

# THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD NEW HAMPSHIRE



## 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2015 Annual Report is dedicated to  
**SCOTT L. YOUNG**  
who retired in 2015  
having served as Strafford's Police Chief  
for 20 years



We thank you  
for your commitment and dedication  
to our Town

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE  
TOWN OF  
STRAFFORD,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

2015



For The Year Ending December 31, 2015

Population.....estimated 4017  
Registered Voters.....3041



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# **TOWN OFFICERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

## **SELECTMEN**

James W. Andersen 2016

Lynn M. Sweet 2017

Bryant J. Scott 2018

Ellen J. White, Town Administrator

## **TOWN CLERK**

Diane Waldron 2016

## **ROAD AGENT**

Greg Messenger 2016

## **TOWN TREASURER**

Laurie Bibeau 2016

## **BUILDING INSPECTORS**

David Copeland

Andrew Carter

Bill Booth

## **TAX COLLECTOR**

Judith Dupré

## **HEALTH OFFICER**

Kevin LaCroix

## **MODERATOR**

William G. Lord 2016

## **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Marilyn Roderick 2020

Carol Cooper 2018

Martha English 2016

## **TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND**

Charles H. Burnham, Chairman 2016

Betsy B. Cozine 2018

Michelle Benger 2017

## **LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

George F. Preston

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Charles Moreno, Chairman 2017

Terrence Hyland 2017

Don Clifford 2016

Steve Leighton 2018

Lynn Sweet, Ex officio member 2017

Donald Coker, Alternate

Mark Whitcher, Alternate

Denise Markow-Speed, Alternate

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Richard Ferreira II, Chairman 2018

Susan Arnold 2017

Charles Burnham 2017

Herman Groth 2016

William G. Lord 2016

Jean Chartrand-Ewen, Alternate

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Liz Evans, Co-Chairman 2017

Harmony Anderson, Co-Chairman 2017

David Perkins 2017

Kerry Omand 2016

Carolyn Page 2016

Randal Jacunski 2018

Scott A. Young 2018

Susan Barnes, Alternate

Irving Johnson, Alternate

JoAnn Brown, Alternate

Bruce Smith, Alternate

# **TOWN OFFICERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

Officer Adam Bergeron  
Officer John Bernard

Officer Norm Brassard  
Officer Christopher Dustin

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief

## **FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

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

## **CAPTAINS**

Paul Stover  
Craig S. Robichaud, Jr.

## **LIEUTENANTS**

Paul Yergeau, Sr.  
Ben Bickford

Erik Aucella  
Bryan Hayes

## **DEPARTMENT MEMBERS**

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

Peter Frasca  
Eric Gale  
Frances M. Goodwin  
David Hartranft  
Bryan Hayes  
Nicole Lefebvre  
James Lindquist  
Jesse R. Mainheit  
Cameron Marcotte  
Duane M. Marsh  
Henry Marston  
Ed Morse

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

## **ELECTED STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

Senator John Reagan  
johnreagan111@gmail.com  
office (603)271-3569  
home (603)463-5945

Representative Kurt Wuelper  
kurt.wuelper@leg.state.nh.us  
603-970-0783

Representative David Bickford  
home (603)859-7899

## *REPORT FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE*

Town and School elections will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. for voting purposes. Articles 2 through 18 will be presented for consideration at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at the Strafford School.

Many changes were brought about in 2015. November brought the retirement of Police Chief Scott Young, who has had a 32 year career in law enforcement and has served for 20 years as Strafford's Chief. He continues to serve as Chief until the selection and installment of a new chief. We sincerely thank him for his dedication to the Town and to his department and wish him the very best on whatever path his "retirement" takes him. A Police Chief Search Committee was formed and began meeting in late fall to seek out a new chief. Committee members were Steve Leighton, Doug Patteson, Lisa Soiett, Randy Young, Scott Young, and Ed Cournoyer as alternate. They proceeded efficiently and thoroughly and we thank them for their service. The overwhelming recommendation of the committee for the position of Police Chief was Lt. Michael Richard; the Selectmen heartily accepted the committee's recommendation. Mike will be formally sworn in at Town Meeting.

If you voted in the Presidential Primary, you cast your ballot in Strafford for the first time by means of a ballot tabulator/scanner. This purchase was approved at the 2015 Town Meeting and will certainly be put to use with 4 elections to be held in 2016. Voting takes place at the Town Hall from 8:00AM to 7:00PM. The election dates are as follows:

- Presidential Primary - Tuesday, February 9, 2016
- Strafford Town Election - Tuesday, March 8, 2016
- State Primary Election - Tuesday, September 13, 2016
- General Election - Tuesday - November 8, 2016

Contrasting the purchase and use of the vote tabulator, is the display sponsored by the State of the 1892 ballot boxes. Strafford's ballot box has been preserved and was on display for the Presidential Primary. If you missed it, it will again be on display for the General Election in November.

The 2016 Town Warrant funds the ongoing operations of Town departments. There are several requests for the addition of monies to capital improvement funds as well as the withdrawal from some funds for the execution of planned projects. The Fire department requests the establishment of a CRF for future rehab/rebuild of the Crown Point Station. Article 13 requests monies to fund the town wide Statistical Update/Revaluation which has been mandated by the State for 2016.

For the past 6 years the Board of Selectmen has worked very hard to level fund budgets or extend them only by COLA. The cumulative effect of that has been a deficit in the salaries of our Town employees, particularly our police officers. After researching officer salaries from towns similar in nature and size to our own, we are recommending an increase in officer salaries across the board. Offsetting that increase, there has been some restructuring within the department and changes in the health insurance plans offered to the officers.

The Bicentennial Committee continues to plan and prepare for our Town wide celebration in 2020. Residents are encouraged to become involved and/or contribute to this upcoming event!

The Selectmen meet every other Tuesday at 6:00PM at the Town Hall, unless otherwise posted. Residents are welcomed at any meeting.

We will well remember the long, cold winter of 2015 and thank Greg Messenger and his crew, and the local State crew, for the seemingly endless hours they put in keeping our roads safe for travel. We want to take this opportunity to offer our gratitude and sincere thanks to our dedicated Town employees as well as volunteers who faithfully serve on our various boards, commissions, committees, organizations, and on the library staff.

*Jim Andersen, Chairman*

*Lynn Sweet, Selectman*

*Bryant Scott, Selectman*

TOWN WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the **Strafford Town Hall** in said Strafford on Tuesday, the Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) 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 TWELFTH (12th) 2016 AT THE **STRAFFORD SCHOOL**.

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

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$553,744. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.

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

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000. for the purpose of purchasing 8 ballistic vests for the Police Department.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$338,411. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400. for the extended warranty contract for the Auto Pulse to cover the period from 3/1/16-2/18/17, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$1,400. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. for the purpose of purchasing of equipment and supplies for the ambulance, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$10,000. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,420. for the purpose of purchasing 4 SCBA's due to expire for service life in 2017 (2 air-paks assigned to Ambulance 1, and 2 air-paks assigned to Car 1), and to authorize the withdrawal of \$27,420. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$123,390. for the purpose of purchasing 18 SCBA's to replace 18 of our 29 SCBA's, to be partially funded by a Fire AFG grant in the amount of \$113,400., with the balance of \$9,990. to come from general taxation. This article is contingent upon being awarded the grant. In the event that we are not awarded the grant, this article is to be considered null and void.

11. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairs and/or replacement of existing dry hydrants in the Town of Strafford and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this article.

12. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of rehab or replacement of the Crown Point Fire Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000. to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this article.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,400. for the revaluation/statistical update of the Town.

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

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. to help defray expenses associated with Strafford's Bicentennial Celebration in 2020 in coordination with the Strafford Historical Society.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000. to be used for new shelving, furniture, updated lighting for greater energy efficiencies and other improvements at the Strafford Hill Library, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000. from the Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 12 at the March 16, 2013 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

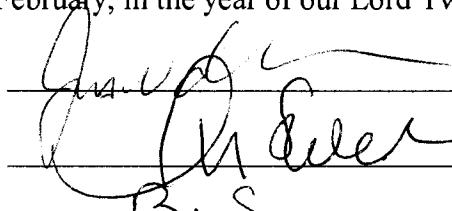
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,276,798. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 77,175.
Election & Registration.....	42,685.
Financial Administration.....	93,563.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	38,170.
Legal Expenses.....	10,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	38,527.
Planning and Zoning.....	7,590.
General Government Building.....	29,600.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	33,550.
Insurance.....	52,814.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	3,800.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	4,632.
Contingency Fund.....	16,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	10,890.
Emergency Management.....	2,700.
Building Inspection.....	17,129.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	423,500.
Street Lighting.....	4,700.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	233,562.
Animal Control.....	3,800.
Health Inspector.....	400.
Cornerstone VNA (formerly Roch Dstr VNA).....	3,991.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	25,180.
Community Action.....	2,000.
Havenwood Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend's Place.....	200.
The Homemakers Health Services.....	433.
Ready Rides.....	1,500.
Parks and Recreation.....	16,722.
Library.....	73,897.
Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works.....	4,800.
Conservation Commission.....	296.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
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TOTAL.....	\$1,276,798.

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,276,798. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

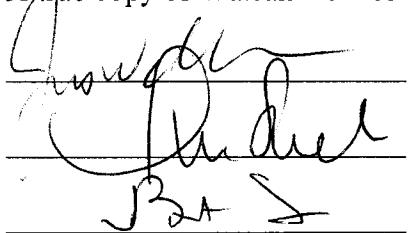
18. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.



Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:





# **Budget of the Town of Strafford**

**Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 9, 2016

**For Assistance Please Contact:**

**NH DRA Municipal and Property Division**  
Phone: (603) 230-5090  
Fax: (603) 230-5947  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

## **GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

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

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

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

## Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations	Appropriations
			Prior Year as Approved by DRA		Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	17	\$71,802	\$71,516	\$77,175	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	17	\$61,020	\$57,054	\$76,235	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	17	\$101,380	\$98,652	\$104,453	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	17	\$38,089	\$25,856	\$38,170	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	17	\$10,000	\$2,731	\$10,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	17	\$36,299	\$34,741	\$38,527	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	17	\$7,484	\$4,953	\$7,590	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	17	\$29,400	\$27,021	\$29,600	\$0
4195	Cemeteries		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4196	Insurance	17	\$45,024	\$46,432	\$52,814	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	17	\$8,427	\$8,224	\$8,432	\$0
4199	Other General Government	17	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$0
<b>Public Safety</b>						
4210-4214	Police	03	\$539,911	\$537,118	\$553,744	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	06	\$322,333	\$316,054	\$338,411	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	17	\$17,129	\$11,313	\$17,129	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	17	\$2,700	\$709	\$2,700	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets</b>						
4311	Administration	17	\$423,500	\$420,017	\$423,500	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	17	\$4,500	\$4,623	\$4,700	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation</b>						
4321	Administration	17	\$232,482	\$221,904	\$233,562	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>						
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric</b>						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations	Appropriations
			Prior Year as Approved by DRA		Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health</b>						
4411	Administration	17	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$0
4414	Pest Control	17	\$3,800	\$1,609	\$3,800	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	17	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$0
<b>Welfare</b>						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	17	\$28,180	\$1,748	\$25,180	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	17	\$8,368	\$8,368	\$5,125	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	17	\$16,722	\$14,198	\$16,722	\$0
4550-4559	Library	17	\$72,910	\$72,910	\$73,897	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	17	\$4,800	\$4,496	\$4,800	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development</b>						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	17	\$270	\$270	\$296	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service</b>						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	17	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Appropriations</b>			<b>\$2,108,921</b>	<b>\$2,011,508</b>	<b>\$2,168,953</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA		Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	07		\$1,862	\$1,861	\$1,400	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Auto Pulse warranty						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	08		\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Purchase equipment/supplies for ambulance						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	09		\$9,218	\$7,565	\$27,420	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> 4 SCBA's (Amb 1 & Car 1 equip)						
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	16		\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Library improvements -shelving, lighting and other						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	04		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Add to Police Vehicle/Eqp CRF						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11		\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> CRF repair/replace Dry Hydrants						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12		\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> CRF rehab/replace Cr Pt Fire Station						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> NCRF Future Bridge Repairs/Construction						
<b>Special Articles Recommended</b>				<b>\$46,080</b>	<b>\$44,426</b>	<b>\$163,820</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA		Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)




 4902 | Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment | 05 | \$0 | \$0 | \$8,000 | \$0 | \$0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4902 | **Purpose:** Ballistic Vests - Police Dept |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment | 10 | \$15,000 | \$10,955 | \$123,390 | \$0 | \$0 | 4909 | **Purpose:** 18 SCBA's (Air-Paks) contingent on partial funding |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Improvements Other than Buildings | 15 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$0 | \$0 | 4909 | **Purpose:** Bicentennial Celebration in 2020 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Improvements Other than Buildings | 02 | \$355,000 | \$355,000 | \$355,000 | \$0 | \$0 | 4909 | **Purpose:** Capital Improvements to Roads |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Improvements Other than Buildings | 13 | \$6,000 | \$3,500 | \$48,400 | \$0 | \$0 | **Individual Articles Recommended** |  |  |  | **\$376,500** | **\$369,955** | **\$535,290** | **\$0** |

## Revenues

<b>Account Code</b>	<b>Source of Revenue</b>	<b>Warrant Article #</b>	<b>PY Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>PY Actual Revenues</b>	<b>Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year</b>
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	17	\$8,850	\$13,615	\$15,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	17	\$116,000	\$124,017	\$120,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	17	\$659,000	\$703,993	\$703,490
3230	Building Permits	17	\$15,000	\$15,063	\$15,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	17	\$30,000	\$34,932	\$34,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	17	\$193,221	\$193,221	\$193,221
3353	Highway Block Grant	17	\$115,307	\$116,302	\$115,307
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	10	\$0	\$0	\$113,400
3379	From Other Governments		\$9,485	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	17	\$55,000	\$55,563	\$55,000
3409	Other Charges	17	\$3,500	\$38,050	\$3,500
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	17	\$0	\$52,500	\$32,171
3502	Interest on Investments	17	\$100	\$221	\$200
3503-3509	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	08, 09, 07	\$10,562	\$10,562	\$38,820
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	16	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0

<b>Account Code</b>	<b>Source of Revenue</b>	<b>Warrant Article #</b>	<b>PY Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>PY Actual Revenues</b>	<b>Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	17	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$1,416,025</b>	<b>\$1,558,039</b>	<b>\$1,664,109</b>

### Budget Summary

<b>Item</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Ensuing Year</b>
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$2,108,921	\$2,168,953
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$46,080	\$163,820
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$376,500	\$535,290
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$2,531,501	\$2,868,063
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,406,540	\$1,664,109
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,124,961	\$1,203,954

***REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED***  
***Saturday, March 14, 2015***

Acct#	Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3 ,V	Warrant Art.	Appropriation As Voted
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
4130-4139	Executive	18	\$71,802
4140-4149	Elec, Auto Reg, Vital Sts, Clrk Fees	18	\$61,020
4150-4151	Financial Adm & CPA Audit	18	\$101,380
4152	Reval of Property & Tax Maps	18	\$38,089
4153	Legal Expense	18	\$10,000
4155-4159	Personnel Adm, FICA, Medi, Unemp Comp	18	\$36,299
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	18	\$7,484
4194	General Government Buildings	18	\$29,400
4196	Insurance	18	\$45,024
4197	Advertising & Reg Assoc Dues, SRPC Dues	18	\$8,427
4199	Other General Gov't/Contingency	18	\$15,000
PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210-4214	Police	9	\$539,911
4215-4219	Ambulance	18	\$1,000
4220-4229	Fire & Rescue	11	\$322,333
4240-4249	Building Inspection	18	\$17,129
4290-4298	Emergency Management	18	\$2,700
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			
4311	Adm/Gen Hwy & Road Maintenance	18	\$423,500
4313	Bridges		\$0
4316	Street Lighting	18	\$4,500
4319	Other		\$0
SANITATION			
4321	Administration	18	\$232,482
HEALTH			
4411	Administration	18	\$400
4414	Pest Control	18	\$3,800
4415-4419	Health Agencies/Cornerstone VNA	18	\$3,991
WELFARE			
4441-4442	Adminstration & Direct Assistance	18	\$28,180
4445-4449	Vendor pmts/Other	18	\$8,368
CULTURE & RECREATION			
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	18	\$16,722
4550-4559	Library	18	\$72,910
4583	Patriotic Purposes	18	\$4,800
CONSERVATION			
4611-4612	Admin & Purchase of Natural Resources	18	\$270
DEBT SERVICE			
4723	Tax Anticipation Note - Interest	18	\$2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	13, 14, 15	\$17,080
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	8, 12, 17	\$370,500
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10, 16	\$35,000
<b>TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS</b>			<b>\$2,531,501</b>

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET**  
**TOWN OF STRAFFORD**  
**2016**

<b>A. ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>		Acct#	Beginning of year	End of year
Cash and equivalents		1010	\$3,065,597	\$3,313,364
Investments		1030	\$466,401	\$291,401
Taxes receivable		1080	\$829,514	\$831,815
Tax liens receivable		1110	\$432,594	\$352,082
Accounts receivable		1150		
Due from other governments		1260	\$270,148	
Due from other funds		1310	\$44,776	\$40,113
Other current assets		1400		
Tax deeded property (subject to resale)		1670		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			\$5,109,030	\$4,828,775
<b>B. LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		Acct#	Beginning of year	End of year
Warrants and accounts payable		2020	\$104,366	\$24,802
Compensated absences payable		2030		
Contracts payable		2050		
Due to other governments		2070		
Due to school districts		2075	\$4,098,449	\$3,549,296
Due to other funds		2080		\$19,510
Deferred revenue		2220		
Notes payable - Current		2230		
Bonds payable - Current		2250		
Other payables		2270		
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			\$4,202,815	\$3,593,608
<b>Fund Equity*</b>				
Nonspendable Fund Balance		2440		
Restricted Fund Balance		2450		
Committed Fund Balance		2460		
Assigned Fund Balance		2490	\$37,462	\$29,605
Unassigned Fund Balance		2530	\$868,753	\$1,205,562
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>			\$906,215	\$1,235,167
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>			\$5,109,030	\$4,828,775

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

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

<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET RECONCILIATION</b>		
Ending Fund Equity from Balance Sheet		\$1,235,167
Less Beginning Fund Equity from Balance Sheet		\$906,215
Change (Increase or Decrease)		\$328,952

# REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

Town of Strafford

FY 2015

Account #	Source of Revenue		Warrant Art #	
<b>TAXES</b>				
3185	Timber Tax	18	\$	8,850
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	18	\$	116,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		\$	-
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	18	\$	659,000
3230	Building Permits	18	\$	15,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	18	\$	30,000
<b>FROM STATE</b>				
3352	Meals & Rooms Distribution	18	\$	193,221
3353	Highway Block Grant	18	\$	115,307
3359	Bridge Grant		\$	-
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>				
3401-3406	Income from Departments	18	\$	55,000
3409	Planning Board & Board of Adjustment	18	\$	3,500
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$	-
3502	Interest on Investments	18	\$	100
3503-3509	Other - Insurance Refund		\$	-
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>				
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	13,14	\$	10,562
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$	-
<b>SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES</b>				<b>\$ 1,206,540</b>
Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				\$ 200,000
Fund Balance Retained				(\$200,000)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>				<b>\$ 1,406,540</b>
<b>REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)</b>				<b>\$ 30,000</b>



2015  
**\$21.81**

## Tax Rate Breakdown Strafford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,195,423	\$464,957,500	<b>\$2.57</b>
County	\$1,244,138	\$464,957,500	<b>\$2.68</b>
Local Education	\$6,643,943	\$464,957,500	<b>\$14.29</b>
State Education	\$1,047,131	\$460,513,000	<b>\$2.27</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,130,635</b>		<b>\$21.81</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
<b>Total</b>			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$10,130,635
War Service Credits	(\$42,000)
Village District Tax Effort	
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$10,088,635</b>

11/13/2015

Stephan Hamilton  
Director of Municipal and Property Division  
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

# SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION 2015

<b>Value of Land Only</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>2015 Assessed Valuation</b>
Current Use RSA 79-A	21,249	\$1,644,300
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0.16	\$4,500
Residential Land - Improved & Unimproved	6427	\$218,179,500
Commercial/Industrial	151	\$1,612,500
Total of Taxable Land	27,827.16	\$221,440,800
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	2,755.00	\$5,588,900

<b>Value of Buildings Only</b>	<b>2015 Assessed Valuation</b>
Residential	\$231,077,200
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31	\$2,689,100
Commercial/Industrial	\$5,991,700
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	\$53,400
Total of Taxable Buildings	\$239,811,400
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings	\$9,915,700

## Utilities

Public Utilities		\$4,444,500
Other Public Utilities		\$15,800
Valuation Before Exemption		\$465,712,500
Modified Assessed Valuation of All Properties		\$465,712,500
Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a&b	15	\$605,000
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	5	\$150,000
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$755,000
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed		\$464,957,500
Less Public Utilities		\$4,444,500
Net Valuation without Utilities on Which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed		\$460,513,000

## Utility Summary

If the Municipality Uses the DRA Utility Values, is it Equalized by the Ratio?	yes	
Eversource Energy		\$4,325,300
Bow Lake Estates Water Works		\$119,200
Total		\$4,444,500
City of Rochester -Municipal		\$15,800

## Tax Credits

<b>Veterans' Tax Credits</b>	<b>Limits</b>	<b># Individuals</b>	<b>Estimated Tax Credits</b>
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$200	175	35,000
Tax Credit for Total Service Connected Disability	\$700	10	7,000
Total Number and Amount		185	42,000

## SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

### **Disabled Exemption Report RSA 72:37-b**

Current Year Exemptions Granted 5      Amount of Exemption \$30,000      Total \$150,000

Income Limits:      Single      \$20,000      Asset Limit: \$35,000  
 Married      \$30,000      \$35,000

### **Elderly Exemption Report RSA 72:39-a**

Number of First Time Filers Granted	Total Number of Individuals Granted
Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year	Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year and Total Amount of Exemptions Granted

Age	#	Amount	Age	#	Amount	Total Exemption Granted
65-74	1	\$30,000	65-74	6	180,000	165,000
75-79	0	\$40,000	75-79	1	40,000	40,000
80+	0	\$50,000	80+	8	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
			Total	15	\$620,000	\$605,000

Income Limits:      Single      \$30,000      Asset Limit: \$75,000  
 Married      \$40,000      \$75,000

Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive - RSA79-E Adopted?

### **Current Use Report RSA 79-A**

Total # Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation	
Farm Land	1,111	\$383,300
Forest Land	12,451	\$956,800
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	6,053	\$276,300
Unproductive Land	171	\$2,600
Wetland	1463	\$25,300
Total	21,249	\$1,644,300

### Other Current Use Statistics

Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment      8,711

Removed from Current Use during  
Current Year      13.64

Number of Owners in Current Use      369  
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use      597

Land Use Change Tax Received January 1 through December 31      \$10,500  
100% Conservation Allocation

### **Preservation Easements**

# Owners	# Structures	# Acres	Assessed Land Valuation	Assessed Structure Valuation
2	3	0.16	\$4,500	\$53,400
Structures in Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA:79-D				Barn 50% Map 11 Lot 4 Barn 75% Map 10 Lot 13 Barn 75% Map 10 Lot 13

**STRAFFORD TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at the Strafford Town Hall, in the Town of Strafford, by Moderator William Lord to act on Articles 1 through 7 of the 2015 Town Warrant by ballot vote.

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

The meeting was called to order again at 8:30 am on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the Strafford School gymnasium by Moderator William Lord to act on articles 8 through 21.

The Moderator welcomed all to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator read the results of the March 10, 2015 vote:

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

## Library Trustee – Three Years

Susan E. Rizzi.....280

## Library Trustee - One Year

Donna Franklin (write-in) .....8

Selectman - Three Years

Bryant Scott ..... 187

## Planning Board – Three Years

R Stephen Leighton ..... 261

Planning Board - One Year

Don Clifford ..... 238

## Road Agent – One Year

Greg Messenger ..... 31

## Greg Messenger Trustee of the Trust Funds – Three Years

Michèle T. Benger ..... 282

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

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

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

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

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

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

YES - 176                          NO - 63

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

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

YES - 125                            NO - 126

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

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

YES - 150                            NO - 103

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

YES - 278                            NO - 38

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The Moderator introduced the officials at the head table.

Moderator Lord discussed the rules of the meeting.

Selectman Lynn Sweet gave a presentation of appreciation to Selectman Steve Leighton, thanking him for his many years of service to the Town.

Lynn Sweet then gave a PowerPoint presentation to review the accomplishments of the past year (2014), the current state of the Town, and plans for 2015.

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Don Clifford made a motion to amend the article to read:

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$300,000.00** for Capital improvements of roads within the Town boundaries at the discretion of the Road Agent, as funding permits."

Motion made and seconded. Moderator Lord read the amendment. A vote was taken on the amendment and failed.

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

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Chief Scott Young addressed the article and the reasons for the increase in the budget this year.

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

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

After lengthy discussion regarding the number of police cruisers and other cruiser equipment, Moderator Lord re-read the article. A vote was taken on the article and carried.

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse addressed the article. After lengthy discussion regarding reasons for increases in the budget, Chris Bane made a motion to move the question. Motion seconded. A vote was taken to cease debate and carried. The Moderator re-read the article. A vote was taken on the article and carried.

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

After brief discussion regarding the number of hydrants in Town, Moderator Lord re-read the article. A vote was taken on the article and carried.

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

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

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Chief Scott Whitehouse proposed the following amendment:

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,862.00 for the purpose of purchasing six new tires to replace the current tires on 25 Ambulance 1, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$1,862.00 from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article."

The intent of the amendment is to increase the article by \$518.00, based on anticipated cost of the tires. No funding to come from general taxation.

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

Steve Bulger then made a motion to table the article and seconded. Moderator Lord read the description of tabling the article. A vote was taken to table the article and failed.

After further discussion, a motion was made to move the question and seconded. A vote was taken to move the question and carried.

Moderator Lord re-read the article. A vote was taken on the article and carried.

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

After lengthy discussion a motion was made to move the question and seconded. Vote taken and carried.

The Moderator re-read the article. A vote was taken. The Moderator asked for a count.

Votes counted            YES - 46            NO - 31

Article carried.

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

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

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Selectman Lynn Sweet and JoAnn Brown, President of the Strafford Historical Society addressed the article. There was no discussion. The Moderator re-read the article. Vote taken and carried.

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

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

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

After brief discussion, the Moderator re-read the article. Vote taken on the article and carried.

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Lynn Sweet and Linda Pape addressed the article. After lengthy discussion Kurt Wuelper made a motion to amend the article to read:

"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 **\$30,000.** or if married, a combined net income of less than **\$40,000.**; and own assets not in excess of \$75,000. excluding the value of the person's actual residence and up to 2 acres or the minimum single family residential lot size specified in the local zoning ordinance."

After lengthy discussion on the amendment, Moderator Lord read the amendment. A vote was taken on the amendment and carried.

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

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Kristen Woodman addressed the article and did a power-point presentation.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the wording of article 20. A motion was made by Kristen Woodman to table the article, but discussion continued.

After more discussion, Kurt Wuelper made a motion to reconsider Article 18 to add \$5,000 to the Library line and was seconded.

Due to the level of confusion in the room, Moderator Lord determined it was best to re-read Article 20 in an effort to clarify. He re-read the article. A motion was made to table article 20 and was seconded. A vote was taken to table and carried.

Kurt Wuelper again made a motion to reconsider Article 18 to add \$5,000 to the Library line and was seconded.

After brief discussion, Bill took a vote on reconsidering article 18. A vote count was taken  
YES - 39 NO - 31

Bill read the amendment to the Hill Library line on the budget and the total budget amount.

There was lengthy discussion regarding what the money would be used for, and whether or not we should change Article 18 at this time.

Moderator Lord read the amendment to add \$5,000 to Article 18. A vote was taken on the amendment and failed.

A vote was taken again on article 18 as originally written and carried.

Steve Bulger made a motion to limit reconsideration on Article 18 and was seconded. A vote was taken and carried.

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Don Clifford proposed that we do a study on putting a Quonset Hut to store a first responder/emergency vehicle at the fire station.

Selectman Steve Leighton addressed the proposal. After much discussion on this Steve Bulger made a motion to table the proposal and was seconded. A vote was taken to table and carried.

A motion was made to restrict reconsideration on all previously voted articles and was seconded. A vote was taken to restrict reconsideration and carried.

A motion was made to adjourn and was seconded. A vote to adjourn at 11:38 am carried.

Given under my hand and seal, this 14th day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Waldron  
Strafford Town Clerk

# *TOWN CLERK'S REPORT - 2015*

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

We are on-line at [www.strafford.nh.gov](http://www.strafford.nh.gov) for car registration renewals and dog licensing.

**Office Hours:** Monday/Wednesday/Thursday – 8:30 – 2:00 & Tuesdays 1:00 – 7:00  
**Mailing address:** P.O. Box 169, Strafford, NH 03884  
**Phone & Fax:** Ph: 603-664-2192 x102 Fax: 603-664-7276

## **The Town Clerk's office offers the following services:**

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

## **The Town Hall will be closed on the following days in 2016:**

January 18 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)	July 4 (Independence Day)
February 9 (Presidential Primary)	September 5 (Labor Day)
February 15 (Presidents' Day)	September 13 (State Primary)
March 8 (Town Election Day)	October 10 (Columbus Day)
May 30 (Memorial Day)	November 24 (Thanksgiving 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 13, 2015 at 8:30 A.M. at the Strafford School Gymnasium.

***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](http://www.straffordcommunitycalendar.com)***

***You can also find Town Clerk information on the Town of Strafford's Website at [www.strafford.nh.gov](http://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.

## **At your service:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Waldron  
Strafford Town Clerk

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
**For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015**

**RECEIPTS FOR 2015:**

	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Motor Vehicle Permits.....		\$ 703,993.57
Boat Permits.....		\$ 2,785.02
Dog Licenses.....		\$ 7,038.00
Marriage Licenses.....		\$ 1,100.00
Returned Check Fees.....		\$ 315.00
Dog Control Fees.....		\$ 1,334.00
Vital Statistic Copies.....		\$ 1,985.00
Municipal Agent Fees.....		\$ 16,623.50
Title Fees.....		\$ 2,018.00
Election Filing .....		\$ -
UCC/IRS Filings.....		\$ 705.00
Postage.....		\$ 828.50
Articles of Agreement/Noise Ordinance Fine/Other.....		\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES ACCEPTED</b>		<b>\$ 738,925.59</b>

**REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:**

Qty	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
6,249	Motor Vehicle Permits.....	\$ 703,993.57
238	Boat Permits .....	\$ 2,785.02
1,176	Dog Licenses.....	\$ 7,038.00
23	Marriage Licenses.....	\$ 1,100.00
12	Returned Check Fees.....	\$ 315.00
--	Dog Control Fees.....	\$ 1,334.00
163	Vital Statistic Copies.....	\$ 1,985.00
6,649	Municipal Agent Fees.....	\$ 16,623.50
1,009	Title Fees.....	\$ 2,018.00
-	Election Filing .....	\$ -
--	UCC/IRS Filings.....	\$ 705.00
--	Postage.....	\$ 828.50
--	Articles of Agreement/Noise Ordinance Fine/Other.....	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>		<b>\$ 738,925.59</b>

# *STRAFFORD TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES*

## *Officers' Salaries*

R. Stephen Leighton.....	\$623.10
James W. Andersen.....	\$1,700.10
Lynn Sweet.....	\$2,700.10
Bryant Scott.....	\$2,077.00
Laurie Bibeau.....	\$8,999.90
Diane Waldron.....	\$3,500.12
Judith Dupré.....	\$21,928.93
Michelle T. Benger.....	\$175.00
William G. Lord.....	\$75.00

## *Office Expenses*

Town Clerk's Fees.....	\$31,820.15
Auto Permits.....	\$9,934.15
Vital Statistics.....	\$949.00
Municipal Agent Fees.....	\$16,741.00
M/V Title.....	\$1,984.00
Marriage License.....	\$161.00
UCC/IRS Filings.....	\$705.00
Animal Control Fees.....	\$1,176.00
Boat Permits.....	\$170.00
 Administrator.....	\$63,340.50
Deputy Tax Collector.....	\$4,565.24
Deputy Town Clerk.....	\$13,487.27
Clerical.....	\$12,636.30
Office Supplies.....	\$1,788.57
Postage.....	\$6,092.58
Printing.....	\$3,247.27
Conferences/Training.....	\$584.00
Reference Materials.....	\$545.39
Deed Research/Tax Lien.....	\$585.00
Recording Fees.....	\$378.49
Building Maintenance.....	\$4,830.33

**TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT**  
*For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015*

**RECEIPTS**

Balance Check Book January 1, 2015	\$3,065,596.90
Receipts.....	\$12,835,119.44
Total Receipts.....	\$15,900,716.34

**EXPENDITURES**

Expenditures 2015	\$12,587,352.11
Balance Check Book December 31, 2015	<u>\$3,313,364.23</u>
Total Expenditures.....	\$15,900,716.34
N.H. Deposit Investment Pool.....	\$291,400.93

**Strafford Conservation Commission Easement Fund**

Acct# NH 01-0562-001	
Balance January 1, 2015	\$187,724.86
Deposited 2015	\$0.00
Withdrawals 2015	\$26,557.78
Interest Earned 2015	<u>\$125.09</u>
Total Balance	\$161,292.17

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

Balance January 1, 2015	\$79,933.26
Deposited 2015	\$47,392.48
Withdrawals 2015	\$14,875.56
Interest Earned 2015	<u>\$72.63</u>
Total Balance	\$112,522.81

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

Balance January 1, 2015	\$26,653.36
Deposited 2015	\$38,728.83
Withdrawals 2015	\$30,037.37
Interest Earned 2015	<u>\$26.22</u>
Total Balance	\$35,371.04

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

Balance January 1, 2015	\$68,444.86
Deposited 2015	\$66,450.81
Withdrawals 2015	\$78,497.41
Interest Earned 2015	<u>\$40.45</u>
Total Balance	\$56,438.31

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

Balance January 1, 2015	\$2,003.59
Interest Earned 2015	<u>\$1.35</u>
Total Balance	\$2,004.94

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

Balance January 1, 2015	\$339.73
Deposited 2015	\$1,540.00
Withdrawals 2015	\$0.00
Interest Earned 2015	<u>\$1.27</u>
Total Balance	\$1,881.00

## *IN LIEU OF AUDIT*

February 10, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Please note that the Town's financial audit for the year ending December 31, 2015 is in process, therefore no Auditor's Report is available at this time.

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

TOWN OF STRAFFORD  
Board of Selectmen

James W. Andersen, Chairman

Lynn M. Sweet, Selectman

Bryant J. Scott, Selectman

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2015

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

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

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

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

Strafford's School Budget for 2015 is \$9,938,156.00 (Gross Approp.-Revenue). The State School Tax is \$1,047,131.00. We will receive an Adequate Education Grant for \$2,247,082.00. This leaves \$6,643,943.00 to be raised by our Local School Tax. That sets the 2015 School Tax Rate Portion at \$14.29 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (a decrease of \$.42).

Strafford's Gross Appropriations are \$2,531,501.00, less Revenues of \$1,206,540.00, less Shared Revenues of \$0.00, added Overlay of \$28,462.00, and War Service Credits of \$42,000.00, making a Net Appropriation of \$1,195,423.00. That sets the Town Tax Rate Portion at \$2.57 per \$1,000.

The total Property Tax Warrants this year were \$10,088,645.00. The "Current Use Change Tax" Warrants for the year were: \$10,750.00. All of this money was turned over to the "Conservation Commission of Strafford". The total Timber or Yield Tax Warrants were \$11,664.81. Excavation Tax Warrants were \$0.00

Strafford's 2015 Town Tax rate is \$2.57 (increase of \$.18), and County Tax is \$2.68 (increase of \$.01), School Tax is \$14.29 (decrease of \$1.42), State School Portion is \$2.27 (decrease of \$.12). Our Total Tax Rate for the year 2015 is **\$21.81** (decrease of \$1.35).

Our 2015 lien was \$252,127.26, this \$39,853.15 less than last year or a 16% decrease.

Our Deputy Tax Collector, Mary Hoyt is doing an excellent job. A job she has been doing for the last four years. Thank you, Mary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Dupre'  
Tax Collector

MS-61	<b>TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT</b>				
	For the Municipality of Strafford		Year Ending		
<b>DEBITS</b>					
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES</b>		<b>Levy for Year</b>		<b>PRIOR LEVIES</b>	
		of this report		(Please Specify Year)	
	<b>BEG. OF YEAR*</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Prior Years</b>
Property Tax	#3110	XXXXXXXXXX	\$629,720.78	\$151,438.86	\$99,923.26
Resident Taxes	#3180	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Land Use Change	#3120	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	#3185	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance **		-\$5,992.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**		-\$213.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges	#3189	XXXXXXXXXX	\$1,302.00	\$731.61	\$604.00
<b>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR</b>			<b>FOR DRA USE ONLY</b>		
Property Taxes	#3110	\$10,088,645.00	\$178,400.16		
Resident Taxes	#3180	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Land use Change	#3120	\$10,750.00	\$17,760.00		
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$11,664.81	\$2,294.57		
Excavation tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Other Charges	#3189	\$1,802.50	\$2,093.00		
<b>OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS</b>					
Property Taxes	#3110	\$252,127.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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
Interest-Late Tax	#3190	\$11,471.79	\$39,661.27	\$47,542.74	\$38,915.91
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$10,370,255.30</b>	<b>\$871,231.78</b>	<b>\$199,713.21</b>	<b>\$139,443.17</b>
*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.					
**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's amounts pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52a.					
**The amount is already included in the warrant & therefore in line #3110 as positive amount for this year's levy					
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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

For the Municipality of Strafford

Year Ending

**CREDITS****REMITTED TO TREASURER****Levy for Year****PRIOR LEVIES**

(Please Specify Year:

**2015****2014****2013****Prior Years**

Property Tax	\$9,601,387.30	\$629,720.78	\$105,778.73	\$90,222.61
Resident Taxes	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Land Use Change	\$6,250.00	\$17,760.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$11,664.81	\$2,294.57	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest (include lien conversion)	\$11,471.79	\$39,624.91	\$47,480.24	\$38,886.91
Penalties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges	\$702.50	\$2,680.36	\$581.61	\$305.00
Conversion to Lien (principal only)	\$67,116.16	\$46,030.03	\$0.00	\$0.00

**DISCOUNTS ALLOWED****ABATEMENTS MADE**

Property Taxes	\$8,740.19	\$4,581.44	\$4,585.75	\$8,557.01
Resident Taxes	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Land use Change	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges	\$0.00	\$64.00	\$50.00	\$274.00

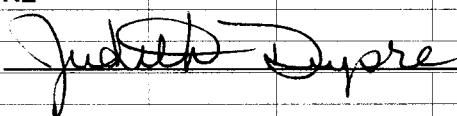
**CURRENT LEVY DEEDED****END OF YEAR #1080**

Property Taxes	\$660,807.86	\$127,788.69	\$41,074.38	\$1,143.64
Resident Taxes	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Land Use Charge	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charge	\$1,100.00	\$687.00	\$162.50	\$54.00
Property Tax Credit Balance**	-\$3,499.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**	\$13.90	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$10,370,255.30</b>	<b>\$871,231.78</b>	<b>\$199,713.21</b>	<b>\$139,443.17</b>

\*Enter as a negative. This is the amount pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a

(Be sure to include a positive amount in the appropriate taxes or charges actually remitted to the treasurer).

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MS-61	<b>TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT</b>			
	For the Municipality of Strafford		Year Ending	
	<b>DEBITS</b>			
	Last Year's Levy		<b>PRIOR LEVIES</b> (Please Specify Years)	
	2015	2014	2013	Prior Years
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. Of Year.				
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$251,913.51	\$178,400.16	\$151,438.86	\$99,923.26
Interest & Cost Collected <b>(AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)</b>	\$6,425.59	\$13,238.93	\$48,274.35	\$39,519.91
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	\$258,339.10	\$191,639.09	\$199,713.21	\$139,443.17
	<b>CREDITS</b>			
<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>	Last Year's Levy		<b>PRIOR LEVIES</b> (Please Specify Years)	
	2015	2014	2013	Prior Years
Redemptions	\$67,116.16	\$46,030.03	\$105,778.73	\$90,222.61
Interest & Cost Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	\$5,325.59	\$12,487.93	\$48,061.85
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$4,725.19	\$4,645.44	\$4,635.75	\$8,831.01
Unredeemed Liens Balance	#1110	\$181,172.16	\$128,475.69	\$41,236.88
End of Year				
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	\$258,339.10	\$191,639.09	\$199,713.21	\$139,443.17
Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)?	<u>Yes</u>			
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.				
<b>TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE</b>			DATE	1-29-16
				
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# *STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT*

## *ANNUAL REPORT 2015*

In March of 1996 I was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to be your Police Chief. In looking back over those 20 years, I have to admit I am amazed how well my family and I were received and have been treated by this community. I want to thank you all for your love and support the past 20 years.

After much thought and prayer, I have decided to retire from full time law enforcement. There are so many people to thank, including JoAnn Brown, Lester Huckins, and the late Gloria Creamer. These wonderful people were on the Board of Selectmen that hired me. They believed in me and gave me an opportunity to prove I could do the job. I also want to thank the townspeople that have been supportive over the years. I also want to thank my officers for doing a great job and making me look good; most people do not understand the service and dedication they have for the Town. There is no substitute for having good people around you. Last but not least, I want to thank my family for putting up with the late nights and the times when I was called away during birthdays, holidays, and sometimes on my days off. They, along with my faith, have given me encouragement during those times when this job was difficult.

My plan is to stay in the community that I love and search for other ways to give back and serve. Thank you all once again. God bless.

Respectfully,  
Scott Young

### *Police Department Statistics*

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Accidents.....	78	96	88
911 calls.....	56	39	68
MV summons.....	142	101	104
MV warnings.....	980	849	791
Arrests.....	115	75	73
Mutual Aid/Fire/Med.....	256	228	208
Incidents.....	645	212	273
Alarms.....	135	139	93
Property Crimes .....	202	212	255
Miscellaneous calls for service.....	1758	2232	2314
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4367</b>	<b>4189</b>	<b>4267</b>

# STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Purpose of Appropriations	Appropriations 2015	Actual Expenditures 2015	Appropriations 2016
<b>Salaries</b>			
Chief Scott Young	\$67,693.00	\$79,104.41	\$17,000.00
Lt. Michael Richard	\$56,759.00	\$57,806.10	\$71,963.00
Sgt. Randy Young	\$41,740.00	\$42,186.08	\$47,837.00
Officer Bryant Scott	\$0.00	\$5,637.00	\$0.00
Officer John Bernard	\$36,200.00	\$37,006.75	\$42,837.00
Officer Chris Dustin	\$36,200.00	\$35,697.46	\$42,837.00
Officer New Position			\$42,837.00
Secretary/Admin Asst.	\$19,101.00	\$19,010.40	\$20,056.00
Officer Adam Bergeron	\$0.00	\$7,452.48	
Officer Norm Brassard		\$7,943.55	
Total Part-time Officers	\$20,000.00		\$21,211.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$277,693.00</b>	<b>\$291,844.23</b>	<b>\$306,578.00</b>
<b>Overtime</b>			
Lt. Michael Richard		\$2,171.74	
Sgt. Randy Young		\$5,647.60	
Officer John Bernard		\$1,192.86	
Officer Chris Dustin		\$2,477.18	
Overtime	\$13,526.00		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$13,526.00</b>	<b>\$11,489.38</b>	<b>\$14,202.00</b>
<b>Details</b>			
Chief Scott Young		\$341.74	
Lt. Michael Richard		\$184.19	
Sgt. Randy Young		\$61.40	
Officer John Bernard		\$52.20	
Officer Norm Brassard		\$175.00	
Officer Adam Bergeron		\$125.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$939.53</b>	
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$291,219.00</b>	<b>\$303,333.61</b>	<b>\$320,780.00</b>
<b>Benefits</b>			
FICA	\$2,425.00	\$2,151.76	\$2,559.00
Medi	\$4,223.00	\$4,411.76	\$4,445.00
Retirement	\$63,786.00	\$66,631.91	\$69,251.00
Insurance	\$100,469.00	\$92,913.77	\$80,064.00
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>\$170,903.00</b>	<b>\$166,109.20</b>	<b>\$156,319.00</b>

# ***STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET***

<b>Purpose of Appropriations</b>	<b>Appropriations 2015</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures 2015</b>	<b>Appropriations 2016</b>
Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$1,453.10	\$3,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$4,900.00	\$5,536.58	\$4,900.00
Equipment/Maintenance	\$8,000.00	\$12,502.86	\$8,000.00
Prosecution Services	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Dispatch	\$6,445.00	\$6,122.70	\$6,445.00
Road Details	\$1,000.00	\$939.53	\$2,000.00
Cruiser Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$6,516.42	\$6,000.00
Training	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Heat/Electricity	\$7,000.00	\$5,677.28	\$7,000.00
Uniforms	\$4,000.00	\$1,304.48	\$4,000.00
Gasoline	\$18,144.00	\$11,094.34	\$14,000.00
Telephone	\$6,000.00	\$6,462.74	\$8,000.00
Computer User Fees	\$5,000.00	\$2,955.00	\$5,000.00
Miscellaneous*	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$100.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$77,789.00</b>	<b>\$67,675.03</b>	<b>\$76,645.00</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$539,911.00</b>	<b>\$537,117.84</b>	<b>\$553,744.00</b>

## **Revenues (2015)**

Pistol Permits	\$1,400.00
Reports	\$180.00
Fines	\$50.00
Special Services Fees	\$0.00
Grants	\$4,944.50
Witness Fees	\$300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,874.50</b>

## **Police Special Detail (O2 Fund)**

Balance from 2014	\$68,444.86
2015 Deposits	\$66,450.81
Interest	\$40.05
Withdrawals	\$78,497.41
<b>Balance 12/31/15</b>	<b>\$56,438.31</b>

# *STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE*

## *ANNUAL REPORT*

Strafford Fire and Rescue handled 372 calls in 2015. Of those 372 calls, 8 were building fires, 4 of them were multiple alarms, and the rest were handled by Strafford personnel and automatic response from neighboring towns. This past year our operating budget was taxed with a costly repair to Engine 3 which occurred while returning from a call in Barnstead in December. The head gasket failed which caused the engine to fill with antifreeze; this required a total rebuild of the engine. We were able to keep the cost of repairs within our budget and not come to the Town for additional funds. As a result some planned expenditures such as training and equipment have been moved into the 2016 budget.

When responding an emergency, either fire or ambulance, it is necessary for responders to locate you as quickly as possible. Clearly legible and visible numbers (at least 3" high) on both sides of the mailbox and on the house as well is our recommendation and request. We thank you in advance for assisting us in serving you.

We have proposed 6 warrant articles pertaining to the Fire and Rescue Department. Last year the Town appropriated funds to begin the repair and replacement of dry hydrants. We are asking to continue that project with an appropriation of \$15,000 and the creation of a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairing the dry hydrants. We have also requested the creation of a Capital Reserve Fund and the appropriation of \$50,000 to that fund for the purpose of replacing the Crown Point Station. It is necessary to begin saving for this project for a number of reasons which will be further outlined at Town Meeting. The funding for the remaining 4 proposed warrants is slated to be taken from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund, so no funding will come from general taxation. Two warrant articles pertain to the replacement of expiring airpacks; the larger request is contingent on the approval of grant funding.

I would like to announce the addition of 3 new members to the Strafford Fire and Rescue Department: Katie Cilley, Peter Frasca, and Brittany Turner. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Strafford Fire Officers and Fire/EMS personnel for the dedicated service they provide to the Town of Strafford and the residents of the Town for their continued support to our department.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Scott Whitehouse  
Strafford Fire & Rescue

# FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT WAGE SUMMARY

## Administrative Salaries

Scott Whitehouse.....	\$59,600.06
David Hartranft.....	\$392.34
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	\$59,992.40

## Call Wages/Fire

Andersen, James A.....	\$438.82
Andersen, James W.....	\$1,221.00
Aucella, Erik P.....	\$2,983.91
Baker, Annie.....	\$2,178.93
Bickford, Benjamin A.....	\$893.20
Burrows, Eugene C.....	\$2,190.00
Caron, Robert J.....	\$448.39
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$113.88
Cilley, Katie.....	\$17.50
Clark, Robinson M.....	\$126.00
Desjardins, Shawn A.....	\$567.13
Duford, Jonathon P.....	\$21.00
Frasca, Peter R.....	\$51.75
Hartranft, David.....	\$3,347.08
Hayes, Bryan A.....	\$952.95
Goodwin, Frances M.....	\$62.50
Lefebvre, Nicole M.....	\$73.75
Lindquist, James R.....	\$57.50
Marcotte, Cameron M.....	\$55.13
Marsh, Duane M.....	\$2,826.59
Marston, Henry.....	\$1,106.89
Morrisey, Matthew.....	\$78.63
Morse, Edward J.....	\$114.38
Mulcahy, Miranda A.....	\$37.13
Richard, Kenneth M.....	\$1,588.57
Robichaud Jr., Craig S.....	\$2,120.33
Stover, Paul M.....	\$1,628.52
Sukerman, David.....	102.81

Turner, Brittany E.....	\$26.88
Wheeler, Shelby L.....	\$28.75
Whitehouse, Cameron.....	\$1,747.90
Zoller, Jonathon.....	\$9.00
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	\$27,216.80

## Call Wages /Ambulance

Baker, Annie B.....	\$3,375.26
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$2,284.82
Cormier, William K.....	\$897.00
Cottrell, Brian K.....	\$3,937.50
Desjardins, Shawn A.....	\$9,521.25
Duford, Jonathon, P.....	\$2,042.25
Frasca, Peter R.....	\$2,311.50
Goodwin, Frances M.....	\$715.63
Hartranft, David.....	\$8,477.75
Lindquist, James R.....	\$336.38
Marcotte, Cameron M.....	\$2,749.38
Marsh, Duane M.....	\$11,606.27
Mulcahy, Miranda A.....	\$5,753.57
Richard, Kenneth M.....	\$1,698.57
Robichaud, Jr., Craig S.....	\$35.25
Stover, Paul M.....	\$2,832.39
Turner, Brittany E.....	\$1,084.44
Wakeman David M.....	\$275.00
Wheeler, Shelby L.....	\$1,771.00
Whitney, Zachary D.....	\$1,104.00
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	\$62,809.21

***STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT  
BUDGET SUMMARY***

	<b>2015 Budgeted</b>	<b>2015 Expenditures</b>	<b>2016 Budgeted</b>
Administrative Salaries.....	\$59,600.00	\$59,992.40	\$60,792.00
Call Wages Fire and Rescue.....	\$36,892.00	\$27,216.80	\$38,000.00
Call Wages Ambulance.....	\$67,125.00	\$62,809.21	\$70,000.00
Supplies.....	\$3,000.00	\$1,900.68	\$3,000.00
Gas.....	\$9,000.00	\$6,931.69	\$9,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$500.00	\$575.19	\$500.00
Training/Reference Materials....	\$10,000.00	\$5,557.54	\$10,000.00
Electricity/Heat.....	\$12,000.00	\$11,342.45	\$12,000.00
Telephone.....	\$3,500.00	\$4,647.50	\$5,000.00
Equipment Maintenance.....	\$32,000.00	\$27,827.64	\$32,000.00
Dues.....	\$750.00	\$1,424.00	\$1,500.00
Truck Maintenance.....	\$15,000.00	\$37,930.07	\$20,000.00
Dispatch.....	\$34,221.00	\$34,785.79	\$36,248.00
Coop Haz Mat Resp Team.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Uniforms/Clothing.....	\$2,500.00	\$737.64	\$3,000.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$10,000.00	\$7,314.05	\$10,000.00
PR/Books/Films.....	\$80.00	\$61.59	\$100.00
Employer FICA.....	\$6,400.00	\$5,485.86	\$6,696.00
Employer MEDI.....	\$2,364.00	\$2,175.29	\$2,447.00
NH Retirement Fire.....	\$17,000.00	\$16,956.22	\$17,727.00
Fire/Rescue Disability.....	\$230.00	\$211.20	\$230.00
Fire/Rescue Life Insurance.....	<u>\$171.00</u>	<u>\$170.76</u>	<u>\$171.00</u>
<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$322,333.00</b>	<b>\$316,053.57</b>	<b>\$338,411.00</b>

# *ANNUAL FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT*

## *2015*

2015 was a very busy year for brush, woodland and forest fires with a total (Statewide) with a total area burned of 661 acres. This is the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned.

Our firefighters were called to respond to the 2 biggest fires in the State. The Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee and the Tilton Fire were both in the same time period and the events stressed all the fire departments in the State. Statewide May was an extremely dry month. Strafford County and the Town of Strafford experienced dry conditions throughout the 2015 season.

The Town experienced six brush and woodland fires. Three of those fires required multiple alarms. All 3 were preventable. One was caused by a non permitted and improperly extinguished fire. It caused some property damage, threatened a structure, and burned approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre; it required 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  days of attention , and due to the moderate drought, it burned deep into the ground. Two of the brush/woodland fires were caused by careless disposal of smoking materials and totaled a combined burned area of 3.25 acres, causing both property owners to post their property. The other 3 brush/woodland fires were caused by electrical issues.

I strongly encourage that all of us use safe practices when burning outdoors. When there is not snow cover, remember to get a permit to kindle **any** outside fire.

The Town of Strafford has registered to apply for online permitting from the State of NH. For only a few dollars you can file online for a burning permit. When the process is completed, a copy of the permit must be printed in order for the permit to be **valid**. If a person doesn't have the means or capabilities to print the permit, they should not take the time to process the permit. There is a 3 day maximum for any permit. No seasonal permits will be issued by this online method. Permits will still be issued at the Bow Lake Fire Station and at the Transfer Station when open.

Thank you.  
Scott Whitehouse  
Forest Fire Warden

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

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

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

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

# *Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger*

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The ability to obtain fire permits on line was initiated in 2015. Approximately 120 towns participated in the online system with over 4,000 permits issued. To obtain a permit on line visit [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdfl.org](http://www.nhdfl.org).

This past fire season burned **661 acres** which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5<sup>th</sup> and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wildland fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual our higher fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

## **2015 FIRE STATISTICS**

(All fires reported as of November 2015)

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

<b>COUNTY STATISTICS</b>		
<b>County</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b># of Fires</b>
Belknap	15.3	11
Carroll	299.5	10
<b>Cheshire</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>18</b>
Coos	1.6	6
Grafton	22.6	17
Hillsborough	50.6	23
Merrimack	228	16
Rockingham	9.2	14
Strafford	5.5	15
Sullivan	1.1	4

## **CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>
Arson	2015	134	661
Debris	2014	112	72
Campfire	2013	182	144
Children	2012	318	206
Smoking	2011	125	42
Railroad			
Equipment			
Lightning			
Misc.*	71	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)	

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE**

# **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2015**

Thankfully, 2015 was an uneventful year with no major storms or catastrophic events. I have worked on securing a fully funded grant for a complete generator installation for the Strafford School from Homeland Security; however it was not funded. I will try again in 2016 to secure that grant.

I have begun another grant for the purpose of establishing an Emergency Operations Plan through the state of NH Homeland Security; the Town does not currently have this in place. We will be requiring some help from the Police and Fire Departments, the Selectmen, Road Agent and several residents to complete this task to enable us to have a functioning management plan. This is also from a grant to cover all costs and must be accomplished before we can secure another grant to fully fund the generator project. There will be a second opportunity for a 50/50 matching grant with the cost being shared by the Town and School District; of course, I am hoping for the fully funded grant. Either way this is a project that must be done.

Again, if we were to lose power for an extended period of time, any residents looking for shelter, would need to go to the regional shelter in Rochester on Brock Street.

I would like to see if there is interest in establishing a CERT team; this stands for Citizen Emergency Response Team and would fall under the operation of the Emergency Management Director. I hope to have further information on this later in the year. If anyone is interested, please contact Chief Scott Whitehouse at the Bow Lake Fire Station, Monday – Friday 8am until 4pm at 664-6863.

Thank you for your continued support.

Scott Whitehouse  
Emergency Management Director

# ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

2015 began with an unusually high amount of snow fall. Work completed during the spring months consisted of grading of the gravel roads. Roadside mowing took place on many roads throughout the year. Capital improvement projects consisted of preparation and paving of:

Leighton Corner Road  
Parsons Hill Road  
Spruce Pond Drive

Greg Messenger, Road Agent

## ROAD MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES – 2015

Administration Salary	\$	5,000.06
Arborcare Tree Service	\$	350.00
Scott Barry Trucking	\$	2,040.00
New England Barricade Co.	\$	393.06
Robert McMaster	\$	250.00
R.W. Tasker & Son LLC	\$	49,478.00
Radford Messenger, Inc.	\$	265,893.50
Sub Total.....	\$	323,404.62
GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES		
Equipment/Maintenance	\$	11,038.47
Gravel	\$	15,346.59
Sand	\$	4,984.43
Salt	\$	46,236.39
Cold Patch	\$	1,210.95
Paving Asphalt	\$	4,165.48
Culverts	\$	3,814.00
Street Signs/Posts	\$	693.64
Supplies	\$	9,122.83
Sub Total.....	\$	96,612.78
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$	420,017.40

## PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

# HILL LIBRARY REPORT

## The Hill Library

1151 Parker Mountain Road PO Box 130  
Center Strafford, New Hampshire 03815  
603-664-2800 (voice/fax) [www.HillLibrary.org](http://www.HillLibrary.org)

## Library Hours

Monday - Thursday: 11:00AM – 7:00PM

Saturday: 10:00AM – 2:00PM

Open 36 hours per week; WiFi 24/7 onsite and in our parking lot.

eBooks – “[nh.lib.overdrive.com](http://nh.lib.overdrive.com)” (Sign In: Enter “4692” then your library card number)

During 2015 we have enjoyed a good deal of growth and have laid the ground work for more improvements to patron services in the future. This past year has seen an increase in every area that counts: we increased library hours to 36 hours per week; we have signed up 70 new patrons, bringing us to a total of 1,141 patrons (more than one quarter of the Town); we had over 8,300 patron visits, a 5% increase from last year; and, we had an 8% increase in materials circulating, over 17,000. We have purchased and installed five new computer workstations running Windows 7&10 that are robust enough for gamers and have audio/video capabilities enabling distance learning, webinar and video conferencing opportunities. And, we are particularly proud of the local partnerships we continue to forge resulting in diverse quality programming at the Hill Library. This year saw a 57% increase in the number of programs and meetings taking place at the library with over 1,500 people participating.

The successes detailed above could only have happened with the work of many dedicated people. Keeping the library open 36 hours each week requires a minimum of 72 person hours. Our library staff - Marilyn Roderick, Larisa Molloy and Susan Heald - has been augmented with a new Youth Services Librarian, Lynne Chiarello. But, to make certain we have enough people on-site to stay open, we are blessed to have 30 dedicated volunteers helping out in many capacities. Looking ahead, we plan to continue developing timely, relevant and informative collections and programming. Your input is vitally important. We look forward to seeing you at the Hill Library!

Respectfully Submitted:

George F. Preston, Library Director

Martha R. English, Library Trustee

Donna Franklin, Library Trustee

Susan Rizzi, Library Trustee

Seth Blewitt, Library Trustee Alternate

*TRUSTEES OF HILL LIBRARY  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
2015*

**INCOME:**

Book Fines	\$871.00
Book (used) sale	\$617.00
Donations	\$1,280.00
Interest January 1 to December 31, 2015	\$79.37
Library Consignment Sales	\$71.00
Income Generating Equipment	\$557.00
Bequest	\$17,209.00
Income from Grants	\$475.00
Total Income for 2015	\$21,159.37

**EXPENDITURES:**

Equipment and Facilities	\$106.00
Professional Dues and Conferences	\$594.00
Advertising and Outreach	\$500.00
Total expenditures for 2015	\$1,200.00

**ACCOUNTS**

Beginning Balance on 1/1/15		Ending Balance on 12/31/15
\$6,600.15 Checking at Citizens Bank		\$22,558.54
\$0.00 TD Bank Savings	(\$40,000 moved from TD checking 6/16/15)	\$58,479.75
\$48,295.62 TD Bank Checking		\$9,026.77
\$11,278.26 CD at Citizens Bank	(moved to Citizen's Checking Account)	\$0.00
		\$90,065.06

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Rizzi, Treasurer

**HILL LIBRARY**  
**2015 YEAR END REPORT**

*January through December 2015*

	TOTALS
<b>INCOME</b>	
Ordinary Income	\$72,910.00
Previous FY Encumbrance (2014)	\$5,930.00
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATION AMOUNT	<b>\$78,840.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
PERSONNEL EXPENSES	
Director	\$20,480.00
Administrative Librarian	\$9,616.00
Circulation Librarian	\$9,938.00
Library Aide	\$6,656.00
TOTAL STAFF SALARIES	<b>\$46,690.00</b>
CONTRACT SERVICES	
Legal/Accounting	\$595.00
Housekeeping/Grounds	\$1,855.00
Web Hosting & Design	\$100.00
TOTAL CONTRACT SERVICES	<b>\$2,550.00</b>
COLLECTIONS	
Children's Books	\$2,955.00
Adult Books	\$4,482.00
Periodical	\$367.00
A/V Resources	\$1,595.00
Digital Resources-Ebooks/Downloadables	\$2,327.00
Binding/Labeling	\$1,412.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	<b>\$13,137.00</b>
PROGRAMMING	
Adult Programs	\$854.00
Children's Programs	\$1,209.00
Advertising and Outreach	\$350.00
TOTAL PROGRAMMING	<b>\$2,413.00</b>
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	
Collection Management Software	\$709.00
Financial Management System	\$196.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$364.00
Printing	\$345.00
Postage and PO Box	\$222.00
Equipment and Maintenance	\$1,372.00
Computer/Office and Copy Supplies	\$2,804.00
Staff Related Expenses/Prof. Development	\$1,145.00
TOTAL GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	<b>\$7,157.00</b>
UTILITIES	
Electricity/Heat/Water	\$6,338.00
Telephone/Internet	\$555.00
TOTAL UTILITIES	<b>\$6,893.00</b>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<b>\$78,840.00</b>

# STRAFFORD BUILDING DEPARTMENT

## 2015 REPORT

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

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

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

### **Permits Issued in 2015 included:**

Month	New Home	Reno-vation	Addi-tion	Barn/garage	Shed/Deck/Pool	Septic	Demo	Mech/Elect/Plumb	Re-Newal	Com-mercial
<b>Jan</b>	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	1
<b>Feb</b>	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
<b>Mar</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
<b>April</b>	0	1	3	1	2	3	0	2	1	0
<b>May</b>	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	6	0	0
<b>June</b>	2	1	0	1	0	6	1	9	0	0
<b>July</b>	4	1	0	2	2	4	1	4	0	0
<b>Aug</b>	0	0	0	0	5	1	1	18	0	0
<b>Sept</b>	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
<b>Oct</b>	2	0	1	1	2	4	0	12	0	0
<b>Nov</b>	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	6	0	0
<b>Dec</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
<b>TOT:</b>	13	5	7	8	14	24	5	73	2	1

A total of 152 Permits were issued or renewed in 2015, up 10% from 2014.

M, E & P Permits include Generator Permits

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

# *RECYCLING REPORT 2015*

## *STRAFFORD TRANSFER STATION*

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

The Recycling Center staff is pleased to report that Strafford continues to support recycling. The ratio of recycling to solid waste is a strong 37%, up 1% from last year, even while total solid waste increased. Although the 2015 net revenues are lower than we might wish, our revenues from recycling scrap metal, aluminum, and cardboard are an important part of our Recycling Center and Transfer station budget. If you have any questions, please work with our trained staff members, and please remember to look in the "Good as New" shed, and drop off things to share, too.

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

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

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

### **ANNUAL SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING ACTIVITY**

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Tonnage Recycling	346.92	329.89	332.98	328.94	324.69	305.04	328.16
Total Tonnage Demolition Debris	321.9	354.39	331.62	363.94	340.60	333.32	350.76
Total Tonnage Municipal Solid Waste	947.17	892.21	856.35	856.78	878.54	826.57	874.97

### **REVENUES RECEIVED 2015**

Tires (Customer Fees) .....	\$ 662.00
Metal Disposal (Customer Fees) .....	\$ 2,375.00
Mattresses/Furniture (Customer Fees).....	\$ 2,854.00
Small Electronics/Monitors, etc. (Customer Fees).....	\$ 3,598.00
Revenues from Recycling/Scrap Metal .....	\$ 2,378.27
Revenues from Recycling/Aluminum.....	\$ 4,766.46
Revenues from Recycling/Cardboard.....	\$ 5,270.73
Total Revenues 2015.....	\$ 21,904.46
Revenues received in 2014 .....	\$ 26,490.38

# *PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORTS*

## *2015*

Planning Board activity continued to be slow during 2015. We always encourage anyone who is thinking about developing their property, whether creating one or two lots for their children or considering something on a larger scale, to come meet with the Board early in the process. We also would like to encourage landowners to use the Conservation Development Ordinance as a tool for planning development of their property. Conservation Development offers some flexibility in planning while also providing protection of natural resources.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles A. Moreno, Chairman

### Receipts 2015

Application Fees	\$ 3,370.00
Total.....	\$ 3,370.00

### Expenditures 2015

Postage	\$ 406.48
Publications (NH Municipal Association)	\$ 48.00
Secretarial	\$ 4,498.11
Total.....	\$ 4,952.59

## *BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT 2015*

The Board of Adjustment received no applications requesting variances or special exceptions to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances or Building Regulations of the Town during 2015. The number of times the Board meets during a year is based on the number of applications received.

Respectfully submitted  
Richard A. Ferreira II, Chairman

## ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT 2015

Assessment of properties provides the basis for the tax bills that property owners receive twice each year. Proper assessment is the cornerstone for keeping property taxes fair and equitable. For this reason, the state of New Hampshire has a number of regulations in place to make sure that property assessments are kept current to reflect any changes or improvements that homeowners make to their properties as well as keeping assessments current with long-term trends in the real estate marketplace. As a result, the state recommends that town assessors visit any property with a building permit or other change and they also recommend that assessors visit 20% of the properties in the community every year in order for on-going data verification for database management. Assessors also visit homes that have recently sold to verify the data in our records. In addition, the state recommends that towns conduct a statistical update/revaluation to recalibrate all values every five years.

In 2015 we continued our ongoing five year cyclical database maintenance program. Data collection/verification will continue this coming year for new and on-going construction and recent sales in conjunction with the five-year statistical update, last completed in 2011. For 2016, assessors will make a streamlined survey of all properties for the statistical update. Our goal for database management is to verify the physical data to ensure the assessments are accurate. If no-one is at home we will take the opportunity to verify the exterior measurements of all primary improvements (buildings etc.) and will ask you to contact the office to make an appointment for an interior inspection.

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

The 2016 statistical update means that all property in Strafford will have to be revalued as of April 1, 2016. You will see your new values in the fall of 2016 when the revaluation project has been completed. Taxpayers will have a chance to respond to the new assessments before they are finalized and sent to the NH Dept. of Revenue Administration for tax rate setting. Final values will be reflected in the second issue tax bills for 2016.

I would like to thank you for your continued cooperation with property assessors. It is of the utmost importance to have accurate data to ensure all property owners in Strafford are assessed equitably.

Sincerely,  
Todd Haywood, CNHA  
Strafford Assessing Agent



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March 18, 2014

Town of Strafford  
Board of Selectmen  
PO Box 23  
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**Re: 2014 Assessment Review**

Honorable members of the Board of Selectmen:

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration has completed its review based on the six assessment areas specifically identified RSA 21-J:11-a and RSA 21-J:14-b I. (c).

They are:

- A. Level of assessments and uniformity of assessments are within acceptable ranges as recommended by the Assessing Standards Board by considering, where appropriate, an assessment-to-sales-ratio study conducted by the Department for the municipality;
- B. Assessment practices substantially comply with applicable statutes and rules;
- C. Exemption and credit procedures substantially comply with applicable statutes and rules;
- D. Assessments are based on reasonably accurate data;
- E. Assessments of various types of properties are reasonably proportional to other types of properties within the municipality; and,
- F. For all revaluations including full revaluations, partial revaluations, cyclical revaluations and statistical updates conducted on or after the April 1, 2006 assessment year by either an independent contractor or an in-house assessor, a report based on the most recent edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) Standard 6 shall be produced.

In accordance with RSA 21-J:11-a, II, the Department shall report its findings to the Assessing Standards Board and the municipality.

Congratulations and thank you for a job well done!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that pursuant to RSA 75:8-a Five-Year Valuation as well as Part 2 [Art.] 6. [Valuation and Taxation.] of the State Constitution, your next town-wide reappraisal must be completed no later than 2016.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephan W. Hamilton, Director  
Municipal and Property Division

cc: Assessing Standards Board  
file

# **STRAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT**

## **2015**

Strafford continues to hold a summer swim program at the Bow Lake beach, and we encourage our young families to participate. We hold two sessions each summer. Our swimmers this past summer were very attentive, put effort into learning the skills, and most passed their levels. We look forward to seeing them again this coming season.

Our dedicated beach staff provides good life guard coverage at Bow Lake beach during daytime hours. Life guards are on duty from 10 A.M. until 4: 30 P.M. Monday through Saturday and 11 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. on Sundays. Salaries for this summer amounted to \$ 11,620.50. Other expenses, water testing and general maintenance, increased the total summer expenses by \$ 1,577.45, bringing the total expenditures to 13,197.95, which is very similar to previous years.

Summer beach passes were free, as is customary, to Strafford residents. Non-resident individuals were able to purchase a day pass for \$5.00 or a season pass for \$25.00; families were able to purchase a season pass for \$50.00. Revenue was down for both beach passes and swim lessons in 2015. The sale of beach passes brought in \$1,070.00. Income from swim lessons was \$879.00.

We were also pleased to be able to once again provide support to the Strafford Summer Arts Program.

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2015 REPORT**

Strafford is fortunate to have over 1800 acres of public conservation lands that include the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve, the Town Forest parcels, the Evans Mountain conservation lands, and the Strafford School District conservation lands. The Conservation Commission has direct responsibility for upkeep on the first three of those tracts and it keeps Commission members busy through the year.

One of the projects involved re-routing a portion of the popular Spencer Smith trail on the Town Forest around a boggy area near the beginning of the trail. The rotted planks that had allowed passage over the wet area were removed and the trail cut to pass on higher ground. On that steep trail there is always the need to keep the water bars clear of debris. Commission members also trimmed and re-blazed the portion of the Neil Mooers trail that loops from near the top of the broad forest access road through the woods to exit at the highway.

Over at the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve (IRCR), members and volunteers carried out garlic mustard pulls to work at limiting the spread of this invasive. Garlic mustard not only takes up space in the understory, it emits chemicals through the soil that prohibit the growth of native plants like lady slipper and partridgeberry. The IRCR includes the Bedford tract directly across from the Strafford Recycling Center. It is possibly less familiar than other portions of the IRCR, so members re-blazed its boundaries this past summer.

The Conservation Commission has engaged forester Charlie Moreno to complete a forest stewardship plan for the 500-acre portion of the Evans Mountain tract the belongs to the town. Any trail making activities will wait until the plan is complete. The Commission thanks the Strafford Swamp Stompers for maintaining the gates at both Evans Mountain and the IRCR.

Two new private conservation easements were completed in 2015 with help from the Strafford conservation fund. Bonnie Sumerfield donated an easement on her 50- acre property up on First Crown Point Road. The conservation fund contributed \$15,000 to cover the legal and administrative expenses. The fund also contributed \$12,000 toward the Brown Island project that protected 1000 feet of Bow Lake shorefront and two small islands. Several other Strafford families have also expressed interest in donating conservation easements and those projects are ongoing.

The Conservation Commission meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall with meetings open to the public. The minutes of the meetings are posted on the town website and the Commission also reports to the town through its Conservation Notes column in the Strafford Community Calendar.

**MS-9****TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS**

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	% BEGINNING OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS/(LOSSES)	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	INCOME PERCENT	DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME	
3/10/1998	FOREST FIRE FUND #0005	CONTINGEN	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 4,835.27			\$ 4,835.27	\$ 1,004.67	\$ 3.94		\$ 1,008.61	\$ 5,843.88	
12/31/1980	SCHOOL I&B #0007	REPLACE	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 330,791.31	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 380,791.31	\$ 40,755.92	\$ 291.42		\$ 41,047.34	\$ 421,838.65	
01/01/1999	CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE #8	EDUCATION	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 14,777.06			\$ 14,777.06	\$ 26,321.23	\$ 29.89		\$ 26,351.12	\$ 41,128.18	
3/8/1984	RECREATION LAND #0009	BUILD	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 5,000.00			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,340.13	\$ 8.34		\$ 7,348.47	\$ 12,348.47	
3/10/1980	THEODORE STORER TRUST FUND #11	CONSERV	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 11,500.00			\$ 11,500.00	\$ 22,065.88	\$ 24.78		\$ 22,090.66	\$ 33,590.66	
4/26/1988	CONSERVATION #0012	PURCHASE	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 908.44	\$ 1.28		\$ 909.72	\$ 1,909.72	
3/14/2000	RECORDS STORAGE FACILITY #0014	PURCHASE	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,765.23	\$ 7.96		\$ 1,773.19	\$ 11,773.19	
1/5/2005	BRIDGE C AND R #0015	CONTINGEN	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 27,460.00	\$ 25,000.00	<b>(-\$27,460.00)</b>	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 2,584.33	\$ 3.29		\$ 2,587.62	\$ 27,587.62	
1/5/2005	OFFICE EQUIPMENT FUND #0016	PURCHASE	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 2,357.79			\$ 2,357.79	\$ 3.12	\$ 1.60		\$ 4.72	\$ 2,362.51	
9/27/2005	MUNICIPAL BUILDING FUND #0018	BUILD	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 1,477.58			\$ 1,477.58	\$ 9.95	\$ 1.01	\$ -	\$ 10.96	\$ 1,488.54	
9/27/2005	FIRE ENGINE FUND #0019	PURCHASE	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 5,992.89			\$ 5,992.89	\$ 8.93	\$ 4.06		\$ 12.99	\$ 6,005.88	
8/31/2007	TOWN DOCK ACCOUNT #21	MAINTENANCE	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 15,460.50			\$ 15,460.50	\$ 976.17	\$ 11.13		\$ 987.30	\$ 16,447.80	
7/27/2009	TOWN DOCK-REPAIRS #23	REPAIRS	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 4,628.94			\$ 4,628.94	\$ 168.43	\$ 3.24		\$ 171.67	\$ 4,800.61	
7/26/2010	FIRE DEPARTMENT REPAIRS #26	REPAIRS	NHFDIP	100%	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 15.93	\$ -		\$ 15.93	\$ 15.93	
12/22/2010	EDUCATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES #27	EDUCATION	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 150,000.00	\$ 152.34	\$ 91.93		\$ 244.27	\$ 150,244.27	
12/22/2010	FUTURE RE-EVALUATION	CONTINGENCY	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 16.46			\$ 16.46	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 16.46	
9/1/2011	REFLECTIVE ROAD SIGNAGE ACCOUNT #27	CONTINGENCY	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 2,172.15			\$ 2,172.15	\$ 4.54	\$ 1.47		\$ 6.01	\$ 2,178.16	
9/1/2011	POLICE VEHICLE FUND NUMBER TWO #28	NEW VEHICLE	NHFDIP	100%	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 976	\$ 0.34		\$ 10.10	\$ 10,010.10	
9/1/2011	MUNICIPAL OIL AND FUEL #29	MAINTENANCE	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13.76	\$ 10.32		\$ 24.08	\$ 10,024.08	
12/26/2013	LIBRARY EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT	CONTINGENCY	NHFDIP	100%	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 25,000.00	\$ 5.28	\$ 18.98		\$ 24.26	\$ 25,024.26	
1/0/1900	<b>TOTAL TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>				<b>\$ 572,469.95</b>	<b>\$ 85,000.00</b>		<b>\$ (27,460.00)</b>	<b>\$ 680,009.95</b>	<b>\$ 104,114.04</b>	<b>\$ 514.98</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 104,629.02</b>	<b>\$ 784,638.97</b>

# TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR		NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES)	WITHDRA WALS	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME PERCENT	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
				PERIOD	CARE										
<b>COMMON TRUST FUND</b>															
6/6/1925	BABB, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 466.63	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 466.68	\$ 566.68
5/16/1995	BROWN, ALBERT (HAL)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.34%	\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00	\$ 65.83	0.34%	\$ 0.02		\$ 65.85	\$ 115.85
12/31/1972	BROWN, ALBERT (CRIT)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.34%	\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00	\$ 79.77	0.34%	\$ 0.02		\$ 79.79	\$ 129.79
12/10/1939	CASWELL-DEARBORN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.72%	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 214.48	2.72%	\$ 0.20		\$ 214.68	\$ 614.68
4/21/1927	CAVERLY, ABIE	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 576.47	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 576.52	\$ 676.52
6/3/1927	CAVERLY, REV JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	4.52%	\$ 665.00				\$ 665.00	\$ 418.65	4.52%	\$ 0.34		\$ 418.99	\$ 1,082.99
9/2/1927	CLARK, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 748.49	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 748.54	\$ 848.54
9/3/1971	COOPER, LILLIAN FOSS	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 536.98	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 537.08	\$ 737.08
5/16/1995	FOSS, BENJAMIN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.72%	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 432.20	2.72%	\$ 0.20		\$ 432.40	\$ 832.40
9/2/1933	FOSS, HERBERT	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 758.19	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 758.29	\$ 958.29
9/10/1930	FOSS, ROBERT	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 758.39	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 758.44	\$ 858.44
5/16/1995	FOYE-PERKINS	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.72%	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 446.16	2.72%	\$ 0.20		\$ 446.36	\$ 846.36
3/4/1996	FOYE (WINGATE FARM)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.72%	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 311.24	2.72%	\$ 0.20		\$ 311.44	\$ 711.44
6/2/1926	GARFIELD, ELIZA	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.02%	\$ 150.00				\$ 150.00	\$ 832.67	1.02%	\$ 0.08		\$ 832.75	\$ 982.75
5/5/1950	HAM, LLIWELYN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 743.81	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 743.91	\$ 943.91
8/26/2000	HANSON #1	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.04%	\$ 300.00				\$ 300.00	\$ 163.81	2.04%	\$ 0.15		\$ 163.96	\$ 463.96
9/6/1950	HARTWELL, ELIZABETH	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 506.33	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 506.38	\$ 606.38
10/2/1921	HAWKINS, BETSEY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 8.72	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 8.77	\$ 108.77
6/6/1925	HAYES, PAUL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.34%	\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00	\$ 116.12	0.34%	\$ 0.02		\$ 116.14	\$ 166.14
8/4/1934	HOLMES, ELLA	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 153.28	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 153.33	\$ 253.33
5/16/1995	HOSEA BERRY CEM.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	4.08%	\$ 600.00				\$ 600.00	\$ 668.24	4.08%	\$ 0.30		\$ 668.54	\$ 1,268.54
5/16/1995	HOWARD CEM	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	5.44%	\$ 800.00				\$ 800.00	\$ 914.78	5.44%	\$ 0.41		\$ 915.19	\$ 1,715.19
12/23/1928	JENNESS, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 520.78	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 520.88	\$ 720.88
1/31/1921	JENNESS, SAMUEL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 824.15	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 824.25	\$ 1,024.25
10/25/1930	JENNESS, SAMUEL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 473.26	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 473.36	\$ 673.36
4/12/1927	JEWELL, JOHN W.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 476.00	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 476.05	\$ 576.05
7/25/1999	KERNIAN (BUZZELL CEM)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.04%	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 115.29	2.04%	\$ 0.15		\$ 115.44	\$ 515.44
8/11/1959	LEIGHTON, WINIFRED	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.70%	\$ 250.00				\$ 250.00	\$ 981.75	1.70%	\$ 0.13		\$ 981.88	\$ 1,231.88
5/16/1995	LOUJEE (EDGERLY RD)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.72%	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 418.76	2.72%	\$ 0.20		\$ 418.96	\$ 818.96
3/4/1996	OTIS-DREW	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	6.79%	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,041.88	6.79%	\$ 0.51		\$ 1,042.39	\$ 2,042.39
6/2/1921	PERKINS, NANCY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 568.89	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 568.94	\$ 668.94
9/9/1957	PERKINS, PAUL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.19%	\$ 175.00				\$ 175.00	\$ 898.02	1.19%	\$ 0.08		\$ 898.10	\$ 1,073.10
1/9/1991	SAXTON, HELEN FOSS	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	6.79%	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,241.61	6.79%	\$ 0.51		\$ 1,242.12	\$ 2,242.12
11/16/1998	SCRUTON	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	3.40%	\$ 500.00				\$ 500.00	\$ 336.97	3.40%	\$ 0.25		\$ 337.22	\$ 837.22
1/7/1922	SEAVEY, ABIE	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 8.72	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 8.77	\$ 108.77
10/1/1989	SLOPER ROAD	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.34%	\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00	\$ 44.77	0.34%	\$ 0.02		\$ 44.79	\$ 94.77
4/2/1927	SMITH, D.W.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 8.62	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 8.67	\$ 108.67
8/12/1944	STANTON, FRED	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 72.36	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 72.46	\$ 272.46
9/15/1972	SWAIN, ANNIE & GRAY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 606.97	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 607.07	\$ 807.07
3/4/1996	TOBIAS DREW CEM	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	6.79%	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,035.37	6.79%	\$ 0.51		\$ 1,035.88	\$ 2,035.88
9/5/1972	WAHN, MARY J.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.72%	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00	\$ 377.65	2.72%	\$ 0.20		\$ 377.85	\$ 777.85
10/22/1950	WALDRON, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 495.17	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 495.22	\$ 595.22
5/11/1955	WALDRON, CASWELL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 260.47	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 260.52	\$ 360.52
12/10/1937	WALKER, JAMES	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,938.10	0.68%	\$ 0.05		\$ 8.67	\$ 108.67
6/2/1928	WATERHOUSE, ELLA	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 30.09	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 30.19	\$ 230.19
3/10/1966	WEBSTER, TUTTLE	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.55%	\$ 375.00				\$ 375.00	\$ 76.44	2.55%	\$ 0.19		\$ 760.63	\$ 1,155.63
6/13/1919	WELCH, BETSEY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 689.84	1.36%	\$ 0.10		\$ 689.94	\$ 889.94
SUB TOTALS		Sub Totals		\$ 13,215.00		\$ 22,217.69		\$ 6.59		\$ 22,224.28		\$ 35,439.28			
01/01/1899	YOUNG, LAVINIA	EDUCATION	NHPDIP	7.16%	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,938.10	0.91	\$ 0.91		\$ 4,659.01	\$ 5,659.01
01/01/1899	CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE #8	EDUCATION	NHPDIP	100.00%	\$ 14,215.00				\$ 14,215.00	\$ 27,157.79	7.50	\$ 280.00		\$ 26,883.29	\$ 41,986.29
3/10/1980	THEODORE STORER TRUST FUND # CONSERV	NHPDIP	100.00%	\$ 11,500.00				\$ 11,500.00	\$ 22,379.53	6.35	\$ 22,065.88		\$ 33,565.88		
														\$ 100,000.00	\$ 105.01
														\$ 124.12	\$ 100,152.34



August 10, 2015

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee  
Town of Strafford  
12 Mountain View Road  
Strafford, NH 03884

Dear Town Selectmen and Budget Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Community Action Partnership of Strafford County to request \$2,000.00 in assistance from the Town of Strafford in the 2016 budget.

Attached please find a listing of services provided to Strafford residents over the past year. We believe that the services provided are significant and important in today's economy. Last year, the Town's subsidy was leveraged to provide \$56,650.00 in services to 96 individuals and families in the community. This includes:

- \* 59 households received \$30,356.00 in fuel assistance.
- \* 49 households received a discount on their electric bill through agency's Electrical Assistance Program at a value of \$18,860.00

We understand the budget decisions facing municipalities in Strafford County and difficult decisions must be made. However, we need your continued support to be able to provide services to residents who are facing some of the most challenging economic times.

We greatly appreciate your past support and look forward to our continued partnership as we strive to help residents living through these tough economic times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BETSEY ANDREWS PARKER".

Betsey Andrews Parker  
Executive Director

Enclosures

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**Community Action Partnership of Strafford County**  
**Administrative & Weatherization Office, 642 Central Ave, Dover, NH 603-435-2500**  
**Mailing address: P.O. Box 160, Dover, NH 03821-0160**

**Outreach Offices:**

61 Locust Street, Dover 603-460-4237  
527 Main Street, Farmington 603-460-4313

**Head Start Centers:**

62A Whittier Street, Dover 603-285-9460  
120 Main Street, Farmington 603-755-2883  
55 Industrial Drive, Milton 603-652-0990  
150 Wakefield Street, Rochester 603-284-9461  
9 Bartlett Avenue, Somersworth 603-817-5458



# CORNERSTONE VNA

HOME • HEALTH • HOSPICE

To our Community Partners in Strafford, NH,

Cornerstone VNA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, providing home health care services in 34 communities in Rockingham, Strafford, Belknap and Carroll Counties in New Hampshire and York County in Maine. Since 1913 Cornerstone VNA has been committed to bringing home health care services to people of all ages so that families can stay together at home, even when facing the challenges of aging, surgical recovery, chronic or life-threatening illnesses and end of life care.

*Trusted Care since 1913*

## **Cornerstone VNA highlight of service visits for 2015 in Strafford, NH:**

<u>Area</u>	<u>Strafford</u>	<u>Strafford County</u>	<u>Total Services</u>
Home Care/Perinatal	1,281	34,514	39,715
Hospice Care	0	7,985	9,217
Life Care	195	7,430	7,650
Palliative Care	5	316	334

Being mission driven, we are committed to bringing services *to people of all ages regardless of their ability to pay*. We provide skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapies, social work, and volunteer & support services through five distinct programs: **Home Care, Hospice Care, Palliative Care, Life Care and Community Care.**

Your funding helps make Cornerstone VNA one of the leading nonprofit home health care providers. Who benefits from your funding? Every life in Strafford that is touched by a member of our dedicated and skilled team of professional clinicians benefits from your generous gift. Your support enables Cornerstone VNA to maintain its high standard of excellence in providing home health care. When you support Cornerstone VNA and its remarkable initiatives, you are not only supporting your health care, but the health care of loved ones, your friends, neighbors and those less fortunate. Our team is committed to fulfilling our mission to provide trusted, compassionate and expert care to those in our community who need our services!

## **GROWING CHALLENGES**

We recently celebrated 100 years of care. The standards and regulations needed, and continuing education required, are extensive in order to provide extraordinary care. Cornerstone VNA and those who count on it face relentless challenges. Today with the advancement of healthcare we are witnessing several major trends:

The rapid emergence of new technologies

The demand for advanced medical care in home health

Baby Boomers begin to inundate the healthcare system, requiring extra care

Decreasing Medicare reimbursements and rising costs of healthcare

Renewed focus on preventative health care concepts

Changes in healthcare aimed at wellness programs and education (to reduce the impact of lifestyle disease)

Patient-centered, comprehensive approach to care (coordinates all facets of a patient's care & medical history)

In closing, we are grateful for the privilege of providing trusted, compassionate and expert care to every member of the community regardless of their ability to pay for services. Thank you for supporting members of your community and our dedicated team of home health care providers.

Respectfully,

*Julie Reynolds, CEO  
Cornerstone VNA*

# STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS



2015

# *OFFICERS OF THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2015-2016*

## *SCHOOL BOARD*

	Term Expires
Mr. Brian Monahan, Chairman	2016
Ms. Debbi Hinrichsen, Vice Chair	2017
Mr. Bruce Patrick,	2018
Ms. Carol Lord	2016
Mr. Norm Finnegan	2018

## *SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS*

Robert S. Gadomski, Ed.D.

## *ASST. SUPERINTENDENT/STUDENT SERVICES*

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

## *BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR*

Marjorie V. Whitmore, M.S.

## *PRINCIPAL*

Scott Young, Ed.D.

## *ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL*

Alison Roberts

## *TREASURER*

Sandra Pierce

## *CLERK*

Carrolle Popovich

## *MODERATOR*

Vacant

## *AUDITOR*

Melanson Heath & Company, PC

# *The State of New Hampshire*

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the **STRAFFORD TOWN HALL**, 12 Mountain View Drive, Strafford, NH, on the 8th day of March 2016, at 8:00 AM to act upon the following subject:

## **ARTICLE #1 (Voting)**

\*\* To choose the necessary School District Officers.

\*\* NOTE: All Articles except Article 1 will be taken up at 7:00 PM on the 9th day of March 2016 at the **STRAFFORD SCHOOL**, 22 Roller Coaster Road, Strafford, NH, , to act upon the following subjects:

## **ARTICLE #2 (District Meeting)**

"To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten Million Five Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred Six Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$10,555,206.13) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the Strafford School District."

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

*The School Board recommends this appropriation.  
The tax impact if this article passes is \$1.25 per \$1,000.*

## **ARTICLE #3**

"To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$4,400) for the increase of School Board salaries."

*The School Board recommends this appropriation.  
The tax impact if this article passes is \$0.01 per \$1,000.*

## **ARTICLE #4**

"To see if the Strafford School District will raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the School District Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1985, for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings. This sum to come from June 30, 2016 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2016. No amount to be raised from taxation." Current anticipated balance at 1/31/16 is \$267,838.

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

## ARTICLE #5

"To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons With Disabilities, established in 2010, for the purpose of meeting the expenses of educating students with disabilities. This sum to come from June 30, 2016 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2016. No amount to be raised from taxation." Current anticipated balance at 1/31/16 is \$150,216.

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

## ARTICLE #6

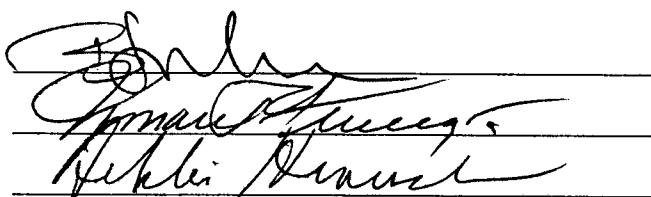
"Shall the town of Strafford vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Four Dollars (\$105,744) to fund the expansion of the half day kindergarten to a full day program."

### This is a Petition Warrant Article

*The School Board does not recommend this appropriation.  
The tax impact if this article passes is \$0.23 per \$1,000.*

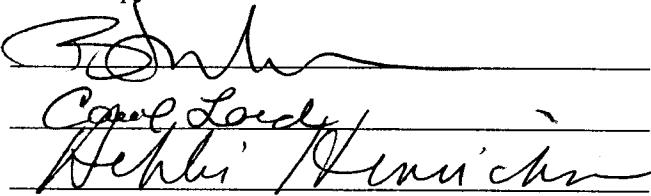
To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

  
*Carol Lord*

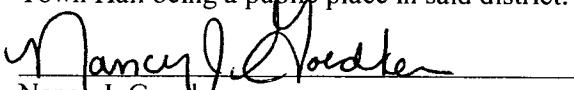
School Board

A true copy of Warrant- Attest:

  
*Debbie Hinrichs*  
*Nancy J. Goedker*

School Board

I certify that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 the written warrant article attested by the School Board of said District at the place of meeting within named and a like attested copy at the Strafford School and Strafford Town Hall being a public place in said district.

  
*Nancy J. Goedker*  
SAU 44

SS New Hampshire 2/19, 2016

Personally appeared the said Nancy J. Goedker and made oath the above certificate by the Strafford School Board as signed is true.

Before me Linda Oburn  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: October 7, 2020





## School Budget Form: Strafford Local School

(RSA 21-J:34)

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year from:

**July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017**

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

This form was posted with the warrant on: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Assistance Please Contact:**

**NH DRA Municipal and Property Division**

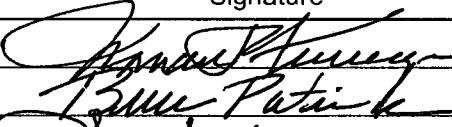
Phone: (603) 230-5090

Fax: (603) 230-5947

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

### SCHOOL BOARD CERTIFICATION

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

School Board Members	
Printed Name	Signature
Norman Finnegan BRUCE PATRICK	 
BRUNN MONAHAN Debra Hinrichsen	 

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

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

## Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>Institution</b>						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	2	\$6,202,238	\$6,496,194	\$6,233,828	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	2	\$1,376,204	\$1,380,738	\$1,319,624	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	2	\$50,066	\$65,771	\$66,808	\$0
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Support Services</b>						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	2	\$434,136	\$458,313	\$455,362	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	2	\$154,086	\$195,511	\$186,939	\$0
<b>Central Administration</b>						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	2	\$40,248	\$45,331	\$44,046	\$0
<b>Executive/Administration</b>						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	2	\$358,424	\$369,496	\$358,974	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	2	\$431,776	\$439,663	\$450,611	\$0
2500-2599	Business		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	2	\$446,654	\$487,058	\$465,961	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	2	\$364,904	\$384,934	\$398,570	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Non-Distributional Services</b>						
3100	Food Service Operations	2	\$152,266	\$176,633	\$167,470	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Facilities Acquisition and Construction</b>						
4100	Site Acquisition		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4200	Site Improvement		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4300	Architectural/Engineering		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4400	Educational Specification Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4600	Building Improvement Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Outlays</b>						
5110	Debt Service - Principal	2	\$190,000	\$200,000	\$205,000	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	2	\$214,888	\$208,088	\$202,013	\$0
<b>Fund Transfers</b>						
5220-5221	To Food Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5230-5239	To Capital Projects		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5254	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5310	To Charter Schools		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5390	To Other Agencies		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
9990	Supplemental Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9992	Deficit Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Appropriations</b>			<b>\$10,415,890</b>	<b>\$10,907,730</b>	<b>\$10,555,206</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1100-1199	Regular Programs	6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$105,744
	<b>Purpose:</b> Establish All-Day Kindergarten					
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	4	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> School District Capital Reserve Fund					
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	5	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons With					
<b>Special Articles Recommended</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$105,744</b>

## Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
2310-2319	Other School Board	3	\$0	\$0	\$4,400	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Increase School Board Salaries					
<b>Individual Articles Recommended</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
<b>Local Sources</b>					
1300-1349	Tuition		\$30,149	\$0	\$0
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	2	\$111	\$100	\$100
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	2	\$125,477	\$110,000	\$115,000
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Services Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	2	\$171,894	\$4,500	\$4,500
<b>State Sources</b>					
3210	School Building Aid	2	\$62,483	\$62,483	\$65,483
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Catastrophic Aid		\$29,960	\$0	\$0
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	2	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Federal Sources</b>					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
4540	Vocational Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4560	Child Nutrition	2	\$54,988	\$62,500	\$62,500
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution	2	\$46,494	\$45,000	\$45,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$0	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5140	Reimbursement Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5221	Transfers from Food Service Special Revenues Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	5, 4	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$574,056</b>	<b>\$337,083</b>	<b>\$345,083</b>

## Budget Summary

Item	Current Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$10,907,730	\$10,555,206
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$50,000	\$50,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$0	\$4,400
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$10,957,730	\$10,609,606
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$337,083	\$345,083
Less: Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$3,294,213	\$3,016,933
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$7,326,434	\$7,247,590

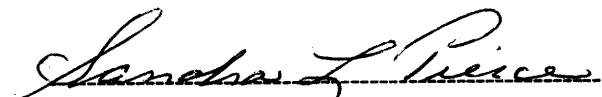
## DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM WHOM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015	State of NH	Equitable Ed Aid	\$2,103,097.76
		Building Aid	\$62,482.50
		Catastrophic Aid	\$29,960.37
		Medicaid Reimb	\$59,105.01
	Town of Strafford	Appropriation	\$8,348,566.00
	Citizens Bank	Interest	\$111.05
	School Lunch Program	Lunch Sales	\$74,252.36
		LLC Lunch Sales	\$28,119.77
		Coffee	\$47.63
	Graystone Builders	Food, Supplies, & Coffee Purchases	\$1,077.27
	Strafford Fire Fighter Assoc	Community Fund - School lunches	\$2,500.00
	Strafford PTO	Food and Supplies Purchases	\$1,289.31
	Strafford School District	Ice Cream Purchase	\$31.05
	H. Turmelle	Staff Breakfast & Lunch	\$590.75
	SAU #44	Grade 4 & 8 Testing Snacks	\$105.00
		Food Purchase	\$7.50
	Bureau of Education & Research, Inc	School Lunch Program Reimb.	\$55,715.22
	City of Dover	Lunch State Match 2013-14	\$2,580.70
	Destination Imagination, Inc.	Teachers Salary & FICA	\$27,240.86
	Harron Communications	Health Trust Fund	\$102,125.99
	NH Retirement System	Preschool Surplus	\$82,431.34
	School in Site Committee	Staff Workshop Reimbursement	\$590.75
	Semi-final basketball game	Refund	\$235.00
	Strafford Recreational Sports	Tuition Refund	\$15,074.55
	D. Wallace	Refund	\$365.00
	Westot	Rate Refund	\$894.00
	Miscellaneous	Refund	\$16,093.10
		Refund	\$900.00
		Collection at door	\$105.00
		Port-O-Pots	\$110.00
		Reimbursement	\$1,705.05
		TIMSS Participation	\$300.00
		Rent/Custodial	\$3,190.00
		Damaged books	\$92.25
		Damaged Textbooks	\$53.45
		Lost Books	\$212.65
		Workbook	\$8.00
		Returned Check Fees	\$21.00
		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$11,021,387.24</b>

**REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**  
*for the*  
**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 to JUNE 30, 2015**

Cash on Hand July 1, 2014 (Treasurer's bank balance)	425406.97
Received from the Selectmen	
Current Appropriation	8348566.00
Revenue from State	2254645.64
Revenue from Federal	-0-
Received from all other Sources	<u>418175.60</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>11021387.24</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (balance-receipts)	11446794.21
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERED PAID	<u>10388528.26</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2015 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	<u>1058265.95</u>

July 20, 2015

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
District Treasurer

# **STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT SALARIES**

## **JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Total Earnings</b>
Adams, Laura A.	Teacher Grade 5	\$65,073.72
Anderson, Brianna D.	Lunch Room Monitor	\$6,662.50
Asmeka, Lauren	Substitute	\$6,614.17
Atkinson, Andrea L.	Teacher Band	\$43,766.85
Bane, Christine	DI Coach	\$1,785.00
Beaverstock, Karen A.	Teacher Grade 6	\$60,956.68
Bonneau, Diane B.	Nurse Substitute	\$2,955.00
Bonneau, James M.	Tech Director	\$64,417.45
Burnap, Mae F.	Substitute	\$490.00
Burnell, Patricia A.	Food Service	\$15,468.64
Camire, Susan M.	Teacher Grade 3	\$67,817.30
Chadwick, Carol	Paraprofessional	\$21,133.32
Chagnon, Rebecca S.	Paraprofessional	\$20,919.55
Clinch, Andrea C.	Reading Tutor	\$34,065.00
Colby, Steven M.	Teacher Grade 3	\$65,580.00
Collins, Andria J.	Food service	\$12,903.85
Columbare, Wendy A.	Substitute	\$3,325.00
Cronshaw, Jennifer K.	Substitute	\$5,495.00
Cullen, Anne P.	Secretary	\$31,152.36
Cunningham, Kathryn	Nurse	\$55,925.00
DeCota, Kendra L.	Paraprofessional	\$17,032.71
Dexter Yonchak, Margaret M.	Teacher Grade 6	\$45,712.12
Dolan, Audrey E.	Teacher Grade 4	\$63,737.56
Doyle, Nicole M.	Teacher Special Education	\$48,416.97
Doyon, Denise M.	Secretary	\$28,646.94
Duderekewicz, Amy E.	Substitute	\$420.00
Duffy, Cynthia L.	Paraprofessional	\$24,217.58
Eaton, Beth A.	Paraprofessional	\$18,033.21
Edgerly, Jennifer L.	Teacher Grade 4	\$63,127.56
Finnegan, Norman P.	School Board	\$600.00
Fisher, Karyn M.	Substitute	\$2,135.00
Fisher, Lucas G.	Substitute	\$525.00
Fleming, Joan D.	Substitute	\$150.00
Fowler, Deborah L.	Facilities	\$23,929.20
Frost, Diana H.	Substitute	\$1,200.00
Fulwilder, Tahja D.	Substitute	\$200.00
Gahm, Allan K.	Teacher Grade 6	\$67,325.87
Gahm, Meghan P.	Substitute	\$630.00
Gale, Cynthia A.	Paraprofessional	\$21,464.30
Gale, Eric J.	Food Service Director	\$35,628.65
Garboski, Bethany E.	Substitute	\$3,325.00
Garland, Georgia I.	Teacher Grade 5	\$56,355.82
Gempp, Christopher M.	Teacher Music	\$46,292.65
Goodell, Anna M.	Substitute	\$560.00
Goodell, Donna M.	Paraprofessional	\$24,762.55
Goscinski, Donna	Teacher Grade 7/8	\$65,458.96

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Total Earnings</b>
Grondin, Robin D.	Teacher Special Education	\$50,126.17
Hanson, Tracy L.	Teacher Grade 1	\$59,887.72
Hartmann, Linda	Tchr Spec Ed/Technology	\$64,105.00
Hebert, Laura A.	Secretary	\$34,968.92
Hedstrom, Meghan C.	Teacher Health	\$44,533.12
Heselton, Gary R.	Facilities Manager	\$45,720.90
Hinrichsen, Debra A.	School Board	\$600.00
Homiak, Janet E.	Reading Specialist	\$60,912.70
Horne, Mitzi R.	Substitute	\$15,723.50
Houghton, Jarrod P.	Teacher - Summer	\$1,000.00
Irons, Mary D.	Teacher Grade K	\$67,003.69
Joly, Laura A.	Substitute	\$70.00
Jordan, Gregory J.	Substitute	\$594.00
Jordan, Heidi F.	Teacher Art	\$47,879.69
Jordan, Kevin A.	Teacher Grade 2	\$54,350.46
Kerivan, Victoria M.	Substitute	\$840.00
Krasko, Robyn T.	Teacher Phys Ed	\$64,356.43
Lano, Elizabeth C.	Paraprofessional	\$1,540.00
Larson, Bruce L.	Teacher Grade 6 Science	\$66,645.29
Libby, Karen S.	Paraprofessional	\$21,649.00
Longo, Joseph C.	Facilities	\$1,804.00
Lord, Carol A.	School Board	\$600.00
Lord, William G.	School District Moderator	\$100.00
Marsh, Terri L.	Library Aide	\$2,090.00
Marston, Eilish M.	Substitute	\$6,090.00
Martin, Connor W.	Facilities	\$6,571.45
Martin, Jared O.	Teacher Spanish	\$40,550.59
Mason, Elizabeth T.	Teacher Grade 3	\$63,502.22
Mason, Nancy J.	Guidance	\$66,482.23
Mazzochi, Moriah P.	Substitute	\$560.00
McCourt, Carol D.	Food Service	\$7,395.68
Monahan, Brian J.	School Board	\$700.00
Monahan, Dianna L.	Substitute	\$1,820.00
Morgan, James M.	Substitute	\$1,352.17
Morrisette, Kimberly A.	Teacher Special Education	\$41,514.29
Morse, Amy M.	Coach	\$340.00
Nadeau, Matthew R.	Teacher Grade 7/8	\$41,759.49
Nault, Donna L.	Paraprofessional	\$4,900.00
Newman, Theresa	Facilities	\$4,705.25
Nix, David R.	Teacher Grade 5	\$63,127.54
Nord, Diana D.	Substitute	\$560.00
Olsson, Sharon	Substitute	\$175.00
Patrick, Bruce	School Board	\$600.00
Pickard, Bradley G.	Facilities	\$28,590.96
Pickard, William F.	Substitute	\$60.50
Pierce, Sandra L.	School District Treasurer	\$4,457.90
Plante, Maryellen	Teacher Grade 3	\$61,937.70
Plaza, Linda R.	Paraprofessional	\$19,885.06
Popovich, Carroll	School Dist Secretary/Clerk	\$3,755.00
Ray, Candice L.	Paraprofessional	\$24,517.48
Roberts, Alison C.	Assistant Principal	\$67,344.83

Name	Position	Total Earnings
Routhier, Kasey N.	Paraprofessional	\$18,085.95
Roy, Sarah A.	Teacher Grade 2	\$60,276.00
Saia, Jill H.	Teacher Grade 7/8 LA	\$65,287.98
Sargent, Karen A.	Paraprofessional	\$20,946.82
Sawicki, Maureen C.	Substitute	\$525.00
Sawyer, Carolyn V.	Teacher Grade 7/8 Science	\$46,090.68
Schraufnagel, Julie A.	Paraprofessional	\$23,030.05
Smith, Terry B.	Paraprofessional	\$20,919.55
Spezeski, Susan S.	Teacher	\$45,820.00
Stimmell, Janice F.	Teacher Reading	\$58,146.42
Szatko, Lawrence E.	Facilities	\$8,720.81
Totten, Lanta B.	Coach	\$480.00
Trafton, Jason	Teacher Grade 7/8 SS	\$54,757.13
Trafton, Jennifer L.	Substitute	\$879.00
Vogt, Lynda D.	Teacher Special Education	\$65,680.66
Vulner, Kristine B.	Paraprofessional	\$23,543.01
Wallace, Deannah R.	Assistant Principal	\$6,794.55
Welch, Shelly A.	Teacher Grade 1	\$44,596.32
Wichroski, Alison M.	Speech/Language Pathologist	\$67,280.66
Wiggin, Rebecca	Speech/Language Pathologist	\$65,103.73
Williams, Ashley E.	Substitute Nurse	\$820.00
Williams, Susan J.	Media Specialist	\$66,689.74
Wilson, Michelle E.	Substitute	\$38.50
Young, Scott C.	Principal	\$82,000.00

<i>SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</i>	
<i>Balances as of December 31, 2015</i>	
<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$421,838.65</b>
Amount to come out for window repairs	<b>(153,843.18)</b>
New Balance to be:	<b>\$267,995.47</b>
<b>Education of Persons with Disabilities Fund</b>	<b>\$150,244.27</b>

# **STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT REPORT**

*as of January 1, 2016*

<b>Elementary School Enrollment</b>					
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
K am	M. Irons	8	8	<b>16</b>	
K pm	M. Irons	7	9	<b>16</b>	
				<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>32</b>
				Home School Kindergarten	1
Grade 1	L. Asmeka	10	5	<b>15</b>	
Grade 1	T. Hanson	10	6	<b>16</b>	
				<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>31</b>
				Home School Grade 1	0
Grade 2	S. Welch	7	8	<b>15</b>	
Grade 2	R. Roy	5	9	<b>14</b>	
Grade 2	K. Jordan	5	8	<b>13</b>	
				<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>42</b>
				Home School Grade 2	1
Grade 3	S. Colby	10	5	<b>15</b>	
Grade 3	E. Mason	7	7	<b>14</b>	
Grade 3	M. Plante	7	8	<b>15</b>	
				<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>44</b>
				Home School Grade 3	4
Grade 4	A. Dolan	7	10	<b>17</b>	
Grade 4	J. Edgerly	8	8	<b>16</b>	
Grade 4	G. Garland	6	11	<b>17</b>	
				<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>50</b>
				Home School Grade 4	1
Grade 5	T. Nevins	9	10	<b>19</b>	
Grade 5	D.R. Nix	11	8	<b>19</b>	
Grade 5	A. Adams	11	8	<b>19</b>	
				<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>57</b>
				Home School Grade 5	2
<b>Total Elementary School Students</b>					
<b>256</b>					
Total Home School Elementary Students					
9					
<b>Middle School Enrollment</b>					
Grade 6	A. Gahm	10	8	<b>18</b>	
Grade 6	K. Beaverstock	9	9	<b>18</b>	
Grade 6	B. Larson	11	7	<b>18</b>	
				<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>54</b>
				Home School Grade 6	3
Grade 7	C. Sawyer	6	11	<b>17</b>	
Grade 7	J. Saia	5	11	<b>16</b>	
Grade 7	J. Trafton	8	8	<b>16</b>	
				<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>49</b>
				Home School Grade 7	4
Grade 8	D. Goscinski	7	10	<b>17</b>	
Grade 8	M. Nadeau	7	10	<b>17</b>	
Grade 8	J. Martin	8	9	<b>17</b>	
				<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>51</b>
				Home School Grade 8	3
<b>Total Middle School</b>					
<b>154</b>					
Total Home School Middle School					
10					
<b>Enrollment Summary</b>					
Kindergarten	32			<b>Total Students Enrolled in School</b>	<b>410</b>
Grade 1	31	Grade 5	57	Total Home School Students	19
Grade 2	42	Grade 6	54		
Grade 3	44	Grade 7	49	<b>Total Students Enrolled at SAU</b>	<b>429</b>
Grade 4	50	Grade 8	51		

# **STRAFFORD SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

## **2015-2016**

The 2015-2016 school year has, thus far, brought many challenges which have also produced numerous opportunities for our school community to grow stronger. We have also experienced many successes and moments of celebration this school year which have reminded us about why our work with the children of this community is so important and why we love our work so much. I want to take a few moments to describe how the school is meeting various challenges as well as ways in which our school community has created success for students. Before I do that, I want to begin with an important moment that occurred at the end of last school year. At the conclusion of last school year, we completed a collective effort among staff, faculty, and administration, to define a vision for the school. It was exciting at our end-of-the-year meetings to unveil signage (which now resides prominently at the main entrance to the school) with our newly minted Strafford School Vision Statement: *Strafford School lays a foundation for lifelong learning by reaching, inspiring and challenging all students to be their best.* This vision statement has been instrumental in helping shape goals and initiatives that we are pursuing for this school year and beyond.

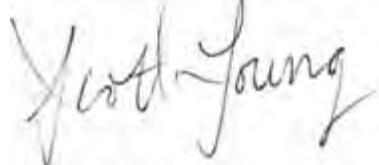
This school year we have implemented grade-level data teams **at** every grade level. This initiative is directly connected to our vision statement maximizing our opportunity to reach and challenge all students to be their best in our academic program. Grade-level data teams meet on a regularly to review how well students are progressing academically by analyzing student achievement data. This year our focus began in English Language Arts (i.e. ELA) but a number of grade-level data teams have also begun analyzing Math achievement as well. Also we have created additional instructional time during the school day so that teachers can provide support for students or enrichment depending on what the grade-level data teams is most needed based on their analysis. As a result, we have seen increased collaboration among our teaching staff and stronger supports for student learning. The school is also finalizing a revised technology plan as well as finishing revisions to the school's emergency management plan. In addition, the school is working to improve our core curriculum to help ensure that the K-8 learning experience aligns with standards and best equips our students for high school and beyond. The school has also recently begun implementing a K-8 writing program that is evidenced-based and supports best practices for the instruction of writing. We are making strides forward in our Athletic programs via the work of the Athletic Committee which has developed a variety of tools and resources to help the school better assess the quality of our athletic programs and identify priority items for improvement. All of these initiatives require time, effort, training and in many cases, changes in our practice for us as educators. Our teachers and staff have done an excellent job meeting these various challenges in our collective efforts to best serve the needs of students at Strafford School.

Strafford School also continues to enjoy programs and student learning experiences that have become a staple of our school. Our unified arts teachers provide wonderful

opportunities for students to learn, explore, create, and experience content outside the core curriculum. This portion of our instructional program is critical to our vision of creating lifelong learners by providing opportunities for students to succeed and develop a diversity of capabilities. Students also have opportunities to engage in both arts and science-related experiences through field trips, clubs, and summer programs. Our 6th graders venture out to MerrowVista to experience the great outdoors and various team-building challenges that also build character and perseverance. Our 8th graders enjoy going to Washington, D.C. to experience a truly cosmopolitan city while being immersed in much of our country's history. This school year, the 5th grade went to Enterprise City, which is an immersive, one-day experience where the students are responsible for helping run a "city" for the day. This experience incorporates lots of wonderful skills from economics and social studies not to mention social problem-solving opportunities. The feedback from the staff at Enterprise City indicated that our students were among the most prepared 5th graders they had ever encountered. Our athletic teams have competed well this school year, displaying great sportsmanship and competitive spirit.

The school continues to rely on the tremendous efforts our support staff that does such an amazing job making sure that our facilities, technology, food service, and administrative details are running smoothly to support the efforts of our teachers and staff. In a similar way, the parents and caregivers of our students are such a fantastic group to work with. Our partnership with families and caregivers is essential to our student's success and we are appreciative as a school staff for the willing partnership we experience each day. For our school to achieve its stated vision, we need the support of the Strafford community at large. The school has long enjoyed this support and its continuance is vital to help ensure the school children of this community receive the very best education possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott C. Young". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Scott C." on the left and "Young" on the right, connected by a flourish.

Scott C. Young, Ed.D.  
Principal  
The Strafford School



*ANNUAL REPORT  
for the  
TOWN of STRAFFORD  
2014 - 2015 ACADEMIC YEAR*



The Board of Trustees and Administration of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy are pleased to provide this Annual Report of the 2014-2015 school year to the Strafford School Board. We have enjoyed a long-term cooperative working relationship with the Strafford School Board and continue to work hard to ensure the educational opportunities for Strafford students are competitive, satisfying and of the highest quality. The Board of Trustees strives, through its administration, faculty, and rigorous academic and co-curricular programming, to provide the most comprehensive and challenging educational experience for Strafford students.

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

**Strafford Students Enrollment Breakdown: 2014-2015**

	August 2014	May 2015
<b>Seniors</b>	57	55
<b>Juniors</b>	55	52
<b>Sophomores</b>	58	57
<b>Freshmen</b>	60	59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>223</b>

***Of the total students enrolled from Strafford at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, the following enrollment changes took place throughout the 2014-2015 school year:***

**Strafford Students Enrollment Changes by Class: 2014-2015**

	Dismissed	Moved	Additions	Other Reasons
<b>Seniors</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Juniors</b>	0	1	0	2
<b>Sophomores</b>	0	0	1	2
<b>Freshmen</b>	0	1	0	0

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

**Strafford Students and Honors Programming: 2014-2015**

Class of 2015 Graduating with Honors:  81%

**Enrollment in Honors Level Courses:**

Class	Number of Students	Class	Number of Students
Chemistry Honors	10	Spanish IV Honors	1
Physics Honors	3	Spanish AP	0
Honors & AP Art	4	French IV Honors	0
English 11 Honors	8	Calculus Honors	5
English 11 AP	7	Calculus AP	6
English 12 Honors	11	Economics Honors	13
English 12 AP	5	US History AP	2
US History Honors	9	Cont. Issues Honors	9

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

**Strafford Reading Levels: 2014-2015**

Class of 2016 **SBAC** Reading Achievement Levels: Spring 2015  
40% Level 4; 34% Level 3; 20% Level 2; 6% Level 1

Class of 2018 **Scholastic Reading Inventory**: June 2015

Advanced: 35%	Proficient: 40%
Basic: 23%	Below Basic: 2%

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

### **Strafford Post-Graduate Experiences**

	<b>Strafford Class of 2015</b>	<b>Entire CBNA Class of 2015</b>
<b>4-year post secondary</b>	56%	55%
<b>2-year post secondary</b>	22%	25%
<b>Other programs</b>	2%	2%
<b>Military</b>	7%	4%
<b>Work Force</b>	13%	12%
<b>Delayed Graduation</b>	0%	2%

### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The Academy has maintained a fairly steady population in recent years. This has allowed us to develop new programs and educational opportunities to best meet the needs of our diverse learners. High standards of work ethic, behavior, and personal responsibility have been established and upheld by the administration, faculty and staff.

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

The Academy prepared students for the Smarter Balanced Assessment in the spring of 2015, but has been informed of the State of New Hampshire's decision to change the 11<sup>th</sup> grade testing to the SAT. The Academy will continue to develop curriculum and teaching techniques for meeting New Hampshire Standards and to best prepare students for state wide assessments. Students at Coe-Brown continue to score in the upper percentiles of the AP examinations, NH state testing, and excel in many areas outside of academia as well. We have been thrilled to have so many members of the community come to the Academy to enjoy talented performances within our athletic, music, arts, and drama programs.

The Education Committee of the Board of Trustees, which has voting representatives from Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford, annually reviews course offerings to ensure that they are appropriate to meeting students' needs and are in keeping with the high academic standards set by the Board and administration. For the 2014-2015 academic year, the Academy began preparing for the offering of concurrent enrollment courses. These concurrent enrollment courses allow student to receive both high school and college credit in the same class, for a greatly reduced college tuition rate. The courses are optional and allow students to get a head start on meeting their college requirements. Currently, the Academy has agreements with Southern New Hampshire University,

Project Running Start through Great Bay Community College, and the University of Iowa for one class. The following courses have been approved and the Academy is looking to continue to offer more:

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Calculus
- Public Speaking
- Environmental Science
- Creative Writing

As the field of education continues to be complex, challenging, and ever-changing, those representatives from the Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford School Boards who serve on the Education Committee have become even more important in providing a vital link between the Academy and the sending schools. These representatives influence student discipline, hiring of faculty, and assist in the coordination of educational programs. This joint participation is unique among schools that hold tuition contracts with other school districts. The Board of Trustees encourages the active participation by the Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford representatives.

Individual faculty members, both at Coe-Brown as well as from sending schools, have participated in a board-supported program titled "*Bridges*." Faculty members met repeatedly throughout the 2014-2015 year in different department groups with the goal of continuing to bridge any gap in the transition from elementary to high school and to coordinate and support each other in their academic work. Their efforts have been positive and effective in improving the educational experience for our students.

### **CO-CURRICULAR**

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

Athletic offerings at the Academy continue to evolve with our student-athletes. The athletic programs provide opportunities for students to practice self-discipline, time management, the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship. We have continued to see great success with our student athletes, including Girls' Cross Country Division II State Champions, Boys' Cross Country Division II State Champions, Girls' Indoor Track Division II State Champions, Girls' Outdoor Track & Field Division II State Champions, Girls' Softball Division II State Champions, Girls' Soccer Final Four, and Boys' Baseball Final Four. The newest teams of Boys' & Girls' Lacrosse continue to build and develop their program.

As with all programs, the Board of Trustees is striving to provide first-class athletic facilities and to make them available, as appropriate, to local citizens. This is in keeping with the Board's commitment to make the Academy a part of the local communities.

### **PHYSICAL PLANT**

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

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

The summer of 2014 brought a revitalization of the Main Lobby entranceway. The addition of skylights as well as historical accents fitting to the age of neighboring Pinkham Hall has created a more welcoming space for our students, faculty, community and visitors. Continued smaller projects to revitalize and repurpose areas of the Academy will be considered in the future.

### **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

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

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

### **THE FUTURE**

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

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

# *SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT*

## *2014-2015*

The Strafford School began the year with Dr. Scott Young taking over as our new principal. In addition, Assistant Principal Alison Roberts joined the staff. The two new administrators quickly formed a collaborative administrative team to move the Strafford School forward.

Dr. Young quickly assessed the daily school schedule and worked with staff to ensure instructional time was maximized. Data use and curriculum development were also ongoing tasks for everyone. Teachers throughout the school worked diligently to create exciting instructional activities for children.

The school board, with assistance from building administration, created a budget that supported progressive instructional practices across grade levels and throughout all curriculum areas. In addition, support was given to technology advancement, as well as to the areas of the arts. Negotiations for a new teacher/paraprofessional contract were held. Unfortunately an agreement could not be reached, however both sides did agree to continue negotiations in the upcoming year.

The winter season presented challenges as snow accumulations mounted. The Strafford Community should be proud of the many volunteers who came forward to ensure that snow removal from the roof provided a safe environment for all students and staff. The School Board also continued discussion on planning to improve/replace the aged windows on the front of the building.

The Strafford School and the Strafford Community should be very proud of the safe and challenging educational program provided for our students. I am excited to continue as your Superintendent of Schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert Gadomski

## *SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #44*

### *2015-2016 SALARIES*

Superintendent of Schools \$125,000.00

Assistant Superintendent/Student Services Director \$98,000.00

Business Administrator \$74,263.00

Assistant Special Education Director \$74,388.66

Grant Administrator \$14,400.00

### *SAU #44 DISTRICT SHARE OF FINANCIALS*

DISTRICT	2014 EQUALIZED VALUATION	VALUATION PERCENT	2014-2015 ADM IN ATTENDANCE	PUPILS PERCENT	COMBINED PERCENT	2016-2017 DISTRICT SHARE
Northwood	488,898,524	32.61%	394.45	30.64%	63.25%	\$370,984.10
Nottingham	566,979,053	37.82%	485.57	37.72%	75.54%	\$443,045.23
Strafford	<u>443,157,099</u>	<u>29.56%</u>	<u>407.37</u>	<u>31.64%</u>	<u>61.21%</u>	<u>\$358,973.65</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,499,034,676</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1287.39</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>200%</b>	<b>\$1,173,002.98</b>



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## Tax Rate Breakdown Strafford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,195,423	\$464,957,500	<b>\$2.57</b>
County	\$1,244,138	\$464,957,500	<b>\$2.68</b>
Local Education	\$6,643,943	\$464,957,500	<b>\$14.29</b>
State Education	\$1,047,131	\$460,513,000	<b>\$2.27</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,130,635</b>		<b>\$21.81</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
<b>Total</b>			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$10,130,635
War Service Credits	(\$42,000)
Village District Tax Effort	
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$10,088,635</b>

11/13/2015

Stephan Hamilton  
Director of Municipal and Property Division  
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***STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ANALYSIS***

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>
Instruction	\$ 1,080,155.00	\$ 869,499.00
Related Services	\$ 262,018.00	\$ 265,360.00
Transportation	\$ 135,408.00	\$ 64,154.00
Tuition (HS, Pre-School & Placements)	\$ 459,547.00	\$ 506,705.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,937,128.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,705,718.00</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Catastrophic Aid	\$ 22,784.00	\$ 29,960.00
Adequacy (Allocation*)	\$ 374,690.00	\$ 342,760.35
IDEA Entitlement-Part B	\$ 129,445.00	\$ 135,628.00
IDEA Entitlement-Pre School	\$ 5,990.00	\$ 5,990.00
Medicaid	\$ 43,055.00	\$ 46,494.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 575,964.00</b>	<b>\$ 560,832.35</b>
<b>Net District Cost</b>	<b>\$ 1,361,164.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,144,885.65</b>

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

**2015 STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**SAU #44**  
**MARCH 11, 2015**

**School Board Members:**

Mr. Brian Monahan, Chairman  
Ms. Debbi Hinrichsen, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Bruce Patrick  
Ms. Carol Lord  
Mr. Norman Finnegan

**Others:**

Moderator Pro Tem William Lord  
Dr. Robert Gadomski, Superintendent, SAU #44  
Ms. Marjorie Whitmore, Business Administrator, SAU #44  
Mr. Scott Reuning, Assistant Superintendent/Special Education Student Services, SAU #44  
Dr. Scott Young, Principal, Strafford School  
Ms. Alison Roberts, Assistant Principal, Strafford School  
Mr. Gordon Graham, Esq.  
Ms. Carrolle A. Popovich, Strafford School District Clerk

Chairman Monahan introduced himself as the current Strafford School Board Chairman. He spoke about a parliamentary procedure that would be taking place at the beginning of the meeting, because the School District Moderator moved, and a new one was needed to moderate the meeting. Chairman Monahan advised that, by law, our current Strafford School District Clerk is the moderator, and noted that the Board had requested the services of Mr. William Lord, the Strafford Town Moderator to be the Moderator Pro Tem for tonight's meeting. Chairman Monahan stated that in order to do this, we need the Town to vote to bring him in, and then the meeting would be handed off to him.

Ms. Carrolle Popovich, Strafford School District Clerk called the 2015 Strafford School District Meeting to order at 7:12 PM. Ms. Popovich asked that everyone rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Ms. Popovich advised that the first item of business would be to choose a Moderator Pro Tem, because the Moderator position was vacant. She then accepted nominations for the position of Moderator Pro Tem. **Chairman Brian Monahan moved to nominate Mr. William Lord as the Strafford School District Moderator Pro Tem. Mr. Finnegan seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, Ms. Popovich called for a vote on the motion. On a show of cards, the vote on the motion was recorded as a vote in the affirmative, and was declared as such.** Ms. Popovich declared Mr. William Lord the winner, and asked Mr. Lord to step forward so that he could take the oath of office. At this time, Mr. Lord took the oath of office, and was officially sworn in as the Strafford School District Moderator Pro Tem.

At this point in the meeting, Moderator Lord asked that Chairman Monahan introduce everyone at the front table. Chairman Monahan noted the following: Mr. Brian Monahan, Chairman, Strafford School Board Member; Mrs. Carol Lord, Strafford School Board Member; Mr. Bruce Patrick, Strafford School Board Member; Mr. Norman Finnegan, Strafford School Board Member; Ms. Debbi Hinrichsen, Vice Chairman, Strafford School Board Member; Mr. Gordon Graham, Esq.; Dr. Robert Gadomski, Superintendent, SAU #44; Mr. Scott Reuning, Assistant Superintendent/Director of Student Services for SAU #44; Ms. Marjorie Whitmore, Business Administrator, SAU #44; Dr. Scott Young, Principal, Strafford School and Ms. Alison Roberts, Vice Principal, Strafford School.

Moderator Lord provided the election results from yesterday, March 10, 2015. He noted that there were two (2) three year term school board positions open, and they were won by Mr. Bruce Patrick and Mr. Norman Finnegan.

Moderator Lord advised the body that the meeting would follow the Rules of Order, as suggested by the New Hampshire Municipal Association. He reviewed the following information:

- Moderator Lord stated that he would read each Article, and place it on the floor for consideration.  
Moderator Lord stated that once a motion was moved, and seconded, anyone wishing to address an Article should use a microphone and address the Moderator.
- Moderator Lord asked those wishing to speak to please state their name clearly.

- Moderator Lord advised that typically, he would not set time limits for those wishing to speak; however, if you become a revolving machine, you will be shut down.
- Moderator Lord advised that personal attacks at any time were inappropriate.
- Moderator Lord asked that those in attendance focus on the subject of the Article that is on the floor.
- Moderator Lord advised that voting would be by voting card stating that If you do not have one, be sure to visit the Supervisors of the Check list and pick one up.
- Moderator Lord stated that secret ballots may be requested for all Warrant Articles. As Moderator, he stated that he will accept a petition during the discussion during that specific Article only and that the petition must be signed by at least five (5) registered voters of the Town and all must be present at that time.
- Moderator Lord stated that one amendment would be considered at a time.
- Moderator Lord stated that note cards were available for those who wished to write down their amendments.
- Moderator Lord stated the only exception would be simple rules of order such as calling the question - you don't need to write those down.
- Moderator Lord noted that everyone has a right to make a motion to limit reconsideration of previously acted upon Articles. He noted that the body has the right to limit reconsideration, not prevent reconsideration. Moderator Lord also noted that if a motion to limit reconsideration of any or all Articles that have been disposed of passes, and then reconsideration of the affected Article is brought back to the floor and passes, the actual reconsideration will occur at least seven (7) days from now, at an advertised time and date.
- Moderator Lord stated that if you have a cell phone, and you are not on the emergency rescue squad, not an ambulance driver, fire or police personnel, please be courteous and at least put it on mute.
- Moderator Lord reminded everyone in attendance that this was their meeting and that hopefully, the rules would allow all points for a fair hearing. He stated that, as a body, you have the final say on all rulings.

Mr. Mike Harrington raised a general question about the Warrant Articles. He referenced the tax impact information in small print under the Warrant Articles, and made a comparison of the tax impact information under Warrant Article #2 and Warrant Article #5, stating that he wanted to ensure that people understood that Warrant Article #2 would add a lot more than .88 cents per thousand to the tax rate.

Moderator Pro Tem Lord then read Warrant Article #2.

### **Warrant Article #2**

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

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

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

**Mr. Patrick moved, duly seconded by Chairman Monahan to place Warrant Article #2 on the floor.** Discussion ensued, with Chairman Monahan noting that the Board held a Public Hearing on the budget a few weeks ago, reviewed the proposed budget line by line, and had a great conversation with the folks who were in attendance. He noted that the \$10,907,730.02 was the number that was presented at the Public Hearing. Chairman Monahan referenced the budget, and the information which was included within the budget packet information, and stated that that information was used to help the Board reach the bottom line number. Mr. Mike Harrington asked if the Strafford School Board could tell the body what the impact of the tax rate will be if Warrant Article #2 passes, stating that a consistent application was not being used. Ms. Marjorie Whitmore, Business Administrator for SAU #44, stated that with regards to Warrant Article #2, the tax impact, as noted, would be the additional tax impact of what is currently being paid. Mr. Harrington asked what the total tax would be, if Warrant Article #2 passed, not just the increase. Ms. Whitmore stated that she could not provide a figure, because she didn't know what the property values of each house in Strafford were. Ms. Whitmore explained that estimates were included about approximate tax information. Mr. Harrington referenced Page 38 of the document that Ms. Whitmore referred to, and noted the example provided. He asked if Warrant Article #2 passed, would it add additional money to an existing tax bill. Ms. Whitmore responded in the affirmative. Mr. Harrington asked that the school board be more consistent, referencing the verbiage within the tax impact information within Warrant Article #2. He stated that he had a question about information that had been included within the budget information relative to "gets us ready or complying for Common Core". Mr. Harrington stated that he was aware that if Districts complied with the federal regulations regarding Common Core, some of the money would be returned, and asked if anyone on the Strafford School Board or at the SAU #44 had done any assessment as to the cost of compliance with Common Core versus the amount of federal funds that are received for complying. Chairman Monahan stated that he had been advised that a direct analysis had not been done. Mr. Harrington stated that the Northwood School District voted yesterday to withdraw from Common Core. He stated that although there was justification for so much spending to be in line for Common Core, there was still the unknown if it will cost us more than we get from the federal government. At this time, **Mr. Harrington then moved to amend the budget, to reduce the bottom line by \$100,000.00.** **Moderator Lord stated that he needed the amendment in writing.** Moderator Lord advised that there was an amendment on the floor to reduce the bottom line of the budget by \$100,000. **A second to the amendment was made by Mr. Steve Leighton.** Moderator Lord explained that the amendment would be to reduce the bottom line of the proposed budget by

\$100,000.00, and asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Don Clifford referenced a meeting he had previously attended about two months ago, and noted that at that meeting, the Board has discussed the fact that the proposed budget was a reduced budget from last year, and asked if that was accurate. He asked the Board what the differences were from last year's budget to this year. Mr. Clifford stated that he was aware that the Board, together with Administration, had worked very hard to reduce the budget, to try to save the taxpayers money. Mr. Patrick advised that the current budget was \$61,000.00 less than last year.

**Ms. Denise Rainey requested a secret ballot vote on the amendment. At this time, Ms. Rainey provided the Moderator with a written request for a secret ballot. Moderator Lord reviewed and called upon those individuals who signed the request for a secret ballot, to ensure they were in attendance. All of the individuals who signed the request for a secret ballot stated their name.** Moderator Lord noted that by law, the request for a secret ballot was not open to debate. He stated that the way the law reads, if five (5) registered voters who are present at the meeting present a request for a secret ballot during discussion on the Article, we have to proceed with a secret ballot. Mr. Harrington spoke to his amendment, stating that the school population had dropped substantially over the last few years, noting that at one time, the school population was over 550 students, and presently, the school population was below 450, yet each year, the budget continues to go up and up and up and noted that we are seeing classroom sizes going down. Mr. Harrington stated that the \$100,000 that he was proposing to be reduced from the budget was approximately the amount it takes for one less teacher, inclusive of salary and benefits. He stated that, given the reduction in the amount of students, this reduction should have no effect on the quality of education whatsoever. Mr. Harrington noted that in the past, the Strafford School has graduated thousands of students from this school in classroom sizes much larger than 20-21. He stated that his amendment was very modest, which was not even a percentage, felt it was worthwhile to do, and would send a message that there isn't an unlimited amount of money in the Town of Strafford for the school. Ms. Roselyn Mason asked what the tax impact of the \$100,000 reduction would be. Mr. Harrington stated that it would be about 24 or 25 cents per thousand dollars of evaluation. Mr. Jason Trafton asked if the School Board could guess what a \$100,000.00 impact would be on the internal workings of our school where the budget might be cut. Chairman Monahan stated that that discussion would be for a school board meeting, noting that the Board would not start discussing that at this meeting. Ms. Kathleen Bohm noted that a proposal such as this was proposed last year, and that it was difficult. She stated that some of the students came and spoke at some of the meetings held, because they had experienced a time when many services were cut such as art and music. Mr. Irving Johnson pointed out that the Strafford School currently has a ratio of about five (5) students to one (1) instructor. He stated that a lot more cuts could be done to the proposed budget. Ms. Melinda Bubbier noted that over the years, cuts to the budget are proposed at school district meetings. She stated that although those making them may have good intentions, they haven't been a part of the process. Ms. Bubbier stated that the School Board and Administration have really worked hard to create a budget, based on a lot of needs, and not just a dollar sign. She noted that it included classroom sizes, continuity and services. Ms. Bubbier stated that \$100,000.00 represented one staff position, but it could also be a lot of other things that create ripple effects. She stated that people needed to think hard and fast, and appreciate the work that the Administration has put in, as well as the school board and trust in the process, and not cut \$100,000.00, thinking that it will not affect people. Mr. Harrington pointed out that the process is the body coming together as a Democratic process in the State of New Hampshire with school district meetings. He stated that this is part of the process for us all being here tonight to be able to vote. He noted that a lot of people don't have the time to go to meetings, but they have a right to have their vote heard as well. Mr. Harrington explained that his amendment was less than a 1% cut and pointed out that he couldn't believe people who would claim that less than a 1% cut on a budget would cause havoc. He noted that even if there was absolutely nothing else that could be cut, the result would be that the school board would return less money to the taxpayers at the end of the year or less money would go into the Capital Reserve fund. Mr. Harrington referenced the entire Warrant, and noted that there were other items within the Warrant that are included every single year, that takes surplus money left over from the year before, and put into various Capital Reserve funds. He stated that this may mean that we may put less money in the Capital Reserve funds, but no essential services would be cut whatsoever, with a less than 1% budget reduction. Mr. Brian Monahan, speaking solely as a taxpayer and not as a Board member, stated that last year, the Strafford School Board handed back \$400,000.00 to the Town; two years ago, \$300,000.00. He stated that the Board usually gives money back to the Town, and noted that he didn't think that the number was unreachable or unattainable by the Board. Mr. Steve Leighton stated that he left the Strafford School Board twelve (12) years ago, having been a Board member for an extended period of time, and noted that \$100,000.00 is nothing. He stated that twelve years ago, the Board had talked about cutting teachers when the numbers at the school population were 500, to attain a class size that was useable. Mr. Leighton pointed out that twelve years have gone by, and the student population has been reduced by 100, and we still haven't cut any teachers. He pointed out that the amendment would start cutting at least one teacher. Ms. Michelle Thomas stated that she was aware that positions had been proposed to be cut in this budget. She noted that she felt that the Board heard the taxpayers, and decreased the budget accordingly to what they felt is appropriate. Ms. Thomas suggested the need to look at the full budget, and realize that the Board worked hard and listened to the taxpayers. Ms. Carolyn Clark stated that she was surprised that there hadn't been a contract made with the teachers, and noted that the Town would be coming back to a special meeting after the contract to vote more money. She stated that that information needed to be out on the table. Chairman Monahan explained that Ms. Clark was correct, and explained that there was an impasse with negotiation discussions. He noted that a mediation meeting had been set up, but, as a result of having three bad snowstorms in a row, the mediators who were going to assist with the meeting couldn't get there. Chairman Monahan explained that statute wise, we ran out of time to include it within the Warrant. He noted that the process moving forward is that the Board and Union negotiation teams have agreed to come back to the table. Chairman Monahan stated that if there is a point where it can be

agreed to have an agreement, the Union has to ratify their side, the Board has to vote on it, and if there is an increase to the budget, the Board has to petition the New Hampshire Superior Court, to allow that vote to go forward to bring it to the Town. He stated that if there is not an increase in the budget, the Board would not have to do the process, but would have to hold a Town special meeting to vote on the money. Attorney Gordon Graham advised that it is not 100% necessary for the Board to agree to bring it back to a special meeting, stating that it was a matter of discussion with the Association. He stated that although it was one of the things that were discussed, it might end up resulting in a postponement until next year. Chairman Monahan concurred with the statements made by Attorney Graham, noting that the Board could hold where they are, with the current contract remaining in place, according to the contract that is there presently. He stated that there would be no step increases, pay increases or stipend increases and noted that the only way that the number would change was if an educator moved laterally across the grid (a chart that was included within the budgetary packet information). Chairman Monahan pointed out that the current contract remains in effect until a new one is re-negotiated. Moderator Lord reminded the body that they would be voting on the amendment to Warrant Article #2, and it would be by secret ballot. He noted that the amendment was to reduce the budget by \$100,000.00. He asked that those in attendance proceed to the Supervisors of the Checklist, show them your voting card and explained that they would punch out the number 1 on the voting card and give each individual a ballot. He explained that those voting will fill out their ballot, and that he would deposit it in the ballot box. At this time, secret ballot voting took place. Moderator Lord asked if everyone who wanted to vote had voted. He stated that he has had people ask if the polls needed to be kept open for an hour, and stated that that didn't have to occur, because it was only for bond issues. Moderator Lord advised that once voting was completed, he would declare the polls closed, and the votes would be counted. Moderator Lord recognized Chairman Monahan to discuss the budget. Chairman Monahan stated that he had spoken with the Business Administrator during the time voting commenced regarding the budget reductions and the increase in the tax rate. He asked Ms. Whitmore to provide an explanation. Ms. Whitmore advised that the confusion was because the budget had decreased, but that there would be an increase in taxes. She explained that the reason for that was because of the loss of revenues, and explained that the revenues are taken to offset the bottom line of the increase or decrease of the bottom line (expenses). Ms. Whitmore stated that the District is losing money from the State, for a variety of reasons such as catastrophic aide, and pointed out that the District didn't have as many students with special education needs; your adequacy money is going down and that there was a decrease in the Medicaid revenue because the number of special education students in Strafford is decreasing. She also noted that, at this point in time, the amount of surplus for this fiscal year is not known what will go back to the Town, adding that this will not be known until August of next year. Ms. Whitmore stated that this was the best estimate of State money to be expected. Chairman Monahan stated that Ms. Whitmore had advised him that if the amendment passed, the .88 cents would go down 23 cents. Moderator Lord indicated that the voting count should be completed very soon. Chairman Monahan advised that the next two (2) Warrant Articles had to do with the Capital Reserve Funds. He referenced information within page 39 of the budgetary packet relative to Warrant Article #3 and Warrant Article #4. For the record, it was noted that 230 individuals took a voting card. Moderator Lord noted that, as a Point of Order, he stated that he received a complaint that someone who made a motion was counting ballots. He made the following comments: "We rely on the basic integrity of people – we are all Americans here. We don't cheat. There are a whole bunch of people watching everyone over there. Every set of ballots is being double counted – not once, so please – I know that it's great to have suspicions these days – these are good people – they have opinions that might differ from yours – but they are honest, so please accept that." At this time, **Moderator Lord stated that the vote on the amendment had been received. He noted that there were 96 yeas and 121 nays, and declared that the amendment to cut the budget by \$100,000.00 failed.** He stated that the body was back to the original motion on the floor, and asked if there was any further discussion on the original motion. **Ms. Michelle Thomas proposed an increase to the budget of \$60,000.00, basing it on the fact that there were two half day kindergarten classes.** She noted that the current enrollment, without numbers being finalized until after this budget was 32, which is larger than the current class. Ms. Thomas stated that she would like to fund the other half day position, and put it back into the budget to ensure that the class sizes are not exceedingly large for kindergarten when it's a half day class. Moderator Lord noted that the amendment would be to add \$60,000.00 to the current budget for kindergarten. He explained that money added to the budget is used as the Board sees the need, so there would be no guarantee that that is where the money would go, based on the needs within the school, and asked Ms. Thomas if she understood that. **Moderator Lord recognized Ms. Nichole Tursey as seconding the amendment, and asked if there was any discussion regarding the proposed amendment. There being none, he then called for the vote on the amendment. Ms. Denise Rainey requested a secret ballot.** Moderator Lord noted that he had asked for comments, and it was to the point, where the amendment was going to be voted upon. He stated that he didn't think it was fair for Ms. Rainey to request a secret ballot vote at this time. Ms. Rainey stated that she understood that, and had been standing behind a gentleman that she thought had something to say, and didn't want to cut in front of him. Moderator Lord stated that because it was a procedural issue, he would let the group decide whether or not the discussion had ended. Moderator Lord asked legal counsel for direction, and stated that, based on the advice of legal counsel, a secret ballot should be allowed. He asked if the body had any further discussion about the amendment to increase the budget by \$60,000.00. There being none, those in attendance proceeded to the Supervisors of the Checklist to cast their ballots. Moderator clarified the amendment, noting that if you vote yes, you are voting to add \$60,000.00 to the budget. **After the completion of the vote count, Moderator Lord advised that the proposed amendment to increase the budget by \$60,000.00 was recorded as follows: 81 yeas and 144 nays, and declared that the motion failed.** He noted that the body was back to the original budget, as presented in Warrant Article #2, and asked if there was any further discussion regarding Warrant Article #2. Mr. Donald Coker asked the Board if it would be

possible with the \$10,907,730.02 figure to move some money around and stay within the proposed budget and be able to add full day kindergarten. Chairman Monahan stated that it would be possible, but that it would have to be discussed at a Board meeting, where the Board would really have to dissect where that could be done. Mr. Coker asked if the Board would do that. Chairman Monahan advised that it would be taken up at a Board meeting, noting that the vote of the Board was to not support a full day kindergarten. **Moderator Lord then recognized Mr. Eric Speed who moved the question, which was duly seconded.** Moderator Lord stated that the question would be moved, after Mr. Bulger had an opportunity to speak, as he was standing in line to speak. Mr. Steve Bulger stated that he had spoken to a few of the school board members who walked him through the budget summary that is sent to the State. He raised a question regarding Coe-Brown Northwood Academy tuition, noting that in the proposed increases and decreases, it showed that the amount going to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy is an increase of \$227,000.00 for the ensuing year. He stated that there is a difference of one (1) student from Strafford, and noted that if the cost per student is \$13,000.00, that meant that Coe-Brown Northwood Academy is asking for an additional \$1,000.00+ per student. Mr. Bulger stated that it seemed that Coe-Brown Northwood Academy comes up with any number they want for their budget, and they say take it or leave it. He stated that he felt it was time for the Board, for the Town of Strafford as a whole, to work with the Town of Northwood and the Town of Nottingham, and see if it would be worthwhile to work towards a regional school and get rid of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. **Moderator Lord noted that the question had been called, and explained that the body would vote to end debate. He called for a show of cards to end debate, and noted that, per a show of cards, the call to limit debate passed.** Moderator Lord noted that the body would now proceed to vote on Warrant Article #2, and then re-read Warrant Article #2. **Moderator Lord called for a vote on Warrant Article #2, as read, and asked for a show of cards. On a show of cards, Moderator Lord declared that the motion carried.**

Moderator Lord then recognized Mr. Gary Fowler who wanted to make a procedural motion. **Mr. Fowler then moved to limit that we not reconsider any more votes tonight.** Moderator Lord explained the motion, noting that Mr. Fowler's motion was to limit reconsideration. **A second to the motion was duly recognized by Moderator Lord.** Moderator Lord explained that while the body can re-consider the Article later in the meeting, the actual reconsideration cannot occur for at least seven (7) days, and at a properly advertised site. He noted that it prevents revisiting the budget, and making any changes, at the end of the meeting, when most of the people have left. **Moderator Lord then called for the vote on the motion to limit reconsideration on Warrant Article #2. On a show of cards, the motion carried, and was declared as such by the Moderator.**

Moderator Lord then read Warrant Article #3 as follows:

### **Warrant Article #3**

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

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

**Mr. Patrick moved to place Warrant Article #3 on the floor. Vice Chairman Hinrichsen seconded the motion.** Discussion ensued with Mr. Don Clifford asking about Warrant Article #3, and noted that the balance in the account was approximately \$395,550.33. He stated that last year, the Board had come to the Strafford School District meeting and asked for the body to put out approximately \$250,000.00 for a façade repair on the front of the building. Mr. Clifford noted that when he had brought the question up about the amount of money within the Capital Reserve Account, the Board withdrew that Warrant Article last year, and noted that nothing has been done with the façade. He stated that the Board is currently looking at it further, but stated that he felt that there was enough money within the Capital Reserve Account presently to forgo for one year, putting \$25,000.00 aside, stating that there was enough money in there to take care of quite a bit. Ms. Michelle Benger stated that she was one of the Trustees of the Trust Fund, and stated that she didn't understand why the Strafford School District puts money into the Capital Reserve Account. She explained that the Capital Reserve Account is for improvements to the school, and noted that the Board has never used it and has never done anything with it. Ms. Benger stated that she felt that the money would be better off staying within the school, and not keep building up the Capital Reserve Account. She stated that, unless it was going to be used, she didn't feel that the taxpayers should put more money into the Capital Reserve Account. Ms. Benger stated that last year at the School District Meeting, it was reinforced that the Board had the right to use that money, and stated that it's been a year, the Board has done nothing with it to improve the school, more money has been put in it, but it's just sat there. She questioned why the taxpayers would want to put \$25,000.00 back into that account. Chairman Monahan noted that the Board doesn't put money in the Capital Reserve Account, it is voted on by the taxpayers of Strafford. Mr. Steve Bulger stated that he had been advised that if Warrant Article #3 is not approved, the \$25,000.00 would stay in the surplus, which gets returned to the Town, which lowers the Town's tax rate. Mr. Donald Coker noted that the reason for having reserved funds is for emergencies. He noted that, in this case, something might happen within the school, and felt that it was a wise investment to put the \$25,000.00 within the Capital Reserve Account. **Moderator Lord**

**asked if there were any further comments or questions. There being none, he called for the vote on Warrant Article #3 and re-read Warrant Article #3. On a show of cards, the vote on Warrant Article #3 carried, and was declared as such by the Moderator.**

Moderator Lord then read Warrant Article #4 as follows:

**Warrant Article #4**

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

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

**Moderator Lord then asked for a motion to place Warrant Article #4 on the floor. Vice Chairman Hinrichsen then moved, duly seconded by Chairman Monahan to place Warrant Article #4 on the floor. Moderator Lord asked the body if there were any comments or questions. There being none, Moderator Lord then called for the vote on Warrant Article #4, and re-read the Article. On a show of cards, the vote on Warrant Article #4, as read, carried, and was declared as such by the Moderator.**

Moderator Lord then read WA #5.

**Warrant Article #5**

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

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

**Moderator Lord then asked for a motion to place Warrant Article #5 on the floor. Ms. Lord then moved, duly seconded, to place Warrant Article #5 on the floor.** Discussion ensued with Ms. Crystal Myslinski requesting that the vote on Warrant Article #5 be a secret ballot. At this time, Ms. Myslinski provided the Moderator with a written request for a secret ballot. Moderator Lord reviewed and called upon those individuals who signed the request for a secret ballot, to ensure they were in attendance. All of the individuals who signed the request for a secret ballot stated their name. Moderator Lord advised that the vote on Warrant Article #5 would be decided by secret ballot. He asked for any comments or discussion regarding Warrant Article #5. Mr. Steve Bulger stated that he would like whoever initiated Warrant Article #5 to explain what the \$108,000.00 is supposed to cover. He stated that if it involved any changes in teaching personnel, he felt it might be a negotiation problem. Chairman Monahan explained that the \$108,000.00 was for hiring one (1) bachelor's + 5 teacher and one (1) paraprofessional, as well as benefits to cover those two (2) positions. He noted that, in accordance with legal counsel, this would have nothing to do with negotiations, as it would be positions that were not part of the issue this year. Mr. Donald Coker stated that he spent some time researching the issue, and stated that there was evidence on both sides of the position. He noted that the school board did not recommend the appropriation, and wanted to know why. Chairman Monahan stated that the Board had had this discussion when the Warrants were posted, and noted that the Board had had this public discussion, and that it was a split vote (2 yeas and 3 nays) to not recommend. He noted that there were some members who supported Warrant Article #5 and some members who did not support it. Chairman Monahan stated that by law, the statement of either recommending or not recommending has to be included within the Warrant. He stated that individual wise, that vote was included within the public session Board meeting minutes, and wasn't sure if individual Board members wanted to discuss why they voted the way they did. Mr. Coker asked what would happen in future years if Warrant Article #5 passed. Chairman Monahan stated that those positions would fall into the current contract as it stands and would fall into any future negotiations. Mr. Coker asked if it was fair to say that at minimum, there would be \$108,000.00 a year allocated for full day kindergarten, over and above the half day program. Vice Chairman Hinrichsen pointed out that it would have to be higher, as the individual hired would increase in steps. Mr. Coker asked if the cost of full day kindergarten would go up year after year. Chairman Monahan advised in the affirmative, unless there was a reduction. He noted that currently there were 32 students being projected for next year.

Ms. Denise Rainey noted for the record that after the last secret ballot vote, she was verbally accosted by someone at the meeting, and stated that she felt it was very inappropriate. She noted that the meeting was part of the Democratic process. Ms. Rainey noted that, for the record, this is the environment that we live in. She also stated that in the previous summer, she had presented the Board with some research that was done on all day kindergarten. Ms. Rainey stated that she put a lot of time into the research that she had done, and noted that the research came through Sage Publication – a very well-known

publication that deals with educational, medical and science matters since 1965. She explained that the general consensus of the 10-20 year data was that there were two significant points within the information: most principals felt like they were okay with full day kindergarten, not necessarily because it was good for the kids, but because they had so much parental pressure for basically all day day care. Ms. Rainey stated that the second point was, across the board, no matter what data is looked at, it didn't matter. She stated that what has been determined through all of the research is that by the end of Grade 2, it does not matter if students have been to no kindergarten, half day kindergarten or full day kindergarten – there is no academic difference in their performance, and noted that she felt that this information was really important. Ms. Rainey offered mountains of information, if anyone wanted to do research on the matter. Mr. Mike Harrington pointed out that there was a time in Strafford when there was no taxpayer funded kindergarten. He stated that there were various private kindergartens in the area where students attended. Mr. Harrington spoke to a special school district meeting which had been held on August 20, 1997, and quoted from the minutes of that meeting regarding the studies done regarding kindergarten which showed the effectiveness of kindergarten – fewer placements in special education classes and institutional care due to early intervention and programming; studies have shown that children perform better on achievement tests; show improved classroom behavior and social skills; have a greater interest in learning; 20% more students who had kindergarten completed high school; 20% more are employed and are self-supporting; students have higher occupational aspirations; it would benefit the community, benefiting from a lower rate of retention and from lower costs in special education; studies showed that we could expect a 50% decrease in teen age pregnancies due to kindergarten, together with a lower rate in high school drop outs; a 20% decrease in welfare costs and fewer arrests made from people who attended kindergarten. Mr. Harrington stated that this had all been stated in 1997, and kindergarten started in 1998. He stated that those students who were blessed to have taxpayer funded kindergarten have now made it up through the system and graduated high school. He asked if anyone had followed up on these promises/studies. Mr. Harrington suggested that an assessment be done about what has been gained from half day kindergarten before going forward with another expansion program that is going to put the taxpayers on the hook for full day kindergarten forever. Ms. Michelle Thomas stated that she, too, had done a lot of research on full day kindergarten and brought this information to the Board and to the previous administration. She stated that she had found facts that it is beneficial for students. Ms. Thomas stated that information can be found that does and does not support full day kindergarten. She also noted that the curriculum has changed in Strafford, and noted that in her opinion, half day kindergarten is not enough to get children to where they need to be. Ms. Thomas stated that full day kindergarten will give students the time and the education that is required to get children ready for first grade. She stated that children in kindergarten do more of what first graders used to do, and they do it in two and a half hours. Ms. Thomas stated that half day kindergarten is really not an efficient day for students as far as trying to cram everything into a day, and noted that a full day will give students the jump that they need to be as competitive as we are trying to make all of our children. Ms. Jane Vachon spoke in support of the proposal, and stated that she felt it was excellent. She stated that it was common knowledge that investing in young childhood education is one of the best investments you can make. Ms. Vachon noted that approximately 60+ schools in New Hampshire now have full day kindergarten, and would love to see Strafford School have full day kindergarten. She stressed that it would be a good investment. Ms. Denise Rainey pointed out that when she was doing kindergarten research, she found out where the United States ranked against the rest of the world in their academic achievement. She noted that last summer, we were at 34-35 Internationally, Finland was at 13 or 14, and they don't start their children into formal education until age 7. Ms. Kathleen Bohm stated that she had taught kindergarten for eight years, and noted the difficulty in how much time is spent with teaching kindergarten children how to line up and work in groups. She stated that a lot of people are now calling kindergarten the new first grade, noting that it was amazing how much is expected in a short amount of time. Mr. Don Clifford noted that there were things that needed to be discussed when considering full day kindergarten, and asked what would happen if there was a spike in attendance from 32 to 35 next year, and questioned if having full day kindergarten could be done with two classes next year. He asked if another \$108,000.00+ would be requested to do a third full day kindergarten class. Mr. Clifford noted that once full day kindergarten is voted in, there could be more money expended. He stated that although he was in favor of part time kindergarten to get children socially started down the school path, he stated that he wasn't sure that full day kindergarten was needed. Mr. Harrington asked if anyone was going to address his questions, and asked if five years from now, we'll be told we need pre-kindergarten, and further questioned when there would be any end when people want more programs, more specialists, more extra this and that, and to hell with the taxpayers. Mr. Harrington stated that he felt that the taxpayers of Strafford have been very very generous, because you can see if when you look around the school and the facilities. He noted that somewhere, you have to say that half day kindergarten is more than sufficient and that we don't want to keep spending money, year after year, especially based on promises that we don't know if they hold water. Mr. Kevin McLaughlin stated that the world has changed since 1997, and that all evidence suggests that the more education people receive the better off they do. He referenced unemployment figures and stated that they were a function of education levels. Mr. McLaughlin stated that if you are well educated, your likelihood for being employed is dramatically higher. He stated that all of the evidence says that every State in this country is looking to move towards full time kindergarten. Mr. McLaughlin stated that our state legislature is now considering a new attitude towards full time kindergarten in terms of funding. He stated that it was clear that we are moving in a new direction, and that the requirements for education are different than they were 10, 20, 50 years ago. Mr. McLaughlin stated that it isn't about the average child; it is also about the child that will get left behind, and will be left in the dust because they have not had opportunities up to this point. Mr. Steve Bulger raised a couple of questions. He asked if it was safe to state that at this point, the Collective Bargaining Agreement/Negotiations are at an impasse. Chairman Monahan advised in the affirmative, and noted that that had been declared weeks ago. Mr. Bulger asked if part of the \$108,000.00 would

be for people who would fall under the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Chairman Monahan explained that if the \$108,000.00 is approved, it would be given to the Board with no direction of what to do, and it would be up to the Board to determine how that money is spent. He noted that if the Board went ahead and used it to fund teacher positions, those positions would fall under the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Mr. Bulger asked Attorney Graham if the cost of additional teachers under the kindergarten program was considered a cost item. Attorney Graham advised in the negative, with Mr. Bulger asking if there was a cost involved. Attorney Graham advised that it wasn't a cost item of the Collective Bargaining Agreement; and noted that the Board doesn't have to negotiate with the Teacher's Association as to whether or not they either reduce or increase the size of the teaching staff at the Strafford School. He noted that that wasn't subject to Collective Bargaining, but was a management decision, based on the fact that they have complete control and authority of how many staff they actually employ. **At this time, Mr. Jack Lagasse moved the question, which was duly seconded. Moderator Lord called for a vote to move the question. On a show of cards, Moderator Lord noted that the motion to limit debate was voted in the affirmative.** Moderator Lord re-read Warrant Article #5, and reminded the body that Warrant Article #5 was a secret ballot vote. He asked that those in attendance proceed to the Supervisors of the Checklist to cast their ballots. Moderator Lord asked if everyone had voted, and noted that the polls would be closed in one minute. **He then reported regarding the outcome of the secret ballot vote and advised that the vote on Warrant Article #5 was recorded as follows: 113 yeas and 117 nays. He stated that the motion failed.**

Moderator Lord asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting. **Mr. Bulger then moved to limit reconsideration on Warrant Article #5. A second to the motion was duly noted. Moderator Lord then called for the vote on the motion to reconsider, explaining that it didn't mean that the body could not reconsider it, and noted that if there was a vote to reconsider, the reconsideration would have to occur at least a week hence, at an advertised time and place. A call for the vote to limit reconsideration on Warrant Article #5, on a show of cards, was voted as a vote in the affirmative.**

Moderator Lord asked if there were any other motions to come before the meeting. **Mr. Bulger moved to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded.** A question was raised, under other business, with Mr. Harrington stating that he was told this evening that there were flyers that were mailed out to what appears to be people who were registered Democrats that urged them to come out to the meeting, and vote in favor of additional spending. He stated that it appeared that those flyers might have been mailed in envelopes that were owned by the Strafford School. Mr. Harrington stated that the school board just found out about this shortly, and noted that it would seem to him that, if that is the case, is was an illegal act if someone took school property and used it to send out political propaganda to people, and he encouraged the school board to make a complete inquiry on this and determine if there were any illegal actions that needed to be turned over to the County Attorney's Office. Moderator Lord stated that he wanted to make a quick point of Order. He stated that when there was a motion to adjourn, we cannot interrupt that motion, we have to consider it. He noted that the motion had been made to adjourn the meeting. Moderator Lord noted that Chairman Monahan had wanted to make a closing comment, and advised that he would first entertain the motion to adjourn, and told the body that they could choose whether or not to stay for the closing comments, but stated that he was required to act on the motion when it was made. **Moderator Lord then called for a voice vote on the motion to adjourn the meeting. He stated that, based on the voice vote, he thought it passed, but urged the body to listen to Chairman Monahan's closing comments.**

Chairman Monahan thanked everyone who attended the meeting, noting that there had been a lot going on in social media over the past two weeks. He noted that 235 voters out of 3,300 within the town came to the meeting and cast their vote. Chairman Monahan thanked everyone for taking the time to come to this very important meeting. He thanked the Board that has served with him this past year, and stated that the Board has done a lot of work, with a lot of long nights, and extra time spent trying to put this all together. Chairman Monahan referenced the informational packet, and asked for feedback as to whether it provided good information or not. He asked those in attendance to pass the word that these meetings are important, and this is what affects your tax rate the most.

Moderator Lord asked those in attendance to drive carefully.

There being no further business to come before the March 11, 2015 Strafford School District Meeting, the meeting concluded at 9:23 PM.

Respectfully,

Carrolle A. Popovich  
Strafford School District Clerk  
Approved by the Board – 3-25-2015



## STRAFFORD SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS 2015



Taevamaria Ahern  
Shayla R. Ashley  
Ethan R. Baker  
Paul R. Bane  
Tanner B. Bane  
Shealyn M. Bedell  
Luke T. Belbin  
Mark R. Boucher  
Jacob M. Burghardt  
Jackson Burke  
Susan J. Burnap  
Luke J. Chalifour  
Mary E. Chaquette  
Dominic A. Cronshaw  
Jalyse L. Daudelin  
Brian J. Downer  
Kaili E. Doyle  
Brody C. Eldridge  
Tyler I. Enos  
Connor D. Fallon  
Annabella M. Fasulo  
Hayley R. Fennell  
Julia C. Gardner  
Cameron J. Goodwin  
Logan J. Goodwin  
Autumn R. Graham  
Kevin J. Hennessey

Kayla M. Hicking  
Zachary A. Hodgdon  
Kaitlyn M. Hogue  
Tristin Knowles  
Celia Leighton  
Ethan A. Lowe  
Holly J. Magowan  
Hannah R. Marsh  
Allison E. Marshall  
Logan R. Morton  
Hayden K. Murray  
Chandler W. Nord  
Maria J. Ortiz  
Kelsey A. Pine  
Anna M. Prescott-Nichols  
Austin A. Pujo  
Justin D. Richards  
Alison L. Routhier  
Hannah G. Routhier  
Brooke E. Sawyer  
Christos P. Stamnas  
Kennedi E. Stowell  
Levi C. Swasey  
Kyle A. Thorne  
Ryan M. Whitcher  
Levi H. White

# STRAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2015

## COE-BROWN NORTHWOOD ACADEMY

Austin Anderson	Danielle Grove
Jordyn Anderson	Brianna Hanson
Kerry Baratier	Isaiah Hinrichsen
Alandra Beaver	Katheryn Huckins
Victoria Buck	Quinn Kelley
Megan Burgess	Bianca Ketenci
Jillian Burrows	Lindsey Knight
Joshua Chadwick	Bailey Leclerc
Meghan Chryst	Drew Magazzu
Ariel Clachar	Callum Magowan
Douglas Clifford	Caleb Manchester
Julia Collins	Hanna McCourt
Liam Corless	Madison O'Neill-Pratt
Sarah Curtin	Cassie Paradis
Samuel Cutter	Marielle Pomerleau
Kianna Daudelin	Taylor Richardson
Cierra Demers	Amy Searing
Angela Dutcher	Jacquelyn Stevens
Hannah Eaton	Joseph Stevens
Bryan Ekstrom	McCormick Struthers
Mariah Feegel	Connor Tasker
Brianna Ferreira	Madison Thivierge
Caitlin Foley	Cameron Whitehouse
Aurora Goodwin	Hannah Wiley
Kendall Goodwin	Kayla Williamson
Hannah Grady	Alexander Yonchak
Erika Grand	Luke Zollman
Ian Gray	





**VITAL RECORDS**  
**RESIDENT BIRTH RECORDS**  
JANUARY 1, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2015  
TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH



Child's Name	Birthdate	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
Richard, Elias Ladd	1/2/2015	Dover, NH	Richard II, Michael	Carter, Ashley
Mason, Michael Asher Carter	1/8/2015	Rochester, NH	Mason, Adam	Mason, Betty
Fredette, Scarlett Jean	3/8/2015	Concord, NH	Fredette, Shawn	Fredette, Catrina
McCutchen, Sullivan Wesley	4/11/2015	Concord, NH	McCutchen, John	McCutchen, Marisa
Dicey, Bryce William	5/1/2015	Concord, NH	Dicey, William	Dicey, Lee-Ann
Farrell, Payton Lee-Ann	5/13/2015	Dover, NH	Farrell, Benjamin	Hayes, Rachel
Seiders, Atticus Lee	5/20/2015	Rochester, NH	Seiders, William	Twombly, Ashton
King, Connor Michael	5/22/2015	Dover, NH	King, William	King, Cassandra
Morse, Anne Elizabeth	6/2/2015	Rochester, NH	Morse III, Edward	Morse III, Kaisha
Roberts, Isabelle Kay	6/10/2015	Rochester, NH	Roberts, Scott	Roberts, Cara
Bernard, William Ryan	6/28/2015	Dover, NH	Bernard, John	Bernard, Kathleen
Bilodeau, Nevaeh Krista-Lynn	7/23/2015	Exeter, NH	Bilodeau, Robert	Witham, Karen
Rodenhuis, Tessa Ford	7/31/2015	Rochester, NH	Rodenhuis, John	Rodenhuis, Emily
Howard, Maddox Henry	8/5/2015	Rochester, NH	Leavy, Tyler	Leavy, Katherine
Leavy, Tyler Michael	8/11/2015	Rochester, NH		Howard, Jamie
Grant, Sadie Elizabeth	8/13/2015	Dover, NH	Grant, Robert	Grant, Jessica
Desnoyers, Myla Angelina	8/16/2015	Dover, NH	Desnoyers, Colin	Desnoyers, Jennifer
O'Brien, Olivia Rose	9/9/2015	Rochester, NH	O'Brien, Peter	Brown, Eileen
Caron, Jacqueline Nicole	9/12/2015	Rochester, NH	Caron, Robert	Fulwider, Tahja
Cerro, William Dixon	12/19/2015	Dover, NH	Cerro, Matthew	Cerro, Kathryn



## VITAL RECORDS

### RESIDENT MARRIAGE RECORD

JANUARY 1, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2015  
TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH

Name - Person A	Residence	Name - Person B	Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date
Clark, Robert W.	Strafford, NH	Jackson, Mindy L.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	3/12/2015
Rodenhuis, John F.	Strafford, NH	Schwartz, Emily H.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	6/20/2015
Palmer, Christian J.	Strafford, NH	Sans, Rachel K.	Strafford, NH	Concord, NH	Candia, NH	6/20/2015
Newman Jr., Richard L.	Epping, NH	Storage, Erin G.	Strafford, NH	Epping, NH	New Castle, NH	6/24/2015
Saunders, Travis H.	Strafford, NH	Richards, Rachel A.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	6/27/2015
Pogorek, John W.	Strafford, NH	Brown, Whitney L.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	New Castle, NH	7/10/2015
Leighton Jr., Guy R.	Strafford, NH	Caddick, Johanna A.	Strafford, NH	Rochester, NH	Strafford, NH	8/15/2015
Phalen, Clay G.	Strafford, NH	Tanakasen, Ketcharin	Strafford, NH	Rochester, NH	Strafford, NH	8/29/2015
White, Timothy R.	Rochester, NH	Schwab, Shannon L.	Strafford, NH	Rochester, NH	Rochester, NH	8/29/2015
Robertie, Keith W.	Strafford, NH	Hayward, Lindsey M.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Exeter, NH	8/29/2015
Effenberger, Michael J.	Strafford, NH	Kowalski, Amanda J.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Durham, NH	9/27/2015
Barron, Gregg E.	Strafford, NH	Colby, Shelby D.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Portsmouth, NH	10/10/2015
Bilodeau, Jay N.	Strafford, NH	Routhier, Kasey N.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	10/17/2015
Fletcher, Thomas W.	Strafford, NH	Mendonca, Brittany A.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	10/17/2015
DeForest, John L.	Lawrence, MA	Donovan, Maryellen	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Lee, NH	10/20/2015
Bennerr, Russell J.	Strafford, NH	Duddy, Patricia A.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	10/24/2015

Total number of records 16



## VITAL RECORDS

### RESIDENT DEATH RECORD

JANUARY 1, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2015  
TOWN OF STAFFORD, NH



Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name	Military
Unger, Norma	2/4/2015	Dover, NH	Houle, George	Fluet, Lena	N
Casper, Barbara	2/8/2015	Dover, NH	Yandow, Leopold	Ladue, Irene	N
Doyle III, Sidney	3/8/2015	Rochester, NH	Doyle, Sidney	Connor, Fay	N
Gilmore, Arnold	3/23/2015	Rochester, NH	Gilmore, William	Witham, Mary	Y
Martel, Susan	5/7/2015	Rochester, NH	Penney, Edward	Wood, Effie	N
Thurston, Grace	7/30/2015	Dover, NH	Roberts, Sherman	Huchinson, Wyona	N
Gilmore, Richard	8/12/2015	Dover, NH	Gilmore, William	Witham, Mary	N
Euloth, Claire	8/23/2015	Strafford, NH	Euloth, Fred	Henneberry, Shirley	N
Cranley, Kathleen	9/2/2015	Dover, NH	Kean, Charles	Mooney, Katherine	N
Wallace, Janine	9/2/2015	Laconia, NH	Dyer, James	Washburn, Jane	N
Rocheleau, Loretta	10/1/2015	Epsom, NH	Charest, Albert	Robert, Lea	N
Howard Sr., David	10/18/2015	Portsmouth, NH	Howard, Roger	Genest, Natalie	N
Dreinczyk, Alice	11/6/2015	Strafford, NH	Kennedy, William	Kinsman, Hazel	N
Bates, James	11/19/2015	Dover, NH	Bates, Frank	Mills, Margaret	N
Clairwood, Raymond	12/3/2015	Dover, NH	Clairwood, Paul	Depres, Rachel	Y
Lake, Nancy	12/24/2015	Strafford, NH	Higgins Jr., Howard	Connors, Mary	N

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