustment when Town Attorney Bernie Waugh presented his annual Municipal Law Update which included information on the major statute and case law changes in 2011.

Again, I would like to thank all the members of the Planning Board for their commitment to our town. We again thank the citizens of Orange for your interest and support, and invite you to continue to preserve our community's vision for the future as stated in the 2004 Master Plan:

**“ Over the next ten years, Orange should remain a rural residential community with a small town atmosphere, protecting its natural and historical resources, preserving its scenic beauty and rural character, sustaining its uncrowded and quiet living conditions, and maintaining those special qualities that make Orange a desirable place to live.”**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Proulx, Chairman*



*The Old Shingle Mill*

## *REPORT OF THE ROAD AGENT*

2011 brought many challenges including a two-foot snowstorm in January and additional heavy, wet snowstorms up to April 1<sup>st</sup>. This kept the trucks busy with plowing and sanding weekly. There was no January thaw to give us a break, just cold and snow. The Town House roof had to be cleaned twice during this time. Like all other towns around the state budgets were thin, as cuts had to be made in this environment. April 15<sup>th</sup> I removed the plow and installed the rake to start the cleaning of ditches and grading of town roads.

We were able to complete Phase II of our commitment to FEMA for work that had not been done in the prior years. The cost for this work was taken from the highway budget. FEMA acknowledged this was done, leaving the town in good standing.

We continued to reshape our roads. Some hills received crushed grey stone which eliminated some washouts and mud and made them less slippery when wet. The curbs were cleaned, roads were reshaped and culvert pipe was installed where needed.

In mid-June, we undertook the building of the Class VI section of Tug Mountain Road. It was graded and shaped with a grader and 140 cubic yards of gravel added to compliment the stone that had already been put in place by the residents. Trenches were cleaned and reshaped. The turn-around at the end of the road by Tetreault's was built with on-site waste material. Delineators, signs and a load of grey stone were placed on the slope. The project was completed within budget. The property owners on that section of the road incurred the cost.

On August 29<sup>th</sup> Tropical Storm Irene hit the area. Although the damage was not as devastating as our neighbors in Vermont, there was serious damage in a few areas of the town. Heavy winds and rain blew down trees and caused severe washouts of roads. Brent Stevens, Emergency Management Director, met with me to assess damages and respond to resident phone calls. The access road to the State Park had to be closed. We had to set



signs and cones to redirect traffic. We notified the state of the washouts on Cardigan Mountain Road and New Colony Road, which resulted in the bridge over Seven Mile Brook being closed due to storm damage. We photographed the damages during the storm and removed tree debris from roads.

Seven Mile Brook also jumped its bank and washed approximately 500 lineal feet, 30 ft. wide and 3 ft. deep of Williams Road, making it disappear. The brook also washed away 175 feet of pavement that joins Tuttle Hill at Williams Rd. At this point, I would like to thank Dana Rose for cutting trees so that residents could come in and out via a temporary road through Ackles field. A special thanks to Mr. Ackles for allowing use of his field for this purpose.



*Williams Road during Tropical Storm Irene*

On the other side of the mountain, a 40 foot culvert pipe, 8 feet in diameter used under Burnt Hill Rd was removed by the storm and placed about 10 feet up in the trees. The road material was washed away leaving a gorge that was about 10 feet deep and 50 feet wide. Robert Senter of Razor Hill Construction called and



asked if he could be of assistance. Six hours later with the help of Brent Stevens, Selectman Henry Minasian and myself, we were able to set the pipe and have the road passable. Bruce Ells came along with his farm tractor, cleaned up River Road and Brock Hill making it passable until we could get there. I can't forget Bob Slattery and his Kubota for taking care of the upper section of Burnt Hill and for assisting in the earlier removal of a beaver dam and relocation of said animals.



*Burnt Hill Road during Tropical Storm Irene*

As this goes to print, I am dealing with FEMA to see if the town can recoup some funds to cover the damages and future repairs, as the roads only have temporary repairs for passage and winter maintenance. This coming spring and summer should be very busy.

*I would like to thank the following:*

Town residences for their patience and cooperation  
Richard Remacle Construction and crew  
Razor Hill Construction and crew  
Robert Slattery and his "mighty" Kubota

Brent Stevens & Henry Minasian for their support with pictures, measuring damaged areas, and dealing with FEMA.

In spite of the events of 2011, we were able to finish the year under budget.

\*\*\*So much can be accomplished when we work together\*\*\*

Drive Slow!

*Respectfully submitted.*  
*Frank Giner, Road Agent*



*Section of Tug Mountain Road upgraded to Class V*

## *REPORT OF THE ORANGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION*

While this has been a quiet year for the Orange Historical Commission as a whole, Gary Hamel has been extremely productive in his continued research of our town's history. His work is in preparation for our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2019 as he continues researching property deeds in Haverhill with Scott Sanborn, locating and mapping cellar holes throughout the town, compiling an inventory of all known burials in Orange, and collecting and photocopying vintage photographs of Orange and its families.

In January, Gary completed placing over 2500 early town documents, recovered in November 2010, into archival sleeves and organizing them in chronological order in folders. They are all stored in sealed containers at the Town House.

In an effort to share our amazing "Documents" project, the Commission hoped to do some outreach with other towns, historical groups and schools. Gary made this goal a reality by completing two artist - in - residence programs in our public schools. Inspired by our "Documents" project, students from the Indian River School created collage panels based on their family history, and the students at the Richmond School in Hanover created collage panels celebrating Hanover's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

In March, Jim Collins' account of the journey with Gary Hamel to find Joseph Eastman's family cellar hole was published in the "New Hampshire Home" magazine. A group of volunteers created a new historical display in the glass showcase at the Town House. At town meeting, many people were able to view the display of artifacts and photographs that are part of our permanent collection.

During May, Gary hiked with Scott Sanborn in an attempt to find an old town road abandoned in the early 1800's; however, their findings were inconclusive. Gary also shared information with



descendants of the Huntoon, Shattuck, Hadley, Whittier, Ford, Eastman, Dorr, and Huse families who are all researching their genealogy and Orange connections.

In June and July, Gary compiled an inventory of all known burials in Orange cemeteries. Both the French and Orange Common cemeteries were mapped. It was discovered through recently found burial permits and obituaries that 27 individuals were buried in the Church Cemetery with no gravestones. Gary is continuing his research to try to determine their final resting places.

In July, a small group gathered at the Orange Town House to begin the task of scanning and copying all the historic photographs owned by the town. At that time, most of our framed photographs were reframed using archival backings.

As part of our outreach, Gary assisted the Canaan Historic Museum in the preparation and narration of “A Tour of Canaan” for their 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

During the months of November and December, Gary gathered over 30 poems and essays written about the Town of Orange, from the mid 1800’s to the present. His goal is to publish “The Grand Crop Old Orange Raised – a Collection of Writings”, with illustrations inspired by old photographs and painted on collaged and antiqued paper. He hopes for publication in the spring of 2012.

The future plans for the Orange Historical Commission include the creation of more panels, workshops for school and community groups, field trips to historical sites, social gatherings at the Town House to view recent acquisitions of memorabilia, and planning for our 250<sup>th</sup> celebration. Financial contributions to support the work of the Commission are always welcome.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Proulx, Chair*



## REPORT OF THE ORANGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Commission had an active and productive year as it monitored recycling, cleaned up an illegal dump, encouraged conservation easements, and even held a series of public events.

**Recycling:** The OCC is monitoring the amount of tons recycled in Orange on a monthly basis. Recycling reduces waste sent to the Lebanon landfill, thus reducing cost to taxpayers. From May 6 (when the service began) until the end of the year, Orange residents recycled an impressive 21 percent of our total trash. The date for large-item pickup has not yet been set; the Commission will make sure that the date is posted when available.

**Conservation Easements:** Landowners interested in reducing their taxes through current use designation or by placing some portion of their land under conservation easement should contact the Upper Valley Land Trust or speak to Jim Collins for more information. In January of this year, Jim Collins and Kristen Laine completed a conservation easement with the Upper Valley Land Trust on their property on Orange Pond. The easement will forever protect that land and shore



*"Just visiting, no plans to spit wood"  
(Photo courtesy of Sandi Pierson)*

frontage from future development, and ensure public access.

**Illegal Dump:** On May 14, 2011, residents spotted a large pile of trash that had been illegally dumped below the lower parking area at the intersection of Cardigan Mountain and Burnt Hill Roads. The OCC took quick action, assembling a group of volunteers to restore the area to its natural state. The Town Road Agent provided a dump truck, taking three loads of waste to the Canaan Transfer Station. The State covered the co

**Tree Planting:** For the second year in a row, volunteers planted some 1,400 trees on the northeast side of the Cardigan Mountain State Forest. The OCC observed that natural forest regeneration makes it unnecessary to repeat the task next year. The Commission will continue to monitor logging in the state forest and will schedule tree planting events as needed.

This year is shaping up to be at least as productive. On May 5, Orange Green Up Day begins at 8:30 a.m. Residents are encouraged to clean up the roads near them. At 10:30 a.m. that same day, residents are invited to take a geology and mining tour at one of the local mica mines; the rain date is May 12.

The OCC meeting minutes, events, general information, and conservation map inventory are posted on the NH Association of Conservation Commissions website:

<http://nhacc.org/commissions/orange>. The OCC maintains this website service for the Town of Orange monthly. To contact the Commission directly, email us at: [orangeconservationcommssion@hotmail.com](mailto:orangeconservationcommssion@hotmail.com).

*Respectfully submitted:*

*Scott Lurgio – Chair/Treasurer*

*Dorothy Heinrichs – Vice Chair*

*Jim Collins – Secretary*

*Members:*

*Jay Heinrichs, David Stacy, Edith Sova, and Charlie Sova.*

## *TOWN OF ORANGE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT 2011*

We are now ending our 18th year and beginning our 19th year of offering support to graduating seniors living in Orange. We look forward with much anticipation to 2012 and look back at last year's fund raising activities.

We have evolved from a small group of people literally "begging" for donations to a more energetic and varied partnership with other town organizations. We added something new this year - a Coffee House Talent Show, where town children showed us how really talented they are. It was an offering widely varied with local performers from elementary, middle, and high school to our graduating seniors and an alumnus. The Talent Show was organized by Emily Hazelton and Kyra Sanborn. In addition to singing solos, Emily performed with her father, Dan Hazelton, and his band, Cardigan Mt. Tradition. Kyra also sang solos and with her father, Scott Sanborn, in his Comfortable Genes band. It was a well attended evening and an extremely successful fundraiser. We hope to see this venue continue.

The Friends of Orange held a second Harvest Festival in October and it was a smashing success. We had local vendors, raffles and a food sale. There was music from Scott Sanborn and Craig Disbrow which made a day long party last into the evening. We coordinated and set up both the Town Christmas Party and the March "pot luck" preceding the Wednesday evening Town Business Meeting. We held a plant sale at the Farmers' Market again this year featuring perennial plants and starters from Orange gardens. We have some very dedicated flower lovers who share their excess with the public. During Canaan's Old Home Days we took a space on the Town Common and sold "Kitchen Favorites," homemade on the Mountain. It was all edibles - from super granola, cookies, fudge, jam, rhubarb ketchup to organic dog cookies.

We have never received Town money and are totally, with our residents' help, self supporting. Thank YOU all who have helped us, rallied behind us and who feel that recognition and support of our town graduates are important. Applications and guidelines for applying will be mailed to each Mascoma High School senior in February 2012. Students graduating from other schools must contact the scholarship committee after Town Meeting in March.

*Respectfully submitted, Pauline Emerson, Rosemary Haness, Marilyn Johnson, Nancy Pike, Barbara Smith, Edith Sova, Gloria Stevens, Anita Watson, Pat White.*

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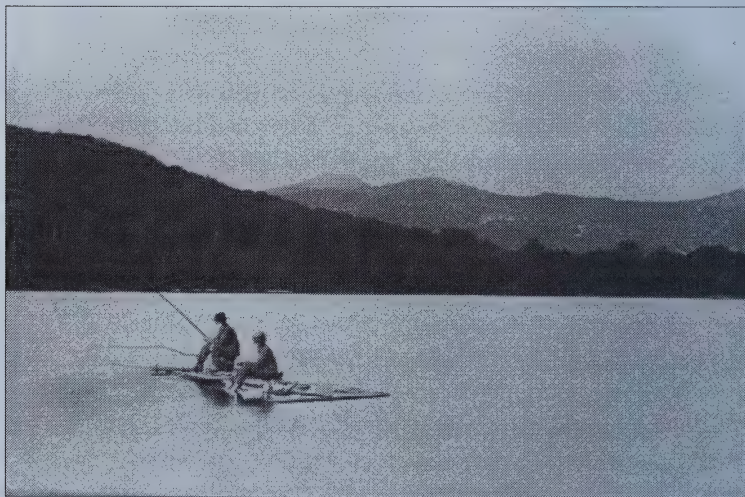
## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*We have awarded 22 scholarships thus far:*

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



- 2007 – *Lyz Hazelton* (Tuttle Hill Rd., created gallery identification cards for art work in Town House)  
*Krystle Sexton* (Tuttle Hill Rd., roadside clean up)
- 2009 – *Matt Jones* (New Colony Rd., raked, re-seeded & fertilized around Town House and flag pole area under the direction of the Road Agent)  
*Eric Sanborn* (Peaslee Rd., swept sand off of bridges, trimmed brush to improve line of sight along roadways, picked up fallen trees under the direction of the road agent)
- 2010 – *Joseph Daley* (Tuttle Hill Rd., helped sell at Old Home Days)
- 2010 – *Jillian Buckwold* (Cross Rd., helped with Harvest Festival)  
*Emily Hazelton* (Tuttle Hill Rd, organized Coffee House Concert)  
*Steven McAlister* (Rt. 4, helped with Harvest Festival)  
*Stephanie Rose* (Tuttle Hill Rd., helped with Old Home Day sales)  
*Kyra Sanborn* (Peaslee Rd., organized Coffee House Concert)



*Raft fishing on Orange Pond  
 Circa 1895*

## 2011 REPORT OF THE STATE POLICE

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

Currently the State Police respond to calls as requested as part of our regular patrol duties. During 2011 the State Police responded to and investigated the following calls for service in the town of Orange:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	15	Burglary	5
Theft	2	Criminal Mischief	3
Possession of Drugs	2	Harassment	1
Pistol Permit	7	Welfare Check	1
Burglar Alarm	14	Missing/Lost Person	2
Request for Service	13	911 Hang-up	4
Paperwork Service	3	Civil Stand-by	1
Domestic Disturbance	1	Criminal Threatening	1
Suspicious Vehicle	2	Sex Offender Registration	6
Roadway Obstruction	1	Death	1
Fish & Game Related	4	Motor Vehicle Related	2
Assist Motorist	2	Assist Ambulance	1
Intoxicated Person	1		
Total Calls:	95		

In closing, it has been our pleasure to serve the residents of Orange during the past year and we look forward to assisting you with your law enforcement requests in 2012.

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

*AUDITOR'S REPORT*  
*Year Ending December 31, 2011*

We extend our thanks once again to the Town Officials for their cooperation and assistance in carrying out the 2011 audit. Their time and effort is most appreciated. At this time, the audit of the Trustee of Trust Funds is still pending and will be performed in the near future once their reports are complete. All of the Town's accounts balanced to the Treasurer and in our opinion, the Treasurer's report accurately reflects the financial position of the Town of Orange for the year ending December 31, 2011.

Per RSA 21-J:19, "the summary of findings and recommendations of the auditors shall be published in the next annual report following the fiscal year in which the audit was completed." We have therefore listed all the recommendations that resulted from the 2010 audit below this year's report, most, if not all of which, were also included as part of last year's audit report.

We would like to provide a status update on some of the recommendations that were made last year. The Selectboard contacted the NH DRA to determine whether or not a town of our size is required to have a general ledger system. It was determined to be unnecessary at this time. Beginning in 2012, the Selectboard will document any adjusting journal entries in the minutes of the meeting. Also beginning in 2012, the Treasurer will be signing all bank reconciliations and forwarding them to the Selectboard to review and approve. There still isn't an official written investment policy for the Town, but all deposits are placed in an interest bearing account until the Treasurer needs the funds.

As a result of this year's audit we would recommend the Selectboard establish written policies and procedures for some of the items noted below as a result of the 2010 audit. There is no problem with the current methods, but they should be documented and clear. This would help to provide a better

understanding of expectations and policies to new Selectboard members and other Town officials.

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

## **Recommendations as a result of the 2010 audit as reported on the MS-60 to the DRA**

### **Observations - Part 1. General Ledger & Financial Records**

- We are recommending the Selectmen look into the need for a general ledger system for the Town. The new audit forms include a section for General Ledger/Financial Records. The questions throughout this section of the report consistently reference the general ledger. A general ledger would track all the Town's activities in one place and produce trial balances whereby debits would equal credits each month and at the close of the fiscal year.
- Per RSA 41:9 VII we are recommending the Selectmen adopt an investment policy for the Town and communicate said policy with the Treasurer. This policy should be in writing and reviewed and documented in the minutes on an annual basis.
- Per RSA 41:29 VI "the treasurer may delegate the deposit function to other town officials provided such delegation is in writing and includes written procedures acceptable to the selectmen." Since this function is being delegated to other town officials, we are recommending the Selectmen establish a written policy and procedures for the process.
- When adjusting journal entries are required, we are recommending the Selectmen document the entry. They should all sign it as they would if they were producing a voucher for payment. It would also be prudent to have the entry documented in the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting.



### **Observations - Part 2. Treasurer**

- The audit forms indicate the monthly reconciliation of the Town's bank accounts should be signed by the Treasurer as well as by a secondary person. To satisfy this portion of the audit, we are recommending the Treasurer sign the monthly reconciliation of bank statements and forward a copy to the Selectmen for review. At least one of the Selectmen should review and sign the reconciliation each month. Documentation of the review should be available to the auditors.

### **Observations - Part 3. Tax Collector**

- We recommend more frequent backup of data during the busy tax season. It would be prudent to backup data daily when a large number of transactions are taking place.

### **Observations - Part 4. Trustees**

- The totals reported for principal and income on the two forms were accurate. Since switching to the PDIP accounts, the principal and income have not been kept separate for the non-common funds on the reports. The beginning principal reported includes the income from the prior year for these accounts and the beginning income is being reported as zero. Total income represents only the current year's income. Based on the forms, it appears as though the two should be kept separate when rolling the numbers forward from year to year.

### **Observations - Part 5. Town Clerk**

- No recommended changes



*Early woodswalkers of Orange building trail cairns on Cardigan Mountain to point the way to the height of the journey...*



*.....and we still follow them today  
(Photo courtesy of Jane Masters)*

# *REPORTS OF THE HEALTH AGENCIES SUPPORTED BY THE TOWN OF ORANGE*

## *VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE*

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

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

Services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay. Last year the VNA & Hospice made approximately 140,000 home visits resulting in over 5.1 million dollars in unreimbursed charges for care to individuals. In Orange, we made 85 homecare visits to residents.

We are grateful to the Town of Orange for partnering with the VNA & Hospice to ensure that the town's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, people with terminal illnesses, those recovering from a major surgery or illness, mothers with high-risk pregnancies, children with high-tech

medical needs, and the uninsured and underinsured – have access to skilled home health care and support.

### *GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL*

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

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

During 2011, 21 older residents of Orange were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center, and 3 Orange residents were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Orange enjoyed 657 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Orange residents also received 262 home delivered meals this past year.
- Orange residents accessed GCSCC transportation services on 14 occasions.
- Orange residents benefited from 56 hours of one-on-one in-home care.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 6 visits with a trained outreach worker or contacts with ServiceLink



- Orange’s citizens volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 330 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Orange residents in 2011 was \$9,461.22

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

### *MASCOMA VALLEY HEALTH INITIATIVE*

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

MVHI is operated by a Board of Directors made up of professionals with experience in health care, education, town government, law enforcement and human services. Our Board represents a number of prominent local and regional organizations including Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Dartmouth Medical School, the Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth, Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital, and local business and government.

MVHI served as the coordinating organization for the “New Hampshire Immunization Initiative”, with the goals of improving immunization coverage for the entire population (children, adolescents and adults); assessing regional immunization capacity, needs, and gaps in coverage; supporting regional

emergency preparedness and response; and encouraging immunization best practices.

In July, 2011, MVHI completed the Upper Valley Healthy Community Project. This project has resulted in a comprehensive community-based health needs assessment, and an agreement between MVHI and several Upper Valley organizations to strengthen collaborative assessment, prioritization, and mutual action to improve population health in the Upper Valley.

MVHI implements the Indian River Youth 2 Youth (Y2Y) after-school program. Y2Y is a substance abuse prevention program that involves youth in understanding the impact of advertising, public policies, and community attitudes about alcohol and drug use on young people's choices to use or not use. They become aware of their environment and work to make it a healthier place for themselves and their peers.

The Mascoma Valley Prevention Network is a growing community-based abuse prevention coalition with leadership support from MVHI, Dartmouth Hitchcock, Bridges to Prevention Regional Network, Mascoma Valley Regional School District, and Mascoma Valley PTA's. The MVHI staff also participates on numerous committees and workgroups throughout the Upper Valley to provide expertise, coordinate resources, and look for opportunities to further meet the needs of the people in our service area.

For 2012, we are requesting financial support from all 13 towns and municipalities in our region at the level of 75 cents per capita. Based on this formula, our funding request of the Town of Orange (population: 331) is \$248.25.

### *COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) of NH*

During these difficult economic times, many families are left with limited and financial resources. These stressors can lead some parents to take their frustrations out on their children emotionally, physically or through severe neglect. When this happens, children's lives are impacted profoundly. Being a victim of child abuse and neglect changes lives forever. This is

where CASA steps in. With the focus of the CASA volunteers directed toward the best interest of these children, we are helping to stop the cycle of violence.

In 2010, CASA of NH served 1170 children statewide; 67 of these children live in Grafton County. Many of those children and their families are part of the fabric of the Orange community. These children attend your schools, live in foster homes or with extended family members and utilize other community supports.

Financial support from the Town of Orange has provided CASA with the ability to recruit, screen and supervise Grafton County citizens to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves. Last year, 32 citizens; your neighbors, your co-workers, your friends, traveled over 41993 miles and expended nearly 4073 hours advocating for the most vulnerable in your community.

### *UPPER VALLEY HAVEN*

We continue to keep the core programs of Food, Shelter, Education, Clothing and Outreach our primary focus, while we also work to problem solve with our local community during Tropical Storm Irene recovery. Irene heightened awareness of hardship in the Upper Valley; but as you know, we see this type of emergency struggle in the lives of those living in poverty every day.

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

### *WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH*

West Central Behavioral Health is the NH designated community mental health center for Orange, as well as Sullivan and Southern Grafton counties. Our mission is “to reduce the burden of mental illness and to improve the quality of life in our community. We commit ourselves to provide services that are

safe, effective, client-centered, timely and efficient.” Last year, West Central Behavioral Health experienced severe state budget cuts, regional economic hardship, and an increased need for services by uninsured or under-insured clients. West Central Behavioral Health is committed to making quality mental health services available to all people in the communities we serve regardless of their ability to pay.

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

### *TRI-COUNTY CAP*

The Upper Valley Community Contact Office of the Tri-County Community Action Program provides many essential services to low-income and elderly citizens of Orange and the surrounding New Hampshire towns:

- Weatherization, (L.I.H.E.A.P.) Fuel Assistance, Electric Assistance Program
- Homeless outreach, support and advocacy
- Security deposit loans, eviction prevention, landlord mediation
- Referrals and coordination with other agencies
- Educational programs and speakers bureau on homelessness and poverty
- Housing WIN!

Tri-County CAP provided \$6,599.00 to the Town of Orange residents in the form of services last year.



## *TRASH AND RECYCLING REPORT*

### 2009

Tonnage collected. 97.08. No large trash pick up  
Canaan recycling fee \$3000  
Grafton recycling fee \$1500  
Northeast waste charge \$24,952  
Total: \$29,452

### 2010

Tonnage collected 109.91. (7.80 large trash pick up)  
Canaan recycling fee \$3000  
Grafton recycling fee \$1500  
Northeast waste charge \$28,947  
Total: \$33,447

### 2011

Tonnage collected 98.84 (9.75 large trash pick up)  
Canaan recycling fee partial year \$1000  
Grafton recycling fee partial year \$500  
TOTAL ZEROSORT TONS COLLECTED 5.1.11 - 12.31.11 -  
18.15  
Northeast wastes charge \$30,156  
Total: \$31,656  
The annual Canaan fee was set to increase from \$3000 per year  
to \$4000  
The annual Grafton fee was set to increase from \$1500 to \$3000

*We appreciate your  
recycling efforts!*

## *REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER - 2011*

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

Both in terms of the number of fires, as well as the number of acres burned, this past fire season was the smallest since records have been kept. Extensive rainfall virtually all season long kept the fire danger down. When fires did start they were kept very small. The largest fire for the season was only 5.4 acres which occurred in Littleton on May 2nd 2011. There was however a small window of high fire danger in the northern third of the state during July when little rainfall was recorded. During this time there were a number of lightning started fires which are fairly unusual in New Hampshire. As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by contracted aircraft and the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is

the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2011 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire 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](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

### 2011 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2011)

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

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	.5	1
Carroll	5	11
Cheshire	2	3
Coos	7.5	30
Grafton	17.5	57
Hillsborough	2	12
Merrimack	4	3
Rockingham	0	0
Strafford	.5	2
Sullivan	3	6

*Causes of 2010 fires:* arson: 7; debris: 63; campfire: 10; children: 2; smoking: 9; railroad: 1; equipment: 1; lightning: 3; misc: 29 (power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

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

# REPORT OF THE CANNAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

## *Circulation of Materials by Orange Residents*

Year	Number of Orange Library Cards*	Number of Materials Circulated	Total Circulation	Percentage of Total Circulation
2007	101	2,047	30,593	6.69%
2008	110	2,277	31,460	7.24%
2009	121	2,384	37,302	6.39%
2010	122	1,880	36,393	5.17%
2011	132	1,887	34,042	5.54%

\* Some families share a library card, 132 cards in 2011 is actually 150 users. Population of Orange 331 (2010 census data from NH Office of Energy and Planning). 40% of Orange residents are card holders.

### COLLECTIONS:

Adult Books: 15:377

Adult Videos: 486

Juvenile Books: 10:585

Juvenile Videos: 214

Total Books: 25:962

Total Videos: 700

Adult Audios: 503

Magazines: 1:349

Juvenile Audios: 342

Music CDs: 575

Total Audios: 845

Artifacts: 82

In addition to the above items in our collection, the library pays to belong to the Downloadable Audio Book Consortium through the NH State Library. Our patrons have access to over 4000 e-book and downloadable audio titles. Libraries throughout New Hampshire offer a variety of entertainment and educational materials to taxpayers at a very economical rate. How much would they need to pay out-of-pocket if they purchased their books, movies and other library services in stores? The NH Library Use Calculator is based on the spreadsheet developed by the Massachusetts Library Association and adapted for web use



by the Maine State Library, the Chelmsford Public Library and the Chelsea Memorial Library. In 2011, Orange users of the Canaan Town Library made up 5.01% of total patrons. They would have paid \$ 29,264.23 out of pocket for the services they received from the library.

*Library Use Calculator can be found at  
[www.canaanlibrary.org](http://www.canaanlibrary.org)*

### *LIBRARY OFFERINGS*

Audio Books, Large Print Materials, Adult Book Group, Library Website, Book Fairs, Local Artist Exhibits, Book Sales, Meetinghouse Readings, Children's Craft Programs, Online Card Catalog, Children's Story Hour, Online Databases, Online Encyclopedia, Downloadable eBooks, Downloadable Audio Books, Photocopying, DVDs, Reference Assistance, Free Cable Internet Access, Rubber Stamps, Friends of the Library, School Class Visits, Genealogy Assistance, Story Hour, Handicap Accessibility, Summer Reading Program (Adult), Home Schooling Retreats, Summer Reading Program (Children) Inter-Library Loan, Tax Materials, Kill-A-Watt Meters, Volunteering Opportunities, Knitting Instruction, Wireless Internet Access, Knitting Needles, Writer's Group, Community Group Meeting Space, Programming (author visits, speakers, etc.)

### *Hours of Operation:*

Monday 3pm-9pm, Tuesday 1pm-5pm , Wednesday 1pm-9pm, Thursday 1pm-5pm, Friday 9am-12pm, Saturday 9am-3pm

### *Find the Library Online at:*

[www.facebook.com/CanaanTownLibraryNH](http://www.facebook.com/CanaanTownLibraryNH)  
[www.librarything.com/home/Canaanlibrary](http://www.librarything.com/home/Canaanlibrary)  
[www.canaanlibrary.org](http://www.canaanlibrary.org)

*Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Thurber  
Librarian*

## *REPORT OF THE ORANGE TOWN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON BROADBAND INTERNET*

Competitive broadband Internet services have finally arrived in Orange. Broadband allows you to watch online videos, stream radio and podcasts, and download software much more quickly. Below you'll find descriptions of the services currently available.

Meanwhile, a new website has been established for the town:

[www.Orangenh.US](http://www.Orangenh.US).

The site is administered by Jay Heinrichs independently of the town government. Jim Collins, Sandi Pierson, and Colin Higbie have volunteered to help. It features:

- News of the town you can get by email
- A Google calendar with meetings, events, and trash pickup dates
- Photos of Orange people, events, and places
- Historical information and facts about Orange
- Links to government services and representatives' voting records
- Links to area news and resources

Broadband Providers:

**WaveComm** (Wavecomm.com; 298-9000) finished putting its equipment on the summit of Cardigan Mountain in late fall. If you can see the summit from your place, you might consider getting its service. The company plans to install repeaters for those who don't have Cardigan line-of-sight if enough potential customers show interest. The residential plan is \$49.95 monthly, with standard installation costing \$99. Based in West Lebanon, WaveComm sends a radio signal to a dinner-plate-sized dish installed at your place. The service is reasonably reliable, the

equipment on Cardigan has been working continuously, and they answer their phone right away.

**Fairpoint DSL** (Fairpoint.com/residential; 877-601-7787) is a good alternative. DSL, which uses existing phone lines, is fast, extremely reliable, and priced competitively; but it reaches only some of the town. When you sign up, Fairpoint mails a modem with set-up instructions.

**WildBlue** (Wildblue.com; 888-885-5213) is a satellite service that offers the fastest download speeds but slow uploads. If you do a lot of Web surfing, "latency"--the amount of time it takes the signal to beam up to the satellite and back--can make the service crawl. Thick cloud cover or snow can affect service. Monthly service starts at \$49.95, plus installation charges.

**GAW** (GAW.com; 855-GAWSPEED) is a competitor to WaveComm, offering similar technology for as little as \$39.95 per month. GAW was started in Brattleboro and is now based in Connecticut. We only recently learned of this service; it's the only one we haven't tried.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jay Heinrichs*

*Dorothy Heinrichs*

*Ad Hoc Broadband Committee*



*Brown Brook.  
This brook,  
which empties  
into the larger  
Mill Brook at the  
Ells' residence,  
begins as a  
spring right  
below the Crane  
Mountain summit  
on Skyland Trail.*

*TOWN OF ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
March 9, 2011*

David Stacy opened the meeting by leading the people in the salute to the flag

ARTICLE 1: Election of town officers, school officers and ballot questions were held March 8, 2011 at the Orange Town House from 11am to 7pm

Dan Hazelton, Moderator, reopened the Town Meeting at 7:00pm on Wednesday March 9, 2011.

David Stacy led the hall in the “Salute to the Flag.”

Dan stated the “Rules of the Meeting”

Dan announced the newly voted town officials as follows:

Selectboard: Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

Overseer Public Welfare: Pat Mercer

Treasurer: Betty L. Fulton

Road Agent : Frank Giner

Tax Collector: Sharon Lee Proulx

Trustee, Trust Fund: Edith Sova

Deeding Agent: Sharon Lee Proulx

Cemetery Agent: Ed Saulen

Town Clerk: Patricia White

Cemetery Trustee: Gary Hamel

Budget Committee: Robert Proulx

Auditors (2): Catherine Ells & Bruce Ells

Planning Board (2) George White & Frank Giner

Supervisor Check List Sharon Dunbar

ARTICLE 2: (By Official Ballot): Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to Article III B.2.(a) of the Town of Orange Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to include the following:

Note: The recommended article below shows the changes in *italicized* and *underlined* text.



“Lot size and layout: The minimum area of any lot shall be at least two acres in size, depending on soil and slope conditions *as outlined below and as may be suitable to sustain development according to state standards. Wetland soils that fall within the jurisdiction of the NH Department of Environmental Services Wetland Bureau and slope areas that include an incline greater than 25% and an elevation change of greater than 20 feet* may not be included in the minimum lot size. The depth of any lot may be no more than four times its frontage except that for a lot which at any point along its length has a width of at least twice the road frontage, the depth of the lot may be 4 times the average of the frontage and the distance of the rear line. Lot depth shall be defined as the distance from the midpoint of the lot at its street frontage to the midpoint of the rear lot boundary. For lots that are accessed by a right of way as allowed in paragraph (c) below, the average lot width and depth, excluding the right-of-way, shall be used for the calculation of the ratio. For other irregular or unique lot shapes or conditions, the Planning Board shall have the authority to interpret this provision for the purpose of determining whether the intent is satisfied”

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Paragraph c: (for reference above)

(c) Frontage: the minimum lot frontage on any street, lake or river shall be 200 feet. Lots may, however, have less (or no) street frontage if (1) said lots are provided access to a public road by a deeded private right-of-way at least fifty (50) feet in width for a driveway serving not more than two lots; or (2) said lots are located on curves, cul-de-sac or are effected by other such factors that sound planning justifies less frontage.

Currently Article III B.2. (a) reads:

“Lot size: The minimum area of any lot shall be at least two acres in size, depending on soil and slope conditions, as may be suitable to sustain development according to state standards Wetland soils and slope areas of an incline greater than 15% may not be included in the minimum lot size. The depth of any lot may be no more than four times its frontage.”

VOTE: Article 2 was passed by ballot vote on March 8, 2011  
74 yes – 32 no

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

MOVED: Pat Mercer SECOND: Lyell Smith

DISCUSSION: none

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$31,400 for the purpose of construction, reconstruction and maintenance of class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment, said amount to be offset by the Highway Block Grant (estimated to be \$31,400). Said amount to be included into article 18.

MOVED: Frank Giner SECOND: Robert Ells

DISCUSSION: Kathy Stacy asked for clarification on the wording "said amount to be included in article 18" Henry Minasian said that it is included in the figure for the overall budget in article 18. When the money comes in, it goes into the general fund then it is used to offset the highway budget. Kathy asked if other articles that have money attached to them are treated the same? Henry said, no that money is added to the budget .Bob Proulx explained that the Block Grant is considered revenue from the State to the Town , the Town is required to "accept" it, that is why it is a warrant article. It is not included in the budget because the budget is expenditures. Kathy asked if the budget figure would change due to this article? Bob said "no" the budget figure in article 18 is the amount the budget committee recommended that the Town raise this year. The Block Grant is a revenue figure. Betty Fulton questioned using the word "raise", should that word be used? Danny turned the question over to Town Council, Bernard Waugh, Mr. Waugh said he appreciated Betty's question, he stated that the legal community has tried to discourage towns from using the word "raised" unless it referred to increasing money in the budget. The DRA has insisted that the word "raised" be used, it a little inaccurate, but it is pretty well established at this point. David Como asked if the vote meant that we aren't in fact going to

raise \$34,000 I'm just going to let them give me \$34,000, is that right? That's correct! VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 5: Deleted

DISCUSSION: What does this represent? Henry Minasian said that there was an article that was taken out. In order to keep the sequence of numbers it was left in.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to expand general trash pickup to include town wide curb side general trash pick-up and to include single point recycling pick up on the same day. The general initial cost for the added service is estimated to be equal or slightly less than the 2010 totals for Canaan fee plus Grafton fee plus current North East Trash services cost. (Note: curb-side pick-up for some households remains at end of street as it is now).

MOVED: Jeanne Minasian SECOND: Donald Pfaefflin

DISCUSSION: Dorothy Heinrichs asked if there is a limit to how much can be picked up? For example she understands that a bin will be distributed to each household is there a limit to only one bin? Dave Stacy said "no, you can put a clean container out there". Paula Worme asked permission to speak, she received it, she asked if this meant that they would no longer take their trash to Grafton? Dave Stacy said that Grafton is going up to \$3000.00 to take the trash from Orange, this proposal would take over that route, at the cost of \$2900.00 per year plus tonnage. Recyclables, at the cost of \$55.00 a ton, and, a cost of approximately, \$20.00 more a ton for household trash. Hopefully, everyone will recycle, if people do not recycle, it will not work, and will cost the Town money. Bob Proulx asked Dave Stacy to clarify what this proposal will mean for all of us? Will routes be changed, what will happen to the Burnt Hill, Brock Hill and River Road, residents that take their trash to Grafton? Bob said that Henry made reference to a letter received from Canaan stating their feelings regarding Orange not using Canaan for their recycling. Bob said he felt it was positive, he asked that one of the board read the letter to the hall. Henry read the entire letter; A synopsis of the letter states that the Town of Canaan has been asked, if Orange discontinued using their facility for a period of



time, would the Town of Canaan allow Orange to return. The Canaan Board of Selectmen agreed with the understanding that in the event Orange seeks to return to their facility, the Town of Canaan may alter their terms, rules and fees depending on changes at the facility. Orange is expected to pay Canaan the fees due from January 2011 until they discontinue use. Dave Stacy answered Bob's question regarding the roads now serviced by Grafton, "these roads would be added to the trash pickup route in Orange". Bob Proulx asked "does the Town have a written proposal from NE Waste Services? We have a contract and so forth?" Henry Minasian said "yes". Pat Mercer asked what has happened to our contract with Canaan because we are Canaan/Orange Recycling. It was voted in 1991? The moderator asked Dave Stacy what type of a contract that was, Dave said it was year to year. Ed Saulen asked Dave for a dollar figure for the addition to the route. Dave said it was \$2900.00. This is just the mileage and time to go that extra, most of the people brought their trash to the end of the road so the tonnage shouldn't change, but, there are 5 families that go to Grafton their tonnage would be extra." This is a proposal not a signed contract and fuel costs are going up". Kathy Stacy asked if this was a trial period or a contract? Henry said that it was a year contract. Anita Garland asked if a post card would be sent out explaining the procedure. Bill Fulton questioned if any money would be returned to Orange from Canaan for what was used to purchase equipment. He believes that Orange paid more for equipment. Dave said that when asked, Canaan said it was to assist them with the start-up costs. Henry said that was over 10 years ago and the equipment now had little value. Jim Biernat asked about large items, can they be taken to Canaan? Henry said that was something different. He believes that it now handled at Lebanon land fill. The Town has had large trash pickup in the past and will probably do so in the future. Pat Mercer said that when the recycling was started the State gave matching funds to each Town, she feels that the Town should clarify any obligation to the State before we make this move. Beth DiFrancesco said she thinks that the Town would be at the mercy of NE Waste if we do this. Henry feels that if everyone recycles that the cost may be less than we pay now to North East, Grafton and Canaan.



Dave is hoping the Town will break even. Linda Giner voiced her concern regarding in winter if the truck does not pickup what are the towns people to do with their rubbish? Henry said in any case it is "weather permitting"

VOTE: appeared to PASS by vocal vote

Bob Proulx requested Division of the House

DIVISION OF THE HOUSE VOTE: Moderator declared the motion PASSED

NOTE: Bob Proulx stated that the people needed to be educated on recycling in order for it to be successful. Jay Heinrichs feels this would be a good project for the Conservation Committee to work on. He will present it to them.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid into the Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0012 (opened 05/08/2007) for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment.

MOVED: Bob Proulx SECONDED: Frank Giner

DISCUSSION: none

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0015 (opened 06/20/2007) for the purpose of Town House building improvements, said sum to come from the general fund.

MOVED: Donald Pfaefflin SECOND: Frank Giner

DISCUSSION: none

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0014 (opened 05/08/2007) for the purpose of revaluation of property.

MOVED: Bob Proulx SECOND: Jim Collins

DISCUSSION: Jim Collins asked if this was because revaluation is to much to appropriate in one year? Bob Proulx said "yes" this past revaluation cost about \$20,000.00 and we

also need to make a time payment on purchase of software for \$3,500.00. We need to build up the fund to cover reappraisal in 2016.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be paid into the Town Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0013 (opened 06/26/2007) for the purpose of maintaining Town roads.

MOVED: Dick Jaeger SECOND: Frank Giner

DISCUSSION: Ed Saulen asked why we need to keep putting money into these funds? Dave Stacy said he got estimates on hot topping last July . New Colony Road \$34,408.80, Tuttle Hill Road has two sections, \$13,000.00 and \$21,000.00. We now have \$11,000.00 in this fund if we borrowed the money to do the jobs it would be about \$80,000.00 it is better to put away a little each year. VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be paid into the Town Document Preservation Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0016 (opened 05/08/2007) for the purpose of restoring and preserving Town Documents.

MOVED: Tom Rock SECOND: Don Pfaefflin

DISCUSSION: Sharon Proulx stated that it is the Towns responsibility to preserve town documents. So many town documents have been stored in houses over the years. Many have been discovered this year. It is very expensive to preserve them. The Town has a fireproof safe and cabinet, but, there is still records in officers homes that should be kept and preserved. David Como said that we don't have a mind set with reading these documents why are we spending all this money to preserve them? Kathy Stacy said her son used that documentation to apply for scholarship money, in her opinion, it is read. Sharon Proulx said that the State requires that we save the documents . She would gladly clean out her tax collector files but the State requires she save everything in a fireproof vault.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to conditionally reclassify approximately .6+/- miles of a currently Class VI (six 6) road known as Tug Mountain Road (from the end of current class V portion to the gate) subject to the betterment assessment and reclassify this as a Class V Road per NH RSA 231:28-33; and if passed, to remain in effect until rescinded.

MOVED: Bob Proulx SECOND: Sharon Proulx

DISCUSSION : Tessa Michetti said that the people on Tug Mountain Road submitted this article, 5 families on the class 6 part of the road pay 60% of the taxes paid on the road, she feels that the town should take care of the whole road. Any costs to bring the road up to requirements would be paid by the people on the class 6 portion through the betterment assessment. George White said that a letter was sent out that stating reasons why this article should not pass. He would like to speak further. Between 2003 and 2009 at least \$6,000.00 additional money was spent on this road beside general maintenance. Tug Mountain Road is a difficult road to maintain. The applicants have not presented a definite plan. The culverts are substandard, we don't even know if all the land owners have signed off on this petition. The residents have not indicated that they will give the town an easement or right of way for the Town to be able to keep clear the sides of the road to make it easier to maintain. He feels they should grant the Town a 50 foot easement on the edges of the road so the town can keep the trees clear to keep it from getting wet. In the spring and during heavy rain the road becomes a quagmire. Due to the fact that there is only 3 full time residents on this part of the road the school bus may have to go up there. We have been told that the school bus would not have to go up the road. The fact is, if the residents petition the school and the State for the bus to go up Tug Mountain Road, there is a good chance it will, due to the fact that it is unsafe for children to walk 1 ½ miles on a road with no houses. This means that we need to make a turn- around for the bus. Ed Saulen said he understands that in order to change a road from class 6 to class 5 certain standards have to be met. Ed has talked to some road builders about costs and it could cost up to \$250,000.00 to bring this road to state requirements.

Town Counsel said that the betterment law has a process. The road would not be changed immediately. There is no State standard for class 5 roads. The Road Agent and the Selectmen can jointly determine what standard is required to bring the road in line with other class 5 roads in Town. The Board would then ask for estimates from an engineering company. A public hearing would then be held. All people that would benefit from road improvement would be notified. At the meeting the Board would tell those people how much it will cost and how much each owner will need to pay. The land owners effected have ten days after the public hearing to counter petition that they do not want to pay for bettering the road. The majority rules, if more than half do not want to pay it doesn't happen. Tessa Michetti said that at the public hearing on this she understood that the road agent and selectmen made the decision. She asks if an engineering firm needs to be hired? Can the Road Agent and Selectmen decide? She said they have put \$5,000.00 into the road in the last 2 years. Bernie Tetreault said that 2 or 3 culverts need replacing, the main thing would only be for snow removal. He said there is a turn-around in the middle and at the end for the school bus. Pat Mercer asked Town Council if we can vote on this without knowing if all the land owners want it. Mr. Waugh said, yes, other land owners can counter petition after the public hearing. Also, he said that an engineering firm does not have to be used, but, the amount people will need to pay needs to be realistic. Henry clarified by quoting the RSA that the cost cannot be to make the repaired road in better condition than the road leading to it. Pat Mercer asked what Frank thought the maintenance would be after we accepted it. Frank asked under what circumstances? He really couldn't tell us. Don Pfaefflin said that he is an emergency responder, he would like it to be safe for the ambulance and fire truck. Sandi Pierson said that the people are paying taxes on 1.1 million dollars worth of property. She feels they should have their road taken care of, she doesn't think they should be charged the betterment assessment. Bob Proulx said that this road was made class 6 when no one lived up there. Now there are families there, they should get services. Sharon Proulx said that Frank Giner has stated 2 or 3 times that he feels it wouldn't be more than 3 or 4 thousand dollars to bring



it up. Pat Mercer said that the Selectmen have an option to put in an emergency lane. Jay Heinrichs is concerned about this article and the following one he would like to wait one year and do a study. Sharon Proulx said the other roads are plowed this one is not. Gloria Stevens moved the question seconded  
Barbara Smith, Supervisor of the Check List has petition for paper ballot (6) registered voters  
VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION: PASSED PAPER  
BALLOT VOTE: YES - 36 NO - 22 BLANK - 1  
ARTICLE PASSED BY BALLOT

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to conditionally reclassify approximately .3+/- miles a currently Class VI (six, 6) road known as New Colony (from the approximate middle of the Hall property map 3 lot 36 past the Murray property map 3 lot 38b-1 and up to the turn-around) ending just before the gated entrance to the state park, subject to the betterment assessment, and Vote to conditionally reclassify approximately .2+/- miles of Class VI (6) road known as Peaslee from the approximate middle of the Drayton property map 3 lot 45 to the Smith property map 3 lot 46 using their property as a turn around and ending there, subject to the betterment assessment, and reclassify the above two roads as a Class V Roads per NH RSA 231:28-33; and if passed, to remain in effect until rescinded.

MOVED: Bob Proulx SECOND: Scott Lurgio

DISCUSSION: Bob Proulx said that this is only a house keeping article. The Town has been plowing these 2 sections of road for years. He would like to make an amendment.

AMENDMENT: After the words betterment assessment, in both paragraphs, add "which shall be waived".

SECOND: Jim Collins Dan read article with amendment.

DISCUSSION: Tessa stated that the RSA's say that if a Town cares for a road for 5 years the Town is responsible for that road. Betterment does not apply. Town Council, Mr. Waugh stated that RSA229.5 paragraph 6 states that if a road is voted a class 6 it does not change to class 5 through repair. Jeanne Minasian moved the question. Seconded

VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION: SO MOVED

VOTE TO ACCEPT AMMENDMENT: PASSED

ARTICLE 13 *as amended*: To see if the Town will vote to conditionally reclassify approximately .3+/- miles of a currently Class VI (six,6) road know as New Colony (from the approximate middle of the Hall property map 3 lot 36 past the Murray property map 3 lot 38b-1 and up to the turn around) ending just before the gated entrance to the state park, subject to the betterment assessment, which shall be waived. AND Vote to conditionally reclassify approximately .2+/- miles of Class VI (six, 6) road known as Peaslee from the approximate middle of the Drayton property map 3 lot 45 to the Smith property map 3 lot 46 using their property as a turn around and ending there, subject to the betterment assessment, which shall be waived AND reclassify the above two roads as a Class V Roads per NH RSA 231:28-33; and if passed, to remain in effect until rescinded. Sharon Proulx request *Division of the House*  
VOTE ON AMMENDED ARTICLE: PASSED

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to cover the added expense of maintaining an additional approximate 1.1 miles of road, (an added expense to general highway maintenance) and add to the budget for the purpose of maintaining those roads added in Article 12 and 13.

MOVED: Bob Proulx SECOND: Betty Fulton

DISCUSSION: Bob Proulx encouraged the hall to vote no on this, the Budget Committee has already increased the highway budget by \$15,000.00 from last year. Betty Fulton asked if the \$11,000.00 carry over from last year couldn't be used? Henry Minasian said that money is dedicated to FEMA repair of Brock Hill Road. Betty Fulton , Ed Saulen, Pat Mercer and George White gave reasons for not needing the extra money. Dave Stacy gave reasons that for the need for extra money. Linda Giner stated that she was not for this appropriation.

VOTE: DEFEATED

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate four thousand, four hundred and forty-two dollars (\$4,442.00) to pay for recommended increases in wages of all

elected and appointed positions as made by the salary committee and recommend these wages to the selectmen, said amount to be included into article 18. (copies of the salary committee's report are available for review)

MOVED: Bob Proulx SECOND: Pat Mercer

DISCUSSION: Pat Mercer has an amendment for article 15:

AMENDMENT: to read "to see if the people will vote to condition and amend article 15 to read, if passed to follow exactly each line item as recommended by the salary study committee per vote of the 2010 town meeting , copies are available, if not passed to follow exactly the line item vote on salaries from the 2006 warrant, without exclusion, and to be adopted as such." SECOND: Ed Saulen

DISCUSSION: Beth DiFrancesco asked Pat to explain the amendment. Pat said that the way the article reads now, it is a lump sum, the Selectmen can move the amount around to where ever they want. There is no line item that states how much each position gets. Jim Collins explained the history of the salary committee, he said the total figure represents the individual raises for each position. Jeanne Minasian feels that the amendment ties up the raises with the 2006 figures and is unclear. Kathy Stacy asked Bernard Waugh to state his opinion of the amendment. Mr. Waugh said he is unclear what Pat is saying in her amendment, but, to make an amendment line item by line item is a valid amendment, but, an amendment to go back to 2006 schedule isn't in the warrant.

MOVE THE QUESTION: Dick Jaeger

VOTE THE AMENDMENT: DEFEATED

DISCUSS ORIGINAL ARTICLE: Bob Proulx asked Jim Collins how the salary study committee came to their figures. Jim said that 2 former selectmen and one check list person were on the committee, they compared the salaries of other small towns for these positions, they tried to set salaries that will cover the next 5 years. "The people who serve don't do it for the money, many do so to help the town, the salary committee wants to show them that they are appreciated." Kathy Stacy asked if the money was already in the budget figures? Bob Proulx said the Budget Committee inserted the appropriate figures in the appropriate line items. Barbara Smith, a member of the check list, said that

servicing in town government is a civic responsibility not a career job. The monetary figure should depend on wages lost and should be tailored to responsibility. She feels that the salary committee's system has some flaws. There is no consideration of the time required to do some jobs. In fact there is not a job description available per say .She suggests voting this article down, to bring it back next year after the committee has studied job descriptions and time requirements to do these jobs. George White also feels job descriptions are important in determining salaries. Barbara Smith said Supervisor of the Checklist is a 6 year commitment the State requires them to meet almost monthly to add and correct check lists, also, much computer time is required. Henry said that the State is requiring more and more from Town employees. Bill Fulton feels the Town should consider giving raises yearly where appropriate. Some jobs grow others don't pay with growth. Dick Jaeger feels we should vote in the raises and get the job descriptions before next town meeting. VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to pay for recommended increases for reimbursing elected and appointed town officials for mileage (at current federal rate) for travel plus \$125.00 per day stipend for town related education and training . Approval based upon individual application to the selectmen and evaluated on an as needed case by case basis.

Note: (similar wording was previously passed in article 5 in 2008 that said: for STATE MANDATED education for elected officials of the town; Town Clerk, Moderator, Supervisors of the checklist, and any other department heads required to access the NH State computer banks to function at their job). THERE IS NO STATE MANDATED TRAINING, as worded in that article, makes the application of this article unenforceable by the select board. This article stands to correct this technical oversight.

MOVED: Jeanne Minasian SECOND: Tessa Michetti

DISCUSSION: Jeanne Minasian feels that it is appropriate to give people a stipend and mileage to get better at their job.

Kathy asked if this would need to be voted on every year?



Henry said it would need to be voted yearly. Linda said that they are trying to get people to run for office but we cannot ask them to suffer loss of wages for to attend training classes. Question MOVED, SECOND Dorothy Heinrichs VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION: PASSED  
VOTE ARTICLE: PASSED

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) to pay for reimbursing elected and appointed town officials for mileage only (at the current federal rate) for travel conducted in interest of the town. MOVED Jim Collins, SECOND Jeanne Minasian DISCUSSION: Kathy Stacy asked for an example of travel in the interest of the town. Jeanne Minasian said that, at least once a year, there is a work shop held in Concord for the Trustees of the Trust Funds.. Kathy said that it was covered in article 16. Henry said that another example would be if the Director of Emergency Management or the Road Agent had to meet with FEMA in Concord. This article is meant for town business not training. Skip Smith from the Budget Committee said that the amount is excessive, if Frank needs to go for parts etc. it should come out of the Highway Budget. Linda Giner said she was not for this article. Some people take advantage of situations. Various people made comments. VOTE: DEFEATED

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$219,334.00 for the ensuing year for general operation. MOVED: Sharon Proulx, SECOND: Sally Jaeger DISCUSSION: NONE  
VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 19: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. DISCUSSION: Dan thanked all the people that take part in the business of running elections. The Supervisors do a great job. He thanked the Board of Selectmen and the Town Clerk. Dave Stacy did a great job stepping in when he was needed by the

Selectmen. Dan thanked Bernie Waugh. He introduced Gary Prince from Troop F in the State Police. Gary said that they are happy to be of assistance to the Town. The Budget Committee got a round of applause for their great job. Dan introduced our new Select Board member Dorothy Heinrichs, new Town Treasurer Betty Fulton and new Supervisor of the Check List, Sharon Dunbar. Bob Proulx asked for permission to honor Bob Ells for the 35 years of service he has given the Planning Board. Mr. Ells was presented with a plaque. Scott Lurgio asked for volunteers to plant trees in the State forest. The Conservation Committee will receive young trees from the State at no charge. It will be held on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the Town House at 8:30 am. Jim Collins told the hall of the opportunity to have the State Forester to walk their property and discuss forest management, information is in the front hall. Bob Proulx asked the Selectmen and Town Council to bring the hall up to speed on the suit brought against the town by Andy Ware. Mr. Waugh stated that the letter sent to Andy Ware has been made public along with the minutes of 4 closed Selectmen Meetings. The hearing on Mr. Ware's appeal is on March 28<sup>th</sup>. He cannot go into anything in the legal prerogative of the Town Meeting, and secondly it could compromise the appeal. Dorothy Heinrichs has a petition for Fairpoint to bring broadband to Orange, those interested in signing it is in the front of the hall. Gary Hamel told the hall that the documents he has been collating and putting in binders are in the front of the hall for people to look at. Pat Mercer stated that "The Friends of Orange" were mistakenly put in the town report as part of the Scholarship Committee. If there is something that needs money "The Friends" are willing to try and raise it.

*Town Meeting Adjourned: 9:55 pm*

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted*

*Patricia C. White*

*Orange Town Clerk*

## VITAL STATISTICS 2011

### Births:

Kaden Adam Rogers, born April 6, 2011 at Lebanon, NH  
Parents: Jeremy and Christine Rogers

Nathaniel James Hall, born August 17, 2011 at Lebanon, NH  
Parents: James and Brenda Hall

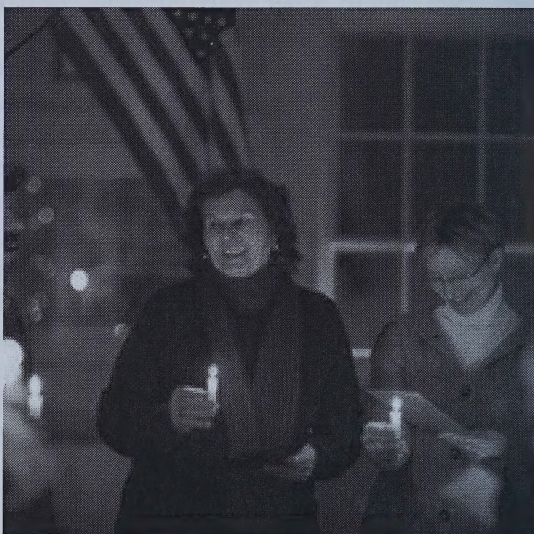
### Marriages:

Mark E. Merrihew of Orange, NH and Wendy L. Tucker of  
Orange, NH

Married June 11, 2011 at Hale's Location, NH

### Deaths:

William Finn, Sr., died July 4, 2011 at Lebanon, NH  
Son of John Finn and Martha Davison



### *“One Little Candle”*

*Originally a Girl Scout campfire song, this simple, tender song has been sung at Orange's annual Christmas celebration for 35 years. This tradition was started by the late Mary Rickson.*

*(Photo courtesy of Christian Kozowyk)*



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