

THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD NEW HAMPSHIRE



2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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School District Title Page: Bow Lake School. It remained open until 1960.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE
TOWN OF
STRAFFORD,
NEW HAMPSHIRE

2014



For The Year Ending December 31, 2014

Population.....estimated 4007
Registered Voters.....3133

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TOWN OFFICERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

R. Stephen Leighton 2015

James W. Andersen 2016

Lynn M. Sweet 2017

Ellen J. White, Town Administrator

TOWN CLERK

Diane Waldron 2016

ROAD AGENT

Greg Messenger 2015

TOWN TREASURER

Laurie Bibeau 2016

BUILDING INSPECTORS

David Copeland

Andrew Carter

TAX COLLECTOR

Judith Dupré

HEALTH OFFICER

Kevin LaCroix

MODERATOR

William G. Lord 2016

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Marilyn Roderick 2020

Carol Cooper 2018

Martha English 2016

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

Charles H. Burnham, Chairman 2017

Betsy B. Cozine 2016

Michelle Bengner 2015

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

George F. Preston

PLANNING BOARD

Charles Moreno, Chairman 2017

Terrence Hyland 2017

Denise Markow-Speed 2015

Paul Eaton 2015

Lynn Sweet, Ex officio member 2017

Donald Coker, Alternate

Mark Whitcher, Alternate

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Indra Edmonds, Chairman 2015

Irene Abels 2017

Sarah Kern/Mary Marquardt 2015

Jane Laurion, Alternate

Kristen Woodman, Alternate

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Richard Ferreira II, Chairman 2015

Susan Arnold 2017

Charles Burnham 2017

Herman Groth 2016

William G. Lord 2016

Jean Chartrand-Ewen, Alternate

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Liz Evans, Co-Chairman 2017

Harmony Anderson, Co-Chairman 2017

David Perkins 2017

Kerry Omand 2016

Carolyn Page 2016

Randall Jacunski 2015

Scott A. Young 2015

Susan Barnes, Alternate

Irving Johnson, Alternate

JoAnn Brown, Alternate

Bruce Smith, Alternate

TOWN OFFICERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Scott Young, Chief of Police
Mike Richard, Lieutenant
Randy Young, Sergeant
Mary Macfadzen, Secretary

Officer John Bernard

Officer Christopher Dustin

Officer Don Laliberte

Officer Bryant Scott

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Scott Young, Police Chief transferred to Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief - Fire Warden
David Hartfrant, Deputy Fire Chief

Captains

Paul Stover
Craig S. Robichaud, Jr.

Lieutenants

Paul Yergeau, Sr.
Ben Bickford

Erik Aucella
Bryan Hayes

Department Members

James A. Andersen
James W. Andersen
Erik P. Aucella
Annie Baker
Benjamin A Bickford
Kim P. Bickford
Eugene C. Burrows
Robert Caron
Kenneth G. Chick
Rob Clark
Brian K. Cottrell
Shawn A. Desjardins
Christopher D. Freddette

Eric Gale
Frances M. Goodwin
David Hartrant
Bryan Hayes
Nicole Lefebvre
Matt Lobdell
Rob Lobdell
Jesse R. Mainheit
Cameron Marcotte
Duane M. Marsh
Henry Marston
Matt Morrisey
Ed Morse

Miranda A. Mulcahy
David Palmer
Stephen Poligni
Kenneth M. Richard
Craig S. Robichaud, Jr.
Paul Stover
David J. Sukerman
William Sukerman
David M. Wakeman
Cameron Whitehouse
Scott Whitehouse
Paul A Yergeau, Jr.
Paul A Yergeau, Sr.

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Representative David Bickford
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REPORT FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Town and School elections will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. The polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM for voting purposes. The ballot will present candidates for Town offices, the adoption of an RSA pertaining to library operations, and 5 amendments to the Zoning ordinances. The amendments address supplementary lots, vesting of ZBA decisions, regulations for wind towers, building guidelines for fences, and the definition of in-law apartments. Articles 8 through 20 on the Warrant will be considered on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at the Strafford School commencing at 8:30 AM.

Construction of a new bridge on First Crown Point Road took place during the autumn months of 2014. Though open to traffic now, some final details will be completed next spring. Through the NHDOT Bridge Aid Program 80% of the cost of construction is returned to the Town.

2014 was a year of personnel transitions. Ken Berry retired after serving 12 years as the Town's librarian. Ken worked diligently at Hill Library alongside his wife, Charlotte. As an avid Town historian, he will pursue those interests and will continue to serve the Town through the Historical Society. The Town welcomes George Preston from Stoddard as our new librarian. In 2014, by vote of residents at Town Meeting and through the efforts of the Fire Chief Selection Committee, Strafford hired its first full time Fire Chief. The Selectmen would like to extend thanks to the members of the committee, Barrington Fire Chief Rick Walker, Bill Lord, Peter Wensberg, Erik Aucella, and Kim Bickford who presented the Board with 3 qualified candidates. From those candidates, Scott Whitehouse was selected.

This year's Warrant recommends several items for consideration by voters. The Selectmen will request that the Town purchase a vote counting machine. Marked ballots will be inserted into the machine as voters check out. It will greatly facilitate the tallying of votes at the end of the day. Its arrival will be timely, with 2016 being a year in which 4 elections are held. It has been observed that the dry hydrants in Town are in need of repair/replacing; the Board hopes to appropriate \$15,000 to begin that work. Looking to other future capital improvements and purchases, the Board requests monies to be placed in existing funds for the purchase of a police cruiser and for future bridge construction.

In 2020, just 5 years away, the Town of Strafford will commemorate our bicentennial. The creativity, energy and commitment of many organizations and individuals will be necessary to prepare for this event; the Board is hoping a committee will be formed to begin planning. The treasurer of the Historical Society will oversee the care and custody of the Bicentennial Fund to which contributions may be made.

The Selectmen meet every other Tuesday at 6:00PM at the Town Hall, unless otherwise posted. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend any meeting. This year, after 12 years of serving as a Selectman, Steve Leighton will be retiring from the Board. Steve's depth of knowledge, wisdom and management skills will leave shoes not easily filled. Steve's service to the Town began in 1969 as a part time police officer and continued as he served on numerous boards over the years. He hopes to continue serving the Town in a volunteer capacity.

Strafford residents serve our Town in varying capacities and with varying degrees of recognition, helping to make Strafford a wonderful place to live. The Selectman would especially like to thank those who labor quietly among us as volunteers, on boards, committees, commissions and in various organizations in Town. We also thank Town employees in all departments who labor faithfully beyond the requirements of their jobs. As this is being written, snow continues to fall, and we offer a special thank you to those who keep our roads plowed and well maintained, especially Greg Messenger and his crew. To all of you, we offer our gratitude and sincere thanks!

R. Stephen Leighton, Chairman Jim Andersen, Selectman Lynn Sweet, Selectman

TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the **Strafford Town Hall** in said Strafford on Tuesday, the Tenth (10th) day of March, next at 8:00 A.M. to act upon the following subjects:

** 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

** 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances, as proposed by the Planning Board:

“To add a proposed Article 1.4.1 A (2) SUPPLEMENTARY LOT to allow existing lots of record to be subdivided to allow one lot with reduced frontage where the existing lot is greater than 20 acres in area and has between 250 and 400 feet of frontage. The supplementary lot must have at least fifty (50) feet of frontage on an existing Class V or better road.”

** 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances, as proposed by the Planning Board:

“To add a proposed Article 1.4.2 I SMALL WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS to accommodate small wind energy systems in appropriate locations and to establish a permitting process for the construction of small wind energy systems generating up to 100 kW.”

** 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances, as proposed by the Planning Board:

“To add a paragraph to Article 1.9 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT to establish a time limit for the vesting of Special Exceptions and Variances granted by the Board of Adjustment which matches the time frame set by regulations for the vesting of Planning Board approvals.”

** 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances, as proposed by the Planning Board:

“To add a proposed definition 1.14.24 IN-LAW APARTMENT to clarify what constitutes an in-law apartment. In-law apartments shall share a wall or floor with the residence, must share utilities, and shall not have a full kitchen.”

** 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Building Regulations, as proposed by the Planning Board:

“To add a proposed Building Regulation 4.1.12 FENCES to establish regulations regarding the construction and placement of fences and to require fencing or safety covers for in-ground pools.”

** 7. “Shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment?”

** NOTE: ALL ARTICLES EXCEPT ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7 WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 8:30 A.M., SATURDAY, MARCH FOURTEENTH (14th) 2015 AT THE **STRAFFORD SCHOOL.**

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$355,000. for Capital Improvements (Drainage work, culverts, gravel and paving) of roads within the Town boundaries at the discretion of the Road Agent, as funding permits.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$539,911. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund previously established by Article 13 at the March 2011 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing future police vehicles and associated equipment. The Selectmen recommend this article.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$322,333. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. for the installation, replacement and repair of dry hydrants in the Town of Strafford.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,218. for the purpose of purchasing of rescue equipment for the first responder vehicle, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$9,218. From the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,344. for the purpose of purchasing six new tires to replace the current tires on 25 Ambulance 1, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$1,344. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000. for the purchase of a voting machine (scanner/tabulator) and associated services.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000. to be placed in the Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established by Article 9 at the March 2004 Town Meeting to be used for the purpose of funding any future bridge repairs/construction. The Selectmen recommend this article.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. to help defray expenses associated with Strafford's Bicentennial Celebration in 2020 . Funds will be placed in the Bicentennial Fund under the care and custody of the Treasurer of the Strafford Historical Society.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,246,677. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 71,802.
Election & Registration.....	30,770.
Financial Administration.....	90,490.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	38,089.
Legal Expenses.....	10,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	36,299.
Planning and Zoning.....	7,484.
General Government Building.....	29,400.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	30,250.
Insurance.....	45,024.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	3,800.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	4,627.
Contingency Fund.....	15,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	10,890.
Ambulance.....	1,000.
Emergency Management.....	2,700.
Building Inspection.....	17,129.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	423,500.
Street Lighting.....	4,500.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	232,482.
Animal Control.....	3,800.
Health Inspector.....	400.
Cornerstone VNA (formerly Roch Dstr VNA).....	3,991.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	28,180.
Community Action.....	2,250.
Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend's Place.....	200.
The Homemakers Health Services.....	3,426.
Ready Rides.....	1,500.
Parks and Recreation.....	16,722.
Library.....	72,910.
Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works.....	4,800.
Conservation Commission.....	270.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 1,246,677.</u>

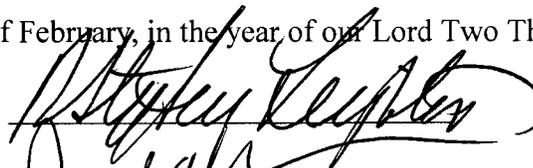
(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,246,677. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

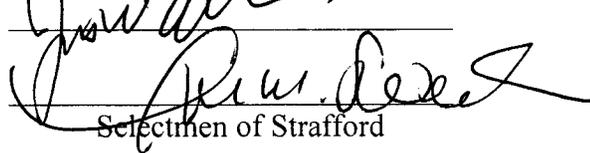
19. "Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Strafford, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$30,000.; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$40,000.; for a person 80 years of age or older \$50,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such a person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than **\$25,000.** or if married, a combined net income of less than \$30,000.; and own assets not in excess of \$75,000. excluding the value of the person's actual residence and up to 2 acres or the minimum single family residential lot size specified in the local zoning ordinance."

20. "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of supplementing the existing Capital Reserve Fund for expansion and improvements to the Hill Library **and to designate the Library Trustees as agents for expenditure from the fund for this purpose.**" By petition. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

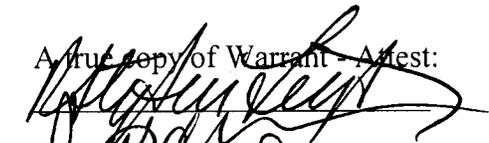
21. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

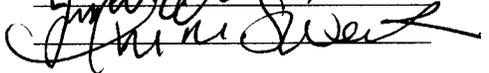
Given under our hands and seal, this 17th day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.





Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:




Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	18	\$70,738	\$70,457	\$71,802	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Auto Registr., Vital Stsc, Clerk Fees	18	\$53,134	\$50,754	\$61,020	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration & CPA Audit	18	\$102,527	\$83,929	\$101,380	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property & Tax Maps	18	\$37,602	\$31,649	\$38,089	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	18	\$10,000	\$3,933	\$10,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Adm., FICA, Medi, Unemp. Comp.	18	\$36,348	\$33,380	\$36,299	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	18	\$7,410	\$5,620	\$7,484	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	18	\$29,400	\$26,679	\$29,400	\$0
4195	Cemeteries		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4196	Insurance	18	\$42,000	\$41,842	\$45,024	\$0
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc. & SRPC Dues	18	\$8,232	\$8,141	\$8,427	\$0
4199	Other General Government/Contingency	18	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	09	\$514,581	\$507,912	\$539,911	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	18	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4220-4229	Fire & Rescue	11	\$276,784	\$250,881	\$322,333	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	18	\$17,129	\$9,073	\$17,129	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	18	\$2,700	\$1,619	\$2,700	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Adm./Gen. Hwy. & Road Maintenance	18	\$425,000	\$417,290	\$423,500	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges (First Crown Point Bridge)		\$392,325	\$392,325	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	18	\$4,500	\$4,372	\$4,500	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation						
4321	Administration	18	\$234,730	\$206,633	\$232,482	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Administration	18	\$400	\$35	\$400	\$0
4414	Pest Control	18	\$3,800	\$1,726	\$3,800	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies/Cornerstone VNA	18	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$0
Welfare						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	18	\$28,180	\$2,913	\$28,180	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other **see note	18	\$9,068	\$6,568	\$8,368	\$0
Culture and Recreation						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	18	\$16,498	\$14,135	\$16,722	\$0
4550-4559	Library	18	\$71,480	\$70,342	\$72,910	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	18	\$4,800	\$4,446	\$4,800	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	18	\$245	\$245	\$270	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	18	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$2,421,602	\$2,250,890	\$2,108,921	\$0

** Community Action, Sexual Assault Support Svcs, My Friend's Pl., Homemakers Hlth. Svcs., Ready Rides

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	13	\$60,000	\$54,353	\$9,218	\$0
	Purpose: Purchase equipment for first responder vehicle					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	14	\$0	\$0	\$1,344	\$0
	Purpose: Purchase tires for 25 Ambulance 1					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
	Purpose: Add to Police Vehicle/Eqp CRF					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
	Purpose: NCRF Future Bridge Repairs/Construction					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	20	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
	Purpose: Add to Library Imprv/expansion CRF...Ask to design					
Special Articles Recommended			\$60,000	\$54,353	\$45,562	\$5,000

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	15	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$0
	Purpose: Voting Machine (scanner/tabulator) and associated					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	08	\$350,000	\$349,982	\$355,000	\$0
	Purpose: Capital Improvements to Roads					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	12	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
	Purpose: Installation, replacement and repair of dry hydran					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	17	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0
	Purpose: Bicentennial Celebration in 2020					
Individual Articles Recommended			\$350,000	\$349,982	\$376,500	\$0

2014 Approved Articles included in Operational Accounts

"Special Warrant Articles"

Art. #2 First Crown Point Bridge
Account 4313

"Individual Warrant Articles"

Art. #6 Full Time Fire Chief
Account 4220-4229

Art. #8 Treasurer's Salary Adjustment
Account 4150-4151

Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	PY Estimated Revenues	PY Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	18	\$15,000	\$12,248	\$8,850
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	18	\$110,000	\$116,671	\$116,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	18	\$640,000	\$659,672	\$659,000
3230	Building Permits	18	\$14,000	\$15,110	\$15,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	18	\$30,000	\$33,205	\$30,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	18	\$193,325	\$193,325	\$193,325
3353	Highway Block Grant	18	\$106,524	\$106,902	\$107,836
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$313,860	\$313,860	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	18	\$44,000	\$55,111	\$55,000
3409	Other Charges-Planning Bd/Bd of Adjstmnt	18	\$3,500	\$3,445	\$3,500
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$48,300	\$48,300	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	18	\$100	\$87	\$100
3503-3509	Other		\$4,576	\$11,162	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	14, 13	\$60,000	\$54,353	\$10,562
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0

Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	18	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$1,803,185	\$1,843,451	\$1,399,173

Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$2,029,277	\$2,108,921
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$452,325	\$45,562
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$350,000	\$376,500
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$2,831,602	\$2,530,983
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,803,185	\$1,399,173
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,028,417	\$1,131,810

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED

Saturday, March 15, 2014

Acct#	Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3 ,V	Warrant Art.	Appropriation As Voted
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
4130-4139	Executive	9	70,738
4140-4149	Elec, Auto Reg, Vital Sts, Clrk Fees	9	53,134
4150-4151	Financial Adm & CPA Audit	8, 9	102,527
4152	Reval of Property & Tax Maps	9	37,602
4153	Legal Expense	9	10,000
4155-4159	Personnel Adm, FICA, Medi, Unemp Comp	9	36,348
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	9	7,410
4194	General Government Buildings	9	29,400
4196	Insurance	9	42,000
4197	Advertising & Reg Assoc Dues, SRPC Dues	9	8,232
4199	Other General Gov't/Contingency	9	15,000
PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210-4214	Police	4	514,581
4215-4219	Ambulance	9	1,000
4220-4229	Fire & Rescue	5, 6	276,784
4240-4249	Building Inspection	9	17,129
4290-4298	Emergency Management	9	2,700
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			
4311	Adm/Gen Hwy & Road Maintenance	9	425,000
4313	Bridges/First Crown Pt Rd Bridge	2	392,325
4316	Street Lighting	9	4,500
4319	Other (Road Improvements)	3	350,000
SANITATION			
4321	Administration	9	234,730
HEALTH			
4411	Administration	9	400
4414	Pest Control	9	3,800
4415-4419	Health Agencies/Cornerstone VNA	9	3,991
WELFARE			
4441-4442	Adminstration & Direct Assistance	9	28,180
4445-4449	Vendor pmts/Other	9	9,068
CULTURE & RECREATION			
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	9	16,498
4550-4559	Library	9	71,480
4583	Patriotic Purposes	9	4,800
CONSERVATION			
4611-4612	Admin & Purchase of Natural Resources	9	245
DEBT SERVICE			
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note	9	2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	7	60,000
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			2,831,602

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

Town of Strafford

2014

A. ASSETS			
Current Assets	Acct#	Beginning of year	End of year
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	2,940,178	3,065,597
b. Investments	1030	649,310	466,401
c. Restricted Assets			
d. Taxes receivable	1080	666,157	829,514
e. Tax liens receivable	1110	495,855	432,594
f. Accounts receivable	1150		
g. Due from other governments	1260		270,148
h. Due from other funds	1310	79,265	44,776
i. Other current assets	1400		
j. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670		
TOTAL ASSETS		4,830,765	5,109,030
B. LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	Acct#	Beginning of year	End of year
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	13,154	104,366
b. Compensated absences payable	2030		
c. Contracts payable	2050		
d. Due to other governments	2070		
e. Due to school districts	2075	4,046,983	4,098,449
f. Due to other funds	2080		
g. Deferred revenue	2220		
h. Notes payable - Current	2230		
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250		
j. Other payables	2270		
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,060,137	4,202,815
Fund Equity*			
a. Nonspendable Fund Balance	2440		
b. Restricted Fund Balance	2450		
c. Committed Fund Balance	2460		
d. Assigned Fund Balance	2490	52,809	37,462
e. Unassigned Fund Balance	2530	717,819	868,753
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		770,628	906,215
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		4,830,765	5,109,030

*Note: to be GASB 54 compliant, the fund balance classifications have changed. See tab called Fund Balance Explanation

NOTE: NH Law requires all municipalities to gross appropriate, but this balance sheet only reflects the general fund.
See the municipality's audited financials for more information on proprietary funds, special revenue, or capital project funds

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

Town of Strafford

FY 2014

Account #	Source of Revenue	Warrant Art #	
TAXES			
3185	Timber Tax		\$15,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		\$110,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		\$0
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9	\$640,000
3230	Building Permits	9	\$14,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	9	\$30,000
FROM STATE			
3352	Meals & Rooms Distribution		\$193,325
3353	Highway Block Grant		\$106,524
3359	Bridge Aid Grant	2	\$313,860
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	9	\$44,000
3409	Planning Board & Board of Adjustment	9	\$3,500
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$48,300
3502	Interest on Investments		\$100
3503-3509	Other		\$4,576
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	7	\$60,000
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	2	\$20,000
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES			\$1,603,185
Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			\$200,000
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS			\$1,803,185
REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)		\$30,000	

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2014 Tax Rate Calculation

Scott W. Hall
11/25/14

TOWN/CITY: STRAFFORD

Gross Appropriations	2,831,602
Less: Revenues	1,803,185
	0
Add: Overlay (RSA 76:6)	28,379
War Service Credits	41,300

Net Town Appropriation	1,098,096
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,098,096
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TOWN RATE
2.39

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget:			
Gross Approp. - Revenue	11,021,207	569,543	10,451,664
Regional School Apportionment			0
Less: Education Grant			(2,103,098)

Education Tax (from below)	(1,094,844)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	7,253,722

LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
15.71

EDUCATION TAX

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.480
441,469,406	1,094,844
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	
457,173,300	

STATE SCHOOL RATE
2.39

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	1,233,803
	0

Approved County Tax Effort	1,233,803
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COUNTY RATE
2.67

Total Property Taxes Assessed	10,680,465
Less: War Service Credits	(41,300)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	10,639,165

TOTAL RATE
23.16

PROOF OF RATE

Local Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
Education Tax (no utilities)	2.39	1,094,844
All Other Taxes	20.77	9,585,621
		10,680,465

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SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION 2014

Value of Land Only	Acres	2013 Assessed Valuation
Current Use RSA 79-A	21,257	1,670,600
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0.11	2,900
Residential Land - Improved & Unimproved	6426	216,651,400
Commercial/Industrial	165	2,089,100
Total of Taxable Land	27848.11	220,414,000
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	2765	5,606,400

Value of Buildings Only	2013 Assessed Valuation
Residential	228,667,600
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31	2,655,300
Commercial/Industrial	6,110,600
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	35,000
Total of Taxable Buildings	237,468,500
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings	10,010,300

Utilities

Public Utilities	4,445,400
Other Public Utilities	15,800
Valuation Before Exemption	462,343,700
Modified Assessed Valuation of All Properties	462,343,700
Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a&b	575,000
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	150,000
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	725,000
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed	461,618,700
Less Public Utilities	4,445,400
Net Valuation without Utilites on Which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed	457,173,300

Utility Summary

Does your Municipality Use the DRA Utility Values?	
Public Service Company of NH	4,325,300
Bow Lake Estates Water Works	120,100
Total	4,445,400
City of Rochester -Municipal	15,800

Tax Credits

Veterans' Tax Credits	Limits	# Individual:	Estimated Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$200	175	35,000
Tax Credit for Total Service Connected Disability	\$700	9	6,300
Total Number and Amount		184	41,300

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

Disabled Exemption Report RSA 72:37-b

Current Year Exemptions Granted	5	Amount of Exemption	\$30,000	Total	\$150,000
Income Limits:	Single	\$20,000	Asset Limit:	\$35,000	
	Married	\$30,000		\$35,000	

Elderly Exemption Report RSA 72:39-a

Number of First Time Filers Granted			Total Number of Individuals Granted			
Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year			Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year and Total Amount of Exemptions Granted			
Age	#	Amount	Age	#	Amount	Total Exemption Granted
65-74	0	\$30,000	65-74	5	150,000	135,000
75-79	1	\$40,000	75-79	1	40,000	40,000
80+	0	\$50,000	80+	<u>8</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
			Total	14	\$590,000	\$575,000
Income Limits:	Single	\$20,000	Asset Limit:	\$75,000		
	Married	\$30,000		\$75,000		

Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive - RSA79-E Adopted? No

Current Use Report RSA 79-A

	Total # Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	1,114	384,600
Forest Land	12,639	983,000
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	5,865	275,000
Unproductive Land	164	2,500
Wetland	1475	25,500
Total	21,257	1,670,600

Other Current Use Statistics

Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	8,598
Removed from Current Use during Current Year	21.5
Number of Owners in Current Use	369
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	581

Land Use Change Tax Received January 1 through December 31 \$0.00
100% Conservation Allocation

Preservation Easements

# Owners	# Structures	# Acres	Assessed Land Valuation	Assessed Structure Valuation	
2	2	0.11	2,900	35,000	
Structures in Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA:79-D				Barn 50%	Map 11 Lot 4
				Barn 75%	Map 10 Lot 13

2014 STRAFFORD TOWN MEETING

March 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at the Strafford Town Hall, in the Town of Strafford, by Moderator William Lord to act on Article 1 of the 2014 Town Warrant by ballot vote.

The ballots were cast and the meeting recessed at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of tallying the votes.

The meeting was called to order again at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the Strafford School gymnasium by Moderator William Lord, to act on articles 2 through 11.

Moderator Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator read the results of the March 11, 2014 election.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.	
Voters on the checklist	3,033
Votes cast	419
Library Trustee – Three years	
Irene A. Abels.....	201
Road Agent – One Year	
Greg Messenger.....	401
Selectman – Three Years	
Lynn Sweet.....	220
Trustee of the Trust Fund – Three Years	
Betsy B. Cozine.....	344
Planning Board – Three Years	
Charles Moreno.....	291
Terry Hyland.....	211
Town Moderator – Two Years	
William G. Lord.....	363
Supervisor of the Checklist – Six years	
Marilyn Roderick.....	358

The Moderator introduced the officials at the head table. Selectman JoAnn Brown gave a brief presentation in recognition of Paul Stover, the past Chief of Strafford's Fire Department. Selectman Steve Leighton then gave a brief presentation in recognition of JoAnn Browns many years of service to the Town as Selectman.

Selectman Steve Leighton then gave a PowerPoint presentation to review the accomplishments of the past year (2013), the current state of the Town, and plans for 2014.

Moderator William Lord discussed the rules of the meeting.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$392,325. for the purpose of design engineering and constructions of a replacement bridge on First Crown Point Road (Bridge No. 069/164) and to authorize the withdrawal of \$20,000. from the Bridge Repairs Capital Reserve Fund and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a bridge grant in the amount of \$313,860., with the balance of \$58,465. to be raised by general taxation. (This is a supplemental appropriation to the funds raised by Article 2 at the 2013 Town Meeting for this project.)

Steve Bulger made a motion to restrict reconsideration based on RSA 40:10 and was seconded. Moderator Lord pointed out that RSA 40:10 states that motions to restrict reconsideration can only be made on articles previously discussed and voted. Moderator Lord ruled the motion out of order.

Moderator Lord read article 2. Motion made and seconded.

Selectman Steve Leighton made a motion to amend the article to read:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$392,325 for the purpose of design engineering and construction of the replacement bridge on First Crown Point Road (Bridge No. 069/164) and to authorize the

withdrawal of \$20,000. From Bridge Repairs Capital Reserve Fund and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a bridge grant in the amount of \$310,660., with the balance of \$61,665 to be raised by general taxation”.

This is a supplemental appropriation to the funds raised by Article 2 at the 2013 Town Meeting for this project. The amendment is to fund the associated cost for a hydrant, which are excluded from the 80% funding under the Bridge Aid Grant Program.

The amendment increases the amount to be raised by general taxation from \$58,465. to \$61,665.
(An increase of \$3,200.)

After a brief discussion on what a dry fire hydrant is, a motion was made on the proposed amendment. The vote to amend the article carried.

After brief discussion Moderator Lord re-read the article as amended. A vote was taken on the amended article and carried.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$283,000. for capital improvements (drainage work, culverts, gravel and paving) of roads within the Town boundaries at the discretion of the Road Agent, as funding permits.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Don Clifford proposed an amendment to the article to read:
“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000. for capital improvements (drainage work, culverts, gravel and paving) of roads within the Town boundaries at the discretion of the Road Agent, as funding permits”.

There was no discussion on the amendment. Moderator Lord read the article as amended. A vote was taken on the amendment and carried.

The Moderator read the article as amended. A vote was taken on the amended article and carried.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$514,581. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Police Chief Scott Young addressed the article. After brief discussion the moderator re-read the article. A vote was taken on the article and carried.

At this time Irving Johnson made a motion to restrict reconsideration on articles 2, 3, and 4. A vote was taken and carried.

Steve Bulger made a motion to table article 5 until after article 6 was acted on. This is a non-debatable motion. A vote was taken to table article 5 and failed.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$231,284. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

The Moderator read the article. A motion was made and seconded. Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse addressed the article.

After lengthy discussion and questions Moderator Lord re-read the article. A vote was taken on the article and carried.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the hiring of a full time Fire Chief and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,500. to cover this position and benefits. (Cost is anticipated to cover June through December.)

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded. Selectman Steve Leighton and Scott Whitehouse addressed the article.

After lengthy discussion and questions the Moderator re-read the article. A vote was taken on the article and carried.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000. to purchase a First Responder vehicle, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,000. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded. Scott Whitehouse addressed the article.

After brief discussion the Moderator re-read the article. A vote was taken on the article and carried.

8. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Treasurer’s annual salary to \$9,000. and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000. to fund the difference.

The Moderator read the article. Motion made and seconded. After brief discussion the moderator re-read the article. A vote was taken on the article and carried.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,194,912. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$70,738.
Election & Registration.....	\$24,334.
Financial Administration.....	\$88,637.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	\$37,602.
Legal Expenses.....	\$10,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	\$36,348.
Planning and Zoning.....	\$7,410.
General Government Building.....	\$29,400.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	\$28,800.
Insurance.....	\$42,000.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	\$3,700.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	\$4,532.
Contingency Fund.....	\$15,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	\$10,890.
Ambulance.....	\$1,000.
Emergency Management.....	\$2,700.
Building Inspection.....	\$17,129.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	\$385,000.
Street Lighting.....	\$4,500.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	\$234,730.
Animal Control.....	\$3,800.
Health Inspector.....	\$400.
Cornerstone VNA (formerly RochDstr VNA).....	\$3,991.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	\$28,180.
Community Action.....	\$1,750.
Sexual Assault Support Services.....	\$992.
My Friend’s Place.....	\$200.
The Homemakers Health Services.....	\$2,126.
CHANCES.....	\$2,500.
Ready Rides	1,500.
Parks and Recreation.....	\$16,498.
Library.....	\$71,480.
Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works.....	\$4,800.
Conservation Commission.....	\$245.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	\$2,000.
TOTAL.....	\$1,194,912.

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,194,912. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

Selectman Steve Leighton made a motion to amend article 9 to increase the line for "General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance" to \$425,000.00. This amendment increases the total to be raised for general Town operations from \$1,194,912. To \$1,234,912 (an increase of \$40,000.) The intention is to increase the line for General Highway Expenses and Town maintenance from \$385,000 to \$425,000. due to the number of snowstorms and additional costs for winter maintenance.

Motion to amend seconded. After brief discussion the Moderator re-read the article as amended. A vote was taken on the amendment and carried.

The Moderator re-read the article as amended. Vote taken and carried.

10. "New Hampshire Resolution to Get Big Money Out of Politics

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Strafford to see if the town will urge:
That the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that 1) guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the

American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and 2) clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.

That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such a constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Strafford's congressional delegation, and to Strafford's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the selectmen within 30 days of the vote." (by petition.)

Moderator Lord read the article. Bob Perry addressed the article. After lengthy discussion Ken Berry made a motion to call the question and seconded. Vote taken to call the question and carried. Moderator Lord re-read the article. A vote was taken on the article and failed.

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Tony Fallon suggested we look into putting more dry fire hydrants in the Town. The suggestion was well received, and will be looked at.

Steve Bulger made a motion to restrict reconsideration on all previous articles, and seconded. A vote was taken to restrict reconsideration and carried.

Steve Bulger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. A vote was taken and to adjourn and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Given under my hand and seal, this 15th day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Waldron
Strafford Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2014

RECEIPTS FOR 2014:

Description	Amount
Motor Vehicle Permits.....	\$ 659,672.50
Boat Permits.....	\$ 2,627.95
Dog Licenses.....	\$ 7,057.00
Marriage Licenses.....	\$ 675.00
Returned Check Fees.....	\$ 350.00
Dog Control Fees.....	\$ 749.00
Vital Statistic Copies.....	\$ 1,730.00
Municipal Agent Fees.....	\$ 16,387.50
Title Fees.....	\$ 1,788.00
Election Filing	\$ 6.00
Wetlands/Pole Applications.....	\$ 20.00
UCC/IRS Filings.....	\$ 900.00
Interware Fees.....	\$ 527.95
Postage.....	\$ 815.10
Articles of Agreement/Noise Ordinance Fine/Other.....	\$ 100.00
TOTAL REVENUES ACCEPTED	\$ 693,406.00

REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:

Qty	Description	Amount
6,191	Motor Vehicle Permits.....	\$ 659,672.50
205	Boat Permits	\$ 2,627.95
1,060	Dog Licenses.....	\$ 7,057.00
15	Marriage Licenses.....	\$ 675.00
14	Returned Check Fees.....	\$ 350.00
--	Dog Control Fees.....	\$ 749.00
143	Vital Statistic Copies.....	\$ 1,730.00
6,555	Municipal Agent Fees.....	\$ 16,387.50
894	Title Fees.....	\$ 1,788.00
6	Election Filing	\$ 6.00
2	Wetlands/Pole Applications.....	\$ 20.00
--	UCC/IRS Filings.....	\$ 900.00
--	Interware Fees.....	\$ 527.95
--	Postage.....	\$ 815.10
2	Articles of Agreement/Noise Ordinance Fine/Other..	\$ 100.00
	TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER	\$ 693,406.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 2014

It is a pleasure to serve you at the Town Clerk's office! We enjoy seeing you as you come in to the Town Hall to register your vehicles and take care of other Town business.

We are on-line at www.straftford.nh.gov for car registration renewals and dog licensing.

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Mailing address: P.O. Box 169, Straftford, NH 03884
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The Town Clerk's office offers the following services:

Vehicle Registrations - Dog Licenses - Vital Records - Voter Registration
Marriage Licenses – Election Coordination - Dump Stickers

The Town Hall will be closed on the following days in 2015:

January 1 (New Year's Day)	October 12 (Columbus Day)
January 19 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)	November 11 (Veteran's Day)
February 16 (President's Day)	November 26 (Thanksgiving Day)
March 10 (Town Election Day)	December 24 (Christmas Eve Day)
May 25 (Memorial Day)	
September 7 (Labor Day)	

- On all Election Days, the polls open at 8:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.
- Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 8:30 A.M. at the Straftford School Gymnasium.

Check the Straftford Community Calendar's "Notes From The Town Clerk" each month, for news and reminders from the Town Clerk's Office. The Community Calendar is on-line at www.straftfordcommunitycalendar.com

You can also find Town Clerk information on the Town of Straftford's Website at www.straftford.nh.gov

If you have questions throughout the year, please don't hesitate to call us at (603)664-2192 Ext. 102. We are always happy to answer your questions and help in any way we can.

At your service:

Diane Waldron – Straftford Town Clerk
Judy Dupré– Deputy Town Clerk
Christine Bane – Deputy Town Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Waldron
Straftford Town Clerk

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2014

RECEIPTS

Balance Check Book January 1, 2014	\$3,122,578.60	
Receipts.....	\$12,719,799.30	
Total Receipts.....		\$15,842,377.90

EXPENDITURES

Expenditures 2014	\$12,776,781.00	
Balance Check Book December 31, 2014	\$3,065,596.90	
Total Expenditures.....		\$15,842,377.90

N.H. Deposit Investment Pool..... \$466,400.93

Stafford Conservation Commission Easement Fund

Acct# NH 01-0562-001

Balance January 1, 2014	\$211,441.34
Deposited 2014	\$10,500.00
Withdrawals 2014	\$34,256.35
Interest Earned 2014	\$39.87
Total Balance	\$187,724.86

Town of Strafford Ambulance Acct. # NH 01-0030-0003

Balance January 1, 2014	\$82,817.23
Deposited 2014	\$37,281.60
Withdrawals 2014	\$39,477.00
Interest Earned 2014	\$17.05
Total Balance	\$80,638.88

Conservation Commission Acct. #NH-01-0030-004

Balance January 1, 2014	\$33,267.13
Deposited 2014	\$320.00
Withdrawals 2014	\$6,940.00
Interest Earned 2014	\$6.23
Total Balance	\$26,653.36

Police Special Details Acct. #NH-01-0030-0010

Balance January 1, 2014	\$27,156.92
Deposited 2014	\$169,018.05
Withdrawals 2014	\$127,739.61
Interest Earned 2014	\$9.50
Total Balance	\$68,444.86

Timber Escrow Acct. #NH-01-0030-008

Balance January 1, 2014	\$2,003.59
Interest Earned 2014	\$0.00
Total Balance	\$2,003.59

Fire Dept. Special Details Acct.#NH-01-0030-011

Balance January 1, 2014	\$0.00
Deposited 2014	\$339.73
Withdrawals 2014	\$0.00
Interest Earned 2014	\$0.00
Total Balance	\$339.73

STRAFFORD TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Officers' Salaries

JoAnn Brown.....	\$623.10
R. Stephen Leighton.....	\$2,700.00
James W. Andersen.....	\$2,700.10
Lynn Sweet.....	\$2,076.90
Laurie Bibeau.....	\$8,192.24
Diane Waldron.....	\$3,500.12
Judith Dupré.....	\$21,562.57
Michelle T. Bengier.....	\$175.00
William G. Lord.....	\$75.00

Office Expenses

Town Clerk's Fees.....	\$30,295.50
Auto Permits.....	\$9,255.00
Vital Statistics.....	\$799.00
Municipal Agent Fees.....	\$16,266.50
M/V Title.....	\$1,744.00
Marriage License.....	\$105.00
UCC/IRS Filings.....	\$900.00
Wetland Perm/Pole License.....	\$10.00
Animal Control Fees.....	\$1,065.00
Boat Permits.....	\$151.00
Administrator.....	\$62,281.41
Deputy Tax Collector.....	\$4,360.87
Deputy Town Clerk.....	\$7,460.20
Clerical.....	\$12,580.11
Office Supplies.....	\$2,373.68
Postage.....	\$6,295.21
Printing.....	\$2,929.61
Conferences/Training.....	\$659.00
Reference Materials.....	\$491.75
Deed Research/Tax Lien.....	\$580.00
Recording Fees.....	\$529.43
Building Maintenance.....	\$5,084.27

In Lieu of Audit

February 10, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Please note that the Town's financial audit for the year ending December 31, 2014 is in process, therefore no Auditor's Report is available at this time.

Upon completion of the audit, the information will be available at the Town Office.

TOWN OF STRAFFORD
Board of Selectmen

R. Stephen Leighton, Chairman

James W. Andersen, Selectman

Lynn M. Sweet, Selectman

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2014

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Tax Collector for the past eighteen years. As Tax Collector, I am responsible for collecting revenue from Property Taxes, Yield Taxes and Current Use Change Taxes, as well as responding to inquiries from homeowners, mortgage companies, attorneys' offices and the general public. My goal is to keep information current and accurate, in a courteous, timely manner. All of which is becoming more time consuming as our town continues to grow.

There is a question and answer section for tax related questions on the Town website www.trafford.nh.gov. You may also make tax payments on this website as promised, with your Credit or Debit Card or an ACH check (that comes directly out of your checking account). Beware of the convenience fee that goes with the on-line payments (credit and debit card payments have a much larger convenience fee than ACH payments). As always, you may also pay through the mail or in person.

In 2003 the Department of Revenue Administration started a "Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief" program. Forms (DP-8) may be picked up at my office or downloaded from www.revenue.nh.gov after April 15th. These must be mailed to the State no sooner than May 1 and no later than June 30. My office is open during that time period for assistance.

Forms for "Service Members Civil Relief Act," formerly know as: "The Soldiers' & Sailors' Civil Relief Act" are available on-line at; www.usmilitary.about.com/od/sscra/1/blscramenu.htm if anyone is in need of them. If the **taxpayer received activation orders which stipulate Title 10**, you will be interested in this web-site.

Strafford's School Budget for 2013 is \$10,451,664.00 (Gross Approp.-Revenue). The State School Tax is \$1,094,844.00. We will receive an Adequate Education Grant for \$2,103,098.00. This leaves \$7,253,722.00 to be raised by our Local School Tax. That sets the 2014 School Tax Rate Portion at \$15.71 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. (An increase of \$.40)

Strafford's Gross Appropriations are \$2,831,602.00, less Revenues of \$1,803,185.00, less Shared Revenues of \$0.00, added Overlay of \$28,379.00, and War Service Credits of \$41,300.00, making a Net Appropriation of \$1,098,096.00. That sets the Town Tax Rate Portion at \$2.39 per \$1,000.

The total Property Tax Warrants this year were \$10,639,601.00. The "Current Use Change Tax" Warrants for the year were: \$28,260.00. All of this money was turned over to the "Conservation Commission of Strafford". The total Timber or Yield Tax Warrants were \$14,281.20. Excavation Tax Warrants were for \$0.00.

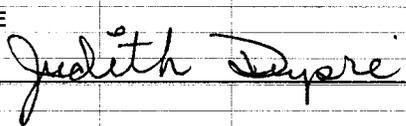
Strafford's 2014 Town Tax rate is \$2.39 (increase of \$.18), and County Tax is \$2.67 (which is a decrease of \$.08), School Tax is \$15.71 (increase of \$.40), State School Portion is \$2.39 (decrease of \$.02). Our Total Tax Rate for the year 2014 is **\$23.16** (increase of \$.48).

Our 2014 lien was \$291,980.41. Making this a \$20,128.46 (or 1.07%) decrease over last year.

We are pleased to have as our Deputy Tax Collector for the last three years, Mary Hoyt. Mary is doing an excellent job. Thank you, Mary.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Dupre'
Tax Collector

MS-61	TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT					
For the Municipality of Strafford			Year Ending		12/31/2014	
CREDITS						
REMITTED TO TREASURER			Levy for Year		PRIOR LEVIES	
			(Please Specify Year:			
			2014	2013	2012	Prior Years
Property Tax			\$10,004,379.18	\$737,949.96	\$83,116.34	\$70,658.75
Resident Taxes			XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Land Use Change			\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes			\$11,986.63	\$261.31	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest (include lien conversion)			\$13,200.62	\$47,880.48	\$37,905.59	\$35,454.55
Penalties			\$0.00	\$1,693.93	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges			\$443.50	\$0.00	\$587.50	\$385.10
Conversion to Lien (principal only)			\$104,596.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED						
ABATEMENTS MADE						
Property Taxes			\$8,984.10	\$6,819.35	\$6,887.46	\$11,689.11
Resident Taxes			XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Land use Change			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation tax @ \$.02/yd			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges			\$0.00	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$41.50
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED						
UNCOLLECTED TAXES			END OF YEAR #1080			
Property Taxes			\$808,127.97	\$151,438.86	\$73,447.64	\$26,475.62
Resident Taxes			XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Land Use Charge			\$17,760.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes			\$2,294.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charge			\$1,330.93	\$775.00	\$375.00	\$379.50
Property Tax Credit Balance**			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**			XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
TOTAL CREDITS			\$10,983,603.65	\$946,831.39	\$202,332.03	\$145,084.13
*Enter as a negative. This is the amount pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a						
(Be sure to include a positive amount in the appropriate taxes or charges actually remitted to the treasurer).						
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MS-61	TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT					
For the Municipality of Strafford				Year Ending		12/31/2014
DEBITS						
				Last Year's Levy		PRIOR LEVIES
						(Please Specify Years)
		2013	2012	2011	Prior Years	
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. Of Year.		\$0.00	\$224,410.37	\$163,451.44	\$108,823.48	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$291,980.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interest & Cost Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)		\$ 9,260.06	\$ 16,783.30	\$ 38,880.59	\$ 36,260.65	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 301,240.47	\$ 241,193.67	\$ 202,332.03	\$ 145,084.13	
CREDITS						
REMITTED TO TREASURER				Last Year's Levy		PRIOR LEVIES
						(Please Specify Years)
		2013	2012	2011	Prior Years	
Redemptions		104,596.15	66,152.16	83,166.34	70,658.75	
Interest & Cost Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		7,958.06	15,995.80	38,493.09	35,839.55	
		0.00		0.00	0.00	
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens						
Liens Deeded to Municipality		8,984.10	6,831.85	6,899.96	11,730.61	
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year #1110		179,702.16	152,213.86	73,822.64	26,855.12	
TOTAL CREDITS		301,240.47	241,193.67	202,382.03	145,084.03	
Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)?						Yes
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.						
TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE				DATE		1/21/2014
						
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STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

As we close the books on 2014 and look ahead to 2015, our goal is to be fully staffed. The two part time positions have been vacant well over a year, and in order to provide the coverage that is expected, our hope is we will be up to staff by June.

There are two major contributors for the slight increase in the 2015 budget. The first, is an increase the part time hours, so as to be able to send officer candidates to the 250 hour part time police academy. This increase will also help us conduct more field training once the officer graduates from the academy.

The second major increase is the costs in health insurance benefits. This line item has always been frustrating to me because I have no control over the costs. However, I believe it is important to offer decent benefits to attract and retain good officers. The costs of losing officers to other departments and having to hire and train new ones, far exceeds the cost of the Town's current benefits.

As always, I have an open door policy and invite anyone who would like for me to sit down with them. The Strafford Police Department looks forward to serving you in 2015.

On another note, we received notification that Strafford was listed as the third safest community to live in the state. (from FBI statistics) This is a credit to the wonderful people who live and work here. Also, I would like to say that it is also a reflection of your support to us over the years. Thank you!

Respectfully,

Scott Young, Chief

Police Department Statistics

	2012	2013	2014
Accidents.....	72	78	96
911 calls.....	33	56	39
MV summons.....	125	142	101
MV warnings.....	861	980	849
Arrests.....	104	115	75
Mutual Aid/Fire/Med.....	199	256	228
Incidents.....	572	645	212
Alarms.....	157	135	139
Property Crimes	192	202	212
Miscellaneous calls for service.....	1357	1758	2232
TOTALS	3675	4367	4189

STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Purpose of Appropriations	Appropriations 2014	Actual Expenditures 2014	Appropriations 2015
SALARIES			
Chief Scott Young	\$66,561.00	\$66,261.00	\$67,693.00
Lt. Michael Richard	\$55,810.00	\$56,839.45	\$56,759.00
Sgt. Randy Young	\$41,042.00	\$41,117.56	\$41,740.00
Officer Bryant Scott	\$39,080.00	\$31,985.00	
Officer John Bernard	\$35,595.00	\$36,657.77	\$36,200.00
Secretary/Admin Assistant	\$18,782.00	\$17,988.00	\$19,101.00
Officer Don Laliberte		\$161.00	
Officer Christopher Dustin		\$15,053.43	\$36,200.00
Total Part-time Officers	\$16,500.00		\$20,000.00
Subtotal	\$273,370.00	\$266,063.21	\$277,693.00
Overtime			
Lt. Michael Richard		\$4,884.66	
Sgt. Randy Young		\$2,840.35	
Officer Bryant Scott		\$3,088.43	
Officer John Bernard		\$1,538.53	
Officer Christopher Dustin			
Overtime	\$13,300.00		
Subtotal	\$13,300.00	\$12,351.97	
Details			
Chief Scott Young		\$1,440.00	
Officer Randy Young		\$621.60	
Lt. Michael Richard		\$1,026.38	
Officer Christopher Dustin		\$50.00	
Officer John Bernard		\$323.88	
Officer Bryant Scott		\$507.42	
Subtotal		\$3,969.28	
Total Salaries	\$286,670.00	\$282,384.90	\$291,219.00
BENEFITS			
N.H. Retirement	\$63,601.00	\$63,956.21	\$63,786.00
Insurance	\$82,176.00	\$84,314.10	\$100,469.00
F.I.C.A.	\$2,188.00	\$1,944.64	\$2,425.00
MEDI	\$4,157.00	\$4,065.45	\$4,223.00
Subtotal	\$152,122.00	\$154,280.40	\$170,903.00

STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET

Purpose of Appropriations	Appropriations 2014	Actual Expenditures 2014	Appropriations 2015
Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,019.92	\$3,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$4,900.00	\$2,990.56	\$4,900.00
Equipment/Maintenance	\$8,000.00	\$6,963.00	\$8,000.00
Prosecution Services	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Dispatch	\$6,445.00	\$6,122.70	\$6,445.00
Special Details	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Cruiser Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$7,523.86	\$6,000.00
Training	\$1,200.00	\$545.00	\$1,200.00
Heat/Electricity	\$7,000.00	\$6,996.78	\$7,000.00
Uniforms	\$2,000.00	\$3,869.67	\$4,000.00
Gasoline	\$18,144.00	\$19,104.62	\$18,144.00
Telephone	\$6,000.00	\$6,529.90	\$6,000.00
Computer User Fees	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$5,000.00
Miscellaneous*	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Dues		\$50.00	
Subtotal	\$75,789.00	\$75,216.01	\$77,789.00
Total Budget	\$514,581.00	\$511,881.31	\$539,911.00

Revenues (2014)

Pistol Permits	\$920.00
Reports	\$320.00
Fines	\$3,199.39
Special Services Fees	\$0.00
Grants	
Witness Fees	\$840.00
Total	\$5,279.39

Police Special Detail (O2 Fund)

Balance from 2013	\$27,156.92
2014 Deposits	\$169,018.05
Interest	\$9.50
Withdrawals	\$127,739.61
Balance 12/31/14	\$68,444.86

STRAFFORD FIRE & RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT

Strafford Fire & Rescue finished 2014 with 310 calls including 2 major structure fires and a very busy chimney fire season. The Department purchased the new first responder vehicle that was approved at the 2014 Town meeting and sold the old 1988 F-250 which had served the Town well. This past September, the Town hired the first full-time fire chief.

This year the Fire Department will be asking for three warrant articles.

Warrant Article #1

To see if the Town of Strafford will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the installation, replacement, and repair of dry hydrants in the Town of Strafford.

Warrant Article #2

To see if the Town of Strafford will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 for the purchase of rescue equipment for the first responder vehicle and to authorize the withdrawal of \$6500 from the special revenue fund know as the "Rescue Vehicle & Equipment Fund" established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation.

Warrant Article #3

To see if the Town of Strafford will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1343.58 for the purpose of purchasing six new tires to replace the current tires on 25 Ambulance 1 from the special revenue fund know as the "Rescue Vehicle & Equipment Fund" established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation.

I would like to announce the addition of 4 new members to the Strafford Fire & Rescue Department; Rob Caron, Rob Clark, Matt Morrisey and Cameron Whitehouse. Department promotions included David Hartranft from Captain to Deputy Chief, Paul Stover from Firefighter/EMT to Captain, Craig Robichaud from Firefighter/EMT to Captain, Erik Aucella from Firefighter to Lieutenant, Ben Bickford from Firefighter to Lieutenant and Brian Hayes from Firefighter to Lieutenant.

I would like to take the time to thank all of the Strafford Officers and Fire/EMS personnel for the dedicated service they provide to the Town of Strafford. I would like to thank the residents of the Town of Strafford for their continued support to our department.

Chief Scott Whitehouse
Strafford Fire & Rescue

FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT WAGE SUMMARY

Administrative Salaries

Scott Whitehouse.....	\$17,507.65
David Hartranft.....	\$1,307.80
Mary M. MacFadzen.....	\$710.40
	\$19,525.85

Call Wages/Fire

Anderson, James A.....	\$958.50
Anderson, James W.....	\$616.00
Aucella, Erik P.....	\$952.14
Baker, Annie.....	\$439.90
Bickford, Benjamin A.....	\$1,100.25
Bickford, Kim P.....	\$1,046.00
Burrows, Eugene C.....	\$2,718.00
Caron, Robert J.....	\$8.50
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$225.51
Clark, Robinson M.....	\$58.50
Desjardins, Shawn A.....	\$1,430.67
Duford, Jonathon P.....	\$225.63
Freddette, Christopher D.....	\$1,377.15
Goodwin, Frances M.....	\$56.25
Hartranft, David.....	\$3,228.73
Hayes, Bryan A.....	\$798.02
Lefebvre, Nicole M.....	\$240.75
Lobdell, Matthew E.....	\$123.38
Lobdell, Robert E.....	\$57.75
Manheit, Jesse R.....	\$193.50
Marcotte, Cameron M.....	\$126.00
Marsh, Duane M.....	\$2,013.52
Marston, Henry.....	\$1,815.75
Morse, Edward J.....	\$119.01
Palmer, David.....	\$248.64
Richard, Kenneth M.....	\$1,377.04
Robichaud Jr., Craig S.....	\$2,940.46
Stover, Paul M.....	\$335.95
Sukerman, David J.....	\$232.08

Sukerman, William.....	\$30.00
Wakeman David M.....	\$43.75
Whitehouse, Cameron.....	\$199.75
Whitehouse, Scott E.....	\$5,708.28
Yergeau Sr., Paul A.....	\$60.00
	\$31,105.36

Call Wages /Ambulance

Baker, Annie B.....	\$416.50
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$732.88
Cormier, William K.....	569.25
Cottrell, Brian K.....	\$800.00
Desjardins, Shawn A.....	\$10,788.75
Duford, Jonathon, P.....	\$4,623.25
Freddette, Christopher D.....	\$354.88
Goodwin, Frances M.....	\$487.50
Hartranft, David.....	\$3,114.31
Marcotte, Cameron M.....	\$4,089.75
Marsh, Duane M.....	\$5,077.00
Mulcahy, Miranda A.....	\$3,675.76
Palmer, David.....	\$117.00
Poulin, Jake R.....	\$1,953.00
Robichaud, Jr., Craig S.....	\$2,003.38
Stover, Paul M.....	\$1,763.00
Sukerman, David J.....	\$9,969.88
Wakeman David M.....	\$3,553.13
	\$54,089.22

TOTAL WAGES \$104,720.43

STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Budget Summary

	2014 Budgeted	2014 Expenditures	2015 Proposed
Administrative Salaries.....	\$44,600.00	\$19,525.85	\$59,600.00
Call Wages Fire and Rescue.....	\$30,300.00	\$31,105.36	\$36,892.00
Call Wages Ambulance.....	\$50,733.00	\$54,089.22	\$67,125.00
Supplies.....	\$3,000.00	\$2,792.22	\$3,000.00
Gas.....	\$6,500.00	\$5,349.01	\$9,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$500.00	\$467.01	\$500.00
Training/Reference Materials.....	\$10,000.00	\$21,734.49	\$10,000.00
Electricity/Heat.....	\$9,500.00	\$14,489.27	\$12,000.00
Telephone.....	\$3,500.00	\$2,673.74	\$3,500.00
Equipment Maintenance.....	\$32,000.00	\$21,331.25	\$32,000.00
Dues.....	\$750.00	\$625.00	\$750.00
Truck Maintenance.....	\$15,000.00	\$9,619.09	\$15,000.00
Dispatch.....	\$34,221.00	\$34,296.46	\$34,221.00
Coop Haz Mat Resp Team.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Uniforms/Clothing.....	\$2,500.00	\$10,271.33	\$2,500.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$15,000.00	\$11,178.51	\$10,000.00
PR/Books/Films.....	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Employer FICA.....	\$6,400.00	\$5,256.52	\$6,400.00
Employer MEDI.....	\$2,100.00	\$1,479.04	\$2,364.00
NH Retirement Fire.....	\$9,800.00	\$4,451.20	\$17,000.00
Fire/Rescue Disability.....	\$150.00	\$38.40	\$230.00
Fire/Rescue Life Insurance.....	\$150.00	\$28.46	\$171.00
BUDGET TOTAL	\$276,784.00	\$250,881.43	\$322,333.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

2014 for the most part was an uneventful year until the storm on the day before Thanksgiving. The storm produced heavy wet snow with accumulations of up to a foot or more in the Strafford area and caused power outages Town and State wide. These challenges made the storm difficult to deal with. The town emergency services were stretched to their limits beginning the afternoon of 11/26 through the end of the day on 11/28/2014. The services provided by the Town of Strafford Fire, Police and Road Agent did an exceptional job keeping our roads safe and open during the Thanksgiving holiday. PSNH crews worked tirelessly through the storm to restore power to Strafford by Sunday 11/30/2014.

The position of Emergency Management Director for the Town of Strafford was transferred this year from Police Chief Scott Young to Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse.

In 2015 the Town will try to obtain a Homeland Security Grant for an emergency generator for the school so that it may better serve the community as a Town emergency shelter. Currently, if power is lost on Rollercoaster Road the school has no power. If the school were being used as a shelter and it were to lose power, we would be forced to close and move people to the regional shelter which is located at the Rochester Middle School. In an effort to obtain this grant, the Emergency Management Director will be working closely with Town and school officials. In addition, we would like to begin compiling a list of volunteers from the community who would be interested in assisting with the start-up, operation, and closing of a Town emergency shelter. If interested, please contact Chief Scott Whitehouse at the Bow Lake Fire Station (Monday - Friday 8am-4pm) at 664-6863.

Thank you for your support,

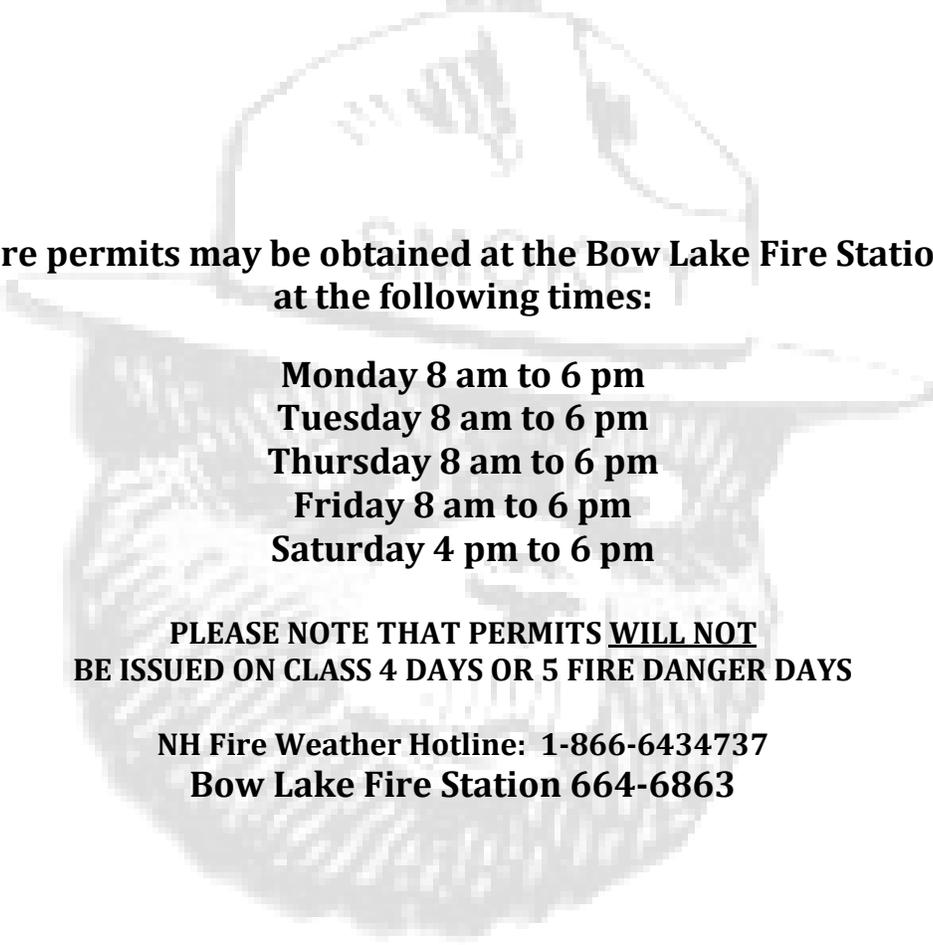
Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief,
Emergency Management Director

ANNUAL FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

2014 was a quiet year for the Town of Strafford concerning brush or wild land fires. The Strafford Fire & Rescue responded to only two reports of brush fires. One, on April 7th, was actually the first reported brush fire in the State as well as the only lightning strike reported in the State. Only five brush fires were reported in Strafford County burning less than 0.4 acres. This was a decrease from the previous year's fire activity. The decrease in the fire activity is a combination of less severe fire weather, further fire prevention activities from the Fire Wardens and Deputy Wardens and personnel, and cautious outdoor burning by law abiding citizens. I would like to thank residents of Strafford for their continued support and for the understanding of and respect for the forest fire prevention laws of the State of New Hampshire. I would also like to take this moment to thank the members of the Strafford Fire & Rescue for their continued dedication and hard work.

I look forward to the upcoming year and serving as your Forest Fire Warden.

Thank you,
Scott Whitehouse
Forest Fire Warden



**Fire permits may be obtained at the Bow Lake Fire Station
at the following times:**

**Monday 8 am to 6 pm
Tuesday 8 am to 6 pm
Thursday 8 am to 6 pm
Friday 8 am to 6 pm
Saturday 4 pm to 6 pm**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT PERMITS WILL NOT
BE ISSUED ON CLASS 4 DAYS OR 5 FIRE DANGER DAYS**

**NH Fire Weather Hotline: 1-866-6434737
Bow Lake Fire Station 664-6863**

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN & STATE FOREST RANGER

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

This past fire season started in early April with the first reported fire on April 7th. April, which is the traditional start to our spring fire season, began very dry with unseasonably dry conditions continuing through the entire month. This dry pattern continued through the first half of May. 80% of our reported fires this season occurred during this six week period. The largest fire was 24 acres, occurring in the town of Tamworth. From mid May through early September, above average rainfall kept our total acreage burned statewide at 72 acres. This is the smallest amount of acreage burned statewide in several years. Late August through late September though brought a dry trend to northern areas, resulting in several deep-burning remote fires. Our fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. 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 capability was supplemented by 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 2014 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, 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. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2014 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2014)

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

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	3.1	5
Carroll	24	4
Cheshire	6.8	7
Coos	5.3	18
Grafton	8.2	32
Hillsborough	6.1	20
Merrimack	15.5	11
Rockingham	1.1	8
Strafford	0.4	5
Sullivan	1.5	2

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

	Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	2	2014	112
Debris	52	2013	182
Campfire	10	2012	318
Children	2	2011	125
Smoking	5	2010	360
Railroad	0		145
Equipment	5		
Lightning	1		
Misc.*	35		

*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Annual maintenance continues throughout the year of 2014, beginning with plowing and sanding. Grading of the unpaved roads took place in the spring. Roadside mowing was completed on many roads throughout the year. Capital improvement projects for the year consisted of drainage work, gravel, paving and shoulder work to sections or the entirety of the following roads:

First Crown Point Road
Garland Road
Old Whig Hill Road

Greg Messenger, Road Agent

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES – 2014

Administration Salary	\$	5,000.06
W. Angelini, LLC	\$	532.00
Arborcare Tree Service	\$	690.00
Scott Barry Trucking	\$	680.00
JNL Excavation LLC	\$	595.00
Robert McMaster	\$	600.00
R.W. Tasker & Son LLC	\$	37,234.00
Radford Messenger, Inc.	\$	276,271.50
UNH Technology Transfer Center	\$	<u>60.00</u>
Sub Total.....	\$	321,662.56

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES

Equipment/Maintenance	\$	5,721.25
Gravel	\$	16,258.73
Sand	\$	11,116.60
Salt	\$	42,948.65
Cold Patch	\$	1,205.55
Paving Asphalt	\$	2,823.12
Culverts	\$	5,543.96
Street Signs/Posts	\$	1,317.93
Supplies	\$	<u>8,692.00</u>
Sub Total.....	\$	95,627.79

TOTAL EXPENDITURES..... \$ 417,290.35

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS

87R4. WINTER PARKING--Pursuant to RSA 265: 70, the following parking regulation will be established:

a. There will be no parking on all town roads so as to impede snow removal.

Any violations of the above will be subject to a fine of \$ 5.00 per violation and subject to towing, pursuant to RSA 265: 69 and RSA 265: 70.

87R5. SNOW OBSTRUCTION--Pursuant to RSA 249: 23, the following snow obstruction regulations will be established:

a. Any person who shall put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any town maintained road for any purpose, except to provide a place necessary for crossing, recrossing, and traveling upon said roads by sleds, logging or farm equipment shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person. The provisions of this section shall not apply where snow or ice is pushed across the traveled surface of said road for the purpose of snow removal from land adjoining said roads.

Any violation of the above will be subjected to a fine up to \$ 100.00, pursuant to RSA 249: 23.

HILL LIBRARY'S TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Checkbook January 1, 2014		\$50,486.48
Income		
Town Appropriation		\$26,745.00
Salaries		\$44,735.00
Total Funds Available		\$121,966.48
Expenses		
Association Dues		\$315.00
CPR Course		\$0.00
Collection Expenses		
Adult Books		\$2,783.46
AV Media		\$1,178.85
Children's Books		\$2,829.24
Magazines		\$390.43
Professional Literature		\$364.48
Reference Books		\$767.00
Book Rebinding		\$290.11
Book Return Box Decal		\$9.50
Total Collection Expenses		\$8,613.07
Computer Expenses		\$553.22
Copier and Fax Expenses		\$42.93
Custodial Services		\$1,880.00
Insurance		\$1,620.00
Maintenance & Misc.		\$2,146.51
Movie License		\$202.00
NH Downloadable Books		\$756.00
Book / Media processing supplies		\$1,706.38
Online web service		\$36.34
PO Box & Postage		\$195.25
Program Expenses		\$334.36
Salaries		
Director		\$17,153.51
Librarian 1		\$7,125.43
Librarian 2		\$7,820.38
Librarian 3		\$2,091.04
Librarian 4		\$5,008.55
Total Salaries		\$39,198.91
Background Checks of employees		\$100.00
Supplies		
Custodial supplies		\$162.79
Office supplies		\$639.08
Total Supplies		\$801.87
Utilities		
Electricity		\$2,540.75
Heat		\$4,068.62
Telephone		\$429.91
Water system		\$20.80
Total Utility expenses		\$7,060.08
Encumbered /not yet pd		\$5,930.00
Total Expenses		\$71,491.92
Balance in Checkbook December 31, 2014		\$47,591.30
Pettycash		\$20.00
Cash on hand December 31, 2014		\$47,611.30

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H. Cooper, Treasurer

HILL LIBRARY'S DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Hill Library kicked off the year with a Grand Re-Opening Party in January. There were refreshments and activities as we celebrated a new Young Adult area and signage, fresh paint, a book store and coffee station.

Ken Berry was one of the first visionaries who helped make the dream of a library in Strafford a reality. He was a founding member of Strafford Library Association and was part of the fund raising and oversight that brought us the current building and the additions. Ken served as a trustee until 1987 when he succeeded Mrs. Steward as librarian. In his lifetime, Ken has served over four decades in library service in schools and in public libraries up until his retirement in 2014. We thank you, Ken Berry, for your years of service! Sarah Kern also resigned from her position as a member of the Board of Trustees this year. Her insights, energy, and sense of humor are missed. Larisa Molloy stepped up as Interim Director during the search for a new librarian. Susan Heald, Marilyn Roderick, and Larisa Molloy made sure the library maintained its hours and service to the patrons during this time of transition. Their dedication and professionalism is appreciated!

Further invaluable support has come from a large cadre of volunteers, including Carol Cooper (our Treasurer), Martha English, Anne & Bruce Smith, Lars Szatko, Marjorie Stiles, Sandy McKay, Andy Rainey, Matt Olenski, Dolly Pauliukonis, Harmony Anderson, Pam Marks, Barbara Romano, Deb Liskow and Charlotte Berry. These volunteers have collectively donated hundreds of hours of work in various capacities - our heartfelt thanks goes out to all.

The Trustees did a search and chose George F. Preston as the new Library Director. Preston comes to the Hill Library with over 20 years of nonprofit management experience where he forged a career by building sustainable community service organizations. He has an extensive community organizing practice and is a capable builder of broad-based partnerships through advocacy and innovative program design. Preston lives in Stoddard with his wife and son and thrives in the outdoors during all seasons.

"I am hoping to build upon Mr. Berry's legacy, and work with the Trustees and staff to increase the Hill Library's community service by offering more programs, increased hours of operation, expanded technical resources and a timely and engaging collection," Preston said.

This past year's events have been varied and included something for all ages. Joint ventures with UNH Cooperative Extension included Youth Development Through 4-H Archery, SeaPerch ROV submarine robot builds, and hosting the Farm Yard Friends 4-H Club. Magic of Science came during Fizz Boom Read Summer Reading program. We enjoyed two different Hands-on Science Activities/Presentations and the SLA held an end of program party with (puppet show), various music artists, and an awards ceremony. The calendar was also occupied by open mic nights, various Poetry Readings and Events, wood decoy carving, Story Hour, Cartoon and Drawing Club, Book Club, Sew and Chat, Strafford Republicans, Strafford Democrats, Movie Nights, Astronomy Night, genealogy speakers and history speakers.

Looking to 2015, we are excited about new events to draw in more youth to the Hill Library. An Inquiry Club has begun in January, and possible Lego and Lego Robotics events are in the works. We would like to reinstate Movie Nights and will be planning another exciting Summer Reading Program! Hill Library is Your Library. Our goal is to provide the services and programs that you desire, the literature and movies that interest you. We want to make Hill Library the center where the Strafford community learns, shares and grows. Please take the time to complete our Community Ascertainment Questionnaire so that we may achieve that goal.

Respectfully Submitted,

George F. Preston, Director and Larisa Molloy, Administrative Librarian

Trustees: Indra Edmonds, Mary Marquardt, Irene Abels

Alternates: Jane Laurion, Kristen Woodman

TRUSTEES OF HILL LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT 2014

Beginning checkbook balance, January 2014 **\$5,690.68**

Income:

Book Fines \$888.77
Book (used) sale \$190.30
Donations \$54.07
Interest of December 31, 2014 \$0.63
Calendar Sales \$66.00

Total Income for 2014 **\$1,199.77**

Expenditures:

A-V materials
Adult books
Childrens' books
Maintenance & repairs
Misc. & Unexpected occurrences \$50.00
Program Expenses \$628.30

Total expenses for 2013 **\$678.30**

Balance in checkbook December 31, 2014 **\$6,600.15**

Beginning CD account on January 1, 2014 \$11,261.36

Interest of December 31, 2014 \$16.90

Balance of CD December 31, 2014 **\$11,278.26**

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H. Cooper, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE STRAFFORD BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2014

The Strafford Building Department is staffed by David Copeland and Drew Carter with regular office hours every Tuesday evening from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We are also available outside these hours via cell phones and email. Since 2010, our contact information and permit information are available online with permit applications available for downloading.

Again, the installation of Stand-by Generators and Solar Arrays (PV and Water) in Strafford continues to be active. It is imperative that these be inspected for compliance with the State's code. We would again like to stress the importance of hiring reputable, licensed installers and obtaining the appropriate permits so inspections may be conducted. This is required of the Utility Company in order to be eligible for any rebates.

We encourage anyone seeking to build, remodel, add-on or renovate to contact our office so we can assist in assuring your project is completed in compliance with all codes. This is for your safety and the safety of the general public as well as assuring your project meets the minimum code standards as defined by the State. Please remember that no permits will be issued until the Building Department has had an opportunity to review your application.

Permits Issued in 2014 included:

Month	New Home	Renovation	Addition	Barn/Garage	Shed/Deck/Pool	Septic	Demo	Mech/Elect/Plumb	Renewal	Commercial
Jan	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Feb	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0
Mar	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	0
April	0	3	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	0	0
June	2	3	1	1	2	6	0	7	0	0
July	0	1	0	1	2	4	0	2	0	0
Aug	0	0	3	0	4	2	0	5	0	0
Sept	2	0	2	2	2	4	1	1	0	0
Oct	0	0	1	3	0	5	0	9	0	1
Nov	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0
Dec	4	0	2	0	0	3	0	5	0	0
TOT:	10	10	13	9	15	30	2	45	0	1

A total of 135 Permits were issued or renewed in 2014, down 10% from 2013.

M, E & P Permits include Generator Permits

Renewals represent an effort to improve tracking and are only available if work is started within one year of initial date of permit.

RECYCLING REPORT 2014

STRAFFORD TRANSFER STATION

Transfer Station Hours
 Wednesday Evening 4:00 – 7:00
 Saturday Morning 9:00 – 1:00
 Sunday Morning 9:00 – 1:00

The Recycling Center staff is pleased to report that Strafford’s commitment to recycling remains steady. The ratio of recycling to solid waste is a strong 36%, unchanged from last year. Although the 2014 net revenues are lower than we might wish, our revenues from recycling scrap metal, aluminum, and cardboard are an important part of our Recycling Center and Transfer station budget. If you have any questions, please work with our trained staff members, and please remember to look in the “Good as New” shed, and drop off things to share, too.

Your recycling center staff is constantly working to improve our facility. An important part of our success story is always the continued cooperation of Strafford residents. Thank you all.

We continue to ask Strafford residents to pay special attention to be sure that trash and recycling items are not flying out of trucks and trailers en route to the Recycling Center. If you lose an item, please stop to retrieve it and if you see something fly out of another vehicle, please be a good neighbor and stop to pick it up. Our community thanks you!

We would also like to remind everyone that if you are running a business, you should make arrangements for commercial trash disposal. The Transfer Center is only for residential trash disposal. If there are any questions, the attendants will be glad to help. A brochure with information regarding the disposal of appliances, tires, small electronics, mattresses, and stuffed furniture is available at the Town Office or at the Center. There are costs associated with the disposal of these items and receipts are available for your records.

ANNUAL SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING ACTIVITY

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Tonnage Recycling	346.92	329.89	332.98	328.94	324.69	305.04
Total Tonnage Demolition Debris	321.9	354.39	331.62	363.94	340.60	333.32
Total Tonnage Municipal Solid Waste	947.17	892.21	856.35	856.78	878.54	826.57

REVENUES RECEIVED 2014

Tires (Customer Fees)	\$ 467.00
Metal Disposal (Customer Fees)	\$ 2,380.00
Mattresses/Furniture (Customer Fees).....	\$ 2,560.00
Small Electronics/Monitors, etc. (Customer Fees).....	\$ 3,805.06
Revenues from Recycling/Scrap Metal	\$ 3,825.66
Revenues from Recycling/Aluminum.....	\$ 7,619.20
Revenues from Recycling/Cardboard.....	\$ 5,833.46
Total Revenues 2014.....	\$ 26,490.38
Revenues received in 2013	\$ 25,980.01

PLANNING BOARD REPORT 2014

Planning Board activity was quiet during 2014, reflecting regional housing trends. We encourage anyone who is thinking about developing their property, whether creating one or two lots for their children or considering something on a larger scale, to come meet with the Board early in the process. We also would like to encourage landowners to use the Conservation Development Ordinance as a tool for planning development of their property. Conservation Development offers some flexibility in planning while also providing protection of natural resources.

The public is always welcome to attend Planning Board meetings, and we urge you to learn how you can become involved. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who have served the Board for so many years, and to thank all of our current Board members for the many hours of volunteer time that they give to our community each month.

Please note: In 2010 the legislature acted to address a number of questions resulting from the involuntary merger of lots prior to September 18, 2010. Although not a frequent practice in our community, please be advised that in accordance with NH RSA 674:39-aa, any owner of lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes prior to September 18, 2010 and without the consent of the owner may request that the lots be restored to their premerger status. Requests would need to be filed no later than December 31, 2016. If you have any questions regarding lot mergers, please contact the Planning and Zoning Office for

Respectfully submitted,
Charles A. Moreno, Chairman

Receipts 2014

Application Fees	\$ 2,995.00
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Total.....	\$ 2,995.00

Expenditures 2014

Postage	\$ 392.69
Advertising (Foster's Daily Democrat)	\$ 424.50
Secretarial	\$ 4,212.05
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Total.....	\$ 5,029.24

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT 2014

The Board of Adjustment held three regular meetings for the consideration of applications requesting variances or special exceptions to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances or Building Regulations of the Town. The number of times the Board meets during a year is based on the number of applications received.

Richard A. Ferreira II, Chairman

Receipts 2014

Application Fees & Misc.....	\$ 450.00
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Total.....	\$ 450.00

Expenditures 2014

Postage.....	\$ 75.17
Supplies.....	\$ 10.50
Foster's Daily Democrat (Public Notices).....	\$ 201.25
Secretarial.....	\$ 303.50
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Total.....	\$ 590.42

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT 2014

In 2014 approximately 500 properties were visited. The primary buildings were measured and the interior information was verified when ever possible. Exterior photos were taken as part of an ongoing database maintenance program. As part of the ongoing database maintenance program all properties which had building permits since 4/1/2013 or any properties which was unfinished as of 03/31/2013 were visited, any addition was included in the 2014 assessment.

Strafford was required to "value a new" as stated in the N.H. Constitution and NH RSA 75:8a in 2011. This means that all property in Strafford was re-valued as of April 1, 2011. The next scheduled revaluation year is 2016. We recently received our equalization ratio from the State which indicates that the Town's property assessments are just below market value. Any taxpayer who feels his property's equalized assessment does not reflect the market value of the property may schedule an appointment with the assessor and/or file an abatement after the second tax bill is issued and before the following March 1st. Abatement applications are available at the Town office or online at www.nh.gov/btla.

Nineteen abatement requests were received and processed with one choosing to continue to the NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals.

The deadline for submitting all exemption and tax credit applications is April 15 for the tax year in which they are applied. These include elderly and disabled exemptions as well as veterans' tax credits. The qualification guidelines along with the applications are available at the Town Office.

Data Verification of all properties will continue in 2015. We expect to visit another 500 properties. Our goal is to verify and update the physical data to ensure the assessments are accurate. If no-one is at home we will take the opportunity to verify the exterior measurements of all primary improvements (buildings etc.).

If an adult is home at the time of the visit, the representative from the Assessor's Office will ask to verify the interior information via tour provided by the adult. At no time will a representative enter a property where a minor is the only person home. In the event a property is posted "No Trespassing", the representative will knock on the door to seek permission to verify the physical data. In the event no-one is home, there will be no attempt to verify the exterior data. The Assessing Official will make another attempt at a later date. If the property is "Posted" and gated the Assessor's Office will not enter the premises. However, there will be a letter sent requesting an appointment to verify the physical data. If the property owner doesn't respond to the request, it will be considered a refusal and treated as such resulting in an estimate of data.

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

I would like to thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,
Todd Haywood, CNHA
Strafford Assessing Agent

STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT 2014

This year Conservation Commission members focused on maintenance activities on our various Town-owned public properties. While some towns have difficulty filling their boards, Strafford is fortunate to have a full Conservation Commission of seven members and three alternates, along with a number of additional volunteers who help with maintenance work. As a community, we are also fortunate to have so much public land in conservation, but it carries the responsibility of continuing oversight and management.

One of our new priorities this year was to address the problem of invasive plants. Members and volunteers spent time at the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve (IRCR) working to reduce three kinds of invasive plants: oriental bittersweet, purple loosestrife, and garlic mustard. We pulled and cut the ropy bittersweet vines entangling and pulling down the apple trees in the meadow area near the IRCR kiosk, but we can see that bittersweet control will be an ongoing process. We also had a garlic mustard 'pull' at the IRCR, filling bags with this plant that works to outcompete our native understory by chemicals it emits through the soil (allelopathy), endangering our natives like lady slipper, wintergreen and partridge berry. Over at the Town Forest we discovered an area dominated by foot-high Norway maple seedlings. They, too, out-compete our native trees, in part because they thrive in shade while sugar maple and others do not. Conservation Commission members organized a day of Norway maple pulling, but quickly saw that the problem needed a bigger solution, and we would like to invite any creative ideas that you might have for Norway maple control.

Forestry activities are ongoing at the Town Forest properties through a Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program grant from the Natural Resource Conservation Service. In July, Town Forester Charles Moreno led Commission Members on a hike to see current progress. We were glad to see good regrowth and increasing trunk size of young trees in areas that had seen thinning and timber stand improvement operations in previous years. Farther up the hill, an occasional large tree has been harvested to let in more light, and dozens of new pines are springing up. Beyond the top of the new portion of the forestry access road, patch cuts are providing new growth and browse for wildlife. As the work continues, we are always careful to work closely with the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau to make sure that forestry activities avoid sensitive plant communities.

The extensive trail system on the IRCR, with its bog bridges and benches, also requires maintenance work, including the clearing of deadfall. The narrow bog bridges on some trails are designed to keep travel out of wet areas and intermittent streams in order to avoid erosion that would lead to a degradation of the wetlands and surface water, including the Isinglass River. Due to increasing traffic, it became necessary to post the trails with bog bridges advising that these trails are not suitable for horse travel because the horses cannot stay on the narrow bridges. We are thankful to Strafford's AMI Graphics for the gift of those signs. Trails without bog bridges on the IRCR are appropriate for horse travel and for snowmobiles and do not have those restrictions. On the Meadow Loop trail we were happy to have a Picture Post installed on the hill above the Caverly Meadow overlook. Commission members and volunteers also cleaned the water bars on the Town Forest's steep Spencer Smith Trail. We invite all who use these trails to help with these maintenance tasks. Maps of both Town Forest and IRCR trails are available online at the Strafford Town website. Scroll down after clicking on 'Conservation Commission'.

Following a public hearing in December, the Commission approved making a contribution toward the Crooked Run Project. The goal was to secure a conservation easement on the T.L. Storer Scout Reservation property located in Strafford, Barnstead, and Pittsfield. All three towns contributed funding toward the project, which also received funding from LCHIP and NHDES. The project closed at the end of December. The Boy Scouts still own the property, but most of the undeveloped part of the camp, including 166.7 acres in Strafford, is now under easement and open to the public for hunting, hiking, and other passive recreational activities.

We are thankful to the Strafford Swamp Stompers for their continued maintenance of the trail gates both at the IRCR and Evans Mountain. We thank the many volunteers who work with us to make our public lands enjoyable for all. Conservation Commission meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, and we would encourage you to attend. For further information, check the town website, and be sure to look for the Conservation Notes column in the Strafford Community Calendar.

STRAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT 2014

The swim program at the Bow Lake beach continues to be popular, especially for beginning swimmers. We had two sessions during the summer, one early in the summer and one late in the summer. As always, the majority of our swimmers were very attentive, put effort into learning the skills, and passed their levels. We look forward to seeing them again next season.

We once again had good coverage at the Bow Lake beach during daytime hours. Our dedicated beach staff is on duty from 10 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Monday through Saturday and 11 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. on Sundays. Salaries for this summer amounted to \$11,456.00. Other expenses, water testing and general maintenance, increased the total summer expenses by \$1,678.59, bringing the total expenditures to \$13,134.59.

Summer beach passes were free, as is customary, to Strafford residents. Non-resident individuals were able to purchase a day pass for \$5.00 or a season pass for \$25.00; families were able to purchase a season pass for \$50.00. Revenue derived from the sale of passes amounted to \$1,348.00. Income from swim lessons was \$1,051.00.

We were also pleased to be able to once again provide support to the Strafford Summer Arts Program, which returned to Strafford School following completion of the school renovation and addition project.

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS													MS-9		
DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	%	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES)	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	INCOME %	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
3/10/1998	FOREST FIRE FUND #0005	CONTINGENCY	NHPDP	100.00%	\$ 4,835.27		\$)		\$ 4,835.27	\$ 1,004.20		\$ 0.47		\$ 1,004.67	\$ 5,839.94
12/31/1980	SCHOOL I&B #0007	REPLACE	NHPDP	100.00%	\$305,791.31				\$ 330,791.31	\$ 40,686.72		\$ 69.20		\$ 40,755.92	\$ 371,547.23
01/01/1899	CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE #8	EDUCATION	NHPDP	100.00%	\$14,215.00				\$ 14,777.06	\$ 26,593.73		\$ 7.50	\$ (280.00)	\$ 26,321.23	\$ 41,098.29
3/8/1984	RECREATION LAND #0009	BUILD	NHPDP	100.00%	\$5,000.00				\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,338.25		\$ 1.88		\$ 7,340.13	\$ 12,340.13
3/10/1980	THEODORE STORER TRUST FUND #11	CONSERVATION	NHPDP	100.00%	\$11,500.00				\$ 11,500.00	\$ 22,379.53		\$ 6.35	\$ (320.00)	\$ 22,059.53	\$ 33,565.88
4/26/1988	CONSERVATION #0012	PURCHASE	NHPDP	100.00%	\$1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 908.44		\$ -		\$ 908.44	\$ 1,908.44
3/14/2000	RECORDS STORAGE FACILITY #0014	PURCHASE	NHPDP	100.00%	\$10,000.00				\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,763.35		\$ 1.88		\$ 1,765.23	\$ 11,765.23
1/5/2005	BRIDGE C AND R #0015	CONTINGENCY	NHPDP	100.00%	\$80,000.00	\$ 52,540.00			\$ 80,000.00	\$ 2,578.33		\$ 6.00		\$ 2,584.33	\$ 30,044.33
1/5/2005	OFFICE EQUIPMENT FUND #0016	PURCHASE	NHPDP	100.00%	\$2,357.79				\$ 2,357.79	\$ 3.12		\$ -		\$ 3.12	\$ 2,360.91
9/27/2005	MUNICIPAL BUILDING FUND #0018	BUILD	NHPDP	100.00%	\$1,477.58				\$ 1,477.58	\$ 9.95		\$ -		\$ 9.95	\$ 1,487.53
9/27/2005	FIRE ENGINE FUND #0019	PURCHASE	NHPDP	100.00%	\$5,992.89				\$ 5,992.89	\$ 8.42		\$ 0.51		\$ 8.93	\$ 6,001.82
8/31/2007	TOWN DOCK ACCOUNT #21	MAINTENANCE	NHPDP	100.00%	\$15,460.50				\$ 15,460.50	\$ 973.82		\$ 2.35		\$ 976.17	\$ 16,436.67
7/27/2009	TOWN DOCK-REPAIRS #23	REPAIRS	NHPDP	100.00%	\$4,628.94				\$ 4,628.94	\$ 168.33		\$ 0.10		\$ 168.43	\$ 4,797.37
7/26/2010	FIRE DEPARTMENT REPAIRS #26	REPAIRS	NHPDP	100.00%	\$13,817.42				\$ -	\$ 15.93		\$ -		\$ 15.93	\$ 15.93
12/22/2010	EDUCATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES #27	EDUCATION	NHPDP	100.00%	\$75,000.00				\$ 100,000.00	\$ 133.15		\$ 19.19		\$ 132.34	\$ 100,152.34
12/22/2010	FUTURE RE-EVALUATION	CONTINGENCY	NHPDP	100.00%	\$16.46				\$ 16.46			\$ -		\$ -	\$ 16.46
9/1/2011	REFLECTIVE ROAD SIGNAGE ACCOUNT #27	CONTINGENCY	NHPDP	100.00%	\$2,172.15				\$ 2,172.15	\$ 4.54		\$ -		\$ 4.54	\$ 2,176.69
9/1/2011	POLICE VEHICLE FUND NUMBER TWO #28	NEW VEHICLE	NHPDP	100.00%	\$0.00				\$ -	\$ 9.76		\$ -		\$ 9.76	\$ 9.76
9/1/2011	MUNICIPAL OIL AND FUEL #29	MAINTENANCE	NHPDP	100.00%	\$10,000.00				\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11.96		\$ 1.80		\$ 13.76	\$ 10,017.31
12/26/2013	LIBRARY EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT	CONTINGENCY	NHPDP	100.00%	\$0.00				\$ 25,000.00	\$ 0.06		\$ 5.22		\$ 5.28	\$ 25,005.28
	TOTAL TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				\$ 563,265.31	\$ -		\$ 52,540.00	\$ 625,009.95	\$ 104,591.59		\$ 122.45	-\$600.00	\$ 104,114.04	\$ 676,587.54

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

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6/6/1925	COMMON TRUST FUND													
6/6/1925	BABB, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 466.63	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 466.68	\$ 566.68
5/16/1995	BROWN, ALBERT (HALL)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00	\$ 65.83	0.34%	\$ 0.02		\$ 65.85	\$ 115.85
12/31/1972	BROWN, ALBERT (GRITC)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00	\$ 79.77	0.34%	\$ 0.02		\$ 79.79	\$ 129.79
12/10/1939	CASWELL-DEARBORN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 214.48	2.72%	\$ 0.20		\$ 214.68	\$ 614.68
4/21/1927	CAVERLY, ABBIE	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 576.47	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 576.52	\$ 676.52
6/3/1972	CAVERLY, REV JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 665.00				\$ 665.00	\$ 418.65	4.52%	\$ 0.34		\$ 418.99	\$ 1,083.99
9/2/1927	CLARK, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 748.49	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 748.54	\$ 848.54
9/3/1971	COOPER, LILLIAN FOSS	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 536.98	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 537.08	\$ 737.08
5/16/1995	FOSS, BENJAMIN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 432.20	2.72%	\$ 0.20		\$ 432.40	\$ 832.40
9/2/1933	FOSS, HERBERT	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 758.19	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 758.29	\$ 958.29
9/10/1930	FOSS, ROBERT	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 758.39	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 758.44	\$ 858.44
5/16/1995	FOYE-PERKINS	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 446.16	2.72%	\$ 0.20		\$ 446.36	\$ 846.36
3/4/1996	FOYE (WINGATE FARM)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 311.24	2.72%	\$ 0.20		\$ 311.44	\$ 711.44
6/2/1926	GARFIELD, ELIZA	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 150.00				\$ 150.00	\$ 832.67	1.02%	\$ 0.08		\$ 832.75	\$ 982.75
5/5/1950	HAM, LEWELYN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 743.81	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 743.91	\$ 943.91
8/26/2000	HANSON #1	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 300.00				\$ 300.00	\$ 163.81	2.04%	\$ 0.15		\$ 163.96	\$ 463.96
9/6/1950	HARTWELL, ELIZABETH	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 506.33	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 506.38	\$ 606.38
10/2/1921	HAWKINS, BETSEY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 8.72	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 8.77	\$ 108.77
6/6/1925	HAYES, PAUL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00	\$ 116.12	0.34%	\$ 0.02		\$ 116.14	\$ 166.14
8/4/1934	HOLMES, ELLA	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 153.28	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 153.33	\$ 253.33
5/16/1995	HOSEA BERRY CEM.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 600.00				\$ 600.00	\$ 668.24	4.08%	\$ 0.30		\$ 668.54	\$ 1,268.54
5/16/1995	HOWARD CEMETERY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 800.00				\$ 800.00	\$ 914.78	5.44%	\$ 0.41		\$ 915.19	\$ 1,715.19
12/23/1928	JENNESS, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 520.78	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 520.88	\$ 720.88
1/31/1921	JENNESS, SAMUEL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 824.15	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 824.25	\$ 1,024.25
10/25/1930	JENNESS, SAMUEL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 473.26	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 473.36	\$ 673.36
4/12/1927	JEWELL, JOHN W.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 476.00	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 476.05	\$ 576.05
7/25/1999	KERVAN (BUZZELL CEM)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 115.29	2.04%	\$ 0.15		\$ 115.44	\$ 515.44
8/11/1959	LEIGHTON, WINKLEY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 250.00				\$ 250.00	\$ 981.75	1.70%	\$ 0.13		\$ 981.88	\$ 1,231.88
5/16/1995	LOUGE (EDGERLY RD)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 418.76	2.72%	\$ 0.20		\$ 418.96	\$ 818.96
3/4/1996	LOUIS-DREW	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,041.88	6.79%	\$ 0.51		\$ 1,042.39	\$ 2,042.39
6/2/1921	PERKINS, NANCY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 568.89	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 568.94	\$ 668.94
9/9/1957	PERKINS, PAUL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 175.00				\$ 175.00	\$ 898.02	1.19%	\$ 0.08		\$ 898.10	\$ 1,073.10
1/9/1991	SAXTON, HELEN FOSS	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,241.61	6.79%	\$ 0.51		\$ 1,242.12	\$ 2,242.12
11/16/1998	SCRUTTON	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 500.00				\$ 500.00	\$ 336.97	3.40%	\$ 0.25		\$ 337.22	\$ 837.22
1/7/1922	SEAVEY, ABBIE	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 8.72	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 8.77	\$ 108.77
10/1/1989	SLOPER ROAD	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00	\$ 44.77	0.34%	\$ 0.02		\$ 44.79	\$ 94.77
4/2/1927	SMITH, D.W.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 8.62	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 8.67	\$ 108.67
8/12/1944	STANTON, FRED	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 72.36	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 72.46	\$ 272.46
9/5/1972	SWAIN, ANNIE & GRAY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 603.97	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 607.07	\$ 807.07
3/4/1996	TOBIAS DREW CEMETERY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,035.37	6.79%	\$ 0.51		\$ 1,035.88	\$ 2,035.88
9/5/1972	WAIN, MARY J	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 377.65	2.72%	\$ 0.20		\$ 377.85	\$ 777.85
10/22/1950	WALDRON, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 495.17	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 495.22	\$ 595.22
5/11/1955	WALDRON, CASWELL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 260.47	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 260.52	\$ 360.52
12/10/1937	WALKER, JAMES	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 8.62	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 8.67	\$ 108.67
6/2/1928	WATERHOUSE, ELLA	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 30.09	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 30.19	\$ 230.19
3/10/1966	WEBSTER, TUTTLE	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 375.00				\$ 375.00	\$ 760.44	2.55%	\$ 0.19		\$ 760.63	\$ 1,135.63
6/13/1919	WELCH, BETSEY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 689.84	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 689.94	\$ 889.94
Sub Totals				\$ 13,215.00				\$ 13,215.00	\$ 22,127.69		\$ 6.59		\$ 22,224.28	\$ 35,439.28
01/01/1899	YOUNG, LAVINIA	EDUCATION	NHPDIP	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,938.10	7.16%	\$ 0.91		\$ 4,659.01	\$ 5,659.01
01/01/1899	CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE #8	EDUCATION	NHPDIP	\$ 14,215.00				\$ 14,215.00	\$ 27,155.79	100.00%	\$ 7.50		\$ 26,883.29	\$ 41,098.29
3/10/1980	THEODORE STORER TRUST FUND #11	CONSERV	NHPDIP	\$ 11,500.00				\$ 11,500.00	\$ 22,379.53	100.00%	\$ 6.35		\$ 22,065.88	\$ 33,565.88
7/26/2010	EDUCATION OF PERSONS W/DISABILITIES #27	EDUCATION	NHPDIP	\$ 100,000.00				\$ 100,000.00	\$ 105.01	100.00%	\$ 19.19		\$ 124.12	\$ 100,124.34

STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION REPORT

Community Action Partnership of Strafford County is a 501(c)(3) private non-profit organization. We work with community, state and federal partners to assist more than 16,000 people each year, and the majority of program participants have extremely low incomes (below 75 percent of the federal poverty threshold). Our mission is to educate, advocate and assist people in Strafford County to help meet their basic needs and promote self-sufficiency.

2014 Highlights include:

- Our agency provided more than \$2.7 million in federal fuel assistance to 3,898 households in Strafford County during the 2013-2014 heating season. A total of 49 households in Strafford received \$34,000 in fuel assistance.
- Over the past year, 37 households received a discount on their electric bill through agency's Electrical Assistance Program at a value of \$17,020. The average benefit was \$447.
- In all more than \$65,000 worth of services were provided to residents of Strafford.

CAP operates emergency food pantries in Dover, Farmington and Milton and a Summer Meals Program. This past summer, for example, we provided more than 21,000 free breakfasts and lunches to children ages 18 and under at sites around the county.

Without the services provided by our agency, many local residents would be without a means to provide for their basic needs, including food, education, child care, utilities assistance, job training and employment services, transportation, emergency shelter, homeless prevention and housing services and referrals to other agencies. In addition to our administrative office located in Dover, CAP maintains its outreach capacity by operating offices in Farmington and Dover and Head Start Centers in Dover, Farmington, Milton, Rochester and Somersworth.

The Community Action Partnership of Strafford County has 166 employees and an \$8.6 million operating budget. We receive federal, state and local funding as well as United Way grants, foundation and charitable grants, fees for service, private business and individual donations.

This year, we will commemorate our 50th anniversary. Community Action was formed out of President Johnson's War on Poverty, and the basic tenant of providing a hand up to those in need still rings true today. Our approach, however, must resonate with the realities of today's economic and funding landscape so we are investing in technology to improve efficiency, fiscal management and customer service. We are also developing ways to bundle our services together to help families meet a wide-range of needs in a simpler, one-stop process. In these ways, CAP can help, and we will continue to engage, inspire and serve the people of Strafford County for the next 50 years.

Betsey Andrews Parker
Executive Director

CORNERSTONE VNA ANNUAL REPORT

Cornerstone VNA is a non-profit home health care organization serving Strafford, Belknap, Carroll and Rockingham Counties in New Hampshire and York County in Maine. It is a privilege to provide trusted, compassionate and expert home health care to members of your community.

Cornerstone VNA highlight of service visits for 2014 in Somersworth, NH:

	<u>Strafford</u>	<u>Strafford County</u>	<u>Total Service Area</u>
Home Care/Perinatal.	840	34,349	41,676
Hospice Care	167	5,502	5,931
Lifecare	333	6,843	7,759

Being mission driven, we are committed to bringing services *to people of all ages regardless of their ability to pay*, so that families can stay together at home, even when facing the challenges of aging, surgical recovery, chronic or life-threatening illnesses or end of life care. We provide skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapies, social work, and volunteer & support services through four distinct programs: **Home Care, Hospice Care, Life Care and Community Care.**

HOME CARE

As a full service home health care organization, Cornerstone VNA offers programs and services designed to restore patients to their optimum level of health, improve their sense of well-being and quality of their life and help them achieve the highest level of independence to live safely within the community in the comfort of their home.

HOSPICE CARE

Hospice is a holistic approach to caring for people with a life limiting illness....its focus is on providing the greatest quality of life until the end of one's life. The goal of our hospice program is to provide physical, emotional and spiritual comfort to the patient as well as grief support and bereavement counseling for their family and caregivers.

LIFE CARE

The Life Care Program provides a wealth of services from private duty skilled nursing care to assistance with daily living, homemaking or simply the comforting presence of companionship. The goal of Life Care is to restore patients to their optimum level of health, improve their sense of well-being and help them achieve the highest level of independence to live safely in the comfort of their home.

COMMUNITY CARE

At Cornerstone VNA we are not only committed to making people well, we are committed to the health and wellness of the community. We strive to enhance the health of the community by offering health clinics to monitor blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol, and to provide immunizations and medication, diet and nutritional counseling from a Certified Health Coach and Wellness Nurse.

As a non-for-profit organization, Cornerstone VNA places great value on transforming the home health care experience to encompass a full continuum of patient care. We recently launched some very special programs and services: Palliative Care Program, Behavioral Health Program, and We Honor Veterans Program.

In closing, we are grateful for the privilege of providing trusted, compassionate and expert care to every member of the community regardless of their ability to pay for services and appreciate your continued support.

Respectfully,

Julie Reynolds, CEO Cornerstone VNA

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS



2014

OFFICERS OF THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

2014-2015

SCHOOL BOARD

	Term Expires
Mr. Brian Monahan, Chairman	2016
Mr. Bruce Patrick	2015
Ms. Carol Lord	2016
Ms. Debbi Hinrichsen	2017
Mr. Norm Finnegan	2015

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert S. Gadomski, Ed.D.

ASST. SUPERINTENDENT/STUDENT SERVICES

Scott J. Reuning, C.A.G.S.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Marjorie V. Whitmore, M.S.

PRINCIPAL

Scott Young, Ed.D.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Alison Roberts

TREASURER

Sandra Pierce

CLERK

Carrolle Popovich

MODERATOR

Joseph Cicirelli

AUDITOR

Melanson Heath & Company, PC

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the **STRAFFORD TOWN HALL**, 12 Mountain View Drive, Strafford, NH, on the 10th day of March 2015, at 8:00 AM to act upon the following subject:

ARTICLE #1 *(Voting)*

** To choose the necessary School District Officers.

** NOTE: All Articles except Article 1 will be taken up at 7:00 PM on the 11th day of March 2015 at the **STRAFFORD SCHOOL**, 22 Roller Coaster Road, Strafford, NH, , to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE #2 *(District Meeting)*

“To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten-Million, Nine-Hundred and Seven-Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Dollars, and Two Cents (\$10,907,730.02) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the Strafford School District.”

The operating budget warrant does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article.

*The School Board recommends this appropriation.
The tax impact if this article passes is \$0.88 per \$1,000.*

ARTICLE #3

“To see if the Strafford School District will raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the School District Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1985, for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings. This sum to come from June 30, 2015 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2015. No amount to be raised from taxation.”

*The School Board recommends this appropriation.
There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.*

ARTICLE #4

“To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons With Disabilities, established in 2010, for the purpose of meeting the expenses of educating students with disabilities. This sum to come from June 30, 2015 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2015. No amount to be raised from taxation.”

*The School Board recommends this appropriation.
There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.*

ARTICLE #5

"To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Two Dollars (\$108,352) for the purpose of establishing an all-day Kindergarten program at the Strafford School beginning with the 2015-2016 school year."

*The School Board does not recommend this appropriation.
The tax impact if this article passes is \$0.25 per \$1,000.*

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

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 11th day of February, 2015.

[Signature] _____ Carol Lord _____
[Signature] _____
[Signature] _____ School Board

A true copy of Warrant- Attest:

[Signature] _____ Carol Lord _____
[Signature] _____
[Signature] _____ School Board

I certify that on the 16th day of February, 2015 the written warrant article attested by the School Board of said District at the place of meeting within named and a like attested copy at the Strafford School and Strafford Town Hall being a public place in said district.

Patricia A. Beach
~~Linda Osburn~~ Patricia Beach
SAU 44

SS New Hampshire 2/13, 2015

Personally appeared the said Linda Osburn and made oath the above certificate by the Strafford School Board as signed is true.

Before me Linda Osburn _____ Notary Public

my Commission expires October 6, 2015



School Budget Form: Strafford Local School

(RSA 21-J:34)

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year from:

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Form Due Date: **20 days after meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: 02/16/2015

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division

Phone: (603) 230-5090

Fax: (603) 230-5947

<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

SCHOOL BOARD CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

School Board Members	
Printed Name	Signature
BRIAN MONAHAN	<i>[Signature]</i>
Debbie Hrichsen	<i>[Signature]</i>
Norman P. Finnegan	<i>[Signature]</i>
Carol Lord	<i>[Signature]</i>

A hard-copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NHDRA at the following address:

**NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487**

Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)
Instruction						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	2	\$5,897,197	\$6,244,721	\$6,496,194	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	2	\$1,539,702	\$1,632,240	\$1,380,738	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	2	\$48,783	\$63,362	\$65,771	\$0
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Support Services						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	2	\$428,670	\$445,108	\$458,313	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	2	\$167,504	\$202,083	\$195,511	\$0
General Administration						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	2	\$34,947	\$54,779	\$45,331	\$0
Executive Administration						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	2	\$309,243	\$358,424	\$369,496	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	2	\$495,875	\$478,722	\$439,663	\$0
2500-2599	Business		\$75,669	\$0	\$0	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	2	\$482,125	\$475,076	\$487,058	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	2	\$426,335	\$440,294	\$384,934	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Instructional Services						
3100	Food Service Operations	2	\$154,662	\$171,510	\$176,633	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction						
4100	Site Acquisition		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4200	Site Improvement		\$53,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
4300	Architectural/Engineering		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4400	Educational Specification Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4600	Building Improvement Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Outlays						
5110	Debt Service - Principal	2	\$185,000	\$190,000	\$200,000	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	2	\$221,463	\$214,888	\$208,088	\$0
Fund Transfers						
5220-5221	To Food Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5230-5239	To Capital Projects		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5254	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
5310	To Charter Schools		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5390	To Other Agencies		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9990	Supplemental Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9992	Deficit Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$10,520,175	\$10,971,207	\$10,907,730	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	3	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Purpose: School District Capital Reserve Fund						
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	4	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Purpose: Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons With						
Special Articles Recommended			\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
1100-1199	Regular Programs	5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$108,352
Purpose: Establish All-Day Kindergarten Program						
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$108,352

Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Local Sources					
1300-1349	Tuition		\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	2	\$76	\$200	\$100
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	2	\$107,704	\$106,000	\$107,000
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Services Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	2	\$110,442	\$5,500	\$4,500
State Sources					
3210	School Building Aid	2	\$60,983	\$62,483	\$62,483
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Catastrophic Aid		\$22,784	\$25,000	\$0
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	2	\$2,374	\$2,500	\$2,500
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Sources					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
4540	Vocational Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4560	Child Nutrition	2	\$57,474	\$62,500	\$62,500
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution	2	\$43,055	\$55,000	\$45,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$0	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5140	Reimbursement Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5221	Transfers from Food Service Special Revenues Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	3, 4	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$177,384	\$200,360	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$632,276	\$569,543	\$334,083

Budget Summary

Item	Current Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$10,971,207	\$10,907,730
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$50,000	\$50,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$412,452	\$0
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$11,433,659	\$10,957,730
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$319,183	\$334,083
Less: Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$3,197,942	\$3,204,910
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$7,916,534	\$7,418,737

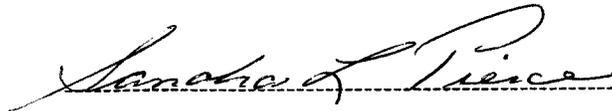
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the

Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Cash on Hand July 1, 2013 (Treasurer's bank balance)		378878.14
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	8121347.00	
Revenue from State	2206943.63	
Revenue from Federal	0.00	
Received from all other Sources	347873.53	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>10676164.16</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (bal. receipts)		11055042.30
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERED PAID		10629635.33
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2014 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		<u><u>425406.97</u></u>

July 15, 2014



District Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM WHOM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	
July 1, 2013	State of NH	Equitable Ed. Aid	\$2,080,122.85
to		Building Aid	\$60,982.50
June 30, 2014		Catastrophic Aid	\$22,783.65
		Medicaid Reimbursement	\$43,054.63
	Town of Strafford	Appropriation	\$8,121,347.00
	Citizens Bank	Interest	\$75.81
	School Lunch Program	Lunch Sales	\$88,537.62
		LLC Lunch Sales	\$15,776.68
		Coffee	\$550.16
		Food & Supplies Purchases	\$282.67
	Gatorade Fund	Staff Breakfast	\$112.00
	Graystone Builders, Inc.	Community Fund - School Lunches	\$2,500.00
	Strafford Fire Fighter Assoc	Food and Supplies Purchases	\$311.35
	Student Activities Acct	New Students' Breakfast	\$40.70
		Nurse's Waters	\$25.50
		SASS Lunches	\$10.00
	Strafford School District	2 Breakfasts - Principal Search	\$56.69
	SAU #44	School Lunch Program Reimbs.	\$61,770.04
		Lunch State Match 2012-13	\$2,373.06
		Teacher Salary & FICA	\$22,636.12
		Substitute for HMMIF Training	\$670.94
		Health Trust - 2010 Surplus	\$94,516.02
		Health Trust - 2011 Surplus	\$36,923.67
	Bank of America	Special Ed Growth Trust Fund	
		Hearing Systems	\$1,500.62
	Boothbay Therapy Services, LLC	Refund	\$45.00
	Citizens Insur. Co. of America	Nat'l Telephone Final Settlement	\$5,074.92
	National Telephone & Technology	Equipment Repair	\$3,288.08
	Retirement System	Refund	\$1,359.91
	PC MallGov	Refund	\$293.70
	SAU#74	Transportation for Homeless	\$2,932.50
	Strafford PTO	Craft Fair	\$95.74
	Strafford Recreational Sports, Inc	Fencing Basketball court	\$5,400.00
		Port-O-Pots	\$55.00
	Miscellaneous	Rent/Custodial	\$255.00
		Agendas	\$5.00
		Jury Duty	\$40.00
		Damaged books	\$44.99
		Lost Books	\$164.29
		Recorders	\$121.75
		Returned Check Fees	\$28.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$10,676,164.16

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT SALARIES

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Name	Position	Total Earnings
Adams, Laura A.	Teacher Grade 5	\$64,187.26
Anderson, Brianna D.	Substitute	\$1,225.00
Atkinson, Andrea L.	Teacher Band	\$40,517.89
Bane, Christine	DI Coach	\$1,400.00
Beaverstock, Karen A.	Teacher Grade 8	\$57,468.70
Boals, Vera R.	Substitute	\$945.00
Bonneau, Diane B.	Nurse Substitute	\$2,865.00
Bonneau, James M.	Tech Director	\$62,626.49
Burnell, Patricia A.	Food Service	\$13,515.73
Camire, Susan M.	Teacher Grade 3	\$55,692.96
Chadwick, Carol	Paraprofessional	\$19,538.25
Chagnon, Rebecca S.	Paraprofessional	\$20,150.95
Cicirelli, Joseph	Coach	\$100.00
Clinch, Andrea C.	Reading Tutor	\$22,607.50
Colby, Steven M.	Teacher Grade 5	\$64,508.00
Collins, Andria J.	Food service	\$12,672.99
Columbare, Wendy A.	Substitute	\$3,920.00
Cronshaw, Jennifer K.	Substitute	\$7,980.00
Cullen, Anne P.	Secretary	\$30,717.58
Cunningham, Kathryn	Nurse	\$55,613.00
DeCota, Kendra L.	Paraprofessional	\$14,508.45
Dexter Yonchak, Margaret M.	Teacher Grade 6	\$43,998.83
Dolan, Audrey E.	Teacher Grade 4	\$62,530.22
Doyle, Nicole M.	Teacher Special Education	\$46,534.72
Doyon, Denise M.	Secretary	\$28,460.53
Duderewicz, Amy E.	Substitute	\$280.00
Duffy, Cynthia L.	Paraprofessional	\$23,401.32
Eaton, Beth A.	Paraprofessional	\$16,915.80
Edgerly, Jennifer L.	Teacher Grade 4	\$62,158.91
Fisher, Karyn M.	Substitute	\$630.00
Fowler, Deborah L.	Facilities	\$17,486.36
Frisbie, Karen D.	Assistant Principal	\$28,700.00
Gage, Stephanie J.	Facilities	\$20,065.75
Gahm, Allan K.	Teacher Grade 7/8	\$67,743.39
Gale, Cynthia A.	Paraprofessional	\$21,266.12
Gale, Eric J.	Food Service Director	\$34,863.03
Garland, Georgia I.	Teacher Grade 5	\$53,551.39
Gempp, Christopher M.	Teacher Music	\$44,649.11
Goodell, Anna M.	Substitute	\$1,470.00
Goodell, Donna M.	Paraprofessional	\$24,332.40
Goscinski, Donna	Teacher Grade 7/8	\$63,599.58
Gould, Megan E.	Substitute	\$420.00
Grondin, Patrick M.	Substitute	\$140.00
Grondin, Robin D.	Teacher Special Education	\$44,118.29
Hanson, Lauryn C.	Substitute	\$595.00
Hanson, Tracy L.	Teacher Grade 2	\$56,647.48

Name	Position	Total Earnings
Hartmann, Linda	Tchr Spec Ed/Technology	\$62,881.10
Hebert, Laura A.	Secretary	\$34,259.65
Hedstrom, Meghan C.	Teacher Health	\$42,653.01
Helm, Erica M.	Coach	\$200.00
Heselton, Gary R.	Facilities Manager	\$44,396.67
Holak, Susan M.	Substitute	\$8,216.04
Homiak, Janet E.	Reading Specialist	\$57,899.80
Horne, Mitzi R.	Substitute	\$7,176.24
Irons, Henry M.	Facilities	\$701.25
Irons, Mary D.	Teacher Grade K	\$65,971.02
Jordan, Gregory J.	Substitute	\$1,017.50
Jordan, Heidi F.	Teacher Art	\$46,015.35
Kelley, Griffin J.	Substitute	\$175.00
Kerivan, Melissa D.	Bookkeeper	\$39,005.11
Kerivan, Victoria M.	Substitute	\$1,645.00
Krasko, Robyn T.	Teacher Phys Ed	\$64,184.13
Lambert, Tonya M.	Substitute	\$6.63
Larson, Bruce L.	Teacher Grade 6 Science	\$65,298.00
Leas, Heather B.	Substitute	\$525.00
Libby, Karen S.	Paraprofessional	\$20,425.60
Lightner-Fredyma, Julia A.	Teacher Technology	\$64,596.80
Longo, Joseph C.	Facilities	\$1,611.50
Lord, Carol A.	School Board	\$600.00
Lorenzo, Heather D.	Teacher Kindergarten PT	\$31,593.59
Lucas, Patricia M.	Paraprofessional	\$14,561.14
Marble, Kelly M.	Teacher Grade 1	\$44,403.00
Marsh, David S.	Coach	\$100.00
Marsh, Terri L.	Lunch Monitor	\$6,806.80
Marston, Eilish M.	Substitute	\$3,477.50
Martin, Connor W.	Facilities	\$5,725.50
Martin, Jared O.	Teacher Spanish	\$39,315.98
Martin, Stephania A.	Teacher Grade 2	\$48,739.98
Mason, Elizabeth T.	Teacher Grade 3	\$62,963.97
Mason, Nancy J.	Guidance	\$64,778.00
Mayo, Dennis H.	Principal	\$87,975.00
Mayo, Tucker E.	Facilities	\$1,292.50
Mayo, Zachary D.	Facilities	\$1,600.50
McCourt, Carol D.	Food Service	\$8,148.25
McMahon, Colleen D.	Paraprofessional	\$15,137.68
Monahan, Brian J.	School Board	\$600.00
Monahan, Dianna L.	Substitute	\$5,810.00
Morrisette, Kimberly A.	Paraprofessional/Tchr Sp Ed	\$32,499.68
Morse, Amy M.	Coach	\$805.00
Myslinski, Crystal L.	Substitute	\$100.00
Nadeau, Matthew R.	Teacher Grade 6 Math	\$39,302.98
Nault, Donna L.	Paraprofessional	\$6,831.96
Nemetz, Beverly J.	Substitute	\$455.00
Nichols, Tina M.	School Board	\$600.00
Nix, David R.	Teacher Grade 5	\$62,159.74
Nordman, Grace E.	Substitute	\$2,800.00

Name	Position	Total Earnings
ODonnell, Travis R.	Facilities	\$1,795.75
Olsson, Sharon	Substitute	\$699.28
Patrick, Bruce	School Board	\$600.00
Pickard, Bradley G.	Facilities	\$27,638.91
Pickard, William F.	Substitute	\$1,677.50
Pierce, Sandra L.	School District Treasurer	\$4,457.91
Plante, Maryellen	Teacher Grade 3	\$60,970.78
Plaza, Linda R.	Paraprofessional	\$19,155.57
Popovich, Carrolle	School Dist Secretary/Clerk	\$3,625.00
Powers, Lynda L.	School Board	\$700.00
Ray, Candice L.	Paraprofessional	\$22,234.72
Routhier, Kasey N.	Paraprofessional	\$7,640.90
Roy, Sarah A.	Teacher Grade 2	\$56,716.91
Saia, Jill H.	Teacher Grade 7/8 LA	\$63,908.48
Sargent, Karen A.	Paraprofessional	\$22,433.26
Sawicki, Maureen C.	Substitute	\$385.00
Sawyer, Carolyn V.	Teacher Grade 7/8 Science	\$50,400.88
Schraufnagel, Julie A.	Paraprofessional	\$22,411.03
Smith, Terry B.	Paraprofessional	\$20,046.31
Stimmell, Janice F.	Teacher Reading	\$50,986.16
Sweeney, John M.	Facilities	\$242.31
Szatko, Lawrence E.	Facilities	\$1,834.25
Tkaczyk, Amy B.	Coach	\$200.00
Totten, Lanta B.	Coach	\$100.00
Towle, Darlene M.	Paraprofessional	\$553.96
Trafton, Jason	Teacher Grade 7/8 SS	\$47,650.39
Trafton, Jennifer L.	Paraprofessional	\$1,031.30
Tursi, Nicole D.	Teacher Reading	\$800.00
Vogt, Lynda D.	Teacher Special Education	\$64,674.13
Vulner, Kristine B.	Paraprofessional	\$22,817.68
Wallace, Deannah R.	Assistant Principal	\$83,566.78
Welch, Shelly A.	Teacher Grade 1	\$43,063.15
Wichroski, Alison M.	Speech/Language Pathologist	\$68,935.90
Wiggin, Rebecca	Speech/Language Pathologist	\$63,428.82
Williams, Ashley E.	Substitute Nurse	\$1,795.00
Williams, Susan J.	Media Specialist	\$65,362.35
York, Cheryl L.	Substitute	\$420.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	
Balances as of December 31, 2014	
Capital Reserve Fund	\$371,547.23
Education of Persons with Disabilities Fund	\$100,152.34

Strafford School District Salary Schedules

The tables below show the salaries for Strafford teachers and Support Staff based on level of education and years of experience. The "Step" column on the left side of the table indicates years of experience with the accompanying percentage change in salary. A "Step" increase is automatic each year. It is independent of and in addition to any percentage increase voted on by the Town. For example, if a "Step" 7 teacher in the MA + 30 (Master's + 30 credits) gets a 3% raise as voted by the Town, he/she will actually get a 7.99% raise (3% + 4.99%) when the "Step" increase is factored in.

TEACHER 2014-2015

Step	%		%		%		%		%	
	BA	CHANGE	BA+15	CHANGE	BA+30/MA	CHANGE	MA+15	CHANGE	MA+30	CHANGE
1	38,038		38,661		39,283		39,906		40,528	
2	38,661	1.64%	39,283	1.61%	39,906	1.59%	40,528	1.56%	41,151	1.54%
3	39,283	1.61%	39,906	1.59%	40,528	1.56%	41,151	1.54%	41,774	1.51%
4	39,906	1.59%	40,528	1.56%	41,151	1.54%	41,774	1.51%	42,396	1.49%
5	40,528	1.56%	41,151	1.54%	41,774	1.51%	42,396	1.49%	43,019	1.47%
6	41,151	1.54%	41,774	1.51%	42,396	1.49%	43,019	1.47%	43,641	1.45%
7	42,085	2.27%	42,707	2.23%	43,953	3.67%	44,886	4.34%	45,820	4.99%
8	43,019	2.22%	43,330	1.46%	44,886	2.12%	45,820	2.08%	46,754	2.04%
9	43,953	2.17%	45,198	4.31%	45,820	2.08%	46,754	2.04%	47,688	2.00%
10	44,886	2.12%	45,820	1.38%	46,754	2.04%	47,688	2.00%	49,244	3.26%
11	45,820	2.08%	46,754	2.04%	47,688	2.00%	49,307	3.39%	51,174	3.92%
12	46,754	2.04%	47,688	2.00%	49,556	3.92%	51,174	3.79%	53,042	3.65%
13	47,999	2.66%	49,244	3.26%	51,174	3.26%	53,042	3.65%	55,532	4.69%
14	49,244	2.59%	51,112	3.79%	53,042	3.65%	55,532	4.69%	56,777	2.24%
15	50,489	2.53%	52,357	2.44%	55,532	4.69%	58,022	4.48%	58,645	3.29%
16	51,735	2.47%	54,910	4.88%	58,022	4.48%	59,890	3.22%	60,824	3.72%
17	52,980	2.41%	56,777	3.40%	60,513	4.29%	61,820	3.22%	63,065	3.68%
18	54,225	2.35%	59,267	4.39%	62,380	3.09%	63,688	3.02%	64,933	2.96%

SUPPORT STAFF 2014-2015

Step	NOT HQT	%	ASSOC ECE OR GQT	%	BA/BS	%
		CHANGE		CHANGE		CHANGE
1	11.80		12.80		13.05	
2	12.05	2.12%	13.05	1.95%	13.30	1.92%
3	12.30	2.07%	13.30	1.92%	13.55	1.88%
4	12.55	2.03%	13.55	1.88%	13.80	1.85%
5	12.80	1.99%	13.80	1.85%	14.05	1.81%
6	13.05	1.95%	14.05	1.81%	14.30	1.78%
7	13.30	1.92%	14.30	1.78%	14.55	1.75%
8	13.55	1.88%	14.55	1.75%	14.80	1.72%
9	13.80	1.85%	14.80	1.72%	15.05	1.69%
10	14.05	1.81%	15.05	1.69%	15.30	1.66%
11	14.30	1.78%	15.30	1.66%	15.55	1.63%
12	14.55	1.75%	15.55	1.63%	15.80	1.61%
13	14.80	1.72%	15.80	1.61%	16.05	1.58%
14	15.05	1.69%	16.05	1.58%	16.30	1.56%
15	15.30	1.66%	16.30	1.56%	16.55	1.53%
16	15.55	1.63%	16.55	1.53%	16.80	1.51%
17	15.80	1.61%	16.80	1.51%	17.05	1.49%
18	16.05	1.58%	17.05	1.49%	17.30	1.47%
19	16.30	1.56%	17.30	1.47%	17.55	1.45%
20	16.55	1.53%	17.55	1.45%	17.80	1.42%
21	16.80	1.51%	17.80	1.42%	18.05	1.40%
22	17.05	1.49%	18.05	1.40%	18.30	1.39%
23	17.30	1.47%	18.30	1.39%	18.55	1.37%

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Enrollment Report

as of January 1, 2015

Elementary School Enrollment							
Grade	Teacher	Girls	Boys	Total			TOTAL
K am	M. Irons	12	3	15			
K pm	M. Irons	8	6	14			
					Kindergarten		29
					Home School Kindergarten		0
Grade 1	M. Yonchak	5	10	15			
Grade 1	T. Hanson	4	9	13			
Grade 1	S. Welch	6	9	15			
					Grade 1		43
					Homeschool Grade 1		2
Grade 2	S. Spezeski	6	7	13			
Grade 2	R. Roy	8	6	14			
Grade 2	K. Jordan	6	7	13			
					Grade 2		40
					Home School Grade 2		5
Grade 3	S. Colby	7	8	15			
Grade 3	E. Mason	7	9	16			
Grade 3	M. Plante	7	8	15			
					Grade 3		46
					Homeschool Grade 3		1
Grade 4	A. Dolan	9	9	18			
Grade 4	J. Edgerly	11	9	20			
Grade 4	S. Camire	10	8	18			
					Grade 4		56
					Home School Grade 4		2
Grade 5	G. Garland	12	6	18			
Grade 5	D. R. Nix	7	11	18			
Grade 5	A. Adams	10	7	17			
					Grade 5		53
					Home School Grade 5		4
Total Elementary School Students							267
Total Home School Elementary Students							14
Middle School Enrollment							
Grade 6	A. Gahm	8	10	18			
Grade 6	K. Beaverstock	6	12	18			
Grade 6	B. Larson	6	11	17			
					Grade 6		53
					Home School Grade 6		4
Grade 7	M. Nadeau	7	9	16			
Grade 7	J. Saia	6	12	18			
Grade 7	J. Trafton	8	7	15			
					Grade 7		49
					Homeschool Grade 7		4
Grade 8	D. Goscinski	10	6	16			
Grade 8	C. Sawyer	8	11	19			
Grade 8	J. Martin	5	13	18			
					Grade 8		53
					Home School Grade 8		4
Total Middle School							155
Total Home School Middle School							12
Enrollment Summary							
Kindergarten	29			Total Students Enrolled in School		422	
Grade 1	43	Grade 5	53	Total Homeschool Students		26	
Grade 2	40	Grade 6	53				
Grade 3	46	Grade 7	49	Total Students Enrolled at SAU		448	
Grade 4	56	Grade 8	53				

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2014

I've learned much in this my first year as principal at Strafford School. Certainly, I have experienced some of the typical challenges that might be expected as a first year principal; learning how to navigate the nooks and crannies of a new building, learning lots of new names and faces (which I have not mastered yet but I am getting there), learning the school budget process with much more depth than anything I have experienced previously, or learning how best to prioritize my time to meet the needs of faculty, staff, students, caregivers and parents. There are many more items I could add to this list but I want to draw your attention to a verb that recurs in each of the items listed above: "learning". One thing that I have loved about my experience as an educator for the last 16 years is the opportunity to learn something new every day. What follows are some particularly important things I have learned about Strafford School.

I've learned that Strafford School has an amazing group of students. All 422 of the students attending Strafford School add something special to our school. One thing that was evident to me immediately in the opening days of the school year was that our students typically do a great job showing care and respect to one another as well as teachers and staff. Our students are vibrant individuals who generally give their best effort and desire to maximize their potential as learners and people. A quality student body such as we enjoy at Strafford School is a strong indicator of the nurture and care they receive by parents and caregivers. We have students engaged in a broad array of activities such as Destination Imagination, Lego Robotics, Summer Arts programming, Camp Invention, Web-page Design camp, and more. We have numerous grade-level field trips throughout the school year that provide students with enriching learning experiences including the 6th grade trip to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Our 6th grade also continues to enjoy the Merrowvista trip which provides a rustic outdoor setting that both deepens student's knowledge of the natural world while emphasizing character-building and teamwork. Also the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C., provides a wonderful opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of civics and U.S. history while also providing a memorable, capstone experience that 8th grade students will take with them as they launch into their high school careers.

I've learned that Strafford School has a dedicated and talented group of educators. Each day, I see examples of teachers and staff that deliver high-quality instruction in the classroom and do so in a manner that invites students to participate in their own learning. Our teachers and staff care about the whole child in way that is authentic and genuine. We have continued the work from last year in providing all of our teachers with in-house professional development in Responsive Classroom techniques. This year our Responsive Classroom-faculty facilitators have led teams of teachers in how to conduct the Morning Meeting, which is a core practice of the Responsive Classroom model. The Morning Meeting helps teach social and emotional literacy skills, establish important routines, and builds social cohesion within the classroom so that students know and feel cared for not only by their teacher but by their peers as well. We have also provided training to our middle school teachers that differentiate the Morning Meeting approach to better suit the

developmental and social distinctives of early and mid-adolescents. In our primary grades, we have implemented a cognitive-behavioral approach designed to promote the development of self-regulation with a program called Zones of Regulation. This program teaches our younger-aged students four zones related to emotional intensity and social cognition that allows them to become more aware of how each of these zones can impact their cognitive and behavioral states. In doing so, students learn effective ways to manage social-cognitive distortions and negative emotional states. These self-regulation skills help facilitate and enhance student learning. In addition to our faculty and paraprofessionals, I've also learned we have an equally dedicated and talented group of support and office staff. Each day these folks roll-up their collective sleeves helping to ensure that our facility is well cared for, that our technology is ready to support teaching and student learning, that our students have quality nourishment, and that all the details needed to facilitate daily schedules, newsletter communications, and the like are tended to.

The community of Strafford, I've learned, cares deeply about the school and its students, teachers, staff, and families. The legacy of community support for Strafford School and its students is vital to our success. We are so appreciative of so many within the community who volunteer to assist the school in a variety of ways during the school year. In particular, the Strafford PTO has vigorously supported our work with students and families through numerous fundraising activities. We, as a school, are indebted to them for their efforts, creativity, and continual work on behalf of our school. In addition, my opportunity to connect with our local fire and police departments have indicated to me their tremendous commitment to the Strafford community and our school in their important role helping ensure safety for all.

In short, what I have learned in this first year at Strafford School is how fortunate I am to serve in leadership at such a great school. Over the next weeks and months, we, as a staff and faculty, will be working to define focus goals with the hope we will take an already excellent school and ultimately achieve excellence in all we do. Certainly, the children of this community deserve nothing less. I am thankful for the opportunity to work alongside such a fantastic faculty and staff and look forward to what the future holds for Strafford School.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott C. Young, Ed.D.
Principal



ANNUAL REPORT for the TOWN of STRAFFORD 2013 - 2014 Academic Year

The Board of Trustees and Administration of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy are pleased to provide this Annual Report of the 2013-2014 school year to the Strafford School Board. We have enjoyed a long-term cooperative working relationship with the Strafford School Board and continue to work hard to ensure the educational opportunities for Strafford students are competitive, satisfying and of the highest quality. The Board of Trustees strives, through its administration, faculty, and rigorous academic and co-curricular programming, to provide the most comprehensive and challenging educational experience for Strafford students.

The following provides an overview of educational programming at Coe-Brown and the status of Strafford students.

Strafford Students Enrollment Breakdown: 2013-2014

	August 2013	May 2014
Seniors	50	51
Juniors	58	58
Sophomores	55	52
Freshmen	50	53
TOTAL	213	214

Of the total students enrolled from Strafford at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, the following enrollment changes took place throughout the 2013-2014 school year:

Strafford Students Enrollment Changes by Class: 2013-2014

	Dismissed	Moved	Additions	Other Reasons
Seniors	0	0	2	1
Juniors	0	0	1	1
Sophomores	0	3	0	0
Freshmen	0	0	3	0

CBNA offers a traditional high school academic program, with several Honors level and Advanced Placement level courses. Strafford students took advantage of such programming in the following manner:

Strafford Students and Honors Programming: 2013-2014

Class of 2014 Graduating with Honors: 69%

Enrollment in Honors Level Courses:

Class	Number of Students	Class	Number of Students
Chemistry Honors	3	Spanish IV Honors	3
Physics Honors	10	Spanish AP	1
Honors & AP Art	3	French IV Honors	2
English 11 Honors	9	Calculus Honors	7
English 11 AP	6	Calculus AP	6
English 12 Honors	7	Economics Honors	11
English 12 AP	7	US History AP	3
US History Honors	8		

*CBNA believes strongly that reading is the key to success for our students. We utilize several methods to assess student reading levels, including the *NECAP* examination, the *Scholastic Reading Inventory*, and individualized testing and assessment via our *Reading Specialist*.*

Strafford Reading Levels: 2013-2014

Class of 2015 *NECAP* Reading Levels October, 2013: **92% Proficient or Proficient w/ Distinction**

Class of 2017 *Scholastic Reading Inventory*: June, 2014

Advanced: 55%	Proficient: 33%
Basic: 10%	Below Basic: 2%

Following their graduation from Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, Strafford students participate in many varying post-secondary experiences.

Strafford Post-Graduate Experiences

	Strafford Class of 2013	Strafford Class of 2014	Entire CBNA Class of 2014
4-year post secondary	43	25 (49%)	47%
2-year post secondary	11	12 (24%)	27%
Other programs	0	0 (0%)	5%
Military	2	4 (8%)	7%
Work Force	10	9 (17%)	13%
Delayed Graduation	0	1 (2%)	1%

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

As the sending towns have increased in population over the last thirty years, so has the student body at the Academy. This has allowed us to develop new programs and educational opportunities to best meet the needs of our diverse learners. High standards of work ethic, behavior, and personal responsibility have been established and upheld by the administration, faculty and staff.

Positive feedback from students who have attended post secondary institutions, as well as their high academic performances at such places, informs us that they have felt well prepared for the challenges of college. This reflects on the academic rigor of their coursework here at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy.

The Academy continues to develop curriculum and teaching techniques for meeting the Common Core Standards and in preparation for the upcoming Smarter Balanced Assessment which will be arriving in the spring of 2015. Students at Coe-Brown continue to score in the upper percentiles of the AP examinations, NH NECAP testing, and excel in many areas outside of academia as well. We have been thrilled to have so many members of the community come to the Academy to enjoy talented performances within our athletic, music, arts, and drama programs.

The Education Committee of the Board of Trustees, which has voting representatives from Northwood and Strafford, annually reviews course offerings to ensure that they are appropriate to meeting students’ needs and are in keeping with the high academic standards set by the Board and administration. For the 2013-2014 academic year, the following courses were added to the Program of Studies:

- One World Language School Mandarin Chinese
- Family Finance
- Caring for Children
- Poetry & Performance
- Family Relations
- French III Honors
- Earth & Space Science
- NH Authors
- Heroes & Villains in Literature
- Adventure in the Great Outdoors
- Literature of the Dystopian Future

At this time of great educational reform, those representatives from the Northwood and Strafford School Boards who serve on the Education Committee have become even more important in providing a vital link between the Academy and the sending schools. These representatives influence student discipline, hiring of faculty, and assist in the coordination of educational programs. This joint participation is unique among schools that hold tuition contracts with other school districts. The Board of Trustees encourages the active participation by the Northwood and Strafford representatives. Individual faculty members, both at Coe-Brown as well as at Strafford School, have participated in a program titled "*Bridges.*" Faculty members met repeatedly throughout the 2013-2014 year in different department groups with the goal of continuing to bridge any gap in the transition from elementary to high school. Their work has been positive and effective in improving the educational experience for our students.

CO-CURRICULAR

The Academy strives to provide opportunities for students to become well-rounded adults through an intensive co-curricular program. Dozens of clubs are available for student membership, including some of our most recently created: Tri-M Music Honor Society, Film Club, and Creative Writing Club, as well as some clubs that have been in existence for most of Coe-Brown's history such as FFA, Band, Chorus, National Honor Society, and many more. Students are encouraged to become as involved as possible. Each of these activities is monitored and evaluated to ensure a worthwhile experience that meets the Academy's mission.

Athletic offerings at the Academy continue to evolve with our student-athletes. The athletic programs provide opportunities for students to practice self-discipline, time management, the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship. We have continued to see great success with our student athletes, including Girls' Cross Country Division II State Champions, Girls' Volleyball Division II State Champions, Girls' Indoor Track Division II State Champions, Girls' Outdoor Track & Field Division II State Champions, Girls' Softball Division II State Champions, Girls' Soccer Final Four, Girls' Basketball Final Four, and the 2013-2014 NHIAA Division II Sportsmanship Award. The new teams of Boys' & Girls' Lacrosse are off to a great start and will be looking forward to their second season.

As with all programs, the Board of Trustees is striving to provide first-class athletic facilities and to make them available, as appropriate, to the citizens of Northwood and Strafford. This is in keeping with the Board's commitment to make the Academy a part of the local communities. Many of you have already visited our new soccer and softball field and will see positive updates on the baseball field.

PHYSICAL PLANT

The Board of Trustees has worked to develop and implement a multi-year Master Plan to enhance the Academy's education services. This includes a review of current classrooms, pedestrian and vehicular circulation patterns, new facility needs and possible locations for these facilities. The Academy's ability to construct new facilities is based on very limited available funds that can be used for such endeavors.

Because the Academy does not receive any state funding, all capital construction must be funded through investments and the rental charge to sending schools based on the current valuation of the property. This fiscal constraint does limit the Academy's ability to construct new facilities. For that reason, each construction project is considered carefully and has been deemed necessary and vital for continued growth of the Academy.

The construction work that began in the late spring of 2013 on Smith Hall has concluded, resulting in six new classrooms, an updated atrium, and a cat-walk through the main lobby. This much

needed, modernized and technology-enhanced space has been inhabited by the math department. In addition, the student kitchens and greenhouse have been improved significantly, assisting two very important curriculum areas for our students. We have been proud of the work done in our vocational areas, preparing students for careers in these practical and thriving fields.

The summer of 2014 brought a revitalization of the Main Lobby entranceway. The addition of skylights as well as historical accents fitting to the age of neighboring Pinkham Hall has created a more welcoming space for our students, faculty, community and visitors.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees and its committees (Administration, Athletics, Development, Education, Facilities, Fiscal Management, & Long-Range Planning) continue to work to enhance the educational opportunities for the students. The Education Committee, with representatives from Northwood and Strafford, continues work on long-range planning goals that better address curriculum and educational needs of the students. Faculty selection is a critical part of the process to ensure exceptional staff who are not only highly qualified, but are dedicated to the educational process. The input from the Northwood and Strafford representatives plays a critical part of the process.

The Athletic Committee supports enhanced opportunities for students to participate in team and club sports. A wide variety of year-round programs and camps are also available to students. The Academy staff is working to enhance cooperation and participation with the elementary schools in both the athletic and arts areas. Parental support of these programs is important and the Committee is working on this issue in conjunction with the administration.

The Development Committee is actively working on programs that support and enhance alumni relations and fundraising activities. Although Coe-Brown Northwood Academy has full tuition contracts with Northwood and Strafford, it is still a public academy administered by a Board of Trustees which is responsible for the financial integrity of the Academy. The publication of the *VISIONS* magazine and fundraising drives are vital steps in continuing to reach out to alumni and prospective students in the process of maintaining our long-range plan. The generosity of many people has resulted in enhancements to the physical plant, educational opportunities for students and faculty and a higher level of recognition of the quality of education offered by the Academy to local students. All this has been accomplished without utilizing tax dollars.

THE FUTURE

The Board of Trustees thanks the town of Strafford for the cooperative spirit and joined efforts to best serve our high school students. We anticipate another year of the constructive and productive relationship with the Strafford School Board and between the Headmaster and Administration of Strafford School and SAU #44. The Board is committed to expanding the educational experience of its student body to best prepare them for the future challenges they will face as adults. We look forward to a continued long-term relationship with the citizens of Strafford in achieving this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted by
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy
Board of Trustees & Administration

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Superintendent's Report 2013-14

The Strafford School students once again had a wonderful school year. They experienced a challenging academic program, as well as a wide variety of co-curricular opportunities. The areas of math and language arts continued to be a focus, while creative lessons were experienced in science, social studies, world language and the related arts.

The school year provided many challenges as Principal Dennis Mayo departed and Deannah Wallace took over as Interim Principal to finish the year. Karen Frisbee also joined the administrative staff as Interim Assistant Principal. Throughout the transitions, the staff continued to focus on the students, providing them a high quality educational program.

Strafford students demonstrated their well-rounded abilities through many athletic endeavors. On the fields and the courts, our students represented Strafford with the highest level of skill and sportsmanship. In addition, activities such as drama, musical productions, robotics, the arts, technology utilization and Destination Imagination, offered students many opportunities to hone their creative skills.

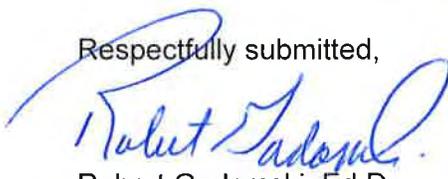
The Strafford staff continued to work towards implementation of the Common Core Standards in preparation for the Smarter Balanced State Assessment. Creative and engaging lessons were developed for students of all ability levels.

The Strafford School Board, building administration and the staff worked collaboratively to present a responsible budget to the community. The budget included continued support for all academic programs, while being fiscally responsible.

At the end of the year, Interim Principal Deannah Wallace and Interim Assistant Principal Karen Frisbee departed and we welcomed a new administrative team. Dr. Scott Young joined the Strafford community as Principal and Alison Roberts came aboard as Assistant Principal. They both quickly hit the ground running and we look forward to them continuing the tradition of a strong educational program at The Strafford School.

I continue to find it very challenging and gratifying to be your Superintendent of Schools. The Strafford community has much to be proud of as the children continue to grow through a high quality educational program. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Gadomski, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2014

	General Fund	Food Service Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 429,363	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 429,363
Intergovernmental receivables	490,563	5,596	-	496,159
Inventory	-	1,085	-	1,085
Due from other funds	-	9,112	72,977	82,089
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 919,926	\$ 15,793	\$ 72,977	\$ 1,008,696
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 45,087	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,087
Accrued payroll and benefits	42,684	-	-	42,684
Due to other funds	82,089	-	-	82,089
TOTAL LIABILITIES	169,860	-	-	169,860
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	1,085	-	1,085
Restricted	-	14,708	72,977	87,685
Committed	473,176	-	-	473,176
Assigned	26,715	-	-	26,715
Unassigned	250,175	-	-	250,175
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	750,066	15,793	72,977	838,836
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 919,926	\$ 15,793	\$ 72,977	\$ 1,008,696

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

School Administrative Unit #44

2014-2015 Salaries

Superintendent of Schools \$113,500.00
 Assistant Superintendent/Student Services Director \$90,000.00
 Business Administrator \$72,100.00
 Assistant Special Education Director \$72,222.22
 Grant Administrator \$18,200.00

District Share of the SAU #44 Budget						
	2013		2013-2014			2015-2016
DISTRICT	EQUALIZED	VALUATION	ADM IN	PUPILS	COMBINED	DISTRICT
	VALUATION	PERCENT	ATTENDANCE	PERCENT	PERCENT	SHARE
Northwood	469,159,740	33%	388.64	30%	63%	\$369,495.94
Nottingham	528,436,825	37%	484.99	37%	74%	\$434,011.10
Strafford	436,459,146	30%	420.79	33%	63%	\$369,495.94
TOTAL	1,434,055,711	100%	1294.42	100%	200%	\$1,173,002.98

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2014 Tax Rate Calculation

Don W. Hall
11/25/14

TOWN/CITY: STRAFFORD

Gross Appropriations	2,831,602
Less: Revenues	1,803,185
	0
Add: Overlay (RSA 76:6)	28,379
War Service Credits	41,300

Net Town Appropriation	1,098,096
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,098,096	TOWN RATE 2.39
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SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget:			
Gross Approp. - Revenue	11,021,207	569,543	10,451,664
Regional School Apportionment			0
Less: Education Grant			(2,103,098)

Education Tax (from below)	(1,094,844)		LOCAL SCHOOL RATE 15.71
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		7,253,722	

EDUCATION TAX

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.480		STATE SCHOOL RATE 2.39
441,469,406		1,094,844	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			
457,173,300			

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	1,233,803
	0

Approved County Tax Effort	1,233,803	COUNTY RATE 2.67
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TOTAL RATE
23.16

Total Property Taxes Assessed	10,680,465
Less: War Service Credits	(41,300)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	10,639,165

PROOF OF RATE

Local Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
Education Tax	(no utilities) 457,173,300	2.39	1,094,844
All Other Taxes	461,618,700	20.77	9,585,621
			10,680,465

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STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Education Analysis

EXPENSES:	2012-2013	2013-2014
Instruction	\$ 1,050,453	\$ 1,080,155
Related Services	\$ 276,853	\$ 262,018
Transportation	\$ 94,837	\$ 135,408
Tuition (HS, Pre-School & Placements)	<u>\$ 672,164</u>	<u>\$ 459,547</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,094,307	\$ 1,937,128
REVENUE:		
Catastrophic Aid	\$ 7,667	\$ 22,784
Adequacy (Allocation*)	\$ 425,745	\$ 374,690
IDEA Entitlement Part B	\$ 155,119	\$ 129,445
IDEA Entitlement Pre-School	\$ 6,407	\$ 5,990
Medicaid	<u>\$ 82,822</u>	<u>\$ 43,055</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 677,760	\$ 575,964
NET DISTRICT COST	\$ 1,416,547	\$ 1,361,164

*Adequacy allocation based on total expenditures for special education divided by total budget and multiplied by the adequacy grant

2014 Strafford School District Meeting

SAU #44

March 12, 2014

School Board Members:

Ms. Lynda Powers, Chairman
Ms. Tina Nichols, Vice Chairman
Mr. Bruce Patrick
Ms. Carol Lord
Mr. Brian Monahan

Others:

Moderator Pro Tem Joseph Cicirelli
Dr. Robert Gadomski, Superintendent, SAU #44
Ms. Marjorie Whitmore, Business Administrator, SAU #44
Mr. Scott Reuning, Special Education Director, SAU #44
Ms. Deannah Wallace, Principal, Strafford School
Ms. Karen Frisbie, Assistant Principal, Strafford School
Mr. Gordon Graham, Esq.
Ms. Carrolle A. Popovich, Strafford School District Clerk

Ms. Carrolle Popovich, Strafford School District Clerk called the 2014 Strafford School District Meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Ms. Popovich asked that everyone rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Ms. Popovich advised that the first item of business would be to choose a Moderator Pro Tem, because the Moderator position was vacant. She then accepted nominations for the position of Moderator Pro Tem. **Chairman Powers moved to nominate Mr. Joseph Cicirelli as the Strafford School District Moderator Pro Tem. Mr. Monahan seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, Ms. Popovich called for a vote on the motion. A voice vote on the motion was recorded as a vote in the affirmative.** Ms. Popovich declared Mr. Joseph Cicirelli the winner, and asked Mr. Cicirelli to step forward so that he could take the oath of office. At this time, Mr. Cicirelli took the oath of office, and was officially sworn in as the Strafford School District Moderator Pro Tem.

Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli started the meeting with the introductions of those individuals sitting at the front table: Chairman Lynda Powers; Vice Chairman Tina Nichols; Mr. Bruce Patrick; Ms. Carol Lord; Mr. Brian Monahan; Ms. Deannah Wallace, Strafford School Principal; Ms. Karen Frisbie, Assistant Principal, Strafford School; Dr. Robert Gadomski, Superintendent, SAU #44; Mr. Scott Reuning, Special Education Director for SAU #44; Ms. Marjorie Whitmore, Business Administrator for SAU #44, Mr. Gordon Graham, Esq., legal counsel for SAU #44 and Ms. Carrolle Popovich, Strafford School District Clerk. He also recognized the Supervisors of the Check List: Ms. Carol Cooper; Ms. Martha English; Ms. Judy Dupre and Ms. Mary Hoyt. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli advised that, without objection, he would recognize the following non-residents to speak during the meeting: Ms. Heather Lorenzo, Ms. Mary Irons, Ms. Deannah Wallace, Ms. Karen Frisbie, Dr. Robert Gadomski, Ms. Marjorie Whitmore, Mr. Scott Reuning and Attorney Gordon Graham.

Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli advised that approximately three (3) weeks ago, the Strafford community suffered a tragedy with the loss of Madison Weeks and asked for a moment of silence.

Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli reviewed the Moderator's Rules of Procedure for the meeting. Copies of the Rules were available at the front table where the Supervisors of the Check List were sitting. He reviewed the following rules:

- Please mute your cell phones.
- Please restrict "sidebar" conversations while we are engaged in discussion on the floor.
- Please practice respect and civility at all times.
- To speak, step to the microphone, be recognized by the Moderator and clearly state your name and address. Please spell your name.
- Address all comments and questions to the Moderator.
- Stay on topic, and please do not repeat previous arguments.
- The Moderator will first recognize those who have not already spoken to an issue.
- If you are asking a question, you may ask for a follow-up or clarification from the Moderator.
- We will follow simplified rules of order – the Moderator's rules, and not by any other parliamentary rules. A voter may ask that any ruling made by the Moderator be overruled – this requires a second and a majority vote of the meeting.

- Motions must be moved and seconded and the “mover” will have the first right to speak.
- All amendments must be given to the Clerk in writing (and readable) before we vote.
- One motion/amendment at a time.
- Any amendments involving money must include a dollar amount.
- The Moderator will not allow a “Call or Move the Question Motion” until he feels there has been adequate debate on the motion, and then he will ask if the meeting is ready for the question.
- Re-consideration or Restriction of Reconsideration of previous votes can occur at any time and requires only a majority to proceed.
- Only registered voters are to participate in voting.
- For all votes, we will use the Voting Cards that you received when you arrived. If you do not have one, please check in at the ballot table to get yours.
- The Moderator will not vote on each article, but may vote to create or break a tie, and may vote on secret ballot votes.
- A secret ballot may be requested. This requires five (5) voters; present, to make the request in writing prior to the vote.
- A recount of a non-ballot (non-secret ballot) vote may be requested by seven (7) or more voters, present, who question any such vote results. This must be done immediately, before any other business is begun.
- In accordance with NH RSA 40:4-I, these rules may be altered by the meeting by majority vote. If you believe that the Moderator has erred in terms of procedure, you may appeal the ruling, with a second, and the meeting will decide by majority vote.

At this time, Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli recognized Vice Chairman Nichols who gave a brief presentation and gift from the Strafford School Board and Board secretary to Chairman Lynda Powers who had decided not to run for re-election. Vice Chairman Nichols noted the following:

“We as Board members are tasked with finding a balance between fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers and what’s best for our children. It takes someone who is dedicated, intelligent, a good listener, open to other opinions, a collaborative team member, and the ability to make difficult decisions and stand by them. Tonight we are saying good-bye to our Chair Lynda Powers who is the epitome of all of these qualities. After many years of devoted service, Lynda has decided to pursue her own academic endeavors. She has been an inspiration with her commitment to our community and to the education of all our students. We wish her the best.”

A Point of Order was made by Mr. Steve Bulger. He stated that because the Warrant for the School District Meeting did not conform with Warrant Article #6 approved at the March 2013 Strafford School District Meeting, **he moved that the current School District Meeting be adjourned until such time as a revised Warrant has been prepared, approved and posted in accordance with NH Revised Statutes Annotated.** Mr. Bulger provided his motion in writing to Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli who re-read the motion. **Mr. Michael Harrington seconded the motion**, and requested that Warrant Article #6 which was passed last year be read. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli stated that he would first call on legal counsel for SAU #44, Mr. Gordon Graham, to explain the implications of the Warrant, and the potential vote. Attorney Graham advised that last year, under Warrant Article #6, the District adopted an article that said: “to see if the Strafford School District will vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article.” He stated that it was his understanding that the Warrant that was posted for this meeting did not contain the tax impact statements. Attorney Graham explained that the law regarding the inclusion of tax impact statements had changed recently. He stated that the Warrant before the body was a Warrant, and that a Warrant was required to state the business of the meeting, the location and the time the meeting is to be convened. Attorney Graham pointed out that that is what is required under RSA 197:5 and that is what had been posted in accordance with State law. Attorney Graham stated that it related to a notation on the Warrant concerning tax impacts. He explained that notations on Warrants have been dealt with under RSA 32:5, which is the statute that relates to budgets since that statute was amended and adopted. Attorney Graham read a portion of RSA 32:5 - IV, noting the following: RSA 32:5 IV talks about when the purpose of any appropriation submitted by the governing body or by petition appears in the Warrant as part of a special Warrant Article, the governing body can post a notation under the Warrant of what their recommendation is on the Warrant. He stated that subsequently, in RSA 32:5 V-(c) – the statutes states that defects or deficiencies in these notations shall not affect the legal validity of any appropriation otherwise lawfully made. He pointed out that that was the way the statute stood for a number of years. Attorney Graham explained that in 2009, the statute was amended by adding a new sub-section to it, to allow the governing body to put their recommendation on any Warrant Article, not just on special Warrant Articles. He stated that subsequently, in 2012, the statute was amended again to allow voters to request and require that a tax impact statement be included on the Warrant by the governing body (school board). Attorney Graham stated that when the statute was amended, it was added as another sub-section of the law that contained the language that he read previously – defects or deficiencies in these notations shall not affect the legal validity of any appropriation otherwise lawfully made. He stated that the statutes are a little confusing, but the body is convened at a school district meeting that has been duly warned, and that the warning contained the subject matter of the meeting, and the actions to be taken. Attorney Graham stated that this meeting concerned those actions. He also pointed out that, in addition to that, there is a requirement from a previous Article which was adopted by this meeting regarding the information concerning the tax impact of those actions. Attorney Graham stated that it was his understanding that the school board has made available to everyone who is here, a document that contains those tax impacts on every Warrant Article. He noted that that information is available for anyone to pick up. He stated that that information was not contained within the Warrant, stating that he found it amazing that anyone would consider this meeting to be somehow illegal or unable to conduct the business of the meeting, which has been duly warned, simply because some of the minor information

that was requested by a previous vote of this meeting was inadvertently left off the Warrant. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli stated that, because he didn't think it was the venue to decide the fine vagaries of the law, **Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli ruled the motion out of order.** **Mr. Bulger stated that he wanted to appeal the Moderator's ruling.** Discussion ensued about appealing the Moderator's ruling, with Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli noting the verbiage regarding the motion to appeal the moderator's ruling stated: **shall the decision of the moderator stand as the judgment of the meeting? Mr. Donald Coker seconded the motion.** Mr. Bulger asked that Attorney Graham read the Warrant Article #6 from last year's District Meeting verbatim. Attorney Graham read the following: "To see if the Strafford School District will vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article." Mr. Bulger asked if the Warrant, as it was currently written, contained that information. Mr. Donald Coker stated that the RSA's were not mere suggestions - they were the law. He stated that it seemed to him that the spirit and intent of the resolution last year was clear. He asked about the tax impact information that Attorney Graham spoke about. Mr. Coker was advised that the document in question was included on the back page of the hand out information provided to all at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Bulger asked about the section of the RSA which was cited by Attorney Graham regarding defects and deficiencies in the Notations. He stated that the meeting had not yet made an appropriation yet. Mr. Michael Harrington made clarification, noting that the Warrant Article was very clear that it had to be posted as part of the official Warrant. He asked if the hand outs were part of the official Warrant. He was advised in the negative. Mr. Harrington asked the Board about Warrant Article #6 which was done last year, and whether there were misinterpretations or multiple opinions about what Warrant Article #6 would include relative to the tax impact information in the future. He asked why it wasn't put on by the School Board. Chairman Powers advised that it was an oversight. Mr. Harrington asked about Warrant Articles #3 and #4. He noted that both did not include tax impact on them if they passed. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli stated that, in this case, the decision to put the tax impact on the Warrant is up to the governing body, in accordance to the statute. Mr. Harrington noted that he agreed with the previous speaker; that it was pretty clear what was on that Warrant Article and it wasn't complied with and that it was in inadvertent omission. He stated that when inadvertent omissions happen in the law, you have to stop the process, and do it right. **A motion was made and duly seconded to move the question.** At this time, Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli re-read the motion as follows: "shall the decision of the moderator stand as the judgment of the meeting. He called for a vote on the motion. Individuals at the meeting asked for clarification regarding the wording of the motion. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli made clarification regarding the motion. **He asked that all those in favor signify by raising their voting card. He then asked those who were opposed to raise their voting card. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli advised that the vote on the motion was voted in the affirmative, and was declared as such.**

Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli advised that the body would skip Warrant Article 1, as it was decided at the Town election yesterday. He advised that Warrant Article #5 would not be considered because it had an appropriation, and had not been discussed at the budget hearing and therefore, it could not be considered as an Article. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli stated that the only way it could be considered by the body if it was brought forward as an amendment to Warrant Article #2. Mr. Bulger asked if this would render the entire Warrant invalid. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli deferred to the school district's attorney. Attorney Graham advised that it would not.

Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli then read Warrant Article #2.

ARTICLE #2

"To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten Million Nine Hundred Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Seven Dollars (\$10,971,207) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the Strafford School District."

Mr. Patrick moved Warrant Article #2 as read. Vice Chairman Nichols seconded the motion. Discussion ensued with Mr. Bulger stating that the increase proposed by Warrant Article #2 was a significant increase. He stated that he'd done a thorough review of the budget, and could not see anywhere that it specifically amounted to that type of increase within the budget. Mr. Bulger noted that one of the line items within the budget was the SAU portion of the budget which was being increased by approximately sixteen (16) percent. He noted that his increase in social security was half of one percent, and then offered the following motion: **I move that Warrant Article #2 be amended to read: "To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten Million Seven Hundred Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$10,721,356.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the Strafford School District.** Mr. Bulger stated that the motion represented .5% increase. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli re-read the amended motion. **Mr. Irving Johnson seconded the amendment.** Discussion ensued with Chairman Powers cautioning about the reduction within the budget. She stated that she agreed with Mr. Bulger that there is an increase within the SAU budget, and noted that the two largest impacts within the budget were contractual agreements for teacher salaries and Coe-Brown Northwood Academy tuition, which has increased. She noted that if Warrant Article #2 was reduced, no changes could be made to teacher salaries

and tuition, as the District was contractually obligated to them. Chairman Powers noted that reductions would have to be made in supplies and items that would take away from students. She cautioned the body about reductions. Mr. Johnson stated that he felt that there were other things that could be cut that would not hurt the reason that we all were here – for the school children. Mr. Bulger noted his concerns about the increases within the budget, noting that there were teachers, paraprofessionals, special reading and language teachers, a music and instrumental teacher and asked where it all came from. He stated that he felt that it was a spiral upwards that seemed to have no end. Mr. Bulger stated that at some point, the taxpayers deserved a break. Mr. Coker stated that he was offended when it's thrown out that it's for the children. He stated that the taxpayers were paying the bills – we are the taxpayers. He noted that he had heard that the Town of Strafford had the highest percentage of self-employed people in the State. Mr. Coker stated that he felt there were other places to cut and stated that he supported the amendment. Mr. Monahan stated that last August, the Strafford School Board reviewed the proposed budget line by line. He noted that at those meetings, there was no one in attendance from the public. He stated that several weeks ago, there was a budget meeting in the cafeteria and there were two taxpayers in the audience that wasn't school teachers, for a total of eleven people. He pointed out that there was no one else from the community. Mr. Monahan stated that he was personally offended as a school board member that the community is now at the school district meeting, when the Board had done all this work over all these months, tearing things apart and telling us that we did it incorrectly. He stated that the Board has been here for the community month after month, and no one from the community ever showed up at meetings. Ms. Melinda Bubbier stated that she supported the position of Mr. Monahan. She stated that she had attended many of the meetings with the school board, as they went line by line through the budget. Ms. Bubbier stated that she begged the Board to put back \$3,000.00 worth of supplies back in the budget that were cut, as a result of trying to be considerate of taxpayers' dollars. She stated that the school board was very conscientious in putting the proposed budget together. Ms. Bubbier noted the fixed costs – tuition to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy that cannot be changed; special needs that need to be addressed and have to be by statute; as well as an increase in teacher salaries that was voted on by this body in previous years. She noted that all were significant increases. Ms. Bubbier stated that she felt that the budget was a reasonable budget and that the Board has put a lot of time into it. Mr. Harrington noted that there is no control over the tuition to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, as well as the contract with the teachers, which was signed three years ago. He stated that he hoped that everyone in attendance would think about what was done three years ago, in the height of a recession, the taxpayers gave a very very generous contract to the teachers. Mr. Harrington stated that he was unaware of anyone who received a raise every year for the past three years, but was aware of people who took cuts in pay and/or lost their job. He stated that it was his hope that the next contract that the school board looked at, considers that the recession is not over, and that people are still not working when they negotiate the new contract. Mr. Harrington noted that, due to Obama Care, deductibles will be increasing for insurance and co-pays would also increase. He stated that he was hopeful that the Board would bring the teachers to the reality of what everyone else is facing – higher payments, higher percentage payments, higher co-payments and higher deductibles, as well as not signing a long term deal that guarantees raises every year, until this economy gets back on its feet and everybody else is in the same position. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli noted that although it was his first night on the job, he had given a pretty wide latitude to the breathe of comments, and asked that everyone please stay on topic, keep focused, and proceed. Mr. Jason Trafton stated that the budget that was passed a couple of years ago that included the staff contracts the way we have them today, did not give the teachers raises for the last three years; they did receive a 0% in one of those years. He also noted that because of the fixed numbers (Coe-Brown Northwood Academy tuition, and teacher's contracts), it was difficult to say that making a cut to this budget would not affect the children. Mr. Trafton stated that his first year at the Strafford School, he spent \$1,200.00 for his classroom, because he couldn't get the supplies he needed. He stated that a cut to the budget would be a cut to the kids. Mr. Irving Johnson asked how many students were enrolled at the Strafford School, and how many were in each grade. Ms. Wallace noted the following totals: kindergarten – 45; 1st grade – 37; 2nd grade - 47; third grade -55; fourth grade - 53; fifth grade – 52; sixth grade – 46; seventh grade – 55; eighth grade 55 for a total of four hundred forty-four (444) students within the Strafford School. Mr. Johnson asked about the teacher/student ratio, and noted that there were three classes for each grade. Ms. Wallace stated that the Strafford School had a good student/teacher ratio. She also stated that there were also two hundred fourteen (214) Strafford students at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy that the Strafford School District pays tuition for. Mr. Lou Catano questioned the health benefit line items within the budget. He asked if anyone looked at the benefit line items, noting that individuals working in the non-profit world have shrinking benefit packages; people have to contribute more and spouse and family plans have evaporated, and wondered what the Board has done to address that issue. He asked if there had been any movement at looking to reduce benefit costs. Chairman Powers advised that the benefits were also part of the contract, which was part of what was approved at a school district meeting three years ago. She noted that the Board is heading into negotiations for a new contract this fall, and stated that the Board was looking at those things. She stated that currently, the District was currently locked into the three year contract which included salary and benefits. Mr. Catano asked that the Board take a serious look at this area. **Ms. Bane moved the amendment, which was duly seconded.** Ms. Sue Fenton stated that she wanted to speak to the amendment, and proposed to amend Warrant Article #2 by \$108,352.00. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli advised that the meeting would entertain the first amendment made, and would then come back to the original Warrant Article. At this time, Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli re-read the amendment for Warrant Article #2 and called for a vote on the amendment. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli asked for

volunteers to count the vote cards. A vote on the amendment was recorded as: 53 yeas and 76 nays. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli declared that the vote on the amendment to Warrant Article #2 was a vote in the negative. Moderator Pro Tem then re-read Warrant Article #2 as follows: To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten Million Nine Hundred Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Seven Dollars (\$10,971,207) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the Strafford School District. Discussion ensued with **Mr. Don Clifford moving to amend Warrant Article #2, by reducing the figure by \$125,000.00 to a figure of \$10,846,207.00. Mr. Bulger seconded the motion.** Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli read the proposed amendment to Warrant Article #2 as follows: To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten Million Eight Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Seven Dollars (\$10,846,207.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the Strafford School District. Mr. Kevin McLaughlin questioned the Coe-Brown Northwood Academy tuition payment, and pointed out that if this tuition payment were taken out; the budget went from \$7,743,000. up to \$7,777,000., which is less than a half a percent increase. He stated that once the \$125,000 (CBNA tuition) was taken out of the budget, it represented a cut in what was currently being expended. Mr. McLaughlin suggested that the body return to addressing Warrant Article #2 as written. Mr. Harrington had a question about spending, and the information provided by the principal regarding the number of students within the school. He referenced the Town Report, and asked if there were three full time teachers teaching thirty-seven students in grade one. He was advised in the affirmative. He stated that he felt that the student teacher ratio was ridiculously low in grade 1. Mr. Harrington asked about the three teachers in second grade who teach forty-two students. He suggested having two second grade classes, with twenty-one students to a class. He noted that for years, the student/teacher ratios were higher, adding that he felt that we've gone extremely in the other direction. He suggested cutting in these areas. There being no further discussion relative to the amendment, Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli read the amendment made by Mr. Clifford and duly seconded by Mr. Bulger as follows: To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten Million Eight Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Seven Dollars (\$10,846,207.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the Strafford School District. **He then called for a vote on the amendment. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli declared that, by a show of cards, the amendment was voted in the negative, and declared it as such.** Warrant Article #2 was then re-reviewed, with Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli noting that it was open for discussion. **Ms. Suzanne Fenton then moved to amend Warrant Article #2 by increasing it by \$108,352.00 to support a full day kindergarten program at the Strafford School. Mr. Goscinski seconded the motion.** Ms. Fenton advised that Ms. Wallace had a kindergarten presentation, and asked that the presentation be shown at this time. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli stated that, without objection, he would allow Ms. Wallace to make a brief presentation. Mr. Harrington stated that the presentation was made in advance and was intended to go along with a Warrant Article that the Board or legal counsel screwed up on, which was not brought up at the budget hearing. He asked that the presentation be left out, stating that it wasn't fair. Mr. Harrington stated that legal counsel had made at least two errors on formatting the Warrant, one by not having the tax issues on it and the second by posting a Warrant Article that wasn't discussed at the budget hearing. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli stated that he would still allow Ms. Wallace to make a brief presentation, subject to the displeasure of the meeting. **Mr. Harrington moved to appeal the ruling of the Moderator Pro Tem. Mr. Bulger seconded the motion. There being no discussion following the motion to appeal the ruling, Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli called for the vote to sustain the ruling of the Moderator and allow a brief presentation on the kindergarten program. On a show of cards, after counters were asked to count the votes cast, the vote was recorded as 53 yeas and 60 nays. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli advised that the Moderator chooses not to vote. He noted that his ruling was overturned, and a presentation would not be allowed.** Further discussion ensued about the amendment on the floor, with Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli stating that the amendment would increase Warrant Article #2 by \$108,352.00 to support a full day kindergarten program at the Strafford School. A request was made to have the highlights and the lowlights of the plan made to provide a brief summary. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli asked, without objection, if the principal could speak to the question. Mr. Donald Clifford stated that any information about the kindergarten program should have been included within the handout. Mr. Coker asked if Warrant Article #5 had been withdrawn. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli advised in the affirmative. Mr. Coker asked that the meeting move on. Ms. Fenton explained that Warrant Article #5 was stricken because she brought it to the school board too late, and it was not able to be included within the Warrant Article choices. She noted that the kindergarten program was important to the town and to the school. Mr. Davis Clark asked for clarification, and whether the vote on the amendment would pay for an all-day kindergarten program. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli advised that it would support a full day kindergarten program. Mr. Davis Clark stated that he felt that having children going to school for a full day was a stretch. He also stated that he also saw it as a convenient child care function to have children in a full day kindergarten program. Mr. Johnson stated that he felt that there was enough money within the budget to have a full day kindergarten program, without adding any more money to the budget. Mr. Harrington stated that he felt that having a full day kindergarten program could not be put in the category of a necessity. He stated that for many years, the Strafford School had not operated with a kindergarten program at all. Mr. Harrington stated that he felt it was a luxury that the taxpayers could not afford. He concurred with the statements made by Mr. Clark, stating that he felt it was a taxpayer subsidized day care for people who

have children of that age. Mr. Harrington noted that in years past, there were private kindergartens in the area where students went. He added that at that time, the advocates of part-time kindergarten promised that there would be decreases in dropout rates from school, decreases in teenage pregnancies, and decreases in juvenile delinquency rates and improvements in grades. Mr. Harrington asked the Board to do some research when kindergarten was first in as part time and show what has happened; and whether these drastic improvements, which were promised, were made. He suggested that the Board come back next year with this information, adding that until such time, he felt it was a luxury and a luxury that the taxpayers of Strafford could not afford. Ms. Michelle Thomas spoke to the great benefits of the kindergarten program at the Strafford School. She referenced the change in the school curriculum which puts the teachers at a big time constraint for them to get all the things they need done in the short amount of time. Ms. Thomas stated that kindergarten wasn't a glorified day care, adding that children will get more out of having a full day kindergarten program. She also commented that surrounding towns were also supporting full day kindergarten, as well as the State. Ms. Thomas stated that she felt that students would be at a benefit if they had a full day kindergarten program. She stated that the program involved curriculum and wasn't glorified arts and crafts. Ms. Renee Libby noted that as a day care provider for the past twelve years in Strafford, she stated that the stamina of children now, it is not like it was before. Ms. Libby also stated that as it relates to pregnancies and dropout rates, it is not up to the school, it is up to the parents to provide that. Ms. Rebecca Wiggin spoke to the importance of early intervention, noting that she was a staff member at the Strafford School. She stated that there were no longer many preschool options available. Ms. Wiggin stated that she felt that children were very open to learning. She also noted that it could also potentially reduce special education costs in the future, as students get older. Ms. Lauren Catano asked if there was any information to back up the statement that having children in kindergarten reduces special education costs. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli asked Ms. Catano to direct her questions to him. Ms. Catano asked if there was any evidence that the school board had that backed up the statement made by the previous speaker. Chairman Powers referenced information which was available on the front table that talked about the benefits of having a full day kindergarten, which specifically addressed it. Ms. Beverly Nemetz stated that she was opposed to a full day kindergarten program and disagreed with some of the previous speakers. Mr. Scott Whitehouse questioned the financial aspects of having a full day kindergarten program, as opposed to a half day program. He stated that he didn't agree with the amount of money that would be expended for a full day kindergarten program. Chairman Powers advised that currently, there is one full time kindergarten teacher and one half time teacher, with three half day kindergarten sessions. She explained that the money would be to fund moving the half time teacher to full time, and adding a paraprofessional for the class, so that there would be two full time classrooms. Ms. Susan Patterson noted that finances are tight within this community for many many people. She suggested that a study group be developed where people could discuss the details of having a full day kindergarten program, and then re-visit it six months from now, or at a later date. Mr. Steve Bulger asked if there were academic standards for kindergarten. He stated that, in his opinion, the kindergarten program was taxpayer subsidized babysitting. Mr. Clifford noted that a great deal of tax dollars was expended to do a major remodel at the Strafford School. He stated that the budget continues to rise, as well as the increase costs at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. Mr. Clifford noted the increase in the budget last year. He pointed out that if the meeting voted on the motion on the floor, there was no Warrant Article which stated where the \$108,352.00 would go. **Mr. Clifford stated that he'd like to move the question.** Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli stated that there were a couple of people who still wanted to speak, stating he would allow them to speak. Mr. Harrington questioned the Rules of Procedure for the meeting. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli stated that the Rules of Procedures indicated that he would not move the question until folks had the opportunity to speak. Chairman Powers explained that the request for a full day kindergarten program did come before the Board, and that it had been discussed several times over the years. She stated that the request did come after the public hearing on the budget, and the Board felt that it should come before the voters to have the discussion we are now having. Chairman Powers stated that the Strafford School Board incorrectly put the kindergarten program on the Warrant, and that it was not the fault of the legal counsel. She stated that, once the Board found out that it was not the correct process; the Warrant Article was removed at the beginning of the meeting. Chairman Powers stated that she wanted to make these clarifications, as a result of some misconceptions of what had happened. Ms. Elizabeth Mason stated that she has taught at the Strafford School for the last thirty four years, and that she loved the Town of Strafford. She noted that she had taught kindergarten for the last thirteen years, and was one of the original kindergarten teachers that got the program going. Ms. Mason disagreed with the statement that was made that the kindergarten program was glorified babysitting/taxpayer subsidized. She invited the taxpayers to come to the school to see what is done at the Strafford School. Ms. Mason stated that she felt it was disgraceful and insulting to say that teachers were glorified babysitters. She stated that, for someone to tell her how to teach children who have never been in classrooms was unacceptable. Mr. Kevin McLaughlin asked that those present keep in mind that it was totally acceptable to amend articles in either direction or in either form, in order to address any issues or concerns that members of the community have. He stated that the process deserved consideration. Mr. McLaughlin also noted that there was ample research which suggests that, in fact, students who have full time kindergarten, or who participate in kindergarten, actually significantly are improved in terms of their educational outcomes later in life and also immediately. He suggested that those with questions seek out the ample resources out there to find evidence regarding it. Ms. Melinda Bubbier stated that she recognized that there were passionate individuals on both sides of the issue. She stated that the kindergarten program was not glorified babysitting, but is a wonderful program, taught by wonderful teachers. Mr.

Harrington raised a question to the Moderator. He asked if Warrant Article #5 was legally presented and declared as such, would it have mandated, if passed, that the \$108,352.00 could be used only for all-day kindergarten? Discussion ensued regarding the verbiage within Warrant Article #5. Attorney Graham stated that Warrant Article #5, as it was originally worded, was a separate Warrant Article. He explained that money in a separate Warrant Article could be spent for any purpose in the overall budget, and was not a special Warrant Article. Attorney Graham noted that special Warrant Articles were a sub-set of separate Warrant Articles, defined by statute as being Articles that raise and appropriate money either by petition or for non-lapsing funds such as bond articles and capital reserve funds. He stated that as Chairman Powers had earlier indicated, it was brought to his attention, after the fact, that Warrant Article #5 had been added after the budget hearing. He did note that the main budget article could be amended to include any purpose or to include any additional amount. Attorney Graham stated that it wasn't accurate to say that the money under Article #5 could only be spent for that purpose. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli noted the amendment on the floor, and re-read it once again, **to amend Warrant Article #2 by increasing it by \$108,352.00 to support a full day kindergarten program at the Strafford School. He then called for a vote on the motion. On a show of cards, Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli advised that the amendment failed, with 60 voting in the affirmative and 62 voting in the negative.** Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli then re-reviewed the original Warrant Article #2, and re-read it as follows: To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten Million Nine Hundred Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Seven Dollars (\$10,971,207) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the Strafford School District. There being no discussion, **he then called for the vote. On a show of cards, Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli advised that Warrant Article #2 passed and was declared as such.**

Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli then read Warrant Article #3.

ARTICLE #3

"To see if the Strafford School District will raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the School District Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1985, for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings. This sum to come from June 30, 2014 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2014. No amount to be raised from taxation."

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Mr. Patrick moved, duly seconded by Vice Chairman Nichols, approval of Warrant Article #3. Discussion ensued with Mr. Bob Fletcher asked for clarification about the Warrant Articles, stating that he was confused about what to do with the Warrant Articles and what they mean, when voted. Attorney Graham spoke to Warrant Article #3, stating that it was an appropriation to a capital reserve fund, which was a special warrant article, under the definitions contained within RSA 32:3. He stated that the money raised under the Article could only be expended for that purpose. Attorney Graham explained that RSA 32:3 VI stated that: special warrant article – any article in the warrant, for an annual or special meeting, which proposes an appropriation by the meeting and which is: (a) submitted by petition, (b) calls for an appropriation of an amount to be raised by the issuance of bonds or notes pursuant to RSA 33 or (c) calls for an appropriation to or from a separate fund created pursuant to statute including, but not limited to capital reserve funds under RSA 35 or a trust fund under RSA 31-19(a) or (d) is designated in the warrant by the governing body as a special warrant article or it is a non-lapsing or non-transferable appropriation. He noted that, by definition, money appropriated by special warrant articles cannot be spent for any other purpose. Attorney Graham stated that Warrant Article 5, as it was originally proposed, was just a separate warrant article, not designated as special. Mr. Don Clifford questioned Warrant Article #3, and asked about the balance in that account. Ms. Whitmore, Business Administrator for SAU #44 advised that there was \$371,484.07 in the building maintenance account. Mr. Clifford referenced future warrant articles in the latter part of the Warrant, and asked if funds would be taken from the building maintenance account to pay for the other warrant articles within the Warrant. Mr. Patrick advised that, after discussing it with other Board members, the Board wanted to table Warrant Articles #6, #7 and #8, and take the money for the windows out of the capital reserve fund that we've been saving over the years for repairs for the building. Mr. Patrick noted that the town had authorized money to put on the new addition and renovate what needed to be done within the school, noting that the Board didn't want to ask for any additional money for renovations. He stated that the Board would take the money out of what was already given by the town within the building maintenance fund, and the requested \$25,000.00 within Warrant Article #3. He stated that the Board would be able to do the work on the windows, and have a little buffer, in case there was a problem. Mr. Patrick noted that there had been a vote several years ago, which allowed the school board to expend capital reserve funds without bringing it to the general public in a meeting. He stated that the Board would be able to expend the capital reserve money on Warrant Articles #6, #7 & #8 without coming to the voters and asking for any more money for those three Warrant Articles. Mr. Harrington asked about the process. Mr. Patrick advised that the Board would be making a motion to table Warrant Articles #6, #7 & #8. Mr. Harrington asked about the tax impact informational material. He questioned Warrant Article #3, noting that there was no tax impact if Warrant Article #3 passed. Mr. Harrington stated that

this was a surplus from last year's operating budget. He stated that if Warrant Article #3 didn't pass, the \$25,000.00 would be returned to the taxpayers and would reduce the amount to be raised by taxes. It was noted that the wording within Warrant Article #3 came specifically from the Department of Revenue Administration. Further discussion ensued regarding the tax impact information, with Mr. Harrington asking that the Board look at this issue a little closer. Mr. Bill Vance asked if the meeting approved the \$25,000.00 in Warrant Article #3, would Warrant Articles #6, #7 and #8 would be removed. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli noted that the decision would be up to the meeting. Mr. Vance asked when he would be able to discuss the need for the windows for the façade. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli advised that if there was a motion to table Warrant Articles #6, #7 and #8, it was not debatable. He noted that presently, the discussion was regarding Warrant Article #3. Mr. Vance asked how long it would be if Warrant Articles #6, #7 & #8 were tabled. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli stated that the school board wanted to use the capital reserve money for the repairs on the windows, rather than appropriate new tax money. Mr. Vance stated that he had looked at the windows in question, and investigated an alternative. He noted that the alternative was insulated, fire resistant, fire retardant drapes for heat savings. Mr. Vance stated that, as far as the windows that have some comprised places on them, those should be fixed. He stated that he didn't understand the purpose of replacing a façade, stating that he felt it would not accomplish anything such as heat savings. Mr. Vance stated that he had the information, and noted that the cost would be approximately \$3,000.00 to do fire retardant insulated drapes installed. **Mr. Bulger then moved that Warrant Article #3 be put on the table until after discussion of Warrant Articles #6, #7 and #8. Mr. Clifford seconded the motion.** Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli noted that the motion as stated by Mr. Bulger was not debatable, and re-reviewed the motion. Mr. Harrington noted a Point of Order, asking if the motion could be amended to put Warrant Article #3 and #4 on the table. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli stated that he'd prefer to handle the Warrant Articles one at a time. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli advised that there was a motion before the meeting to table Warrant #3, until completion of discussion on Warrant Articles #6, #7 and #8. **He then called for a vote on the motion. On a show of cards, the motion was recorded as a voted in the negative, and was declared as such by the Moderator Pro Tem.** Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli then re-read Warrant Article #3, as written, noting the following: To see if the Strafford School District will raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the School District Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1985, for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings. This sum to come from June 30, 2014 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2014. No amount to be raised from taxation. **He then called for a vote on Warrant Article #3. On a show of cards, the motion was recorded as a vote in the affirmative, and was declared as such by the Moderator Pro Tem.**

Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli then read Warrant Article #4.

ARTICLE #4

"To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons With Disabilities, established in 2010, for the purpose of meeting the expenses of educating students with disabilities. This sum to come from June 30, 2014 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2014. No amount to be raised from taxation."

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Chairman Powers then moved Warrant Article #4. Vice Chairman Nichols seconded the motion. There being no discussion following the motion, Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli called for the vote on the motion. On a show of cards, the motion was voted in the affirmative, and was declared as such by the Moderator Pro Tem.

Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli then read Warrant Article #5.

ARTICLE #5

"To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Two Dollars (\$108,352) for the purpose of establishing an all-day Kindergarten program at the Strafford School beginning with the 2014-2015 school year."

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Mr. Patrick moved to table Warrant Article #5. Ms. Lord seconded the motion. There being no discussion following the motion, on a show of cards, a call for the vote was recorded in the affirmative and was declared as such by the Moderator Pro Tem.

Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli then read Warrant Article #6.

ARTICLE #6

"To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Two Hundred Six Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$206,900) for the purpose of constructing a new façade to the front of the school."

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Mr. Patrick moved to table Warrant Article #6, under advisement from the attorney and that we take these Warrant Articles one at a time. Vice Chairman Nichols seconded the motion.

Mr. Coker raised a Point of Order, referencing the Moderator Pro Tem's ruling at the beginning of the meeting regarding Roberts Rules. He asked what the ground rules were; stating that his understanding of Roberts Rules was that there is limited debate on a tabling motion. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli noted that it was ruled that there was no debate on the tabling motion, but noted that his rulings were subject to appeal. **Mr. Coker appealed the ruling of Moderator Pro Tem's ruling of limiting debate on a tabling motion. The motion was duly seconded.** (the individual did not come to the microphone, and did not provide their name to the Clerk.) Mr. Coker stated that he was confused about a couple of statements that had been made regarding Warrant Articles #6, #7 & #8. He stated that it had been stated that the governing body had the authority to expend the funds in the capital reserve account, without bringing it to the voters. He stated that the body was looking at a list of Warrant Articles, three of which were being tabled, and one of which had been withdrawn. Mr. Coker asked how it got so convoluted, noting that it was not a clear cut process. Mr. Monahan stated that, after the Board had spent months of going through the budget, the Board had not heard anything from the town. He stated that, as people come with needs, the Board decides whether to bring these needs to the town, or take them out of the capital reserve. Mr. Monahan stated that Warrant Articles #6, #7 and #8 would be taken from the capital reserve fund. He stated that the Board had not received any input at the budget hearing, nor over the many months that the Board spent going over the budget. Mr. Monahan pointed out that the community had voted the Board members to be good stewards of their money. He stated that the Board heard the discussion at the meeting, and decided to not bring Warrant Articles #6, #7 & #8 to the town, and take the money from the capital reserve fund. Mr. Coker asked why Warrant Articles #6, #7 and #8 were brought forward. Vice Chairman Nichols noted that she brought them forward, and pointed out that not only was education important to her as a parent of a child within the school, but also their safety. She stated that it was on her watch that she was looking out for all the children within the school. Vice Chairman Nichols advised that the Board decided to take the money for Warrant Articles #6, #7 and #8 out of the capital reserve fund. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli advised those present that there was debate relative to the appeal. Mr. Clifford provided clarification and stated that after hearing concerns raised at the meeting about the costs to the tax base, the Board chose, during the meeting, to change their direction. Mr. Patrick stated that the Board listened to the climate of the body tonight, noting further that there had been discussions in previous Board meetings about using the money within the capital reserve fund. He noted that the school was "pretty brand new", with the exception of these areas. Mr. Patrick stated that the Board could feel safe using the money out of capital reserve for these areas, and also keep a small amount for a buffer, should a furnace break down. He stated that the Board didn't want to keep asking for money if we don't need to. Mr. Patrick stated that, after hearing the tone of the body, the Board had a quick discussion tonight, and was ready to use the capital reserve money. He stated that there could be debate about the curtains, as noted previously by Mr. Vance, because the curtains would be room darkening, adding that children would be in a room with no windows and room darkening curtains. Mr. Patrick referenced the safety issue as mentioned by Vice Chairman Nichols, and stated that if you pushed on the windows; they bow in and out, adding that they needed to be addressed. Mr. Clifford thanked the Board for making this change during the meeting, and listening to what the body had to say. He also stated that although the Board had the right to expend money, he wanted the Board to look at all of the plans, and try to do it very fiscally responsible. Mr. Clifford stated that we don't have to have the prettiest school in the State of New Hampshire, adding that we already have the best academic school in the State of New Hampshire. Mr. Clifford asked the Board to consider utilizing contractors within the town, noting that the town and area was full of contractors. He stated that the Town of Strafford has always tried to reach out to the local people, and asked the Board to please consider that as they moved forward. Mr. Patrick noted that the prices were based on estimated designs that the Board had received. He stated that the Board did not have to go with them, adding that the Board could put the work out for design/build, which would cut the cost down. Mr. Vance stated that, regarding the drapes, they could be white. He noted that it is a requirement in California right now to have this type of black out drapes, so that a perpetrator could not see into the rooms. Mr. Vance stated that there had been some discussion that some of the capital reserve fund was going to be used potentially for a pellet/chip boiler, which would save the taxpayers a lot of money. He stated that about \$45,000.00 per year could be applied to equipment instead of oil. Mr. Vance stated that if the capital reserve fund monies were used for the windows and the façade, it would chew up the money that could be used toward the pellet/chip boiler. He stated that he reviewed all of the windows, and noted that there was only one window that needed to be fixed. Mr. Vance asked if the Warrant Articles for the windows and the façade could be postponed until next year, to look at alternatives, including drapes as well as fixing the windows in need of repair. Ms. Diane Waldron stated that she was looking forward to the discussion as to why there was a need to have a new façade. She stated that the cost factor involved was a lot of money, and asked if the tabling of the Warrant Articles meant that we could not discuss why we need a new façade. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli

advised in the affirmative. Ms. Waldron stated that she had a problem with the Board spending that money without the body understanding why it is needed. She asked why \$209,000 was being spent on a façade, and why it was necessary. Ms. Waldron stated that, in her opinion, if the body gave the school board permission to spend that much money out the reserves, without understanding why, she would not be happy. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli suggested a motion to appeal a ruling made that limited debate on a tabling motion. He explained the voting process. Mr. Bulger noted that, relative to Warrant Article #3, and the actions that would be taken based upon the decisions of the electorate at the meeting, he asked that, in the event that the meeting discussed Warrant Articles #6, #7 & #8, and voted in the negative on those articles, could the school board go back to the capital reserve account and expend those monies anyway? Mr. Goscinski stated that the school board has listened to concerns raised about taxes and has said that they would table Warrant Articles #6, #7 and #8. He stated that, as the Board is the agents to expend the capital reserve fund, they would have these discussions at a school board meeting. Ms. Diane Waldron asked if capital reserve funds could be expended without having a meeting of the Board. Mr. Patrick advised that it would be discussed at a regular school board meeting. Mr. Bill Vance stated that the money that had been put into the capital reserve fund is the taxpayer's money. He stated that the town's people should be able to make a decision on what the money is used for. Ms. Beverly Nemetz raised a question about the amount of money for the façade to the building. She asked if the façade was for cosmetic purposes or for safety. She stated that she didn't feel that the façade had anything to do with safety. Mr. Monahan stated that there was a really nice presentation that was shown at the budget hearing. He reminded the body that votes have consequences, adding that the voters voted the five (5) school board members who were also taxpayers, to be good stewards of your money. He stated that the Board is listening to the body. Mr. Monahan stated that this would be discussed at a school board meeting, where concerns could be put forth, and heard by the Board, adding that those present, other than school board members, would not be able to vote on it. Mr. Monahan stated that some of the issues regarding the facade were structural and safety, and added that there was a presentation available if the body wanted to see it. Mr. Johnson stated that as spectators, we can't make decisions at school board meetings. Mr. Monahan stated that if individuals came to the meetings with valid concerns, the Board would listen. Mr. Lester Huckins suggested that, rather than tabling the Warrant Articles, the body could go through each Warrant Article to remove the funds from the capital reserve. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli reminded the body that there was a motion on the floor to overturn the ruling he made that limited debate on the motion to table. Mr. Huckins stated that he was only making a suggestion. Ms. Carol Cooper stated that the Board had mentioned several times about the budget hearing that was held at the end of January that was publicized in the February *Strafford Community Calendar*. She stated that unless we had children in the school, or rode by the school, most people didn't know about the meeting. Ms. Cooper noted that it wasn't in the January *Strafford Community Calendar*; it was in the February *Strafford Community Calendar*. She asked if the meeting could be publicized in the *Strafford Community Calendar* before it happened. Dr. Gadomski, Superintendent of SAU #44, noted that all of the Board meetings and any other meetings are posted in three or four places around town, not only on the board out front, but are posted at the post office, town office and SAU Office. He noted that these meetings are posted regularly, as well as at the school. Ms. Michelle Bengert stated that, as one of the Trustees of the Trust Funds, she noted that anyone on the Board could not take any money out of the trust funds without receipts. She stated that the Board could not just spend this money, adding that the Board had never done it before, and had had the money for approximately four years, when they received the permission from the town to spend that money. She added that they have not touched it and stated that in her opinion, the Board would go into it responsibly, do their background checks, and do whatever it took to get a good price for anything that they are going to have done for the school. Ms. Bengert stated that the town has trusted the Board, and that would not spend the money willy-nilly. Mr. Goscinski asked if a public hearing was required before the trust funds are expended. Mr. Patrick advised that the Town gave the Board the authority as agents to expend this money. Mr. Goscinski asked if there was a legal requirement for a public hearing. Attorney Graham advised that the way the law was written, there was no legal requirement. Mr. Tony Fallon stated that any school board meeting is a public meeting, except when they move into non-public session. **There being no further discussion, Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli noted that the motion on the table was the appeal of the ruling made by the Moderator that limited debate on the motion to table. It was noted that the maker of the motion withdrew his motion, and the individual seconding the motion withdrew their second. Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli noted that the motion currently on the table was to table Warrant Article #6 which read: To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Two Hundred Six Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$206,900) for the purpose of constructing a new façade to the front of the school. On a show of cards, a call for the vote to Table Warrant Article #6 was recorded as a vote in the affirmative, and was declared as such by the Moderator Pro Tem.**

Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli then read Warrant Article #7.

ARTICLE #7

"To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Sixty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$69,000) for the purpose of replacing windows on the left and right side elevations."

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Mr. Patrick moved to table Warrant Article #7. Vice Chairman Nichols seconded the motion. There being no discussion following the motion, Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli called for the vote on the motion. On a show of cards, the motion was voted in the affirmative, and was declared as such by the Moderator Pro Tem.

Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli then read Warrant Article #8.

ARTICLE #8

"To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$28,200) for the purpose of replacing windows and the front door from the elevation left."

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Mr. Patrick moved to table Warrant Article #8. Vice Chairman Nichols seconded the motion. There being no discussion following the motion, Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli called for the vote on the motion. On a show of cards, the motion was voted in the affirmative, and was declared as such by the Moderator Pro Tem.

Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli then read Warrant Article #9

ARTICLE #9

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

Ms. Michelle Thomas stated that, based on what the meeting just tabled which totaled approximately \$304,000.00, she moved that the meeting re-visit Warrant Article #2 to incorporate the kindergarten program. Mr. Harrington raised a Point of Order, stating that it was his understanding that, to make a motion for reconsideration, the maker of the motion had to have been on the winning side. Discussion ensued, while the Moderator Pro Tem conferred with legal counsel. Moderator Pro Tem advised that the motion made by Ms. Thomas was a proper motion, stating that the Article could be reconsidered. **Mr. Goscinski seconded the motion.** Ms. Thomas spoke to her motion, and noted that, based on the fact that she expected to spend \$304,000. on Warrant Articles #6, #7 and #8, she felt it fair to bring up Warrant Article #2 to incorporate the full day kindergarten program in the amount of \$108,352.00. Mr. Harrington stated that he felt that it wasn't the right thing to do. He commented that there was a vote, and you either win or you lose. He stated that some people had already left the meeting, leaving with the idea that their vote counted. Mr. Harrington stated that the \$304,000. was an appropriation of taxpayers funding, adding that the town was taxed for that money, and it was moved into the capital reserve fund. He stated that it appeared that the school board would be taking that amount out of the capital reserve fund and using it to make these repairs, which meant that next year, or the year after, or the year after that, that money won't be there. Mr. Harrington stated that when the next problem arises, the taxes will have to be raised. **There being no further discussion, Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli re-reviewed the motion on the floor which was made and duly seconded to reconsider Warrant Article #2 and called for the vote on the motion. On a show of cards, the motion failed, and was declared as such by the Moderator Pro Tem.**

Mr. Bulger then moved to limit re-consideration of all previous Warrant Articles. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. There being no discussion following the motion, on a show of cards, a call for the vote on the motion was recorded as a vote in the affirmative.

There being no further business to come before the March 12, 2014 Strafford School District Meeting, Moderator Pro Tem Cicirelli adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully,

Carrolle A. Popovich
Strafford School District Clerk
Approved by the Board - 3-26-2014

STRAFFORD SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2014

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Grace H. Blake
Suzannah G. Buzzell
Sydney N. Carney
Zachary A. Caron
Orion G. Clachar
Kathleen S. Collins
Paul J. Colson
Evan R. Conway
Christopher M. Currier
Jackson M. Douglas
Isabelle V. Feenstra
Jacob P. Flanagan
Sarah J. Fortier
Jocelyn A. Gagnon
Liam S. Grace
Julia E. Greene
Zachary A. Helm
Josiah J. Hinrichsen
Rebekah F. Hinrichsen
Cyrus E. Hiraldo
Sydney C. Ho-Sue
Heath J. Howard
Olivia A. Lee

Garret B. Markee
Trevor M. Massingham
Abigail M. Mathison
Michael R. McKinney
Cailinn A. Monahan
Keith S. Monroe
Eric R. Nelson
Margaret S. Norman
Maxwell R. Nowak
Elizabeth J. Parece
Tevon N. Pieu
Brendan C. Purcell
Kylee R. Richardson
Kyshaun A. Rowell
Nathaniel T. Schroeder
Samantha E. Schrodeder
Faith A. Shiere
Drew R. Stevens
Cassandra L. Stover
Madeline J. Swansburg
Molly J. Swansburg
Nikola R. Sweeney
Abigail J. Trembley
Drew B. Trembley
Kailey L. Ward
Ander J. Wensberg
Lindsay R. Wright



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Shannon M. Burke
Jessie L. Carney
Katie L. Cilley
James B. Cornish Jr.
Katharina A. Cozine
Emily A. Davis
Robert B. Dolan
Jesse A. Driscoll
Lucas G. Fisher
Benjamin S. Flood
Samuel J. Fortier
Mary E. Fowler
Kendra E. Gagnon
John M. Grace
Kasey M. Hamlett
Julia R. Helton
Hannah L. Heselton
Andrew C. Hooper
Gwyneth F. Horne
Allyson E. Lafrance
Reno J. Lapanne
Glen R. Lalus

Aidan R. Leavitt
Dylan R. Leclerc
Zachary G. May
Donald McCallion III
Amy Mercedes
Kayli A. Miles
Amy C. Morrow
Jordan T. Murphy
Shannon C. Quinn
Daniel A. Rivera
Shawntel L. Ross
Sheryl A. Saunders
Alexandra B. Savioli
Jordan L. Shurtleff
Peter P. Slowik
Elena B. Smith
Daniel C. Somers
Kyle J. Stevens
Madison R. Stowell
Elanie P. Trainor
Sophia E. Wensberg
Nathaniel J. Wiggin
Andrew D. Woodward
Mariah N. Wright
Noah L. Young





Vital Records
RESIDENT BIRTH RECORDS
January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014
 Town of Strafford, NH



Child's Name	Birthdate	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
Terry, Tabitha Grace	2/4/2014	Dover, NH	Terry, Gregory	Terry, Carrie
McPhee V, Frank Albert	2/6/2014	Rochester, NH	McPhee IV, Frank	Potter, Rachel
Jurjans, Anna Laura	2/11/2014	Rochester, NH	Jurjans, Kaspars	Jurjans, Sarah
Leighton, Ashia Alexandra	2/12/2014	Dover, NH	Leighton Jr., Guy	Caddick, Johanna
Amero, Gianna Lucia	3/1/2014	Dover, NH	Linscott, Joshua	Amero, Nia
Palmer, Jacoby Nat	3/23/2014	Rochester, NH	Palmer, Christian	Sans, Rachel
Roy, Elisabeth Mary Alma	3/30/2014	Dover, NH	Roy, David	Roy, Julie
Pagnotta, Maya Ashley	4/10/2014	Concord, NH	Pagnotta, Justin	Pagnotta, Katie
Lilienthal, Clara Marie	5/20/2014	Concord, NH	Lilienthal Jr., Douglas	Enos, Angela
Thimba, Gabriella Mumbi Kamau	6/16/2014	Rochester, NH	Thimba, John	Eldridge, Diawna
Blair, Michael Robert	6/23/2014	Dover, NH	Blair, Jordon	Blair, Francesca
Howard, Parker John	9/3/2014	Rochester, NH	Howard IV, John	Campbell, Kacey
Reed, Seren Lark	12/16/2014	Dover, NH	Reed, Zachary	Reed Hannah

Total Number of records 13



Vital Records

RESIDENT MARRIAGE RECORD

January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

Town of Strafford, NH



Name - Person A	Residence	Name - Person B	Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date
Hayes, Bryan A.	Strafford, NH	Veno, Nicole A.	Strafford, NH	Strafford	Strafford, NH	2/14/2014
Black, Adam A.	Strafford, NH	Peters, Cristyn M	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	6/3/2014
Healey, Elizabeth D.	Barrington, NH	Iber, Mark C.	Strafford, NH	Barrington, NH	Strafford, NH	6/6/2014
Carlson, Leonard W.	Strafford, NH	Chandler, Martha J.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	6/17/2014
White, Jack, D.	Strafford, NH	Moquin, Holly L.	Strafford, NH	Rochester, NH	Somersworth, NH	6/19/2014
Trask, Timothy J.	Strafford, NH	Travis, Cassandra L	Rochester, NH	Rochester, NH	Rochester, NH	6/27/2014
Gagnon, Louis B.	Strafford, NH	Brown, Christina A.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	6/28/2014
Howard, Andrea C.	Strafford, NH	Hatch, Dwayne F	Strafford, NH	Windham, NH	Dover, NH	8/2/2014
Chism, Daniel I.	Strafford, NH	George, Shannon B.	Weare, NH	Weare, NH	Chichester, NH	8/16/2014
Garvin, Andrew B.	Strafford, NH	Graham, Allison M.	Stratham, NH	Stratham, NH	Lee, NH	8/23/2014
Stevens, Matthew P.	Nottingham, NH	Cronk, Katherine E.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Hollis, NH	8/30/2014
Ryll, Bruce M.	Strafford, NH	Ernst, Joann M.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	9/6/2014
Comtois, Timothy G.	Strafford, NH	Brown, Kelsey M.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	9/13/2014
Morse III, Edward J.	Strafford, NH	Oliveira, Kaisha	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Portsmouth, NH	9/27/2014
Hardwick, Spencer R.	Strafford, NH	Matthew, Jamie A.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Concord, NH	10/4/2014
Aucella, Nathan P.	Strafford, NH	Bezich, Lindsay S.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	10/17/2014
D'Ambrose, Philippe G.	Strafford, NH	Seymour, Nicole A	Strafford, NH	Rochester, NH	Rochester, NH	10/23/2014
Pomerleau, David J.	Strafford, NH	Woodman, Roberta L.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	10/26/2014
Cone III, William E.	Strafford, NH	Chapman, Melanie A.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Carroll, NH	11/1/2014
Hall, Cole J.	Strafford, NH	Tillman, Tamara M.	Rochester, NH	Rochester, NH	Rochester, NH	11/23/2014

Total number of records 20



Vital Records

RESIDENT DEATH RECORD

January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

Town of Strafford, NH



Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name	Military
Brown, Carol	1/4/2014	Dover, NH	Lombardo, Leo	Cavanaugh, Laura	N
Fabian Jr., Edward	1/7/2014	Franklin, NH	Fabian Sr., Edward	Lewis, Ann	Y
Gale, Eric	1/11/2014	Portsmouth, NH	Gale, Joseph	Hodder, Gladys	N
Gardner, Beatrice	1/25/2014	Rochester, NH	Forcier, Alpherie	Lucier, Jeanette	N
Staples, Eliot	1/30/2014	Rochester, NH	Staples, Eliot	Pio, Catherine	Y
Dumais, Vivian	2/25/2014	Rochester, NH	McGrath, Mark	Ambury, Harriett	N
Brisson, Jane	3/3/2014	Strafford, NH	Adams, Clarence	Bradshaw, Maude	N
Brouillard Jr., George	3/16/2014	Portsmouth, NH	Brouillard Sr., George	Robertson, Erlene	N
Simon, Victor	3/19/2014	Rochester, NH	Simon, Gerald	Rouleau, Barbara	Y
Bragdon, Katherine	5/2/2014	Portsmouth, NH	Gardella, Gerald	Cambell, Theresa	N
Hastings, Sandra	5/14/2014	Strafford, NH	Waterhouse, James	Gerrish, Emma	N
O'Connor, William	5/18/2014	Rochester, NH	O'Connor, Hubert	McFarlin, Doris	Y
Brownell, Jr., Robert	7/18/2014	Strafford, NH	Brownell, Robert	Brainard, Elizabeth	Y
McLaughlin, Paul	9/9/2014	Strafford, NH	McLaughlin, James	Reardon, Mildred	N
Gale, Dorothy	10/10/2014	Strafford, NH	Buffett, John	Dodd, Helen	N
Martel, Marie	10/15/2014	Pittsfield, NH	Martel, Richard	French, Georgianna	N
Carlson, Leonard	11/24/2014	Strafford, NH	Carlson, Ragnar	Ells, Roma	Y
Vahey, Jeannine	11/30/2014	Strafford, NH	Unknown, Unknown	Douglass, Thelma	N
Andersen, Cindy	12/10/2014	Strafford, NH	Dodge, Robert	Estes, Elona	N
Longo, Joseph	12/20/2014	Portsmouth, NH	Longo, Dominic	McCallister, Sarah	N

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