

**THE TOWN OF
STRAFFORD
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Strafford 1820-2020

First laid out as part of Barrington in 1732 for the benefit of the proprietors of Portsmouth, it is said that the first European settlers cleared farms and established homesteads in our area in the mid 1700s. The new settlements grew quickly, and Barrington was divided into two towns by an Act of the Legislature on June 17, 1820, with the northwestern half to be called the Town of Strafford.

2020 thus marked Strafford's bicentennial year. The Bicentennial Committee has been working for several years to plan celebrations marking our 200th birthday, so the Committee was very sorry to have to postpone the festivities due to the pandemic. We are looking forward to celebrating our Bicentennial as a community once we are able to all gather together again in person. Until then,

Happy Bicentennial Strafford!



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School District Title Page: Bow Lake School. It remained open until 1960
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ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE
TOWN OF
STRAFFORD,
NEW HAMPSHIRE
2020



For The Year Ending December 31, 2020

Population.....estimated 4186
Registered Voters.....3610

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TOWN OFFICERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

Scott L. Young, Chairman 2022
Bryant J. Scott 2021
Brian J. Monahan 2023
Ellen J. White, Town Administrator

TOWN CLERK

Christine Bane/Terri Marsh 2021

ROAD AGENT

Greg Messenger 2021

TOWN TREASURER

Cindy Cushing 2022

BUILDING INSPECTORS

David Copeland
Dan Howard

TAX COLLECTOR

Judith Dupré

HEALTH OFFICER

Scott Whitehouse
David Hartranft, Deputy

MODERATOR

Ron Lemieux 2021

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Carol Cooper 2024
Martha English 2022
Judith Dupré 2026

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

Charles H. Burnham, Chairman 2022
Scott Hodgdon 2023
Jean Ewen 2021

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Paige Holman

PLANNING BOARD

Charles Moreno, Chairman 2023
Terrence Hyland 2023
R. Stephen Leighton 2021
Phil Auger 2022
Brian J. Monahan, Ex Officio member
Donald Coker, Alternate
Don Clifford, Alternate

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sharon Omand, Chairman 2023
Jessie Copeland, Treasurer 2021
Lindsay Aucella, Secretary 2022
Liza Witonis, Alternate
Betsy Cozine, Alternate
JoAnn Brown, Alternate

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Scott A. Young, Chairman 2021
Randal Jacunski 2021
Kerry Omand 2022
Mimi Jost 2022
David Perkins 2023
Susan Barnes 2023
Michael Ferber 2023
Elizabeth Evans, Alternate
JoAnn Brown, Alternate
Bruce Smith, Alternate

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Ashley Rowe, Chairman 2023
Lynn Sweet 2021
Herman Groth 2022
Terrence Hyland 2022
Aaron Leff 2023
Tim Reed, Alternate
Ashley Leighton, Alternate
Jeffrey Sanita, Alternate

TOWN OFFICERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Officer Evan Ortega

Officer Forrest "Chip" Stickney

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 Erik Aucella
Steve Johnson

LIEUTENANTS

Paul Yergeau, Sr. Bryan Hayes
Ben Bickford Peter Frasca

DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

James A. Andersen
James W. Andersen
Erik Aucella
Benjamin Bickford
Kim Bickford
Eugene Burrows
Charles Butler
Kenneth Chick
Rob Clark
Joshua Crampsey
Kelli Ann Crampsey
Lyle Deane
Norman Dumais

Mike Evans
Peter Frasca
Steve Goodspeed
David Hartranft
Bryan Hayes
Josiah Hinrichsen
Ben Jamer
Steve Johnson
LaPorte, Stephen
Henry Marston
Brendan McAdams
McGinn, Michael
Dan Meehan
Miglionico, Tyler

Scott Morin
Ed Morse
Dakota Poole
Nathan Richard
Rohr, Douglass
Jared Rowell
Chris Roy
Windy Rudnicki
Adam Schaub
Paul Stover
Cameron Whitehouse
Scott Whitehouse
Paul Yergeau, Sr.

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Representative Mike Harrington
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REPORT FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Town and School elections will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM for voting. Candidates for Town and School District offices, zoning amendments, and 1 Petition Article will be considered. Warrant Articles 6 through 29 will be considered on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at Strafford School commencing at 8:30AM; both in person and outside options for voting are available. Visit the Town website at www.stafford.nh.gov for more information. Article 28 which proposes to change our Town meeting style from traditional Town Meeting to SB2 will be considered by ballot that day.

Several members of our community passed away in 2020. Marjorie Stiles, Strafford's Tax Collector from 1977-1986, passed away before being presented with the Boston Post Cane, awarded to Strafford's oldest resident. Irving Johnson, Conservation Commission member and faithful "front row" participant at Town meetings passed away a short time later. Eugene Burrows, long time firefighter and Recycling Center Attendant also passed away. Finally, George Lovejoy, Jr., President of Blue Hills Foundation, a champion for conservation and responsible for preserving so much of Strafford's open land through the foundation also passed away in 2020. The 4 mentioned here and more are surely missed by family, friends and our community.

A few highlights from the March 2020 Town Meeting include the approval of a full time position at Hill Library and an appropriation which enabled the Fire and Rescue Department to complete the Crown Point Station. The Town entered into a 5 year lease agreement for an additional ambulance to be funded by the Ambulance Fund. Modest appropriations were made to numerous Capital Reserve Funds, and a new CRF for Highway Department Vehicles/Equipment was established.

The Town Meeting was barely over when COVID-19 was realized as a threat, and so much changed. Following orders from the Governor, all Town Buildings were closed to the public for a time. Meetings were held virtually and many residents began working from home. Strafford's Emergency Services continued to serve as always, taking necessary precautions as they did so. Behind locked doors, the Town Office functioned until we opened to the public in late June. Thanks go out to the Recycling Center attendants who kept the Recycling Center operating as usual, experiencing an increase in cardboard and demolition debris. Thankfully, we were able to secure lifeguards and a swim instructor so that families could enjoy summer by swimming safely at the lake. One greatly anticipated event, Strafford's Bicentennial celebration, was postponed..... hopefully, in 2021 we will celebrate 200+1!

2020 – What a year to have 4 elections! At the time of the September and November elections, COVID concerns and restrictions were very present. Special thanks to Moderator Ron Lemieux, Town Clerk Terri Marsh and the many residents who volunteered their time to help conduct our elections safely, efficiently, and with integrity! We experienced record turnout for both elections. Special kudos to Terri who had just stepped into the position of Town Clerk, having never managed an election before and processing 1224 absentee ballots. We would be remiss not to thank Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse and Town Administrator Ellen White for countless hours of webinars, securing supplies, and complying with COVID guidelines; they, along with patient and understanding residents have been instrumental in helping the Town navigate the COVID situation.

The 2021 Warrant presents several important appropriations for the 2021 budget. One funds an appropriation to the Bridge NCRF; the amount currently in the fund is insufficient to complete the project. Warrant Article 23 requests an appropriation for the creation of a long overdue additional position(s) at the Town Hall. The General Operation Article increase includes funding for the State mandated Statistical Revaluation, increased Recycling Center costs and training hours to replace retiring personnel. CRF funding requests remain similar to last year's appropriations, continuing the steady, albeit slow, necessity of preparing for future capital improvements. A significant appropriation is requested for the Fire Engine CRF; the engine to be replaced is 27 years old. Revenues from 2020 were down slightly, and 2021 revenues remain somewhat unknown. Both appropriations approved at Town Meeting and actual revenues received determine how much money needs to be raised by taxation.

In 2020, the Selectboard welcomed new member, Brian Monahan, as we said goodbye to Selectman Lynn Sweet....for the second time. Lynn loves Strafford and has recently stepped in to serve as Moderator for the Town Election following the retirement of Ron Lemieux. Town Clerk Chris Bane stepped down in 2020 to pursue other avenues.

The Selectmen meet every other Tuesday at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall, unless otherwise posted. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend any meeting of the Selectboard and other boards which meet throughout the month. Dates and times are posted on the Town website www.stafford.nh.gov.

As always, sincere thanks to all men and women who labor quietly among us as volunteers, on boards, committees, commissions and in various organizations in Town.

Scott L. Young, Chairman

Bryant J. Scott, Selectman

Brian J. Monahan, Selectman

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 Ninth (9th) 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 Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as follows:

“To amend Article 1.15 to clarify the intent of the Phased Development Ordinance by changing the wording of the title and preamble from Growth Management Ordinance to Phased Development Ordinance in order to match the actual wording of the ordinance as adopted in 2003 and to delete the incorrect statutory reference (RSA 674:22) and keep the correct statutory reference (RSA 674:21).”

** 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as follows:

“To add a new Article 1.18 to clarify the process for applying to the Planning Board for Subdivision by requiring that applicants for Major Subdivision meet with the Planning Board for non-binding conceptual consultation prior to developing and submitting a formal application as authorized under NH RSA 674:35 I.”

** 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as follows:

“To add a new Article 1.19 to clarify the process for applying to the Planning Board for Non-Residential Site Plan Review by requiring that applicants for Site Plan Review meet with the Planning Board for non-binding conceptual consultation prior to developing and submitting a formal application as authorized under NH RSA 674:43.”

** 5. “By petition of the undersigned registered voters of Strafford NH; by the authority of NH RSA 673:2, II(C) subparagraph (a); to see if the town will vote to change the Planning Board members from elected to appointed, effective upon adoption by the town vote. The Planning Board will continue to have five members, who shall be appointed pursuant to subparagraph (a)” (by Petition.)

**** NOTE: ALL ARTICLES, EXCEPT ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5 WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 8:30 A.M., SATURDAY, March 13, 2021 AT THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL.**

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$385,000. 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 \$500. to be placed in the Reflective Road Signage Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Highway Department Vehicle and/or Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$766,716. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,195. for the purchase of a Police vehicle and equipment with \$26,195. to come from the Police Details Special Revenue Fund, with the remaining \$15,000. 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 \$5,000. to be placed in the Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

12. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 to be known as the Strafford County Radio Project Fund for the purpose of radio and equipment upgrade, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this article.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$518,108. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,217. for the second year's payment of the lease agreement for the new ambulance approved at the 2020 Town Meeting, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,217. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. for the purpose of purchasing equipment and supplies for the ambulances, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$15,000. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund, with no amount to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,424. for the purpose of extended warranty coverage and three year maintenance plan on the Zoll X-Series Defibrillators, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$8,424. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund, with no amount to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000. to be placed in the Fire Engine Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Dry Hydrant Capital Reserve Fund created for the purpose of repairs and/or replacement of existing dry hydrants. The Selectmen recommend this article.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,039. for the operation and maintenance of the Hill Library.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Library Expansion/Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Repair/Replace Recycling Center Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000. to be placed in the Bridge C & R Non-Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000. for the purpose of an office position/positions.

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Town Hall Building Maintenance, Improvements and/or Expansion Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Future Reval/Statistical Update Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,627,908. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 89,443.
Election & Registration.....	36,767.
Financial Administration.....	110,077.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	90,152.
Legal Expenses.....	60,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	40,865.
Planning and Zoning.....	17,175.
General Government Building.....	46,800.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	38,310.
Insurance.....	60,847.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	4,203.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	5,214.
Contingency Fund.....	16,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	13,000.
Emergency Management.....	15,000.
Building Inspection.....	17,832.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	544,800.
Street Lighting.....	5,000.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	343,884.
Animal Control.....	1,800.
Cemeteries.....	9,000.
Cornerstone VNA (formerly Roch Dstr VNA).....	3,991.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	15,297.
Community Action.....	2,000.
Haven Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend's Place.....	200.
The Homemakers Health Services.....	3,200.
Ready Rides.....	1,500.
CASA.....	500.
Strafford Nutrition & Meals on Wheels.....	1,000.
Parks and Recreation.....	21,759.
Patriotic Purposes and Fireworks	6,800.
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
TOTAL.....	<u>\$1,627,908.</u>

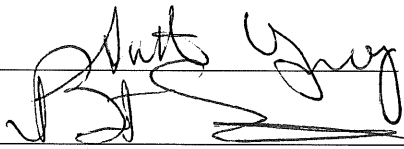
(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,627,908. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)


27. "By petition of the undersigned registered voters of the Strafford, NH, by the authority of NH RSA 39:3 and pursuant to NH 673:3 II; To see if the town of Strafford will vote to change Zoning Board members from appointed to elected, effective the next regular town election. Said board shall consist of five members each serving three year terms, as the term of each current member expires, a new member shall be elected at the next regular municipal election." (by Petition.)

28. "By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Strafford to see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Strafford on the second Tuesday of March of each year." (by Petition.) (3/5 vote by ballot in the affirmative required for passage)

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

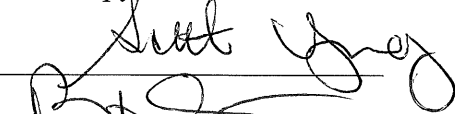
Given under our hands and seal, this 17th day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-one.







Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:









2021
MS-636

Proposed Budget

Strafford

For the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021

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

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 22, 2021

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.

Name	Position	Signature
Scott L. Young	Chairman	
Bryant J. Scott	Selectman	
Brian J. Monahan	Selectman	

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal:

<https://www.proptax.org/>

For assistance please contact:
NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
(603) 230-5090

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



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2020	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2021	
					(Not Recommended)	Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	26	\$89,889	\$90,510	\$89,443	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	26	\$65,259	\$74,601	\$75,077	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	26	\$104,672	\$115,593	\$123,077	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	26	\$31,921	\$41,888	\$90,152	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	26	\$61,184	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	26	\$40,865	\$39,680	\$40,865	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	26	\$10,631	\$14,200	\$17,175	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	26	\$39,955	\$45,900	\$46,800	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	26	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0
4196	Insurance	26	\$58,665	\$60,847	\$60,847	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	26	\$9,150	\$9,371	\$9,417	\$0
4199	Other General Government	26	\$0	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$521,191	\$577,590	\$637,853	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	09	\$696,863	\$744,885	\$766,716	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	13	\$491,423	\$502,751	\$518,108	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	26	\$11,058	\$17,453	\$17,832	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	26	\$17,155	\$55,500	\$15,000	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$1,216,499	\$1,320,589	\$1,317,656	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration	26	\$528,109	\$534,500	\$544,800	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	26	\$4,768	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$532,877	\$539,500	\$549,800	\$0



Appropriations

Sanitation

4321	Administration	26	\$304,946	\$325,511	\$343,884	\$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
Sanitation Subtotal			\$304,946	\$325,511	\$343,884	\$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
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$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
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Health

4411	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	26	\$1,323	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	26	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$5,314	\$5,791	\$5,791	\$0

Welfare

4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	26	\$1,337	\$15,180	\$15,297	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	26	\$9,392	\$9,392	\$9,392	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$10,729	\$24,572	\$24,689	\$0

Culture and Recreation

4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	26	\$16,783	\$21,759	\$21,759	\$0
4550-4559	Library	19	\$120,850	\$128,680	\$128,039	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	26	\$0	\$9,300	\$6,800	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$137,633	\$159,739	\$156,598	\$0



Appropriations

Conservation and Development

4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	26	\$870	\$2,500	\$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
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$870	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$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	26	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0

Capital Outlay

4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$16,441	\$172,988	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$385,000	\$385,000	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$401,441	\$557,988	\$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
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Total Operating Budget Appropriations	\$3,040,771	\$0
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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2021	
			(Recommen ded)	(Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	10 <i>Purpose: Purchase Police Veh/Equip</i>	\$41,195	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	14 <i>Purpose: Lease/Purch New Ambulance-2nd year pmt</i>	\$60,217	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	15 <i>Purpose: Purchase Equip/Supplies for Ambulance</i>	\$15,000	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	16 <i>Purpose: Zoll X-Series Defibrillators Warranty/Mnt</i>	\$8,424	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07 <i>Purpose: Add to CRF for Road Signage</i>	\$500	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	08 <i>Purpose: Add to CRF for Hwy Dept Vehicles/Equip</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11 <i>Purpose: Add to CRF Police Vehicles/Equipment</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12 <i>Purpose: Strafford County Radio Project CRF for the purpose</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	17 <i>Purpose: Add to CRF-Future Fire Truck</i>	\$100,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	18 <i>Purpose: Add to Dry Hydrant CRF for repair/repl exist dry h</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	20 <i>Purpose: Add to CRF-Library expansion and improvements</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	21 <i>Purpose: Add to CRF for Repair/Replace Recycling Ctr Equip</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	22 <i>Purpose: Add to NCRF k/a Bridge C & R Fund for future bridg</i>	\$50,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	24 <i>Purpose: Add to CRF-Town Hall Bldg Mnt/Imprv/Expansion</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	25 <i>Purpose: Add to Future Reval/Statistical Update CRF</i>	\$5,000	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$315,336	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	period ending 12/31/2021	
			(Recommen ded)	(Not Recommended)
4150-4151	Financial Administration	23 <i>Purpose: Office position/positions</i>	\$35,000	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	06 <i>Purpose: Capital Improvements to Roads</i>	\$385,000	\$0
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$420,000	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	26	\$17,469	\$17,000	\$19,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	26	\$49,921	\$45,000	\$45,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxes Subtotal			\$67,390	\$62,000	\$64,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	26	\$895,714	\$865,348	\$895,714
3230	Building Permits	26	\$24,362	\$21,000	\$24,362
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	26	\$48,342	\$42,000	\$48,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$968,418	\$928,348	\$968,076
State Sources					
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$36,786	\$36,786	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	26	\$211,469	\$211,469	\$200,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	26	\$128,033	\$128,048	\$100,000
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)		\$106,751	\$1,629	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$483,039	\$377,932	\$300,000
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	26	\$42,647	\$39,000	\$54,000
3409	Other Charges	26	\$8,935	\$7,000	\$9,000
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$51,582	\$46,000	\$63,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$16,684	\$16,684	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	26	\$5,140	\$6,500	\$5,000
3503-3509	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$21,824	\$23,184	\$5,000



Revenues

Interfund Operating Transfers In

3912	From Special Revenue Funds	14, 16, 15, 10	\$148,382	\$154,730	\$109,836
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		\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$163,382	\$169,730	\$109,836

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	26	\$233,392	\$233,392	\$233,392
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$233,392	\$233,392	\$233,392

Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$1,989,027	\$1,840,586	\$1,743,304
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Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2021
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$3,040,771
Special Warrant Articles	\$315,336
Individual Warrant Articles	\$420,000
Total Appropriations	\$3,776,107
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,743,304
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$2,032,803

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

TOWN OF STRAFFORD

FY 2020

Account #	Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue	Estimated Revenue Adjusted
TAXES			
3185	Timber Tax	\$17,000	\$17,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$45,000	\$45,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		\$0
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$865,348	\$865,348
3230	Building Permits	\$21,000	\$21,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$42,000	\$42,000
FROM STATE			
3351	Shared Revenue	\$36,786	\$36,786
3352	Meals & Rooms Distribution	\$210,099	\$211,469
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$130,937	\$128,048
3359	Bridge Grant	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	\$1,629	\$1,629
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$39,000	\$39,000
3409	Planning Board & Board of Adjustment	\$7,000	\$7,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$16,684	\$16,684
3502	Interest on Investments	\$6,500	\$6,500
3503-3509	Other - Insurance Refund	\$0	\$0
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$163,841	\$154,730
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$15,000	\$15,000
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES		\$1,617,824	\$1,607,194
	Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$233,392	\$233,392
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		\$1,851,216	\$1,840,586
REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)		\$70,000	\$70,000

ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW	
Total Appropriations	\$3,670,055
(Less) Total Revenues and Credits	\$1,840,586
Net Assessment	\$1,829,469

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Acct#	Purpose of Appropriation	RSA 32:3 ,V	Warrant Art.	Appropriation As Voted
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130-4139	Executive		27	\$90,510
4140-4149	Elec, Auto Reg, Vital Sts, Clrk Fees		27	\$74,601
4150-4151	Financial Adm & CPA Audit		27	\$115,593
4152	Reval of Property & Tax Maps		27	\$41,888
4153	Legal Expense		27	\$60,000
4155-4159	Personnel Adm, FICA, Medi, Unemp Comp		27	\$39,680
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		27	\$14,200
4195	Cemeteries		27	\$9,000
4194	General Government Buildings		27	\$45,900
4196	Insurance		27	\$60,847
4197	Advertising & Reg Assoc Dues, SRPC Dues		27	\$9,371
4199	Other General Gov't/Contingency		27	\$16,000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210-4214	Police		9	\$744,885
4215-4219	Ambulance			\$0
4220-4229	Fire & Rescue		12	\$502,751
4240-4249	Building Inspection		27	\$17,453
4290-4298	Emergency Management		27	\$55,500
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311	Adm/Gen Hwy & Road Maintenance		27	\$534,500
4313	Bridges			\$0
4316	Street Lighting		27	\$5,000
4319	Other (Road Improvements)			\$0
SANITATION				
4321	Administration		27	\$325,511
HEALTH				
4411	Administration			\$0
4414	Pest Control		27	\$1,800
4415-4419	Health Agencies/Cornerstone VNA		27	\$3,991
WELFARE				
4441-4442	Adminstration & Direct Assistance		27	\$15,180
4445-4449	Vendor pmts/Other		27	\$9,392
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		27	\$21,759
4550-4559	Library		20, 21	\$128,680
4583	Patriotic Purposes		26, 27	\$9,300
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT				
4611-4612	Admin & Purchase of Natural Resources		27	\$2,500
DEBT SERVICE				
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note		27	\$2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		10,13,14,17,18,19	\$172,988
4903	Buildings			\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		6	\$385,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		7,8,11,15,16,22,2 3,24,25	\$154,275
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS VOTED				\$ 3,670,055

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TOWN OF STRAFFORD**

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A. ASSETS			
Current Assets	Acct#	Beginning of year	End of year
Cash and equivalents	1010	\$4,111,686	\$4,921,216
Investments	1030	\$298,106	\$294,658
Taxes receivable	1080	\$503,924	\$532,468
Tax liens receivable	1110	\$194,325	\$181,101
Accounts receivable	1150		
Due from other governments	1260		
Due from other funds	1310		
Other current assets	1400		
Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670		
TOTAL ASSETS		\$5,108,041	\$5,929,443
B. LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	Acct#	Beginning of year	End of year
Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$34,204	\$36,576
Compensated absences payable	2030		
Contracts payable	2050		
Due to other governments	2070		
Due to school districts	2075	\$3,896,540	\$4,520,928
Due to other funds	2080		
Deferred revenue	2220		
Notes payable - Current	2230		
Bonds payable - Current	2250		
Other payables	2270	\$20,786	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$3,951,530	\$4,557,504
Fund Equity*			
Nonspendable Fund Balance	2440		
Restricted Fund Balance	2450	\$108,294	\$72,618
Committed Fund Balance	2460	\$21,785	\$31,681
Assigned Fund Balance	2490	\$14,713	\$22,136
Unassigned Fund Balance	2530	\$1,011,719	\$1,245,504
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$1,156,511	\$1,371,939
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		\$5,108,041	\$5,929,443

*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

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET RECONCILIATION	
Ending Fund Equity from Balance Sheet	\$1,371,939
Less Beginning Fund Equity from Balance Sheet	\$1,156,511
Change (Increase or Decrease)	\$215,428

In Lieu of Audit: Please note that the Town's financial audit for the year ending December 31, 2020 is in process; therefore no Auditor's Report is available at this time. Upon completion, the audit information will be available at the Town Office.

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION 2020

Value of Land Only	Acres	2019 Assessed Valuation
Current Use RSA 79-A	21,341.95	\$1,556,800
Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.16	\$4,500
Residential Land	6,256.39	\$186,445,170
Commercial/Industrial Land	155.32	\$1,585,530
Total of Taxable Land	27,753.82	\$189,592,000
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	2,832.30	\$5,165,900

Value of Buildings Only		2019 Assessed Valuation
Residential		\$287,032,500
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$4,366,000
Commercial/Industrial		\$7,065,200
Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	3 Structures	\$101,400
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$298,565,100
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		\$16,265,900

Utilities		Valuation
Public Utilities		\$5,707,200
Other Public Utilities		\$15,800
Valuation Before Exemptions		\$493,880,100
Modified Assessed Valuation of All Properties		\$493,880,100

Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a&b	16 Granted	\$630,000
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	5 Granted	\$135,000
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$765,000

Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed		\$493,115,100
Less Public Utilities		\$5,707,200
Net Valuation without Utilites		\$487,407,900

Utility Summary

The Municipality **DOES NOT** use the DRA utility values. The municipality **IS NOT** equalized by the ratio?

PSNH dba Eversource Energy	\$5,585,200
Hampstead Area Water Company	\$122,000
Total of All Utilities	\$5,707,200
City of Rochester -Municipal	\$15,800

Tax Credits

Veterans' Tax Credits	Limits	# Individuals	Estimated Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$200	172	\$34,400
Tax Credit for Total Service Connected Disability	\$700	9	\$6,300
Total Number and Amount		181	\$40,700

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

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 Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year			Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year & Total Amount of Exemptions Granted			
Age	#	Amount	Age	#	Amount	Total Exemption Granted
65-74	1	\$30,000	65-74	5	\$150,000	\$180,000
75-79	0	\$40,000	75-79	5	\$200,000	\$220,000
80+	0	\$50,000	80+	<u>6</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
			Total	16	\$650,000	\$700,000

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

Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive - RSA79-E Adopted?	No
Taxation of Qualifying 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	1,106.13	\$379,900
Forest Land	12,508.56	\$900,800
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	6,069.11	\$246,700
Unproductive Land	169.10	\$2,500
Wetland	1,489.05	\$26,900
Total	21,341.95	\$1,556,800

Other Current Use Statistics

Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	8,709.75	acres
Removed from Current Use during Current Year	24.68	acres
Number of Owners in Current Use	377	
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	601	
Land Use Change Tax Received January 1 through December 31 100% Conservation Allocation		\$34,690 \$34,690

Discretionary Preservation Easements

# Owners	# Structures	# Acres	Assessed Land Valuation	Assessed Structure Valuation
2	3	0.16	\$4,500	\$101,400
	Structures in Discretionary Preservation Easements		1700s Barn/Bicentennial Farm Hay Barn	50% Map 11 Lot 4 .04AC 75% Map 10 Lot 13 .05AC
	RSA 79-D		Double Gable Entrance Barn	75% Map 10 Lot 13 .07AC



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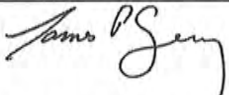
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Tax Rate Breakdown Strafford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,937,349	\$493,115,100	\$3.93
County	\$1,526,884	\$493,115,100	\$3.10
Local Education	\$8,039,016	\$493,115,100	\$16.30
State Education	\$1,131,912	\$487,407,900	\$2.32
Total	\$12,635,161		\$25.65

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

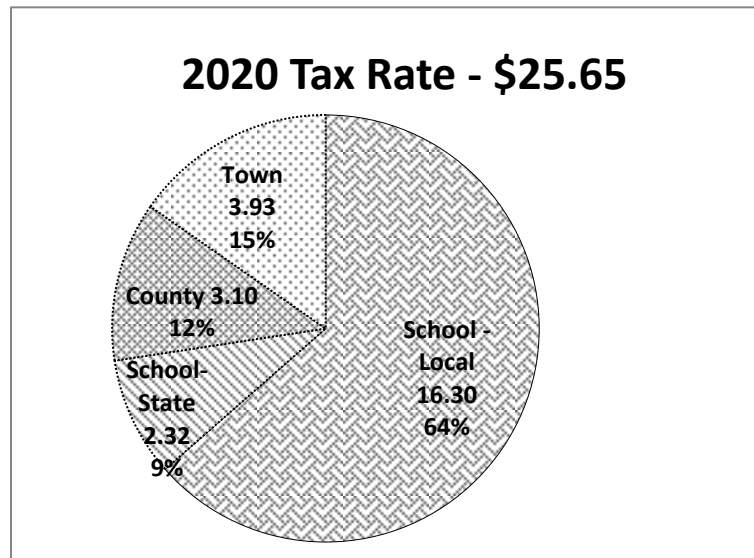
Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$12,635,161
War Service Credits	(\$40,700)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$12,594,461

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HISTORICAL PROPERTY & TAX RATE DATA

Historical Tax Rate											
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Town	3.93	3.48	3.28	2.78	2.70	2.57	2.39	2.21	2.49	2.23	2.05
School -Local	16.30	14.77	15.20	14.42	13.63	14.29	15.71	15.31	14.79	15.53	13.15
School-State	2.32	2.24	2.30	2.23	2.20	2.27	2.39	2.41	2.35	2.44	2.16
County	3.10	2.98	2.85	2.86	2.72	2.68	2.67	2.75	2.75	2.60	2.40
Total Tax Rate	25.65	23.47	23.63	22.29	21.25	21.81	23.16	22.68	22.38	22.80	19.76

2020 TAX RATE	
TOWN	3.93
COUNTY	3.10
SCHOOL - LOCAL	16.30
SCHOOL - STATE	2.32
TOTAL TAX	25.65



HISTORICAL TOTAL TOWN PROPERTY VALUE									
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Total Town Value	493,115,100	485,434,912	479,262,200	475,637,420	472,279,300	464,957,500	461,618,700	458,999,700	455,187,900

Historical Total Town Equalization Ratio*								
2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
79.1%	80.5%	91.1%	93.60%	96.80%	105.80%	108.80%	102.53%	100.30%

The NH Department of Revenue Administration annually conducts a sales to assessment ratio study to establish an overall assessment ratio. The Assessment Ratio is a measurement of the assessment level of a municipality. The ratio is found by dividing the assessed value by the sales price. The overall ratio for a municipality is derived from a statistical analysis of the compilation of all individual ratios. At this printing, the 2020 Equalization Ratio was not yet available. Per State Statute, the Town of Strafford completed a town-wide statistical revaluation in 2011, 2016, and will again in 2021.

2020 STRAFFORD TOWN MEETING

MARCH 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the Strafford Town Hall, in the Town of Strafford, by Town Moderator Ron Lemieux, to act on Articles One through Five 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 8:32 AM on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the Strafford School Gymnasium by Moderator Ron Lemieux to act on Articles Six through Twenty-Nine.

The moderator welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Ted White who gave an invocation. Moderator Lemieux then discussed the rules and proper conduct for the meeting.

The Moderator read the results of the March 10, 2020 election.

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

Voters on the
Checklist.... 3450
Votes Cast.....514

Library Trustee –Three Years	
Sharon Omand	251
Selectman – Three Years	
Brian Monahan.....	290
Road Agent – One Year	
Greg Messenger	498
Planning Board – Three Years	
Terry Hyland	319
Planning Board – Three Years	
Charlie Moreno	344
Town Moderator – Two Years	
Ron Lemieux.....	423
Trustee of the Trust Funds – Three Years	
Scott Hodgdon (write-in)	10
Supervisor of the Checklist – Six Years	
Judith Dupre	462

**2. 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 amend Building Regulations 4.1.10 **Driveway** by adding requirements for the

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construction of driveways to new residential and/or commercial buildings including a requirement for a 12 foot minimum travel way and adequate clearances to accommodate fire apparatus and to require that when a bridge or culvert is required for construction of a driveway, it shall be designed and installed to nationally recognized standards, and to add definitions for Bridge and Culvert.”

YES – 290

NO – 217

Article #2 passes.

**3. 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 new Section 4.1.10 A **Shared Driveways** to clarify width, clearances, turnaround requirements, and construction standards for shared driveways to insure that there is adequate access for fire and safety vehicles.”

YES – 310

NO – 192

Article #3 passes.

**4. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances:

“To add a new Article 1.5 B **Junkyards** clarifying that junkyards as defined are a prohibited land use and establishing enforcement procedures and defining a junkyard as five or more vehicles which are no longer in condition for legal use and/or 1500 cubic feet in volume in parts or discarded materials, unless they are contained within an enclosed building. Agricultural and forestry equipment and vehicles are excluded from the provisions.”

YES – 313

NO – 198

Article #4 passes.

**5. “Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 287-E relative to the conduct of games of bingo and the sale of lucky 7 tickets?” (by petition.)

YES – 298

NO – 175

Article #5 passes.

The Moderator then read the results of the School election.

Selectman Scott Young spoke to the voters regarding the decision to hold this meeting today, in light of the Covid-19 situation. He stated that it was a difficult decision, compounded by the State of Emergency declared by Governor Sununu on March 13th. Due to the CDC predicting a worsening of the situation, the decision was made that moving forward with the Town Meeting now, as opposed to waiting, was the most prudent decision.

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Mr. Young recognized Marilyn Roderick, a Supervisor of the Checklist for over twenty years. Mrs. Roderick was presented with flowers and a card as a token of appreciation for her many years of public service. She received a lengthy round of applause and a standing ovation from all who were present.

He then recognized Lynn Sweet, who has served the town for over for 13 years. During her many terms she has shown a deep level of commitment to the town and its residents. Her hard work and dedication were noted and with a background of hearty applause she was presented with flowers and a card.

Selectman Young reviewed accomplishments that have been completed over the past year including capital improvements to town roads. He mentioned that Chief Whitehouse has worked hard to find staff to provide EMS coverage 24/7. He gave a breakdown of the tax rate which is estimated to increase by .40 with the passage of all articles.

Selectman Young compared Strafford with towns that are similar in make-up to ours, stressing that we have never had a Bond, which keeps our taxes lower than many other towns. He mentioned the Recycling center, sharing that costs are increasing and the revenues are decreasing. This is an industry-wide problem. Plowing rates have increased and are comparable to the state rates. He explained that the town will have 27 pay periods this year, a one-time adjustment. State mandated Statistical Revaluation is projected for 2021.

He thanked the volunteers, employees, first responders and residents of the town. He pointed out the dedication of the residents serving as board members on the Planning Board, Conservation Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and others, and thanked them for the sacrifice they make to serve our town. He

He thanked the town residents for supporting capital reserve funds, which eliminate the need to raise large sums of money at one time.

Article #6:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$385,000. 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.” The Moderator read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Greg Messenger, Road Agent, spoke to the article.

With no public discussion, a vote was taken by a show of cards. **Article #6 passes.**

Article #7:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500. to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Reflective Road Signage Fund established by Article 6 at the March 12, 2011 Town Meeting for the purpose of reflective road signage.” The Selectmen recommend this article. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

There was no public discussion. **Article #7 passes with a show of cards.**

Article #8

“To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 to be known as the Highway Department Vehicle and/or Equipment Fund for the purpose of purchasing vehicles and/or equipment to be used by the Highway Department/Road Agent and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend.” The Selectmen recommend this article. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

There were not comments. **Article #8 passes with a show of cards.**

Article #9:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$744,885. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.” Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Chief Richard spoke to this article. He reviewed that he has 6 full time officers. His budget is up \$95,000 in this budget. Of this amount \$21K is the extra payroll. Insurance costs and dispatch fees have increased.

He is asking for a pay increase for his staff based on his feeling that other towns are ‘stealing’ or ‘buying’ small-town officers by offering them more money.

Melinda Bubier made a motion to request an amount of \$25,000 to be added to this article, for a total of \$769,885. This amount reflect additional monies for Emergency Preparedness. There was discussion as to the best location for any funds that may be voted in for this purpose. The amendment was withdrawn.

A show of cards was taken for Article 9 as written, **Article #9 passes.**

Article #10:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,195. for the purchase of a Police vehicle and equipment with \$15,000. to come from the Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining \$26,195. to come from the Police Special Details Fund, with no amount to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Chief Richard spoke to this article. Seeing no public comment, a vote was taken.

Article #10 passes.

Article #11:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

There was no discussion. A show of cards reflects that **Article #11 passes.**

Article #12:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$502,751. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department.” Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Chief Whitehouse spoke to the article. A show of cards reflects that **Article #12 passes.**

Article #13:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. for the purpose of purchasing equipment and supplies for the ambulance with \$10,000. to come from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund, with no amount to come from general taxation.” The Selectmen recommend this article. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Chief Whitehouse spoke to the article. A show of cards reflects that **Article #13 passes.**

Article #14:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,318. for the purpose of extended warranty coverage and maintenance contract on the Zoll X-Series Defibrillator with \$1,318. to come from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund, with no amount to come from general taxation. “The Selectmen recommend this article. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Chief Whitehouse spoke to the article. A show of cards reflects that **Article #14 passes.**

Article #15:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$76,775. to be placed in the Crown Point Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund.” The Selectmen recommend this article. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Chief Whitehouse stated that phase 1 has been completed and phase 2 will soon be underway.

A show of cards reflects that **Article #15 passes.**

Article #16:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000. to be placed in the Fire Engine Capital Reserve Fund.” The Selectmen recommend this article. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Chief Whitehouse spoke to the article. A show of cards reflects that **Article #16 passes.**

Article #17:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,258. for the purpose of purchasing new forestry equipment with \$1,629. to come from the State Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant and the balance of \$1,629. to come from general taxation.” Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Chief Whitehouse spoke to the article. A show of cards reflects that **Article #17 passes.**

Article #18:

“To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for \$327,149 for the purpose of leasing to own a new ambulance and to raise and appropriate \$69,328. for the first year’s payment, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$69,328. 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. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Chief Whitehouse spoke to this article and proposed an amendment to read: “To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for \$284,154 for the purpose of leasing to own a new ambulance and to raise and appropriate \$60,217. for the first year’s payment, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,217. 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. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. No funding to come from general taxation.” The Selectmen recommend this article.

A motion was made to accept this proposal to amend Article #18; seconded. A vote was taken to amend the article. Vote carried.

The Moderator then read the amended article, and asked for a show of cards.

A show of cards shows that **Article #18, as amended, passes.**

Article #19:

“To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,000. for the purpose of purchasing required equipment for the new ambulance to be certified for use, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$57,000. 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 Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Chief Whitehouse spoke to this article. By a show of cards, **Article #19 passes.**

Article #20:

“To see if the Town will vote to authorize a full time position at the Hill Library and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,210. to cover this position and benefits.” Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Jessie Copeland, Library Trustee spoke to this article. A informative PowerPoint presentation was shown which gave an overview of the current state of the library as well as new programs and improvements over the past year. There are new after school programs with student bus drop-offs now possible.

There was a display showing the increase in adult and children’s book borrowing, programs and program attendance. She states that a full time employee will help to meet the needs of increased attendance, will help to increase employee retention efforts, and will strengthen efforts to plan for the future of the library. She reviewed the 6-week Summer Reading Program and showed a video of the program in action – a very successful and labor intensive effort much appreciated by students and parents alike.

She stated if this position is approved, it would result in the transition of the current part-time position (28 hours) to a full-time position. The floor was opened to questions. Seeing none a vote was taken.

Article #20 passes.

Article #21:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$108,886. for the operation and maintenance of the Hill Library. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Selectmen Young then presented an amended article, as follows:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,470 for the operation and maintenance of the Hill Library.” This amendment reduces the amount of wages included in the budget for the part-time position by \$24,416., due to the passage of the full-time position at the Library approved under Article #20. A Motion was made and seconded to amend Article #21. Vote taken to amend, vote carries.

Moderator Lemieux then read the amended article. A vote was taken on the amended article.

Article #21, as amended, passes.

Article #22:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be added to the Library Expansion/Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.” The Selectmen recommend this article. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

There was no discussion. A show of cards indicates that **Article #22 passes.**

Article #23:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be added to the Repair/Replace Recycling Center Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.” The

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Selectmen recommend this article. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Seeing no comments, a vote showed that **Article #23 passes.**

Article #24:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000. to be placed in the Bridge C & R Non-Capital Reserve Fund.” The Selectmen recommend this article. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Road Agent Greg Messenger explained that the town needs to continue to fund this in order to qualify for state aid. If passed, this sum will be added to the existing fund currently earmarked for the Barn Door Gap bridge repair.

A show of cards reveals that **Article #24 passes.**

Article #25:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be added to Town Hall Building Maintenance, Improvements and/or Expansion Capital Reserve Fund.” The Selectmen Recommend this article. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

There was no public discussion. A show of cards indicates that **Article #25 passes.**

Article #26:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500. to help defray expenses associated with Strafford’s Bicentennial Celebration in 2020 in coordination with the Strafford Historical Society.” Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Elizabeth Evans spoke to this article and mentioned that there are many costs involved in public celebrations such as the bicentennial, including insurances, facilities requirements, public safety and supplies. The Historical Society is grateful for the continued support of the community.

A show of cards indicates that **Article #26 passes.**

Article #27:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1, 498,976 for general Town operations.”

Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Executive.....	90,510
Election & Registration.....	36,291
Financial Administration.....	102,593
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	41,888
Legal Expenses.....	30,000

Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	39,680
Planning & Zoning.....	14,200
General Government Building.....	45,900
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	38,310
Insurance.....	60,847
Advertising & Regional Association.....	4,203
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	5,168
Contingency Fund.....	16,000
Annual CPA Audit.....	13,000
Emergency Management.....	5,500
Building Inspection.....	17,453
General Highway & Town Maintenance.....	534,500
Street Lighting.....	5,000
Solid Waste Disposal.....	325,511
Animal Control.....	1,800
Cemeteries.....	9,000
Cornerstone VNA (formerly Roch Dstr VNA).....	3,991
General Assistance & Welfare.....	15,180
Community Action.....	2,000
Haven Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992
My Friend's Place.....	200
The Homemaker's Health Services.....	3,200
Ready Rides.....	1,500
CASA.....	500
Strafford Nutrition & Meals on Wheels.....	1,000
Parks & Recreation.....	21,759
Patriotic Purposes & Fireworks.....	6,800
Conservation Commission.....	2,500
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000
TOTAL.....	<u>\$1,498,976</u>
TOTAL.....	\$1,498,976.

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,498,976. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

A motion to amend was made and seconded by members of the public to increase the Emergency Management line by \$50,000., bringing it to \$55,500. The basis for this increase is to set funds aside for measures that may be needed to address the as Covid-19 situation. Vote to amend carried.

The Moderator read the motion, as amended:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,548,976 for general Town operations.”

A vote shows that **Article #27, as amended, passes.**

Selectman Scott Young then presented another amendment, to increase the legal line from \$30,000. to \$60,000. The newly amended article would increase the budget to \$1,578,976. A motion to accept this amendment was made and seconded. Vote to amend carried.

The Moderator read the newly amended article:

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1, 578,976 for general Town operations. " The vote was affirmative.

The vote by a show of cards indicates that **Article #27, amended, passes.**

Article #28:

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following capital reserve funds; Account #104870014 known as the Records Storage Fund (balance - 0), and Account #104870016 known as the Office Equipment Fund (balance \$.83). Said funds with any balance with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to be transferred to the Town's general fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded.

Selectman Sweet explained that these are unused accounts. A show of cards indicates that **Article #28 passes.**

Article #29:

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

Moderator Lemieux read the article. Motion made and seconded. Seeing no discussion, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

A vote was taken and the Strafford Town Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Bane, CTC

Strafford Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Town of Strafford Annual Town Meeting held on March 14, 2020.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

On March 18, 2020 the Town Hall closed to the public due to COVID-19. The Town Offices kept business going by phone, online, mail and parking lot transactions. We eventually reopened to the public with many safety precautions in place and we remain ready to adapt as needed.



Christine Bane resigned as Town Clerk. Many thanks to Christine for her years of service and hard work. Terri Marsh was appointed as Town Clerk and Stephanie Norton as Deputy Town Clerk.



Working together, town officials and many resident volunteers successfully navigated the 2020 Elections through Covid. In 2021 we will do the same. We encourage our residents to consider open positions and to vote for Town Officials. Town Elections will be held Tuesday March 9th at the Town Hall and our Annual Town meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 13th in the Strafford School gymnasium.

In an attempt to reduce Tuesday evening customer lines, the Town Clerk's Office will be open an additional evening. The new temporary hours will begin March 1st through the month of June. In June we will evaluate if the additional evening is a benefit to the Town and if the hours should remain in effect. Please notice all other department hours will not change.

Town Clerk's Office New Temporary Hours March 1st - June 30th	
Monday & Wednesday	8:30am - 2:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday	1:30pm - 7:00pm

The Town Clerk's Office is here to help you with vehicle registrations & titles, boat registrations, dog licenses, marriage licenses, vital records, voter registration, notary services and to answer and direct your information needs. Many transactions can be done on-line and we continue to encourage customers to use that option when able.

You can stay up to date on Town business by visiting the Town Hall Website at www.strafford.nh.gov.

A True Record Attest,
Terri Marsh, Town Clerk



The Town Clerk's Office can be reached by:

Telephone: (603)664-2192 X102

Email: townclerk@strafford.nh.gov

Mail: Town Clerk

PO Box 169

Strafford, NH 03884

In Person at the Town Hall:

12 Mountain View Dr.

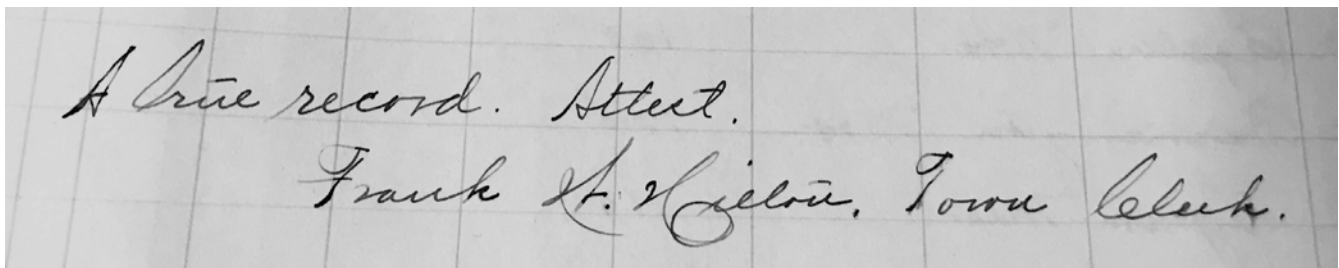
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT For Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2020

Revenues Received & Remitted to the Treasurer in 2020:

Quantity	Description	Amount
6668	Motor Vehicle Permits	\$895,714.32
294	Boat Permits	\$3910.12
1045	Dog Licenses	\$6592.00
26	Marriage Licenses	\$1300.00
10	Returned Check Fees	\$315.00
—	Dog Control Fee	\$941.00
157	Certified Vitals	\$2130.00
6962	Municipal Agent Fees	\$21,473.00
1052	Title Fees	\$2,104.00
9	Election Filings	\$0.00
—	UCC/IRS Filings	\$1659.00
—	Postage	\$654.40
—	Article of Agreement/ Other	\$0.00

Total: \$936,792.84



“A True Record Attest”

Above is an entry made by the Strafford Town Clerk in one of our record books from 1920. A time when all records were written by hand in a beautiful style penmanship. An art replaced by computers and WiFi. It is a lingering reminder of the importance of honesty and integrity in government, business and in our everyday lives. It is as important today as it was 100 years ago. May it never be lost.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2020

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Tax Collector for over twenty years and contrary to the rumors I have NO PLANS to retire. I am responsible for collecting Property Taxes, 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.

Our Town website address is www.strafford.nh.gov. You may 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 or **ANY** card payments (credit card payments have a much larger convenience fee than ACH payments). As always, you may also pay through the mail or in person. We look forward to seeing all your faces again. WITHOUT MASKS.

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 at the end of April. These must be mailed to the State no earlier than May 1 and no later than June 30. We are happy to offer 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, 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 2020	\$8,039,016.00	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$16.30
State Education Tax's appropriation for 2020.....	\$1,131,912.00	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$2.32
County Appointment's appropriation for 2020....	\$1,526,884.00	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$3.10
Municipal's Total appropriation for 2020.....	\$1,937,349.00	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$3.93
Minus	War Credits, Grants, Retained Education Tax, Net Revenues and Fund Balances.		
		Total Tax Rate for 2020.....	\$25.65

The total Property Tax Warrants this year are **\$12,590,791.00**.

The Land Use Change Tax Warrants for the year are: **\$27,075.00**. All LUCT money was turned over to the Strafford Conservation Committee.

The total Timber or Yield Tax Warrants are **\$15,273.36**.

Excavation Tax Warrants are **\$00.00**.

Our 2020 lien was **\$156,701.91**, this is a **\$42,275.12** decrease over last year or a **.079%** decrease.

Thanks to Martha English for doing an exceptional job as Deputy Tax Collector, she is my rock.

Respectfully submitted,



Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Strafford

Year Ending 2020

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES			
BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		2020	2019	2018	Prior Years	
Property Tax	#3110	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$407.03	
Land Use Change	#3120	XXXXXXXXXX	\$11,575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$1,389.61	\$0.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Property Tax Credit Balance **		\$0.00	-\$18,224.64	\$0.00	-\$56.00	
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Charges	#3189	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR				FOR DRA USE ONLY		
Property Taxes	#3110	\$12,590,801.00	\$476,804.45			
Land Use Change	#3120	\$27,075.00	\$0.00			
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$15,273.36	\$805.89			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Other Charges	#3189	\$0.00	\$0.00			
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS						
Property Taxes	#3110	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Land Use Charge	#3120	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interest-Late Tax	#3190	\$3,212.54	\$15,433.81	\$0.00	\$30.00	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$12,636,361.90	\$486,394.51	\$1,389.61	\$381.03	

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's amounts pre-apid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52a.

***The amount is already included in the warrant & therefore in line #3110 as positive amount for this year's levy.

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For the Municipality of Strafford			Year Ending 2020	
CREDITS				
REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year	PRIOR LEVIES		
	2020	2019	2018	Prior Years
Property Tax	\$12,058,333.11	\$302,060.16	\$0.00	\$344.00
Land Use Change	\$27,075.00	\$11,575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$15,273.36	\$805.89	\$1,389.61	\$0.00
Interest (include lien conversion)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Penalties	\$3,212.54	\$15,433.81	\$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
Conversion to Lien (principal only)	\$0.00	\$148,235.65	\$0.00	\$0.00
ABATEMENTS MADE				
Property Taxes	\$0.00	\$2,140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land use Change	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UNCOLLECTED TAXES		END OF YEAR #1080		
Property Taxes	\$539,025.32	\$6,144.00	\$0.00	\$7.03
Land Use Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance**	-\$6,557.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$12,636,361.90	\$486,394.51	\$1,389.61	\$381.03
<p>*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)</p> <p>Page 2 of 3</p>				

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Strafford

Year Ending 2020

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES		
	2020	2019	2018	Prior Years
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. Of Year		\$118,772.19	\$69,809.51	\$5,743.32
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$156,701.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Cost Collected	\$2,058.72	\$15,603.84	\$21,775.28	\$273.40
(AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)				
TOTAL DEBITS	\$158,760.63	\$134,376.03	\$91,584.79	\$6,016.72

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES		
	2020	2019	2018	Prior Years
Redemptions	\$49,207.38	\$57,139.66	\$63,122.56	\$457.97
Interest & Cost Collected	\$2,058.72	\$15,603.84	\$21,775.28	\$273.40
(After Lien Execution)				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$0.00	-\$1.27	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unredeemed Liens Balance	\$107,494.53	\$61,633.80	\$6,686.95	\$5,285.35
End of Year				
TOTAL CREDITS	\$158,760.63	\$134,376.03	\$91,584.79	\$6,016.72

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? Yes
 Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form
 and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Judith Dupré

DATE 1/20/2020

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TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020

RECEIPTS

Balance Check Book January 1, 2020.....	\$4,219,980.00	
Receipts 2020.....	\$14,893,335.63	
Supplemental Highway Block Grant SB38 (received).....	\$72,618.38	
Total Receipts.....		\$19,185,934.01

EXPENDITURES

Expenditures 2020.....	\$14,192,099.92	
Balance Check Book December 31, 2020.....	\$4,921,215.71	
Supplemental Highway Block Grant SB38 (encumbered).....	<u>\$72,618.38</u>	
Total Expenditures.....		\$19,185,934.01

TD BANK Investment Pool..... \$294,658.44

Strafford Conservation Commission Easement Fund Acct #####4477

Balance January 1, 2020	\$210,968.93	
Deposited 2020	\$38,650.00	
Withdrawals 2020	\$0.00	
Interest Earned 2020	<u>\$839.61</u>	
Total Balance		\$250,458.54

Town of Strafford Ambulance Acct #####4485

Balance January 1, 2020	\$255,121.86	
Deposited 2020	\$81,237.50	
Withdrawals 2020	-\$121,334.92	
Interest Earned 2020	<u>\$918.33</u>	
Total Balance		\$215,942.77

Conservation Commission Acct #####4493

Balance January 1, 2020	\$33,181.32	
Deposited 2020	\$0.00	
Withdrawals 2020	-\$5,030.00	
Interest Earned 2020	<u>\$126.55</u>	
Total Balance		\$28,277.87

Police Special Details Acct #####4500

Balance January 1, 2020	\$30,567.50	
Deposited 2020	\$107,348.89	
Withdrawals 2020	-\$99,458.53	
Interest Earned 2020	<u>\$172.64</u>	
Total Balance		\$38,630.50

Timber Escrow Acct #####4518

Balance January 1, 2020	\$2,051.09	
Deposited 2020	\$5,158.00	
Withdrawals 2020	\$0.00	
Interest Earned 2020	<u>\$8.55</u>	
Total Balance		\$7,217.64

Fire Dept. Special Details Acct #####4526

Balance January 1, 2020	\$1,367.24	
Deposited 2020	\$0.00	
Withdrawals 2020	\$0.00	
Interest Earned 2020	<u>\$5.20</u>	
Total Balance		\$1,372.44

STRAFFORD TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Officers' Salaries

Lynn Sweet, Selectman.....	\$ 540.00
Bryant Scott, Selectman.....	\$ 2,700.00
Scott Young, Selectman.....	\$ 2,700.00
Brian Monahan, Selectman.....	\$ 2,161.00
Cindy Cushing, Treasurer.....	\$ 9,346.00
Chris Bane, Town Clerk January - June.....	\$ 1,230.42
Terri Marsh, Town Clerk July-December.....	\$ 1,167.42
Judith Dupré, Tax Collector.....	\$ 26,190.00
Ron Lemieux, Moderator.....	\$ 75.00

Office Expenses

Town Clerk's Fees

Auto Permits.....	\$13,538.00
Vital Statistics.....	\$963.00
Municipal Agent Fees.....	\$18,303.00
M/V Title.....	\$2,092.00
Marriage License.....	\$182.00
UCC/IRS Filings.....	\$1,521.00
Wet land Perm/Pole License.....	\$0.00
Animal Control Fees.....	\$0.00
Boat Permits.....	\$160.00

Ellen White, Administrator.....	\$ 81,174.00
Martha English, Deputy Tax Collector.....	\$ 5,660.00
Deputy Town Clerk.....	\$ 6,516.00
Clerical.....	\$ 18,600.00
Bookkeeping.....	\$ 12,053.00
Office Supplies.....	\$ 2,243.00
Postage.....	\$ 8,881.00
Printing.....	\$ 2,007.00
Conferences/Training.....	\$ 65.00
Reference Materials.....	\$ 714.00
Deed Research/Tax Lien.....	\$ 610.00
Recording Fees.....	\$ 440.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$ 7,209.00

STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Report FY2020



2020 was certainly an interesting year. Covid-19 was first and foremost in our thoughts as we responded to calls for service. We did curtail some of the services that we provided at the Police Station such as fingerprinting, and the annual kids bike rodeo, to keep both the citizens and employees safe.

We did continue to respond to all calls for service, and overall, our traffic stops and arrests remained about the same as last year. If at all possible, summonses were issued roadside, and no one was brought into the Police Station unless absolutely necessary. Any arrest that involved a bail situation was done via telephone or fax, when practical, to mitigate unnecessary social contact.

In September 2020, the Police Department hired Attorney Jean M. Reed to be our part-time court prosecutor. Jean is a resident of Strafford and comes to us with an extensive resume, previously prosecuting for the New Hampshire State Police and Strafford County Attorney. Jean works out of the police station, dedicating one day a week to preparing the cases for court, and is available to assist the officers as needed by phone or in person at any time day or night when a question of law arises. Having Jean join our staff has been extremely beneficial to all of us.

Everyone from the citizens of Strafford to the officers on the street and the court system worked hard to accommodate the ever-evolving, unplanned crisis that was Covid-19. I thank you all for stepping up and making things easier for us at the Police Department.

As always, it has been a pleasure serving the residents of Strafford and if you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Chief Mike Richard

Police Department Statistics			
	2018	2019	2020
Accidents.....	37	44	35
911 calls.....	15	11	7
MV summons.....	77	82	71
MV warnings.....	598	479	883
Arrests.....	33	41	39
Mutual Aid/Fire/Med.....	85	181	84
Incidents.....	125	112	137
Alarms.....	80	42	35
Property Crimes	19	33	17
Miscellaneous calls for service.....	3296	3348	784
TOTALS	4365	4373	2092



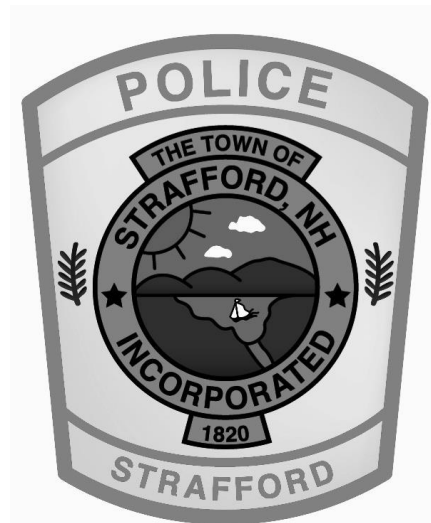
STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT Wage Report

	2020 Budget Appropriations	2020 Expenditures	2021 Budget Appropriations
Salaries			
Chief Michael Richard	\$85,320.00	\$83,515.33	\$84,214.00
Lt. Randy Young	\$75,600.00	\$73,412.15	\$74,620.00
Sgt. John Bernard	\$64,800.00	\$62,304.11	\$63,960.00
Officer Evan Ortega	\$51,624.00	\$50,790.11	\$51,168.00
Officer Forrest Stickney	\$50,760.00	\$57,302.65	\$50,954.00
New Officer	\$51,840.00	\$11,234.34	\$50,102.00
Secretary/Admin Asst.	\$24,624.00	\$24,837.60	\$24,305.00
Subtotal	\$404,568.00	\$363,396.29	\$399,323.00
Overtime			
Chief Michael Richard		\$0.00	
Lt. Randy Young		\$16,275.60	
Sgt. John Bernard		\$4,552.08	
Officer Evan Ortega		\$6,302.97	
Officer Forrest Stickney		\$3,460.52	
Greg Iannacci		\$651.14	
Overtime	\$12,600.00	\$31,242.31	\$12,915.00
Details			
Chief Michael Richard		\$0.00	
Lt. Randy Young		\$0.00	
Sgt. John Bernard		\$0.00	
Officer Evan Ortega		\$0.00	
Subtotal		\$0.00	
Total Salaries	\$417,168.00	\$394,638.60	\$412,238.00
Benefits			
FICA	\$1,527.00	\$1,534.86	\$1,506.91
Medi	\$6,049.00	\$5,768.61	\$5,977.45
Retirement	\$115,526.00	\$108,173.91	\$131,431.70
Insurance	\$117,078.00	\$90,114.64	\$125,024.00
Total Benefits	\$240,180.00	\$205,592.02	\$263,940.06

STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Operating Budget

Purpose of Appropriation	2020 Budget Appropriations	2020 Budget Expenditures	2021 Budget Appropriations
Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$4,918.45	\$3,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$5,300.00	\$6,267.03	\$5,300.00
Equipment	\$8,000.00	\$13,099.65	\$8,000.00
Prosecution	\$7,000.00	\$10,580.00	\$10,000.00
Dispatch	\$7,105.00	\$6,750.28	\$7,105.00
Special Details	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Cruiser Maintenance	\$7,000.00	\$9,642.08	\$7,000.00
Computer Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$6,531.00	\$6,000.00
Training	\$1,200.00	\$495.00	\$1,200.00
Heat/Electricity	\$7,000.00	\$7,391.26	\$7,000.00
Uniforms	\$5,932.00	\$5,953.16	\$5,932.00
Gasoline	\$14,000.00	\$11,410.89	\$14,000.00
Telephone	\$8,600.00	\$9,133.28	\$8,600.00
Computer IT	\$5,000.00	\$4,185.00	\$5,000.00
PD Dues	\$300.00	\$275.00	\$300.00
PD Misc.	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Total	\$87,537.00	\$96,632.08	\$90,537.00
	2020	2020	2021
Salaries	\$417,168.00	\$394,638.60	\$412,238.00
Benefits	\$240,180.00	\$205,592.02	\$263,940.06
Operating	\$87,537.00	\$96,632.08	\$90,537.00
Total Budget	\$744,885.00	\$696,862.70	\$766,715.06
Revenues (2020)			
Pistol Permits	\$440.00		
Reports	\$230.00		
Fines	\$175.00		
Special Services Fees	\$0.00		
Grants	\$2,700.00		
Witness Fees	\$0.00		
Total	\$3,545.00		
Police Special Detail (O2 Fund)			
Balance 1/1/2020	\$30,567.50		
2020 Deposits	\$107,348.89		
Withdrawals	-\$99,458.53		
Interest	\$172.64		
Balance 12/31/20	\$38,630.50		



Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

This year we experienced challenging wildfire conditions which led to deep burning fires in remote locations that were difficult to extinguish. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked 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. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is 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. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

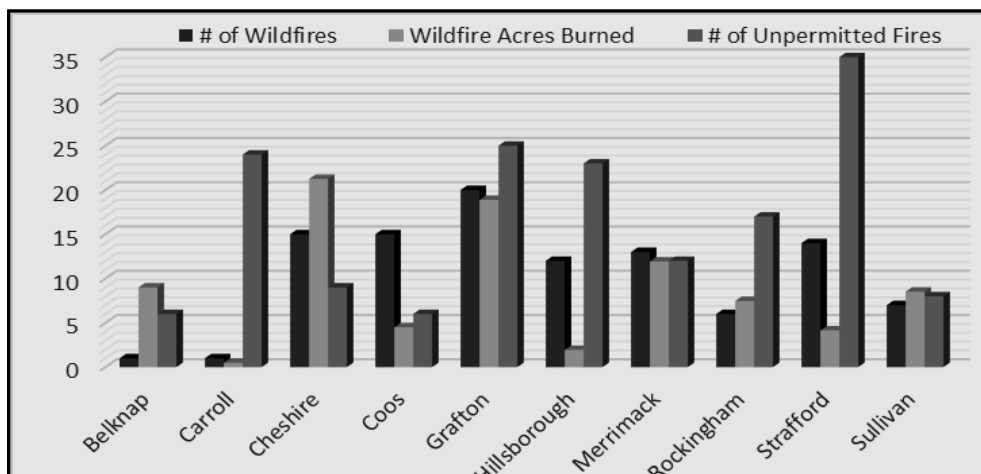
Between COVID-19 and the drought conditions, 2020 was a unique year. The drought conditions led to the need to have a Proclamation from the Governor, which banned much of the outdoor burning statewide. This, along with the vigilance of the public, helped to reduce the number of serious fires across New Hampshire. However, the fires which we did have burned deep and proved difficult to extinguish due to the lack of water. While the drought conditions have improved, we expect many areas of the state to still be experiencing abnormally dry and drought conditions this spring. For this reason, we ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: **Always Be Careful** with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2021 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. 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 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.nh.gov/nhdf/. For up to date information, follow us on Twitter: **@NHForestRangers**



2020 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 01, 2020)



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100
2016	351	1090	159

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.
4	22	21	4	3	1	4	10	44

*Miscellaneous includes power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc...

STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT FY2020

The Strafford Fire Department experienced another extremely busy year, answering 468 calls for service, up from 438 in 2019. Types of calls included medical aid, motor vehicle crashes, and mutual aid to surrounding towns. We saw an increase in the number of both structural fire and chimney fire calls. Please keep those chimneys and furnaces cleaned regularly and inspected by professionals. We also responded to significantly more brush fires in 2020. In responding to several carbon monoxide incidents during power outages, we noted that, in several of the situations, portable generators were located under decks or beside a basement window. Be sure to properly space the portable generator away from the building, at least 10 feet, with the exhaust facing away from the building.

Department members maintain certifications, attend classes, and participate in training events as individuals and as a team, enabling us to better serve the community. This was another challenge in 2020, because all classes and training events put on by the State were cancelled due to the pandemic. We hope 2021 will give us a chance for our members to continue with their training. In 2020, we accomplished our goal of providing 24/7 coverage in Town.

2020 has been an extremely difficult year for everyone including your emergency personnel. With Covid-19, we had to set restrictions to our buildings especially the Bow Lake Station, restricting public access because of our tight spaces.

The Crown Point Station project has been completed with only a few odds and ends to be done. We hope to have a building dedication later this year.

In 2019, the department officers began the process of designing a new ambulance. As proposed, in 2020 we entered into a 5 year 'lease to purchase' agreement for the new ambulance that was approved at the 2020 Town Meeting, using monies from the Ambulance Fund. We faced many delays due to Covid-19; it was finally delivered in January, to be placed into service in February. In 2021, we are requesting monies for the 2 year payment from the Ambulance Fund, with no funding to come from taxation.

We thank you for your continued support.

Have a safe 2021!

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief



New Ambulance #2 in front of the New Crown Point Station

STRAFFORD FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT



2020, was a fairly busy year for our woodlands of Strafford. We responded to 19 brush and woodland fires. Over all approximately 6.2 acres of land in our Town was affected by fire. Some of these fires were from unpermitted fires. Three of them were considered arson, 3 resulted from hiking or camping on public land, and 1 was the result of a lightning strike. Additionally, we responded to 7 calls for mutual aid with surrounding towns involving brush fires.

With Covid-19 restrictions, we were unable to issue burn permits from the Bow Lake Station. It was necessary for residents to go online and obtain a permit (for a fee) through the State. This led to some confusion and frustration for residents.

We have figured out a way to issue permits from the Bow Lake Station which we feel can be done safely for the public and our personnel. Permits will be issued from the front window of the Station. We will be installing a plexiglass divider to be used as a barrier.

Please remember that all outside fires MUST, at all times, be permitted, except when the ground is covered with snow.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Whitehouse, Forest Fire Warden

Fire permits may be obtained at the Bow Lake Station

Monday through Saturday 8AM – 6PM

Sunday 8AM – 5PM

STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT BUDGET SUMMARY

	2020 Budgeted	2020 Expenditures	2021 Budgeted
Administrative Salaries.....	\$70,150.00	\$69,696.61	\$69,317.00
Call Wages Fire and Rescue.....	\$24,885.00	\$25,858.36	\$25,507.00
Call Wages Ambulance.....	\$212,530.00	\$224,474.04	\$217,843.00
Paramedic Intercepts.....	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Supplies.....	\$3,000.00	\$1,728.76	\$3,000.00
Gas.....	\$7,500.00	\$4,629.59	\$7,500.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$1,000.00	\$844.59	\$1,000.00
Training/Reference Materials.....	\$12,000.00	\$3,533.96	\$12,000.00
Electricity/Heat.....	\$12,500.00	\$12,796.99	\$12,500.00
Telephone.....	\$5,000.00	\$5,095.06	\$5,000.00
Equipment Maintenance.....	\$30,000.00	\$24,266.18	\$30,000.00
Dues.....	\$1,500.00	\$1,285.00	\$1,500.00
Truck Maintenance.....	\$20,000.00	\$20,726.46	\$20,000.00
Dispatch.....	\$42,311.00	\$42,311.22	\$47,584.00
Uniforms/Clothing.....	\$4,000.00	\$540.37	\$4,000.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$13,500.00	\$10,910.61	\$13,500.00
Dock Maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$1,300.19	\$2,000.00
PR/Books/Films.....	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Employer FICA.....	\$14,720.00	\$15,520.61	\$15,088.00
Employer MEDI.....	\$4,460.00	\$4,640.44	\$4,534.00
NH Retirement Fire.....	\$21,108.00	\$20,971.70	\$22,868.00
Fire/Rescue Disability.....	\$116.00	\$139.20	\$396.00
Fire/Rescue Life Insurance.....	\$171.00	\$152.76	\$171.00
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BUDGET TOTAL	\$502,751.00	\$491,422.70	\$518,108.00



FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT WAGE SUMMARY

Administrative Salary

Scott Whitehouse..... **\$69,696.61**

Call Wages/Fire

Andersen, James A.....	\$366.57
Andersen, James W.....	\$433.52
Aucella, Erik P.....	\$1,482.02
Bickford, Benjamin A.....	\$1,113.72
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$340.00
Clark, Robinson M.....	\$38.50
Crampsey, Joshua T.....	\$1,147.15
Crampsey, Kelly Ann.....	\$243.44
Deane, Lyle T.....	\$4,639.77
Evans, Michael A.....	\$22.31
Frasca, Peter R.....	\$1,096.15
Goodspeed, Steven N.....	\$1,349.65
Hartranft, David.....	\$3,802.78
Hayes, Bryan A.....	\$254.38
Hinrichsen, Josiah J.....	\$30.25
Jamer, Ben H.....	\$107.63
Johnson, Stephen D.....	\$731.26
Marston, Henry J.....	\$694.89
McAdams, Brendan T.....	\$36.00
McGinn, Michael.....	\$506.71
Meehan, Daniel E.....	\$632.33
Morin, Scott R.....	\$184.26
Morse, Edward J.....	\$52.25
Poole, Dakota M.....	\$16.00
Richard, Nathan J.....	\$129.38
Rohr, Douglass E.....	\$371.00
Roy, Christopher M.....	\$483.64
Rudnicki, Windy L.....	\$1,488.67
Schaub, Adam A.....	\$655.50
Stover, Paul M.....	\$1,920.77
Whitehouse, Cameron.....	\$1,023.11
Whitehouse, Samuel E.....	\$464.75
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	\$25,858.36

Call Wages /Ambulance

Aucella, Erik P.....	\$97.50
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$5,292.00
Crampsey, Joshua T.....	\$11,165.06
Deane, Lyle T.....	\$11,632.89
Dumais Jr, Normand L.....	946.39
Frasca, Peter R.....	\$30,978.25
Goodspeed, Steven N.....	\$1,978.69
Hartranft, David.....	\$10,865.00
Johnson, Stephen D.....	\$27,246.38
LaPorte, Stephen J.....	\$1,733.63
McAdams, Brendan T.....	\$7,641.00
McGinn, Michael.....	\$16,624.40
Meehan, Daniel E.....	\$9,849.02
Miglioni, Tyler J.....	\$345.00
Morin, Scott R.....	\$20,238.22
Poole, Dakota.....	\$13,092.00
Richard, Nathan J.....	\$16,396.16
Rowell, Jared M.....	\$841.50
Rudnicki, Windy L.....	\$24,727.89
Schaub, Adam A.....	\$11,057.31
Stover, Paul M.....	\$1,725.75
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	\$224,474.04

Total Wages \$320,029.01



HILL LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2020

This year was a year unlike any other. The Hill Library staff worked hard to continue to provide free and valuable services to the community of Strafford, even with many restrictions in place.

At the start of 2020, there were 6-8 youth programs per week at Hill Library. We also offered adults yoga weekly and had groups meeting on a regular basis for book discussions, poetry, craft and needlework, political gatherings, and cribbage and mah jong games. The library scheduled special programs too, such as How to Sow Seeds in the Winter and author (and their dog) visits.

When the library building was closed in the Spring, the staff worked from their homes to reach out to families. We created a YouTube channel with bedtime stories and yoga videos, as well as Facebook online storytimes. We adjusted our website so residents could apply for a library card online and included links and directions to access online books, movies, and magazines for free until they could be borrowed from the library building once again.

The staff wrote grants to start a Little Free Library (on Water Street across from the dam) and a Children's Community Garden (CCG). It was with tremendous effort that the CCG was started and maintained on the town lane adjacent to the library. Throughout the spring, summer, and fall 173 members of the staff, volunteers, and families involved in this project came to cultivate and tend to the garden. The harvest came to over 100 pounds of fruit and vegetables donated to the Strafford Food Pantry. The staff also spearheaded a competitive fundraising and grant program which resulted in over \$1500 to be used in garden improvements in 2021. The CCG will continue to be a place for families to work outside on a new project together and to learn about organic gardening methods and community giving.

When possible, Hill Library offered Inter-Library Loan services, Passport Application Acceptance, Notary Public Services, and hosted online/virtual meetings. The staff has worked hard to meet NH state guidelines of safety so that the public can be welcomed back into the library building. Throughout the summer and fall we were able to have browsing and computer/printer use in a controlled capacity. We offered outdoor programs, including monthly Book Discussion Group and weekly Storytimes and Yoga. We also had special events including an author visit and drive-in movies. The Summer Reading Program was altered so most activities were online, but crafts and activities could be picked up each week to do at home. We expanded our Summer Reading Program to include Adults. After Thanksgiving, the library returned to phase 2 of re-opening with the building closed to the public and all group programs online. As you will see in the statistics below, the community continued to use Hill Library as a resource throughout all of these different phases.

We are fortunate that all of our staff remained throughout the year. One of our longtime volunteers began to job-share with one of our employees, so we have actually added an experienced staff member without adding a position. We continue to benefit from the expertise of Megan Grondin, Larisa Miller- Molloy, Dolly Pauliukonis, Vilija Pauliukonis, and Marilyn Roderick.

Although there were a few months where we were unable to deliver, The Strafford Library Association, our Friends group, continues to sponsor a Baby Basket program. On a Strafford child's first birthday, we offer to deliver a basket with a book, library information, and a hand-knit item (thanks to the String Enthusiasts group who met weekly when possible). The Friends of the Hill Library also purchases a subscription to Bookpage. This is a monthly magazine with articles about new books and author interviews. The Friends are also responsible for the museum admission

reimbursement program through the library. We are looking for people interested in joining the Friends and participating in planning and programming for the library.

During 2020, the staff at Hill Library engaged in many professional development activities surrounding training to make online/virtual experiences for the community as well as learn new health and safety protocols. The staff arranged with the state to procure personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies and met virtually with NH State Library leaders on a regular basis. Two of the staff were trained in CPR. In addition, Paige was elected to be the Chair of the regional Suncook Inter-Library Cooperative(SILC) and Megan was chosen to be the Secretary of the state organization Children’s Librarians of NH (CLNH). The Hill Library was re-certified as a US Passport Acceptance Facility and received a perfect score on their assessment visit. The Library also took part in the Welcoming Library, a collection of children’s books that circulates throughout the state of NH to offer access to current literature to young children.

The Library Trustees this year are: Sharon Omand, Jessie Copeland, and Lindsay Aucella. The alternate trustee is Liza Witonis. The meetings take place on the second Wednesday of every month at 6 pm, currently over Zoom. Please attend to learn about the library and share your thoughts.

Nobody knows what the future holds, but we look forward to welcoming you back to the library.

Statistics in 2020

Library Cards	1,533 (up 63 from 2019)
Materials in Library	14,266
Hill Library Items borrowed	31,795 (up 11,118 from 2019)
Ebooks/Audiobooks/Online magazines borrowed	6,359
Inter-Library Materials borrowed and lent	861 (suspended from March to Sept)
Meetings and programs	237 (includes virtual)
Attendance at meetings/programs	6,714 (includes virtual)
Summer Reading Program Enrollment	Adults 41 Children 64



The Little Free Library

HILL LIBRARY BUDGET INFORMATION

	2020 Appropriations	2020 Expenditures	2021 Proposal
Personnel			
Director	\$ 26,730	\$ 26,565	\$ 26,312
Administrative Librarian	\$ 13,392	\$ 13,371	\$ 13,312
Circulation	\$ 12,096	\$ 12,140	\$ 12,064
Youth Services	\$ 30,160	\$ 28,761	\$ 31,200
Library Aides	\$ 6,264	\$ 4,210	\$ 5,460
Personnel Subtotal	\$ 88,642	\$ 85,047	\$ 88,348
Insurance			
Insurance	\$ 10,411	\$ 7,806	\$ 11,057
FICA	\$ 5,567	\$ 5,277	\$ 5,478
Medicare	\$ 1,302	\$ 1,233	\$ 1,281
Professional Development	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 450
Personnel Total	\$ 106,022	\$ 99,463	\$ 106,614
Services	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,172	\$ 4,175
Collections			
Books	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,662	\$ 2,700
Periodicals	\$ 200	\$ 224	\$ 300
CDs/DVDs/Audiobooks	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,060	\$ 1,100
Digital Resources	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,700
Binding/Labeling	\$ 400	\$ 402	\$ 400
Collections Total	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,948	\$ 6,200
Programming	\$ 800	\$ 902	\$ 800
Administrative	\$ 2,715	\$ 1,766	\$ 2,750
Utilities	\$ 7,400	\$ 6,143	\$ 7,500
TOTAL	\$ 127,437	\$ 118,394	\$ 128,039



Drive-In Movie Night - Summer 2020

TRUSTEES OF HILL LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report

INCOME

Grants Received	\$	200
Donations	\$	1,189
Interest	\$	209
Overdue Fines	\$	460
Copies/Fax/Laminating	\$	205
Book Sales	\$	351
Other Income	\$	739
Total Income for 2020	\$	3,353

EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$	795
Services	\$	110
New Books	\$	81
New DVDs, Audio, Periodicals	\$	131
Administrative	\$	481
Programs	\$	755
Total Expenditures for 2020	\$	2,353

NET INCOME \$ **1,000**

ASSETS

CD Holdings	\$	61,478
Checking Account	\$	9,552



Community Garden Summer 2020

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Capital improvement projects consisted of preparation and paving of:
 Northwood Road
 Barberry Lane
 sections of Province Road

Plowing and sanding continued throughout the winter months. Grading, gravel, and drainage work took place during the spring, summer, and fall. Roadside mowing and sign maintenance continue throughout the year. Many dead trees were removed and several more are scheduled for 2021.

Greg Messenger, Road Agent

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES – 2020

Administration Salary	\$ 12,461.58
Arborcare Tree Service	\$ 2,925.00
Dews Tree Service	\$ 4,800.00
Nathan Smith	\$ 1,562.40
R.W. Tasker & Son	\$ 22,973.00
Radford Messenger, Inc.	\$ 320,639.54
Road Detail Coverage	<u>\$ 8,451.02</u>
Sub Total.....	\$ 373,812.54

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES

Equipment/Maintenance	\$ 10,490.23
Gravel	\$ 15,046.76
Sand	\$ 11,136.35
Salt	\$ 45,184.85
Cold Patch	\$ 3,492.58
Paving Asphalt	\$ 41,499.53
Culverts	\$ 5,640.64
Street Signs/Posts	\$ 3,022.16
Supplies/Calcium on dirt roads	\$ 14,383.23
Miscellaneous & Spray	<u>\$ 4,260.00</u>
Sub Total.....	\$ 154,156.33

TOTAL EXPENDITURES..... \$ 527,968.87



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.

REPORT OF THE STRAFFORD BUILDING DEPARTMENT FY2020

The Strafford Building Department began 2020 at a slow pace, picking up speed as the year progressed. Dave Copeland and Dan Howard continue to staff the office on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 7:00. We are available by appointment via cell phone, email, or text. Contact information and permit information are available online; permit applications are available for downloading by accessing the Town website at www.strafford.nh.gov.

We would like to again stress the importance of hiring reputable, licensed installers and obtaining the appropriate permits so inspections may be conducted. We encourage anyone seeking to build, remodel, add-on, or renovate to contact our office so we can assist with your project; ensuring it is completed in compliance with codes. Also, for life safety and during construction, a 991 address number should be prominently displayed.

If required, most elements of the inspection process can be done via social distancing or remote communication. Final inspections would continue on site.

Permits issued in 2020 included:

Month	New Home	Renovation	Addition	Barn/ Garage	Shed/ Deck/ Pool	Septic	Demo	Mech/ Elec/ Plumb	Renewal	ADU	Duplex
Jan	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Feb	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
April	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
May	3	2	2	2	4	4	0	4	0	0	0
June	1	0	2	1	3	2	2	10	0	0	0
July	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	8	0	0	0
Aug	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Sept	5	2	0	1	3	4	1	10	0	0	1
Oct	0	4	1	0	0	3	0	7	2	0	0
Nov	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0
Total	11	17	8	8	14	14	6	71	2	0	1

A total of 152 Permits were issued or renewed in 2020, down 38.8% from 2019.

M, E & P Permits include generator permits.

Building and Code Enforcement

12 Mountain View Drive, Strafford, N.H. 03884

603-664-2192 x104

David Copeland, Inspector
cell 603-942-8303
dbcopland@yahoo.com

Dan Howard, Asst. Inspector
cell 603-343-3339

PLANNING BOARD and BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORTS 2020

The Planning Board would like to thank all the applicants, engineers, and residents who have participated in the Board’s monthly meetings by videoconference due to Covid. We appreciate your patience and support. Even in this unusual year, the Board has received a number of applications for subdivisions, boundary adjustments, and site plans. The year began with the review of the first application for a cell tower in Strafford last spring. The Board also reviewed several proposals for home businesses.

The Planning Board encourages anyone is thinking about developing their property to meet with the Board in advance. As a way to streamline the actual application process, the Planning Board is proposing new regulations that require applicants for major subdivision or commercial development to meet with the Board for an informal conceptual meeting before beginning the costly process of surveying and engineering. The Planning Board encourages landowners hoping to subdivide to consider Conservation Development, which offers flexibility in planning and potential cost savings, while also providing for long-term protection of natural resources. Maintaining our rural atmosphere and protecting our natural resources are key goals of the Strafford Master Plan.

The public is 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

The Board of Adjustment again saw increased activity in 2020. Over the course of the year, the Board received nine applications requesting variances or special exceptions to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances or Building Regulations of the Town. The number of times the Board meets during a year is based on the number of applications received.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley F. Rowe, Chairman, Board of Adjustment

Receipts 2020

Application Fees Planning Board	\$ 5,235.00
Application Fees Board of Adjustment	\$ 3,700.00
Total.....	\$ 8,935.00

Expenditures 2020

Postage	\$ 1,229.20
Newspaper Notices (Foster’s Daily Democrat)	\$ 1,746.27
Secretarial Planning Board	\$ 6,000.54
Secretarial Board of Adjustment	\$ 1,531.15
Supplies	\$ 66.23
Miscellaneous & Printing	\$ 57.60

Total..... \$ 10,630.99

RECYCLING REPORT 2020

STRAFFORD RECYCLING CENTER

Recycling Center Hours

Wednesday Evening 4:00 – 7:00, Saturday & Sunday Morning 9:00 – 1:00

The Transfer Station had a particularly busy year in 2020, remaining open throughout the year, without any consideration to the “Shut-down”. We would like to thank our residents for carefully following the new recycling rules and sending those bottle caps, plastic bags and pizza boxes into the trash compactor and following the guidelines put in place by Waste Management for recycling. Please remember to follow these simple rules:

- Remove bottle caps and dispose in household trash
- Recycle all rinsed empty bottles, cans, paper and clean cardboard
- Keep food and liquids out of your recycling
- Keep plastic bags and other non-recyclable plastics out of your recycling. Waste Management accepts only #1, #2 and #5 plastics.

Waste Management Recycling		
	2019	2020
Mixed Paper	143.80 tons	151.95 tons
Plastic	40.39 tons	39.42 tons
Glass	80.51 tons	83.00 tons

You will notice quite an increase in the paper tonnage, likely a result of the increase in online shopping in 2020 and the resultant cardboard. The last year the Town received any measurable revenue from recycling these materials was 2016. It is not likely that we will see any revenue from paper, plastic, or glass in 2021. The cost to recycle plastic has remained steady, but the cost of mixed paper recycling dropped a bit throughout 2021. We pay NRRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) to handle the proper disposal/recycling of our tires, electronics, Freon, aluminum and scrap metal. Revenues from aluminum and scrap metal, along with customer fees help to offset these costs. Scrap metal revenue declined in 2020, but there are indications of improvement in 2021. The “Good as New” Swap Shop at the Recycling Center is a good way to recycle for many of us; it was closed for some time due to Covid concerns. It is open now, although with some restrictions.

Strafford is under contract with Waste Management for the hauling of our Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and Demolition materials as well. We have seen steady increase in these volumes since 2018. In 2020, the tonnage of MSW was 978.44, up about 100 tons over 2019. As a point of interest, each MSW compactor can hold 10-12 tons of material before it must be replaced with another; that’s about 95 MSW containers last year in and out of the Recycling Center. Thank you to our attendants who carefully manage those containers, with efficient filling and timely, cost effective hauling! The tonnage of demolition debris was 463.14 tons in 2019 and increased to 505.70 in 2020. Those open containers hold an average of 5 tons. This year’s increased volume increased the Town’s expenses. 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 Strafford’s residential trash disposal.

The backhoe, which is invaluable in “compacting” the demolition containers and minimizing hauling charges, needed some significant repair in 2020. A Capital Reserve Fund was established 2 years ago to begin to set aside funds for its inevitable replacement. Again in 2021, an appropriation is requested for this fund.

The staff of the Transfer Station would like to ask for your help. Staff members are requesting that residents try to arrive no later than 6:45 PM on Wednesdays and 12:45 PM on Saturdays and Sundays so that staff members have an opportunity to complete all the necessary tasks by closing time.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT FY2020

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. Assessment of properties provides the basis for the tax bills that property owners receive twice each year. Each year a portion of the properties in Strafford are visited by an agent from KRT, the Town's contracted assessing firm. Our goal is to verify and update the physical data to ensure the assessments are accurate. In 2020, properties on maps 3, 4, 21, 31, 32, 36, and 37 were visited. Also in 2020, properties with open building permits were visited and improvements were reflected in the 2020 assessments.

Data collectors and their vehicles are properly identified and carry a letter of introduction from the Selectmen's Office. Vehicle information is posted on the website. If you have any concerns about the identity or procedures of the data collectors, you are urged to contact the Town Office, 664-2192 ext 101 or 107. Your cooperation will ensure that the assessment data is up to date and as accurate as possible.

2021 will be a busy year in the Assessing Department. In addition to visiting properties with open building permits, properties on Maps 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 18, 19, & 20 will be visited as part of the routine cyclical review process.

Additionally, in 2021 KRT will be conducting a Statistical Revaluation which is mandated by the State to be completed every 5 years. The last Statistical Revaluation occurred in 2016, and before that 2011. Besides being mandated, a revaluation is done to equalize the values within a municipality to ensure a fair distribution of the tax burden. It is not done to raise taxes. Property values change over time, but they do not all change at the same rate. There are several phases to this project. KRT appraisers will begin by measuring and listing each property that sold between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2021 and will review the information on the property record card for data accuracy. The goal is to gain a clear understanding of what sold and for what price. They then analyze the sales and the numerous factors that influenced the sales. They adjust the models in the assessing software that determine value so that current market conditions are reflected on all properties. A field review is completed to assess the veracity of the newly developed tables, and property owners are notified by mail of their property's "new" valuation. Hearings are held with individual property owners to give them an opportunity to review, discuss, and appeal, if necessary, the "new" values. When finalized this information becomes the basis for the new valuation of the Town and the basis for each property assessment. This is a very simplistic explanation of the purpose and process of a Revaluation. More detailed information, along with commonly asked questions may be found at www.strafford.nh.gov at the Tax Collector tab under Assessing.

In Strafford, the War Veteran's Tax Credit of \$200 is available for those who meet the specific requirements according to RSA 72:28. An additional credit of \$700 is granted to totally & permanently disabled Veterans, their widows, and the widows of Veterans who died or were killed while on active duty.

Senior Property Tax Exemptions of \$30,000 to \$50,000 are provided to/for qualifying seniors 65 and older. 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. This exemption reduces the total assessed value of the property. Income and asset limits apply here as well.

The deadline for submitting all exemption and tax credit applications is April 15 for the tax year in which they are applied. The qualification guidelines along with the applications are available at the Town Office.

Property Tax Abatement Applications for consideration on prior year's taxes are due by March 1st following notice of tax. Applications are available at the Town Office or from www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/property/index.htm.

I would like to thank you for your continued cooperation with property assessors. It is of the utmost importance to have accurate data to ensure all property owners in Strafford are assessed equitably. We aim to develop and maintain effective communications with the citizens of Strafford on assessing issues. If you have any questions or would like to find out more information about exemptions, tax credits, and qualifying criteria, call or stop by the Assessors' Office, 603-664-2192 ext. 107.

Sincerely,
Richard Dorsett Jr., CNHA
Strafford Assessing Agent

STRAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT 2020

Many families enjoyed swimming at Bow Lake this past warm and sunny, rainless summer. We had an excellent lifeguarding staff, with 4 returning guards, providing good coverage at Bow Lake beach from Fathers' Day through the third Saturday in August, when all the staff headed off to college. Lifeguards were on duty from 10 AM until 3 PM daily. We appreciate all they do to keep the beach area safe, clean and enjoyable.

Each summer, Strafford holds a swim program at the Bow Lake beach, and we encourage all our young families to participate. Lessons are affordably priced. Two sessions were held once again in 2020. Session 1 lesson was from July 13th – July 24th. Due to the availability of our instructor and the lifeguards returning to school, Session 2 was only be one week, August 10th – August 14th. Our swimmers this past summer were again very attentive, put effort into learning the skills, and most passed their levels. 2021 registration forms will be available on the Town website www.strafford.nh.gov in late May, or from the lifeguards once they are on duty. We look forward to seeing lots of swimmers again this coming season.

Salaries for the summer of 2020 were \$14,071.25. Maintenance and portable restroom rentals cost \$2448.40 for the summer. Other expenses and water testing totaled \$263.19, bringing the total expenditures to \$16,782.84.

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 increased from previous years for both beach passes and for swim lessons. The sale of beach passes brought in \$1595.00. Income from swim lessons was \$862.00.

STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The mission of the Strafford Conservation Commission is to protect and enhance open spaces in order to promote a diversity of habitats and wildlife. The Conservation Commission will work to maintain the rural and agricultural identity of the town, act as an educational resource for conservation practices, and serve as an intermediary between the citizens of Strafford and government permitting agencies.

The Conservation Commission spent time this year on trail maintenance, primarily rearranging large woody debris and clearing growth from the trails. The Conservation Commission welcomes notice of any new obstructions from hikers. We wish to thank the many volunteers for assisting in this maintenance, including the Strafford Swamp Stompers snowmobile club and Phil & Friends.

The Conservation Commission has continued its efforts to arrest the spread of invasive plants. We are expanding our invasive plant monitoring throughout our conservation properties as part of developing an encompassing Integrated Pest Management program. Garlic mustard – a weed that can overrun fields, woodlands, and gardens – needs to be pulled yearly to check its advance. Watch for a call for volunteers in May to help with these annual efforts.

We contracted Keep It Native LLC to implement an invasive species control program at the head of the Cow Path trail on the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve. The first phase was brush-hogging the “apple orchard” area. We also continued to implement control of a sapling Norway Maple infestation at the Strafford Town Forest.

It became very apparent this year that the White Ash trees in town are infected with the invasive Emerald Ash Borer. We began removing dying trees and we will continue to do so when they are deemed a hazard.

We voted again to use Conservation funds to keep the parking areas at the Town Forest and IRCR plowed during the winter. Public use soared this past year due to the pandemic, but litter did not. Keep up the good work! We had two illegal campfires get out of control. We got lucky as the fires were extinguished while still small. A reminder that no fires are permitted on town conservation lands. Thank you, Strafford Fire Department!

Two Eagle Scout projects began this year. Joe Molloy, in partnership with the Hill Library, is establishing a storybook trail along the Cow Path at the IRCR. Meanwhile Clayton Price is installing a bog bridge along the lower reach of the Spencer-Smith trail at the Strafford Town Forest.

Sue Barnes has offered to enroll her property in a conservation easement. The commission toured the property and voted to provide funds to assist Bear Paw Regional Greenways with this effort. This parcel’s conservation value is greatly increased because it abuts already conserved town lands and contains significant wetlands features. We also reviewed several DES applications. If you have questions about conservation easements or DES permits, let us know.

We are also seeking new members to serve on the Conservation Commission - if you have an interest in Strafford’s wonderful natural areas, getting out and enjoying hiking trails, local wildlife, or anything else related to getting outside, then please consider joining us. We are a little biased, but we think the Conservation Commission is a great group of people and we are dedicated to protecting the rural, open spaces that make Strafford so special.

Conservation Commission meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. online, link refreshed monthly on the town website. We encourage you to attend.

Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds MS-10

Name of Trust Fund	Fund Type	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Date of Creation	Principal					Income				
					Balance BOY	Purchases and Funds added to Existing Accts	Sales Proceeds and Withdrawals	New Funds	Balance EOY	Income current year	Income Expended	Income EOY Balance	Grand Total	
Forest Fire Fund #0005	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Police/Fire	NHPDJP	03/10/1988	6038.77				6038.77	38.67			169.77	6208.54
School Bus I & B #0007	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDJP	12/31/1980	132809.19	113386.00			246195.19	894.72			5803.07	251988.26
Cemetery Perpetual Care #0008	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPDJP	01/01/1899	14215.00				14215.00	271.73			29410.74	43625.74
Recreation Land #0009	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Parks/Recreation	NHPDJP	03/08/1984	12760.31				12760.31	81.70			358.74	13119.05
Theodore Storer Conserv Fund #0011	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Discretionary/Benefit of Town	NHPDJP	03/10/1980	33730.07				33730.07	216.02			955.08	34685.15
Conservation Commission #0012	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Environmental Purposes	NHPDJP	04/26/1988	1973.42				1973.42	12.64			55.52	2028.94
Bridge C and R #0015	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDJP	01/05/2005	104825.11	25000.00			129825.11	671.50			2947.30	132772.41
Municipal Building Fund #0018	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDJP	09/27/2005	1538.22				1538.22	9.96			43.24	1581.46
Fire Engine Fund #0019	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDJP	09/27/2005	106290.97	25000.00			131290.97	674.37			1942.69	133233.66
Town Dock Account #0021	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDJP	08/31/2007	21957.14				21957.14	140.39			617.29	22574.43
Fire Department Repairs #0024	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDJP	07/26/2010	16.49				16.49	0.34			0.43	16.92
Ed of Persons with Disabilities #0025	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Educational Purposes	NHPDJP	12/22/2010	206447.54	25000.00			231447.54	1326.32			5808.38	237255.92
Future Re-Evaluation/Star Update #0026	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDJP	12/22/2010	17.04				17.04	0.35			0.44	17.48
Reflective Road Signage #0027	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDJP	09/01/2011	24.64	2500.00	608.00		1916.64	11.42			11.72	1928.36
Police Vehicle Fund Number Two #0028	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDJP	09/01/2011	15081.74	5000.00	15000.00		5081.74	15.64			110.00	5191.74
Municipal Oil and Fuel #0029	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDJP	09/01/2011	10358.39				10358.39	66.33			291.22	10649.61
Library Expansion/Improvement #0030	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDJP	12/26/2013	32460.89	5000.00			37460.89	206.81			703.49	38164.38
Dry Hydrant Fund #0031	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Police/Fire	NHPDJP	12/12/2017	30618.32				30618.32	196.06			860.80	31479.12
Crown Point Fire Station #0032	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDJP	12/29/2017	34662.90	76775.00	104433.86		7004.04	302.33			2797.19	9801.23
Town Hall Bldg Maint, Imprv, and/or Expand #0033	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDJP	09/03/2018	20062.07	5000.00			25062.07	127.20			354.91	25416.98
Repair/Replace Recycling Ctr Equip Fund #0034	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDJP	07/09/2019	10000.00	5000.00			15000.00	63.30			155.64	15155.64
Town Office Equipment Fund #0035	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDJP	12/12/2019	4642.07	0.00			4642.07	29.16			42.00	4684.07
Highway Dept Vehicle and/or Equip Fund #0036	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDJP	10/23/2020	0.00	0.00			5000.00	0.17			0.17	5000.17
				Totals	\$ 800,530.29	\$ 287,661.00	\$ 120,041.86	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 973,149.43	\$ 5,424.12	\$ -	\$ 53,439.83	\$ 1,026,589.26	



We deeply appreciate the Town of Strafford’s ongoing support of Cornerstone VNA, your local independent nonprofit visiting nurse association serving Strafford, Belknap, Carroll and Rockingham Counties in NH and York County in ME. Being mission driven, we are committed to bringing services to people of all ages

regardless of their ability to pay, so that families can stay together at home, even when facing the challenges of aging, surgical recovery, chronic or life-threatening illnesses or end of life care. We provide award-winning care at home through five programs:

Home Care, Hospice Care, Palliative Care, Life Care-Private Duty, and Community Care.

As a healthcare organization, we are very involved in emergency preparedness planning to ensure that we are able to continue providing care to our patients in the event of emergencies. Due to these important planning efforts, we are proud to share that we were very well-prepared when COVID-19 arrived. Thanks to technology investments, our office staff quickly transitioned to working remotely, and our field staff continued providing exceptional care to our patients, navigating each day with an increased focus on infection control. All of this was possible because we have a very strong team, and generous donors and municipalities who believe in, and support, our mission.

Although 2020 presented some unique challenges, we are pleased to share some notable accomplishments:

- On October 15th, we broke ground on a significant capital project to expand our building and renovate our existing space. Since moving to 178 Farmington Road in Rochester, NH in 2001, we have experienced significant growth, particularly in the last decade. Once our project is completed, our staff will benefit from well-designed spaces that will foster better communication and collaboration, as well as enhanced professional development through our improved training rooms. All of this will translate into better patient care, improved community support, and a team that is prepared for future growth. Funding to support this project will come from low interest loans as well as donations from individuals, local businesses, foundations, and fundraising events.
- This year, we welcomed several new medical providers to our growing Palliative Care (PC) Team. In addition to our PC Manager and Nurse Practitioner (NP), we added a PC Medical Director, two additional NPs and a PC Support Nurse. PC is a growing specialty program that provides specialized medical care for people with a serious illness, with a focus on providing symptom management and patient education. Although PC is underfunded, Cornerstone VNA believes in this program because it provides improved quality of life and decreases the need for emergency room visits or re-hospitalizations. What is unique about our PC program, is that our new Medical Director, Dr. Andrew Kunkemueller, is able to provide hospital-based (at Portsmouth Regional Hospital and Frisbie Memorial Hospital) consultations, care and support to patients with complex illnesses. Through this hospital partnership, our PC Team is able to provide an extra layer of support to local physicians.
- Due to COVID-19, we created two very special virtual Hospice Memorial Services, which engaged and touched more families than ever before. We also hosted monthly virtual Caregiver Cafés throughout the year as well.
- 2020 Awards and Recognition
 - Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, 2020 Large Nonprofit of the Year
 - Business NH Magazine 2020 Health Care Business of the Decade
 - Best of the Seacoast First Place Award Winner, 2020 Best Home Health Care
 - NH Magazine, Nursing Excellence Award - 2020 Nurse Leader, Julie Reynolds, RN, MS, President/CEO

It is our privilege provide trusted, compassionate and expert health care to members of your community and we are pleased to share the number of visits by program in 2020.

Service	Town of Strafford	Strafford County	Total Agency
Home Care/Perinatal	2,085	49,574	65,275
Hospice Care	219	14,455	18,350
Life Care/Support Services	127	6,002	6,651
Palliative Care	30	792	1,083

Your continued investment in our organization enables us to provide care to your residents, regardless of their ability to pay, and to purchase special equipment for patients in need. Along with access to care, your support funds free community clinics, patient education and allows us to launch innovative program and services. We encourage residents to call Cornerstone VNA at 800-691-1133 if they have any questions. Thank you once again for your generous support.

Respectfully, *Julie Reynolds*, RN, MS, President/Chief Executive Officer

READY RIDES TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE



2020, A Year of Challenges

Ready Rides Transportation Assistance organization provides curb-to-curb rides at no charge to all medical, dental and physical therapy related appointments for those residents living in Strafford that are 55+ or disabled. For the first six months of our calendar year starting October 2019 we completed 1510 trips, over 250 per month, to the nine towns we serve. After the COVID-19 national emergency was declared in March we scaled our trips back dramatically to focus on chemotherapy, dialysis and macular degeneration patients. Both the number of drivers and riders were greatly diminished and in the next six months we provided at total of 281 trips, fewer than 50 per month. During the second half of 2020 we had 13 extremely dedicated drivers who continued to provide critical trips to those in need. Ready Rides serves residents of Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford.

Ready Rides, established in 2013, is a 501 (c) (3) independent nonprofit organization.

2020 Fiscal Year Accomplishments:

Ride Statistics	<u>1H2020</u>	<u>2H2020</u>
Total Trips for all 9 Communities	1,510	281

For 2021 we expect that rides will be small in number but slowly increasing in the second half as vaccinations increase and the COVID-19 epidemic comes under control. We are now seeing an increased demand from riders and will need to re-establish our team of drivers as they begin to feel safe giving rides. For 2021 we expect the challenge will be to match requests by riders with available drivers. We don't expect to see 250 trips per month again until 2022. We will continue our outreach to bring in more vetted drivers and more riders needing our service.

Please call our Coordinator for more information (603) 244-8719.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tahja Fulwider, Volunteer Driver Coordinator and Strafford Resident
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Community Action of Strafford County Report to the Town of Strafford

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020



At Community Action Partnership of Strafford County (CAPSC), we strongly believe no one should go without having their basic needs met. As the leading anti-poverty agency in Strafford County for 55 years, we strive to empower individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency by opening the doors to resources and opportunities that offer a hand up, not a handout. When we achieve this goal, we reduce the impact of poverty and build a stronger community.

Founded in May 1965, the mission of CAPSC is to “*educate, advocate, and assist people in Strafford County to meet their basic needs and promote self-sufficiency.*” CAPSC is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, has 140 employees, and a \$13.7 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 donations.

In accordance with its mission, CAPSC offers 64 coordinated programs designed to have a measurable impact on poverty and health status among our community’s most vulnerable residents, specifically, children under the age of six, seniors, and those experiencing low incomes. Programs serve the whole person or family and include nutrition, housing, fuel and electrical assistance, weatherization, parent and child education, childcare, transportation, and employment and job training, all of which are locally defined, planned, and managed in partnership with community agencies.

Without the services provided by our agency, many residents would be without a means to provide for their basic needs as they find a pathway out of poverty. In 2019-2020, CAPSC nearly 9,000 households and provided nearly \$14.3 million in goods and services throughout Strafford County, thereby reducing the burden on other County and community services. In the Town of Strafford, CAPSC provided the following service highlights:

2019– 2020 Service Highlights:

- CAPSC served 76 Strafford residents in 2019-2020, an increase of 124% since 16/17 (38 residents).
- Thirty-seven (37) households in Strafford received \$31,195 in fuel assistance during the 2019-2020 heating season (average of \$821/home).
- Over the past year, 37 Strafford households received a discount on their electric bill through CAPSC’s Electrical Assistance Program at a value of \$16,757.
- CAPSC provided Strafford County food pantries with 6,531 pounds of food to support the needs of local families.

CAPSC operates emergency food pantries and outreach offices in Dover, Rochester, and Farmington, the only food pantry in the region providing access to food five days per week at multiple sites. Head Start services are provided at centers in Dover, Rochester, Farmington, Milton, and Somersworth. Our nutrition program provides nearly 825 holiday food baskets to families in need each year, as well as over 92,000 meals to children ages 0 to 18 through its Summer Meals and After-School Meals programs in 2019-2020.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission. We are grateful to the Town of Strafford for your investment in CAPSC and our community!

Betsey Andrews Parker, MPH
Chief Executive Officer

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS



2020

OFFICERS OF THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

2020-2021 STRAFFORD SCHOOL BOARD

	Term Expires
Mr. Bruce Patrick, Chair	2021
Ms. Debbi Hinrichsen, Vice Chair	2023
Ms. Misty Lowe	2021
Ms. Erica Helm	2022
Mr. Kerry McMahon	2022

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Monica Henson, EdD

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

Nathaniel Byrne, C.A.G.S.

INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Glen Waring

INTERIM PRINCIPAL

Kathy Pogharian

INTERIM ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Amanda Russell

TREASURER

Sharon Huckins

SCHOOL CLERK

Kaisha Morse

MODERATOR

Kurt Wuelper

AUDITOR

Plodzick & Sanderson, P.A.

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 9th day of March 2021, at 8:00 a.m. to act upon the following subject:

ARTICLE #1 *(Voting)*

** To choose the following School District Officers:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| a. School Board Member | Term of 3 Years |
| b. School Board Member | Term of 3 Years |
| c. School District Clerk | Term of 2 Years |

** NOTE: All Articles except Article 1 will be taken up at 9:00 am on the 6th day of March 2021 at the **STRAFFORD SCHOOL**, 22 Roller Coaster Road, Strafford, NH, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE #2 *(District Meeting)*

Shall the Strafford School District vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Twelve Million, One Hundred Five Thousand, and Thirty-Three Dollars (\$12,105,033) 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 approves this appropriation by a 4 to 0 vote.
The estimated tax impact if this article passes is an increase of \$ 0.79 per \$1,000.*

ARTICLE #3 *(District Meeting)*

Shall the Strafford School District 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, 2021 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2021. No amount to be raised from taxation. Current balance at 12/30/2020 is \$210,642.44.

*The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 4 to 0 vote.
There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.*

ARTICLE #4 *(District Meeting)*

Shall the Strafford School District vote to establish a Roof Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the roofs of school buildings in the Strafford School District, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$152,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the School Board as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required.)

*The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 4 to 0 vote.
The estimated tax impact if this article passes is \$ 0.31 per \$1,000.*

ARTICLE #5 *(District Meeting)*

Shall the Strafford School District 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, 2021 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2021. No amount to be raised from taxation. Current balance at 12/30/2020 is \$251,998

*The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 4 to 0 vote.
There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.*

ARTICLE #6 *(District Meeting)*

If Article 4 is defeated, shall the Strafford School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Dollars (\$76,000) for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the roofs of school buildings in the Strafford School District? This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriate per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the roof repair is completed or by June 30, 2026, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

*The School Board recommends this article by a 4 to 0 vote.
The estimated tax impact if this article passes is \$ 0.15 per \$1,000.*

ARTICLE #7 *(District Meeting)*

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Strafford to see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Strafford School District on the second Tuesday of March each year (Majority vote required.)

This is a Petition Warrant Article

The School Board does not recommend this article by a 4 to 0 vote.

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

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 19th day of February 2021.

DocuSigned by: <i>Bruce Patrick</i>	DocuSigned by: <i>Debi Hinrichsen</i>
_____	_____
DocuSigned by: <i>Erica Helm</i>	


_____	<i>School Board</i>

A true copy of Warrant- Attest:

DocuSigned by: <i>Bruce Patrick</i>	DocuSigned by: <i>Debi Hinrichsen</i>
_____	_____
DocuSigned by: <i>Erica Helm</i>	

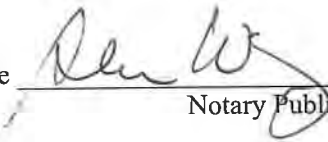
_____	<i>School Board</i>

I certify that on the 19th day of ^{February} 2021 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.


 Mary Bulger
 SAU 44

SS New Hampshire Feb. 19, 2021

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

Before me 

 Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

GLEN A. WARING
Notary Public - New Hampshire
My Commission Expires November 22, 2022



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2021
MS-26

Proposed Budget

Strafford Local School

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year from:

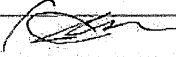
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

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

This form was posted with the warrant on: 2/19/2021

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.

Name	Position	Signature
Bruce Patrick		DocuSigned by: <i>Bruce Patrick</i> <small>5E6697DBECCB49F...</small>
Erica Helm		DocuSigned by: <i>Erica Helm</i> <small>235C3E8F7366418...</small>
Kerry McMahon		DocuSigned by:  <small>B0EED7074A81403...</small>

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

For assistance please contact:
NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
(603) 230-5090
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 6/30/2020	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Not Recommended)
Instruction						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	02	\$6,414,871	\$6,860,824	\$6,947,075	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	02	\$1,452,919	\$1,518,899	\$1,611,029	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	02	\$41,322	\$60,856	\$61,156	\$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
Instruction Subtotal			\$7,909,112	\$8,440,579	\$8,619,260	\$0
Support Services						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	02	\$482,210	\$546,212	\$565,331	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	02	\$298,359	\$362,657	\$373,963	\$0
Support Services Subtotal			\$780,569	\$908,869	\$939,294	\$0
General Administration						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	02	\$77,350	\$60,887	\$60,614	\$0
General Administration Subtotal			\$77,350	\$60,887	\$60,614	\$0
Executive Administration						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	02	\$377,790	\$395,507	\$323,116	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	02	\$359,670	\$380,465	\$386,199	\$0
2500-2599	Business	02	\$0	\$0	\$144,888	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	02	\$543,550	\$442,231	\$498,504	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	02	\$484,405	\$512,562	\$570,708	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Executive Administration Subtotal			\$1,765,415	\$1,730,765	\$1,923,415	\$0
Non-Instructional Services						
3100	Food Service Operations	02	\$143,100	\$167,929	\$172,267	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Instructional Services Subtotal			\$143,100	\$167,929	\$172,267	\$0



Appropriations

Facilities Acquisition and Construction

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
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Other Outlays

5110	Debt Service - Principal	02	\$230,000	\$240,000	\$255,000	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	02	\$163,090	\$164,337	\$135,183	\$0
Other Outlays Subtotal			\$393,090	\$404,337	\$390,183	\$0

Fund Transfers

5220-5221	To Food Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5230-5239	To Capital Projects		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5254	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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
Fund Transfers Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Total Operating Budget Appropriations	\$12,105,033	\$0
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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Not Recommended)
4600	Building Improvement Services	06	\$76,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Roof Repairs & Maintenance (non-lapse)</i>		
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	03	\$25,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Education of Persons with Disabilities CRF</i>		
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	04	\$152,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Roof Repair & Maintenance CRF</i>		
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	05	\$25,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: School District CRF</i>		
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$278,000	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2022 (Not Recommended)
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$0	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2020	Revised Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2021	Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2022
Local Sources					
1300-1349	Tuition		\$0	\$4,222	\$0
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	02	\$0	\$2,303	\$1,500
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	02	\$0	\$73,489	\$85,000
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Services Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	02	\$0	\$4,703	\$93,000
Local Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$84,717	\$179,500
State Sources					
3210	School Building Aid		\$0	\$74,483	\$0
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Special Education Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	02	\$0	\$2,644	\$2,500
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$77,127	\$2,500
Federal Sources					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
4540	Vocational Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4560	Child Nutrition	02	\$0	\$34,510	\$40,000
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution		\$0	\$23,416	\$0
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$0	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$57,926	\$40,000



Revenues

Other Financing Sources

5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0
5140	Reimbursement Anticipation Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0
5221	Transfers from Food Service Special Revenues Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources	\$0	\$0	\$0
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)	\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance 03, 05	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$50,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$0	\$219,770	\$272,000

Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 6/30/22
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$12,105,033
Special Warrant Articles	\$278,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$12,383,033
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$272,000
Less Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$0
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$12,111,033

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM WHOM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
July 1, 2019	State of NH	Equitable Ed Aid	\$1,811,850.45
to	State of NH	Building Aid	\$37,241.25
June 30, 2020	State of NH	Medicaid Reimbursement	\$12,283.05
	Citizens Bank	Transfer to close account	\$911,621.69
	Town of Strafford	Appropriation	\$8,246,380.00
	TD Bank	Interest	\$2,142.48
	TD Bank	Return of service charge	\$27.14
	Capital Reserve Fund	Parking lot	\$88,386.00
	Strafford Kindercampus	Rent	\$3,600.00
		PTO cookies	\$10.00
	Northwood School District	Northwood employee on Strafford MetLife	\$235.00
		Men's basketball	\$200.00
	End 68 Hours of Hunger		\$72.75
	US Treasury	Return of 941 taxes	\$605.34
	SAU #44	Lunch Program/Title 1	\$44,602.09
	School Lunch Program	Lunch Sales	\$30,374.01
		Tsys Lunch Sales	\$41,969.85
		Food & Supplies Purchases	\$33.80
		Donation	\$700.00
		Return check fee	\$32.00
		Payroll direct deposit returned	\$272.43
		Oyster River Tuition	\$4,222.00
	Miscellaneous	Rent/Custodial	\$200.00
		Voided checks	\$8,404.38
		Student/Adult cash	\$208.95
		Damaged/Lost Books	\$81.16
		Refund from EBSCO Ind.	\$11.28
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u><u>\$11,245,767.10</u></u>

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

TD Bank (new bank)		-0-
Received from the Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	8,246,380.00	
Revenue from State	1,811,850.45	
Revenue from Federal	-0-	
Received from all other Sources	1,187,536.65	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>11,245,767.10</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (balance-receipts)		<u>11,245,767.10</u>
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERED PAID		10,991,079.09
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2019 {Treasurer's Bank Balance)		254,688.01



District Treasurer

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Earnings History
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Name	Position	Total Earnings
Abernathy, William	Substitute Teacher	\$280.00
Almanzan, Jessica	Library Aide	\$4,430.00
Andersen, Julie M	Undesignated	\$310.00
Anderson, Brianna D	Food Service Worker	\$16,948.31
Ash-Quinn, Sarah C	Girls Soccer Coach	\$1,000.00
Bazzell, Katherine A	Grade 7/8 Social Studies Teacher	\$42,763.93
Beaverstock, Karen A	Grade 6 Teacher	\$66,295.13
Bonneau, Aaron M	Substitute Custodian	\$4,764.29
Bonneau, James M	Technology Director	\$72,189.23
Bonneau, Noah M	Part Time Custodian	\$4,752.96
Buehne, Elizabeth G	Substitute	\$2,345.00
Buehne, Karen L	Substitute	\$4,920.00
Burnell, Patricia A	Food Service Worker	\$12,202.47
Chadwick, Carol	Paraprofessional	\$22,708.70
Chagnon, Rebecca S	Paraprofessional	\$17,342.90
Clemons, Kimberly E	Grade 5 Teacher	\$41,774.00
Clinch, Andrea C	Teacher, Reading Specialist	\$61,651.50
Columbare, Wendy A	Substitute	\$4,135.00
Cronshaw, Dominic	Substitute Teacher	\$40.00
Cullen, Anne P	Secretary	\$33,381.44
Cunningham, Kathryn	Nurse	\$60,772.98
Currier, Christopher M	Custodian	\$11,459.62
DeCota, Kendra L	Paraprofessional	\$19,845.20
Delisle, Samantha C	Food Service Worker	\$3,412.50
Dolan, Audrey E	Grade 6 Teacher	\$66,402.09
Dubina, Susan E	Grade 2 Teacher	\$0.00
Duffy, Cynthia L	Paraprofessional	\$26,922.50
Eaton, Beth A	Paraprofessional	\$19,492.20
Eaton, Hannah E	Substitute Teacher	\$2,920.00
Fisher, Karyn M	Assistant Cross Country Coach	\$550.00
Fitzpatrick, James W	Boys Basketball Coach A Team	\$1,500.00
Fitzpatrick, Kerry L	Coach	\$2,000.00
Gage, Linda J	Administrative Assistant	\$28,936.48
Gahm, Allan K	Grade 6 Teacher	\$69,868.03
Gale, Cynthia A	Paraprofessional	\$22,129.60
Gale, Eric J	Food Service Director	\$38,863.39
Galvin, Michael R	Special Education Teacher	\$41,528.00
Garland, Georgia I	Grade 4 Teacher	\$63,213.29
Glaude, Eileen M	Special Education Teacher	\$69,454.59
Goscinski, Donna	Grade 8 Teacher	\$74,566.28
Hanson, Brianna L	Substitute	\$1,155.00

Name	Position	Total Earnings
Hanson, Tracy L	Grade 1 Teacher	\$64,944.55
Harling, Rebecca J	Speech and Language Pathologist	\$68,398.93
Helm, Erica M	School Board	\$2,000.00
Heselton, Callie A	Part Time Custodian	\$7,375.07
Heselton, Gary R	Facilities Manager	\$53,061.11
Hinrichsen, Debra A	School Board	\$2,000.00
Homiak, Janet E	Reading Teacher	\$67,865.00
Hossack, Michele D	Technology Teacher K-8	\$42,833.93
Huckins, Sharon L	Treasurer	\$5,200.00
Irons, Mary D	Kindergarten Teacher	\$70,638.03
Jacobs, Abby H	Kindergarten Teacher	\$45,046.92
Jamer, Monica R	Substitute Teacher	\$1,335.00
Jordan, Heidi F	Art Teacher	\$51,539.00
Jordan, Kevin A	Grade 2 Teacher	\$62,369.00
Kane, Terry L	Substitute Teacher	\$240.00
Kerivan, Sandra A	Regular Education Paraprofessional	\$19,536.70
Knox, Bethany	Paraprofessional	\$21,747.70
Krasko, Robyn T	Physical Education Teacher	\$67,548.93
LaMacchia, Tina M	Special Education Teacher	\$42,816.00
Lano, Elizabeth C	Paraprofessional	\$21,636.70
Letourneau, Mary J	Substitute Nurse	\$5,030.00
Lewis, Stephanie R	Health Teacher	\$39,038.00
Libby, Karen S	Paraprofessional	\$23,390.20
Lowe, Misty R	School Board	\$2,000.00
Marston, Eilish M	Grade 3 Teacher	\$40,206.00
Martin, Conner W	Part Time Custodian	\$922.70
Mason, Elizabeth T	Grade 3 Teacher	\$73,470.83
McGrath, Jessica L	Grade 1 Teacher	\$41,774.00
McMahon, Kerry P	School Board	\$2,000.00
Meehan, Justin C	Boys Basketball Coach A Team	\$1,500.00
Metivier, Candice L	Paraprofessional	\$25,028.70
Morrisette, Kimberly A	Special Education Teacher	\$46,151.00
Nadeau, Matthew R	Grade 7/8 Teacher	\$46,263.26
Nault, Donna L	Paraprofessional	\$19,218.20
Nevins, Theresa A	Grade 5 Teacher	\$65,195.13
Nix, David R	Retired Teacher	\$13,131.00
Nomula, Tanuja	Paraprofessional	\$19,218.20
Owen, Martin J	Custodian	\$2,434.07
Pagnotta, Katie L	Guidance Counselor K-8	\$48,688.00
Patrick, Bruce	School Board	\$2,000.00
Pickard, Bradley G	Custodian	\$8,702.95
Plaza, Linda R	Paraprofessional	\$22,743.20
Pogharian, Kathrine M	Assistant Principal	\$84,949.20
Richard, Michael A	Truant Officer	\$550.00
Roy, Amanda R	Secretary	\$29,392.32

Name	Position	Total Earnings
Roy, Sarah A	Grade 2 Teacher	\$64,240.91
Russell, Amanda L	Music Teacher	\$61,647.47
Saia, Jill H	Grade 7/8 Teacher	\$69,566.28
Sawyer, Carolyn V	Grade 7/8 Teacher	\$50,994.00
Scanlan, Jennifer	Food Service Worker	\$280.00
Schraufnagel, Julie A	Paraprofessional	\$22,708.70
Small, Dawn M	DI Coordinator and Team Coach	\$1,200.00
Smith, Terry B	Paraprofessional	\$23,071.70
Spadafora, Barbara G	Paraprofessional	\$20,800.70
Stover, Christine E	Substitute Teacher	\$520.00
Struthers, Elizabeth C	Paraprofessional	\$18,581.20
Szatko, Jennifer	Coach	\$200.00
Szatko, Lawrence E	Part Time Custodian	\$28,206.89
Taylor, Lindsay K	Cross Country Coach	\$550.00
Trapp, Amelia A	School Board Secretary	\$5,200.00
VanDenBerg, Rebecca G	50% Guidance Counselor	\$20,264.00
Verville, Jennifer JL	K-8 Spanish Teacher	\$43,685.00
Vulner, Kristine B	Paraprofessional	\$23,982.70
Welch, Shelly A	Grade 1 Teacher	\$51,009.00
Wichroski, Alison M	Speech and Language Pathologist	\$69,168.03
Wilder, Darci	KindergartenTeacher	\$39,906.00
Williams, Susan J	Library Media Generalist	\$68,011.43
Young, Scott C	Principal	\$95,474.08

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Capital Fund Balances
December 31, 2020

School Infrastructure & Buildings Capital Reserve Fund:		
	Balance as of 12/31/2020	\$251,998.26
Education of Persons with Disabilities Capital Reserve Fund:		
	Balance as of 12/31/2020	\$237,255.92

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENROLLMENT REPORT
as of January 1, 2021**

Elementary School Enrollment						
Grade	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total		TOTAL
Pre-K	Preschool	6	3	9	Preschool	9
					Home School Preschool	1
K	M. Irons	11	8	19		
K	A. Jacobs	7	7	14		
K	D. Wilder	7	9	16		
					Kindergarten	49
					Home School Kindergarten	1
Grade 1	A. Braga	6	11	17		
Grade 1	K. Grant	9	8	17		
Grade 1	T. Hanson	7	7	14		
					Grade 1	48
					Home School Grade 1	5
Grade 2	K. Jordan	12	6	18		
Grade 2	M. Rousselle	7	10	17		
Grade 2	S. Roy	2	4	6		
					Grade 2	41
					Home School Grade 2	5
Grade 3	N. Marshall	9	6	15		
Grade 3	E. Marston	7	8	15		
Grade 3	E. Mason	8	7	15		
					Grade 3	45
					Home School Grade 3	2
Grade 4	A. Fife	12	10	22		
Grade 4	G. Garland	12	10	22		
					Grade 4	44
					Home School Grade 4	6
Grade 5	K. Clemons	9	9	18		
Grade 5	A. Clinch	11	7	18		
					Grade 5	36
					Home School Grade 5	5
					Total Elementary School Students	272
					Total Home School Elementary Students	25
Middle School Enrollment						
Grade 6	K. Beaverstock	7	11	18		
Grade 6	A. Dolan	7	9	16		
					Grade 6	34
					Home School Grade 6	4
Grade 7	C. Sawyer	14	10	24		
Grade 7	J. Verville	15	7	22		
					Grade 7	46
					Home School Grade 7	2
Grade 8	K. Bazzell	3	12	15		
Grade 8	A. Gahm	8	10	18		
Grade 8	J. Saia	7	9	16		
					Grade 8	49
					Home School Grade 8	7
					Total Middle School	129
					Total Home School Middle School	13
Enrollment Summary						
Preschool	9	Grade 4	44	Total Students Enrolled in School		401
Kindergarten	49	Grade 5	36	Total Home School Students		38
Grade 1	48	Grade 6	34			
Grade 2	41	Grade 7	46	Total Students Enrolled at SAU		439
Grade 3	45	Grade 8	49			

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 2020-2021

This has been an unprecedented school year thus far, and while there have been many challenges along the way, I could not be more honored and proud to serve as the Interim Principal at Strafford School. I must admit that this past spring was not how I envisioned ending my third year as your Assistant Principal, and this fall is not how I wished to begin my first year as your Interim Principal.

During these times of uncertainty, our school and community has had the opportunity to show just why Strafford is such a special place. This school year, more than ever before, we have relied on one another to meet the unique challenges that we have faced, from a global pandemic to adjusting to leadership changes. While it has not always been easy, as a school and community family, we have continued to meet these challenges with passion, focus and most importantly, a commitment to provide the best educational opportunities for our students.

I truly believe that as we work through these challenges together, we become stronger as a community. While learning from our past and focusing on our future, I know that our Strafford School staff is focused that the remainder of this year will continue with incredible growth and learning. On behalf of the entire Strafford School staff, I am grateful for our school community support and the tremendous dedication and commitment I have witnessed for our students' education. Together, despite these unusual circumstances, we can continue to maximize the potential of all our learners whether face-to-face (F2F) or through remote delivery of instruction.

The entire Strafford School family has remained committed to the health and well-being of all school community members and to support the academic progress of all students. That commitment to safety and wellness is paramount to me and the Strafford staff. Whether you have children in the school currently or they have graduated and moved on, you are all part of the Strafford School community. At Strafford, we are all one Spartan family.

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. Parents and caregivers of our students are also part of this group and we are lucky to have families who collaborate with school staff and advocate for what their students need. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the entire faculty for their commitment and enthusiasm. Our faculty has the innate ability to focus on the whole child and to see the "Big picture". Our teachers have empathy, expertise, and character. Their hard work and dedication is a huge part of what makes our school such a special place to work.

All of that being said, we may not know what the rest of this school year or the beginning of the next one will look like, but with the foundation of a truly caring and compassionate school community, there is truly nothing that the Strafford School community can't accomplish together!

Kathy Pogharian

Interim Principal, Strafford School

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT 2020

Strafford School is thriving under the governance of the School Board and the capable leadership of Interim Principal Kathy Pogharian and Interim Assistant Principal Amanda Russell. The current school year has been a productive one for the Strafford School District despite the impact of the pandemic and the public health emergency. One of the major achievements of the district was the reopening of school with parents having the option of their children attending attend face to face (F2F) or remotely. The school has been open continuously for F2F learning four days per week in a hybrid schedule with a flex day on Fridays.

Another significant achievement of the district was the ongoing work of transition out of SAU 44, which will be concluded by June 30, 2021. The Transition Committee has met regularly and established benchmarks and objectives to affect the smooth exit of the district. On July 1, 2021, the Strafford School District will become SAU #105. Mr. John Freeman has been hired as the new part-time superintendent for SAU 105 and will begin his duties when the new school year opens. The SAU 44 Interim Superintendent has reached out to Mr. Freeman to express support and willingness to assist him in his transition into his new role.

With regard to school safety and the public health emergency, the Superintendent has formed a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Team for Strafford School's administration. The team's tasks include monitoring supplies of essential stocks of PPE, maintenance equipment, and cleaning and disinfectants; tracking technology hardware and internet bandwidth; reviewing public health data; ensuring adequate staffing; monitoring student learning modalities, needs, and issues; and making recommendations on transition among schooling models. This team is comprised of the Superintendent, the Principal, the Assistant Principal, the School Nurse, the Facilities Director, and the Technology Director. The team is meeting biweekly during the public health emergency.

The focus for school administration for the spring semester will be to assess learning loss and create a plan to address deficits, maintenance of school safety measures, and preparation for the transition to SAU 105. The central office administration will be housed on the campus of Strafford School, providing a significantly increased presence of administrative support.

The Strafford School District is currently part of School Administrative Unit #44. This includes the towns of Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. In the 2020 fiscal year, Strafford paid \$ \$395,450.19 or 31.38% of the operating budget for the School Administrative Unit. The SAU provides the following services to the local school districts:

- Personnel
- Finance
- Communication/community relations
- Student services
- Maintenance/capital improvement
- Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
- Short and long range planning
- Governance for student achievement
- Policy research, implementation, and review
- Executive leadership on educational issues

In closing, SAU 44 continues looking forward to the future and serving Strafford School and its constituents as they navigate the changing public school environment, launch SAU 105, and emerge from the public health emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Henson, EdD

Interim Superintendent of Schools



COE-BROWN NORTHWOOD ACADEMY

Annual Town Report for the 2019-2020 Academic Year



The Board of Trustees and Administration of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy are pleased to provide this Annual Report of the 2019-2020 school year to CBNA 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 data provides an overview of educational programming at Coe-Brown and the status of CBNA students.

Student Enrollment Breakdown: 2019-20

	August 2019	May 2020
Seniors	187	174
Juniors	170	163
Sophomores	152	149
Freshmen	176	168
TOTAL	685	654

Of the total students enrolled at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, the following enrollment changes took place throughout the 2019-2020 school year:

CBNA Student Enrollment Changes by Class: 2019-20

	Dismissed	Moved	Additions	Other Reasons	Total Change
Seniors	0	-8	0	-5	-13
Juniors	0	-7	+1	-1	-7
Sophomores	0	-2	+2	-3	-3
Freshmen	0	-8	+2	-2	-8

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: 2019-20

Class of 2020 Graduating with Honors:	54%
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2019-20 Enrollment in Advanced Placement /Honors Level Courses:

Class	# Stdnts.	Class	# Stdnts.	Class	# Stdnts.
Literature & Comp AP	29	Spanish Language AP	12	Calculus AP	7
Language & Comp AP	31	Latin IV Honors	4	Calculus Honors	12
English 12 Honors	35	French IV/V Honors	11	Pre-Calc. Honors	7
English 11 Honors	30	Spanish III Honors	21	Math I Honors	46
English 10 Honors	35	French III Honors	11	Math II Honors	40
English 9 Honors	30	Spanish II Honors	17	Math III Honors	9
		French II Honors	21	Pre-Calc. II Honors	8
US History AP	15	Biology AP	34	Studio Art AP	
Economics Honors	19	Chemistry AP	7	Honors Art	
World History Honors	24	Physics Honors	20		
US History III Honors	20	Chemistry Honors	39		
US History II Honors	20	Biology Honors	36		
		Intro to Science Honors	30		

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:

2019-20 Enrollment in SNHU Courses:

SNHU Class	Number of Students	SNHU Class	Number of Students
Calculus	23	Creative Writing	21
Anatomy & Physiology	49	Environmental Science	17
Public Speaking	27	Digital Photography	5
Biology	30	Chemistry	NEW

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.

2020 Advanced Placement Scores

77 CBNA students took 134 AP Exams in 2020

	Coe-Brown	New Hampshire
% of Scores 3 or Above	81%	73.8%

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

Student Reading Levels: 2019-20

Spring 2020 *Scholastic Reading Inventory*: Whole School

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy	28%	57%	11%	4%

CBNA participates in all state-wide mandated examinations. For the 2019-20 academic year, the State of NH did not administer the science AIR and the SAT for eleventh grade students.

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

Class of 2020 Post-Graduate Experiences

	4-Year Post Secondary	2-Year Post Secondary	Specialized Education Programs	Other Programs	Military	Work Force
Class of 2020	55%	14%	6%	3%	8%	14%

SPECIAL NOTE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The year 2020 will likely be remembered well by us all as the United States and the world endured the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic had significant implications for school districts in the United States and Governor Sununu ordered all schools to close in-person schooling as of Monday, March 16. While it was greatly hoped to be a short-term closure, the school closure order remained in effect for the entirety of the remaining academic year. For Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, this meant the entire fourth marking term was taught online, through remote teaching. The Academy’s teachers took one professional development day to quickly shift curriculum to an accessible online format and to begin to organize classes for virtual learning.

Although the educational situation was far from ideal, there were many aspects of Coe-Brown operations that lent itself well to the difficult remote situation. The Student Netbook Program, initiated over a decade ago, meant that all Coe-Brown students were equipped with netbooks to be used at home during virtual learning. In addition, Infinite Campus, the student learning management system, had been in place for several years, allowing for easy parent and student portal access to their grades, class assignments, and teacher communications. Several Google Bootcamps and training sessions had taken place with faculty members prior to the pandemic, which encouraged over half of CBNA teachers to have Google Classrooms already set up and running within their courses.

Similar to many schools, Coe-Brown tried to offer a great deal of flexibility in the delivery of instruction during this pandemic, as many in our local communities were dealing with loss of employment, family sickness, increased need for childcare supervision, and many other stressors that were unprecedented in our lives. Even with the flexibility offered and the hard work of students, parents, and school staff alike, the spring remained a challenging and difficult time for the Coe-Brown community. The lack of social interaction was felt keenly by CBNA students and staff and the value of face-to-face instruction was reinforced more than ever.

The graduating Class of 2020 had a senior experience that was completely unique. Due to the social distancing requirements and the closed campus, the 2020 Commencement activities were significantly modified. What remained the same, however, was the pride of accomplishment by students, parents, and school staff alike as well as the strong desire to celebrate those graduating students. A senior Graduation Parade occurred down Route 4, individual Graduation Ceremonies were conducted privately for each separate family, and a virtual Commencement Ceremony was premiered online during which all traditional accolades were announced. The Class of 2020 will certainly “go down in the history books.”

The effects of the school closure from March through June are long-term and notable. It can be seen in the data above, “Post-Graduate Experiences”, where many students deferred college enrollment and instead, directly entered the work force, as well as many other indices. The SAT exam, used by many juniors in their upcoming college application process, did not take place. Advanced Placement exams occurred, but were greatly modified and reduced. Spring sports were cancelled, affecting over two hundred student athletes. Through weekly surveys with parents and students conducted by Coe-Brown’s administration, it was clearly communicated that the learning experience in the spring would leave learning gaps to be addressed in the next school year.

Although the 2019-20 academic year was a highly challenging year for our communities, it did bring to light some of the very best of our students, parents, and staff. Coe-Brown is highly appreciative of the positive, hard-working, and supportive individuals who have created a truly outstanding educational culture in which we operate. The Board and Administration of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy hopes for a full recovery of health and opportunity for all in our surrounding communities.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Academy has maintained a reasonably steady population in recent years, with a slight decline as sending schools have experienced smaller total populations. Our total enrollment 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. The Academy offers multiple college and career fairs to assist students in making successful transitions to the next stage. CBNA continues to promote colleges, trades, military, and work force opportunities for all students.

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 the academic rigor of their coursework at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy and the support from involved parents, school boards, and community.

The Academy was not able to administer the statewide examination for juniors in the spring of 2020, the SAT, due to the pandemic. Instead, those juniors will have the opportunity to take the SAT in the fall of their senior

year. The Academy will continue to develop curriculum and teaching techniques for meeting New Hampshire State 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 2019-2020 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.

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, assist in the hiring of faculty, and facilitate 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 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 called "*Bridges.*" Faculty members met repeatedly throughout the 2019-2020 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 the communities' 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 the most recently created: Forensics Club, Health Occupation Student Association, Gaming Club, as well as some clubs that have been in existence for most of Coe-Brown's history such as FFA, Band, Chorus, National Honor Society, Science & Robotics 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 Coe-Brown's student-athletes. The athletic programs provide opportunities for students to practice self-discipline, time management, the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship. The 2019-20 academic year had 215 fall athletes, 164 winter athletes, and 0 spring athletes (due to the pandemic), showing the tremendous amount of participation in athletics by CBNA students.

As with all programs, the Board of Trustees strives to provide first-class athletic facilities and to make them available, as appropriate and possible, 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, safety concerns, 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 new capital construction must be funded through investments and the capital 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, the athletic track has been completed regraded, resurfaced, and improved. Not only has the entire surface been upgraded, but there are additional updates to the shotput and discus areas, completed by a student as a senior project, and a new pavilion installed by CBNA students in Construction class. In addition, the science building roof, among others, has received maintenance upgrades. The major project begun in 2019 is the new Wiggin Hall building which has been completed. This involved the razing of the front part of the building with a two-story new building erected in its place. It currently houses art, music, specialized and general education classrooms. In addition, security measures on campus are constantly evaluated, for greater student and staff safety including work on classroom doors and security monitoring. Continued smaller projects will serve to revitalize and repurpose areas of the Academy in the future, ensuring a modern, student-focused campus.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees and its committees (Administration, Athletics, Development, Education, Facilities, Fiscal, & 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 and community relations. The publication of the *VISIONS* magazine, *Connections* flyer,

and fundraising drives are vital steps in continuing to reach out to alumni and prospective students in the process of maintaining a 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.

THE FUTURE

The Board of Trustees thanks the towns in this community for the cooperative spirit and joined efforts to best serve the high school students in the area. Continued constructive and productive relationships with local SAUs, 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



SAU #44 DISTRICT SHARE OF FINANCIALS							
DISTRICT	2020 EQUALIZED VALUATION w/o UTILITIES	VALUATION PERCENT	(as of 6.30.19) ATTENDANCE ENROLLMENT	PUPILS PERCENT	COMBINED PERCENT	20 -'21 DISTRICT ALLOCATION %	2020-2021 DISTRICT SHARE SAU BUDGET
Northwood	474,899,953	30.18%	370	28.65%	58.84%	29.42%	\$370,794.93
Nottingham	610,034,750	39.25%	506	39.16%	78.41%	39.21%	\$494,135.19
Strafford	480,531,612	30.57%	416	32.18%	62.75%	31.38%	\$395,450.19
TOTAL	1,565,466,315	100%	1292	100%	200%	100%	\$1,260,380.31

SAU #44 STAFF SALARY REPORT

2020 - 2021 Salaries

Superintendent of Schools \$132,190
 Student Services Director \$92,298
 Business Administrator \$92,585
 Grant Administrator \$15,450

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT Special Education Analysis

<u>EXPENSES</u>	2018-2019	2019-2020
Instruction	\$ 869,314	\$ 1,071,915
Related Services	\$ 330,645	\$ 293,637
Transportation	\$ 53,720	\$ 55,712
Tuition (HS, Pre-School & Placements)	\$ 386,802	\$ 381,004
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,640,483	\$ 1,802,267
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Catastrophic Aid	\$ -	\$ -
Adequacy (Allocation*)	\$ 301,535	\$ 356,208
IDEA Entitlement-Part B	\$ 143,893	\$ 100,835
IDEA Entitlement-Pre School	\$ 6,320	\$ 3,922
Medicaid	\$ 37,094	\$ 23,416
Total Revenues	\$ 488,841	\$ 484,381
Net District Special Education Cost	\$ 1,151,642	\$ 1,317,886

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



New Hampshire
 Department of
 Revenue
 Administration

2020
\$25.65

Tax Rate Breakdown Strafford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,937,349	\$493,115,100	\$3.93
County	\$1,526,884	\$493,115,100	\$3.10
Local Education	\$8,039,016	\$493,115,100	\$16.30
State Education	\$1,131,912	\$487,407,900	\$2.32
Total	\$12,635,161		\$25.65

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$12,635,161
War Service Credits	(\$40,700)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$12,594,461

 James P. Gerry Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	11/13/2020
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STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
SAU #44
Saturday, March 7, 2020 9AM

School Board Members:

Mr. Bruce Patrick, Chairman
Ms. Debbie Hinrichsen, Vice Chairman
Ms. Misty Lowe
Mr. Kerry McMahon
Ms. Erica Helm

Others:

Mr. Scott Reuning, C.A.G.S., Superintendent, SAU #44
Mr. Nathaniel Byrne, C.A.G.S., Director of Student Services
Mr. Scott Young, Ed.D., Principal, Strafford School
Ms. Kathy Pogharian, Assistant Principal, Strafford School
Mr. Gordon Graham, Esq.
Ms. Christine Bane, School District Clerk
Mr. Kurt Wuelper, Strafford School District Moderator

Moderator Wuelper called the 2020 Strafford School District Meeting to order at 9:02 and introduced Reverend Harold Muzzy who kindly offer a prayer for all. The Moderator then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Wuelper introduced the head table occupants including School Board Members and all others as noted above. Moderator Wuelper discussed the rules of the meeting. He stated that non-voters will be allowed to speak at the meeting if the School Board needs further information. He stated that he will not follow Robert's Rules of Order. Instead, he will generally adhere to commonly-accepted rules of meetings. He stated that any ruling the Moderator makes can be overruled by the body. He asked that all speakers state their name and address, direct comments to the Moderator, and adhere to a three minute rule when speaking. Votes will be taken with a show of cards. He stated that a petition for a secret ballot must be presented with a minimum of 5 signed petitioners.

Moderator Wuelper read Article #1, stating that it will be taken up on Election Day, March 10, 2020:

** To choose the following School District Officers:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| a. School Board Member | Term of 3 Years |
| b. Moderator | Term of 3 Years |
| c. School District Treasurer | Term of 3 Years |
| d. School District Clerk | Term of 3 Years |

The Moderator read Article #2:

ARTICLE #2

To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Eleven Million, Six Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Five Hundred Three Dollars (\$11,617,503) 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 approves this appropriation a 5 to 0 vote. The estimated tax impact if this article passes is \$ 16.68 per \$1,000.

Board Chairman Bruce Patrick moved the question, seconded by Board member Hinrichsen.

Chairman Patrick spoke to the article and mentioned that handouts are available which illustrate a line-by budget as well as summaries and pertinent increases. The budget was reviewed line-by-line at the School Budget Meeting held on January 22nd. He stated that the budget has increased due costs that are out of the control of the school

board. The Chairman reviewed the main increases, some of which include contracted services, Special Education costs, contractual costs and high school tuition. Chairman Patrick mentioned that transportation costs have increased, but that Strafford is fortunate to have a transportation contract in place. There is an estimated increase in health/dental insurance which may or may not occur as rates are not set until May. He mentioned Technology, an item that the Board does have control over. The Board has approved an increase in this line in order to follow the previously established Strafford School Technology Plan. SAU costs have also increased as well as building repairs and maintenance costs. He mentioned that last year the school budget did not increase, and this year it has.

Mike Harrington requested clarification on the budget increase, which Chairman Patrick provided. He also questioned how the one-time State payment of \$85,000 would or has been spent. Chairman Patrick replied that this one-time funding will be used on improved lighting in the building.

A vote was called and by a show of cards - the article passes.

The Moderator read Article #3:

ARTICLE #3

Shall the School District accept the provisions of RSA 194-C providing for the withdrawal from a school administrative unit involving school districts of Nottingham, Northwood and Strafford in accordance with the provisions of the proposed plan.

The School Board approves this article a 5 to 0 vote.

Debbie Hinrichsen moved the question and was seconded by Erica Helm.

While Ms. Hinrichsen and Ms. Lowe prepared a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Lowe introduced the members of the SAU Withdrawal Study Committee, a directive resulting from Article #3 of the 2019 School District Meeting. Committee members include School Board Members Debbie Hinrichsen and Kerry McMahon, community members Eric Almanzan, Tanya Rich, Denise Rainey, Don Clifford and Don Coker. Also participating were Superintendent Reuning and Ms. Lowe herself as an alternate (non-voting) committee member. She asked that the public recognize the hard work and many hours of research put in by this dedicated committee. She thanked the public for being involved and interested in this process by attending various informational meetings and asking many questions.

Ms. Lowe reviewed the current structure of SAU #44, of which Strafford is a member. She stated that three towns (Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford) work together as a Joint Board to vote on the spending of discretionary funds. Due to the voting numbers, Strafford is often unable to influence the outcome of a vote, leaving Strafford's financial contributions out of sync with the services provided to Strafford students. The impetus of the formation of this committee was to determine if a local SAU could provide all the services that the current SAU structure provides, and do so by retaining every Strafford tax dollar for expenditures on our local school population.

Ms. Lowe stressed that the unfair structure of the Joint Board is the issue, not the employees of the SAU who she noted are exceptionally hard working, competent and dedicated to their profession and education. Board Member Hinrichsen spoke to the need for local control over expenditures, administrative duties, and grant management as well as local, State and Federal reporting requirements.

Board Member Lowe addressed concerns that have been raised by the public during this year of research. Many have questioned the High School contract with Coe Brown, which she stressed will not be impacted in any way by the formation of a Strafford SAU. Ms. Lowe clarified there is a slight cost savings currently projected by transitioning to a local SAU, while noting that there is no guarantee for future cost savings. Concerns about staffing were addressed as well as location and structure.

Ms. Lowe stated that the basis for transitioning to our own SAU is the control that Strafford will have over the budget and the ability to spend all tax dollars on Strafford students. She addressed community questions regarding Nottingham School, a current SAU member, stating that Nottingham is also in the research phase of establishing a single SAU in that town. Overall, the Strafford SAU Planning Committee found that the positives of creating a local SAU are numerous and will benefit the students, families and tax payers of Strafford.

Next steps were discussed, should the article pass. Decisions including location, staffing, positions and structure will be the focus of a Transition Committee which will be created and will consist of administration, staff, facilities, community members and board members. It is likely that other committees will be created as the process moves forward to focus on particulars like hiring and staffing the SAU. Should the article pass, there is a full year to transition to a local SAU. Startup costs will be defrayed by a \$68,000 Strafford fund balance, currently held at the SAU. In closing, Board Member Hinrichsen reiterated that the withdrawal plan was unanimously approved by the SAU Withdrawal Committee, the NH Board of Education and the Strafford School Board. It reviewed by the NH Attorney General's office, and approved by the Strafford Education Association.

Moderator Wuelper opened the floor for questions.

Members of the public questioned if the proposed SAU budget will be separate from the school budget. Board member Lowe answered that the SAU budget would be embedded in the school budget at this time next year, should the article pass. It was the suggestion of several members of the public that the SAU budget be a separate budget from the school budget, to ensure transparency. The board has agreed to consider this suggestion.

A question was raised about potential legal costs, and it was clarified by Board Member Hinrichsen that our insurance costs are built into the current budget and cover possible legal costs, as is the case currently. The board clarified that should this article be approved, Strafford will remain in SAU #44 until July 1st, 2021.

After a robust series of questions and answers, the article was then put to vote by secret ballot, as requested by petition.

Results of vote: YES - 175 NO - 31. The article passes with 85% of voters approving.

The Moderator read Article #4:

ARTICLE #4

Shall the Strafford School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Strafford Education Association and the Strafford School Board covering the three-year period from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits, at the current staffing levels, over those paid in the prior fiscal year;

Year	Estimated Increase
2020-2021	\$ 95,863
2021-2022	\$ 98,154
2022-2023	\$ 90,554

and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars (\$95,863) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year?

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5 to 0 vote.

The tax impact if this article passes is \$.20 per \$1,000.

The tax impact if this article does not pass is \$0.00 per \$1, 000.

Board Member Misty Lowe moved the question, seconded by Erica Helm.

As members of the Negotiation Committee, both members spoke to the article and displayed a PowerPoint showing an overview of the cost changes to the contract. It was their experience that the negotiations were a positive, professional, and fair process during which they worked closely with the Teachers Union. The stated increases reflect a 5% increase going forward spread over 3 years. They also reflect an increase to longevity pay, and the elimination of the 2.5% increase for teachers who are at step 19 and beyond.

Several members of the community expressed their displeasure with particular non-financial aspects of the proposed contract such as the inclusion in this contract to pay hourly salaries (paraprofessionals) for 2 hours on delay days. Concerns were raised about longevity pay, grievance procedure wording and other clauses in the contract. The public was given the opportunity to express their opinions.

Both Board Members and Attorney Graham reiterated and clarified that this article addresses only the cost of the contract, not the individual clauses in the contract. Further, if a voter is unhappy with a clause they do not have the ability to negotiate a different clause as a member of a community; the body may only vote for or against this article which addresses only the cost of the contract.

Questions were raised regarding the tax impact of the proposed article, clarified by the Board to be .20 per \$1,000.

Seeing no further comments, the Moderator moved the question and instructed the voters to obtain a ballot, as there was a petition presented to him for a secret ballot vote.

The Moderator stated that Article #5 will be skipped until the results of Article #4 are declared.

(Results of vote: YES - 94 NO - 88. The article passes.)

ARTICLE #5

Shall the Strafford School District, if Article 4 is defeated, authorize the School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only?

The School Board recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Moderator Wuelper read Article #6:

ARTICLE-# 6

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, 2020 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020. No amount to be raised from taxation. Current balance at 11/30/2019 is \$210,642.44.

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5 to 0 vote.
There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

Chairman Patrick moved the question and was seconded by Debbie Hinrichsen.

Chairman Patrick reviewed the current balance of the fund which is \$210,642.44. The funds, he explained are kept in an account specifically to fund the educational needs of students with disabilities. The account is used solely for this purpose.

Moderator Wuelper re-read the article and asked for a show of cards. The article passes.

Moderator Wuelper read Article #7:

ARTICLE #7 (District Meeting)

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, 2020 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020. No amount to be raised from taxation. Current balance at 11/30/2019 is \$137,530.05.

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5 to 0 vote.
There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

Board Member Hinrichsen moved the question and was seconded by Bruce Patrick.

Ms. Hinrichsen gave a brief overview of the purpose of this Fund, which is to have monies available for unanticipated building maintenance and repair of infrastructure.

A question was raised regarding the ability to utilize funds from this account for the new SAU building. Board Member Hinrichsen clarified that yes, the building housing the SAU will fall under 'infrastructure' and would therefore qualify for these funds if needed

Seeing no further questions, Moderator Wuelper re-read the question and asked for a show of cards.

By a show of cards, the article passes.

The Moderator read Article #8

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

Joanne Brown spoke as the President of the Strafford Historical Society and invited everyone to the Strafford Bicentennial events. She shared that there are event cards available and is hoping for a great turnout.

The Moderator read the results of the secret ballot on article #4 yes – 94 No – 88.

A motion was made and seconded by the public to limit reconsideration on all articles.

A vote was taken by a show of cards, the motion passes.

The Moderator then made a motion to table Article #5.

A show of cards approves this.

Patrick made a motion to adjourn, seconded verbally by the body.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Bane
Strafford School District Clerk

March 13, 2020



STRAFFORD SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020

Emilee Arnold
Lyla Baker
Steeley Baker
Macsen Baker
Nicholas Ball
Kody Barry
Mya Berry
Rex Betts-Levine
Rylee Boucher
Lily Buehne
Sarah Beugrer
Dylan Burovac
Braden Burt
Joseph Bush
Mason Collins
Justin Cook
Kyler deRuyter
James Edmonds
Noah Fitzpatrick
Lilly Gilman
Eliana Gracia
Connor Hall
Wesley Jones
Colin Kane
Tully Keefe
Michael Kimble
James Lano

James Larson-Clarke
Gage Lavalley-Ingalls
Cameron Lindsey
Connor Marquette
Ryan Matson
Honorah McGlone
Evelyn McLaughlin
Zalan Miko
Oliver Neuschuez
Hayley Newick
Sanjith Nomula
Elizabeth Norman
James Norris III
Samantha Peasley
Ariella Price
Christopher Raymond
Alexander Readel
Arista Robidas
James Sawyer
Thomas Small
Draven Stevens
Kassidy Taylor
Aaron Thornton
Emerson Totten
Lana Trafton
Kaylee Vayda
Adam Woroniak

Strafford High School Graduates
2020
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy

Isabelle Allan
Destiny Bartlett
Codi Boheen
Jackson Boucher
Mary Charquette
Evan Clark
Christa Clery
Riley Colby
Addison Craven
Lauren Curtin
Thomas Daly
Hunter DeCota
Evan deRuyter
Elizabeth Downer
Lillian Farley
George Fasulo
Sydney Feenstra
Olivia Fontes
Patrick Helm
Elijah Hinrichsen
Terrance Holderby
Keith Holland
Seth Howard
Nathaniel Huckins



Hayden Knight
Madison Kriete
Dylan Marshall
Genevieve Melanson
Katherine Messenger
Matthew Messenger
Angelise Moss
Tyler Nault
Connor Nowak
Fiona O'Shea
Samuel Patteson
Abigail Pelletier
Jacob Radwan
Jasmine Rand
John Renner
Elizabeth Shultz
Daniel Strum
Andrew Trafton
Eva Turcotte
Meskerem Wallace
Skylar Ward
Dylan White
Luke Wiggin
Josi Woodman

VITAL RECORDS
RESIDENT MARRIAGE RECORD
JANUARY 1, 2020 - DECEMBER 31, 2020
Town Of Strafford, NH

Name - Person A	Residence	Name - Person B	Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date
Harling, Daniel A	Rockport, MA	Wiggin, Rebecca J	Strafford, NH	Seabrook, NH	Rochester, NH	2/9/2020
Glidden, Shawn D	Strafford, NH	Tucker, Melissa L	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	3/23/2020
Mahoney, Peter J	Strafford, NH	Piwowarczyk, Diana M	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Deerfield, NH	5/23/2020
Smith, Andrew R	Strafford, NH	Knapp, Jamie L	Strafford, NH	Exeter, NH	Exeter, NH	6/5/2020
Carleton, Michael T	Strafford, NH	Cook, Kaley M	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	6/20/2020
Bassett, Samuel T	Strafford, NH	Bedell, Jaedyn	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Northwood, NH	6/20/2020
Walsh Jr, Martin J	Strafford, NH	Hodgdon, Gina M	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	7/3/2020
Sloane, Stephanie C	Bow, NH	Peterson, Chandler	Strafford, NH	Bow, NH	Rye Beach, NH	7/25/2020
Bibeau, Brandon H	Strafford, NH	Hains, Taylor J	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	9/5/2020
Erwin, Eric D	Strafford, NH	Marcotte, Danielle S	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	9/12/2020
Doyon, Darren J	Strafford, NH	Murphy, Jordanne E	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Jackson, NH	9/18/2020
Caron, Eric R	Stewartstown, NH	Burrows, Jillian R	Strafford, NH	Stewartstown, NH	Stewartstown, NH	9/26/2020
Snow, Jesse D	Strafford, NH	Hillsgrove, Jillian E	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	10/10/2020
Gauthier, Kevin C	Strafford, NH	Belcher, Dannielle J	Strafford, NH	Barrington, NH	Allenstown, NH	10/10/2020
Foss, Timothy M	Strafford, NH	Smith, Kerri L	Strafford, NH	Somersworth, NH	Somersworth, NH	10/31/2020
O'Brien, Patrick D	Strafford, NH	Marone, Alexandria E	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	10/31/2020
Hodgdon, Jason H	Strafford, NH	Loftis, Sarah L	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Ctr. Barnstead, NH	11/14/2020
Crampsey, Joshua T	Strafford, NH	Quinn, Kellyann M	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	11/20/2020
Slattery, Michael K	Strafford, NH	James, Paige A	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Jackson, NH	11/29/2020

Total number of records 19

VITAL RECORDS

RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2020 - DECEMBER 31, 2020

TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Scholtz, William Harvey	4/8/2020	Dover, NH	Scholtz, David	Hayes, Rachel
Fredette, Elias George	4/11/2020	Concord, NH	Fredette, Shawn	Fredette, Catrina
Ryan, Ezra Brendon	4/14/2020	Concord, NH	Ryan, Charles	Moran, Stacey
Coderre, Noah Thomas	5/15/2020	Manchester, NH	Coderre, Joshua	Coderere, Shaun
Brown, Aevah-Lynn Elizabeth	6/15/2020	Dover, NH	Brown, Travis	Boucher, Kayla
Hardwick, Wyatt James	6/22/2020	Concord, NH	Hardwick, Spencer	Hardwick, Jamie
Roehlig, Ryan Thomas	6/25/2020	Dover, NH	Roehlig, Steven	Hilton, Leah
Currier, Madison Joy	7/10/2020	Rochester, NH	Currier, Christopher	Pine, Kelsey
Dooda, Stevie Leigh	7/15/2020	Dover, NH	Dooda, Jonathon	Dooda, Amanda
Tilton, Josephine Hazel	7/19/2020	Concord, NH	Tilton, Jeffrey	Tilton, Heidi
Marchisio, Ella Marguerite	7/29/2020	Rochester, NH	Marchisio, Tyler	Cote, Megan
Young, Callyn Jaye	10/9/2020	Dover, NH	Young, Jameson	Young, Brianna
Tucker, Chase William	10/28/2020	Concord, NH	Tucker, Michael	Tucker, Nichole
Allen, Alice Marie	11/5/2020	Concord, NH	Allen, Benjamin	Allen, Jenna
Scouten, Maia Hokulani	11/17/2020	Dover, NH	Scouten, Kyle	Scouten, Megan
Elliott, Oliver Zachary	12/11/2020	Dover, NH	Elliott, Zachary	Elliott, Kristina
Howard, Ava Lee	12/15/2020	Rochester, NH	Howard, John	Campbell, Kacey
Giroux, Jacob Barrett	12/20/2020	Concord, NH	Giroux, Zachary	Williams, Ashley

Total number of records 18

VITAL RECORDS

RESIDENT DEATH RECORD

January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020
Town of Strafford, NH

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Place of Death	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name	Military
Stiles, Marjorie A	1/25/2020	Dover, NH	Wheeler, Arthur	Hansen Christine	N
Donovan, Gregory Richard	2/8/2020	Rochester, NH	Donovan, Edward	Ferrelli, Antoinette	N
Farinella, David Henry	2/15/2020	Strafford, NH	Farinella, Domenico	Caswell, Nancy	N
Clough, Cedric Worthen	2/15/2020	Rochester, NH	Clough, Charles	Fuller, Celia	Y
Lovering, Robert J	2/19/2020	Rochester, NH	Lovering, Richard	Sheldon, Elizabeth	Y
Jenkins, Alexander T	3/3/2020	Strafford, NH	Jenkins III, Alexander	Hill Geraldine	N
O'Connor, James	4/29/2020	Strafford, NH	O'Connor, Edmund	Hartley, Dorothy	U
Gilbert, Thomas Richard	5/17/2020	Strafford, NH	Gilbert Sr, Thomas	Shimada, Tosihko	Y
Pettijohn, Peggy	5/29/2020	Strafford, NH	Pettijohn, Donald	Syfert, Jewell	N
Birnbaum, Merle Wallash	6/2/2020	Strafford, NH	Wallash, Joseph	Rintye, Christine	N
Wilkinson, Barbaralean	6/2/2020	Strafford, NH	Wilkinson III, William	Unknown, Ethel	N
Carson, Clarence	6/13/2020	Strafford, NH	Carson, Clarence	Jacobson, Gertrude	Y
Kalseim, Carol R	6/16/2020	Dover, NH	McNicholas, Francis	Hanken, Henrietta	N
MacDougall Jr, John D	7/12/2020	Strafford, NH	MacDougall Sr, John	Cormier, Stella	N
Forbes, Donald Ramsland	7/24/2020	Strafford, NH	Forbes, Edson	Ramsland, Nancy	Y
Courtney, Helen	7/25/2020	Strafford, NH	Pisarski, Harry	Kacerowska, Mary	N
Swanson, Richard J	8/1/2020	Dover, NH	Swanson, Carl	Brown, Elise	N
Fowler Sr, Paul William	8/6/2020	Strafford, NH	Fowler, William	Clark, Maude	N
Waterhouse, Stuart	9/2/2020	Strafford, NH	Waterhouse, Lester	Brown, Barbara	Y
Heffelfinger, Kerry Ann	9/5/2020	Rochester, NH	Stubbert, Charles	McKinney, Mary	N
Burrows, Eugene Carl	10/30/2020	Rochester, NH	Burrows, Edgar	Huse, Miriam	N
Gambardella, Joy L	11/10/2020	Strafford, NH	Beaseley, Roy	Kirchner, Louise	N
Horan, Maureen Patricia	11/16/2020	Strafford, NH	Ayer, Alphonso	Young, Velma	N
Gilmore, Florence	11/18/2020	Strafford, NH	Crisp, Fred	Saager, Augustus	N
Wagner, Kenneth Norman	12/2/2020	Rochester, NH	Wagner, Leo	Alexander, Betty-Lee	Y
Knox, Edward M	12/16/2020	Rochester, NH	Knox, George	Klaus, Dorothy	N
Spear, Jeannine Laura	12/26/2020	Strafford, NH	Biron, Francois	LaFerte, Rose	N
Cutter, Edward	12/26/2020	Strafford, NH	Cutter, Jack	Caverly, Nancy	N



Spring is just around the corner!