

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OF
STRAFFORD

2008
For The Year Ending
December 31, 2008

Population.....estimated 4,030
Registered Voters..... 3,167

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HEALTH OFFICER

Duncan D. Chaplin III

Deputy: Kevin LaCroix

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR (Emergency Management)

Scott Young, Chief of Police

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Michelle T. Bengert 2008-2011

Charles Burnham 2007-2010

Betsy B. Cozine 2006-2009

FIRE WARDEN

Matthew Lobdell

DEPUTIES

Scott Whitehouse
Paul Yergeau, Sr.

Andy Carroll
David Hartranft

Paul Stover
Robert Lobdell

Tod Rix

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Scott Young--Chief of Police
Mary Macfadzen--Secretary

Randolph Young
Donald J. Laliberte

Michael Richard, Sgt.
Nicholas Drew

Bryant Scott

PLANNING BOARD

Charles Moreno--Chairman 2008-2011
Paul Eaton 2007-2010

James D. Graham 2006-2009
Don Rhodes 2008-2011

Lynn Sweet 2008-2010

ALTERNATES

Khatereh Sawal

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Susan L. Arnold--Chairman 2008-2011
Charles Burnham 2008-2011

Herman Groth 2007-2010
William G. Lord 2007-2010

ALTERNATES

Richard H. Ferreira II

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Harmony Anderson 2008-2011
Jack Bronnenberg 2006-2009
Elizabeth Evans 2007-2010
Carolyn Page 2007-2010

Carolyn Page 2007-2010
David Perkins 2008-2011
Calvin Schroeder 2006-2009
JoAnn Brown (Alternate)

Bruce Smith (Alternate)

RECREATION COMMISSION

Robert White

ROCHESTER/RURAL DISTRICT VISITING NURSE SERVICES and HOSPICE

Telephone 755-2202 or 332-1133

FIRE AND RESCUE

Paul Stover—Chief of Department
Scott Whitehouse—Deputy Chief
Stephanie Gray—Secretary

BOW LAKE STATION

Robert Lobdell—Captain
Andy Carroll—Lieutenant

CENTER STATION

Matt Lobdell—Captain
Paul Yergeau—Lieutenant

CROWN POINT STATION

David Hartranft—Captain
Tod Rix—Lieutenant

DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

Jim Anderson
Eric Aucella
Ben Bickford
Terry A. Bickford
Terry R. Bickford
Eugene Burrows
Jill Carroll
Nick Drew
Dan Duffy

Chris Dustin
David Ferry
Teresa Ferry
Doug Hayes
Meghan Iber
Jack Lagasse
Nicole Lefevbre
Ashley Leighton
Kate Leighton

Jesse Manheit
Richard Murphy
David Palmer
Glenn Pierce
Loren Pierce
Wayne Pierce
Bill Riendeau
Kelly Scribner
PJ Yergeau

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.

** NOTE: ALL ARTICLES EXCEPT ARTICLE 1, WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 8:30 A.M., SATURDAY, MARCH FOURTEENTH (14th) 2009 AT THE **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**.

2. To see if the Town is in favor of implementing a “pay as you throw” program at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center.

3. To see if the Town will vote to form a committee comprised of one Selectman, the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Supervisor and five (5) residents. Committee members will be chosen by the Board of Selectmen after a review of letters of interest from those willing to serve on this committee. Futhermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. for the purpose of funding this committee whose charge will be to research and establish procedural guidelines, fees and any other costs associated with implementation of the “pay as you throw” program. This article is contingent on Article 2 passing.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$285,000. for the purpose of design engineering and construction of a replacement bridge on Northwood/Bow Lake Road (Bridge No. 085/040) and to authorize the withdrawal of \$37,000. from the Bridge Repairs Capital Reserve Fund and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a bridge grant in the amount of \$228,000, with the balance of \$20,000 to be raised by general taxation.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$221,000. for Capital Improvements with ditchwork, culverts, gravel and paving of the following roads at the discretion of the Road Agent, as funding permits:

- a. The Canaan Road from the Barrington town line to the intersection of Route 202A
- b. Beaver Dam Estates – Birch Road, Kendall Lane and Beaver Road.
- c. The Province Road, from the end of the 2006 paving West.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000. to chip brush and clean up debris from damages associated with the ice storm of December 11, 2008. Funding to be as follows; \$22,500. from FEMA, and the balance of \$7,500. to be raised by general taxation.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. for the purchase of a generator for the Police Department.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. for Emergency Management supplies and a trailer to be used as a mobile on-scene command center, and for storage of associated equipment and supplies (i.e. traffic cones, road signs, etc.).

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000. for the purchase of a generator for the Strafford Town Hall.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$209,740. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

11. To see if the Town will vote to re-allocate the distribution of revenues received for ambulance services, so that 100% goes to the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting.

12. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Ambulance Services revolving fund created in 2008 pursuant to RSA 31:95-h. Said Funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, in the amount of \$11,501. are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. This article is contingent on Article 11 passing.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,501. to be placed in the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting, pursuant to RSA 31:95-c. This sum to come from the unreserved fund balance and no amount to be raised by general taxation. This article is contingent upon Articles 11 and 12 passing.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000. to be used for the third year's payment on the five year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing to own a new pumper/tanker as voted by Article 15, at the 2007 Town Meeting. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,743. to be used for the final payment of any balance due on the five year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing to own a new pumper/tanker as voted by Article 15, at the 2007 Town Meeting. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. Furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$165,743. from the Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation.

16. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of future Fire Department building improvements and/or construction, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000. to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,500. for the purchase of a new monitor/AED, lift assist cot, auto-pulse CPR board and equipment mandated by State protocol changes, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$51,500. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation.

18. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special details. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$433,698. for the operation and maintenance of the Police Department.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000. for the purchase of a police vehicle and equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of \$3,000. from the Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose. The balance of \$32,000. to come from general taxation.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000. to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 8 in 2007 pursuant to RSA 35:1, for the purpose of repairs and/or replacement of the Town owned dock located on Water Street.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,113,595. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 64,317.
Election & Registration.....	22,188.
Financial Administration.....	67,062.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	36,500.
Legal Expenses.....	10,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	32,145.
Planning and Zoning.....	8,500.
General Government Building.....	26,300.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	27,250.
Insurance.....	37,700.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	3,082.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	4,525.
Contingency Fund.....	15,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	10,890.
Ambulance.....	1,000.
Emergency Management.....	2,500.
Building Inspection.....	20,000.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	341,500.
Street Lighting.....	3,863.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	233,700.
Animal Control.....	4,200.
Health Inspector.....	400.
Rochester District Visiting Nurse Assoc.....	4,030.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	38,000.
Community Action.....	1,500.
Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend's Place.....	200.

The Homemakers of Strafford County.....	1,260.
CHANCES.....	2,500.
Parks and Recreation.....	15,000.
Library.....	61,966.
Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works.....	4,800.
Conservation Commission.....	225.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
Transfer Station/Recycling Center Monitoring	8,500.
TOTAL.....	\$ 1,113,595.

[The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,113,595. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.]

23. To see if the Town will vote accept the following ordinance:

Acceptance of Credit Cards. The Tax Collector will be allowed to accept credit card payments pursuant to RSA 80:52-c for the collection of local taxes, charges generated by the sale of utility services or other fees. The Town may add to the amount due, in addition to any interest and penalties payable, a service charge for the acceptance of the card. The amount of the service charge shall be disclosed at the time of the billing. The Board of Selectmen in coordination with the Tax Collector may adopt rules and regulations regarding the collection procedures.

24. “Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to ‘qualified organizations’ for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property?”

25. “Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a I(a) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the governing body?”

26. “Shall the Town vote to expand the Veterans’ Tax Credit from \$200.00 to \$400.00 per year in accordance with RSA 72:28.” (by petition.)

27. “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 \$40,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$60,000.; and own assets not in excess of \$200,000 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.” (by petition.)

28. "To direct the Selectmen of the Town of Strafford to cap any increase of their Annual Budget to any projected increase in revenue above the last Annual Budget and in no case to increase the Annual Budget more than the rate of inflation, as defined by the "National Consumer Price Index-(Urban/Rural)" (CPI-U/R) as averaged over the twelve months preceding the vote on the new Annual Budget." (by petition.)

29. "We, the undersigned, being legal voters in the Town of Strafford, hereby petition the Board of Selectmen of said Town to place the following article on the warrant for the 2009 annual meeting.

New Hampshire Energy Efficiency Initiative

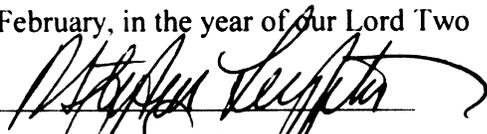
To see if the town will vote to direct the Selectmen to utilize state and federal funds to maximize energy efficiency in town buildings and cut municipal energy costs.

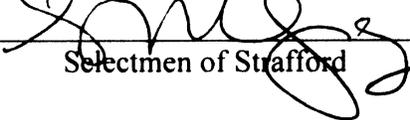
The Selectmen will:

1. Work with the town's utility to conduct a comprehensive energy survey free of charge for all municipal buildings to identify cost-effective, energy-efficiency improvements that would reduce energy use and town energy costs.
2. Apply for all state and federal programs applicable to the town that direct resources to municipalities for the purposes of energy efficiency and infrastructure improvements of town buildings.
3. Use available state and federal funds to complete low cost energy-efficiency improvements to town buildings." (by petition.)

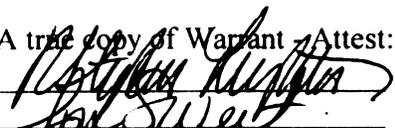
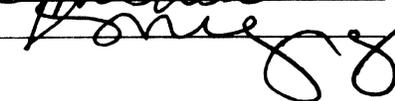
30. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

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




 Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant Attest:

REPORT FROM THE SELECTMAN'S OFFICE

Town and School elections will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. for voting purposes. Article 1, to choose the necessary officers, will be voted on at this time. Articles 2 through 20 will be presented for consideration at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 14, 2009.

This year was an eventful one for the Town of Strafford. After record snowfall levels last winter, we embarked upon a summer of unsettled weather which included punishing rains and tornadoes that greatly affected our neighbors and largely spared us. Our year finished with a December ice storm that left many without power for a week or more and wrought havoc on the day-to-day life of Strafford residents. In between, the Northwood Bridge was closed by the state, a new town hall was erected, and the engineering of our town dock was sent out to bid.

Over the past year, we have completed the following projects: Construction of a new Town Hall, delivery of the existing Town Hall to the school, and paving as described in Article 4. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Whitcher Builders and Tony Fallon Architecture for all they have done to make the new Town Hall a reality.

In the midst of all these challenges and accomplishments, we have dealt with the consequences of a failing economy, both with respect to our tax base and fulfilling our welfare obligations to Strafford's neediest residents. According all due respect to the hardworking taxpayers of this town, we have held every department to a 0% increase in net appropriations, including warrant articles, over last year's budget.

This year we come to you with warrant articles that are a direct result of lessons learned over the past year and this board's view to the future. Article 2 presents the pros and cons of instituting a "Pay As You Throw" program in Strafford and asks you, the voter, to decide whether this is a desired change for our community. The ice storm was an enormous learning opportunity, as we realized just how vulnerable Strafford is in a state of emergency. As a result, Articles 7 – 9 request your approval of generators for the town hall and police station, as well as funding for emergency management equipment. The Fire Department seeks to update its medical equipment to provide a greater scope of medical care as mandated by the state. Realizing that full time fire/medical coverage is several years down the road, we propose to unite the two ambulance funds established last year to put the money where it is best spent – on patient care. We are also seeking to address several critical station needs through the establishment of a building capital reserve fund. We further seek to pay the newest engine off early, placing us in the enviable position of a town with no debt. Last but not least, the Police Department's 4-wheel drive vehicle is finally beyond repair, and we request the funding to replace it.

The board serves, but it does not serve alone. Our visions become reality through the efforts of the Road Agent, the Recycling Center Team, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and all the residents and companies that have volunteered their time and energy on commission, boards, committees, and various special projects. We thank you all.

This year ended on a somber note. Even as we were preparing for the budget hearing, former Selectman Gloria Creamer passed away. We will greatly miss her dedication to the town, the office, and the people who serve them both.

Respectfully,

R. Stephen Leighton

Lynn Sweet

Stephanie Gray

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: STRAFFORD

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): February 19, 2009

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in Ink.

[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)271-3397

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	22	64,075.	64,026.	64,317.	
4140-4149	Auto & Town Clerk Fees Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	22	48,938.	47,279.	49,438.	
4150-4151	Financial Administration & CPA Audit	22	77,952.	69,048.	77,952.	
4152	Tax Maps & Appraisal Revaluation of Property	22	36,500.	34,644.	36,500.	
4153	Legal Expense	22	20,000.	5,697.	10,000.	
4155-4159	FICA, MED, Unemp Comp Personnel Administration	22	33,145.	30,119.	32,145.	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	22	8,500.	4,248.	8,500.	
4194	General Government Buildings	22	16,969.	17,539.	26,300.	
4195	Cemeteries					
4196	Insurance	22	36,700.	37,323.	37,700.	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc. & SRPC Dues	22	7,607.	7,594.	7,607.	
4199	Contingency Other General Government	22	15,000.	14,698.	15,000.	
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
210-4214	Police	19	433,430.	432,420.	433,698.	
215-4219	Ambulance	22	5,000.	0	1,000.	
220-4229	Fire & Rescue	10	209,740.	210,716.	209,740.	
240-4249	Building Inspection	22	20,000.	10,541.	20,000.	
290-4299	Emergency Management	22	1,500.	1,465.	2,500.	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)					
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Gen Hwy & Road Mnt Administration	22	357,500.	357,915.	341,500.	
4312	Highways & Streets					
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting	22	3,863.	3,630.	3,863.	
4319	Other					
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration	22	233,700.	220,502.	233,700.	
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal					
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					
26-4329	Transf/Recyc Ctr Monitoring Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	22	12,000.	11,026	8,500.	

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other					
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration	22	400.	0	400.	
4414	Pest Control Animal Cntrl	22	4,200.	2,602.	4,200.	
4415-4419	Roch Dist, VNA Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	22	5,037.	5,037.	4,030.	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	22	28,000.	22,415.	38,000.	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					
4445-4449	Comm Actn, Sxl Assit Support, Vendor Payments & Other My. Bonds Chances, Homeless Shelter, etc.	P1 22	6,404.	6,404.	6,452.	
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	22	17,500.	14,317.	15,000.	
4550-4559	Library	22	61,709.	60,709.	61,966.	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	22	4,500.	4,528.	4,800.	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources	22	750.	727.	225.	
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		73,839.	73,839.	0	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		860.	860.	0	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	22	2,000.	0	2,000.	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land	5	171,000.	171,000.	221,000.	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund*					
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917*					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds*					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			2,018,318.	1,942,868	1,978,033	

Use special warrant article section on next page.

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		13,548.	17,468.	23,864.
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		65,000.	72,878.	67,000.
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	22	620,000.	623,385.	618,000.
3230	Building Permits	22	14,000.	15,616.	15,000.
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	22	25,000.	27,188.	25,000.
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		16,492.	33,854.	16,492.
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		178,487.	178,487.	178,487.
3353	Highway Block Grant		105,207.	104,846.	107,328.
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	State Bridge Aid (4) FEMA (6) Other (Including Railroad Tax)	4,6	16,772.	14,772.	250,500.
3379	Other Grant/Road Details FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	19	8,000.	5,246.	4,000.
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
401-3406	Income from Departments		35,000.	50,110.	45,000.
3409	Other Charges Planning Bd/Bd of Adj		10,000.	8,012.	8,000.
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property Fire Trucks		3,002.	9,351.	0
3502	Interest on Investments		60,000.	45,603.	40,000.
303-3509	Other Reimb Welfare Lien		12,201.	12,201.	0

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	17	0	0	51,500. *
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	4, 15, 20	350,000.	350,000.	205,743. **
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")	13	0	0	11,501. **
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		200,000.	200,000.	200,000.
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			1,732,709.	1,769,017.	1,867,415.

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	2,018,318.	1,978,033.
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	47,000.	45,000.
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	608,700.	708,744.
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	2,674,018.	2,731,777.
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	1,732,709.	1,867,415.
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	941,309.	864,362.

- * Offsets expenditure on page 5.
- ** Partially offsets expenditures on page 5.
- *** Offsets expenditure on page 5.

Part III GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET- Please specify the period
December 31, 2008

Modified Accrual

A. ASSETS	Account Number (a)	Beginning of year (b)	End of year (c)
1. Current assets			
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	\$ 2,838,576	\$ 1,005,988
b. Investments	1030	784,401	2,304,400
c. Taxes receivable	1080	680,925	731,455
d. Tax liens receivable	1110	168,490	222,826
e. Accounts receivable	1150	41	-
f. Due from other governments	1260	-	12,428
g. Due from other funds	1310	-	12,950
h. Other current assets	1400	-	-
i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670	-	-
j. TOTAL ASSETS (Should equal line B3)		\$ 4,472,433	\$ 4,290,047
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
1. Current liabilities			
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$ 103,881	\$ 21,666
b. Accrued expenses	2030	-	-
c. Contracts payable	2050	-	-
d. Due to other governments	2070	-	-
e. Due to school districts	2075	3,514,437	3,487,392
f. Due to other funds	2080	-	-
g. Deferred revenue	2220	-	-
h. Notes payable - Current	2230	-	-
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250	-	-
j. Other payables	2270	-	-
k. TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 3,618,318	\$ 3,509,058
2. Fund equity			
a. Reserve for encumbrances	2440	\$ 24,163	\$ 12,140
b. Reserve for continuing appropriations	2450	-	7,000
c. Reserve for amounts voted from surplus	2460	-	-
d. Reserve for special purposes	2490	-	-
e. Unreserved fund balance	2530	829,952	761,849
f. TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 854,115	\$ 780,989
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (Should equal line A1i)		\$ 4,472,433	\$ 4,290,047

ACTUALLY VOTED

(RSA 21-J:34)

Date of Meeting: March 22, 2008

Town/City Of: Strafford County: Strafford

Mailing Address: PO Box 23
Center Strafford, NH 03815

Phone #: 664-2192, Ext. 10 Fax #: 664-7276 E-Mail: _____

Certificate of Appropriations

(To be Completed After each Annual and Special Meeting)

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Governing Body (Selectmen)

Please sign in ink.

Date: April 8, 2008
[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	15	64,075.	
4140-4149	Auto & Town Clerk Fees Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	15	48,938.	
4150-4151	Financial Administration & CPA	15	77,952.	
4152	Tax Maps & Appraisal Revaluation of Property	15	36,500.	
4153	Legal Expenses	15	20,000.	
4155-4159	FICA, Medi Unemp Comp Personnel Administration	15	33,145.	
4161-4163	Planning & Zoning	15	8,500.	
4164	General Government Buildings	15	16,969.	
4165	Cemeteries			
4166	Insurance	15	36,700.	
4167	Advertising & Regional Assoc. & SRPC Dues	15	7,607.	
4168	Contingency Fund			
4199	Other General Government	15	15,000.	
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police	6	433,430.	
4215-4219	Ambulance	15	5,000.	
4220-4229	Fire & Rescue	8	209,740.	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	15	20,000.	
4290-4299	Emergency Management	15	1,500.	
4299	Other (including Communications)			
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations			
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	General Hwy. & Rd. Mnt. Administration	15	357,500.	
4312	Highways & Streets			
4313	Bridges			
4316	Street Lighting	15	3,863.	
4319	Other			
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration	15	233,700.	
4323	Solid Waste Collection			
4324	Solid Waste Disposal			
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up			
4326-4329	Transf./Recy Ctr. Monitoring Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	15	12,000.	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration			
4332	Water Services			
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other			
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4381-4389	Electrical Operations			

1	2	3	4	5
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration	15	400.	
4414	Pest Control Animal Control	15	4,200.	
4415-4419	PRO/VNA Human Agencies & Hosp. & Other	15	5,037.	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assst.	15	28,000.	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts			
* 4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	15	6,404.	
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	15	17,500.	
4590-4599	Library	15	61,709.	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	15	4,500.	
4599	Other Culture & Recreation			
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources	15	750.	
4619	Other Conservation			
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING			
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	15	73,839.	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	15	860.	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note	15	2,000.	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
** 4901	Land	4	171,000.	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	11,12	84,700.	
4903	Buildings	2	524,000.	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs			
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund			
4913	To Capital Projects Fund			
4914	To Proprietary Fund			
	Sewer-			
	Water-			
	Electric-			
	Airport-			
** 4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	5,7,14	47,000.	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917			
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds			
4918	To Nonresponsible Trust Funds			
4919	To Agency Funds			
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			2,674,018.	

*4445-4449 Article 15 (1,500.)Comm. Action, (992.)Sexual Asslt. Spprt.Srycs.
 (200) My Friend's Place, (1,212.) Hmkr. Straff. Cnty.,(2,500.) CHANCES
 **4902 Article 11 (80,000.) Pmpr.Tnkr. Lease/Purchase, Article 12 (4,700.)Forest Fire Fgtnng.Equip.
 **4915 Article 5 (7,000.) NCRF Bridge Repair/Constr., Article 7 (20,000.) CRF Future Police
 Vehicles/Equip., Article 14 (20,000.) CRF Rpr/Repl. Town Dock

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

City/Town: STRAFFORD FY: 2008

ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	FOR USE BY MUNICIPALITY	RESERVED FOR USE by DRA
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Art. 3 and Fire Truck Sale of Municipal Property	3	3,002.	✓
3502	Interest on Investments	15	60,000.	
3503-3509	Other Reimb Eld/Welfare Lien		12,201.	
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds			
3913	From Capital Projects Funds			
3914	From Enterprise Funds			
	Sewer - (Offset)			
	Water - (Offset)			
	Electric - (Offset)			
	Airport - (Offset)			
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	2	350,000.	✓
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds			
3917	From Conservation Funds			
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes			
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES			1,522,885.	1532709 ✓
For Municipal Use	**General Fund Balance**			
\$ 784663	Unreserved Fund Balance		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
\$	Less Emergency Approp. (RSA 32:11)		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
\$	Less Voted From "Surplus" →			
\$ 200000	Less Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes →		200,000.	
\$ 584663	Fund Balance - Retained		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			1,722,885.	1,732,709 ✓

REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 78:6) \$ 30,000. ✓

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Eileen J. White ADMINISTRATOR
PREPARER'S SIGNATURE AND TITLE

10/21/08
DATE

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

SUBMIT BY SEPTEMBER 1 TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE

* Revenue will partially offset Art. 2.

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

City/Town: STRAFFORD FY: 2008

ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	FOR USE BY MUNICIPALITY	RESERVED FOR USE by DRA
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Tax <i>100%</i>			
3180	Resident Tax			
3185	Timber Tax		13,548.	
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes <i>MSI</i>			Ø
3189	Other Taxes			
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		65,000.	
	Inventory Penalties			
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)			
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	15	620,000.	
3230	Building Permits	15	14,000.	
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	15	25,000.	
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		16,492.	✓
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		168,663.	178487
3353	Highway Block Grant		105,207.	✓
3354	Water Pollution Grant			
3355	Housing & Community Development			
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement <i>MSI</i>			Ø
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax) <i>RR = Ø</i>	12,15	16,772.	✓
3379	<i>CHRV Grant/CHRV Details</i> FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	6	8,000.	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments	15	35,000.	
3409	Other Charges <i>Planning Bd/Bd of Adj</i>	15	10,000.	

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* \$14,772. (Landfill Closure Reimb) partially offsets Art. 15
\$ 2,000. (Fire Fighting Equip) partially offsets Art. 12

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
FORM MS-1 FOR 2008
Municipal Services Division
PO Box 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487 Phone (603) 271-2687
E-mail: nduffy@rev.state.nh.us

Original Date: 2008
Copy (check box if copy)
Revision Date:

CITY/TOWN OF STRAFFORD IN STRAFFORD COUNTY

CERTIFICATION

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

Table with columns: PRINT NAMES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS, SIGNATURES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS (Sign in ink). Includes names: R. Stephen Leighton, Lynn Sweet, Stephanie Gray. Includes date signed 10/21/08, City/Town Telephone # (603) 664-2192 ext.10, and checkboxes for Governing Body and Assessors.

Complete the above required certification by inserting the name of the city/town officials, the date on which the certificate is signed, and have the majority of the members of the board of selectmen/assessing officials sign in ink.

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34, as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon forms prescribed for that purpose.

NOTE: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/town tax assessments and sworn to uphold under oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions (pages 10 through 15) provided for individual items.

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DRA NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1st.

Village Districts - pages 8-9 must be completed for EACH village district within the municipality.

RETURN THIS SIGNED AND COMPLETED INVENTORY FORM TO: NH Department of Revenue Administration, Municipal Services Division, PO Box 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487.

Contact Person: Ellen J. White (Print/type) E-Mail Address:

Regular office hours: Mon, Tues, Wed 9 - 12 Noon

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See instructions beginning on page 10, as needed.

LAND BUILDINGS	Lines 1A, B, C, D, E & F List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septic & paving) Lines 2 A, B, C and D List all buildings	NUMBER OF ACRES	2008 ASSESSED VALUATION By CITY/TOWN
1	VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B and 4 A Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See page 10)	21,950.	\$ 2,185,400.
	B Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B		\$
	C Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C		\$
	D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	.11	\$ 4,000.
	E Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)	6,733.	\$ 245,878,800.
	F Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT include Utility Land)	157.	\$ 2,517,100.
	G Total of Taxable Land (Sum of lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F)	28,840.11	\$ 250,585,300.
	H Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land (\$ 6,225,300.)	1,829.	
2	VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B A Residential		\$ 233,076,100.
	B Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$ 4,605,600.
	C Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT include Utility Buildings)		\$ 2,740,000.
	D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D Number of Structures	2	\$ 29,500.
	E Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D)		\$ 240,451,200.
	F Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$ 7,144,900.)		
3	UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1V for complete definition) A Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)		\$ 2,712,300.
	B Other Utilities (Total of Section B From Utility Summary)		\$ 20,300.
4	MATURE WOOD AND TIMBER RSA 79:5		\$
5	VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1G, 2E, 3A, 3B and 4) This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.		\$ 493,769,100.
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:38-a (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with VA Assistance) Total # granted		\$
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b Total # granted		\$
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a Total # granted		\$
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption up to \$150,000 for each) (See page 10) Total # granted		\$
10	Water/Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a Total # granted		\$
11	MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value for your municipality.		\$
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37 Total # granted		\$
	Amount granted per exemption	\$	
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a & b Total # granted	10	\$ 363,700.
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b Total # granted		\$
	Amount granted per exemption	\$	
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b Total # granted	3	\$
	Amount granted per exemption	\$ 30,000.	\$ 90,000.

16	Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # granted		\$
17	Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:82	Total # granted		\$
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # granted		\$
19	Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)	Total # granted		\$
20	TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 12-19)			\$ 453,700.
21	NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)			\$ 493,315,400.
22	LESS Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed in Line 3B			\$ 2,712,300.
23	NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)			\$ 490,603,100.

Additional notes (example: update, reveal changes to exemptions, mapping, increases to value, decreases to value, etc.)

UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC, HYDROELECTRIC, RENEWABLE-MISC., NUCLEAR, GAS/PIPELINES WATER & SEWER RSA 83-F
List by individual company/legal entity the valuation of operating plants employed in the production, distribution and transmission of electricity, gas pipeline, water and petroleum products. Include ONLY the names of the companies listed on the Instruction Sheets. (See Instruction page 11)

DOES YOUR MUNICIPALITY USE THE DRA UTILITY VALUES? YES NO

IF YES, DO YOU EQUALIZE IT BY THE RATIO? (please check appropriate box if applicable) YES NO

SECTION A: LIST ELECTRIC COMPANIES (Attach additional sheet if needed.) (See Instruction page 11)	2008 VALUATION
Public Service Company of New Hampshire	\$ 2,669,300.
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
A1 TOTAL OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	\$ 2,669,300.

GAS, OIL & PIPELINE COMPANIES	
	\$
	\$
	\$
A2 TOTAL OF ALL GAS COMPANIES LISTED (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	\$

WATER & SEWER COMPANIES	
North Country Water Supply	\$ 43,000.
	\$
	\$
A3 TOTAL OF ALL WATER & SEWER COMPANIES LISTED (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	\$ 43,000.

GRAND TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL A UTILITY COMPANIES (Sum of Lines A1, A2, and A3) This grand total of all sections must agree with the total listed on page 2, Line 3A.	\$ 2,712,300.
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SECTION B: LIST OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES (Exclude telephone companies) (Attach additional sheet if needed.)	2008 VALUATION
City of Rochester	\$ 20,300.
	\$
	\$
B TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION B. Total must agree with total listed on Page 2, Line 3B.	\$ 20,300.

TAX CREDITS	LIMITS	*NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
RSA 72:28 Veterans' Tax Credit / Optional Veterans' Tax Credit \$50 Standard Credit \$51 up to \$500 upon adoption by city or town	\$ 200.	193	\$ 38,600.
RSA 72:29-a Surviving Spouse "The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States..." \$700 Standard Credit \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town	\$		\$
RSA 72:35 Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability "Any person who has been honorably discharged from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury..." \$700 Standard Credit \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town	\$ 700.	4	\$ 2,800.
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		197	\$ 41,400.

*if both husband & wife/civil union partner qualify for the credit they count as 2.

*if someone is living at a residence such as brother & sister, and one qualifies, count as 1, not one-half.

DISABLED EXEMPTION REPORT			
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$ 20,000.	ASSET LIMITS: SINGLE \$ 35,000.
	MARRIED / CIVIL UNION PARTNER	\$ 30,000.	MARRIED / CIVIL UNION PARTNER \$ 35,000.

DEAF EXEMPTION REPORT			
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$	ASSET LIMITS: SINGLE \$
	MARRIED / CIVIL UNION PARTNER	\$	MARRIED / CIVIL UNION PARTNER \$

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:39-a						
NUMBER OF FIRST TIME FILERS GRANTED ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR CURRENT YEAR		PER AGE CATEGORY	TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR & TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION GRANTED			
AGE	#	AMOUNT PER INDIVIDUAL	AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT
65 - 74		\$ 30,000.	65 - 74	3	\$ 90,000.	\$ 63,700.
75 - 79		\$ 40,000.	75 - 79	5	\$ 200,000.	\$ 200,000.
80 +		\$ 50,000.	80 +	2	\$ 100,000.	\$ 100,000.
			TOTAL	10	\$ 390,000.	\$ 363,700.
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$ 20,000.	ASSET LIMIT:	SINGLE	\$ 75,000.	
	MARRIED / CIVIL UNION PARTNER	\$ 30,000.		MARRIED / CIVIL UNION PARTNER	\$ 75,000.	

DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS - RSA 79-D Historic Agricultural Structures		
TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES IN DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS GRANTED: (i.e.: Barns, Silos, etc.) MAP & LOT - PERCENTAGE GRANTED	
2	1 Barn 011-004 50%	10
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES	2 Barn 010-013 75%	11
.11	3	12
	4	13
ASSESSED VALUATION	5	14
\$ 4,000. L/O	6	15
\$ 29,500. B/O	7	16
TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS	8	17
2	9	18

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICTS RSA 162-K	TIF#1	TIF#2	TIF#3	TIF#4
Date of adoption/modification	mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy
Original assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
+ Unretained captured assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
= Amounts used on Page 2 (tax rates)	\$	\$	\$	\$
+ Retained captured assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
Current assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$

*LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES Amounts listed below should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2.	MUNICIPALITY	LIST SOURCE(S) OF PAYMENT In Lieu of Taxes Number of Acres
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land From MS-4, acct. 3356 & 3357	\$	
White Mountain National Forest, Only acct. 3186	\$	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$	
TOTALS of account 3186 (Exclude WMNF)	\$	

* RSA 362-A:6 was reinstated, effective 4/1/2006. This statute allows municipalities to enter into payment in lieu of tax agreements with small scale power facilities. However, these new PILOT agreements are also taxable under RSA 83-F.

Questions regarding these laws please consult with the DRA Utility Tax Appraiser at (603) 271-2687.

CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A				
	TOTAL No. ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	1,126.	\$ 387,200.	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	7986
FOREST LAND	13,858	\$ 1,467,300.	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT YEAR	0
FOREST LAND W/DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	5,415.	\$ 309,900.		TOTAL NUMBER
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	68	\$ 900.	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CURRENT USE	360
WET LAND	1,483	\$ 20,100.	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	567
TOTAL (must match page 2)	21,950	\$ 2,185,400.		

LAND USE CHANGE TAX				
GROSS MONIES RECEIVED FOR CALENDAR YEAR (January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007)				0
CONSERVATION ALLOCATION: PERCENTAGE 100 0% AND/OR DOLLAR AMOUNT				
MONIES TO CONSERVATION FUND				\$ 0
MONIES TO GENERAL FUND				\$ 0

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B				
	TOTAL No. ACRES RECEIVING CONS. RES. ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND		\$	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	
FOREST LAND		\$	REMOVED FROM CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT DURING CURRENT YEAR	
FOREST LAND WITH/DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP		\$		TOTAL NUMBER
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND		\$	TOTAL No. OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	
WET LAND		\$	TOTAL No. OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	
TOTAL (must match page 2)		\$		

DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS - RSA 79-C		
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES IN DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS GRANTED DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS GRANTED: Map/Lot-Percentage Granted (i.e. Golf Course, Ball Park, etc.)
		1
ASSESSED VALUATION		2
\$		3
		4

VILLAGE DISTRICT/PRECINCT ONLY

LAND BUILDINGS	Lines 1A, B, C, D, E & F List all improved and unimproved land (Include wells, septic & paving) Lines 2 A, B, C and D List all buildings	NUMBER OF ACRES	2008 ASSESSED VALUATION By CITY/TOWN
1	VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B and 4		\$
	A Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A		\$
	B Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B		\$
	C Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C		\$
	D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D		\$
	E Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)		\$
	F Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Utility Land)		\$
	G Total of Taxable Land (Sum of lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F)		\$
	H Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land (\$)		
2	VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B		\$
	A Residential		\$
	B Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$
	C Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Utility Buildings)		\$
	D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D Number of Structures		\$
	E Total of Taxable Buildings (sum of Lines 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D)		\$
	F Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$)		
3	UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition) within district		\$
	A Utilities (Real Estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)		\$
	B Other Utilities (Total of Section B From Utility Summary)		\$
4	MATURE WOOD AND TIMBER (RSA 79:5)		\$
5	VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1G, 2E, 3A, 3B and 4) This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.		\$
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with VA Assistance) Total # granted		\$
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b Total # granted		\$
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a Total # granted		\$
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption up to \$150,000 for each) (See page 15) Total # granted		\$
10	Water/Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a Total # granted		\$
11	MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value for your municipality.		\$
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37 Total # granted		\$
	Amount granted per exemption \$		\$
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a & b Total # granted		\$
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b Total # granted		\$
	Amount granted per exemption \$		\$
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b Total # granted		\$
	Amount granted per exemption \$		\$

VILLAGE DISTRICT/PRECINCT ONLY

16	Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # granted		\$
17	Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # granted		\$
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # granted		\$
19	Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)	Total # granted		\$
20	TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 12-19)			\$
21	NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR VILLAGE DISTRICT IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)			\$

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2008 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: STRAFFORD

Gross Appropriations	2,674,018
Less: Revenues	1,732,709
Less: Shared Revenues	12,195
Add: Overlay	28,144
War Service Credits	41,400

Barbara J. Pollock
11/14/08

Net Town Appropriation	998,658
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	998,658	TOWN RATE 2.02
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SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	9,489,814
Regional School Apportionment	0
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(2,271,177)

State Education Taxes	(1,083,422)	LOCAL SCHOOL RATE 12.44
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	6,135,215	

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.14		STATE SCHOOL RATE
506,272,069		1,083,422	2.21
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			
490,603,100			
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State			
Pay to State →	0		

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	1,095,673	
Less: Shared Revenues	(5,167)	
Approved County Tax Effort	1,090,506	COUNTY RATE 2.21

Total Property Taxes Assessed	9,307,801	TOTAL RATE 18.88
Less: War Service Credits	(41,400)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0	
Total Property Tax Commitment	9,266,401	

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	490,603,100	2.21	1,083,422
All Other Taxes	493,315,400	16.67	8,224,379
			9,307,801

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TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

JoAnn Brown.....	\$ 623.10
R. Stephen Leighton.....	2,700.00
Lynn Sweet	2,700.00
Stephanie Gray	2,077.00
Laurie Bibeau	5,500.04
Diane Waldron.....	2,999.88
Judith Dupré.....	19,341.62
Michelle T. Bengner.....	175.00
William G. Lord.....	75.00

TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Town Clerk's Fees.....	\$ 28,280.00
Auto Permits.....	9,207.00
Vital Statistics.....	435.00
Municipal Agent Fees.....	14,405.00
M/V Title.....	1,928.00
Marriage License.....	154.00
UCC/IRS Filings.....	1,015.00
Wetland Perm/Pole License.....	60.00
Animal Control Fees.....	1,076.00
Administrator.....	55,850.82
Deputy Tax Collector.....	2,790.00
Deputy Town Clerk.....	3,962.00
Clerical.....	6,684.50
Office Supplies.....	2,704.90
Postage.....	4,781.13
Printing.....	2,809.46
Conferences/Training.....	608.00
References Materials.....	398.80
Deed Research/Tax Lien.....	450.00
Recording Fees.....	460.83
Building Maintenance	2,145.69

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT - 2008

It has been a pleasure to be your Town Clerk this year, and to see you as you come in to register your vehicles, license your dogs and take care of other Town business.

On December 1, 2008 we moved into our new office location on Mountain View Dr. See below for the details of our new location:

NEW Town Clerk's office hours: (starting Dec. 1, 2008):

Monday – 8:30 – 2:00 Wednesday – 8:30 – 2:00
Tuesday – 1:00 – 7:00 Thursday – 8:30 – 2:00

NEW Town Office location (starting Dec. 1, 2008):

12 Mountain View Dr.
(behind the Strafford Post Office on Parker Mountain Rd.)

Town Clerk's mailing address (no change):

P.O. Box 169
Strafford, NH 03884

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 Offices will be closed on the following days in 2009:

January 1	(New Year's Holiday)	September 7	(Labor Day)
January 19	(Martin Luther King Jr. Day)	October 12	(Columbus Day)
February 16	(President's Day)	November 11	(Veterans Day)
March 10	(Town Election Day)	November 26	(Thanksgiving Day)
May 25	(Memorial Day)	December 24	(Christmas Eve 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, 2009 at 8:30 A.M.

Check the Strafford 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.straffordcommunitycalendar.com

You can also find Town Clerk information on the Town of Strafford's Website at www.strafford.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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Waldron
Strafford Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2008

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Tax Collector for the past eleven years. As Tax Collector, I am responsible for collecting revenue from; Property Taxes, Yield Taxes, Current Use Change Taxes, and executing liens. I must also record all money that comes through my office, as well as respond to inquiries from homeowners, mortgage companies, attorney's offices and the general public. My goal is to keep records current and accurate in a courteous, timely manner. All of which is becoming more time consuming as our town continues to grow.

Check out the question and answers section on tax related questions on the new Town Web-site.

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 1st. These must be postmarked no sooner than May 1 and no later than June 30. Be sure to check with my office during that time period.

Forms for "The Soldiers' & Sailors' Civil Relief Act" are also available if anyone is in need of them. If the taxpayer received activation orders which stipulate Title 10, pick up the forms at my office to see if you are eligible for this Civil Relief Act.

Strafford's School Budget for 2008 is \$9,489,814.00 (Gross Approp.-Revenue). The State has calculated that the cost of an Adequate Education in Strafford is \$2,271,177.00. The State Property Tax will raise \$1,083,422.00. We will receive an Adequate Education Grant for \$2,271,177.00. This leaves \$6,135,215.00 to be raised by our Local School Tax. That sets the 2008 school tax rate at \$12.44 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Strafford's Gross Appropriations are \$2,674,018.00, less Revenues of \$1,732,709.00, less Shared Revenues of \$12,195.00, add Overlay of \$28,144.00, and War Service Credits of \$41,400.00, making a Net Appropriation of \$998,658.00.

The total Property Tax Warrants this year were \$9,266,193.00. There was no Current Use Change Tax Warrants for the year. There was no money turned over to the Conservation Commission of Strafford. The total Timber or Yield Tax Warrants were \$9,685.70

Strafford's 2008 Town Tax rate is \$2.02, and County Tax is \$2.21, School Tax is \$12.44, State School Portion is \$2.21. Our Total Tax Rate for the year 2008 is \$18.88.

Our 2008 lien was \$221,999.41. This is a \$21,693.74 increase from last year.

Deputy Martha English has been a tremendous asset to this office. Many thanks for all you do, Martha.

If you have not done so please come in and ask for a tour of the new building. Come in and see what you paid for.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Dupre'
Tax Collector

MS-61		TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT				
For the Municipality of Strafford			Year Ending		12/31/2008	
DEBITS						
UNCOLLECTED TAXES		Levy for Year		PRIOR LEVIES		
BEG. OF YEAR*		of this report		(Please Specify Ye.		
		2008	2007	2006	Prior Years	
Property Tax	#3110	XXXXXXXXXX	\$618,957.22	\$33,872.85	\$9,471.92	
Resident Taxes	#3180	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Land Use Change	#3120	XXXXXXXXXX	\$8,030.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	XXXXXXXXXX	\$10,892.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Utilities Charges	#3189	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR						
				FOR DRA USE ONLY		
Property Taxes	#3110	\$9,266,093.00	\$0.00			
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Land use Change	#3120	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$9,685.70	\$0.00			
Excavation tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Cost	#3189	\$2,753.25	\$0.00			
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS						
Property Taxes	#3110	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Land Use Charge	#3120	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Utility Charge	#3189	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interest-Late Tax	#3190	\$7,138.21	\$33,127.99	\$12,518.92	\$2,570.65	
Cost Before Lien	#3190	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$9,285,670.16	\$671,007.72	\$46,391.77	\$12,042.57	
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MS-61	TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT			
	For the Municipality of Strafford	Year Ending	12/31/2008	
CREDITS				
REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year			PRIOR LEVIES
		(Please Specify Year:		
	2008	2007	2006	Prior Years
Property Tax	\$8,551,009.82	\$432,498.89	\$23,352.29	\$6,738.81
Resident Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$6,575.70	\$602.51	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest (include lien conversion)	\$7,138.21	\$17,823.10	\$12,443.92	\$2,645.65
Penalties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cost	\$25.00	\$803.37	\$0.00	\$0.00
Conversion to Lien (principal only)	\$2,728.25	\$219,271.16	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				
ABATEMENTS MADE				
Property Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Resident Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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
Utility Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES		END OF YEAR #1080		
Property Taxes	\$715,083.18	\$8.69	\$10,595.56	\$2,658.11
Resident Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$3,110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utility Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$9,285,670.16	\$671,007.72	\$46,391.77	\$12,042.57

MS-61	TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT			
For the Municipality of Strafford		Year Ending		12/31/2008
DEBITS				
Last Year's Levy			PRIOR LEVIES (Please Specify Years)	
	2007	2006	2005	Prior Years
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. Of Fiscal Yr.	\$0.00	\$124,150.79	\$33,872.85	\$9,171.92
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$221,999.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Cost Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	\$6,966.20	\$11,876.06	\$12,518.99	\$2,870.65
TOTAL DEBITS	\$228,965.61	\$136,026.85	\$46,391.84	\$12,042.57
CREDITS				
REMITTED TO TREASURER			PRIOR LEVIES (Please Specify Years)	
Last Year's Levy				
	2007	2006	2005	Prior Years
Redemptions	\$93,115.51	\$44,804.33	\$23,352.29	\$6,738.81
Interest & Cost Collected #3190	\$6,091.20	\$11,406.31	\$12,443.99	\$2,645.65
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unredeemed Liens Balance #1110	\$129,758.90	\$79,816.21	\$10,595.56	\$2,658.01
TOTAL CREDITS	\$228,965.61	\$136,026.85	\$46,391.84	\$12,042.47
Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)?			Yes	
TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE			DATE	
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TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008

RECEIPTS

Balance January 1, 2008.....	\$ 3,622,977.03
Receipts.....	\$ 10,885,358.12

Total Receipts.....\$ 14,508,335.15

EXPENDITURES

Expenditures 2008.....	\$ 11,197,946.08
Balance Check Book, Dec. 31, 2008.....	\$ 1,005,988.12
Balance Investment Account	\$ 2,304,400.95

Total Expenditures..... \$14,508,335.15

N.H. Deposit Investment Pool.....\$ 2,304,400.95

Stafford Conservation Commission Easement Fund	
Acct# NH 01-0562-0001 Balance January 1, 2008	\$ 318,262.31
Deposited 2008	\$ 5,411.41
February 7, 2008-Reimb. Gen. Fund for Current Use Lien	\$ 26,970.00
July 23, 2008-Purchased Land on Pig Lane & Range Rd.	\$ 50,000.00
July 23, 2008-Purchased Land on Pig Lane	\$ 1,000.00
August 20, 2008-Bear Paw Reg. Greenways-Easement Trans. Costs	\$ 31,229.83
Interest Earned 2008	\$ 6,689.75

Total Balance \$ 221,163.64

Town of Stafford Ambulance Acct. #NH 01-0030-0003	
Balance January 1, 2008	\$ 59,729.75
April 4, 2008 – Reimb. Gen. Fund for wrong payment from Comstar	\$ 182.61
December 31, 2008 – Transferred to Ambulance Revolving Fund	\$ 11,148.36
Deposit for 2008	\$ 32,271.60
Interest Earned for 2008	\$ 1,754.43

Total Balance \$ 82,424.81

Stafford Ambulance Revolving Fund Acct.#NH-01-0030-0009	
December 31, 2008 – Transferred from Ambulance Fund	\$ 11,148.36

Total Balance \$ 11,148.36

Conservation Commission Acct. #NH 01-0030-0004	
Balance January 1, 2008	\$ 2,682.20
January 31, 2008-Year End Transfer-Unexpended Budget Balance	\$ 32.00
February 7, 2008-Withdrew-Bear Paw Regional Greenways	\$ 200.00
November 10, 2008-Withdrew-C&K Printing-Signs for Town Forest	\$ 130.36
November 25, 2008-Cal Schroeder & Carolyn Page	\$ 87.35
December 31, 2008-George Kitz-Mowing Town Forest	\$ 150.00
December 31, 2008-Cocheco Watershed Coalition	\$ 25.00
December 31, 2008-Friends of Suncook River	\$ 50.00
December 31, 2008-Bear Paw Regional Greenways	\$ 200.00
Interest Earned 2008	\$ 62.41
Total Balance	\$ 1,933.90

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT

In 2008, approximately 500 properties were visited and photos were taken as part of an ongoing database maintenance program.

The assessments in Strafford remained very close to “Market Value” in 2008.

Data verification of all properties will continue this year. We expect to visit another 500 properties in the southwest and northwest sections of town in 2009, in addition to those changes that occurred since 4/1/2008 or had ongoing projects as of that date. The reason for this is to keep the assessing database as up to date and accurate as possible to ensure the utmost equity among the taxpayers.

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 at 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.

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I would like to thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Todd Haywood, CNHA
Strafford Assessing Agent

February 18, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Please note that the Town's financial audit for the year ending December 31, 2008 is in process, therefore there is no Auditor's Report 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

Lynn Sweet, Selectman

Stephanie Gray, Selectman

**TOWN OF STRAFFORD
TOWN MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 22, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday March 11, 2008 at the Strafford Elementary School in the Town of Strafford, by Moderator Pro-tem Diane Waldron to act on Article 1 of the 2008 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 188th Strafford Town Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am on Saturday, March 22, 2008, at the Strafford Elementary School by Moderator William Lord, to act on Articles 2 through 20.

The Boy Scouts conducted a short presentation and we said the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator announced the results of the March 11, 2008 Town Meeting as follows:

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

Voters on the checklist	3,011
Votes cast	631
Selectman – Three Years	
Stephanie Gray.....	182
Library Trustee – Three Years	
Nancy F. Baxter.....	559
Trustee of the Trust Fund	
Michelle Bengier.....	551
Moderator	
William G. Lord... ..	555
Supervisor of the Checklist	
Marilyn Roderick.....	572
Road Agent	
Greg Messenger.....	584

Moderator Lord welcomed all to the meeting and explained the rules of the meeting. Moderator Lord introduced the Selectmen and Town Clerk at the head table.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000. for the construction of a new Municipal Offices Building on existing Town land and authorize the withdrawal of \$350,000. from the capital reserve fund created for that purpose, with the balance of \$100,000. to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Estimated tax impact \$.20)

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.
Selectman Steve Leighton and Tony Fallon addressed and presented the article.

Jim Forsythe made a motion to amend the article to read:
“To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$480,000 for the construction of a new Municipal Offices Building on existing town land and authorize the withdrawal of \$350,000 from the capital reserve fund created for that purpose with the balance of \$130,000 to come from general taxation. The site work to be done by the lowest original bidder.”

rate.

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$171,000 for capital improvements to the following roads including drainage, gravel and paving:

- a. Second Crown Point Road from the intersection of the Cross Road (North) approximately 1.1 mile to the end of existing pavement.
- c. Sunny Oaks Terrace from the intersection of Whig Hill Road approximately .9 mile to the intersection of Ledgewood Drive.
- d. Hickory Way in its entirety approximately .15 of a mile.”

Moderator Lord read the article as amended. Vote taken and carried.

No discussion on article 4 as amended. Moderator Lord re-read the article as amended.

Vote taken and carried.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000. to be placed in the non-capital reserve fund created in 2004 for the purpose of funding any future bridge repairs/construction. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Estimated tax impact \$.01)

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Selectman Steve Leighton addressed the article.

No discussion. The Moderator re-read the article. Vote taken and carried.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$433,430. for the operation and maintenance of the Police Department. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Net estimated tax impact after grant and revenues \$.86)

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Chief of Police Scott Young addressed the article.

Susan Morgan made a motion to amend the article and was seconded.

The selectman addressed the amendment. After brief discussion the amendment was clarified. “That the medical and dental benefits offered be commensurate with those received by school employees who contribute premium and service co-payments.”

Motion on the clarified amendment made and seconded.

The moderator re-read the amendment.

Town Administrator Ellen White and the Selectmen addressed the amendment. After brief discussion the Moderator re-read the amendment. Vote taken on the amendment and failed.

Moderator Lord re-read the article as originally written. Vote taken on the original article and carried.

7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the future purchase of police vehicles and associated equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000. to be placed in this fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Estimated tax impact \$.04)

Moderator Lord read the article. Scott Young addressed the article.

Gerry Waldron proposed an amendment that any new police vehicles be “hybrid” vehicles. Scott Young addressed the proposed amendment. After discussion no further action was taken.

After continued brief discussion Moderator Lord re-read the article as originally written.
Vote taken and carried.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$209,740. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Estimated tax impact \$.43)

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.
No discussion. Moderator Lord re-read the article. Vote taken and carried.

9. To see if the Town will vote to re-allocate the distribution of revenues received for ambulance services, so that only 50% goes to the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund, with the remaining 50% to be placed in the revolving fund to be created for the purpose of ambulance services by Article 10. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.
After brief discussion the Moderator re-read the article. Vote taken and carried.

10. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of ambulance services. 50% of all revenues received for ambulance services will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. This article is contingent on Article 9 passing. Selectmen recommend this article.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.
Selectman Steve Leighton addressed the article.
After brief discussion Moderator Lord re-read the article. Vote taken and carried.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000. to be used for the second year's payment on the five year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing to own a new pumper/tanker as voted by Article 15, at the 2007 Town Meeting. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Estimated tax impact \$.16)

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.
After brief discussion the Moderator re-read the article. Vote taken and carried.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,700. for the purchase of forest fire fighting equipment and personal protective gear. \$2,000. to come from a shared grant from the State of New Hampshire, with the remainder of \$2,700. to come from general taxation. This article is contingent upon receipt of the State portion of the grant. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Estimated tax impact \$.006)

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.
Fire Chief Loren Pierce addressed the article.
No discussion. Moderator Lord re-read the article. Vote taken and carried.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,190. for the purchase of fire fighting equipment. \$41,981. to come from a Federal Fire Act grant, with the remainder of \$2,209. to come from general taxation. This article is contingent upon the receipt of the grant.

The Selectmen recommend this article. (Estimated tax impact \$.005)

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Fire Chief Loren Pierce addressed the article.

No discussion. Moderator Lord re-read the article. Vote taken and failed.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000. to be placed in the capital reserve fund established by Article 8 in 2007 pursuant to RSA 35:1, for the purpose of repairs and/or replacement of the Town owned dock located on Water Street. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Estimated tax impact \$.04)

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Selectman Steve Leighton addressed the article.

After lengthy discussion Moderator Lord re-read the question. Vote taken and carried.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,144,148. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 64,075.
Election & Registration.....	22,188.
Financial Administration.....	67,062.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	36,500.
Legal Expenses.....	20,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	33,145.
Planning and Zoning.....	8,500.
General Government Building.....	16,969.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	26,750.
Insurance.....	36,700.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	3,082.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	4,525.
Contingency Fund.....	15,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	10,890.
Ambulance.....	5,000.
Emergency Management.....	1,500.
Building Inspection.....	20,000.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	297,500.
Street Lighting.....	3,863.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	233,700.
Animal Control.....	4,200.
Health Inspector.....	400.
Rochester Rural Visiting Nurse & Hospice.....	5,037.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	28,000.
Community Action.....	1,500.
Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend's Place.....	200.
The Homemakers of Strafford County.....	1,212.
CHANCES.....	2,500.
Parks and Recreation.....	17,500.
Library.....	61,709.
Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works.....	4,500.
Conservation Commission.....	750.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
Debt Service (Landfill Closure – Final Payment).....	74,699.
Transfer Station/Recycling Center Monitoring	12,000.

TOTAL..... \$ 1,144,148.

[The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,144,148. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.] The Selectmen recommend this article.
(Estimated tax impact after local revenues \$.59)

(All estimated tax impact figures applied to money articles do not reflect further adjustments for shared revenues from State of NH, surplus and war service credits; total adjustments are estimated to reduce the total tax rate impact by an additional \$.91)

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.
Selectman Steve Leighton made a motion to amend the article and was seconded.
"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,204,148. for general Town operations.

The intent is to increase the line for General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance by \$60,000. from 297,500. to \$357,500. No other line item changes are proposed.

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,204,148. exclusive of all other articles addressed.) The Selectmen recommend this article. (Estimated Tax impact after local revenues \$.71)."

After brief discussion Moderator Lord re-read the amendment. Vote taken to amend and carried.

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

16. To hear the report on Article 23 voted at the 2007 Town Meeting on the feasibility of implementing a "pay as you throw" program at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center.

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

After brief discussion Dennis Vachon made a motion to amend the article and was seconded.
"To see if the Town is in favor of implementing a "pay as you throw" program at the Transfer

Station/Recycling Center. If approved, the selectmen will return with a report to the 2009 Town Meeting on the feasibility and costs associated with this process and an article requesting authorization and funding if appropriate."

Moderator Lord read the amendment. Vote taken to amend and carried.
No discussion. Moderator Lord re-read the amended article. Vote taken and carried.

17. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the use of Snackerty Road (a.k.a. Church Road) as a public way pursuant to RSA 231:43.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.
Selectman Steve Leighton made a motion to table the article.
After brief discussion the motion to table was seconded. Vote taken to table and carried.

18. "To see if the Town will vote to re-allocate the land use change tax distribution so that only 50% goes to the conservation fund and the remaining 50% is returned to the general fund."
(by petition.)

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Judy Witcher, Harmony Anderson and Phil Auger addressed the article.

After lengthy discussion a petition for secret ballot was presented. Moderator Lord read the 5 names on the petition to confirm the presence of the individuals. Moderator Lord opened the poles giving all at the meeting time to vote. The results of the ballot vote:

YES 42

NO 106

Article 18 failed.

19. To see if the Town will vote to form a committee to study the need to re-open the following Class VI roads for fire and safety purposes; Old Whig Hill Road, Scribner/Cross Road and Barn Door Gap Road. This committee to be comprised of one Selectman, one Planning Board member, one Conservation Commission member, one representative from the Police Department, one representative from the Fire and Rescue Department, and one representative each, from the Crown Point, Center Strafford, Bow Lake and Barn Door Gap sections of Town.

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

Vera Boals made a motion to amend the article and was seconded.

“To see if the Town will vote to form a committee to study the needs to re-open the following Class VI roads for fire and safety purposes: Webber Road, Old Whig Hill Road, Scribner/Cross Road, and Barn Door Gap Road.”

After brief discussion the Moderator read the amendment. Vera Boals addressed the amendment. The Moderator re-read the amendment. Vote taken to amend and carried.

Bruce Patrick then made a motion to amend the article and was seconded.

“That Huckins Road and Old Ridge Road be added to Warrant Article #19.”

After brief discussion the Moderator read the amendment. Vote taken on the amendment and carried.

After lengthy discussion the Moderator re-read the amended article. Vote taken on the article as amended and failed.

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

Steven Leighton recognized departing Selectman JoAnn Brown for her many years of service to the Town.

Moderator Lord made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded at 12:35 pm.

Given under my hand and seal, this 22nd day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eight.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Waldron

**STRAFFORD RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION
ANNUAL REPORT**

Our recycling center and transfer station is working very well. People have been wonderful and cooperative. We have a dedicated group of workers that are taking care of the facility for us, and we could not have made the progress that we have made without their help. Again this year the total tonnage of waste has declined, while our recycling volumes continue to increase. 2008 also marked the final year of payments on the revolving loan we received for the landfill closure project. We will continue to fund hydrogeological monitoring of the transfer station area, as required, in order to test for any evidence of problems.

Our most important message to the Town as we enter 2009 is “Don’t give up on recycling!” Every ounce of waste that is processed through our various recycling bins, saves the Town money. Hauling fees for recycled materials are always less than the costs associated with tipping fees for the trash compactor. Though you may have heard that the prices for recycled materials are down from the highs of the past year or two, recycling still generates revenue. We ask that people continue to work with the transfer station attendants, and always ask before you throw. For example, we have recently received less than optimal prices for our aluminum cans because other aluminum materials (foil, pans, etc.) mixed with the cans must be removed and therefore reduces the value of our load. From now on, cans only please! If we all work together, we can make the most of our recycling program, even in these challenging times.

As we reflect back on the year, we want to thank our people at the Transfer Center, and we want to thank you, the public, for your cooperation and patience. Remember that we are open three days per week—Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. We urge townspeople to take advantage of our Wednesday evening hours, when there may be less traffic at the facility than during the weekend hours. It is also very important that everyone follow the rules for proper distribution of articles at the facility, as our reduced costs depend on it.

If you run a business, please make arrangements for commercial trash disposal. The Transfer Center is for residential trash disposal only. If you have any questions, the attendants will be glad to help.

ANNUAL SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING ACTIVITY (Waste Management)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Tonnage Recycling	247.37	267.14	261.83	257.59	294.94	303.82	353.78
Total Tonnage Demolition Debris	281.32	464.05	519.88	525.21	462.94	357.52	361.14
Total Tonnage Municipal Solid Waste	1013.44	983.01	1096.37	1119.99	1081.32	973.92	972.17

REVENUES RECEIVED 2008

Tires (Customer Fees)	\$ 1,181.00
Metal Disposal (Customer Fees)	\$ 2,115.00
Mattresses/Furniture (Customer Fees)	\$ 2,265.00
Small Electronics/Monitors, etc. (Customer Fees)	\$ 2,776.00
Revenues from Recycling/Scrap Metal	\$ 11,345.22
Revenues from Recycling/Aluminum	\$ 12,040.24
Revenues from Recycling/Cardboard	\$ 3,452.91
TOTAL	\$ 35,175.37



A Recycling "Co-operative":
Working Together to Make Recycling Strong!!!

Northeast Resource Recovery Association, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH 03234
Telephone: (603) 736-4401 Fax: (603) 736-4402
E-mail: info@nrna.net Web Site: www.nrra.net

Town of Strafford

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling cooperative, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2008	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Aluminum Cans	25,515 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 2,596,406 hours!
Scrap Metal	77 tons	Conserved 76,752 pounds of coal!

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

It has been an eventful year. The year 2008 began and ended with a lot of snow storms. Then on August 15th, the State of New Hampshire closed the Bow Lake Northwood Road bridge. With help from the state and H. E. B. Engineers, work began and we were able to have the bridge opened within eight weeks. We want to thank anyone who helped in any way at this time. We realize it was hard for residents in that area, but the repairs were a safety necessity.

Paving was completed on three sections of road: Hickory way, Sunny Oaks Terrace, and Second Crown Point Road. Also ditch work, grading and gravel, patching, and brush cutting was completed in most areas.

Everyone will remember the December of '08 snow and ice storm, with trees down and power outages all over Town. Thank you for your patience.

Respectfully,
Greg Messenger
Road Agent

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES -- 2008

Arborcare Tree Service	\$ 5,480.00
Scott Barry Trucking	\$ 2,537.50
Benjamin A. Bickford	\$ 435.00
Robert McMaster	\$ 250.00
Parker Mountain Excavating, LLC	\$ 302.50
R.W. Tasker & Son	\$ 30,163.00
Ralph Twombly	\$ 2,600.00
Jim Webber Trucking	\$ 1,140.00
Radford Messenger, Inc.	\$ 196,178.82

Sub Total.....\$ 249,086.82

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES

Equipment/Maintenance	\$ 5,435.82
Gravel	\$ 6,406.66
Sand	\$ 14,131.53
Salt	\$ 48,284.53
Cold Patch	\$ 1,208.61
Paving Asphalt	\$ 25,237.70
Culverts	\$ 6,736.01
Street Signs/Posts	\$ 782.98
Supplie & Misc.	\$ 604.38

Sub Total.....\$ 108,828.22

TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....\$ 357,915.04

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REGULATONS

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.

EMERGENCY MANANGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

After the Mother's Day Flood in 2007 and the Ice Storm of 2008, we learned that there were some deficiencies in the town's Emergency Management Department. Emergency Management did not have the basic equipment to deal with road closures other than what the Road Agent was able to supply. From the 2008 budget, I was able to purchase a few road signs and barricades.

In 2009, I look to improve our emergency response through the addition of some basic equipment. First, I have designated the Police Department as the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). From the EOC, the Fire Chief, ranking Police official, Emergency Management Director and the Road Agent along with a Town official such as a member of the Board of Selectmen will have a base of operations. During the ice storm, we were without power or phones for several days. I am requesting a 10,000-watt generator that will power the building in such emergencies and provide a small shelter for those who need it.

I am also asking for a small, enclosed trailer that will be used as a multi-purpose vehicle to store our equipment and be used as a mobile command center. The equipment and trailer will be available for use by the emergency management department, the fire department and the police department, in times of an emergency.

During the ice storm we also learned that we could not depend on the American Red Cross to supply us with the basic essentials we needed to open our emergency shelter, as they were overtaxed by the larger communities. I have recommended to the Board of Selectmen that we purchase a few basic supplies for a shelter, i.e. cots, blankets and MRE's.

While I understand that the Board of Selectmen was looking toward level funding for 2009, it was obvious to emergency services that we lacked the basic equipment to adequately serve the residents of Strafford. We look forward to your support of these initiatives.

Respectfully,

Scott Young
Emergency Management Director

STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT

2008 was a year full of changes for the Strafford Fire Department. I took over as Chief on September 1st when Loren Pierce stepped down after 10 years as Chief and numerous years of service. Loren still remains an active member of the department. In addition, Glenn Pierce resigned from being the Forest Fire Warden in January and as Captain of the Center Station at the end of the year. Glenn remains on the department as well. The department and I thank both of them for their many years of service in those positions.

The past year was one of our busiest with 280 calls for service. This was helped along by the summer tornado that seriously damaged neighboring towns and was followed by the December ice storm that caused damage all over Strafford. With the help of the ice storm, December, 2008, was our busiest month ever, with 59 calls, even with the Mother's Day flooding in 2006 and the April flooding in 2007.

I would like to thank the townspeople and businesses for their support this past year. It is always appreciated.

The 2008 Budget was overspent by \$1000.00. Even though we cut back on many things in the budget, high fuel and heating prices, along with necessary maintenance on both department vehicles and buildings, took its toll. The ice storm in December pushed the year-end total costs over budgeted allowances and dealt the final blow.

In closing, I would like to thank all department members for all of their hours of work and support this past year. I know we would not have been able to continue on with our mission of "Neighbor Helping Neighbors" without them.

Chief Paul Stover
Strafford Fire and Rescue

**STRAFFORD FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT
BUDGET SUMMARY**

	2008 Budgeted	2008 Expenditures	2009 Proposed
Administrative Salaries	\$3,700.00	\$3,176.76	\$3,700.00
Call Wages/Fire and Rescue	32,300.00	33,834.23	32,300.00
Call Wages/Ambulance	57,000.00	51,258.98	57,000.00
Supplies	5,750.00	2,945.36	3,500.00
Gas	4,800.00	5,186.58	5,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	638.84	1,000.00
Training/Reference Materials	11,420.00	3,326.06	10,000.00
Electricity/Heat	7,000.00	10,643.21	9,000.00
Telephone	2,000.00	1,490.93	1,750.00
Equipment/Maintenance	28,384.00	33,496.07	28,941.00
Dues	2,455.00	585.00	750.00
Truck Maintenance	10,000.00	18,686.50	10,000.00
Dispatch	30,411.00	30,372.21	30,749.00
Uniforms/Clothing	3,000.00	2,126.20	3,000.00
Building Maintenance	1,720.00	5,774.10	5,000.00
Periodicals/Books	1,800.00	497.20	550.00
Employer FICA	5,700.00	5,411.99	5,700.00
Employer MEDI	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>1,265.92</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>
 Total	 \$209,740.00	 \$210,716.14	 \$209,740.00

**STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT
WAGE SUMMARY**

Administrative Salaries

Loren Pierce.....	\$	1,384.56
Paul Stover.....		1,792.20

Total..... 3,176.76

Call Wages - Fire

Loren Pierce	\$1,301.60	Aucella, Erik	\$1,012.00
Scott Whitehouse	\$672.13	Manheit, Jesse	\$571.50
Eugene Burrows	\$1,230.00	Rix, Tod	\$2,127.75
Jack Lagasse	\$155.25	Cole, Chris	\$66.63
Yergeau, Sr., Paul	\$1,220.00	Carroll, Jill	\$226.00
Stover, Paul	\$3,056.60	Lefebvre, Nicole	\$446.00
Lobdell, Robert	\$1,168.75	Dustin, Chris	\$2,085.25
Pierce, Glenn	\$1,086.25	Iber, Meghan	\$312.00
Hayes, Doug	\$825.14	Leighton, Kate	\$128.00
Pierce, Wayne	\$396.00	Anderson, James	\$1,133.00
Lobdell, Matt	\$2,373.78	Total	\$33,834.23
Riendeau, William	\$466.25		
Bickford, Terry R.	\$104.00		
Palmer, David	\$1,009.14		
Bickford, Terry A.	\$56.25		
Chick, Ken	\$269.06		
Duffy, Dan	\$21.94		
Hartranft, David	\$2,808.27		
Carroll, Andy	\$2,174.28		
Yergeau, Jr., Paul	\$1,046.25		
Bickford, Ben	\$771.75		
Scribner, Kelly	\$8.75		
Ferry, David	\$643.50		
Drew, Nick	\$1,197.00		
Ferry, Teresa	\$277.83		
Leighton, Ashley	\$200.00		
Gray, Stephanie	\$1,186.33		

Call Wages/Ambulance

Hayes, Doug		\$2,127.66
Palmer, David		\$6,147.38
Chick, Ken		\$10,429.40
Hartranft, David		\$2,731.88
Carroll, Andy		\$2,608.13
Ferry, Teresa		\$6,409.42
Gray, Stephanie		\$14,931.85
Dustin, Chris		\$5,363.26
Iber, Meghan		\$280.00
Leighton, Kate		\$200.00
Total		\$51,258.98

STRAFFORD FOREST FIRE WARDEN
ANNUAL REPORT

My first year as Warden has come and gone. I would like to thank all members of the Strafford community for their encouragement, suggestions and concerns. I would also like to thank them for their patience. There were a few changes made, including when and where brush fire permits are issued. After doing this for about a year, I feel that it has worked well, and am going to continue to issue permits the same way. At this time, everything else will remain the same (days of the week and times). If you would like to schedule a time to renew your seasonal permit, please feel free to call me at 664-9645.

Sincerely,
Matt Lobdell
Forest Fire Warden
Strafford, NH

**STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT**

The Police Department 2009 budget is level funded from 2008. While we have shifted money around within the line items, the bottom line has not changed. The department will be able to provide the same level service as years past, providing the economy does not get any worse than it is now. My main concern moving into the next year is fuel prices, as last year's budget took a hit when gasoline was \$4.00/gallon.

This year I am asking for a new 4-wheel drive vehicle. The current 4X4 is a 1998 Jeep and has a host of problems that will cost thousands to repair. The three Chevy Impala's will each have well over 100 thousand miles by the end of this year, with one out of service as of this writing due to transmission problems. We also have two part time officer positions that were not filled since last year. We hope to get some qualified people to fill those ranks sometime this spring.

It is our privilege to serve the Town of Strafford and its residents. It is our goal to render efficient and professional service to the community. We encourage community participation, so please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have in order that we may better serve you.

Respectfully,

Scott Young
Chief of Police

Police Department Statistics

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Accidents	57	86	70
911 calls	40	60	77
M/V summons	202	87	161
M/V warnings	1013	757	884
Arrests	145	125	111
Mutual/Fire/Med	111	141	172
Incidents	592	643	739
Alarms	45	67	78
Crime Against Prop.	70	74	119
Misc. Calls for Serv.	786	667	1026
TOTALS	3061	2707	3437

Budget of the Strafford Police Department			
Purpose of Appropriations	Appropriations 2008	Actual Expenditures 2008	Appropriations 2009
SALARIES			
Chief S. Young	\$ 60,803.18	\$ 60,134.98	\$ 60,803.18
Sergeant M. Richard	\$ 50,253.66	\$ 49,830.70	\$ 50,253.66
Officer R. Young	\$ 35,723.89	\$ 36,285.84	\$ 35,723.89
Officer B. Scott	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,863.19	\$ 34,000.00
Secretary/Admin Assistant	\$ 17,160.00	\$ 16,978.00	\$ 17,160.00
Officer E. Gale		\$ 1,196.25	
Officer D. Laliberte		\$ 4,970.75	
Officer N. Drew		\$ 15,295.50	
Officer C.Plummer		\$ 1,864.01	
Total Part-time Officers	\$ 32,880.00		\$ 32,880.00
Subtotal	\$ 230,820.73	\$ 221,419.22	\$ 230,820.73
Overtime			
Sergeant M. Richard		\$ 4,487.42	
Officer R. Young		\$ 4,761.16	
Officer B. Scott		\$ 5,925.48	
Overtime	\$ 7,500.00		\$ 15,000.00
Subtotal	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 15,174.06	\$ 15,000.00
Grants			
Detail/Grants	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
Chief of Police S. Young		\$ 1,170.00	
Sergeant M. Richard		\$ 180.00	
Officer R. Young		\$ 540.00	
Officer B. Scott		\$ 720.00	
Officer C.Plummer		\$ 270.00	
Officer N.Drew		\$ 180.00	
Subtotal		\$ 3,060.00	
Road Details			
Chief Of Police S. Young		\$ 2,699.58	
Sergeant M. Richard		\$ 956.18	
Officer R. Young		\$ 768.48	
Officer B.Scott		\$ 2,541.89	
Officer N.Drew		\$ 675.00	
Subtotal		\$ 7,641.13	
Total	\$ 246,320.73	\$ 227,294.41	\$ 246,320.73

BENEFITS									
N.H. Retirement	\$	22,292.00	\$	24,374.40	\$				24,825.00
Insurance	\$	87,373.00	\$	85,874.90	\$				80,435.00
F.I.C.A.	\$	2,039.00	\$	1,642.92	\$				3,104.00
MEDI	\$	3,456.00	\$	3,603.47	\$				3,564.00
Subtotal	\$	115,160.00	\$	115,495.69	\$				111,928.00
OPERATING BUDGET									
Supplies	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,234.41	\$				3,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$	5,000.00	\$	3,569.99	\$				4,900.00
Equipment	\$	8,000.00	\$	5,017.91	\$				8,000.00
Prosecution Service	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00	\$				7,000.00
Dispatch	\$	11,250.00	\$	11,250.00	\$				11,250.00
Cruiser Maintenance	\$	6,000.00	\$	7,759.44	\$				6,000.00
Training	\$	1,200.00	\$	642.77	\$				1,200.00
Heat/Electricity	\$	6,000.00	\$	4,880.68	\$				6,000.00
Uniforms	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,581.67	\$				2,000.00
Gasoline	\$	11,500.00	\$	15,802.00	\$				11,500.00
Telephone	\$	6,000.00	\$	4,939.04	\$				6,000.00
Computer User Fees	\$	5,000.00	\$	4,762.00	\$				5,000.00
Miscellaneous*	\$		\$	190.00	\$				100.00
Subtotal	\$	68,950.00	\$	71,791.52	\$				68,950.00
Total Budget	\$	433,430.00	\$	432,420.04	\$				433,698.00
Revenues (2008)									
Pistol Permits	\$	920.00							
Reports	\$	205.00							
Fines	\$	2,625.38							
Special Service Fees	\$	6,572.98							
Grants	\$	4,266.54							
Witness Fees	\$	1,755.30							
Total	\$	16,345.20							

Strafford Conservation Commission

2008 Annual Report

The Town of Strafford made significant progress toward the town's Master Plan goals of preserving rural character and protecting natural resources in 2008. New conservation easements on public lands were finalized, protecting as open space long sections of the Isinglass watershed, 350 acres of forest land, and another 290 acres of the Strafford School District land. All of these parcels are open to the public. Two conservation easements on private lands brought the total of land newly protected in 2008 to 868 acres. The Conservation Commission has reported monthly as this project unfolded in its column "Conservation Notes" in the *Strafford Community Calendar*. This large community-wide conservation project succeeded through collaboration with the national Trust for Public Land (TPL), our regional land trust partner, Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, and Strafford boards and Conservation Commission. The TPL had secured the promise of a federal grant for \$1.3 million toward purchase from the developer the 267-acre Pig Lane Property along the Isinglass River that had plot plans for as many as 70 houses. The grant was only available if Strafford could provide at least 10% of the \$1.5 million purchase price and new conservation easements with a value of extinguished development rights to match the grant dollars. Additional dollars had to be found to meet the final purchase price. It was a daunting task, but the match and dollars were found:

- The Strafford conservation fund contributed \$150,000.
- Carolyn and Clay Bedford of Barrington gave 80 acres of land across from the Recycling Center to the town to be conserved
- The Strafford School Board supported and Strafford voters at the School District agreed to conserve 290 acres of the property along the Mohawk River, reserving 75 acres for future school use.
- Ed Cournoyer donated a conservation easement on 55 acres of his property that runs from Parker Mountain Road down across Huckins Mill Pond Brook.
- The family of Randall Cooper and Candace Walworth donated a conservation easement on 158 acres of their lands along a long section of Province Road and Wild Goose Pond Road and Buzzey Run.
- Bear-Paw secured additional grants and individuals made dollar contributions.

On August 1st at the Historical Society's Austin Hall, representatives from all concerned gathered for the signing of the four donated conservation easements and the fifth one, the newly purchased Isinglass River Conservation Reserve. The Conservation Commission thanks the many who made this historic project possible: Ed Cournoyer, Randy Cooper and Candace Walworth for their generous donations of conservation easements on their private lands, Carolyn and Clay Bedford for their outright gift of land to Strafford, Greg Caporossi of the Trust for Public Land and his colleagues there for the grant dollars, the Strafford School Board members and Strafford voters for their support of the project; Dan Kern of Bear-Paw secured grants toward the purchase price and transaction costs of the easements; and Strafford voters who established and support the conservation fund without which we could not have been eligible for the federal dollars or could not have supported the transaction costs of setting up the conservation easements. The Conservation Commission is especially thankful to Phil Auger. This project would not have been possible without the hundreds of hours Phil, as a Bear-Paw board member and a Strafford volunteer, devoted to it in many meetings with town boards, landowners, and TPL.

The conservation of 868 new acres in town ought to be enough excitement for one year, but there was also plenty going on at our Parker Mountain area Town Forest. Town forester Charlie Moreno prepared a careful forest management plan for the conservation commission back in 2005, and part of the management included special care

of the rare and endangered small whorled pogonia growing there. Charlie secured a federal Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program grant for our operations on the Strafford Town Forest lands that will allow us to document and monitor the pogonia populations on the Strafford Town Forest lands as part of a statewide research project coordinated by the Natural Heritage Bureau. Not only were the pogonia carefully plotted in 2008, but the weather turned more favorable to logging and all Strafford loggers were offered the opportunity to bid on the limited forest stewardship operation. Ed Cutter won the bid and has been at work in the forest since late summer. The goals of the operation are wildlife habitat enhancement, timber stand improvement, and improved access for recreation and fire safety. In November, cooperative Extension Strafford County Forestry Educator Deb Goard and Phil Auger worked in the forest laying out and preparing the specifications for a trail system for the Ederly and Weidman lots. That work should begin in summer of 2009.

Last but not least, the Conservation Commission would again like to thank those who help us maintain the Town Forest and our hiking trails, including Brian Dahlgren, George Kitz, and the Strafford Boy Scouts Troop 23. Your service to our community is deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Harmony Anderson, Jack Bromenberg, Elizabeth Evans, Carolyn Page, David Perkins, Al Pratt, Cal Schroeder, and alternate members Bruce Smith and JoAnn Brown.

**Strafford Energy Committee
Annual Report**

Chair

Bill Vance

Members

Ken Berry

Jean Chartrand-Ewen

Jim Forsythe

Dan Phelan

Carol Reynolds

The Strafford Energy Committee attended various meeting in Town and at the State House regarding energy issues within the community. The following is a list of those issues:

- Promoted the installation of energy efficient features during construction, renovation, and/or repair of the school and other public buildings, including but not limited to state of the art heating and cooling equipment
- Requested consideration of bio-fuel for the present elementary school to minimize CO₂ emissions and limit the maintenance needs (cleaner burn)
- Requested insulation around the duct work in the boiler room at Elementary School to improve heating efficiency
- Requested the installation of 2 “No Idling Signs” be posted at the Elementary School (installed)
- Set up booth at Town Meeting and National Election Day to promote energy awareness and recruit new members

The Membership would like to encourage new ideas from Strafford’s abundant resources to mitigate climate change, reduce fossil fuel usage, and encourage a sustainable community.

HILL LIBRARY
Annual Report for 2008
Website: www.metrocast.net~strafilib/
Telephone 664-2800

Library Hours

Monday: 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 Tuesday: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Wednesday: 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Thursday: 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Saturday: 10:00 pm to 2:00 pm

INVENTORY

Books in the library collection as of Jan. 1, 2008.....	15,540
Books lost, damaged or deleted in 2008.....	224
Books added in 2008.....	827
Books owned as of December 31, 2008.....	16,143
Videos/Audios owned as of January 1, 2008.....	911
Videos/Audios lost, damaged or deleted in 2008.....	43
Videos/Audios added during 2008.....	198
Videos/Audios owned as of December 31, 2008.....	1,066
Magazine subscriptions donated or purchased in 2008.....	44

CIRCULATION

Total patron attendance.....	9498
Circulation:	
Adult fiction.....	2342
Adult non-fiction.....	1152
Children's fiction.....	3809
Children's non-fiction.....	933
Magazines.....	265
Audio tapes, CDs.....	758
Videos/DVDs.....	2,641
Materials not bar coded.....	130
Interlibrary loans.....	112
Total materials circulated.....	12,142

Hill Library had another busy year highlighted by visits from Strafford School, home school families, summer reading, and well-attended story hours. Evenings saw meetings of sewing and weaving participants, Energy Group, poetry nights and movie showings. Visiting policemen and guardsmen used the library. People used the computers in search of employment. We lost a week to the ice storm.

Total circulation was less than last year's but attendance was greater. Fewer magazine circulated but borrowing of audio and video materials increased. More men use the library than in past years. Adults borrowed less fiction and more non-fiction. These trends and others will keep our attention in 2009.

HILL LIBRARY
Treasurer's Report for 2008

Beginning balance in checkbook January 1, 2008	27,274.67
Income	
Town appropriation	26,500.00
Salaries paid by Town	33,929.18
Total income	60,429.18
Expenses	
Association dues	80.00
Conferences	135.00
S.R.P. & Story time	100.00
Total program expenses	315.00
Collection expenses	
Children's books	1,567.43
Adult books	2,017.28
Magazines	223.14
Professional literature	230.49
Reference books	334.99
Audio/visual media	643.19
Total collection expenses	5,103.70
Computer expenses	
Hardware	248.00
Software	339.95
Support service	508.00
Printer repair	145.15
Ink cartridges	170.16
Total computer expenses	1,411.26
Copier & Fax expenses	
Toner/drum	159.49
Less copy/fax fees	388.00
Total copier & fax expense	+228.51
Custodial services	1,050.00
Insurance	1,316.00
Miscellaneous	
Defibrillator pads	55.00
Checks	65.40
Promotional material	156.12
Total miscellaneous expense	284.86
Movie license	295.00
Maintenance	2464.00
Museum pass	250.00
P.O Box & postage	131.20

Salaries

Director	14,765.90
Assistant director	9,146.52
Librarian 1	5,029.08
Librarian 2	4,987.68
Total salaries	33,929.18
Supplies	
Custodial supplies	155.03
Office supplies	315.25
Total supplies	570.28
Utilities	
Electricity	2,075.15
Heat	8,387.96
Telephone	774.90
Water system	77.00
Total utility expense	11,315.01
Total expenses	58,594.98
Balance in checkbook December 31, 2008	29,905.36
Petty cash	26.00
Cash on hand December 31, 2008	29,931.36

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte M. Berry, Treasurer

TRUSTEES 2008 HILL LIBRARY REPORT

The Strafford Hill Library's mission statement is "to grow and develop with the community to meet the people's cultural, educational, recreational, and informational needs." The staff and volunteers at the Hill Library work hard to keep our library up to date and user friendly. We have added many new materials; books, CDs, Videos, and DVDs. We have updated and upgraded the computers. And we work hard to keep ourselves up to date so we can all help you find whatever it is you are looking for at the Hill Library.

In addition to regular hours when people can do research, sit and read a book, check email and work on a computer, or check out whatever material they want, the library is open for various other activities. Some available programs are:

- Family Movies twice monthly on Saturday nights
- Local "bug experts" to help fifth graders identify bugs for their projects
- Fiber Arts group meets weekly
- Story Time twice monthly for preschoolers
- Summer Reading Program for youngsters during school vacation
- Mr. and Mrs. Berry give tours and read stories to school groups at the beginning of the school year
- Book Club meets to discuss a selection once each month
- Model Airplanes night once each month
- Scrabble/ Game night once each month
- Annual CPR course available to the community
- The Cilley Room serves as a regular meeting place for several community groups

Some other programs that have been done during the year are:

- Poetry readings with local talent reading their own works
- Comedy night with local talent
- Song night with local musicians
- Summer patron appreciation party
- Reception to honor Charles Simic, U S Poet Lauriat
- Financial planner available to discuss current financial issues
- Candidates night prior to elections
- New Hampshire Humanities Council programs

We thank all of the volunteers in the Strafford Library Association who work diligently to keep the building and grounds in spectacular condition.

Finally, we would like to thank all the many volunteers who put in hours of work to keep the library running and all the contributors who donate books, movies, and money. Without you, our costs would be exorbitant. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Baxter, David Bengner, and Martha English, Trustees

Charles Burnham, Indra Edmonds, and Pam Marks, Alternate Trustees

**Trustees of Hill Library
Treasurer's Report 2008**

Income:

Beginning balance January 1, 2008	8,895.46	
Book fines	787.65	
Book (used) sale	389.00	
Donations	618.80	
Antivirus refund	120.00	
Lost & damaged materials	30.90	
Out of town library cards	30.00	
Total income for 2008		10,871.35
Expenditures:		
A-V materials	179.80	
Adult books	303.71	
Children's books	36.74	
Total expenses for 2008		520.25
Balance in checkbook December 31, 2008		10,351.56
Beginning CD account on January 1, 2008	10,629.87	
Interest as of December 31 2008	286.30	
Balance of CD Dec. 31, 2008		10,916.17

PLANNING BOARD REPORT 2008

Although subdivision activity slowed along with the real estate market in 2008, we continue to see a number of small subdivisions with people creating new lots for family members, so the Board remains active. The Board is also trying to take advantage of our lighter schedule to take the time to continue our review of zoning and subdivision regulations so that Strafford will develop in the ways envisioned in our Master Plan. Board members continue to attend training sessions to explore new ideas for balancing growth with natural resource protection.

Our continuing thanks to the three volunteer citizen committees, first formed under the NROC program (Natural Resources Outreach Coalition through UNH Cooperative Extension) that continue to meet and work with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. The Managed Growth Group continues to meet to help the Boards by reviewing and evaluating both our current ordinances and a number of innovative growth management tools available to communities. Water Quality Group volunteers continue to contribute to the UNH water quality study monitoring tributaries entering Bow Lake. The Land Preservation Committee continues to work closely with the Conservation Commission and Bear-Paw Regional Greenways to promote conservation easements and other land preservation projects.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles A. Moreno, Chairman

Receipts 2008

Application Fees	\$ 5,694.00
Books (Town Zoning Ordinances and Regulations)	\$ 40.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 8.00
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Total.....	\$ 5,742.00

Expenditures 2008

Postage	\$ 1,022.73
Advertising (Foster's Daily Democrat)	\$ 84.00
Secretarial	\$ 1,296.25
Supplies & Equipment	\$ 803.92
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Total.....	\$ 3,206.90

STRAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Red Cross swim program at the Bow Lake beach continues to be popular, especially for beginning swimmers. We had two sessions during the summer, one in July and one in August. 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 lifeguards are on duty from 10 A.M. until 4: 30 P.M. daily during the summer season. Salaries for this summer amounted to \$ 11,669. Other expenses such as equipment, Red Cross swim program administrative fees, water testing, general maintenance, and the summer arts program increased the total summer expenses by \$ 2648.44. Income from swim lessons was \$860. Beach pass income was \$245.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted White, WSI

ROCHESTER DISTRICT VNA
ANNUAL REPORT for 2008

Rochester District VNA (Your VNA) continues to serve as your home health agency providing skilled nursing, rehabilitative therapies, medical social work, licensed nursing assistance and supportive services on an intermittent basis throughout your community. We are proud to provide you with highly skilled and well trained clinicians.

Home health care continues to incur reductions in Medicare reimbursement with additional reductions threatened for the next three years. Skilled service provided under Medicaid is reimbursed by the state at less than half the cost to provide it. The numbers of uninsured individuals increase each year. Your funding of these services is crucial to people in need of skilled nursing and therapy care. Adequate funding for home care is critical to keeping patients in their home, the most cost-effective place to receive care.

The acuity of our patients is constantly increasing. Many patients need IV therapy, chemo therapy, enteral feedings, therapy after knee/hip replacements and complicated wound dressings. Patients are discharged very quickly from hospitals and require the skilled services provided by our trained nurses and therapists. Many hospital admissions are avoided by a referral directly to home care from the physician.

We continue to provide support services including: homemakers, personal care attendants and in-home companions paid by Title XX and Strafford County funding as well as by the patient. These services allow individuals requiring minimal support to remain safely in their homes at the lowest possible cost. We opened our Adult Day Center one year ago, which benefits many families by providing a safe, family atmosphere for loved ones no longer able to be at home alone.

We continue to improve our utilization of electronic charts resulting in the following: improved clinical efficiency and accuracy of documentation, flow of data to appropriate disciplines at the time most needed, ease of viewing historical data, improved coordination of care, decreased man hours with less manual paper processes and a reduction in errors. We have reduced office staff by relying more on technology. This saves dollars and improves access and accuracy. Telehealth use continues to increase. The results of daily monitoring of our most seriously ill patients have prevented additional visits to the emergency room through early interventions.

Our biggest and most critical challenge is being dependent on the government for 85% of our revenue. We set charges for services, but are dependent on what the government pays regardless of the cost to provide the care. Therefore, your continued support of Rochester District Visiting Nurse Association (Your VNA) is vitally important to our abilities to meet the many health needs in your community. It is also important when you need home care to ask for us by name. **You have a choice. Ask for Rochester District VNA by name.**

11 months #s annualized
Visits by Service:

Skilled Nursing	470
Physical Therapy	320
Occupational Therapy	63
Speech Therapy	3
Medical Social Work	10
LNA (nursing assistant)	261
Homemaking	9
Perinatal visits	7
In-home provider	

of Home Care patients
admitted by payment source

Medicare	40
Medicaid	0
Insurance	10
Private/Self	0

of Support Services Admissions by pay source

Title XX and County	
Insurance	1
Private Pay	

Submitted by: Linda Hotchkiss RN, MHSA, Chief Executive Officer

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 BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME PERCENT	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPANDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
COMMON TRUST FUND														
6/16/1925	BARR, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 487.81		\$ 6.83		\$ 484.84	\$ 884.91
8/16/1908	BROWN, ALBERT (HALL)	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 80.00				\$ 80.00	\$ 91.47		\$ 3.31		\$ 64.78	\$ 114.78
12/31/1972	BROWN, ALBERT (CRIC)	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 80.00				\$ 80.00	\$ 78.41		\$ 3.31		\$ 78.72	\$ 126.72
12/31/1989	CARWELL-OSBORN	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 178.57		\$ 28.81		\$ 208.08	\$ 608.08
4/21/1927	CASSELL, ASHIE	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 697.72		\$ 6.83		\$ 674.35	\$ 1,084.06
8/21/1927	CASSELL, NEW JOHN	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 888.00				\$ 888.00	\$ 360.61		\$ 44.06		\$ 404.86	\$ 1,084.06
8/21/1927	CLARK, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 730.77		\$ 6.83		\$ 748.40	\$ 848.40
8/21/1971	COOPER, LILLIAN FOSS	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 519.64		\$ 13.26		\$ 532.79	\$ 732.79
8/16/1908	FOSS, BRUNAMUN	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 398.98		\$ 28.81		\$ 423.47	\$ 823.47
8/21/1933	FOSS, HERBERT	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 741.66		\$ 13.26		\$ 754.80	\$ 954.80
8/16/1908	FOSS, ROBERT	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 296.21		\$ 6.83		\$ 301.84	\$ 401.84
8/16/1908	FOSS, ROBERT	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 411.26		\$ 6.83		\$ 437.76	\$ 537.76
8/16/1908	FOTE (WINGATE FARM)	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 278.33		\$ 28.81		\$ 302.84	\$ 702.84
8/21/1928	GARFIELD, ELIZA	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 180.00				\$ 180.00	\$ 819.87		\$ 9.84		\$ 829.51	\$ 979.51
8/16/1908	HALL, LLEWELYN	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 728.37		\$ 13.26		\$ 759.62	\$ 959.62
8/21/2000	HANSON #1	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 300.00				\$ 300.00	\$ 181.22		\$ 7.84		\$ 188.96	\$ 488.96
8/16/1908	HARTWELL, ELIZABETH	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 487.81		\$ 6.83		\$ 504.24	\$ 604.24
10/21/1921	HAWKINS, BETSEY	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 13.08		\$ 6.83	(913.09)	\$ 6.83	\$ 108.86
8/21/1923	HAYES, PAUL	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 60.00				\$ 60.00	\$ 111.76		\$ 3.31		\$ 118.07	\$ 168.07
8/16/1908	HOLMES, ELLA	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 144.86		\$ 6.83		\$ 161.19	\$ 261.19
8/16/1908	HOLMES, BERRY CEM.	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 800.00				\$ 800.00	\$ 616.86		\$ 38.78		\$ 655.61	\$ 1,266.61
8/16/1908	HONARD, CEM.	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 800.00				\$ 800.00	\$ 844.87		\$ 63.01		\$ 867.88	\$ 1,687.88
1/28/1925	JENNINGS, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 603.34		\$ 13.26		\$ 616.59	\$ 716.59
1/8/1925	JENNINGS, SAMUEL	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 808.71		\$ 13.26		\$ 819.96	\$ 1,019.96
10/28/1930	JENNINGS, SAMUEL	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 465.82		\$ 13.26		\$ 499.07	\$ 699.07
4/12/1927	JEWELL, JOHN W.	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 487.81		\$ 6.83		\$ 473.81	\$ 573.81
7/28/1909	KERRIVAN (BUZZELL, CEM)	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 98.11		\$ 19.87		\$ 108.98	\$ 508.98
8/11/1909	LEIGHTON, WINKLEY	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 260.00				\$ 260.00	\$ 949.82		\$ 18.87		\$ 978.48	\$ 1,238.48
8/16/1908	LEIGHTON, WINKLEY	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 383.86		\$ 28.81		\$ 410.38	\$ 810.38
8/16/1908	LOUISE (EDGERLY RD)	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 984.70		\$ 68.17		\$ 1,020.87	\$ 2,020.87
8/21/1921	PERKINS, NANCY	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 860.17		\$ 6.83		\$ 868.80	\$ 968.80
8/21/1921	PERKINS, PAUL	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 178.00				\$ 178.00	\$ 882.70		\$ 11.00		\$ 894.30	\$ 1,094.30
1/8/1921	SANTON, HELEN FOSS	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,184.43		\$ 98.17		\$ 1,220.80	\$ 2,220.80
1/16/1908	SCRUTTON	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 500.00				\$ 500.00	\$ 283.33		\$ 33.13		\$ 328.46	\$ 828.46
1/7/1922	SHAW, ABBIE	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 13.08		\$ 6.83	(913.09)	\$ 6.83	\$ 106.63
10/11/1909	SLOPER ROAD	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 60.00				\$ 60.00	\$ 40.41		\$ 3.31		\$ 43.72	\$ 93.72
4/21/1927	SMITH, D.W.	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 13.08		\$ 6.83	(913.09)	\$ 6.83	\$ 108.63
8/16/1908	STANTON, FRED	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 64.82		\$ 13.26		\$ 88.17	\$ 188.17
8/16/1908	SWAN, ANNE & GRAY	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 686.83		\$ 13.26		\$ 602.78	\$ 802.78
8/16/1908	TOMAS, DREW CEM	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 948.19		\$ 68.17		\$ 1,014.36	\$ 2,014.36
8/16/1908	WALKER, MARY J.	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 342.74		\$ 28.81		\$ 369.25	\$ 769.25
10/28/1930	WALDRON, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 486.45		\$ 6.83		\$ 493.08	\$ 893.08
8/11/1908	WALDRON, CARWELL	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 251.75		\$ 6.83		\$ 258.38	\$ 358.38
12/10/1927	WALKER, JAMES	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 13.08		\$ 6.83	(913.09)	\$ 6.83	\$ 108.63
8/21/1928	WATERHOUSE, ELLA	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 28.13		\$ 13.26	(913.09)	\$ 13.26	\$ 238.32
8/16/1908	WEBSTER, TUTTLE	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 378.00				\$ 378.00	\$ 738.30		\$ 13.26		\$ 752.65	\$ 1,172.65
8/13/1918	WELCH, BETSEY ROUNDOG	PERP. CARE	NFPD/PCD	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 672.40		\$ 13.26		\$ 685.66	\$ 885.66
TOTALS														
				\$ 13,215.00				\$ 13,215.00	\$ 20,710.99		\$ 844.96	\$ (78.37)	\$ 21,477.16	\$ 34,092.16
01/01/1909	YOUNGLAVINA	EDUCATION	NFPD/PCD	\$ 98.11%				\$ 14,215.00	\$ 4,741.66		\$ 129.83		\$ 4,871.48	\$ 5,871.48
01/01/1909	CEMETARY PERPETUAL CARE #8	EDUCATION	NFPD/PCD	\$ 7.16%				\$ 14,215.00	\$ 25,482.67		\$ 874.46	\$ (878.37)	\$ 26,348.06	\$ 40,663.06
				100.00%							\$ 10.83			
3/10/1960	THEODORE STORER TRUST FUND #11	CONSERV	NFPD/PCD	\$ 11,500.00			\$ (2,300.00)	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 24,954.81		\$ 872.88	\$ (2,300.00)	\$ 22,927.79	\$ 34,427.79
7/16/2005	SPECIAL ED GROWTH FUND#8017	EDUCATION	NFPD/PCD	\$ 28,062.88			\$ (8,862.26)	\$ 19,200.62	\$ 1,483.79		\$ 686.54	\$ (8,862.26)	\$ 19,442.93	\$ 21,648.86
12/31/2005	Perpetual Care Checking Account	PERP. CARE		\$ 880.28				\$ 880.28	\$ 0.57				\$ 880.85	\$ 880.85
TOTALS														
				\$ 0.00			\$ 28,274.89	\$ 46,203.44	\$ 3,883.43		\$ (89.42)		\$ 48,787.16	

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 BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME PERCENT	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
3/10/1988	FOREST FIRE FUND #0008	CONTINGEN	N-PDP	100.00%	\$ 4,858.27				\$ 4,858.27	\$ 821.42		\$ 138.82		\$ 960.34	\$ 6,766.61
12/91/1990	SCHOOL BUS #0007	REPLACE	N-PDP	100.00%	\$246,028.31	\$25,000.00			\$246,028.31	\$1,827.36		\$ 6,391.06		\$ 36,219.06	\$283,245.36
01/01/1989	CEMETARY PERPETUAL CARE #6	EDUCATION	N-PDP	100.00%	\$14,216.00				\$14,216.00	\$26,452.67		\$ 974.48		\$ 26,348.68	\$40,583.68
3/8/1984	RECREATION LAND #0009	BUILD	N-PDP	100.00%	\$ 6,000.00				\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,951.28		\$ 293.83		\$ 7,246.21	\$12,246.21
3/10/1980	THEODORE STORER TRUST FUND #11	CONSERV	N-PDP	100.00%	\$11,500.00				\$11,500.00	\$24,354.91		\$ 872.86		\$ 22,927.79	\$34,427.79
4/29/1988	CONSERVATION #0012	PURCHASE	N-PDP	100.00%	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 948.63		\$ 45.48		\$ 944.12	\$ 1,894.12
3/14/2000	RECORDS STORAGE FACILITY #0014	PURCHASE	N-PDP	100.00%	\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00	\$1,393.76		\$ 280.04		\$ 1,673.80	\$11,673.80
1/6/2005	BRIDGE C AND R #0016	CONTINGEN	N-PDP	100.00%	\$28,000.00				\$28,000.00	\$2,139.18		\$ 740.63		\$ 2,880.01	\$30,880.01
1/6/2005	OFFICE EQUIPMENT FUND #0016	CONTINGEN	N-PDP	100.00%	\$16,000.00				\$16,000.00	\$1,880.30		\$ 374.47		\$ 1,400.00	\$17,380.00
7/18/2005	SPECIAL ED GROWTH FUND #0017	PURCHASE	N-PDP	100.00%	\$28,082.58				\$28,082.58	\$1,463.79		\$ 655.64		\$ 8,592.26	\$36,442.53
9/27/2005	MUNICIPAL BUILDING FUND #0018	EDUCATION	N-PDP	100.00%	\$400,000.00				\$400,000.00	\$44,594.08		\$ 6,137.26		\$398,522.42	\$21,848.65
9/27/2005	FIRE ENGINE FUND #0018	BUILD	N-PDP	100.00%	\$150,000.00				\$150,000.00	\$12,329.69		\$ 3,980.99		\$18,320.38	\$168,320.38
8/51/2007	TOWN DOCK ACCOUNT #21	PURCHASE	N-PDP	100.00%	\$20,000.00				\$20,000.00	\$356.02		\$ 60.03		\$ 936.06	\$20,936.06
10/13/1902	POLICE VEHICLE FUND #22	NEW VEC	N-PDP	100.00%	\$20,000.00				\$20,000.00	\$50.12		\$ 50.12		\$ 50.12	\$20,050.12
	TOWN DOCK REPAIR #23	Down Dock	N-PDP	100.00%	\$20,000.00				\$20,000.00	\$50.12		\$ 50.12		\$ 50.12	\$20,050.12
	TOTAL TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				\$887,468.16	\$84,000.00			\$972,668.16	\$164,532.82		\$30,768.44		\$262,055.85	\$1,164,763.33

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT 2008

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

Susan L. Arnold, Chairman

Receipts 2008

Application Fees & Misc.....	\$ 2,270.00
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Total.....	\$ 2,270.00

Expenditures 2008

Postage.....	\$ 427.00
Foster's Daily Democrat (Public Notices).....	\$ 357.00
Secretarial.....	\$ 256.98
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Total.....	\$ 1,040.98

