

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE  
TOWN OF  
STRAFFORD,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
2016



For The Year Ending December 31, 2016

Population.....estimated 4017  
Registered Voters.....3272



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# TOWN OFFICERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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## SELECTMEN

Lynn M. Sweet 2017

Bryant J. Scott 2018

Scott L. Young 2019

Ellen J. White, Town Administrator

## TOWN CLERK

Diane Waldron 2017

## ROAD AGENT

Greg Messenger 2017

## TOWN TREASURER

Laurie Bibeau 2019

## BUILDING INSPECTORS

David Copeland

Bill Booth

## TAX COLLECTOR

Judith Dupré

## HEALTH OFFICER

Kevin LaCroix

## MODERATOR

William G. Lord 2018

Scott Whitehouse as of November

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Marilyn Roderick 2020

Carol Cooper 2018

Martha English 2022

## TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

Charles H. Burnham, Chairman 2019

Betsy B. Cozine 2017

Michelle Bengier 2018

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR

George F. Preston

## PLANNING BOARD

Charles Moreno, Chairman 2017

Terrence Hyland 2017

Don Clifford 2019

Steve Leighton 2018

Lynn Sweet, Ex officio member 2017

Donald Coker, Alternate

Mark Witcher, Alternate

Denise Markow-Speed, Alternate

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Holly Gahm 2017

Susan Rizzi, Treasurer 2018

Seth Blewitt 2019

Sharon Madore, Alternate

Mary Marquardt, 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

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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mike Richard, Chief of Police

Randy Young, Sergeant

Mary Macfadzen, Secretary

Officer Adam Bergeron

Officer John Bernard

Officer Greg Iannacci

Officer Evan Ortega

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

Kim Bickford

Jessica Black

Eugene Burrows

Robert Caron

Kenneth Chick

Katie Cilley

Rob Clark

Bill Cormier

Brian K. Cottrell

Lyle Deane

Hjlmer DeVarney

Norman Dumais

Peter Frasca

Steve Goodspeed

Frances Goodwin

David Hartranft

Bryan Hayes

Zach Huot

Steve Johnson

Stephanie Lazott

Nicole Lefebvre

Cameron Marcotte

Cameron Marcotte

Duane M. Marsh

Ed Morse

Jason Palmer

Kenneth Richard

Craig S. Robichaud, Jr.

Paul Stover

William Sukerman

Brittany Turner

Cameron Whitehouse

Scott Whitehouse

Paul A Yergeau, Jr.

Paul A. Yergeau, Sr.

### **EXPLORERS**

Jasmin Black

Nick Mewkill

Jacob Shutt

Nick Shutt

Alex Stover

Sam Whitehouse

## **ELECTED STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

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Representative Mike Harrington

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# REPORT FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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Town and School elections will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. for purposes of voting for Town Officers and 4 amendments to Town Zoning Ordinances. The amendments address accessory dwelling units, clarification of some existing language and placement of rooftop solar arrays. Articles 6 through 22 will be presented for consideration at Town Meeting at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at the Strafford School.

The 2017 Town Warrant funds the ongoing operations of Town departments, the purchase of new equipment, maintenance to and improvements of our Town roads, and additions to Capital Reserve Funds for future capital improvements. We have looked carefully at the general operations portion of the budget this year, addressing salaries and increasing the Road Maintenance budget to address the effect of ever rising needs and costs.

Strafford residents should be proud of the excellent voter turnout at the 2016 elections, particularly the Primary and General Elections. The voters in our Town, regardless of political views, treated one another with courtesy and dignity.

The town wide Statistical Revaluation was completed in 2016, per State statute and with funds appropriated at the 2016 Town Meeting. As with any revaluation, some values went up, some down, and some stayed the same. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this process.

This year especially, we want to extend a special measure of thanks to the men and women who serve on our Police and Fire Departments who, in the course of their daily work in 2016, encountered more than several unexpected, overwhelming, and tragic incidents. No emergency response is ever "routine". Thank you for your service to our community.

Each year brings change to our small community. Diane Waldron, who served as Town Clerk for 14 years, retired in 2016. Diane was knowledgeable and efficient in the execution of her job and a vital member of our Town Office staff. Her deputy, Chris Bane was appointed to fill out this year's term. Two lifelong residents, Roger Leighton and David Witcher, who both had served the Town in a variety of ways over the years passed away. Lauretta Buddelmann, the holder of the Boston Post Cane – an honor given to Strafford's oldest resident – also passed away in 2016. We are in the process of searching for the current oldest citizen in order to present the Boston Post Cane to a new resident.

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 welcomed Retired Police Chief, Scott Young to the Board, replacing Jim Andersen who continues to serve the Town in other capacities. The Selectmen meet every other Tuesday at 6:00PM at the Town Hall, unless otherwise posted. Residents are welcomed at any meeting.

We want to take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to Greg Messenger and his crew for the excellent job they do in maintaining our roads and to all our Town employees as well as volunteers who faithfully serve on our various boards, commissions, committees, organizations, and on the library staff.

*Lynn Sweet, Selectman*

*Bryant Scott, Selectman*

*Scott Young, 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 Fourteenth (14<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.

**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 K Accessory Dwelling Unit ("ADU") to allow the construction of an attached or detached ADU unit by Special Exception as an accessory use to a single family dwelling in order by to comply with state requirements under RS/674:71-73 which will take effect June 1, 2017. This article includes sections on authority, administration, application and approval process, design requirements, minimum lot size requirements, owner residency requirements, and the maximum allowable size for an ADU."

**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 amend Article 1.4.2 F Land Uses Allowed by adding the word "agrotourism" and to add a new definition 1.14.24 AGROTOURISM. This will clarify review procedures for agrotourism proposals."

**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 1.8 to clarify enforcement procedures and to allow better compliance with ordinances and regulations by stating that zoning issues must be addressed in order for permits or certificates of occupancy to be issued."

**5.** 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 4.1.13 Photovoltaic Solar Array to establish a regulation regarding the placement of rooftop solar arrays in order to allow firefighter access to roof edges."

**\*\* NOTE:** ALL ARTICLES EXCEPT ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5 WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 8:30 A.M., SATURDAY, MARCH EIGHTEENTH (18<sup>th</sup>) 2017 AT THE **STRAFFORD SCHOOL**.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$380,000. 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.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$555,414. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. to be placed in the Police Vehicles and Equipment 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.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$355,361. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000. for the purpose of the replacement of the Zoll Defibrillator E-series and upgrade to the X-series defibrillator, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$29,000. 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.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,680. for the purpose of purchasing a replacement of the Two way radio system in Ambulance 1 due to problems this Fall with the current radio system as the manufacturer no longer provides support for parts or service, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$4,680. 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.

12. 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.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. to be placed in the Dry Hydrant Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 11 at the March 12, 2016 Town Meeting for the purpose of repairs and/or replacement of existing dry hydrants in the Town of Strafford. The Selectmen recommend this article.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000. to be placed in the Crown Point Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 12 at the March 12, 2016 Town Meeting for the purpose of rehab or replacement of the Crown Point Fire Station. The Selectmen recommend this article.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500. for the purpose of purchasing Forest Fire equipment through the 2017 Volunteer Fire Assistance Fund Grant Program. The grant request is for \$4,500. to be funded by \$2,000. from the VFA Grant with the balance of \$2,500. 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.

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

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

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,333,277. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 79,245.
Election & Registration.....	32,720.
Financial Administration.....	95,828.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	40,009.
Legal Expenses.....	10,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	41,038.
Planning and Zoning.....	7,598.
General Government Building.....	32,406.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	33,550.
Insurance.....	52,200.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	3,800.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	4,678.
Contingency Fund.....	16,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	10,890.
Emergency Management.....	5,000.
Building Inspection.....	17,540.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	443,500.
Street Lighting.....	4,900.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	249,289.
Animal Control.....	3,800.
Health Inspector.....	200.
Cornerstone VNA (formerly Roch Distr 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.....	1,000.
Ready Rides.....	1,500.
Parks and Recreation.....	19,923.
Library.....	85,000.
Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works.....	4,800.
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,333,277.</b>

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,333,277. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

20. Shall the Town of Strafford vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b. All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$200., the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Strafford under RSA 72:28.

21. "To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4000.00 for the purchase of Body Armor Vests to protect the Town of Strafford Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and First Responders." (by petition) The Selectmen recommend this article.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.

  
  
  
 Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:




**Budget of the Town of Strafford**  
Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting


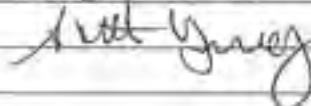
This form was posted with the warrant on: February 21, 2017

**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.

Governing Body Certifications		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Lynn M. Sweet	Chairman	
Bryant J. Scott	Selectman	
Scott L. Young	Selectman	

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal:  
<https://www.proptax.org/>

## Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	19	\$77,175	\$75,729	\$79,245	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	19	\$76,235	\$62,042	\$66,270	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	19	\$104,453	\$93,458	\$106,718	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	19	\$38,170	\$22,291	\$40,009	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	19	\$10,000	\$2,832	\$10,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	19	\$38,527	\$35,724	\$41,038	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	19	\$7,590	\$5,065	\$7,598	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	19	\$29,600	\$27,330	\$32,406	\$0
4195	Cemeteries		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4196	Insurance	19	\$52,814	\$37,331	\$52,200	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	19	\$8,432	\$8,432	\$8,478	\$0
4199	Other General Government	19	\$16,000	\$0	\$16,000	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	7	\$553,744	\$539,717	\$555,414	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	9	\$338,411	\$322,969	\$355,361	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	19	\$17,129	\$13,113	\$17,540	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	19	\$2,700	\$2,095	\$5,000	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration	19	\$423,500	\$425,148	\$443,500	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	19	\$4,700	\$4,708	\$4,900	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation						
4321	Administration	19	\$233,562	\$227,399	\$249,289	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



Electric						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Administration	19	\$400	\$0	\$200	\$0
4414	Pest Control	19	\$3,800	\$1,373	\$3,800	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	19	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$0
Welfare						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	19	\$25,180	\$5,256	\$25,180	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	19	\$5,125	\$5,125	\$5,692	\$0
Culture and Recreation						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	19	\$16,722	\$13,459	\$19,923	\$0
4550-4559	Library	19	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$85,000	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	19	\$4,800	\$4,496	\$4,800	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	19	\$296	\$296	\$2,500	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	19	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$8,000	\$7,009	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$25,000	\$13,258	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$2,208,056	\$2,039,646	\$2,244,052	\$0

## 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	10	\$27,420	\$27,420	\$29,000	\$0
	Purpose: Defibrillator					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	11	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$4,680	\$0
	Purpose: 2-Way Radio System - Ambulance					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	12	\$10,000	\$7,200	\$10,000	\$0
	Purpose: Purchase equipment/supplies for ambulance					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	21	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
	Purpose: Petition-EMT 1st Responder Vests					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
	Purpose: Add to CRF-Repair/Replace Dry Hydrants					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
	Purpose: Add to CRF-Rehab/Replace Crown Pt. Fire Station					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
	Purpose: Add to NCRF-Bridge Repairs/Construction					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	8	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$0
	Purpose: Add to CRF-Police Vehicle/Equipment					
Special Articles Recommended			\$138,820	\$136,020	\$152,680	\$0

## Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	15	\$0	\$0	\$4,500	\$0
	Purpose: Forest Fire Equipment					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	17	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
	Purpose: Bicentennial Celebration					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	6	\$355,000	\$355,000	\$380,000	\$0
	Purpose: Capital Improvements to Roads					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	18	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0
	Purpose: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)					
Individual Articles Recommended			\$355,500	\$355,500	\$385,500	\$0

## Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	PY Estimated Revenues	PY Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	19	\$15,000	\$17,904	\$9,725
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	19	\$120,000	\$96,785	\$96,785
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	19	\$703,490	\$738,300	\$738,000
3230	Building Permits	19	\$15,000	\$24,918	\$24,918
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	19	\$34,000	\$39,120	\$39,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	19	\$193,221	\$209,217	\$209,217
3353	Highway Block Grant	19	\$115,307	\$125,873	\$125,873
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)	15	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	19	\$55,000	\$47,075	\$47,000
3409	Other Charges	19	\$3,500	\$4,095	\$4,000
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$32,171	\$32,171	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	19	\$200	\$221	\$200
3503-3509	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	10, 11, 12	\$38,820	\$0	\$43,680
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		\$25,000	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0

Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	19	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$1,350,709	\$1,335,679	\$1,540,398

## Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$2,175,056	\$2,244,052
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$163,820	\$152,680
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$535,290	\$385,500
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$2,874,166	\$2,782,232
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,690,671	\$1,540,398
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,183,495	\$1,241,834

# REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED

Saturday, March 12, 2016

Acct#	Purpose of Appropriation	RSA 32:3 ,V	Warrant Art.	Appropriation As Voted
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130-4139	Executive	17	\$	77,175
4140-4149	Elec, Auto Reg, Vital Sts, Clrk Fees	17	\$	76,235
4150-4151	Financial Adm & CPA Audit	17	\$	104,453
4152	Reval of Property & Tax Maps	17	\$	38,170
4153	Legal Expense	17	\$	10,000
4155-4159	Personnel Adm, FICA, Medi, Unemp Comp	17	\$	38,527
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	17	\$	7,590
4194	General Government Buildings	17	\$	29,600
4196	Insurance	17	\$	52,814
4197	Advertising & Reg Assoc Dues, SRPC Dues	17	\$	8,432
4199	Other General Gov't/Contingency	17	\$	16,000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210-4214	Police	3	\$	553,744
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$	-
4220-4229	Fire & Rescue	6	\$	338,411
4240-4249	Building Inspection	17	\$	17,129
4290-4298	Emergency Management	17	\$	2,700
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311	Adm/Gen Hwy & Road Maintenance	17	\$	423,500
4313	Bridges		\$	-
4316	Street Lighting	17	\$	4,700
4319	Other (Road Improvements)			
SANITATION				
4321	Administration	17	\$	233,562
HEALTH				
4411	Administration	17	\$	400
4414	Pest Control	17	\$	3,800
4415-4419	Health Agencies/Cornerstone VNA	17	\$	3,991
WELFARE				
4441-4442	Adminstration & Direct Assistance	17	\$	25,180
4445-4449	Vendor pmts/Other	17	\$	5,125
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	17	\$	16,722
4550-4559	Library	17	\$	80,000
4583	Patriotic Purposes	17	\$	4,800
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT				
4611-4612	Admin & Purchase of Natural Resources	17	\$	296
DEBT SERVICE				
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note	17	\$	2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	5, 7, 8, 9, 10	\$	170,210
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	2, 13, 15, 16	\$	428,900
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	4, 11, 12, 14	\$	100,000
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS VOTED</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>2,874,166</b>

# GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET - DRAFT

## TOWN OF STRAFFORD 2016

<b>A. ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>	Acct#	Beginning of year	End of year
Cash and equivalents	1010	\$3,313,364	\$3,678,804
Investments	1030	\$291,622	\$291,884
Taxes receivable	1080	\$469,125	\$660,061
Tax liens receivable	1110	\$350,141	\$137,626
Accounts receivable	1150		
Due from other governments	1260		
Due from other funds	1310	\$40,151	
Other current assets	1400		
Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$4,464,403</b>	<b>\$4,768,375</b>
<b>B. LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	Acct#	Beginning of year	End of year
Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$24,258	\$60,608
Compensated absences payable	2030		
Contracts payable	2050		
Due to other governments	2070		
Due to school districts	2075	\$3,549,294	\$3,787,956
Due to other funds	2080	\$1,455	
Deferred revenue	2220		
Notes payable - Current	2230		
Bonds payable - Current	2250		
Other payables	2270		
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>\$3,575,007</b>	<b>\$3,848,564</b>
<b>Fund Equity*</b>			
Nonspendable Fund Balance	2440		
Restricted Fund Balance	2450		
Committed Fund Balance	2460		
Assigned Fund Balance	2490	\$29,605	\$43,033
Unassigned Fund Balance	2530	\$859,791	\$876,778
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>		<b>\$889,396</b>	<b>\$919,811</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>		<b>\$4,464,403</b>	<b>\$4,768,375</b>

\*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		\$919,811
Less Beginning Fund Equity from Balance Sheet		\$889,396
Change (Increase or Decrease)		\$30,415

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

TOWN OF STRAFFORD

FY 2016

Account #	Source of Revenue	Warrant Art #		
<b>TAXES</b>				
3185	Timber Tax	17	\$	15,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	17	\$	120,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		\$	-
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	17	\$	703,490
3230	Building Permits	17	\$	15,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	17	\$	34,000
<b>FROM STATE</b>				
3352	Meals & Rooms Distribution	17	\$	193,221
3353	Highway Block Grant	17	\$	115,307
3359	Bridge Grant		\$	-
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	10	\$	113,400
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>				
3401-3406	Income from Departments	17	\$	55,000
3409	Planning Board & Board of Adjustment	17	\$	3,500
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	17	\$	32,171
3502	Interest on Investments	17	\$	200
3503-3509	Other - Insurance Refund		\$	-
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>				
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	8, 9, 7	\$	38,820
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	16	\$	25,000
<b>SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>1,464,109</b>
Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			\$	200,000
Fund Balance Retained				(\$200,000)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>1,664,109</b>

**REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)**

**\$ 30,000**



## Tax Rate Breakdown Strafford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,272,787	\$472,279,300	\$2.70
County	\$1,285,791	\$472,279,300	\$2.72
Local Education	\$6,437,853	\$472,279,300	\$13.63
State Education	\$1,029,467	\$467,716,700	\$2.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,025,898</b>		<b>\$21.25</b>

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

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$10,025,898
War Service Credits	(\$42,000)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$9,983,898

11/17/2016

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



## SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION 2016

<b>Value of Land Only</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>2016 Assessed Valuation</b>
Current Use RSA 79-A	21251.77	\$1,652,200
Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.16	\$4,500
Residential Land - Improved & Unimproved	6413.48	\$185,214,400
Commercial/Industrial Land	150.87	\$1,491,600
Total of Taxable Land	27816.28	\$188,362,700
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	2763.05	\$5,008,000

<b>Value of Buildings Only</b>	<b>2016 Assessed Valuation</b>
Residential	\$269,061,400
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31	\$4,478,400
Commercial/Industrial	\$6,494,200
Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	\$94,200
Total of Taxable Buildings	\$280,128,200
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings	\$14,844,500

### Utilities

Public Utilities	\$4,562,600
Other Public Utilities	\$15,800
Valuation Before Exemptions	\$473,069,300
Modified Assessed Valuation of All Properties	\$473,069,300

Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a&b	17	\$655,000
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	5	\$135,000
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$790,000

Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed	\$472,279,300
Less Public Utilities	\$4,562,600
Net Valuation without Utilities on Which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed	\$467,716,700

### Utility Summary

If the Municipality Uses the DRA Utility Values, is it Equalized by the Ratio?	No	
PSNH dba Eversource Energy		\$4,445,200
Bow Lake Estates Water Works		\$117,400
Total of All Utilities		\$4,562,600
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

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

Current Year Exemptions Granted: 5	Amount of Exemption \$30,000	Total \$135,000
Income Limits:	Single \$20,000	Asset Limits: \$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	3	\$30,000	65-74	9	\$270,000	\$255,000
75-79	0	\$40,000	75-79	0		
80+	0	\$50,000	80+	<u>8</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>
			Total	17	\$670,000	\$655,000
Income Limits:			Asset Limits:			
	Single	\$30,000			\$75,000	
	Married	\$40,000			\$75,000	

Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive - RSA79-E Adopted?	no
Taxation of Quallifying Historic Buildings - RSA 79-G	no
Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities - RSA 79-H	no

### Current Use Reports RSA 79-A

	Total # Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	1,109.93	\$383,600
Forest Land	12,440.26	\$963,900
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	6,067.88	\$276,800
Unproductive Land	170.95	\$2,600
Wetland	1,462.75	\$25,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,251.77</b>	<b>\$1,652,200</b>

### Other Current Use Statistics

Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	8,706.19 acres
Removed from Current Use during Current Year	21.23 acres
Number of Owners in Current Use	370
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	599

Land Use Change Tax Received January 1 through December 31 100% Conservation Allocation	\$24,010
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### Preservation Easements

# Owners	# Structures	# Acres	Assessed Land Valuation	Assessed Structure Valuation
2	3	0.16	\$4,500	\$94,200
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

# TOWN MEETING - TOWN OF STRAFFORD

MARCH 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the Strafford Town Hall, in the Town of Strafford, by Moderator William Lord to act on Article 1 of the 2016 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 12, 2016 at the Strafford School gymnasium by Moderator William Lord to act on articles 2 through 18.

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

At this time, Selectman Jim Andersen did a presentation in honor of Strafford's Police Chief Scott Young, who is retiring after 20 years of service. He gave a brief history of Scott's tenure in Strafford, after which Scott spoke and gave thanks for his many years of service, and expressed his love for the Town of Strafford. He thanked his family and friends.

New Police Chief, Michael Richard, was then sworn in by Town Clerk, Diane Waldron. Chief Richard addressed the attendees and thanked Chief Young for his mentorship, after which he was welcomed with a warm round of applause.

Selectman Lynn Sweet thanked outgoing Selectman Jim Andersen for his service to the Town. She then gave a PowerPoint presentation to review the accomplishments of the past year (2015), the current state of the town, and plans for 2016.

Moderator Lord introduced the head table and reviewed the rules of the meeting. The Moderator read the results of article 1.

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

Library Trustee – 3 years – Seth Blewitt.....	532
Library Trustee – 1 year – Holly Gahm .....	55
Selectman – 3 years – Scott L. Young .....	527
Planning Board – 3 years – Don Clifford .....	99
Road Agent – 1 year – Greg Messenger.....	628
Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 years – Martha English .....	593
Trustee of the Trust Funds – 3 years – Charles H. Burnham ....	572
Town Clerk – 3 years – Diane Waldron.....	632
Treasurer – 3 years – Laurie Bibeau.....	560
Town Moderator – 2 years – William Lord .....	592

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.

Moderator Lord read the Article. Motion made and seconded.

Road Agent, Greg Messenger addressed the article.

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.

Moderator Lord read the article. Retired Police Chief Scott Young addressed the Article.

He reviewed the reasons for the \$16,000 increase in the budget, which is police salaries and insurance.

After brief discussion by Susan Patterson, giving glowing support of the Policemen of Strafford, Moderator Lord re-read the article. A vote was taken on article 3 and carried.

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.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

The article was briefly addressed by Selectman Bryant Scott. There was no discussion. Moderator Lord re-read the article. Vote taken and carried.

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.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Phil Chaplin asked a question regarding the cost of ballistic vests. New Police Chief Michael Richard addressed the question. After brief discussion Moderator Lord re-read the article. Vote taken and carried.

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.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse addressed the article with a Powerpoint presentation. There was no discussion. Moderator Lord re-read the article. Vote taken and carried.

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.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded. After brief discussion Moderator Lord re-read the article. A vote was taken on article 7 and carried.

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.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded. There was no discussion. Vote taken and carried.

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.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded. There was no discussion. Vote taken and carried.

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.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded. Ralph Wegner inquired regarding the cost for the SCBAs. Scott Whitehouse addressed the question. After that brief discussion, Moderator Lord re-read the article. A vote was taken on the article and carried.

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.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded. Lynn Sweet addressed the article. There was no discussion. Moderator Lord re-read the article. Vote taken and carried.

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.

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

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded. Lynn Sweet addressed the article.

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.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded. Lynn Sweet addressed the article. After brief discussion, the Moderator 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 \$500. to help defray expenses associated with Strafford's Bicentennial Celebration in 2020 in coordination with the Strafford Historical Society.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded. Lynn Sweet addressed the article. There was no discussion. Moderator Lord re-read the article. Vote taken and carried.

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.

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded. Donald Coker asked to clarify if the article was for \$25,000 or \$50,000. Lynn Sweet addressed the question. Moderator Lord re-read the article. Vote taken and carried.

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.
TOTAL.....	<u>\$1,276,798.</u>

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

Moderator Lord read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Resident Seth Blewitt asked for an amendment of this article to read:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1, 282,901 for general Town operations. Library line to read \$80,000.00

After lengthy discussion between the Library Trustees, George Preston, Library Director, residents of Strafford and the Selectmen of Strafford, regarding the library budget, salaries and programs, the Moderator re-read the article as amended.

Moderator Lord read the amendment. A vote was taken on the amendment and was too close to call. The moderator called for a count.

Yes 54                      No 41

A vote was taken on the amendment and carried.

After continued brief discussion, the moderator re-read the article as amended. A vote was taken on article 17 and carried.

At this time a motion was made by Gary Fowler to limit reconsideration on all previously discussed articles. Motion made and seconded. Vote taken and carried.

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

Michael Harrington discussed the school meeting and asked the residents make more of an effort to attend.

JoAnn Brown thanked the Kitz family for offering their property for the Bicentennial Celebration in 2020. JoAnn Brown also discussed the Historical Society.

School Board Chair Brian Monahan discussed his great staff and the inequity of the pay in the town of Strafford between school, town and fire. He asked that we all work together and stressed the importance of attending both School and Town Meetings.

A motion was made by the Moderator and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 am.

Given under my hand and seal, this 12th day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Waldron  
Strafford Town Clerk

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2016

## RECEIPTS FOR 2016:

<u>Description</u>	
Motor Vehicle Permits	738,300.41
Boat Permits	3,775.43
Dog Licenses	6,930.00
Marriage Licenses	800.00
Returned Check Fees	360.00
Dog Control Fees	1,373.00
Certified Vitals	1,910.00
Municipal Agent Fees	17,115.00
Title Fees	1,990.00
Election Filings	8.00
UCC/IRS Filings	660.00
Postage	821.20
Articles of Agreement/Other	55.00

**TOTAL REVENUES ACCEPTED:     \$774,098.04**

## REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:

Quantity	Description	Amount
6239	Motor Vehicle Permits	738,300.41
270	Boat Permits	3,775.43
1064	Dog Licenses	6,930.00
16	Marriage Licenses	800.00
12	Returned Check Fees	360.00
--	Dog Control Fees	1,373.00
148	Certified Vitals	1,910.00
6846	Municipal Agent Fees	17,115.00
995	Title Fees	1,990.00
4	Election Filings	8.00
--	UCC/IRS Filings	660.00
--	Postage	821.20
--	Articles of Agreement/Other	55.00

**TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER:     \$774,098.04**



## 2016 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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The Town Clerk's office is where you go when you first move to town to find out what is required to become an "official" resident of the town. It's the office you visit each year to register your motor vehicles and license your dogs. When you're preparing to marry, it's where you acquire a marriage license. And it's where you go to register to vote or file for candidacy for public office, obtain a certified Vital Record, get a recycling center sticker, cast a ballot. The Town Clerk is the official record keeper of the town, recording births, deaths and marriages. Following state and federal laws, the Town Clerk oversees all elections and maintains official records dating back to the incorporation of our town in 1820.

2016 was the busiest year on record for the Town Clerk's Office! With an average of 150 transactions weekly, 4 major elections and personnel changes, it was likely that you witnessed some or all of the activity happening in our office. The biggest transition in our office has been the departure of long-time Clerk Diane Waldron. For 14 years Diane served the Town of Strafford with expertise and efficiency. It is likely that you have gotten to know Diane over the years and miss her familiar face at the window. Please join me in thanking her for her dedication to our town.

My training as Deputy Town Clerk under Diane began in September of 2014. Her guidance and knowledge over the ensuing 2 years has provided me with a solid understanding of the responsibilities and requirements of being a Town Clerk. I was appointed Municipal Agent in 2015 and began a 3-year Town Clerk certification program which I will complete in August of 2017. I attend regular trainings and meetings to keep up to date with rules and laws that govern the many Town Clerk responsibilities. Due to the combination of Diane's guidance and trainings, I've been able to assume the position of Town Clerk in her departure with no disruption to residents.

*Motor Vehicles, boats and dogs-* In 2016 the Town Clerk processed \$738,300 in motor vehicle revenues for the town; an increase of about 5% from 2015. More than 990 titles were processed and boat registrations increased to 270. Thank you to the many dog owners who license their dogs yearly...this law keeps both the pups and people safe by providing required rabies information and residence data.

*Elections -* I'm not sure any amount of training could have prepared me for the 2016 election cycle which began with the February Presidential Primary and ended with the General Election in November. A record number of voters exercised their 15<sup>th</sup> amendment right to vote in 2016. The Presidential Primary saw 1923 voters or 58% cast a ballot and 2593 or 79% of voters appeared at the November General Election. Town Election (21%) and State Primary (22%)

elections went smoothly however with smaller turnouts. Investing in the Accuvote Machine which tabulates results has turned out to be a wise decision. Many fewer hours were spent counting paper ballots which resulted in fewer opportunities for human error. Lines and wait times decreased with the use of the Accuvote, and results reporting was efficient. The Accuvote tabulator is publicly tested prior to each election and random audits have revealed 100% accuracy. Thank you to everyone who voted in what can only be described as a very busy election year. I'm especially grateful for our Town Moderator, Bill Lord, who must have been a Boy Scout because he is always prepared and will cheerfully help anyone. The ballot clerks, volunteers, Selectmen and Police Officers all worked as a team to run smooth and efficient elections in 2016-thank you all for pitching in to help.

**Office Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 -2:00 & Tuesday from 1:00-7:00.

**Contact Information:**

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Website: [www.strafford.nh.gov](http://www.strafford.nh.gov)

**2017 Holidays:**

January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 20 – Presidents Day

May 29 – Memorial Day

July 4 – Independence Day

September 4 – Labor Day

October 9 – Columbus Day

November 23 – Thanksgiving Day

December 25 – Christmas Day

I'm starting to put faces to names but it will be a few years before I recognize you all. My goal as your Town Clerk is to serve you efficiently, accurately and with a smile on my face. Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have questions or concerns and I will do my very best to respond to your needs in a timely manner.

Strafford is a great place to live and raise a family – thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Town Clerk.

With Warm Regards,

Christine Bane

# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

## For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016

### RECEIPTS

Balance Check Book January 1, 2016.....	\$3,313,364.23	
Receipts 2016.....	\$11,993,320.03	
Total Receipts.....		\$15,306,684.26

### EXPENDITURES

Expenditures 2016	\$11,627,880.34	
Balance Check Book December 31, 2016	\$3,678,803.92	
Total Expenditures.....		\$15,306,684.26

TD BANK Investment Pool.....	\$291,884.48
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#### **Strafford Conservation Commission Easement Fund    Acct#7763854477**

Balance January 1, 2016	\$161,292.17
Deposited 2016	\$39,940.00
Withdrawals 2016	\$2,755.69
Interest Earned 2016	\$297.68
Total Balance	\$198,774.16

#### **Town of Strafford Ambulance    Acct#7763854485**

Balance January 1, 2016	\$112,522.81
Deposited 2016	\$60,618.33
Withdrawals 2016	\$45,446.91
Interest Earned 2016	\$188.03
Total Balance	\$127,882.26

#### **Conservation Commission    Acct#7763854493**

Balance January 1, 2016	\$35,371.04
Deposited 2016	\$24,355.54
Withdrawals 2016	\$11,929.96
Interest Earned 2016	\$77.82
Total Balance	\$47,874.44

#### **Police Special Details    Acct# 7763854500**

Balance January 1, 2016	\$56,438.31
Deposited 2016	\$72,436.82
Withdrawals 2016	\$94,931.34
Interest Earned 2016	\$71.71
Total Balance	\$34,015.50

#### **Timber Escrow Acct#7763854518**

Balance January 1, 2016	\$2,004.94
Deposited 2016	\$1,171.50
Withdrawals 2016	\$1,171.94
Interest Earned 2016	\$3.78
Total Balance	\$2,008.28

#### **Fire Dept. Special Details Acct#7763854526**

Balance January 1, 2016	\$1,881.00
Deposited 2016	\$0.00
Withdrawals 2016	\$544.70
Interest Earned 2016	\$2.41
Total Balance	\$1,338.71

## STRAFFORD TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

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### Officers' Salaries

James W. Andersen.....	\$ 623.10
Lynn Sweet.....	\$ 2,700.00
Bryant Scott.....	\$ 2,700.00
Scott Young.....	\$ 2,077.00
Laurie Bibeau.....	\$ 8,999.90
Diane Waldron.....	\$ 2,423.16
Chris Bane.....	\$ 615.36
Judith Dupré.....	\$ 22,350.22
Michelle T. Bengier.....	\$ 175.00
William G. Lord.....	\$ 75.00

### Office Expenses

Town Clerk's Fees.....	\$ 10,690.00
Auto Permits.....	\$ 891.00
Vital Statistics.....	\$ 14,672.00
Municipal Agent Fees.....	\$ 1,592.00
M/V Title.....	\$ 163.00
Marriage License.....	\$ 360.00
UCC/IRS Filings.....	\$ -
Animal Control Fees.....	\$ -
Boat Permits.....	\$ 184.00
Administrator.....	\$ 67,553.48
Deputy Tax Collector.....	\$ 4,553.76
Deputy Town Clerk.....	\$ 13,701.44
Clerical.....	\$ 12,190.70
Office Supplies.....	\$ 1,795.96
Postage.....	\$ 6,153.42
Printing.....	\$ 3,300.00
Conferences/Training.....	\$ 908.00
Reference Materials.....	\$ 550.69
Deed Research/Tax Lien.....	\$ 440.00
Recording Fees.....	\$ 419.43
Building Maintenance.....	\$ 3,916.36

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2016

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It has been my pleasure to serve as your Tax Collector for these many years. I have been responsible for collecting revenue from Property, Yield, Excavation and Current Use Change Taxes, as well as responding to inquiries from homeowners, mortgage companies, attorney's offices and the general public, in a courteous and timely manner. My goal is to keep information current and accurate, 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 and ANY card 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) at the end of April. These must be mailed to the State no earlier than May 1 and no later than June 30. My office is open for any assistance that may be wanted or needed.

Forms for "Service Members Civil Relief Act," formerly know as: "The Soldiers' & Sailors' Civil Relief Act" are available on-line at; [www.usmilitary.about.com/od/sscra/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 School's appropriation for 2016 .....	\$9,550,005.00.....	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$13.63
State Education Tax's appropriation for 2016.....	\$1,029,467.00.....	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$2.20
County Appointment's appropriation for 2016....	\$1,285,791.00.....	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$2.72
Municipal's Total appropriation for 2016.....	\$2,874,166.00.....	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$2.70
<b><u>Minus</u></b> .....	War Credits, Grants, Retained Education Tax, Net Revenues and Fund Balances.		
	Total Tax Rate for 2016.....		\$21.25

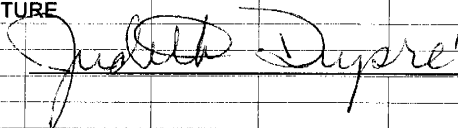
The total Property Tax Warrants this year are \$9,897,109.00. The Current Use Change Tax Warrants for the year are: \$20,430.00. All of this money was turned over to the Strafford Conservation Committee. The total Timber or Yield Tax Warrants are \$18,178.88. Excavation Tax Warrants are \$80.00. Our 2016 lien was \$191,419.45, this is \$60,494.06 less than last year or a .32% decrease.

Our Deputy Tax Collector, Mary Hoyt, unfortunately for us, has had to leave because of family issues. She has been a valuable asset to this office and to me for the last five years. Thank you, Mary, you will be missed. Thanks to Martha English for stepping in and doing an exceptional job as the *Stand-in* Deputy. As of this writing we are looking for candidates for the Deputy Tax Collector's job.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Dupre'  
Tax Collector

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MS-61	<b>TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT</b>						
For the Municipality of Strafford				Year Ending			
<b>CREDITS</b>							
<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>		<b>Levy for Year</b>		<b>PRIOR LEVIES</b>			
				(Please Specify Year)			
		<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Prior Years</b>		
Property Tax		\$9,455,654.80	\$477,998.70	\$110,887.13	\$39,917.08		
Resident Taxes		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Land Use Charge		\$20,430.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Yield Taxes		\$17,904.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Interest (include lien conversion)		\$7,730.34	\$41,071.88	\$44,370.49	\$13,011.34		
Penalties		\$378.75	\$2,342.79	\$646.64	\$75.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Other Charges		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		\$191,419.45	\$62,415.73	\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>DISCOUNTS ALLOWED</b>							
<b>ABATEMENTS MADE</b>							
Property Taxes		\$771.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Resident Taxes		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Land use Charge		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Yield Taxes		\$146.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Excavation tax @ \$.02/yd		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Other Charges		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>		\$2,007.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES</b>		<b>END OF YEAR #1080</b>					
Property Taxes		\$530,605.20	\$117,718.93	\$16,901.56	\$2,300.94		
Resident Taxes		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Land Use Charge		\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Yield Taxes		\$421.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Other Charge		-\$9.08	\$575.00	\$51.00	\$79.00		
Property Tax Credit Balance**		-\$12,950.23	-\$436.90	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		\$10,220,090.19	\$706,186.13	\$172,856.82	\$55,383.36		
*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			(Please Specify Years)		PRIOR LEVIES	
2015 2014 2013					Prior Years	
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. Of Year.						
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year			\$180,134.66	\$127,788.69	\$41,074.38	\$1,143.64
Interest & Cost Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)			\$19,080.02	\$45,068.13	\$13,111.34	\$54.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>			\$199,214.68	\$172,856.82	\$54,185.72	\$1,197.64
<b>CREDITS</b>						
REMITTED TO TREASURER			Last Year's Levy		PRIOR LEVIES	
			(Please specify Years)			
2015 2014 2013					Prior Years	
Redemptions			\$62,415.73	\$110,887.13	\$39,912.33	\$4.75
Interest & Cost Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190			\$18,505.02	\$45,017.13	\$13,086.34	\$0.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year #1110			\$118,293.93	\$16,952.56	\$1,187.05	\$1,192.89
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>			\$199,214.68	\$172,856.82	\$54,185.72	\$1,197.64
Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? <b>Yes</b>						
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.						
TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE			DATE		2/8/17	
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## IN LIEU OF AUDIT

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February 15, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Please note that the Town's financial audit for the year ending December 31, 2016 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

Lynn M. Sweet, Chairman

Bryant J. Scott, Selectman

Scott L. Young, Selectman

# STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ANNUAL REPORT 2016

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In March of 2016, I was appointed to be Strafford Police Chief. I would like to thank the Police Chief Selection Committee as well as the Strafford Board of Selectmen for the confidence that I would be able to serve the Town in this position. I would also like to thank the townspeople for their unwavering support as I tried to fill the shoes of Scott Young who was so instrumental in creating the professional department that I now lead.

2016 saw a few changes. We hired 2 new full-time officers, Gregory Iannacci and Evan Ortega. They both successfully completed the 170<sup>th</sup> NH Police Standards & Training Full-Time Officer Academy in August. Officer Iannacci graduated 1<sup>st</sup> in the class. Congratulations and welcome aboard.

While the new officers were at the academy from May to August, we were short-staffed during the busiest time of the year, but we managed to get the shifts covered and the call answered. I thank the officers on staff who readily pitched in to make that happen.

The 2017 police budget shows an increase over 2016. The increase includes an 11.6% increase in New Hampshire Retirement and a 6.7% increase in health insurance costs.

Respectfully,  
Chief Mike Richard

### Police Department Statistics

	2014	2015	2016
<b>Accidents.....</b>	96	88	46
<b>911 calls.....</b>	39	68	12
<b>MV summons.....</b>	101	104	102
<b>MV warnings.....</b>	849	791	735
<b>Arrests.....</b>	75	73	54
<b>Mutual Aid/Fire/Med.....</b>	228	208	97
<b>Incidents.....</b>	212	273	713
<b>Alarms.....</b>	139	93	45
<b>Property Crimes .....</b>	212	255	26
<b>Miscellaneous calls for service.....</b>	2232	2314	3647
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4183</b>	<b>4267</b>	<b>5477</b>

# STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

## WAGE REPORT

Purpose of Appropriations	Appropriations 2016	Actual Expenditures 2016	Appropriations 2017
<b>Salaries</b>			
Ret. Chief Scott Young	\$17,000.00	\$19,526.82	\$0.00
Chief Michael Richard	\$71,963.00	\$68,891.08	\$71,963.00
Sgt. Randy Young	\$47,837.00	\$47,068.50	\$53,692.00
Officer John Bernard	\$42,837.00	\$41,889.45	\$44,337.00
New Officer	\$42,837.00	\$28,062.08	\$41,500.00
New Officer	\$0.00	\$28,042.13	\$41,500.00
Officer Chris Dustin	\$42,837.00	\$18,701.63	\$0.00
Secretary/Admin Asst.	\$20,056.00	\$19,796.64	\$20,056.00
Officer Adam Bergeron	\$0.00	\$14,990.50	
Total Part-time Officers	\$21,211.00		\$26,660.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$306,578.00</b>	<b>\$286,968.83</b>	<b>\$299,708.00</b>
<b>Overtime</b>			
Lt. Michael Richard		\$818.60	
Sgt. Randy Young		\$10,036.32	
Officer John Bernard		\$5,734.25	
Officer Evan Ortega		\$1,833.23	
Officer Greg Iannacci		\$1,204.69	
Officer Chris Dustin		\$404.30	
Overtime	\$14,202.00		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$14,202.00</b>	<b>\$20,031.39</b>	<b>\$12,905.00</b>
<b>Details</b>			
Ret. Chief Scott Young		\$0.00	
Chief Michael Richard		\$129.75	
Sgt. Randy Young		\$69.00	
Officer John Bernard		\$185.34	
Officer Evan Ortega		\$344.20	
Officer Adam Bergeron		\$154.74	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$883.03</b>	
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$320,780.00</b>	<b>\$307,883.25</b>	<b>\$312,613.00</b>
<b>Benefits</b>			
FICA	\$2,559.00	\$2,997.20	\$2,896.00
Medi	\$4,445.00	\$4,698.79	\$4,542.00
Retirement	\$69,251.00	\$63,844.96	\$74,402.00
Insurance	\$80,064.00	\$69,177.00	\$81,084.00
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>\$156,319.00</b>	<b>\$140,717.95</b>	<b>\$162,924.00</b>

# STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## OPERATING BUDGET

Purpose of Appropriations	Appropriations 2016	Actual Expenditures 2016	Appropriations 2017
Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,761.09	\$3,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$4,900.00	\$6,154.81	\$5,900.00
Equipment/Maintenance	\$8,000.00	\$18,056.56	\$8,000.00
Prosecution Services	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Dispatch	\$6,445.00	\$6,122.70	\$6,445.00
Special Details	\$2,000.00	\$883.03	\$2,000.00
Cruiser Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$18,550.55	\$6,000.00
Training	\$1,200.00	\$250.00	\$1,200.00
Heat/Electricity	\$7,000.00	\$5,646.50	\$7,000.00
Uniforms	\$4,000.00	\$6,915.01	\$5,932.00
Gasoline	\$14,000.00	\$9,209.57	\$14,000.00
Telephone	\$8,000.00	\$6,718.96	\$8,000.00
Computer User Fees	\$5,000.00	\$2,365.00	\$5,000.00
PD Dues		\$200.00	\$300.00
Miscellaneous*	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$76,645.00</b>	<b>\$91,983.78</b>	<b>\$79,877.00</b>
Salaries	\$320,780.00	\$307,883.25	\$312,613.00
Benefits	\$156,319.00	\$140,717.95	\$162,924.00
Operating	\$76,645.00	\$91,983.78	\$79,877.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$553,744.00</b>	<b>\$540,584.98</b>	<b>\$555,414.00</b>

### Revenues (2015)

Pistol Permits	\$1,400.00
Reports	\$150.00
Fines	\$362.40
Special Services Fees	\$0.00
Grants	\$0.00
Witness Fees	\$330.00
Misc Refunds	\$59.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,302.12</b>

### Police Special Detail (O2 Fund)

Balance from 2015	<b>\$56,438.31</b>
2016 Deposits	\$72,436.82
Interest	\$71.71
Withdrawals	\$94,931.34
Balance 12/31/16	<b>\$34,015.50</b>

# STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT

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Strafford Fire and Rescue responded to 366 calls in 2016. I would like to thank all the members of Strafford Fire and Rescue for the calls they answered and the training they have completed.

This past year we were awarded an AFG grant with which we purchased 18 new air packs and have placed them all into service. Four additional ones were purchased from the Ambulance Fund.

At last year's Town Meeting we established a Capital Reserve Fund for rehab or replacement of the Crown Point Fire Station and placed \$50,000 into that fund. This year we are asking to place an additional \$50,000 into that fund. We also established a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing or repairing dry hydrants. I have asked this year for an additional \$15,000 to be added to this fund. We plan this year to reclaim, repair and replace dry hydrants throughout Town.

In order for Police, Fire and EMS personnel to quickly identify residences to which they have been called, it is very important to have numbered addresses visible from the road from both directions. Numbers and letters should be 3 -4 inches tall. If there is a group of mailboxes, numbers should be at the end of the driveway as well as clearly visible on the house.

I would like to thank the residents of Strafford for their continued support and wish them a safe 2017.

Chief Scott Whitehouse

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% OF TOTAL
Fires	34	9.29%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	213	58.20%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	31	8.47%
Service Call	32	8.74%
Good Intent Call	18	4.92%
False Alarm & False Call	16	4.37%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	14	3.83%
Special Incident Type	8	2.19%
TOTAL	366	100%

## FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT WAGE SUMMARY

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### Administrative Salary

Scott Whitehouse..... \$60,425.18

### Call Wages/Fire

Andersen, James A.....	\$148.00
Andersen, James W.....	\$596.75
Aucella, Erik P.....	\$3,385.42
Baker, Annie B.....	\$1,212.10
Bickford, Benjamin A.....	\$2,169.73
Bickford, Kim P.....	\$958.14
Black, Jessica L.....	\$333.50
Burrows, Eugene C.....	\$2,598.00
Caron, Robert J.....	\$55.25
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$77.63
Cilley, Katie L.....	\$111.56
Clark, Robinson M.....	\$87.75
Cottrell, Brian K.....	\$200.00
Frasca, Peter R.....	\$491.64
Goodspeed, Steven N.....	\$74.25
Hartranft, David.....	\$3,709.10
Hayes, Bryan A.....	\$997.10
Huot, Zachary J.....	\$8.75
Johnson, Stephen D.....	\$163.88
Lindquist, James R.....	\$106.38
Marcotte, Cameron M.....	\$23.00
Marsh, Duane M.....	\$1,638.79
Marston, Henry J.....	\$566.57
Morse, Edward J.....	\$17.50
Palmer, Jason D.....	\$109.38
Richard, Kenneth M.....	\$1,152.97
Robichaud Jr., Craig S.....	\$501.52
Stover, Paul M.....	\$1,722.08
Whitehouse, Cameron.....	\$1,437.23
Yergeau Sr., Paul A.....	\$33.13
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	\$24,687.10

### Call Wages /Ambulance

Aucella, Erik P.....	\$1,457.50
Baker, Annie B.....	\$3,746.39
Black, Jessica L.....	\$3,815.13
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$2,021.13
Cilley, Katie L.....	\$1,398.50
Cottrell, Brian K.....	\$1,400.00
Frasca, Peter R.....	\$14,398.00
Goodwin, Frances M.....	\$425.00
Hartranft, David.....	\$5,354.39
Johnson, Stephen D.....	\$2,955.50
Lazott-Croteau, Stephanie G.....	\$1,171.75
Lindquist, James R.....	\$23.00
Marcotte, Cameron M.....	\$885.50
Marsh, Duane M.....	\$11,083.13
Mulcahy, Miranda A.....	\$553.50
Richard, Kenneth M.....	\$9,916.90
Robichaud, Jr., Craig S.....	\$73.75
Stover, Paul M.....	\$236.00
Tapley, Joshua M.....	\$753.25
Turner, Brittany E.....	\$3,300.27
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	\$64,968.59

**Total Wages**      \$150,080.87

# STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

## BUDGET SUMMARY

	2015 Budgeted	2015 Expenditures	2016 Budgeted
Administrative Salaries.....	\$60,792.00	\$60,425.18	\$62,616.00
Call Wages Fire and Rescue.....	\$38,000.00	\$24,687.10	\$40,660.00
Call Wages Ambulance.....	\$70,000.00	\$64,968.59	\$72,660.00
Supplies.....	\$3,000.00	\$3,596.65	\$3,000.00
Gas.....	\$9,000.00	\$6,815.74	\$9,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$500.00	\$42.52	\$500.00
Training/Reference Materials.....	\$10,000.00	\$7,875.23	\$12,000.00
Electricity/Heat.....	\$12,000.00	\$10,014.62	\$12,000.00
Telephone.....	\$5,000.00	\$3,568.11	\$5,000.00
Equipment Maintenance.....	\$32,000.00	\$50,176.73	\$35,000.00
Dues.....	\$1,500.00	\$1,854.00	\$1,500.00
Truck Maintenance.....	\$20,000.00	\$14,011.59	\$20,000.00
Dispatch.....	\$36,248.00	\$36,248.21	\$37,695.00
Coop Haz Mat Resp Team.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Uniforms/Clothing.....	\$3,000.00	\$2,743.50	\$3,000.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$10,000.00	\$10,333.59	\$12,500.00
PR/Books/Films.....	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Employer FICA.....	\$6,696.00	\$5,496.64	\$6,696.00
Employer MEDI.....	\$2,447.00	\$2,161.68	\$2,447.00
NH Retirement Fire.....	\$17,727.00	\$17,619.99	\$18,586.00
Fire/Rescue Disability.....	\$230.00	\$158.40	\$230.00
Fire/Rescue Life Insurance.....	\$171.00	\$170.76	\$171.00
<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$338,411.00</b>	<b>\$322,968.83</b>	<b>\$355,361.00</b>

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2016

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With regard to emergency management, 2016 was a quiet year once again with no really large storms or severe weather events other than an occasional passing thunderstorm or windstorm. We did have one significant event when a cold front moved through one day in September. It hit Wild Goose Pond area with a sizeable down draft or straight line winds. It caused significant damage to a camp on Wild Goose Pond, totaling the structure, but only minor damage to other buildings in Strafford.

Toward the end of 2016 we began working on the renewal of the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan which had been initially written in May 2012. The committee consists of Town department heads, members of the Planning Board and Zoning Boards, the Building Inspector, a Selectman representative and a resident of the town. We are working with Strafford County Regional Planning Commission to complete this plan by early spring 2017.

With the completion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, we will set our sights on the Town's Emergency Operation Plan which we hope to have completed by late fall 2017.

I have asked the Selectmen to approve an increase to the Emergency Management operations budget to \$2500. This will cover the maintenance of all the Town's emergency backup generators as well as other necessary equipment for the Emergency Management trailer.

Thank you for your support.

Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief  
Emergency Management Director



# Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

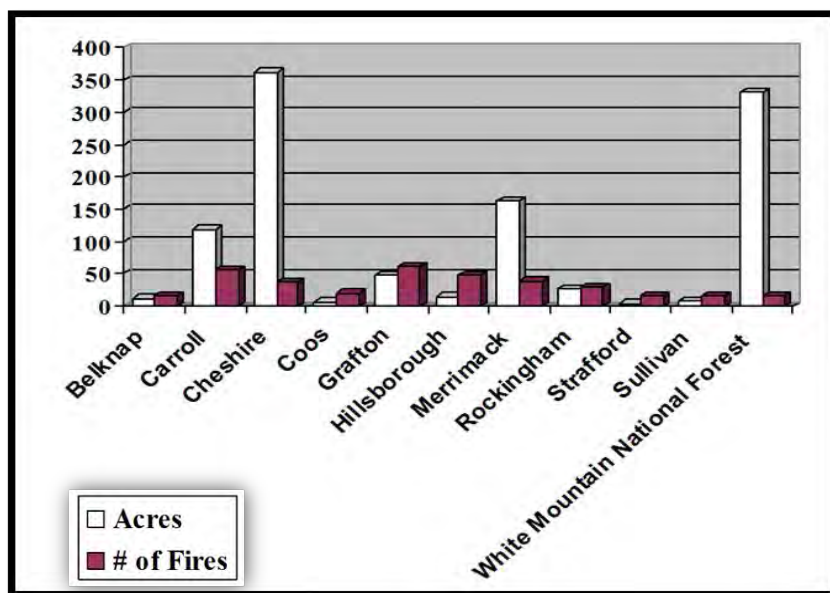
Over the past two years, New Hampshire has experienced its busiest fire seasons since 1989. 1,090 acres burned during the 2016 season. The White Mountain National Forest experienced its largest fire since becoming a National Forest, burning 330 acres in the town of Albany in November. Fires falling under state jurisdiction burned 759 acres, with the largest fire of 199 acres occurring in Stoddard. The extremely dry summer led to a busy fall fire season with large fires occurring into mid-November. Drought conditions hampered fire suppression efforts and extended the time needed to extinguish fires. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked tirelessly throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were 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 2016 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!

As we prepare for the 2017 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You 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 your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

## 2016 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2016)



**REMEMBER!**  
ONLY YOU  
CAN PREVENT  
FOREST FIRES!

### HISTORICAL DATA

YEAR	NUMBER of FIRES	ACRES BURNED
2016	351	1090
2015	124	635
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206

### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.*
15	85	35	10	12	2	18	9	148

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

# ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

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Paving projects were completed on the east end of the Province Road, Spencer Road and the Leonard Caverly Road as well as a section of Tasker Hill Road. Regular Maintenance consisted of plowing and sanding in the winter months and the grading of gravel in the summer. Roadside mowing was done, but not completed. Many culverts were replaced on Water Street and Brown's Pasture Road in preparation for future paving.

Greg Messenger, Road Agent

## ROAD MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES – 2016

Administration Salary	\$5,000.06
Arborcare Tree Service	\$8601.00
Scott Barry Trucking	\$680.00
R.W. Tasker & Son LLC	\$31,428.00
Radford Messenger, Inc.	\$246,310.00
Urban Tree Service	<u>\$ 6075.00</u>
Sub Total.....	\$298,094.06

## GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES

Equipment/Maintenance	\$6599.86
Gravel	\$36,742.32
Sand	\$ 14,806.79
Salt	\$43,140.74
Cold Patch	\$1,210.95
Paving Asphalt	\$3,516.46
Culverts	\$2,009.40
Street Signs/Posts	\$2748.05
Supplies	<u>\$13,080.00</u>
Sub Total.....	\$127,053.62
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$425,147.68

## 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.

# THE HILL LIBRARY

1151 Parker Mountain Road PO Box 130  
Strafford, New Hampshire 03884  
603-664-2800 (voice/fax) [www.HillLibrary.org](http://www.HillLibrary.org)

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## 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***” (Sign In: Strafford Hill Library and your card #)

2016 has been a year of consolidation and growth at the Hill Library. In order to better manage and report on our collections, we purchased a new Library Management System and have trained the staff to make use of it. We have consolidated a number of our named collections and donated materials into a more user friendly collection. We are partnering with the Strafford Historical Society and the Strafford Library Association, our Friends Group, to combine, organize and catalogue several historical collections. This will enable Strafford residents and other interested parties to better research local history and genealogy. All these changes in our collections are coinciding with a major interior renovation of the library. We are just completing the finishing touches on moving and expanding the children’s area, creating a study area in our reference and historical collections area and updating our Adult Fiction area. And, we have all new, energy efficient, LED lighting installed throughout our facility. Our wide-ranging community oriented programming will resume this Spring now that renovations are complete.

Notwithstanding the disruption of the interior renovations, we have been busy this year. We currently have 1,239 patrons (over ¼ of the Town) with library cards. We have circulated more than 13,000 items from our collection of over 15,700 print and digital media items. And, we have hosted 166 programs throughout the year with more than 1,000 people attending. These advances could only have happened with the work of many dedicated people. In 2016 we bid farewell to some and welcomed others: Susan Heald retired after many years of library service as both an employee and a volunteer; Allison Keough joined us as our Youth Services Librarian and Vilija Pauliukonis came on board as a Library Aide. Marilyn Roderick and Larisa Molloy round out the staff team. We lost an active member of the leadership team, with Seth Blewitt resigning as Trustee in order to return to Ohio, while Mary Marquardt and Sharon Madore have joined us as Alternates. New comers are always welcome to join us at our regular Trustee Meetings, the second Wednesday of every month at 6PM. Keeping the library open for 36 hours each week requires a minimum of 72 hours of staffing and to make certain we have enough people on-site to stay open, we are blessed to have many dedicated volunteers helping out in many capacities. We thank all of you for your continued support of the Hill Library. Your input is vitally important - we look forward to seeing you at the Hill Library!

Respectfully Submitted:

George F. Preston, Library Director

Susan Rizzi, Library Trustee

Holly Gahm, Library Trustee

Mary Marquardt, Library Trustee Alternate

Sharon Madore, Library Trustee Alternate

# HILL LIBRARY

## 2016 YEAR END REPORT

January through December 2016

Ordinary Income/Expenses		
INCOME		TOTALS
Town of Strafford Appropriation	\$80,000	
<b>TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATION AMOUNT</b>		<b>\$80,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>PERSONNEL</b>		
Staff Salaries		
Director	\$23,888	
Administrative Librarian	\$9,659	
Circulation Librarian	\$10,536	
Youth Services Librarian	\$1,857	
Library Aide	\$14,552	
<b>TOTAL STAFF SALARIES</b>	<b>\$60,491</b>	
Professional Development	\$150	
Other Staff Related Expenses	\$105	
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>		<b>\$60,746</b>
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>		
Housekeeping/Grounds	\$1,737	
<b>TOTAL CONTRACT SERVICES</b>		<b>\$1,737</b>
<b>COLLECTIONS</b>		
Books	\$3,132	
Periodical	\$371	
A/V Resources	\$865	
Digital Resources-Ebooks/Downloadables	\$1,343	
Binding/Labeling	\$304	
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>		<b>\$6,015</b>
<b>PROGRAMMING</b>		
		<b>\$909</b>
<b>GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		
Collection Management Software	\$3,166	
Printing	\$165	
Postage and PO Box	\$262	
Equipment & Facilities Maintenance	\$428	
Office Supplies	\$180	
Copying Supplies	\$111	
Hospitality	\$154	
Bank Charges	\$25	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		<b>\$4,491</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>		<b>\$6,115</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$80,013</b>
Net Ordinary Income		-\$13
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>-\$13</b>

# TRUSTEES OF HILL LIBRARY

## 2016 TREASURER'S REPORT

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jan -Dec 16
<b>INCOME</b>	
Library Improvement Capital Reserve Fund	\$8,293
Grant Writing	\$376
Donations	\$1,214
Interest Earned	\$114
Fines	\$1,057
Income generating Equipment	\$368
Book Sales	\$320
Library Consignment	\$116
Strafford Library Association	\$300
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$12,158</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
Personnel	\$364
Collections	\$4,845
Programming	\$526
General & Administrative	\$1,136
Utilities	\$42
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$6,912</b>
Net Ordinary Income	\$5,246
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
Other Expense	
Capital Expenditures	\$8,470
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,470</b>
Net Other Income	-\$8,470
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$3,224</b>

# TRUSTEES OF HILL LIBRARY

## BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	Dec 31 '16
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
TD Bank Checking	\$125
TD Bank Savings	\$29,699
December 2016 CD	\$15,019
June 2017 CD	\$15,000
March 2017 CD	\$15,000
September 2017 CD	\$15,000
Total Checking/Savings	<b>\$89,843</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$89,843</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$89,843</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	\$3,445
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	\$66,172
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$23,463
Net Income	-\$3,237
Total equity	<b>\$86,398</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$89,843</b>

## REPORT OF THE STRAFFORD BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2016

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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 have 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 by 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 2016 included:

Month	New Home	Renovation	Addition	Barn/garage	Shed/Deck/Pool	Septic	Demo	Mech/Elect/Pump	Renewal	Commercial
Jan	0	0	0	1	1	4	1	5	0	0
Feb	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Mar	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0
April	2	1	2	5	4	7	0	9	1	1
May	1	0	0	3	1	3	2	7	0	1
June	3	1	1	2	1	3	1	15	0	0
July	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	7	0	0
Aug	1	5	1	5	6	6	0	3	2	1
Sept	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	8	1	1
Oct	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	0
Nov	2	5	1	0	3	4	0	19	0	0
Dec	2	1	0	0	1	4	0	10	0	0
TOT:	12	15	6	19	20	37	6	92	4	4

A total of 211 Permits were issued or renewed in 2016, up 28% from 2015.

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 2016

## STRAFFORD TRANSFER STATION

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

We would like to remind 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!

The Recycling Center staff is happy to report that Strafford continues to show strong support for recycling. The ratio of recycling to solid waste held steady in 2016, while total solid waste decreased. Unfortunately, the market for recyclables is down, and our revenues from the recycling of scrap metal, glass, paper, and aluminum were not as strong in 2016 as in previous years. However, please remember that when you recycle, you bring in revenue, rather than costing our community. In addition, we earned more in customer fees last year and that helps us offset some of our costs. 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.

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.

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 for another successful year.

### ANNUAL SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING ACTIVITY

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Tonnage Recycling	329.89	332.98	328.94	324.69	305.04	328.16	312.27
Total Tonnage Demolition Debris	354.39	331.62	363.94	340.60	333.32	350.76	369.16
Total Tonnage Municipal Solid Waste	892.21	856.35	856.78	878.54	826.57	874.97	852.42

### REVENUES RECEIVED 2016

Tires (Customer Fees) .....	\$ 568.00
Metal Disposal (Customer Fees) .....	\$ 3,025.00
Mattresses/Furniture (Customer Fees).....	\$ 2,710.00
Small Electronics/Monitors, etc. (Customer Fees).....	\$ 4,525.00
Revenues from Recycling/Scrap Metal .....	\$ 810.37
Revenues from Recycling/Aluminum.....	\$ 729.28
Revenues from Recycling/Cardboard.....	<u>\$ 3,993.11</u>
 Total Revenues 2016.....	 \$ 16,360.76
Revenues received in 2015 .....	\$ 21,904.46

# PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORTS 2016

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The Planning Board received very few applications and therefore held fewer meetings during this past year. Nonetheless, the Board is always available for consultations with anyone who is thinking about developing their property, whether developing a home business, creating one or two lots for their children or considering something on a larger scale. 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 Board of Adjustment received three applications requesting variances or special exceptions to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances or Building Regulations of the Town during 2016. The number of times the Board meets during a year is based on the number of applications received.

Planning Board members and Board of Adjustment members worked together this fall to draft several proposed updates to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances and the Building Regulations. The first of these proposals addresses the state mandate that Accessory Dwelling Units must be allowed as part of single-family residential use. Accessory Dwelling Units are meant to offer families a chance to provide an affordable solution to the problem of housing elderly parents or grown children by allowing the construction of a separate space attached to the main home. After deliberation, Board members agreed that it would make sense to allow the development of detached units as well. Board members have worked hard to craft an ordinance that will work for Strafford while also meeting state requirements. Other proposals on the ballot include adding agrotourism to the list of allowed land uses, adding a paragraph to try to improve the town's ability to enforce ordinances and codes, and a proposal to require setbacks from roof edges for the increasingly popular photovoltaic solar arrays in order to allow firefighter access in case of an emergency.

The public is always welcome to attend Board meetings, and we urge you to learn how you can become involved. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who have served the Boards 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles A. Moreno, Chairman, Strafford Planning Board  
Richard H. Ferreira II, Chairman, Board of Adjustment

## Receipts 2016

Application Fees Planning Board	\$ 2,670.00
Application Fees Board of Adjustment	\$ 1,425.00
Total.....	\$ 4,095.00

## Expenditures 2016

Postage	\$ 258.33
Newspaper Notices (Foster's Daily Democrat)	\$ 452.85
Secretarial	\$ 4,354.25
Total.....	\$ 5,065.43



## ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT 2016

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The Assessing Agent makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for property valuations, tax abatements, supplemental tax bills, and matters regarding property tax cards/maps and the computer assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) system. This past year KRT Appraisal completed a statistical update, revaluing all properties in town. The revaluation is required by New Hampshire law (RSA 75:8-a) to be completed at least once every 5 years. The primary purpose of this requirement is to make certain that property assessments are more in line with market values and to ensure proportionality of assessments so that no taxpayer is paying neither more nor less than their proportionate share of the tax burden.

The New total values as of April 1, 2016 for the Town of Strafford are as follows:

Residential .....	\$458,852,900
Commercial .....	\$7,985,800
Utilities .....	\$4,578,400
Current Use.....	\$1,652,200
Exempt .....	\$19,852,500
Total .....	\$492,921,800

Property Tax Exemptions totaled \$790,000, while Property Tax Credits totaled \$42,000.

In Strafford, the War Veteran's Tax Credit is \$200 ; Totally & permanently disabled Veterans, spouses or widows, and the widows of Veterans who died or were killed while on active duty is \$700 for those who meet the specific service dates according to RSA 72:28. If the criteria for both are met then the credit would be \$900 per year.

The 65-74 Senior Property Tax Exemption is \$30,000, the 75-79 Senior Property Tax Exemption is \$40,000, and the 80 years of age and older Senior Property Tax Exemption is \$50,000. This exemption reduces the total assessed value of the property. Qualification is based on age as well as income and asset limits.

Strafford also provides a Disabled Property Tax Exemption of \$30,000. These exemptions reduce the total assessed value of the property. Income and asset limits apply here as well.

If you would like to find out more information for exemptions, tax credits, and qualifying criteria stop by the Assessors' Office or look us up on line at;  
<http://www.strafford.nh.gov/index.php/property-assessor>.

Sincerely,  
Richard Dorsett Jr., CNHA  
Strafford Assessing Agent

# STRAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

## 2016

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

We are pleased that so many of our beach staffers return to work with us each summer. The 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 the summer of 2016 were slightly down to \$10,913.50. Maintenance and portable restroom rentals cost \$1097.20 for the summer. Other expenses and water testing totaled \$448.38, bringing the total expenditures to \$12,459.08, which is a bit less than 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 a bit again this year for both beach passes and swim lessons. The sale of beach passes brought in \$825.00. Income from swim lessons was \$815.00.

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

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The Town of Strafford's conservation lands increased by about 30 acres this year with a generous gift from the family of the late Leslie and David Dupee. They have donated a parcel on the westerly side of Pig Lane at the Isinglass River that is now part of the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve (IRCR). The Dupees had already conserved the property through a federal Wetlands Reserve Program easement. The easement not only protects the woodlands and riverfront, but also preserves historic remains from the days when Pig Lane was an important cross road and home to a number of families and working mills on the Isinglass River. The Conservation Commission would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the Dupee family for their generous addition to the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve.

Maintenance activities at the IRCR and other town owned properties are ongoing. Periodically deadfall needs to be removed from the IRCR trails, and the Conservation Commission welcomes notice of any new obstructions from hikers. The invasive plant garlic mustard, that not only thrives and uses space at the IRCR, but by chemical emissions through the soil threatens native species, needs to be pulled yearly to check its advance. Watch for a call for volunteers in May to help with this yearly effort before the garlic mustard goes to seed.

Over at the Town Forest on Parker Mountain Road we are nearing the end of a Natural Resource Conservation Service grant that has allowed us to complete forestry activities to improve wildlife habitat. A final section of forest access road construction was planned for the upper portion of the Neil Mooers Loop. Commission members and town forester Charlie Moreno reviewed the loop and decided that the present trail had aspects too attractive to change with widening and so a different forest access entry is planned for a lower elevation along Parker Mountain Road.

One of challenges and goals for the Commission in managing the Evans Mountain conservation area has been our effort to balance the needs of wildlife and the community by finding the best location for a trail to connect Evans Mountain with the Spencer Smith trail system on Parker Mountain. It has proven difficult to locate a path over the steep and rough terrain in such a way that important wildlife communities are protected. Many groups have needed to be involved with the planning of such a trail. Bear-Paw has the responsibility to make sure that important sensitive environments are protected. Blue Hills Foundation owns half of the 1000 acres conserved and the trail would need to cross their land where a Harvard-led study is in progress. Both the Department of Environmental Services and the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program gave large grants that enabled us to acquire that land, and they consequently have a say in final trail approval. We hope to see final approvals of a potential trail route soon and we look forward to completing the trail. Once the trail has been established, we ask your help in making sure that people stay on the trail in order to protect the natural communities that make our conservation lands special.

Over at the Strafford School District's property along Johnsonboro Road, thoughtless people had used a historic foundation for illegal dumping. The Bear Den of Cub Scout Pack 23 answered our call for volunteers, and on a rainy November morning removed a dozen contractor sized bags of trash from the site. The Commission extends sincere thanks to the Scouts and their leaders for their hard work!

Conservation Commission meetings are open to the public and we encourage people to attend. The Commission is responsible for managing Strafford's conservation lands and for reviewing and making comments on applications made to the state Department of Environmental Services. Please feel free to contact any Commission member with questions or concerns or to offer your help with our various projects.

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS															MS-9
DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	%	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES)	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	INCOME PERCENT	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
3/10/1998	FOREST FIRE FUND #0005	CONTINGENCY	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 4,835.27				\$ 4,835.27	\$ 1,008.61		\$ 30.48		\$ 1,039.09	\$ 5,874.36
12/31/1980	SCHOOL I&B #0007	PEPLACE	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 380,791.31			-\$153,843.18	\$ 226,948.13	\$ 41,047.34		\$ 1,491.63		\$ 42,538.97	\$ 269,487.10
01/01/1899	CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE #8	EDUCATION	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 14,215.00				\$ 14,215.00	\$ 26,913.18		\$ 214.32	-\$65.07	\$ 27,062.43	\$ 41,277.43
3/8/1984	RECREATION LAND #0009	BUILD	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 5,000.00				\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,348.47		\$ 64.40		\$ 7,412.87	\$ 12,412.87
3/10/1980	THEODORE STORER TRUST FUND #11	CONSERV	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 11,500.00				\$ 11,500.00	\$ 22,090.66		\$ 172.30	-\$640.00	\$ 21,622.96	\$ 33,122.96
4/26/1988	CONSERVATION #0012	PURCHASE	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 909.72		\$ 9.96		\$ 919.68	\$ 1,919.68
3/14/2000	RECORDS STORAGE FACILITY #0014	PURCHASE	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 10,000.00				\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,773.19		\$ 61.42		\$ 1,834.61	\$ 11,834.61
1/5/2005	BRIDGE C AND R #0015	CONTINGENCY	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 25,000.00				\$ 25,000.00	\$ 2,587.62		\$ 143.93		\$ 2,731.55	\$ 27,731.55
1/5/2005	OFFICE EQUIPMENT FUND #0016	PURCHASE	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 2,357.79			-\$1,890.00	\$ 467.79	\$ 4.72		\$ 12.19		\$ 16.91	\$ 484.70
9/27/2005	MUNICIPAL BUILDING FUND #0018	BUILD	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 1,477.58				\$ 1,477.58	\$ 10.96		\$ 7.78	\$ -	\$ 18.74	\$ 1,496.32
9/27/2005	FIRE ENGINE FUND #0019	PURCHASE	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 5,992.89				\$ 5,992.89	\$ 12.99		\$ 31.32		\$ 44.31	\$ 6,037.20
8/31/2007	TOWN DOCK ACCOUNT #21	MAINTENANCE	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 15,460.50				\$ 15,460.50	\$ 987.30		\$ 85.80		\$ 1,073.10	\$ 16,533.60
7/27/2009	TOWN DOCK-REPAIRS #23	REPAIRS	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 4,628.94				\$ 4,628.94	\$ 171.67		\$ 25.06		\$ 196.73	\$ 4,825.67
7/26/2010	FIRE DEPARTMENT REPAIRS #26	REPAIRS	NHPDIP	100%	\$ -				\$ -	\$ 15.93		\$ 0.11		\$ 16.04	\$ 16.04
12/22/2010	EDUCATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES #27	EDUCATION	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 150,000.00				\$ 150,000.00	\$ 244.27		\$ 783.79		\$ 1,028.06	\$ 151,028.06
12/22/2010	FUTURE RE-EVALUATION	CONTINGENCY	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 16.46				\$ 16.46	\$ -		\$ 0.12		\$ 0.12	\$ 16.58
9/1/2011	REFLECTIVE ROAD SIGNAGE ACCOUNT #27	CONTINGENCY	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 2,172.15				\$ 2,172.15	\$ 6.01		\$ 11.36		\$ 17.37	\$ 2,189.52
9/1/2011	POLICE VEHICLE FUND NUMBER TWO #28	NEW VEHICLE	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 10,000.00				\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10.10		\$ 52.23		\$ 62.33	\$ 10,062.33
9/1/2011	MUNICIPAL OIL AND FUEL #29	MAINTENANCE	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 10,000.00				\$ 10,000.00	\$ 24.08		\$ 52.29		\$ 76.37	\$ 10,076.37
12/26/2013	LIBRARY EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT	CONTINGENCY	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 25,000.00			\$ (9,813.04)	\$ 15,186.96	\$ 24.26		\$ 129.84		\$ 154.10	\$ 15,341.06
1/0/1900	TOTAL TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				\$ 680,009.95			\$ (165,546.22)	\$ 514,463.73	\$ 104,629.02		\$ 3,380.32	-\$705.07	\$ 107,304.28	\$ 621,768.01

End of the year 2016 activity (per approval at 2016 Town Meeting) not reflected in the above report

EXISTING ACCOUNTS			ACTIVITY ON EXISTING ACCOUNTS	
			Deposited for 2016	Balance January 31, 2017
Account #104870007	School Improvements and Building #0007		\$25,000.00 deposited	\$294,661.31
Account # 104870025	Persons With Disabilities		\$25,000.00 deposited	\$176,131.86
Account #104870028	Police Vehicle Fund		\$10,000.00 deposited	\$62.70
Account #104870015	Bridge C & R		\$25,000.00 deposited	\$52,762.06
NEWLY ESTABLISHED ACCOUNTS 2016			ACTIVITY ON NEWLY ESTABLISHED ACCOUNTS 2016	
			Deposited 2016	Balance January 31, 2017
Account #104870032	Dry Hydrant Fund Established		\$15,000.00 deposited	\$14,822.31
Account #104870031	Repair of Crown Pt Stat Fund Established		\$50,000.00 deposited	\$50,028.04
			\$20,000.00 transferred to Town of Strafford to purchase vehicle	

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS															MS-10
DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED		NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES)	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME PERCENT	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE YEAR END	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME	
6/6/1925	COMMON TRUST FUND														
	BABB, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 466.68	0.68%	\$ 1.46		\$ 468.14	\$ 568.14	
5/16/1995	BROWN, ALBERT (HALL)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.34%	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	\$ 65.85	0.34%	\$ 0.73		\$ 66.58	\$ 116.58	
12/31/1972	BROWN, ALBERT (CRITC)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.34%	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	\$ 79.79	0.34%	\$ 0.73		\$ 80.51	\$ 130.51	
12/10/1939	CASWELL-DEARBORN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.72%	\$ 400.00			\$ 400.00	\$ 214.68	2.72%	\$ 5.83		\$ 220.51	\$ 620.51	
4/21/1927	CAVERLY, ABBIE	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 576.52	0.68%	\$ 1.46		\$ 577.98	\$ 677.98	
6/3/1972	CAVERLY, REV JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	4.52%	\$ 665.00			\$ 665.00	\$ 418.99	4.52%	\$ 9.69		\$ 428.68	\$ 1,093.68	
9/2/1927	CLARK, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 748.54	0.68%	\$ 1.46		\$ 750.00	\$ 850.00	
9/3/1971	COOPER, LILLIAN FOSS	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 537.08	1.36%	\$ 2.92		\$ 540.00	\$ 740.00	
5/16/1995	FOSS, BENJAMIN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.72%	\$ 400.00			\$ 400.00	\$ 432.40	2.72%	\$ 5.83		\$ 438.23	\$ 838.23	
9/2/1933	FOSS, HERBERT	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 758.29	1.36%	\$ 2.92		\$ 761.21	\$ 961.21	
9/10/1930	FOSS, ROBERT	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 758.44	0.68%	\$ 1.46		\$ 759.90	\$ 859.90	
5/16/1995	FOYE-PERKINS	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.72%	\$ 400.00			\$ 400.00	\$ 446.36	2.72%	\$ 5.83		\$ 452.19	\$ 852.19	
3/4/1996	FOYE (WINGATE FARM)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.72%	\$ 400.00			\$ 400.00	\$ 311.44	2.72%	\$ 5.83		\$ 317.27	\$ 717.27	
6/2/1926	GARFIELD, ELIZA	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.02%	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00	\$ 832.75	1.02%	\$ 2.19		\$ 834.94	\$ 984.94	
5/5/1950	HAM, LLEWELYN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 743.91	1.36%	\$ 2.92		\$ 746.83	\$ 946.83	
8/26/2000	HANSON #1	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.04%	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00	\$ 163.96	2.04%	\$ 4.38		\$ 168.34	\$ 468.34	
9/6/1950	HARTWELL, ELIZABETH	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 506.38	0.68%	\$ 1.46		\$ 507.84	\$ 607.84	
10/2/1921	HAWKINS, BETSEY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 8.77	0.68%	\$ 1.46		\$ -58.77	\$ 101.46	
6/6/1925	HAYES, PAUL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.34%	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	\$ 116.14	0.34%	\$ 0.73		\$ 116.87	\$ 166.87	
8/4/1934	HOLMES, ELA	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 153.33	0.68%	\$ 1.46		\$ 154.79	\$ 254.79	
5/16/1995	HOSEA BERRY CEM.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	4.08%	\$ 600.00			\$ 600.00	\$ 668.54	4.08%	\$ 8.75		\$ 677.29	\$ 1,277.29	
5/16/1995	HOWARD CEM	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	5.44%	\$ 800.00			\$ 800.00	\$ 915.19	5.44%	\$ 11.66		\$ 926.85	\$ 1,726.85	
12/23/1928	JENNESS, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 520.88	1.36%	\$ 2.92		\$ 523.80	\$ 723.80	
1/31/1921	JENNESS, SAMUEL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 824.25	1.36%	\$ 2.92		\$ 827.17	\$ 1,027.17	
10/25/1930	JENNESS, SAMUEL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 473.36	1.36%	\$ 2.92		\$ 476.28	\$ 676.28	
4/12/1927	JEWELL, JOHN W.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 476.05	0.68%	\$ 1.46		\$ 477.51	\$ 577.51	
7/25/1999	KERIVAN (BUZZELL CEM)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.04%	\$ 400.00			\$ 400.00	\$ 115.44	2.04%	\$ 4.38		\$ 119.82	\$ 519.82	
8/11/1959	LEIGHTON, WINKLEY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.70%	\$ 250.00			\$ 250.00	\$ 981.88	1.70%	\$ 3.65		\$ 985.53	\$ 1,235.53	
5/16/1995	LOUGEE (EDGELEY RD)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.72%	\$ 400.00			\$ 400.00	\$ 418.96	2.72%	\$ 5.83		\$ 424.79	\$ 824.79	
3/4/1996	OTIS-DREW	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	6.79%	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,042.39	6.79%	\$ 14.56		\$ 1,056.95	\$ 2,056.95	
6/2/1921	PERKINS, NANCY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 568.94	0.68%	\$ 1.46		\$ 570.40	\$ 670.40	
9/9/1957	PERKINS, PAUL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.19%	\$ 175.00			\$ 175.00	\$ 898.10	1.19%	\$ 2.55		\$ 900.65	\$ 1,075.65	
1/9/1991	SAXTON, HELEN FOSS	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	6.79%	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,242.12	6.79%	\$ 14.56		\$ 1,256.68	\$ 2,256.68	
11/16/1998	SCRUTON	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	3.40%	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00	\$ 337.22	3.40%	\$ 7.29		\$ 344.51	\$ 844.51	
1/7/1922	SEAVEY, ABBIE	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 8.77	0.68%	\$ 1.46		\$ -58.77	\$ 101.46	
10/1/1989	SLOPER ROAD	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.34%	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	\$ 44.79	0.34%	\$ 0.73		\$ 45.52	\$ 95.52	
4/2/1927	SMITH, D.W.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 8.67	0.68%	\$ 1.46		\$ -58.67	\$ 101.46	
8/12/1944	STANTON, FRED	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 72.46	1.36%	\$ 2.92		\$ 75.38	\$ 275.38	
9/5/1972	SWAIN, ANNIE & GRAY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 607.07	1.36%	\$ 2.92		\$ 609.99	\$ 809.99	
3/4/1996	TOBIAS DREW CEM	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	6.79%	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,035.88	6.79%	\$ 14.56		\$ 1,050.44	\$ 2,050.44	
9/5/1972	WAIN, MARY J.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.72%	\$ 400.00			\$ 400.00	\$ 377.85	2.72%	\$ 5.83		\$ 383.68	\$ 783.68	
10/22/1950	WALDRON, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 495.22	0.68%	\$ 1.46		\$ 496.68	\$ 596.68	
5/11/1955	WALDRON, CASWELL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 260.52	0.68%	\$ 1.46		\$ 261.98	\$ 361.98	
12/10/1937	WALKER, JAMES	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	0.68%	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 8.67	0.68%	\$ 1.46		\$ -58.67	\$ 101.46	
6/2/1928	WATERHOUSE, ELA	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 30.19	1.36%	\$ 2.92		\$ -530.19	\$ 202.92	
3/10/1966	WEBSTER, TUTTLE	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	2.55%	\$ 375.00			\$ 375.00	\$ 760.63	2.55%	\$ 5.47		\$ 766.10	\$ 1,141.10	
6/13/1919	WELCH, BETSEY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	1.36%	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 689.94	1.36%	\$ 2.92		\$ 692.86	\$ 892.86	
01/01/1899	YOUNGLAVINIA	EDUCATION	NHPDIP	7.16%	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,688.90	7.16%	\$ 23.10		\$ 4,712.00	\$ 5,712.00	
01/01/1899	CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE #8	EDUCATION	NHPDIP		\$ 14,215.00			\$ 14,215.00	\$ 26,913.18		\$ 214.32		\$ -565.07	\$ 41,277.43	
40534	EDUCATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES #21	EDUCATION	NHPDIP	100%	\$ 150,000.00			\$ 150,000.00	\$ 244.27		\$ 783.79		\$ 1,028.06	\$ 151,028.06	

# STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION REPORT

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Community Action Partnership of Strafford County (CAPSC) is a 501(c)(3) private non-profit organization established in 1965. CAPSC works with our community, state and federal partners to assist more than 10,000 low income children, families, and adults each year. Our mission is to educate, advocate and assist people in Strafford County to help meet their basic needs and promote self-sufficiency. CAPSC is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, one-third of whom are consumers of the services. We have 140 employees, and a \$9.5 million operating budget, which includes federal, state and local funds in addition to foundation and United Way grants, fees for service and individual and corporate donors.

## **2016 Highlights include:**

- CAPSC provided more than \$2 million in federal fuel assistance to 2,722 households in Strafford County during the 2015-2016 heating season. A total of 39 households in Strafford received \$27,066 in fuel assistance.
- Over the past year, 32 households received a discount on their electric bill through CAPSC's Electrical Assistance Program at a value of \$14,720. The average benefit was \$460.
- CAPSC assisted 1 Strafford Household with emergency food at a value of \$63.

CAP operates emergency food pantries in Dover, Farmington both of which are open 5 days per week. Our nutrition program provides over 600 holiday food baskets to families in need each year. CAPSC provided nearly 40,000 meals to children ages 0 to 18 through its Summer Meals and After-School Meals programs in 2015-2016.

Without the services provided by our agency, many local residents would be without a means to provide for their basic needs as they find a way out of poverty. At CAPSC we help out clients to become or remain financially and socially independent through a variety of coordinated programs addressing basic needs such as food, housing, education, transportation, employment and job training, child care, and utility assistance. CAPSC maintains its outreach capacity by operating offices in Farmington and Dover and Head Start Centers in Dover, Farmington, Milton, Rochester and Somersworth.

Thanks you for your continued support of our mission. We are grateful for your investment in CAPSC!

Betsey Andrews Parker  
Chief Executive Officer



## READY RIDES TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

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Ready Rides Transportation Assistance organization provides curb-to-curb rides at no charge to all medical related appointments for those residents living in Strafford that are 55+ and the disabled. Our vetted volunteer drivers use their own vehicles to provide transportation services. Mileage reimbursement is available for all drivers. Ready Rides also provides rides to residents living in Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newfields, Nottingham, Northwood and Newmarket. Ready Rides is not bound by travel distance. Accessible rides are available.

### **2016 Fiscal Year Accomplishments**

#### **RIDE STATISTICS**

Number of Vetted Strafford Drivers	10
Total # of Confirmed Trips Completed for Strafford Residents	187
Number of Registered Strafford Residents Using Our Service	25
Number of Trips in Strafford that Went Unmet	11

### **Ready Rides Goals for 2017**

To have an expanded number of vetted drivers to be able to provide rides to everyone who asks.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meri Schmalz, Volunteer Drivers Coordinator

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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.

**Cornerstone VNA highlight of service visits for 2016 in Strafford, NH:**

<u>Area</u>	<u>Strafford</u>	<u>Strafford County</u>	<u>Total Service Area</u>
Home Care/Perinatal	<b>1,165</b>	40,096	50,037
Hospice Care	<b>161</b>	11,987	14,316
Life Care	<b>137</b>	9,091	9,304
Palliative Care	<b>4</b>	248	298

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!

**DELIVERING HIGH QUALITY CARE**

Cornerstone VNA continues to invest in certifying our clinicians to ensure excellence and implement new technology to create efficiencies and better meet the needs of our patients. Although the future of home health care will be challenging due to changing payment models, the aging population and the shortage of health care professionals, funding from local towns help Cornerstone VNA continue serving residents in need while working to meet those challenges. We are pleased to share our accomplishments over the past year:

- The Technology Team identified a sophisticated **telehealth** system whose units have wireless connectivity, video capabilities and an improved patient education component. The implementation has been very encouraging, resulting in a reduction in hospital readmissions for patients with congestive heart failure.
- Cornerstone VNA implemented a **record document management system**, allowing all documents to be stored within the electronic medical record and eliminating the need to print documents.
- The clinician's mode of documenting was upgraded from a laptop computer to an **iPad**.
- Cornerstone VNA launched a special series to support caregivers called **Caregivers Connect**.
- The **Kiddie Cornerstone Fund** was recently established so that our pediatric nurses can bring small gifts to their young patients, to support families in need during holidays, and for gas cards to help with travel expenses.

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



2016

# OFFICERS OF THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2016-2017

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### **SCHOOL BOARD**

	Term Expires
Mr. Brian Monahan, Chairman	2019
Ms. Debbi Hinrichsen, Vice Chair	2017
Mr. Bruce Patrick,	2018
Ms. Carol Lord	2019
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**

Vacant

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017, 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 9:00 AM on the 11th day of March 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 Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$10,547,599) 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 \$1.77 per \$1,000.*

## **ARTICLE #3**

“To see if the Strafford School District will raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the School District Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1985, for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings. This sum to come from June 30, 2017 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017. No amount to be raised from taxation.” Current anticipated balance at 1/31/17 is \$294,213.04.

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

## **ARTICLE #4**

“To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons With Disabilities, established in 2010, for the purpose of meeting the expenses of educating students with disabilities. This sum to come from June 30, 2017 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017. No amount to be raised from taxation.” Current anticipated balance at 1/31/17 is \$175,874.47.

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

**ARTICLE #5**

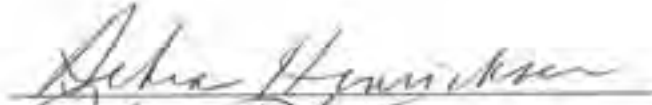
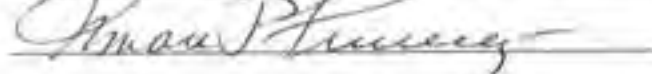
"Shall the town of Strafford vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,776.60 to fund the expansion of the half day kindergarten to a full day program."


**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.*

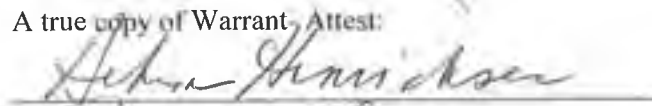

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Feb 2017.

  
  
Carol Lord

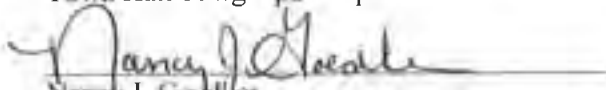
  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

  
  
Carol Lord

  
School Board

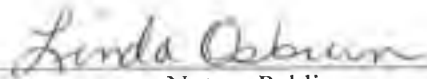
I certify that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2017 the written warrant article attested by the School Board of said District at the place of meeting within named and a like attested copy at the Strafford School and Strafford Town Hall being a public place in said district.

  
Nancy J. Goedker  
SAU 44

SS New Hampshire 2/23, 2017

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

Before me

  
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, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Form Due Date: 20 days after meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: 23 Feb 2017

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
Debbi Hinrichsen	Debbi Hinrichsen
Norman Finnegan	Norman Finnegan
Carol Lord	Carol Lord
Bruce Patrick	BRUCE PATRICK

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal:  
<https://www.proptax.org/>

## 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>Instruction</b>						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	02	\$6,056,891	\$6,306,256	\$6,206,145	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	02	\$1,252,901	\$1,314,010	\$1,332,292	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	02	\$51,002	\$66,808	\$65,529	\$0
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	02	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	02	\$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	02	\$434,435	\$456,300	\$449,141	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	02	\$147,719	\$186,780	\$177,969	\$0
<b>General Administration</b>						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	02	\$61,855	\$48,446	\$54,283	\$0
<b>Executive Administration</b>						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	02	\$369,496	\$358,974	\$371,943	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	02	\$448,637	\$450,611	\$477,469	\$0
2500-2599	Business		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	02	\$554,890	\$465,961	\$455,937	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	02	\$324,575	\$398,570	\$395,615	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Non-Instructional Services</b>						
3100	Food Service Operations	02	\$145,723	\$167,470	\$157,588	\$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	02	\$200,000	\$205,000	\$210,000	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	02	\$208,088	\$202,013	\$193,688	\$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
9990	Supplemental Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9992	Deficit Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$10,256,212	\$10,627,199	\$10,547,599	\$0

## Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1100-1199	Regular Programs	05	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$107,777
Purpose: Establish All-Day Kindergarten						
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	03	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Purpose: School District Capital Reserve Fund						
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	04	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Purpose: Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons With						
Special Articles Recommended			\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$107,777

## 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)
Individual Articles Recommended						

## 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		\$16,103	\$0	\$0
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	02	\$142	\$100	\$100
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	02	\$103,880	\$115,000	\$105,000
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Services Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	02	\$118,732	\$4,500	\$4,500
<b>State Sources</b>					
3210	School Building Aid	02	\$65,483	\$65,483	\$66,983
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Catastrophic Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	02	\$2,759	\$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	02	\$43,779	\$62,500	\$47,500
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution	02	\$37,515	\$45,000	\$40,000
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		\$72,977	\$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	04, 03	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$511,370</b>	<b>\$345,083</b>	<b>\$316,583</b>



## Budget Summary

Item	Current Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$10,572,799	\$10,547,599
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$50,000	\$50,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$4,400	\$0
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$10,627,199	\$10,597,599
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$345,083	\$316,583
Less: Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$3,112,152	\$3,027,392
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$7,169,964	\$7,253,624

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

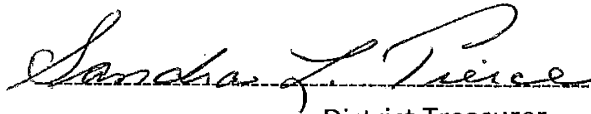
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July 1, 2015	State of NH	Equitable Ed Aid	\$2,247,082.45
to		Building Aid	\$66,232.50
June 30, 2016		Medicaid Reimbursement	\$44,562.30
	Town of Strafford	Appropriation	\$7,691,074.00
	Citizens Bank	Interest	\$141.90
	School Lunch Program	Lunch Sales	\$62,914.75
		LLC Lunch Sales	\$38,068.40
		Food, Supplies, & Coffee Purchases	\$383.52
	Graystone Builders, Inc.	Community Fund - School lunches	\$2,000.00
	Nottingham School District	Milk purchase	\$28.34
	Strafford School PTO	Staff Breakfast	\$182.75
		Coffee program	\$250.00
		Lunches for Field Days 2015-16	\$122.20
	SAU #44	School Lunch Program Reimbs.	\$41,666.48
		Lunch State Match 2014-15	\$2,516.32
		Teachers' Salary & FICA	\$43,428.45
		Health Trust Surplus 2014	\$93,639.75
		Cop-Sync	\$1,200.00
	City of Dover	Tuition Refund	\$15,074.55
	MAD River Enterprises LLC	Refund	\$9,279.00
	SHS Boys Basketball Booster Club	Refund	\$150.00
	State of NH	FEMA Roof Snow Removal 1/2015	\$11,396.25
	US Bank	CRF Window Repair	\$153,843.18
	Miscellaneous	Health & Dental Ins. Reimbursement	\$5,568.52
		UNH Bike Race	\$340.02
		Rent/Custodial	\$2,900.00
		Damaged Books	\$43.72
		Lost Books	\$103.94
		Jury Duty	\$180.71
		ACH Returned Checks	\$1,861.61
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			<b>\$10,536,235.61</b>

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER  
FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2015 to JUNE 30, 2016

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Cash on Hand July 1, 2015 (Treasurer's bank balance)		1058265.95
Received from the Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	7691074.00	
Revenue from State	2357877.25	
Revenue from Federal	-0-	
Received from all other Sources	<u>487284.36</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>10536235.61</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (balance-receipts)		11594501.56
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERED PAID		<u>10704653.08</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2015 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		<u><u>889848.48</u></u>

July 20, 2016

  
District Treasurer

# STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT SALARIES

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Total Earnings</b>
Adams, Laura A.	Grade 5 Teacher	\$65,467.79
Allsup, Mark D.	Substitute	\$735.00
Anderson, Brianna D.	Lunch Room Monitor	\$6,675.90
Asmega, Lauren	Grade 1 Teacher	\$39,038.00
Atkinson, Andrea L.	Band Teacher	\$44,002.95
Beaverstock, Karen A.	Grade 6 Teacher	\$61,002.75
Bonneau, Diane B.	Nurse Substitute	\$2,150.00
Bonneau, James M.	Technology Director	\$65,490.95
Burnell, Patricia A.	Food Service	\$11,154.02
Carle, Kelley R.	Destination Imagination Coach	\$200.00
Chadwick, Carol	Paraprofessional	\$21,268.98
Chagnon, Rebecca S.	Paraprofessional	\$20,919.55
Clinch, Andrea C.	Reading Specialist	\$56,752.00
Colby, Steven M.	Grade 3 Teacher	\$65,580.00
Collins, Andria J.	Food Service	\$11,294.88
Columbare, Wendy A.	Substitute	\$4,550.00
Comeau, Chrystin J.	Destination Imagination Coach	\$200.00
Cronshaw, Jennifer K.	Substitute	\$1,085.00
Cullen, Anne P.	Secretary	\$31,266.92
Cunningham, Kathryn	Nurse	\$55,925.00
DeCota, Kendra L.	Paraprofessional	\$16,762.15
DexterYonchak, Margaret M.	Grade 6 Teacher	\$2,942.50
Dolan, Audrey E.	Grade 4 Teacher	\$64,417.15
Doyle, Nicole M.	Special Education Teacher	\$48,002.75
Doyon, Denise M.	Secretary	\$29,103.40
Duffy, Cynthia L.	Paraprofessional	\$24,195.66
Eaton, Beth A.	Paraprofessional	\$18,131.94
Edgerly, Jennifer L.	Grade 4 Teacher	\$63,649.95
Edmonds, Indra	Coach	\$1,000.00
Finnegan, Norman P.	School Board Member	\$600.00
Fisher, Karyn M.	Substitute	\$490.00
Fitzpatrick, Kerry L.	Coach	\$900.00
Fowler, Deborah L.	Custodian	\$25,065.56
Freeman, Katharine	Substitute	\$1,925.00
Gahm, Allan K.	Grade 6 Math/Language Arts Teacher	\$67,345.64
Gahm, Meghan P.	Substitute	\$210.00
Gale, Cynthia A.	Paraprofessional	\$21,978.78
Gale, Eric J.	Food Service Director	\$36,040.58
Garland, Georgia I.	Grade 4 Teacher	\$56,397.16
Gempp, Christopher M.	Music/Chorus Teacher	\$46,294.93

Goodell, Anna M.	Substitute	\$1,260.00
Goodell, Donna M.	Paraprofessional	\$23,987.55
Goscinski, Donna	Grade 8 Language Arts Teacher	\$65,043.14
Gould, Sarah H.	Substitute	\$6,769.91
Grondin, Robin D.	Special Education Teacher	\$48,960.16
Hanson, Lauryn C.	Substitute	\$140.00
Hanson, Tracy L.	Grade 1 Teacher	\$59,922.16
Hebert, Laura A.	Secretary	\$36,226.91
Hedstrom, Meghan C.	Teacher	\$45,208.16
Helm, Erica M.	Destination Imagination Coach	\$200.00
Heselton, Gary R.	Facilities Manager	\$46,406.45
Hinrichsen, Debra A.	School Board Member	\$600.00
Homiak, Janet E.	Reading Specialist	\$60,806.79
Hossack, Michele D.	Technology Teacher	\$37,985.00
Huebel, Susan M.	Substitute	\$980.00
Irons, Mary D.	Kindergarten Teacher	\$67,017.77
Jordan, Gregory J.	Substitute	\$770.00
Jordan, Heidi F.	Art Teacher	\$48,159.16
Jordan, Kevin A.	Grade 2 Teacher	\$57,211.98
Krasko, Robyn T.	Physical Education Teacher	\$63,734.79
Lano, Elizabeth C.	Paraprofessional	\$17,642.36
Larson, Bruce L.	Grade 6 Science Teacher	\$65,623.04
Libby, Karen S.	Paraprofessional	\$21,554.20
Lord, Carol A.	School Board Member	\$600.00
Lord, William G.	School District Moderator	\$100.00
Marsh, Terri L.	Library Aide	\$4,440.00
Marston, Eilish M.	Substitute	\$5,880.00
Martin, Connor W.	Custodian	\$6,678.79
Martin, Jared O.	Spanish Teacher	\$41,673.15
Mason, Elizabeth T.	Grade 3 Teacher	\$63,319.75
Mason, Nancy J.	Guidance	\$57,065.37
Mazzochi, Moriah P.	Substitute	\$910.00
McCourt, Carol D.	Food Service	\$7,514.79
Meehan, Andrea E.	Substitute Nurse	\$200.00
Monahan, Brian J.	School Board Member	\$700.00
Monahan, Dianna L.	Substitute	\$3,780.00
Morgan, James M.	Substitute	\$1,688.50
Morrisette, Kimberly A.	Special Education Teacher	\$41,485.93
Nadeau, Matthew R.	Grade 8 Math Teacher	\$41,555.02
Nault, Donna L.	Paraprofessional	\$16,008.00
Nevins, Theresa A.	Grade 5 Teacher	\$60,513.00
Newman, Theresa M.	Custodian	\$6,227.10
Nix, David R.	Grade 5 Teacher	\$63,279.58
Nord, Diana D.	Substitute	\$2,065.00
Ogden, Andrea L.	Substitute	\$1,015.00
Patrick, Bruce	School Board Member	\$600.00

Perry, Daniel	Substitute	\$4,130.00
Pickard, Bradley G.	Custodian	\$29,647.85
Pierce, Sandra L.	School District Treasurer	\$5,200.00
Piper, Charles F.	Substitute	\$882.75
Plante, Maryellen	Grade 3 Teacher	\$61,951.77
Plaza, Linda R.	Paraprofessional	\$19,759.06
Popovich, Carrolle	School Board Secretary	\$4,373.00
Ray, Candice L.	Paraprofessional	\$22,447.97
Roberts, Alison C.	Assistant Principal	\$78,080.00
Routhier, Kasey N.	Paraprofessional	\$1,680.00
Roy, Sarah A.	Grade 2 Teacher	\$59,439.49
Saia, Jill H.	Grade 7 Language Arts Teacher	\$64,687.98
Sargent, Karen A.	Paraprofessional	\$350.00
Sawicki, Maureen C.	Substitute	\$350.00
Sawyer, Carolyn V.	Grade 7 Science Teacher	\$46,604.79
Schraufnagel, Julie A.	Paraprofessional	\$21,797.70
Smith, Terry B.	Paraprofessional	\$20,915.35
Szatko, Lawrence E.	Custodian	\$8,954.66
Szatko, Stosh V.	Substitute	\$66.00
Thomas, Michelle A.	Substitute Nurse	\$700.00
Totten, Lanta B.	Destination Imagination Coach/Coordinator	\$1,680.00
Trafton, Jason	Grade 7/8 Social Studies Teacher	\$54,869.14
Vogt, Lynda D.	Special Education Teacher	\$65,682.95
Vulner, Kristine B.	Paraprofessional	\$23,545.03
Welch, Shelly A.	Grade 2 Teacher	\$44,998.15
Wichroski, Alison M.	Speech Pathologist	\$66,432.95
Wiggin, Rebecca	Speech Pathologist	\$63,683.38
Williams, Ashley E.	Nurse Substitute	\$100.00
Williams, Susan J.	Media Specialist	\$64,402.27
Woodard, Amy S.	Title I	\$32,310.00
Young, Scott C.	Principal	\$87,730.00

## Strafford School District Capital Reserve Fund Balances

January 31, 2017

School Infrastructure & Buildings Capital Reserve Fund:

Balance as of 1/31/17      \$294,661.31

Education of Persons with Disabilities Capital Reserve Fund:

Balance as of 1/31/17      \$176,131.86

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT REPORT as of January 1, 2017					
Elementary School Enrollment					
Grade	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total	TOTAL
K am	M. Irons	9	9	18	
K pm	M. Irons	9	7	16	
Kindergarten					34
Home School Kindergarten					0
Grade 1	L. Asmega	10	8	18	
Grade 1	T. Hanson	8	9	17	
Grade 1					35
Home School Grade 1					4
Grade 2	K. Jordan	8	10	18	
Grade2	S. Welch	5	13	18	
Grade 2					36
Home School Grade 2					2
Grade 3	S. Colby	11	3	14	
Grade 3	E. Mason	9	5	14	
Grade 3	M. Plante	8	7	15	
Grade 3					43
Home School Grade 3					1
Grade 4	J. Edgerly	6	9	15	
Grade 4	G. Garland	7	9	16	
Grade 4	R. Roy	6	8	14	
Grade 4					45
Home School Grade 4					5
Grade 5	A. Adams	9	8	17	
Grade 5	T. Nevins	11	6	17	
Grade 5	D.R. Nix	10	7	17	
Grade 5					51
Home School Grade 5					2
Total Elementary School				244	
Total Home School Elementary					14
Middle School Enrollment					
Grade 6	K. Beaverstock	10	11	21	
Grade 4	A. Dolan	8	12	20	
Grade 6	A. Gahm	8	12	20	
Grade 6					61
Home School Grade 6					4
Grade 7	C. Sawyer	8	9	17	
Grade 7	J. Saia	8	10	18	
Grade 7	J. Trafton	8	11	19	
Grade 7					54
Home School Grade 7					4
Grade 8	T. Farrell	11	6	17	
Grade 8	D. Goscinski	10	7	17	
Grade 8	M. Nadeau	10	7	17	
Grade 8					51
Home School Grade 8					4
Total Middle School				166	
Total Home School Middle School					12
Enrollment Summary					
Kindergarten	34	Total Students Enrolled in School			410
Grade 1	35	Grade 5	51	Total Home School Students	26
Grade 2	36	Grade 6	61		
Grade 3	43	Grade 7	54	Total Students Enrolled at SAU	436
Grade 4	45	Grade 8	51		

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2016-2017

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You have almost certainly heard the cliché “Time flies when you’re having fun!” That idea describes very well my nearly three years as Principal at Strafford School! It is truly fun to work with such a talented and dedicated group of teachers, staff, and support staff. It is also a lot of fun to work with the wonderful children of this community as well. Each year presents its own challenges but I have found that the staff and faculty at our school are more than capable of meeting those challenges as we continue to strive toward our vision of *laying a foundation for lifelong learning by reaching, inspiring and challenging all students to be their best*. This year we continue to focus on three essential components of an excellent education: curriculum, assessment, and instruction.

Our curriculum and instructional goals thus far have focused on strengthening our writing program. Last year we introduced Lucy Calkins Writer’s Workshop and began to use the instructional materials in order to become more familiar with this approach to writing instruction and to begin to develop expertise on how to implement the content of the program called *Units of Study*. This school year we have implemented a year-long professional development program for classroom teachers in Writer’s Workshop by having a literacy expert provide on-site consultation and instructional coaching at every grade-level. In addition to this, grade-level teachers met in small groups throughout the first portion of the school year to discuss and learn from one another in implementing Writer’s Workshop. The *Units of Study* align to the Common Core State Standards and the workshop approach to writing challenges students to write for depth across a number of genres. An additional benefit of focusing on writing proficiency is that the skills of writing well help students not only in Language Arts but across the content areas.

*Contrary to popular belief, writing isn’t something that only ‘writers’ do; writing is a basic skill for getting through life. Yet most American adults are terrified of the prospect—ask a middle-aged engineer to write a report and you’ll see something close to panic. Writing, however, isn’t a special language that belongs to English teachers and a few other sensitive souls who have a ‘gift for words.’ Writing is thinking on paper. Anyone who thinks clearly should be able to write clearly—about any subject at all.*

[i]William Zinsser, **Writing to Learn**

In addition, strengthening student writing also supports mastery of the Common Core State Standards.

*Writing is an absolute imperative for success with the Common Core. The Common Core and its associated tests set a significantly higher bar for student achievement... it’s pretty easy to see that kids are going to have to be much better writers than they have ever been before. Writing regularly, in all subject areas but especially in math, social studies, and science is going to be crucial.*

[ii]Steve Peha, founder of *Teaching That Makes Sense*, a national education consultancy specializing in literacy, leadership and school-wide change

We also will be working on strengthening curriculum by identifying essential outcomes at each grade level for the core content areas. We are continuing to focus on assessment of student

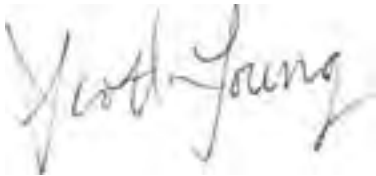


learning by incorporating additional standardized math assessments as well as regularly reviewing student assessment data through our grade-level data teams.

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 continue to engage in a broad array of activities such as Drama and Ta-Da programs, Destination Imagination, Lego Robotics, Summer Arts programming, Camp Invention, and more. The 5th grade will be attending *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. Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade continues to enjoy the Merrowvista trip which provides a rustic outdoor setting that both deepens student's knowledge of the natural world while emphasizing character-building and teamwork. Also the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C., provides a wonderful opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of civics and U.S. history while also providing a memorable, capstone experience that 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take with them as they launch into their high school careers. Our athletic teams have done a great job on the fields and courts throughout the school year displaying sportsmanship and skill.

The school continues to rely on the tremendous efforts of our support staff. They do 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. A quality student body such as we enjoy is a strong indicator of the wonderful nurture and care they receive by parents and caregivers. Our partnership with families and caregivers is essential to our students' success and we are appreciative 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 children of this community receive the very best education possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott Young", is written over a light gray, textured background.

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

[i] Zinsser, W. (1988). *Writing to Learn*. Harper & Row, New York, NY.

[ii] Excerpted from <http://www.weareteachers.com/blogs/post/2013/06/25/writing-across-the-curriculum-what-how-and-why>



# Coe-Brown Northwood Academy ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2015 - 2016 Academic Year



The Board of Trustees and Administration of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy are pleased to provide this Annual Report of the 2015-2016 school year to our sending towns. Members of the Academy have enjoyed a long-term cooperative working relationship with the School Boards of local towns and continue to work hard to ensure the educational opportunities for 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 CBNA students.

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

## Student Enrollment Breakdown: 2015-16

	August 2015	May 2016
<b>Seniors</b>	195	194
<b>Juniors</b>	180	178
<b>Sophomores</b>	157	156
<b>Freshmen</b>	187	182
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>710</b>

**Of the total students enrolled at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, the following enrollment changes took place throughout the 2015-2016 school year:**

## CBNA Student Enrollment Changes by Class: 2015-16

	Dismissed	Moved	Additions	Other Reasons	Total Change
<b>Seniors</b>	-2	0	+2	-1	<b>-1</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	0	-3	+1	0	<b>-2</b>
<b>Sophomores</b>	0	-3	+3	-1	<b>-1</b>
<b>Freshmen</b>	0	-4	+2	-3	<b>-5</b>

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

## Students and Honors Programming: 2015-16

**Class of 2016 Graduating with Honors:**

**85%**

## 2015-16 Enrollment in Honors Level Courses:

Clas	Number of Students	Clas	Number of Students
Chemistry Honors	34	Economics Honors	49
Physics Honors	11	Spanish AP	13
Honors & AP Art	6	French IV Honors	16
English 11 Honors	24	Calculus Honors	28
English 11 AP	25	Calculus AP	10
English 12 Honors	51	US History AP	7
English 12 AP	16	Cont. Issues Honors	42
Biology AP	6		

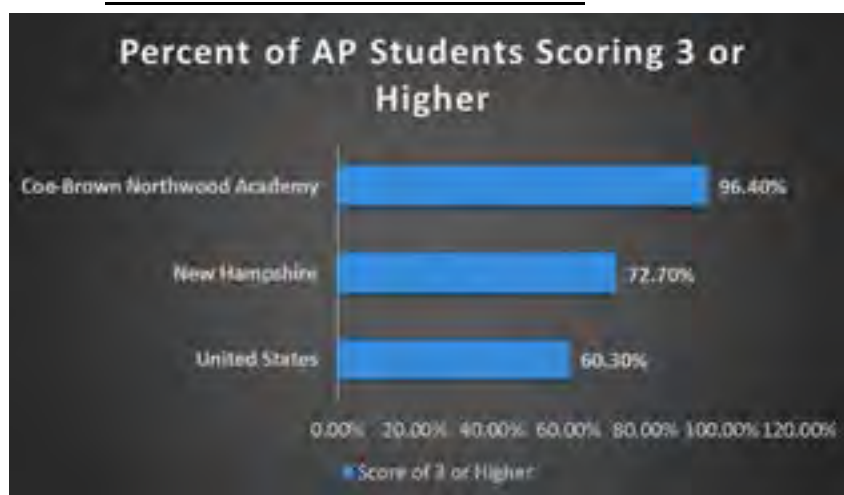
CBNA offers several concurrent enrollment courses through Southern New Hampshire University which grants students 3-4 college credits for each course for a nominal fee of \$100-\$125. Students took advantage of this opportunity in numbers as follows:

2015-16 Enrollment in SNHU Courses:

SNHU Class	Number of Students	SNHU Class	Number of Students
Calculus	2	Creative Writing	29
Anatomy & Physiology	6	Environmental Science	7
Public Speaking	4		

Students at the Academy work hard to be successful in their Advanced Placement (AP) coursework. The following table shows the comparison of CBNA students to students in the State of New Hampshire and to students in the entire United States.

2015-16 Advanced Placement Scores



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

Student Reading Levels: 2015-16

Spring 2016 *Scholastic Reading Inventory*: Whole School

Advanced: 37%	Proficient: 47%
Basic: 11%	Below Basic: 5%

CBNA participates in all state-wide mandated examinations. For the 2015-16 academic year, the State of NH required the science NECAP and the SAT for eleventh grade students. Students at the Academy scored as follows:

Spring 2016 Science NECAP Testing

	Proficient with Distinction	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Substantially below Proficient
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy	2%	42%	47%	9%
State of New Hampshire	1%	30%	44%	25%

Spring 2016 SAT Testing

	% Met Benchmark for Reading/Writing	% Met Benchmark for Mathematics
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy	76%	53%
State of New Hampshire	67%	41%

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

Class of 2016 Post-Graduate Experiences

	4-Year Post Secondary	2-Year Post Secondary	Other Programs	Military	Work Force	Delayed Graduation
Class of 2016	62%	15%	4%	6%	12%	1%

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The Academy has maintained a reasonably steady population in recent years. This has allowed CBNA to develop new programs and educational opportunities to best meet the needs of 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 the Academy that they have felt well- prepared for the challenges of college. This reflects on the academic rigor of their coursework at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy.

The Academy administered the new statewide examination for juniors in the spring of 2016, the SAT. Performance on that exam is demonstrated in the charts above and 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. In addition, students, faculty, and staff have been thrilled to have so many members of the community come to the Academy to enjoy talented student performances within the 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 2015-2016 academic year, the Academy continued to offer concurrent enrollment courses to allow students 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	Entrepreneurship	Marketing	Calculus
Digital Photography	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 2015-2016 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, Chemists' Society, 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, Science Club 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 the 2015 State Champions in Girls' Cross Country and Boys' Cross Country, 2015 State Final Four Girls' Volleyball, and the awarding of the NFHS *Award of Excellence* for exemplary display of sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity. The newest teams of Boys' & Girls' Lacrosse continue to build and develop their programs.

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.

Most recently, there has been a revitalization of the Norma Schleissman Cater lobby. 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. In addition, during the summer of 2016, a front vestibule was added to the lobby entranceway which serves as an air-lock to preserve the heat in the building, as well as to help in preventing water and snow from foot traffic from entering classroom areas throughout the day. 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 towns in our community for the cooperative spirit and joined efforts to best serve the high school students in our area. Continued constructive and productive relationships with local SAU, School Boards and Administrations of sending schools help ensure the best preparation for the future challenges students will face as adults. The Board of Trustees and Administration of CBNA remain appreciative of a continued long-term relationship with local citizens in working toward achieving continued educational excellence.

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

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT 2015-2016

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The administrative team of Principal Dr. Scott Young and Assistant Principal Alison Roberts again collaboratively led Strafford School. The summer and the start of the school year was occupied with a renovation to the front of the building. The project addressed safety, as well as energy efficiency. The old windows were removed and the entire front of the building remodeled. The outcome was that now Strafford School has an attractive front of the building that is safe and energy efficient. The entire staff is to be commended for all of their efforts to minimize the disruption to students during the project.

Throughout the year the staff eagerly participated in professional development to enrich their instructional practices. Ongoing efforts were placed on utilizing data to meet student needs. Interventions for students were identified to best meet the individual learning needs of all students.

At the annual meeting, the community supported the budget developed by the school board with input from the school administration. A special meeting was needed as negotiations for a new teacher and paraprofessional collective bargaining agreement was reached after the initial deadline. At the special meeting, a one year contract was approved.

Volunteerism continues to be alive and well in Strafford School! It is exciting to watch the many volunteers who selflessly donate their time to student programs and student support. Our students are not only engaged in their academics, they also grow socially through clubs, activities and athletics.

The Strafford School and the Strafford Community should be very proud of the safe, exciting 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

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### 2016-2017 Salaries

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Superintendent of Schools \$125,000.00  
Assistant Superintendent/Student Services Director \$98,000.00  
Business Administrator \$80,748.26  
Assistant Special Education Director \$76,620.32  
Grant Administrator \$12,000.00

### SAU #44 District Share of Financials

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DISTRICT	2015 EQUALIZED VALUATION	VALUATION PERCENT	2014-2015 ADM IN ATTENDANCE	PUPILS PERCENT	COMBINED PERCENT	2017-2018 DISTRICT SHARE
Northwood	482,690,329	31.41%	394.45	30.64%	62.05%	\$371,303.51
Nottingham	584,925,920	38.07%	485.57	37.72%	75.79%	\$453,467.24
Strafford	<u>468,912,822</u>	<u>30.52%</u>	<u>407.37</u>	<u>31.64%</u>	<u>62.16%</u>	<u>\$371,943.25</u>
TOTAL	1,536,529,071	100%	1287.39	100%	200%	\$1,196,714.00





## Tax Rate Breakdown Strafford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,272,787	\$472,279,300	\$2.70
County	\$1,285,791	\$472,279,300	\$2.72
Local Education	\$6,437,853	\$472,279,300	\$13.63
State Education	\$1,029,467	\$467,716,700	\$2.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,025,898</b>		<b>\$21.25</b>

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

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$10,025,898
War Service Credits	(\$42,000)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$9,983,898

11/17/2016

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

# STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Special Education Analysis

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<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
Instruction	\$ 869,499.00	\$ 863,743.00
Related Services	\$ 265,360.00	\$ 270,047.00
Transportation	\$ 64,154.00	\$ 14,286.00
Tuition (HS, Pre-School & Placements)	\$ 506,705.00	\$ 389,241.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,705,718.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,537,317.00</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Catastrophic Aid	\$ 29,960.00	\$ -
Adequacy (Allocation*)	\$ 342,760.35	\$ 333,888.94
IDEA Entitlement-Part B	\$ 135,628.00	\$ 137,745.00
IDEA Entitlement-Pre School	\$ 5,990.00	\$ 5,990.00
Medicaid	\$ 46,494.00	\$ 37,515.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 560,832.35</b>	<b>\$ 515,138.94</b>
<b>Net District Cost</b>	<b>\$ 1,144,885.65</b>	<b>\$ 1,022,178.06</b>

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

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET**  
June 30, 2016

	General Fund	Food Service Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash & short-term investments	\$ 905,165	-	-	\$ 905,165
Intergovernmental receivables	444,833	7,545	-	452,378
Due from other funds	7,483	-	-	7,483
Inventory	-	12,320	-	12,320
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,357,481</b>	<b>\$ 19,865</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 1,377,346</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 86,825	\$ 23	-	\$ 86,848
Intergovernmental payables	18,783	-	-	18,783
Due to other funds	-	7,483	-	7,483
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 105,608</b>	<b>\$ 7,506</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 113,114</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>				
Nonspendable	-	\$ 12,320	-	\$ 12,320
Restricted	-	39	-	39
Committed	420,836	-	-	420,836
Assigned	50,000	-	-	50,000
Unassigned	781,037	-	-	781,037
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,251,873</b>	<b>12,359</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,264,232</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 1,357,481</b>	<b>\$ 19,865</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 1,377,346</b>

# SAU #44 Strafford 2016 Strafford School District Meeting

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March 9, 2016  
6:30 PM

## 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 Gadowski, 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.  
Mr. Anthony Muir, Esq.  
Ms. Carrolle A. Popovich, Strafford School District Clerk

Ms. Carrolle Popovich, Strafford School District Clerk called the 2016 Strafford School District Meeting to order at 6:30 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 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.

## ARTICLE #1 (Voting)

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

Moderator Lord reported the results of Warrant Article #1, and noted that there were two (2) three (3) year terms open. He stated that the winners of yesterday's school board elections were Brian Monahan and Carol Lord. Moderator Lord advised that the current Board members retain their positions until the end of the District Meeting, where they would be sworn in.

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. (legal representation); Mr. Anthony Muir, Esq. (legal representation); Dr. Robert Gadowski, 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 noted that there were various printed documents that had been disbursed that contained two (2) different start times for the meeting. He noted that one of the start times was 7:00 PM, which was inaccurate. He noted that, in a concerted effort to ensure that no one would be disenfranchised who wished to vote, no actual vote on any article would be done until 7:00 PM to be sure, but stated that discussion could commence on the warrant articles.

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 and each time you speak.

- 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 are absolutely 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, unless it was something procedural like calling the question.
- 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 two (2) weeks 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. He asked that if anyone needed to answer their cell phone, he asked that they please leave the room.
- 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 issues.

Moderator Lord then read Warrant Article #2 as follows:

#### **ARTICLE #2**

"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.*

**Vice Chairman Hinrichsen moved, duly seconded by Chairman Monahan to place Warrant Article #2 on the floor.** Chairman Monahan advised that there had been a request from some undersigned voters to have a secret ballot on Warrant Article #2. Moderator Lord read the names of the individuals who requested a secret ballot, with each individual responding that they were present. He advised that Warrant Article #2 would be a secret ballot when the time came for voting.

Ms. Michelle Thomas addressed the issue of Warrant Article #2. She stated that she believed in being fiscally responsible while giving students the tools they need. Ms. Thomas stated that the current budget is cutting two (2) classroom teachers and a paraprofessional; not what is in the best interest of our kids or the community. She stated that she realized that class size has decreased, and didn't agree with having ten (10) kids in a classroom. Ms. Thomas proposed that the proposed budget be increased by one (1) classroom teacher. She explained that currently, there were two (2) grades with 41 and 43 kids, noting that these were the smallest grades, if the current first grade and kindergarten were taken out. Ms. Thomas stated that those classes would increase to either twenty-one (21) students per teacher or twenty-two (22) students per teacher. She stated that they would be the largest class sizes that the Strafford School has had in sixteen (16) years. Ms. Thomas noted that both grades have had a total of five (5) home schooled kids that could enroll at any time. She stated that over the past three (3) years, these grades have increased in size. She agreed that the current 1<sup>st</sup> and kindergarten classes should not have three (3) classrooms, and should only have two (2). Ms. Thomas stated that she had faith in the educators, and stated that it was not about whether teachers could handle the increase – it was a matter of how it would impact the kids. She stated that by adding six (6) or seven (7) kids to a classroom would be a very large increase. **Ms. Thomas then made a proposed amendment to Warrant Article #2, to increase Warrant Article #2 by \$67,700.00 to keep one teacher out of the proposed two (2) to be cut.** She explained her amendment, and noted that the \$67,700.00 figure was given to her by the SAU #44 Office, and noted that the impact of her proposal would be fifteen (15) cents per thousand. **The amendment was duly seconded.**

Discussion ensued about the proposed amendment. Mr. Tony Fallon spoke against the motion, and noted that controlling the number of teachers was about the only adjustable thing that is included within the budget every year. He also pointed out that consideration needed to be given to the fact that there were various tax properties in the Town of Strafford that in total equaled \$500,000.00 in the rears with the Town, which amounted to 5% of the budget that were not being paid and were in collection.

Mr. Mike Harrington asked a point of order question. He asked about the statement under Warrant Article #2, and the tax impact of the Article of \$1.25 per \$1,000. Mr. Harrington asked if it would be a \$1.25 increase over the existing tax. Chairman Monahan advised in the affirmative. Mr. Harrington noted that year after year, the taxpayers come to the meeting and hear reasons why money has to be expended. He stated

that presently, the school population is going down, and has been decreasing for a number of years. Mr. Harrington stated that he felt it was time to start cutting the budget. He stated that he agreed with Mr. Fallon, noting that it was time to start cutting down on the number of teachers. Mr. Harrington stated that we now have the opportunity to use a wise decision to do it without impacting the quality of education, and strongly disagreed with increasing the budget by \$67,700.00 to add another teacher back that we just don't need, and can't afford anymore.

Ms. Audrey Dolan spoke about the state of the Strafford School. She noted the decline of the school over the past six (6) years. She explained that the interior structure of the school had been neglected, noting a great many changes in leadership. Ms. Dolan stated that she felt that all of the changes had resulted in the loss of vision that made the Strafford School really different - a Blue Ribbon nominated school two (2) times as well as in the top ten (10) of the State many times. She noted that there was a vision and a philosophy at the Strafford School that was shared among staff, Board members, administration and community. Ms. Dolan noted that previously, there had been more teaching staff, with twenty six (26) regular classroom teachers and twenty five (25) paraprofessionals, adding that some of those paraprofessionals were not just special education - they were also regular education. She stated that she felt that what made the Strafford School committed and different from the rest of the State was that the Strafford School was committed to small teacher/student ratios. Ms. Dolan stated that she felt that the teaching staff has been whittled away, and asked the Town to invest in the classroom experience and stop taking teachers away from the classrooms. She also stated that she supported full day kindergarten and was in favor of increasing the budget to keep regular teachers at the Strafford School.

Chairman Monahan advised that a breakdown of the student population over the years was available in the packet of information that was made available at the beginning of the meeting. He noted that in 2001-2002, there were 552 students in the School, and noted that this year, there are 407 students, which is a significant decrease. Chairman Monahan advised that fifty-four (54) eighth graders will be graduating, and there would be thirty-two (32) kindergarten children moving to first grade, which equated to a drop of another twenty (20) students. He pointed out that there is a drastically reduced student body population at the Strafford School, and explained that the Board looked at the numbers to figure out how to maintain the current budget within the limits of what people can afford. Chairman Monahan also noted that paraprofessionals are IEP driven, with one general education paraprofessional in kindergarten. He emphasized that the Board has tried to maintain fiscal responsibility regarding the student numbers, which are well below the State suggested number of twenty-five (25).

Ms. Crystal Myslinski noted that administration has recommended the cut of one fourth grade teacher, and stated that she was against this reduction. She noted that she felt that 4<sup>th</sup> grade was a pinnacle year of learning. She noted the dynamics of 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms, especially without any support, and felt that it would just not work. Ms. Myslinski stated that she was also against inclusion, and against IEP's that were there for one child, and stated that she liked having paraprofessionals that can help all children. She stated that she believed that we all deserve to educate our children to the best of our ability and that all children deserve an equal education opportunity. Ms. Myslinski stated that she believed that reducing one 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher would drastically hurt children. She stated that more help to the teachers needed to be given. Ms. Myslinski stated that when she moved to Strafford, the Strafford School was listed as #1 on four (4) different web sites, and noted that presently, the Strafford School is listed on SchoolDigger.com, a reputable site for school rankings, as #28. She noted the importance of having good teachers and backing them, not over extending them and stressing them out, as well as small class sizes. Ms. Myslinski stated that she understood that the Board is trying to be fiscally responsible, and respected that.

Moderator Lord reminded audience members to keep their statements crisp, noting that the last two (2) conversations were repetitious.

Ms. Kathleen Boehm stated that her daughter had graduated from the Strafford School and had sent a letter to the former administrator, stating what a wonderful education she had received. Ms. Boehm stated that she was thankful that her daughter was able to attend the Strafford School because of what it provided to her. She noted the importance of thinking about the big picture, and the need to support the teachers at the Strafford School. Ms. Boehm stated that she was in favor of the additional money proposed in the amendment.

Mr. Steve Bulger stated that he had a hard time emphasizing with the plights of the previous speakers. He noted the extra help that teachers receive presently, which, he noted, might be due to the requirements that have been forced off on us by the Department of Education. He noted new programs that have been imposed, which increases the tax rate. Mr. Bulger stated that he disagreed with the amended motion, and hoped that it failed.

Mr. Jay Malloy asked a question of the Board. He asked that, should the amendment pass, would it guarantee the restoration of a position. Mr. Bruce Patrick explained that the additional money that would be put into the budget would increase the budget. He stated that if citizens vote, and ask the Board to do this, the Board would be negligent if they didn't do what was asked with the money put back in the budget, adding that it was not a guarantee. Mr. Patrick referred the question to Attorney Gordon Graham, who advised in the affirmative. Mr. Patrick stated that the Board has the sole responsibility for the bottom line of the budget.

Ms. Denise Rainey asked if the amendment needed to be amended, if a vote is taken. Moderator Lord noted that the amendment would not be by secret ballot, as it currently stood.

Mr. Jim Rousseau asked Dr. Young if there was a plan in place that would tell us exactly what the class ratios would be if the positions in question were to be lost. Dr. Young stated that once he had a budgetary number from the meeting tonight, in terms of what the budget is, he would be able to make the best decisions about what the staffing would look like. He stated that he felt it was important to determine what the budget is - for administration to know what the number is, and then have conversations as an administrative team as to exactly what would be done from a staffing perspective going forward. Mr. Rousseau asked Dr. Young if there were alternatives to having a larger class size if the

school didn't have the teachers. Dr. Young stated that if teaching positions were reduced, there would be larger class sizes, noting that the impact would have to be finalized, once the budget number was determined. He stated that the plan that is in place had been previously stated a couple of different times. He noted that it is a tentative plan until or when a final budget number is determined, and that each scenario would be reviewed to meet the budget number, so that we do the very best for kids in their experience in the classroom. Chairman Monahan noted that when this came before the Board and the Board started working on this during the budgetary sessions, the Board went back to building administration and asked them to start taking a look at where this would come from, if another position was reduced. He referenced the packet information handout that was made available at the beginning of the meeting and noted that current student enrollment numbers per classroom were listed on Page 43 of the document.

Mr. Allan Gahm stated that if the amendment passed, it would still represent a decrease from last years' budget of \$285,000.00. He stated that he felt that we'd be penny wise and pound foolish if the budget was cut, and this position was cut, and stated that he was strongly in favor of the amendment to Warrant Article #2.

Moderator Lord asked if there were any other comments. There being none, he noted that the meeting had reached the magic bewitching hour of 7:00 PM, and stated that, seeing as there were no objections or other upset with the proceedings so far, the meeting would continue.

Moderator Lord noted that at this time, the body would be voting on the proposed amendment, and not voting on Warrant Article #2 itself. He explained that the amendment was a proposal to increase the amount of money in Warrant Article #2 by \$67,700.00 to keep one teacher out of the proposed 2 teacher cut. **He then asked for a show of cards for those in favor of the amendment.**

Mr. Harrington made a point of order, noting that the amendment seemed contradictory to what was stated by Chairman Monahan and Mr. Patrick. He noted that the amendment would be a \$67,700.00 addition to the budget to increase a teacher, but it is only a \$67,700.00 addition to the bottom line of the budget, how it is spent is not part of the Warrant Article.

Moderator Lord stated that it was not up to him to change the wording of the amendment as it was proposed. He noted that the Board has the right to spend it as the school needs evolve, but he was required to read the amendment as it is proposed. Again, Moderator Lord explained that the vote was regarding the proposed amendment to Warrant Article #2, to increase the Warrant Article by \$67,700.00 to keep one teacher out of the proposed 2 to be cut. **He asked for a show of cards from those who were in favor of the amendment, and then asked for a show of cards for those who were opposed to the amendment. Moderator Lord advised that, per a show of cards, the motion carried.** Moderator Lord noted that the body was now considering Warrant Article #2, as amended. He noted that Warrant Article #2, as amended would be \$10,622,906.13, and asked if there was any discussion about Warrant Article #2, as amended.

Mr. Mike Harrington raised a question. He noted that in years previous, when there was a surplus at the end of the year, that money had been turned back to the Town. He asked if the Board could provide an estimated number regarding the surplus they expect at the end of the year. Mr. Patrick advised that presently, the Board was looking at between \$125,000.00 to \$200,000.00 that could be turned back. He noted that last year, \$620,000.00 was turned back, which was the reason the taxes stayed stable for last year, and were not raised. Mr. Harrington stated that he felt it was somewhat misleading that the budget is going down, because it is based on what was proposed. He explained that what was spent last year is lower than what was being proposed this year, noting that it would be authorizing the school board to spend more than they spent last year.

Mr. Pam Felber spoke in favor of Warrant Article #2. She spoke to the prior year's positive community support for education in the Town of Strafford and what was best for all children. Ms. Felber noted that children are the beneficiaries of a supportive learning environment and wonderful teachers. She noted that in previous years, budgets, teacher contracts and community support for education never seemed to be a problem. Ms. Felber asked what had changed, and asked where all the negativity had come from. She stated that, by looking out for only our own is a disservice to all of us, and jeopardizes our future. Ms. Felber stated that she felt that it was not in the best interest of all of our children to treat members of the school community in a negative way. She noted – let the teachers' teacher, hold them in a place of respect, and be grateful of all of their efforts.

Mr. Steve Bulger asked what the revised total of Warrant Article #2 was. Moderator Lord advised that the revised total was \$10,622,906.13. Mr. Bulger stated that the figure, as stated, was roughly a \$200,000. Increase over last year's actuals, and was not a decrease, as previously noted by Mr. Gahm.

Mr. Don Clifford stated that the community elected the school board to make the decisions for us all. He noted that the Board came before the body this evening with a responsible number, and now that number may be increased. He asked about the process and procedure, if Warrant Article #2, as amended was voted down. Mr. Clifford pointed out that the process would start all over again, and pointed out that it would be a very long night, with additional amendments.

Chairman Monahan explained that the Town of Strafford is not an SB2 town, and we don't have a default budget. He noted that if Warrant Article #2 failed, the Board would then have to come up with number to bring before the body at this meeting.

Ms. Melissa Bubier spoke about smaller and larger class sizes as well as the school board's position regarding fiscal responsibility. She stated that previously, she recalled that the Board had proclaimed that they were committed to smaller class sizes. Ms. Bubier stated that the Board was now proposing larger class sizes, and stated that she was unsure why that change had occurred, from many of the same faces she had heard say that smaller class sizes was what made Strafford special.

Mr. Irving Johnson pointed out that more and more is being asked of taxpayers who live in the community year after year, who have always supported the school. He stated that he felt that because of the large number of cars parked at the school, he thought that perhaps there was a need for a parking garage.

Ms. Suzanne Murdock raised two questions. She asked about class size, and what was considered a small learning center class size. Chairman Monahan explained that the State of New Hampshire Department of Education uses twenty-five (25) as the number to try to achieve no higher than. He noted that some schools bump up to twenty-seven (27). Chairman Monahan noted that historically, the school is between fourteen (14) to sixteen (16). Ms. Murdock asked about the number of students per classroom ten (10) years ago. Chairman Monahan explained that presently, there were student numbers in classrooms of between eighteen (18) and nineteen (19) in the higher grades. Vice Chairman Hinrichsen noted that all of the information is available on the Department of Education web site. Ms. Murdock asked if the \$67,700.00 was only for salaries or for the total package. Chairman Monahan advised that he was unsure, because the Board had not obtained the figures.

Ms. Michelle Thomas explained that she had asked the SAU Office about the number that was being cut for the two (2) teaching positions, and what the number was based on. She noted that each teaching position is \$67,700.00 including benefits, everything. Chairman Monahan noted that the figure would be for a Bachelors 4 position.

Ms. Sarah Kern stated that she moved to the Town of Strafford for the school. She thanked the teachers for the education her daughter received at the Strafford School, and administration for providing a warm and caring environment. Ms. Kern noted increases that occur every year, but spoke regarding the importance of having smaller class sizes.

Mr. Justin Meehan stated that he, like most of the younger parents, also moved to Strafford for the schools, and stated that, speaking for many of the younger parents in the room, he had no interest in moving anywhere else. He noted that there comes a time where you have to balance not liking to pay extra taxes for what is good for the children.

Ms. Erin Fallon stated that she is very grateful for all the citizens in the town who have helped her children grow up and be successful, and noted that she was also part of that. She noted that in years past, she had been the PTO coordinator, volunteer coordinator, teacher assistant and a substitute teacher, because she believed in what was going on in the community, she wanted to be part of it. She invited all of the young parents to do the same, stressing that we could have a strong community that stays within budget, when everybody bands together and works together.

**At this time, a motion to limit debate was made.** Moderator Lord advised that he would allow the individual who was standing in line to speak before entertaining the motion to limit debate.

Mr. Jim Rousseau noted that in looking at class sizes, he suggested that, when looking at larger class sizes if it passed, was that the Strafford School has excellent teachers – some with 18 + years, Master's Degrees and Bachelor's Degrees, and noted that they get paid well; they love being here – and have been here for 10+ plus years. He stated that there was part of him that felt that these teachers should be able to and would want to be able to handle a couple of extra kids, especially if it passed, to help out the community. Mr. Rousseau pointed out that historically, the community had always stood behind the teachers, noting that he had done research about it. He noted that the Board was being fiscally responsible, and stated that the teachers needed to recognize that, and be able to give back to the community a little bit and understand that we were all trying to work together.

Mr. Perry yelled at the Moderator that he wanted to be able speak. Moderator Lord explained that a motion had been previously made to close debate, but that he allowed the individual who had been standing in line to speak. He advised Mr. Perry that his outburst was unnecessary and unwarranted. He asked that Mr. Perry please be civil.

At this time, **Moderator Lord advised that a motion had been made to limit debate, which was duly seconded.** Moderator Lord explained that it would take a 2/3 majority for the motion to pass. **He then called for a vote on the motion to limit debate. On a show of cards, a call to limit debate passed.** Moderator Lord explained the voting process that would occur. At this time, Moderator Lord re-read Warrant Article #2, as amended, and noted the following: "To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten Million Six Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Six Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$10,622,906.13) 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." He further noted that the operating budget warrant does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article, adding that the tax impact of this article, if it passes, is \$1.40 per \$1,000.00. Moderator Lord advised that attendees could now obtain their ballot to vote, and explained the voting process.

At 7:39 PM, Moderator Lord advised that the meeting would move forward, as the votes were being counted regarding the amendment to Warrant Article #2. He noted that once the vote count regarding Warrant Article #2 as amended was completed, he would advise those in attendance. Moderator Lord asked that those in attendance be respectful, noting that everyone has an opinion.

Moderator Lord then read Warrant Article #3, and noted the following:



### **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.*

**A motion was then made and duly seconded to place Warrant Article #3 on the floor.** Chairman Monahan explained that Warrant Article #3 was something that he was passionate about last year, but that the school board was unwilling to bring it before the Town. He noted that, having been the chairman for two (2) years, there were three (3) individuals on the Board who do not have full time positions, and cover a huge amount of the committees that are needed for the school board. Chairman Monahan also noted that he looked at the amount of money compensated for school board members (\$600.00 per year for each board member and \$700.00 per year for the chairman). He referenced the other voted board (selectmen) within the town, which are compensated \$2,700.00 each, and also looked at the average of what school board members are compensated across the State, especially in SAU #44, and came up with the figure of \$1,500.00. Chairman Monahan stated that currently, the money within the budget brings us close to that which would allow each school board member to be paid \$1,500.00 a year, and emphasized that the position of school board member is a lot of work. Mr. Steve Bulger pointed out that, for those of us who have attended school board meetings and the school district budget hearing, Strafford School Board members do a lot of work, most of which is done after hours and on week-ends. He stated that he felt that the amount they are being compensated is a pittance, stating further that he felt that Board members were professionals; they do a good job at putting together the budget and handling the issues during the year, and spoke in favor of Warrant Article #3, and urged those in attendance to vote for it. There being no comments, **Moderator Lord re-read Warrant Article #3, and noted the tax impact to the Article one (1) cent per thousand and then called for the vote. On a show of cards, the vote on the motion carried.**

Moderator Lord then read Warrant Article #4 as follows:

### **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.*

**Mr. Finnegan made a motion to place Warrant Article #4 on the floor, which was duly seconded.** Discussion ensued, with Chairman Monahan explaining that there would be no additional tax impact if Warrant Article #4 passed. He explained that this sum would be taken out of the end of year monies that are left over. He noted that by taking \$25,000.00 and putting it into the School District Capital Reserve Fund, it would adjust the number of monies that would go back to the Town, so there would be a small tax rate difference.

Mr. Justin Meehan asked when the last time this fund was actually used, noting that it seemed that money was being put into this account every year, and couldn't remember when it had been used. Chairman Monahan explained that the new front of the school was purchased out of this fund. He explained that the figure of \$25,000.00 was not a mandatory number, and noted that the current balance was just under \$268,000.00. He also noted other items that had been paid for from this account, such as the gymnasium, water damage to the library and the boiler.

Ms. Michelle Thomas asked how much money was used for the front of the building. Vice Chairman Hinrichsen stated that this information was available on Page 42 of the packet (\$153,000.00). Ms. Thomas asked if the sum of \$153,000.00 was the largest sum of money taken out in the history of using the Capital Reserve Fund. Vice Chairman Hinrichsen advised in the affirmative. Chairman Monahan noted that prior to the expenditure for building work done to the front of the building, the balance was \$421,900.00, and that building repairs were just under \$154,000.00.

Mr. Steve Bulger asked about the \$25,000.00 figure, and asked if it would be extracted from any unspent monies from the school district. Chairman Monahan advised that it could be revenue, noting that it is what is left in the bank account on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bulger asked if the revenue would fall back to the school district, or would it get returned to the town. Chairman Monahan explained that the revenue comes to the school district, and then the Board turns it back to the town. Mr. Bulger asked if the money would be proportioned out. Attorney Graham explained that the way Warrant Articles #4 and #5 were written are appropriations of a sum certain of up to \$25,000.00 in each Warrant Article. He noted that anything less than \$25,000.00, the total amount of the surplus would go into Warrant Article #4, and if there was anything over \$25,000.00 and up to \$50,000.00, the next \$25,000.00 would go into Warrant Article #5. Attorney Graham pointed out that

you'd take it in the order in which they appear in the Warrant, and you'd continue to put up to \$25,000 into each Capital Reserve Fund at the end of the year. He noted that the surplus is generated by two things – excess revenue and under expenditures of the overall budget. **There being no further questions or comments, Moderator Lord called for the vote and re-read Warrant Article #4. On a show of cards, Moderator Lord advised that the motion carried.**

**Moderator Lord then provided the results of Warrant Article #2, as amended. He noted that Warrant Article #2, as amended carried by a vote of 168 yeas and 105 nays, noting that Warrant Article #2, as amended, passed.**

Moderator Lord read Warrant Article #5 as follows:

#### **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.*

**A motion was duly made and seconded to place Warrant Article #5 on the floor.** Discussion ensued; with Chairman Monahan explaining that Warrant Article #5 would come second to Warrant Article #4. Mr. Harrington raised a question about the balance of \$150,000, and why the Board felt that there was a need to add an additional \$25,000.00 to this capital reserve account. Mr. Reuning, Director of Student Services of SAU #44 explained that there was no anticipated great expense presently, adding that you never know when these types of expenses would come. He noted that it is the philosophy of the Board to add to the fund, citing the costs of out of district placements, unanticipated residential placements and/or transportation costs.

Mr. Harrington questioned the wording on Warrant #5 and pointed out that the statement that there is no additional tax impact on Warrant Article #5 is a bit misleading. He stated that if Warrant Article #5 didn't pass, the \$25,000.00 would be part of the surplus, which would be used to lower the tax rate. He explained that while it didn't increase the tax rate, by not lowering it, it does increase the effective tax rate by \$25,000.00. Mr. Harrington reminded those in attendance that this is taxpayer money that would be returned in the form of a lower tax rate at the end of the school year. He noted that if you vote for Warrant Article #5, the tax rate will be higher than it would be if you didn't vote for it. Mr. Harrington stated that he felt that the \$150,000.00 was enough to be in this reserve, and urged people to lower their taxes, and not vote for Warrant Article #5. Chairman Monahan stated that if Warrant Article #5 didn't pass, it would reduce the tax rate by a nickel.

Ms. Elizabeth Mason addressed the issue regarding Warrant Article #5. She stated that it would be in the District's favor to keep this account, and noted the high costs for the education of persons with disabilities. Ms. Mason stated that she felt it would be in the best interest of the District to keep this money in the fund, and to continue to add to it. Moderator Lord asked if there were any other comments. **There being none, Moderator Lord then called for the vote on Warrant Article #5. He then re-read Warrant Article #5. On a show of cards, Moderator Lord declared that the motion regarding Warrant Article #5 carried.**

Moderator Lord then read Warrant Article #6, and advised that it was a petition Warrant Article.

#### **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.*

**A motion to place Warrant Article #6 on the floor was duly made and duly seconded.** Chairman Monahan stated that he was in receipt of an undersigned registered voter petition to request a secret ballot for this Warrant Article. Moderator Lord reviewed the request for a secret ballot and the listing of undersigned registered voters who had signed the request, and advised that Warrant Article #6 would be by secret ballot. He asked if one of the individuals who proposed Warrant Article #6 would like to address the Warrant Article #6. No one who proposed Warrant Article #6 came forward, so discussion was opened up.

Mr. Don Clifford raised questions pertaining to the facility being proposed to be used as a full time kindergarten location. He stated that he understood that there was a requirement of 1,000 square feet for a full time kindergarten, as well as a requirement of having a sink and a bathroom. Mr. Clifford stated that he didn't believe that the school had that amount of square footage in the building, without doing modifications and remodeling to the building. **Mr. Clifford then moved that Warrant Article #6 be tabled until such time that the building could be renovated and a proposal for renovation be brought before the Town to make it a total know package of what this would cost us.**

Mr. Clifford stated that this had been previously discussed last year as well as the year before, and noted that the school doesn't meet the State requirement. He stated that he built a kindergarten last summer at the Nottingham Elementary School, adding that they had to lose a classroom to absorb the space that was required for the Nottingham Elementary School to go to a full time kindergarten program.

Moderator Lord noted that, from a procedural perspective, the body had to address the proposal, before there could be any discussion regarding Warrant Article #6. He noted that Mr. Clifford moved to lay the question on the table. **He asked if there was second to lay the question on the table. Moderator Lord noted that several seconds were so noted.** Moderator Lord explained that it would require a majority vote, and explained that those in attendance would be voting on whether to lay Warrant Article #6 on the table until the issue of whether the Strafford School would meet the compliance requirements that the State had set down. **He then called for a vote to lay Warrant Article #6 on the table.** A question was raised regarding the process, with Moderator Lord providing a detailed explanation relative to the voting process. **Moderator Lord then called for the vote to lay Warrant Article #6 on the table. On a show of cards, Moderator Lord stated that he could not tell the difference between those voting in the affirmative or the negative, so he declared that a division would be done, whereby voting cards would be counted.** He then explained the motion, which would prohibit any further action on Warrant Article #6 at this meeting. Moderator Lord asked that Mr. Clifford explain his reasoning for his motion. Mr. Clifford stated that, as he understood it, the requirement by the State of New Hampshire Department of Education is that you have one thousand square feet in a full time kindergarten. He noted that currently, there were two (2) part time kindergartens at the Strafford School that meet that requirement, but when a vote is approved to go to full time kindergarten, we would need to remodel the school again, to be able to meet the Department of Education requirement. Mr. Clifford explained that at the Nottingham Elementary School, they lost a classroom, as they had to take out a wall and move a wall to make it large enough to accommodate full time kindergarten. He stated that contractors would need to do renovation work, which was an unknown factor at this point. Mr. Clifford stated that his motion would table Warrant Article #6 until an investigation could be done about what it would actually cost, and then come back next year with the cost factors, to be discussed further for action. Moderator Lord stated that, under the rules, there was a motion and a second, which now had to go to a vote. He explained again that the body would be voting on whether or not to table Warrant Article #6. A question was raised about the tabling procedures. Moderator Lord stated that if the motion did not pass, the meeting would revert to the original Warrant Article #6, and the body would continue to consider the full time kindergarten article. A question was asked whether verification could be done as to whether the statement made by Mr. Clifford was correct. Moderator Lord advised that the State was very clear that it was not our role to pass judgement on the legality of things that you want to do. He noted that the Department of Education gets to make the final choice on it. Moderator Lord asked if Attorney Graham would check on the legality of the square footage requirement for kindergarten. Attorney Graham advised that the square footage for kindergarten was 1,000 feet per classroom, or 50 feet per child in that classroom, whichever is greater.

A question was raised as to whether Dr. Young knew if space was currently available within the school. Moderator Lord stated that he was being very generous in allowing a few questions to be made, for the sake of tranquility and peace. He noted that the question raised was relative to whether the school had the current physical space in the school to full time kindergarten, if it passed. Dr. Young stated that he believed that there was adequate classroom space, as it concerned the number of students, for at least what we currently anticipate what kindergarten enrollment will be for next year. He stated that he could not predict the number of those anticipated, based on registrations or the final class size. Dr. Young stated that the school would be within a pretty good realm of that requirement with the current classroom space, noting that there were two classrooms, one of which the current half day kindergarten program utilized. He stated that there is another classroom adjacent to that room, with a bathroom between the two classrooms. Moderator Lord noted that he would cease any further questions, but asked if each of the two classrooms were 1,000 square feet. Dr. Young advised in the negative. Moderator Lord noted the point made that the Strafford School does not currently have two spaces of 1,000 square feet within the building with attached bathrooms. **He then advised that he was now calling for the vote to table Warrant Article #6,**

Ms. Bethany Bell stated that Mr. Clifford was providing misinformation, noting that the Nottingham School made a decision to move the fourth grade classrooms together which moved a kindergarten classroom, a space which was already there, which did not have to be created.

**Moderator Lord stated that once again, he was going to put the motion to table Warrant Article #6 to a vote. He explained that the vote before the body was to lay Warrant Article #6 on the table. Moderator Lord then asked those voting to signify by raising their voting cards. Vote counters then counted the yea and nay votes. Moderator Lord advised that the vote was 111 in the affirmative and 124 votes in the negative. He stated that the motion to table Warrant Article #6 failed.**

Discussion ensued, with Mr. Ted White noting his concern about day care in general, but also about incrementalism, which, he stated was a nationwide push. He suggested that those interested in learning more about this visit the [sparknh.com](http://sparknh.com) site. He stated that there was a push to control children from birth right up through. Mr. White stated that after watching the video, he was very concerned. He suggested that if people want to be educated, they need to go to the national level to see what is happening there.

Mr. Jim Rousseau referenced an earlier conversation, where those in attendance were told that the kindergarten program at the Strafford School would require two (2) spaces, and that each one of those two (2) spaces would have a requirement of 1,000 square feet each, and further, at this point in time, the Strafford School doesn't have that space. Mr. Rousseau stated that he felt that this Warrant Article should have been tabled until it was known about the space, regardless of any scientific data, regardless of any emotion, whether or not we believe it in or not – it didn't matter. He stated that he felt it was a facility issue. Mr. Rousseau commended the organization that brought this to the floor, because the school board chose not to address it. He explained that the organization regarding the kindergarten program put up a web site, put up signs, had good information and had good discussion on line, but felt that the issue was brick and mortar, noting that there wasn't sufficient space yet. Mr. Rousseau stated that personally, until there was a properly executed collective bargaining agreement, it would be irresponsible to put another teacher into that mix. He noted that whether individuals agree with the collective bargaining agreement or not, it

didn't matter, because the collective bargaining agreement isn't done yet, and stated that the collective bargaining agreement should be taken care of.

Mr. Mike Harrington stated that he heard that full time kindergarten not only required 1,000 square feet or 50 square feet per child, whichever was the greater, but also a bathroom, and asked if it would require a bathroom per classroom. Chairman Monahan noted that Warrant Article #6 was not a Board warrant, so they did not do any of the research on it. Mr. Harrington asked if the single bathroom in the area in question would meet the requirements. Chairman Monahan stated that there were a lot of unknowns still to be addressed. Mr. Harrington noted the possibility of adding in some remodeling costs to make the additional square footage, but also noted the cost of adding a new bathroom, which would be a substantial cost, above the cost of having a teacher. He noted that, as a point of order question, he asked about the \$105,000 and whether it would cover the cost of a teacher and benefits. He also asked about the requirements of remodeling and the addition of a bathroom, and what would happen to Warrant Article #6, questioning whether it would force the Town to spend other money on this, as it was a separate Warrant Article and not in the general funding. Mr. Harrington asked if the school board would be forced to move money out of the general fund and put it into this Warrant Article. Attorney Graham advised that the money under Warrant Article #6 was an appropriation under a special Warrant Article (petition Warrant Article). He explained that the money appropriated under the Warrant Article could only be spent for the purpose of the Article, which is to implement full day kindergarten. Attorney Graham stated that there was no requirement that the school board spend any of the money, adding that the money could only be spent for full day kindergarten, but the school board was not required to spend any of the money for full day kindergarten. Mr. Harrington asked if the school board, after looking at this and deciding that renovations, inclusive of a bathroom needed to be done, would have the option of saying that they would not spend any of the money and not put in a full day kindergarten. Attorney Graham explained that the school board was not required to spend any of the money. He further noted that it was up to the school board to make the determination of whether or not they wished to implement full day kindergarten; however, the money appropriated in the Warrant Article could not be transferred to or expended for any other purpose. Attorney Graham stated that he was looking up the State regulations regarding the kindergarten classroom sizes, and reviewed what the State regulations were. He reviewed the State Standards from the Department of Education Capacity (Ed 321.10G) and stated the following: "a kindergarten classroom shall provide at least 1,000 square feet, including storage, or 50 square feet per child, whichever is greater." Attorney Graham stated that he saw nothing about a bathroom requirement, but noted that 321.10G didn't distinguish between full time and part time kindergarten. Mr. Harrington asked if there was still doubt about whether there was sufficient space available. He stated that he felt that, because all of the facts had not been nailed down right now was another reason to not vote on Warrant Article #6 right now. Mr. Harrington spoke regarding the philosophy of kindergarten, and the very well operated private pay kindergarten that had been available in Strafford for many years, as well as the decision to have public kindergarten in Strafford, a cost of which increased about 50% because of the State regulations. He spoke about the fifteen (15) years of taxpayer funded half day kindergarten, and the litany of promises made by people regarding the wonderful things that taxpayer supported kindergarten was going to do for us. Mr. Harrington stated that he has never seen anyone present any evidence of those promises. He stated that previously, he had challenged people who wanted full day kindergarten to come up with figures, which they haven't. Mr. Harrington raised the question - where does it stop? Noting that we now have taxpayer funded half day kindergarten. He stated that somewhere along the line, parents have to stop trying to transfer their responsibility for raising their kids to the taxpayer every single way they can. Mr. Harrington stated that parents should take on the responsibility, and noted that he felt that half day kindergarten was more than enough, stressing the need to draw the line someplace, and also added that he felt it was nothing more than glorified day care for parents. He strongly urged people to vote against Warrant Article #6.

Ms. Michelle Thomas pointed out that last year a teaching position was cut, as was done this year, which should have provided the potential of freeing up two (2) classrooms – even if they are not the currently kindergarten classrooms. Chairman Monahan noted that the classroom sizes were approximately 900 square feet or just above, based on the building modifications. He stated that the Board didn't think that there was any space that provided 1,000 square feet. Ms. Thomas noted that the information had been provided by a person in town who is a respected contractor, and also noted other contractors in the audience that could also do the same thing. She stated that she heard, while standing in line, that it was believed that the room in question was 1,025 feet, but noted that she did not have factual information. She suggested just voting on the issue at hand.

Ms. Carol Chadwick stated that she is currently the paraprofessional in the half day kindergarten program at the Strafford School. She stated that the school has a bathroom for each classroom, as well as a sink in each room. Ms. Chadwick stated that she believed that children would receive a much better education with full day kindergarten.

Mr. Kerry McMahon stated that he also did contract work at the Nottingham School last summer, to build a kindergarten space. He noted that the first thing that was done was to research the square footage needed, which is 1,000 square feet and a dedicated bathroom. Mr. McMahon stated that he measured both of the rooms in question before the meeting and stated that there was only 930 square feet in each of the rooms. He noted the importance of ensuring that everything being done is legal, rather than spinning your wheels and wasting time and money. He noted the importance of doing everything right.

Ms. Sarah Kern stated that there had been kindergarten classes in that area for fifteen (15) years. She spoke to the kindergarten program, and noted that in part of the program, students learn social skills, learn letters, learn to read, and stated that she felt that the Strafford School had one of the best kindergarten teachers she had ever worked with in her life in this school. Ms. Kern noted the amount of personalized time that the teacher gets to spend with the students (about 2 ½ minutes), and felt that her kid deserved more than 2 ½ minutes of the teachers time. She noted that this was not the fault of the teacher – she is working with what she's got, and is doing amazing things, as is Ms. Chadwick. Ms. Kern stated that she felt that full day kindergarten make sense and would be a good thing.

Ms. Cathleen Boehm stated that she had taught kindergarten for eight (8) years, and noted that one concern she had as a teacher is that children are feeling very rushed. She noted that in the school she teaches in, the kindergarten program changed from half day to a full day program, where kids now have more time. Ms. Boehm stated that things are different for teachers than they were 10-20 years ago. She noted that kindergarten is the first introduction to school, a time when kids should come in and learn to love school.

Ms. Jane Vachon stated that there were many people who spoke previously that stated they moved to Strafford because of the quality of the schools, noting that we all know that it supports our property values, and that we all want our kids to have the best start they can in life. She stated that there were few investments that can be made for our children that are better than giving them full day kindergarten to give them that good start, stating - Let's do it!

Ms. Erica Helm asked if there was a mechanism to ask for a waiver for the space. She also asked if the Board could guarantee that we are meeting the space requirements across the Board (dedicated space for Occupational and Physical Therapy) as well as the footage for all of the classrooms and offices that are needed under the State Regulations. Attorney Graham stated that there is a mechanism for requesting a waiver, which is right in the Statute for kindergarten classroom size (Ed 321:30). He explained that waiver requests can be submitted to the State Department for a particular cause, if necessary. Chairman Monahan addressed the second question raised by Ms. Helm, and noted that a study would have to be done. Vice Chairman Hinrichsen stated that the new classrooms do comply with the requirements, but noted that there were some very old rooms within the school.

Mr. Ashley Rowe read Ed 321:10 subsection D aloud. He stated that he personally measured the rooms, which are 900 square feet. He stated that he felt that the issue was a "no brainer", and stated that he felt that the State would love to see this issue, and felt it was a null issue.

Ms. Elizabeth Mason stated that she was a former kindergarten teacher at the Strafford School, and now is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. She asked if there were any other classrooms within the school that are 1,000 square feet. Ms. Mason stated that if her present classroom is 1,000 square feet, she would be glad to trade with someone else.

Mr. Patrick Grace stated that it seemed to him that there were a lot of questions about the space requirements needed for kindergarten, and proposed suspending debate on the matter, until the school board could return with a full proposal, inclusive of the cost of full day kindergarten, at the school boards earliest convenience. Moderator Lord stated that he felt the proposal stated by Mr. Grace was out of order, and inappropriate, given the earlier discussion. Mr. Grace stated that he felt that his proposal was within the bounds of Roberts Rules of Order. Moderator Lord stated that he wasn't following Roberts Rules of Order, noting that the State specifically requests that district meetings not follow Roberts Rules of Order, because people can use Roberts Rules of Order to overwhelm the views of the public which aren't schooled in those areas. Moderator Lord stated that while he recognized that under Roberts Rules of Order, Mr. Grace had the right to do this, he stated that, right at the start of the meeting, Roberts Rules of Order were not going to be followed. **Mr. Grace then moved that Warrant Article #6 be tabled until a time when the school board could return with a full report. Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. Moderator Lord then called for a vote on the motion. On a show of cards, he declared that the motion failed.**

Ms. Marilyn Rivera stated that all three of her children attended the half day kindergarten program at the Strafford School, and did wonderfully, were honor students, and were now wonderful young adults. Ms. Rivera stated that she didn't think that there was anything wrong with half day kindergarten, stating that little kids need to have day school and the rest of the day be home with their parents. She asked what happened to afternoon naps, and parents spending more time with their children. She encouraged half day kindergarten, noting that kids will be in school for twelve years and then college. Ms. Rivera suggested that we all spend more time with our children.

Mr. Mike Harrington stated that in his previous comment, he was quoting what the advocates of taxpayer kindergarten promised the school district 15-20 years ago. He asked that facts to back up claims be provided because no one had brought any evidence that what was promised 15-20 years ago actually happened, and now they want to double the taxpayer commitment for something that we don't even know works.

**Ms. Elizabeth Mason asked to move the question. Moderator Lord recognized Ms. Mason's desire to move the question, but stated that first, out of courtesy; he wanted to afford the individuals standing in line, a chance to speak to Warrant Article #6.**

Ms. Kim Bickford referenced the space requirements for kindergarten, and asked how many students the space would house before it would be illegal. Chairman Monahan stated that the number was twenty (20). Ms. Bickford asked how many total students were within the AM and PM kindergarten programs. Chairman Monahan stated that there were thirty-two (32) total. Ms. Bickford stated that, based on those numbers, there would be a need for two (2) 1,000 feet areas. She pointed out that once the news gets out that the Strafford School would be offering full day kindergarten, the parents who are paying money for their children to go to day care will be all for full day kindergarten, because they won't have to pay for it. Vice Chairman Hinrichsen stated that, given that information, there might be a need for three classrooms, if the population increased in kindergarten.

Ms. Katy Pagnotta spoke about the ability of housing full day kindergarten, and asked that voters take a look at the issue of full day kindergarten and how it would benefit students, and not consider the ability of the school to house them. She stated that she trusted that the school board and administration would make a decision, and if it passed that we do vote in full day kindergarten, the school board has said that they don't have to use those funds, and trusted that they would not. Ms. Pagnotta asked that voters consider the issue of full day kindergarten and the benefits of students and not in terms of the facility use. She spoke to the benefits of full day kindergarten. She noted that she believed that what is most important for children is that they have consistency, stability and structure, which is what full day kindergarten provides.

At this point in the meeting, **Moderator Lord recognized the motion made by Ms. Elizabeth Mason to move the question. The motion was duly seconded. Moderator Lord then called for the vote on the motion to limit date. On a show of cards, Moderator Lord stated that the motion passed.** Moderator Lord noted the voting process regarding the ballot vote on Warrant Article #6. He re-read Warrant Article #6, and noted that the wording should say: "shall the school district of Strafford (not the Town of Strafford - two separate political entities), 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." He advised that Warrant Article #6 was a petition Warrant Article, and that the school board did not recommend the appropriation. He noted that if the Warrant Article passed, the tax impact would be .23 cents per thousand. Moderator Lord explained that if you vote "yes", you are voting to pass Warrant Article #6, and if you vote "no", it means you don't want full day kindergarten.

A question was made from an audience member who wanted to make a motion to limit reconsideration of Warrant Article #6. Moderator Lord noted that the motion could be made, but it could not be made until a vote count was finalized.

Mr. Dave Murdock stated that for \$600.00 per year or \$50.00 a month, the school board had labored through all these procedures, and all the preparation they have to do, to prepare for this meeting as well as for other meetings. He referenced the previous vote which added a pittance to the pittance of their salary they already receive. Mr. Murdock stated that he knows that the Strafford School Board has the community's best interest at heart, and thanked them publically.

**Moderator Lord advised that the final vote on Warrant Article #6 was finalized, and noted that there were 136 yeas and 138 nays. He stated that the motion failed.**

**A motion was then made and duly seconded to limit reconsideration of Warrant Article #6. Moderator Lord called for the vote on the motion to limit reconsideration of Warrant Article #6. He noted that, on a show of cards, the motion carried.**

Moderator Lord asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting. Chairman Monahan thanked Ms. Michelle Thomas for the first motion made regarding Warrant Article #1, and also to the people who put together the kindergarten Warrant Article. He noted that all those involved did it the right way – they contacted the SAU and got the correct numbers, as well as contacted him to ask procedural questions. He stated that this was the right way to do things, rather than fighting it out on social media. Chairman Monahan applauded both entities for doing the things correctly in the democratic way that brings us to the table.

**A motion was then made to limit reconsideration for Warrant Article #2, which was duly seconded. Moderator Lord then called for the vote on the motion to limit reconsideration of Warrant Article #2. He noted that, on a show of cards, the motion carried.**

Mr. Don Clifford stated that he had the opportunity to help put a proposal together for the front façade re-build that occurred at the Strafford School this year. He stated that, after digging into the design and the plan of how that went together, it really was a fine package that happened on the front of the building. Mr. Clifford stated that, for the money that was spent, the Board did a great job in getting that piece of business done, and thanked them. Moderator Lord also gave a big thank you to Tony Fallon who, as a volunteer, does a lot of the work putting plans together for this Town.

Moderator Lord asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting, there being none, **Mr. Patrick moved to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded and so voted in the affirmative at 9:10 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carrolle A. Popovich  
Strafford School District Clerk  
Approved by the Board – 3-23-2016



## STRAFFORD SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016

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Isabelle Allan  
Destiny A. Bartlett  
Cody Blades  
Codi A. Boheen  
Donnell J. Boucher  
Jackson K. Boucher  
Madison J. Clement  
Riley M. Colby  
Addison C. Craven  
Lauren R. Curtin  
Hunter J. DeCota  
Evan J. deRuyter  
Jacob M. Disarro  
Elizabeth A. Downer  
Mikayla M. Edgerly  
George C. Fasulo  
Sydney S. Feenstra  
Olivia R. Fontes  
Andrew J. Hansen  
Patrick M. Helm  
Elijah D. Hinrichsen  
Terrance S. Holderby  
Keith J. Holland  
Aubrey S. Ho-Sue  
Seth M. Howard  
Dylan C. Howie

Nathaniel J. Huckins  
Sydney A. Jacques  
Hayden A. Knight  
Madison H. Kriete  
Elizabeth A. Libbey  
Dylan E. Marshall  
Katherine J. Messenger  
Matthew T. Messenger  
Angelise E. Moss  
Hannah J. Munck  
Tyler J. Nault  
Madeline R. Nelson  
Abbey D. Nord  
Connor E. Nowak  
Fiona M. O'Shea  
Abigail R. Pelletier  
Alexander R. Poirier  
Jacob C. Radwan  
Jasmine A. Rand  
Daniel F. Strum  
Andrew G. Trafton  
Eva K. Turcotte  
Meskerem D. Wallace  
Skylar B. Ward  
Dylan White  
Luke A. Wiggin

# STRAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2016

## COE-BROWN NORTHWOOD ACADEMY

Brandi Allen  
Vanessa Anderson  
Ryan Bailey  
Nicholas Berry  
Joshua Box  
Jayson Cleveland  
Jacob Conway  
Laura Cozine  
Michael Davis  
Brent Dicey  
Matthew DiVirgilio  
Taylor Dow  
Jacob Dunkerley  
Hayley Dunn  
Brendan Fallon  
Sydney Fisher  
Zachary Flanagan  
Lavender Goodwin  
Rosemary Goodwin  
Taylor Goodwin  
Emily Greene  
Branden Guillemette  
Brittany Guillemette  
Ian Hayden  
Nicole Hodgson

Katherine Hyland  
Nicole Johnson  
Cara LaPlante  
Kaelen Leas  
Christopher Libbey  
Jordan Lippmeier  
David Lovlien  
Damian May  
Bryce Mazzochi  
Thomas Mellor  
Ambar Mercedes  
Jessica Miles  
Jared Nelson  
Samuel Noel  
Jason Palmer  
Jacob Pogorek  
Julie Renner  
Holly Roman  
Meredith Roman  
Kaitlyn Ross  
Tyler Schroeder  
Micah Sims  
Charles Swansburg  
Stosh Szatko  
Daven Thorne







**VITAL RECORDS**  
**RESIDENT BIRTH RECORDS**  
***JANUARY 1, 2016 - DECEMBER 31, 2016***  
**TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH**



Child's Name	Birthdate	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
Scruton, Ruby Rae	2/1/2016	Dover, NH	Scruton, Todd	Scruton, Kimberly
Goodwin, Caleb Nathaniel	2/1/2016	Dover, NH	Goodwin, Nathaniel	Goodwin, Christie
Hayes, Kendall Addison	2/11/2016	Concord, NH	Hayes, Michael	Jock, Carri
Reeves, Finley Adam	2/24/2016	Rochester, NH	Reeves, Adam	Reeves, Jessica
Zackowski, Vanessa Lee	4/19/2016	Concord, NH	Zackowski, David	McPhee, Jennifer
Copeland, George	5/11/2016	Dover, NH	Copeland, Aaron	Copeland, Jessie
Ellis, Avery Jordan	5/29/2016	Dover, NH	Ellis, Shaun	Ellis, Lindsey
Kitz, Louis	6/26/2016	Strafford, NH	Kitz, Paul	Popovich, Carly
Robertie, Paxton James	7/14/2016	Rochester, NH	Robertie, Keith	Robertie, Lindsey
Rockwell, Kenna Khaleesi	8/4/2016	Exeter, NH	Rockwell, Jeremy	Rockwell, Rebecca
Fletcher, Aubree May	8/16/2016	Manchester, NH	Fletcher, Thomas	Fletcher, Brittany
Wangerin, Allison Kay	10/21/2016	Rochester, NH	Wangerin, Ryan	Wangerin, Michelle
Roy, Abby Lynn Marie	10/30/2016	Dover, NH	Roy, David	Roy, Julie
Richard, Ida-Louise Elizabeth	11/16/2016	Dover, NH	Richard, Kenneth	Kelley, Jazmin
Hill-Perez, Sapphire Leigh Noelle	11/29/2016	Rochester, NH		Dudley, Kayleigh
Swanson, Serenity Sky	12/2/2016	Dover, NH		Glover, Chelsea

Total Number of records 16



**VITAL RECORDS**  
**RESIDENT MARRIAGE RECORD**  
*JANUARY 1, 2016 - DECEMBER 31, 2016*  
**TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH**



<b>Name - Person A</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Name - Person B</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Town of Issuance</b>	<b>Place of Marriage</b>	<b>Date</b>
Pierce Jr., William F.	Strafford, NH	Smith, Judith A.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	2/18/2016
Ellis, Shaun M.	Strafford, NH	Ewald, Lindsey M.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Portsmouth, NH	4/10/2016
Maxwell, Cooper B.	Strafford, NH	Cline, Logan M.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	4/13/2016
Turner, Thomas J.	Strafford, NH	Purtill, Maryanne	Plymouth, NH	Plymouth, NH	Portsmouth, NH	4/30/2016
Myers, Steven H.	Strafford, NH	Anderson, Fiona J.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	6/5/2016
Auger, David P.	Strafford, NH	Kelly, Beth E.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Wakefield, NH	6/11/2016
Messenger, Mark T.	Strafford, NH	Sullivan, Trisha A.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	7/1/2016
Merrill, Christopher L.	Strafford, NH	Mayer, Paige C.	Epping, NH	Rochester, NH	Albany, NH	7/1/2016
Freiman, Matthew L.	Strafford, NH	Donovan, Jessica M.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	7/2/2016
Mertz, Kameron A.	Strafford, NH	Flynn, Kayleigh E.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Chichester, NH	7/31/2016
Enos, Morgan E.	Bedford, NH	Taylor, Evan S.	Strafford, NH	Bedford, NH	Rye, NH	9/3/2016
Fanjoy Jr., Russell R.	Strafford, NH	Evans, Sharon E.	Rochester, NH	Rochester, NH	Dover, NH.	9/16/2016
Staples, Timothy E.	Strafford, NH	Arneil, Tiffany M.	Strafford, NH	Rochester, NH	Strafford, NH	9/17/2016
Sargent Jr., Robert M.	Strafford, NH	Reilley, Seton E.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	9/24/2016
Lee, Aaron A.	Strafford, NH	Varney, Kate-Lynn	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	11/8/2016
Gray, Justin P.	Strafford, NH	Sykes, Kathleen A.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Jackson, NH	11/27/2016
Richard, Kenneth M.	Strafford, NH	Kelley, Jazmin D.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	12/25/2016

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## VITAL RECORDS

### RESIDENT DEATH RECORD

*January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016*

Town of Strafford, NH



Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name	Military
Pawlas, Czeslaw	1/28/2016	Nashua, NH	Unknown, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown	N
Miles, John	2/25/2016	Manchester, NH	Miles, Harold	Smith, Ruthie	N
Pouliot, Florence	4/12/2016	Dover, NH	Harriman, Earl	Unknown, Eleanor	N
Goodwin, Charles	4/12/2016	Portsmouth, NH	Goodwin, Joseph	Harmon, Freda	N
Proulx, Kathryn	5/5/2016	Strafford, NH	Rice, Jean	Patrick, Mary	N
Thorne, Julie	5/11/2016	Strafford, NH	Sanfacon, Walter	Ferland, Rolande	N
Purcell, Brendan	5/27/2016	Rochester, NH	Purcell, Brian	Barnett, Brandi	N
Bickford, Florence	6/7/2016	Rochester, NH	Delaurier, William	Cormier, Irene	N
Shaw, Frances	6/26/2016	Concord, NH	Cronin, Francis	McKnight, Marion	N
Aho, Timothy	6/26/2016	Dover, NH	Aho, Edward	Bernier, Evangeline	N
Henderson, Richard	8/1/2016	Strafford, NH	Henderson, Norman	Maxfield, Irene	N
Leighton, Roger	8/19/2016	Strafford, NH	Leighton, George	Waldron, Lena	Y
Campbell, Diane	8/20/2016	Strafford, NH	Dame, Phillip	Gustafson, Carolyn	N
Mattocks, David	10/4/2016	Rochester, NH	Mattocks, William	George, Thelma	N
Wilson, Gwendoline	10/17/2016	Strafford, NH	May, George	Walls, Alice	N
Rosenberg, Victoria	11/11/2016	Strafford, NH	Staley, Earl	Kafka, Lucille	N
Doty-Page, Rebecca	11/29/2016	Portsmouth, NH	Doty, Aulman	Mulican, RitaLee	N

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