

THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD NEW HAMPSHIRE



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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School District Title Page: Bow Lake School which remained open until 1960.
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ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 2017



For The Year Ending December 31, 2017

Population.....estimated 4058

Registered Voters.....3287

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TOWN OFFICERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

Bryant J. Scott 2018
Scott L. Young 2019
Lynn M. Sweet 2020
Ellen J. White, Town Administrator

TOWN CLERK

Christine Bane 2019

ROAD AGENT

Greg Messenger 2017

TOWN TREASURER

Laurie Bibeau 2019

BUILDING INSPECTORS

David Copeland
Bill Booth

TAX COLLECTOR

Judith Dupré

HEALTH OFFICER

Scott Whitehouse
David Hartranft, Deputy

MODERATOR

William G. Lord 2018

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Carol Cooper 2018
Marilyn Roderick 2020
Martha English 2022

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

Charles H. Burnham, Chairman 2019
Betsy B. Cozine 2020
Michelle Benger 2018

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

George F. Preston through August
Paige Holman beginning in September

PLANNING BOARD

Charles Moreno, Chairman 2020
Terrence Hyland 2020
Don Clifford 2019
Steve Leighton 2018

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

JoAnn Brown, Chairman 2020
Mary Marquardt 2019
Susan Rizzi, Treasurer 2018
Jessie Copeland, Treasurer
Sharon Madore, Alternate
Lindsay Aucella, Alternate

Lynn Sweet, Ex officio member
Scott L. Young, Ex officio member
Donald Coker, Alternate
Mark Whitcher, Alternate
Ashley Rowe, Alternate

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Richard Ferreira II, Chairman 2018
William G. Lord 2018
Herman Groth 2019
Susan Arnold 2020
Charles Burnham 2020
Jean Chartrand-Ewen, Alternate

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Scott A. Young, Chairman 2018
Randal Jacunski 2018
Kerry Omand 2019
Carolyn Page 2019
David Perkins 2020
Susan Barnes 2020
Katrina Amaral 2020
Elizabeth Evans, Alternate
Irving Johnson, Alternate
JoAnn Brown, Alternate
Bruce Smith, Alternate

TOWN OFFICERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mike Richard, Chief of Police

Randy Young, Sergeant

Mary Macfadzen, Secretary

Officer Adam Bergeron

Officer John Bernard

Officer Greg Iannacci

Officer Evan Ortega

Officer Christopher Dustin

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief - Fire Warden

David Hartfrant, Deputy Fire Chief

CAPTAINS

Paul Stover

Erik Aucella

Steve Johnson

LIEUTENANTS

Paul Yergeau, Sr.

Bryan Hayes

Ben Bickford

DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

James A. Andersen

James W. Andersen

Erik P. Aucella

Annie Baker

Benjamin A Bickford

Kim Bickford

Jessica Black

Eugene Burrows

Kenneth Chick

Katie Cilley

Rob Clark

Bill Cormier

Brian K. Cottrell

Brittany Deane

Lyle Deane

Norman Dumais

Peter Frasca

Steve Goodspeed

Frances Goodwin

David Hartranft

Bryan Hayes

Zach Huot

Steve Johnson

Stephanie Lazott-Croteau

James Lindquist

Matt Lobdell

Duane M. Marsh

Ed Morse

Jason Palmer

James Pouliot

Kenneth Richard

Craig S. Robichaud, Jr.

Paul Stover

Cameron Whitehouse

Scott Whitehouse

Paul A. Yergeau, Sr.

EXPLORERS

Nick Mewkill

Nick Shutt

Jacob Shutt

Alex Stover

Sam Whitehouse

ELECTED STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Senator John Reagan

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Representative Kurt Wuelper

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Representative Mike Harrington

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home (603)942-8691

REPORT FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Town and School elections will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. The polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM for voting purposes. The ballot will present candidates for Town and School District offices. Articles 2 through 18 on the Warrant will be considered on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at the Strafford School commencing at 8:30 AM.

The Board would like to recognize the 2017 passing of two former Town officials and longtime residents of Strafford, Herb Scribner and John Young. Herb grew up in Strafford and served on the Board of Adjustment and briefly as Road Agent. John Young was a Selectman, State legislator, and an active Historical Society member.

Bill Lord, who has had a long tenure on the ZBA and, more noticeably served as Town Moderator for 17 years, stepped down at the end of 2017. Bill's love for the election process, his knowledge, his energy, and his wit will surely be missed!

This year Hill Library welcomed a new director, Paige Holman. Paige has been getting to know our Town and working with the Library Trustees to make improvements and reach out to residents.

In 2017 Strafford's oldest citizen, Stephen O'Grady, was recognized with the presentation of the Boston Post Cane.

Several new amendments to our Zoning Ordinances were approved by ballot vote in 2017. Throughout the year, departments continued to work within their budgets and provide excellent service to/for residents and visitors to our Town. With an eye to the future, CRF funding was approved for a new Crown Point Fire Station and for future bridge work. We also received a supplemental Highway Block Grant (SB38) which has been designated for a future bridge project. Each year Capital Improvements to our Town roads are part of the Town budget. We want to thank our residents as they patiently accommodated weather interruptions and paving schedules for the improvement to Water Street and nearby roads. As always, we want to recognize Road Agent Greg Messenger and his crew who persevered through that project and who have also kept our roads safe through snowy winter months. 2017 brought another Halloween power outage (this time due to a wind storm) lasting several days; our Police and Fire/Rescue departments and road crew went above and beyond opening up roads and responding to emergencies.

Continuing in 2018 with long term planning, the Selectmen are recommending Capital Reserve Fund establishment and appropriations for Library Improvement, Town Hall Maintenance, and a future fire truck purchase.

A more immediate need is the construction of a new building to house the electrical equipment at the Recycling Center. The current cinder block building has deteriorated and retains dampness which is not beneficial to the important electrical equipment inside. This project is recommended in Warrant Article 11.

Of note in the budget is an increase in Fire/Rescue Ambulance wages. This represents the first year of a multi-year plan to provide 24/7 EMS coverage to residents. Two EMS personnel currently provide coverage from Bow Lake Station daily from 8AM to 4PM.

Due to declining revenue for Center, Caverly, and Crown Point Cemeteries and the necessity of ongoing maintenance, the 3 cemetery associations have put forth a petition article seeking funds for mowing and maintenance.

In August of 2020, just 2 years away, the Town of Strafford will commemorate its Bicentennial. Follow the progress of the planning committee on Facebook at Strafford200Years or at the website: www.Strafford1820-2020.com. You may email the committee at straftordbicentennial@gmail.com. Better yet, get involved!

The Selectmen meet every other Tuesday at 6:00PM at the Town Hall, unless otherwise posted. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend any meeting.

The Selectman would especially like to thank those who labor quietly among us as volunteers, on boards, committees, commissions and in various organizations in Town. To all of you, we offer our gratitude and sincere thanks for striving to make Strafford a wonderful place to live!

Lynn M. Sweet, Chairman

Bryant J. Scott, Selectman

Scott L. Young, Selectman

TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the **Strafford Town Hall** in said Strafford on Tuesday, the Thirteenth (13th) day of March, next at 8:00 A.M. to act upon the following subjects:

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

** NOTE: ALL ARTICLES, EXCEPT ARTICLE 1, WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 8:30 A.M., SATURDAY, MARCH SEVENTEENTH (17th) 2018 AT THE **STRAFFORD SCHOOL**

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$380,000. for Capital Improvements (Drainage work, culverts, gravel and paving) of roads within the Town boundaries at the discretion of the Road Agent, as funding permits.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$573,359. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,918. for the purchase of a police vehicle and equipment to be funded by a withdrawal of \$17,918. from the Police Special Details Revolving Fund established by Article 18 at the March 14, 2009 Town Meeting, with the balance of \$15,000. to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$487,455. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

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

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,343. for the purpose of extended warranty coverage and service contract on the Zoll X-Series Defibrillator, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$1,343. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000. to be used for the design, construction and furnishing a new station on the site of the existing Crown Point Fire Station and to authorize the withdrawal of \$100,684. from the fund known as the Crown Point Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 12 at the March 12, 2016 Town Meeting for the purpose of rehab or replacement of the Crown Point Fire Station, the balance of \$49,316. to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000. to be placed in the fund known as the Fire Engine Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 20 at the March 19, 2005 Town Meeting for the future purchase of a fire truck. The Selectmen recommend this article.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,700. for the purpose of digitizing the Town Tax Maps and to participate in the SRPC's regional on-line Mapgeo Land-use database.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000. to replace the Electrical Building at the Recycling Center

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

13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town Hall building maintenance, improvements and/or expansion and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this article.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be added to the fund known as the Library Expansion/Improvement Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 12 at the 2013 Town Meeting for the purpose of Library expansion and improvements. The Selectmen recommend this article.

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

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,369,091. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 83,055.
Election & Registration.....	32,920.
Financial Administration.....	96,779.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	39,738.
Legal Expenses.....	10,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	41,065.
Planning and Zoning.....	9,411.
General Government Building.....	35,400.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	35,088.
Insurance.....	52,800.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	4,010.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	4,833.
Contingency Fund.....	16,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	10,890.

Emergency Management.....	5,000.
Building Inspection.....	17,540.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	445,500.
Street Lighting.....	5,000.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	265,367.
Animal Control.....	3,800.
Health Inspector.....	200.
Cornerstone VNA (formerly Roch Dstr VNA).....	3,991.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	25,180.
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.
Parks and Recreation.....	19,923.
Library.....	87,909.
Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works.....	4,800.
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.

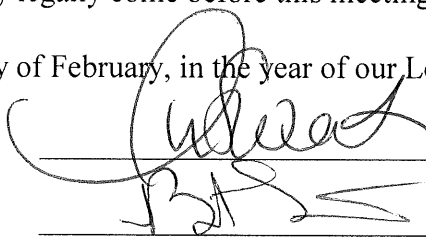
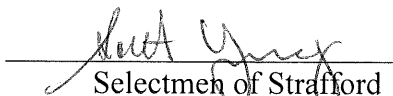
TOTAL..... \$1,369,091.

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,369,091. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

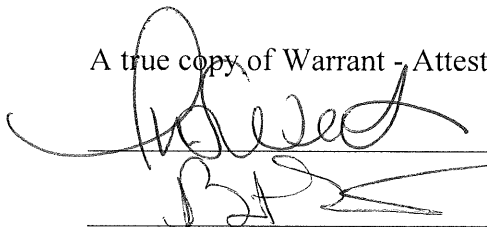
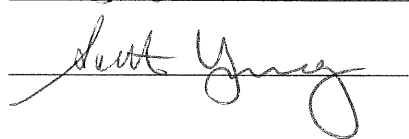
17. "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000. as a donation to be used for the purpose of mowing and maintenance of the Center Strafford Cemetery, Caverly Cemetery and the Crown Point Cemetery. These funds will be placed in the care and custody of the designated cemetery association for each of the aforementioned cemeteries." (by Petition.) The Selectmen recommend this article.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 13th day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.



Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2018
MS-636

Proposed Budget
Strafford

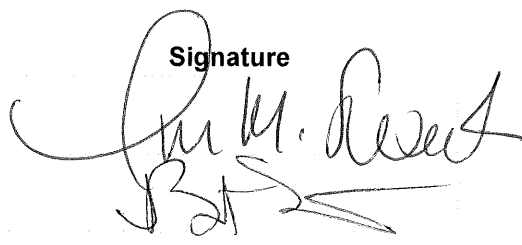
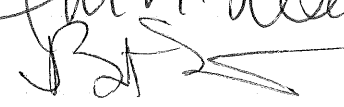
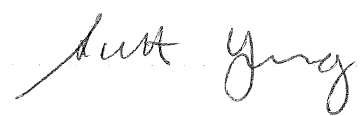
For the period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018

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

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 15, 2018

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
Lynn M. Sweet	Chairman	
Bryant J. Scott	Selectman	
Scott L. Young	Selectman	

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

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

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

Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	16	\$79,245	\$78,688	\$83,055	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	16	\$66,270	\$52,526	\$68,008	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	16	\$106,718	\$96,640	\$107,669	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	16	\$40,009	\$35,023	\$39,738	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	16	\$10,000	\$2,994	\$10,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	16	\$41,038	\$37,992	\$41,065	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	16	\$7,598	\$8,100	\$9,411	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	16	\$32,406	\$32,558	\$35,400	\$0
4195	Cemeteries		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4196	Insurance	16	\$52,200	\$50,616	\$52,800	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	16	\$8,478	\$8,316	\$8,843	\$0
4199	Other General Government	16	\$16,000	\$0	\$16,000	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	03	\$555,414	\$545,888	\$573,359	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	05	\$355,361	\$322,493	\$487,455	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	16	\$17,540	\$12,369	\$17,540	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	16	\$5,000	\$1,449	\$5,000	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration	16	\$443,500	\$453,370	\$445,500	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	16	\$4,900	\$4,805	\$5,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation						
4321	Administration	16	\$249,289	\$248,655	\$265,367	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Electric						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Administration	16	\$200	\$35	\$200	\$0
4414	Pest Control	16	\$3,800	\$1,457	\$3,800	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	16	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$0
Welfare						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	16	\$25,180	\$4,578	\$25,180	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	16	\$5,692	\$5,692	\$8,392	\$0
Culture and Recreation						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	16	\$19,923	\$15,759	\$19,923	\$0
4550-4559	Library	16	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$87,909	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	16	\$4,800	\$4,496	\$4,800	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	16	\$2,500	\$1,366	\$2,500	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	16	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$42,180	\$40,032	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$500	\$500	\$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
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds		\$80,000	\$80,000	\$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			\$2,366,732	\$2,235,388	\$2,429,905	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4195	Cemeteries	17	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$0
	Purpose: <i>Petition-Cemetery Mowing/Maintenance</i>					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	04	\$0	\$0	\$32,918	\$0
	Purpose: <i>Purchase Police Vehicle/Equipment</i>					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	06	\$10,000	\$9,395	\$10,000	\$0
	Purpose: <i>Purchase equipment/supplies for ambulance</i>					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	07	\$0	\$0	\$1,343	\$0
	Purpose: <i>Zoll X-Series Defibrillator - extended warranty/se</i>					
4903	Buildings	08	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
	Purpose: <i>Replace Crown Point Fire Station</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	09	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
	Purpose: <i>Add to CRF-Future Fire Truck</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
	Purpose: <i>Add to NCRF-Bridge Repairs/Construction</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
	Purpose: <i>Establish CRF-Town Hall building maintenance, impr</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
	Purpose: <i>Add to CRF-Library expansion and improvements</i>					
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$35,000	\$34,395	\$295,261	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4583	Patriotic Purposes	15	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0
	Purpose: <i>Bicentennial Celebration</i>					
4903	Buildings	11	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
	Purpose: <i>replace Electrical Building at the Recycling Cente</i>					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	02	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$0
	Purpose: <i>Capital Improvements to Roads</i>					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	10	\$0	\$0	\$4,700	\$0
	Purpose: <i>Digitize Tax Maps/MapGeo Database</i>					
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$380,000	\$380,000	\$405,200	\$0

Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	16	\$6,200	\$6,373	\$8,000
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	16	\$86,000	\$77,132	\$77,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	16	\$738,000	\$807,187	\$787,187
3230	Building Permits	16	\$25,000	\$33,786	\$30,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	16	\$36,000	\$42,118	\$42,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	16	\$209,179	\$209,179	\$209,179
3353	Highway Block Grant	16	\$126,710	\$126,708	\$126,708
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)		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	16	\$45,000	\$46,670	\$45,000
3409	Other Charges	16	\$7,000	\$8,545	\$8,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments		\$200	\$0	\$0
3503-3509	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	06, 04, 07	\$43,680	\$41,689	\$29,261
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	08	\$0	\$0	\$100,684
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0

Other Financing Sources				
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	16	\$200,000	\$200,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$1,524,969	\$1,601,387	\$1,663,019

Budget Summary		
Item	Prior Year	Ensuing FY (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$2,244,052	\$2,429,905
Special Warrant Articles	\$152,680	\$295,261
Individual Warrant Articles	\$385,500	\$405,200
Total Appropriations	\$2,782,232	\$3,130,366
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,524,969	\$1,663,019
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,257,263	\$1,467,347

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED

Saturday, March 18, 2017

Acct#	Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3 ,V	Warrant Art.	Appropriation As Voted
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
4130-4139	Executive	19	\$79,245
4140-4149	Elec, Auto Reg, Vital Sts, Clrk Fees	19	\$66,270
4150-4151	Financial Adm & CPA Audit	19	\$106,718
4152	Reval of Property & Tax Maps	19	\$40,009
4153	Legal Expense	19	\$10,000
4155-4159	Personnel Adm, FICA, Medi, Unemp Comp	19	\$41,038
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	19	\$7,598
4194	General Government Buildings	19	\$32,406
4196	Insurance	19	\$52,200
4197	Advertising & Reg Assoc Dues, SRPC Dues	19	\$8,478
4199	Other General Gov't/Contingency	19	\$16,000
PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210-4214	Police	7	\$555,414
4215-4219	Ambulance		
4220-4229	Fire & Rescue	9	\$355,361
4240-4249	Building Inspection	19	\$17,540
4290-4298	Emergency Management	19	\$5,000
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			
4311	Adm/Gen Hwy & Road Maintenance	19	\$443,500
4313	Bridges		
4316	Street Lighting	19	\$4,900
4319	Other (Road Improvements)		
SANITATION			
4321	Administration	19	\$249,289
HEALTH			
4411	Administration	19	\$200
4414	Pest Control	19	\$3,800
4415-4419	Health Agencies/Cornerstone VNA	19	\$3,991
WELFARE			
4441-4442	Adminstration & Direct Assistance	19	\$25,180
4445-4449	Vendor pmts/Other	19	\$5,692
CULTURE & RECREATION			
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	19	\$19,923
4550-4559	Library	19	\$85,000
4583	Patriotic Purposes	19	\$4,800
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT			
4611-4612	Admin & Purchase of Natural Resources	19	\$2,500
DEBT SERVICE			
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note	19	\$2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	10,11,12,15,21	\$52,180
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	17,18,6	\$381,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13,14,16,8	\$105,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS VOTED			\$ 2,782,232

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

TOWN OF STRAFFORD

2017

A. ASSETS			
Current Assets	Acct#	Beginning of year	End of year
Cash and equivalents	1010	\$3,678,804	\$4,387,236
Investments	1030	\$291,884	\$292,550
Taxes receivable	1080	\$660,061	\$512,436
Tax liens receivable	1110	\$137,626	\$233,859
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		\$4,768,375	\$5,426,081
B. LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	Acct#	Beginning of year	End of year
Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$60,608	\$42,650
Compensated absences payable	2030		
Contracts payable	2050		
Due to other governments	2070		
Due to school districts	2075	\$3,787,956	\$4,149,413
Due to other funds	2080		
Deferred revenue	2220		
Notes payable - Current	2230		
Bonds payable - Current	2250		
Other payables	2270		
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$3,848,564	\$4,192,063
Fund Equity*			
Nonspendable Fund Balance	2440		
Restricted Fund Balance	2450		
Committed Fund Balance	2460		
Assigned Fund Balance	2490	\$43,033	\$10,890
Unassigned Fund Balance	2530	\$876,788	\$1,223,128
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$919,811	\$1,234,018
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		\$4,768,375	\$5,426,081

*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 FUND BALANCE SHEET RECONCILIATION		
Ending Fund Equity from Balance Sheet		\$1,234,018
Less Beginning Fund Equity from Balance Sheet		\$919,811
Change (Increase or Decrease)		\$314,207

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

TOWN OF STRAFFORD			FY 2017
Account #	Source of Revenue	Warrant Art #	
TAXES			
3185	Timber Tax	19	\$6,200
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	19	\$86,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		\$0
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	19	\$738,000
3230	Building Permits	19	\$20,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	19	\$36,000
FROM STATE			
3352	Meals & Rooms Distribution	19	\$209,217
3353	Highway Block Grant	19	\$125,873
3359	Bridge Grant		\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	15	\$2,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	19	\$45,000
3409	Planning Board & Board of Adjustment	19	\$7,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	19	\$200
3503-3509	Other - Insurance Refund		\$0
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	10,11,12	\$43,680
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES			\$1,319,170
	Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$200,000
	Fund Balance Retained		-\$200,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			\$1,519,170
REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)			\$ -

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION 2017

Value of Land Only	Acres	2017 Assessed Valuation
Current Use RSA 79-A	21,360.31	\$1,464,300
Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.16	\$4,500
Residential Land - Improved & Unimproved	6,272.78	\$184,909,400
Commercial/Industrial Land	150.87	\$1,491,600
Total of Taxable Land	27,784.12	\$187,869,800
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	2,793.00	\$5,009,200

Value of Buildings Only		2017 Assessed Valuation
Residential		\$272,304,700
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$4,508,900
Commercial/Industrial		\$6,501,100
Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	3 Structures	\$94,200
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$283,408,900
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		\$15,830,300

Utilities	Valuation
Public Utilities	\$5,132,920
Other Public Utilities	\$15,800
Valuation Before Exemptions	\$476,427,420
Modified Assessed Valuation of All Properties	\$476,427,420

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

Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed	\$475,637,420
Less Public Utilities	\$5,132,920
Net Valuation without Utilites	\$470,504,500

Utility Summary

If the Municipality Uses the DRA Utility Values, is it Equalized by the Ratio?	Yes	
PSNH dba Eversource Energy		\$5,015,720
Bow Lake Estates Water Works		\$117,200
Total of All Utilities		\$5,132,920
City of Rochester -Municipal		\$15,800

Tax Credits

Veterans' Tax Credits	Limits	# Individuals	Estimated Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$200	177	\$35,400
Tax Credit for Total Service			
Connected Disability	\$700	9	\$6,300
Total Number and Amount		186	\$41,700

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			
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Age	#	Amount	Age	#	Amount	Total Exemption Granted
65-74	1	\$30,000	65-74	8	\$240,000	\$225,000
75-79	1	\$40,000	75-79	2	\$80,000	\$80,000
80+	0	\$50,000	80+	<u>7</u>	<u>\$350,000</u>	<u>\$350,000</u>
			Total	17	\$670,000	\$655,000

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 Quallifying Historic Buildings - RSA 79-G	no
Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities - RSA 79-H	no

Current Use Reports RSA 79-A

	Total # Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	1,109.93	\$381,200
Forest Land	12,532.52	\$821,800
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	6,067.88	\$234,600
Unproductive Land	166.60	\$2,300
Wetland	1,483.38	\$24,400
Total	21,360.31	\$1,464,300

Other Current Use Statistics

Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	8,707.20 acres
Removed from Current Use during Current Year	36.33 acres
Number of Owners in Current Use	377
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	603

Land Use Change Tax Received January 1 through December 31 100% Conservation Allocation	\$25,930
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Discretionary Preservation Easements

# Owners	# Structures	# Acres	Assessed Land Valuation	Assessed Structure Valuation
2	3	0.16	\$4,500	\$94,200
Structures in Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D			1700s Barn/Bicentennial Farm Hay Barn Double Gable Entrance Barn	50% Map 11 Lot 4 .04AC 75% Map 10 Lot 13 .05AC 75% Map 10 Lot 13 .07AC



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2017
\$22.29

Tax Rate Breakdown Strafford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,322,313	\$475,637,420	\$2.78
County	\$1,359,967	\$475,637,420	\$2.86
Local Education	\$6,858,597	\$475,637,420	\$14.42
State Education	\$1,049,635	\$470,504,500	\$2.23
Total	\$10,590,512		\$22.29

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

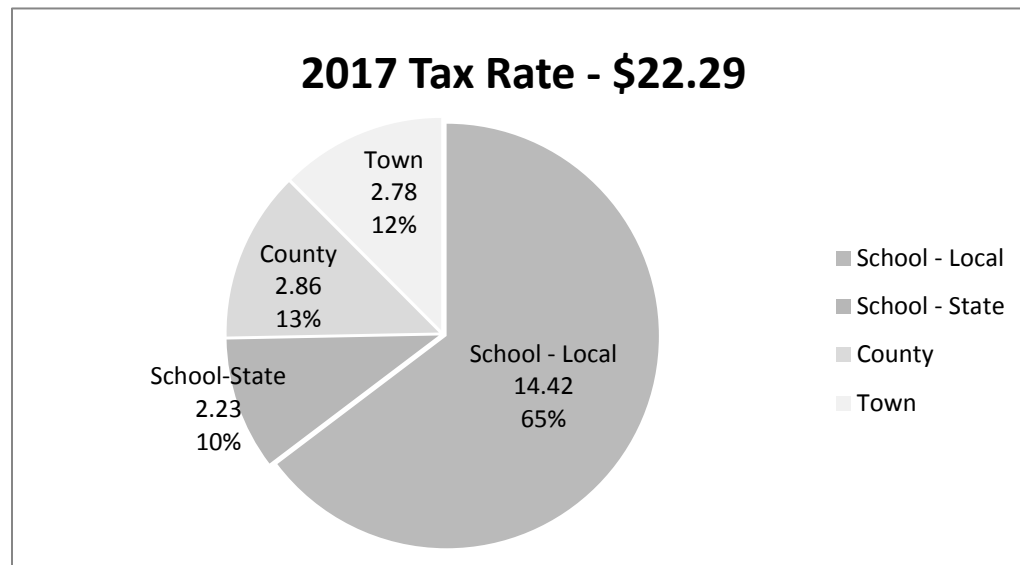
Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$10,590,512
War Service Credits	(\$41,700)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$10,548,812

10/25/2017

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

HISTORICAL PROPERTY & TAX RATE DATA

Historical Tax Rate								
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Town	2.78	2.70	2.57	2.39	2.21	2.49	2.23	2.05
School -Local	14.42	13.63	14.29	15.71	15.31	14.79	15.53	13.15
School-State	2.23	2.20	2.27	2.39	2.41	2.35	2.44	2.16
County	2.86	2.72	2.68	2.67	2.75	2.75	2.60	2.40
Total Tax Rate	22.29	21.25	21.81	23.16	22.68	22.38	22.80	19.76



Historical Total Town Property Value								
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Total Town Value	475,637,420	472,279,300	464,957,500	461,618,700	458,999,700	455,187,900	451,904,600	499,979,200

Per State Statute, the Town of Strafford completed a town-wide statistical revaluation in 2011 and again in 2016. The next revaluation is set to take place in 2021.

Historical Total Town Equalization Ratio*							
2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
	93.60%	96.80%	105.80%	108.80%	102.53%	100.30%	114.50%

*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 for an individual property 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.

IN LIEU OF AUDIT

February 15, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Please note that the Town's financial audit for the year ending December 31, 2017 is in process, therefore no Auditor's Report is available at this time.

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

TOWN OF STRAFFORD
Board of Selectmen

Lynn M. Sweet, Chairman

Bryant J. Scott, Selectman

Scott L. Young, Selectman

2017 TOWN MEETING
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Strafford Town Hall, in the Town of Strafford, by Moderator William Lord to act on Articles 1,2,3,4 and 5 of the 2017 Town Warrant by ballot vote.

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

The meeting was called to order again at 8:30 am on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Strafford School gymnasium by Moderator William Lord to act on articles 2 through 22.

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

The Moderator read the results of Article 1:

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

Voters on checklist:	3271
Votes cast.....	409
Library Trustee-Three Years	
Joanne Brown.....	44
Library Trustee-Two Years.	
Mary Marquardt.....	312
Selectman-Three Years	
Lynn Sweet.....	356
Road Agent- One Year.	
Greg Messenger.....	370
Planning Board-Three Years	
Charles Moreno.....	284
Terry Hyland.....	238
Trustee of the Trust Funds-Three Years	
Betsy Cozine.....	328
Town Clerk-Two Years	
Christine Bane.....	351

Christine Bane, Strafford School District Clerk Pro Tem, then read the results of the School District elections held on March 14th:

School Board Member – Three Years	
Debbie Hinrichsen.....	187
School District Treasurer- Three Years	
Sandra Pierce.....	342
School District Moderator – Three Years	
William Lord	337
School District Clerk – Three Years	
Christine Bane (write-in)	9

The Moderator then read the results of Article 2:

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

“To add a proposed Article 1.4.1 K Accessory Dwelling Unit (“ADU”) to allow the construction of an attached or detached ADU unit by Special Exception as an accessory use to a single family dwelling in order to comply with state requirements under RSA 674:71-73 which will take effect June 1, 2017. This article includes sections on authority, administration, application and approval process, design requirements, minimum lot size requirements, owner residency requirements, and the maximum allowable size for an ADU.”

Yes: 295 No: 76 Article 2 carried.

Moderator Lord then read the results of Article 3:

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

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

Yes: 333 No: 44 Article 3 carried.

Moderator Lord then read the results of Article 4:

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

“To add a paragraph to Article 1.8 to clarify enforcement procedures and to allow better compliance with ordinances and regulations by stating that zoning issues must be addressed in order for permits or certificates of occupancy to be issued.”

Yes: 289 No: 80 Article 4 carried.

Moderator Lord then read the results of Article 5:

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

“To add a proposed Building Regulation 4.1.13 Photovoltaic Solar Array to establish a regulation regarding the placement of rooftop solar arrays in order to allow firefighter access to roof edges.”

Yes: 289 No: 86 Article 5 carried.

The moderator then introduced the head table including Christine Bane, Town Clerk; Bryant Scott, Lynn Sweet and Scott Young, Selectmen; and Ellen White, Town Administrator. He then advised the voters that the meeting would follow NH Municipal Association’s Best Practices for a Better Town Meeting. He spoke to the option of secret ballots, requirements for amendments and rules for reconsideration.

Selectmen Scott Young then explained that due to the lack of hardware, the prepared PowerPoint would not be shown. He then acknowledged that the Town Clerk had recently retired after serving 14 years. He thanked Diane Waldron for her years of hard work and expertise on behalf of the town. A round of applause for Diane was then heard. Selectmen Young then

acknowledged the hard work and dedication shown by our First Responders and Police, sharing that 2016 was a particularly challenging year with a number of fatalities and difficult situations. They received a standing ovation.

Selectman Sweet reviewed the 2016 town Tax rate (\$21.25) noting the breakdown as follows:

Municipal Tax \$2.70

County Tax \$2.72

State Education Tax \$2.20

Local Education Tax \$13.63

She then gave brief overview of the warrant articles being presented and added that future articles may include computer technology upgrades, and building maintenance for the town hall which will soon be 10 years old. Finally, she stated that if all articles pass, with the exception of Article 20, the net increase is 3%, about 8 cents per thousand.

Moderator Lord read article 6:

**** 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$380,000. for Capital Improvements (Drainage work, culverts, gravel and paving) of roads within the Town boundaries at the discretion of the Road Agent, as funding permits.

Motion made and seconded. Road Agent Greg Messenger addressed the article.

Moderator Lord re-read the article and a vote was taken. The article carried.

Moderator Lord read article 7:

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

Motion made and seconded. Chief Richard spoke. Thanked Retired Chief Young for his dedication to the town. He addressed the budget, explaining that there is a less than 1% increase, and that increase is due to NH retirement and insurance costs.

Moderator Lord re-read the article. A vote was taken on article 7 and carried.

Moderator Lord read article 8.

****8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. to be placed in the Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established by Article 13 at the March 2011 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing future police vehicles and associated equipment. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and duly seconded. Police Chief Richard proposed an amendment which read:

“To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be placed in the Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established by Article 13 at the March 2011 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing future police vehicles and associated equipment.”

He went on to explain that the price of a vehicle being purchased has decreased resulting in this new amendment. After a brief discussion of the reduction, Moderator Lord called a vote on this amendment. The amendment failed on a vote of 24 to 33.

Moderator Lord then re-read the original article. A call for a vote by show of cards reflected a majority vote of yes. Article 8 passes as written.

Moderator Lord read article 9:

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

Chief Scott Whitehouse addressed the article, and noted that his prepared PowerPoint could not be shown. He noted that Captain Craig Robichaud, a crucial member of the squad and dedicated fire-fighter, is leaving for Manchester and will be sorely missed. After a brief discussion, Moderator Lord called for a vote by show of cards. Article passed.

Moderator Lord read article 10:

****10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000. for the purpose of the replacement of the Zoll Defibrillator E-series and upgrade to the X-series defibrillator, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$29,000. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion to put on floor was made and seconded. Chief Whitehouse addressed this article.

No discussion, Moderator Lord re-read the article and it was put to vote by show of cards.

Motion passed by show of cards.

Moderator Lord read article 11:

****11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,680. for the purpose of purchasing a replacement of the Two way radio system in Ambulance 1 due to problems this Fall with the current radio system as the manufacturer no longer provides support for parts or service, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$4,680. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Chief Scott Whitehouse is addressed this article, and after a brief discussion, Moderator Lord re-read the article. A vote was taken by show of cards, and the article passed.

Moderator Lord read article 12:

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

A motion was made and seconded. Chief Scott Whitehouse is addressed this article and after a brief discussion, Moderator Lord re-read article and called for a vote. A show of cards reflected that the motion carried.

Moderator Lord read article 13:

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

Chief Scott Whitehouse is addressed this article, and after a brief discussion, Moderator Lord re-read the article. A vote was taken by show of cards, and the article passed.

Moderator Lord read article 14:

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

Chief Scott Whitehouse addressed this article. He explained that the current sight has been determined to be adequate for a new building, and that his desire is for a 60'x40' (2-bay) building, similar to the Bow Lake station, with a much needed second decontamination station. He stated he has received information from a contractor that this building could be built for

approximately \$75/sf. With \$50,000 set aside in 2016, 2017 and 2018, the building could be a possibility in 2018. After brief discussion, Moderator Lord re-read the article and put it to vote. Article carried.

Moderator Lord read article 15:

****15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500. for the purpose of purchasing Forest Fire equipment through the 2017 Volunteer Fire Assistance Fund Grant Program. The grant request is for \$4,500. to be funded by \$2,000. from the VFA Grant with the balance of \$2,500. to come from general taxation. This article is contingent upon being awarded the grant. In the event that we are not awarded the grant, this article is to be considered null and void. Motioned and seconded to place on floor. Chief Whitehouse spoke to the article. Lord re-read and put article to vote. Article 15 carried.

Moderator Lord read article 16:

**** 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000. to be placed in the Bridge Construction & Repair Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established by Article 9 at the March 2004 Town Meeting to be used for the purpose of funding any future bridge repairs/construction. The Selectmen recommend this article. Motion made and seconded. Lynn Sweet addressed article, explaining that we continue to put aside funds in order to qualify for the State 80-20 match. The current red-listed bridge project is on Barn Door Gap. After a brief discussion, Moderator Lord re-read the article and a vote was taken. Article 16 carried.

Moderator Lord read article 17:

****17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. to help defray expenses associated with Strafford's Bicentennial Celebration in 2020 in coordination with the Strafford Historical Society. Motion made and seconded. Brief discussion ensued, with Selectman Sweet adding that this is the 3rd of putting aside monies for the celebration. Joanne Brown gave an overview of current activities including a webpage, Facebook page, and regular meetings. Moderator Lord re-read the article. A vote was taken, motion carried.

Moderator Lord read article 18:

****18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). A motion was made and seconded. Resident Suzanne Murdoch spoke to the article, explaining that CASA is 100% volunteer run, is free to families, and that as an advocate herself, she has witnessed many cases where children have become the collateral damage of the drug problem in our state. Ms. Murdoch urged people to contribute as a town by passing this article, and to consider volunteering to be a CASA. Moderator Lord then re-read the article and it was put to vote. Motion carried by show of cards.

Moderator Lord read article 19:

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

Executive.....	\$ 79,245.
Election & Registration.....	32,720.
Financial Administration.....	95,828.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	40,009.
Legal Expenses.....	10,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	41,038.

Planning and Zoning.....	7,598.
General Government Building.....	32,406.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	33,550.
Insurance.....	52,200.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	3,800.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	4,678.
Contingency Fund.....	16,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	10,890.
Emergency Management.....	5,000.
Building Inspection.....	17,540.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	443,500.
Street Lighting.....	4,900.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	249,289.
Animal Control.....	3,800.
Health Inspector.....	200.
Cornerstone VNA (formerly Roch Dstr VNA).....	3,991.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	25,180.
Community Action.....	2,000.
Havenwood Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend's Place.....	200.
The Homemakers Health Services.....	1,000.
Ready Rides.....	1,500.
Parks and Recreation.....	19,923.
Library.....	85,000.
Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works.....	4,800.
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
TOTAL.....	\$1,333,277.

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

Motion made and seconded. Selectman Sweet addressed this article. After a brief discussion, the article was re-read and a vote taken. Article 19 carries.

Moderator Lord read article 20:

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

Selectman Scott addressed this article, and possible impacts to the town. Discussion was held and various concerns were raised. Motion to call the question was made and seconded. Moderator Lord re-read the article. A vote was taken by show of cards. Article failed.

Moderator Lord read article 21:

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

A motion was made and seconded. Michelle Bengier addressed this petitioned article. After a brief discussion, a vote was taken on this article. The article carried.

Moderator Lord read article 22:

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

Juliet Perdichizzi proposed the following:

“To see if the town will advise the Selectmen to notify all households in Strafford by mail of the dates of the Town Election, Town Meeting and School District Meeting.”

Duly seconded.

The maker of the proposal suggested that increased awareness of important dates could result in greater participation in local government. A brief discussion was held and the proposal was re-read and put to vote. Proposal passed.

David Hartranft proposed the following:

“That the town recommends that the Selectmen create a Compensation Analysis Committee. This will be comprised solely of citizens of Strafford, not including anyone employed by the town, to look at the pay structures of each department within the Town of Strafford in order to compare those salaries with similarly structured towns in the state of NH. The end goal of this committee would be to make a recommendation to the department heads regarding compensating town employees in a competitive manner based on education, certification, experience and job description.”

Moderator Lord put the proposal on the floor for discussion. The maker of the proposal stated that salaries need to increase in order to keep employees in the town. The selectmen shared that the town salary structure is carefully crafted every year, and is based on many factors including but not limited to comparison research, experience, tenure and qualifications. Selectman Sweet stated emphatically that the Selectmen would certainly support pay increases if that is the desire of the town. She urged participation in the upcoming budget preparation process. Moderator Lord then re-read the article and a vote was taken. The proposal failed.

Bob Fletcher motioned to limit reconsideration which was duly seconded. Moderator Lord asked for a vote. Cards showed that the motion carries.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:50AM.

Given under my hand and seal, this 18th day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Bane
Strafford Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office experienced a busy 2017...with increased activity in voter registrations, certified vitals and all vehicle-associated transactions. A record number of new vehicle registrations and renewals were processed. It's been a pleasure getting to know old and new residents alike in my first full year as your elected Town Clerk.

I'd like to remind you that the Strafford town website is updated regularly with current news, board meeting schedules and minutes, contact information and much more. As a convenience, you may renew your vehicles, license your dog or request certified vital records online through the website, from the comfort of your home. Payment may be made by credit card or E-check, with additional processing fees. Please visit the website at: www.straftord.nh.gov. Counter transactions may be paid in cash, check, credit/debit or a combination of methods.

The Town Hall will be closed on the following days in 2018:

January 1 – New Year's Day	September 11 – State Primary
January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day	October 8 – Columbus Day
February 19 – Presidents' Day	November 6 – General Election
March 13 – Town Election	November 12 – Veteran's Day observed
May 28 – Memorial Day	November 22 – Thanksgiving Day
July 4 – Independence Day	December 25 – Christmas Day
September 3 – Labor Day	

- ❖ The Town General Election, State Primary and State General Election all take place at the Town Hall. Polls open at 8am and close at 7pm. The Town Meeting (business portion) will be held at the school gymnasium at 8:30 on March 17th. Remember to bring your ID when you come to vote in any election.

Town Clerk Office Hours:

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

Contact Information:

Address: Strafford Town Clerk	Phone: (603) 664-2192 ext 102
P.O. Box 169	Fax: (603) 664-7276
12 Mountain View Ave.	Email: townclerk@straftord.nh.gov
Strafford, NH 03884	Website: www.straftord.nh.gov

Thank you for your patience as I get to know more of you by name and not just by vehicle. My goal as your Town Clerk is to serve you efficiently, accurately and with a smile on my face. Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have questions or concerns, and I will do my very best to respond to your needs in a timely manner. Strafford is a great place to live and raise a family – thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Town Clerk.

With Warm Regards,

Christine Bane, CTC

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2017

RECEIPTS FOR 2017:

Description	Amount
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$807,187.44
Boat Permits	3207.82
Dog Licenses	7088.50
Marriage Licenses	950.00
Returned Check Fees	394.50
Dog Control Fees	691.50
Certified Vitals	1820.00
Municipal Agent Fees	18,340.50
Title Fees	2152.00
Election Filings	0.00
UCC/IRS Filings	1130.00
Postage	858.10
Articles of Agreement/Pole Petitions	20.00

TOTAL REVENUES ACCEPTED: \$ \$843,840.36

REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:

Quantity	Description	Amount
6466	Motor Vehicle Permits	\$807,187.44
242	Boat Permits	3207.82
1088	Dog Licenses	7088.50
19	Marriage Licenses	950.00
13	Returned Check Fees	394.50
--	Dog Control Fees	691.50
138	Certified Vitals	1820.00
6635	Municipal Agent Fees	18,340.50
1076	Title Fees	2152.00
4	Election Filings	0.00
--	UCC/IRS Filings	1130.00
--	Postage	858.10
--	Articles of Agreement/ Pole Petitions	20.00

TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER: \$843,840.36

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2017

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Tax Collector for the past twenty years, and contrary to the rumors, I'm not retiring yet. I have been responsible for collecting revenue from Property, Yield, Excavation and Current Use Change Taxes, as well as responding to inquiries from homeowners, mortgage companies, attorney's offices and the general public, in a courteous and timely manner. My goal is to keep information current and accurate, all of which is becoming more time consuming as our town continues to grow.

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

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

Forms for "Service Members Civil Relief Act," formerly know as: "The Soldiers' & Sailors' Civil Relief Act" are available on-line at: www.usmilitary.about.com/od/sscra/l/blscramenu.htm, 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 2017	\$6,858,597.00.....	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$14.42
State Education Tax's appropriation for 2017.....	\$1,049,635.00.....	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$2.23
County Appointment's appropriation for 2017....	\$1,359,967.00.....	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$2.86
Municipal's Total appropriation for 2017.....	\$1,322,313.00.....	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$2.78
<u>Minus</u>	War Credits, Grants, Retained Education Tax, Net Revenues and Fund Balances.		
	Total Tax Rate for 2017.....		\$22.29

The total Property Tax Warrants this year are \$10,548,854.00. The Current Use Change Tax Warrants for the year are: \$32,350.00. All of this money was turned over to the Strafford Conservation Committee. The total Timber or Yield Tax Warrants are \$7,796.82. Excavation Tax Warrants are \$00.00.

Our 2016 lien was \$209,008.32, this \$17,588.87 increase over last year or a .09% decrease.

Thanks to Martha English for doing an exceptional job as Deputy Tax Collector.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Dupre'
Tax Collector

MS-61	TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT						
	For the Municipality of Strafford			Year Ending	2017		
	DEBITS						
UNCOLLECTED TAXES			Levy for Year		PRIOR LEVIES		
			of this report				
	BEG. OF YEAR*			(Please Specify Year)			
			2017	2016	2015	Prior Years	
Property Tax		#3110	XXXXXXXXXX	\$527,826.82	\$117,718.93	\$19,202.50	
Land Use Charge		#3120	XXXXXXXXXX	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yield Taxes		#3185	XXXXXXXXXX	\$421.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		#3187	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Property Tax Credit Balance **			-\$11,139.72	\$0.00	-\$436.90	\$0.00	
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Charges		#3189	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR				FOR DRA USE ONLY			
Property Taxes		#3110	\$10,548,854.00	\$144,025.16			
Land use Charge		#3120	\$32,350.00	\$0.00			
Yield Taxes		#3185	\$7,796.82	\$0.00			
Excavation tax @ \$.02/yd		#3187	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Other Charges		#3189	\$3,462.00	\$2,469.00			
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS							
Property Taxes		#3110	\$209,008.32	\$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	\$10,420.67	\$32,909.81	\$40,100.41	\$4,967.64	
TOTAL DEBITS			\$10,800,752.09	\$713,152.21	\$157,382.44	\$24,170.14	
*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.							
**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's amounts pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52a.							
**The amount is already included in the warrant & therefore in line #3110 as positive amount for this year's levy							
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MS-61	TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT						
For the Municipality of Strafford				Year Ending	2017		
				CREDITS			
REMITTED TO TREASURER				Levy for Year	PRIOR LEVIES		
				2017	2016	2015	Prior Years
Property Tax			\$10,122,965.79	\$517,579.55	\$108,730.11	\$12,454.07	
Land Use Change			\$32,350.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yield Taxes			\$5,951.94	\$421.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interest (include lien conversion)			\$12,772.81	\$32,814.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Penalties			\$377.75	\$2,061.25	\$39,688.70	\$4,854.64	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Charges			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$374.21	\$0.00	
Conversion to Lien (principal only)			\$209,008.32	\$46,483.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	
ABATEMENTS MADE							
Property Taxes			\$0.00	\$17,933.64	\$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	\$6,122.53	\$4,575.99
UNCOLLECTED TAXES				END OF YEAR #1080			
Property Taxes			\$425,888.21	\$89,861.38	\$2,878.79	\$2,189.44	
Land Use Charge			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yield Taxes			\$1,844.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Charge			\$732.11	\$496.75	\$25.00	\$96.00	
Property Tax Credit Balance**			-\$11,139.72	\$0.00	-\$436.90	\$0.00	
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL CREDITS				\$10,800,752.09	\$713,152.21	\$157,382.44	\$24,170.14
*Enter as a negative. This is the amount pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a							
(Be sure to include a positive amount in the appropriate taxes or charges actually remitted to the treasurer).							
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MS-61		TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT				
		For the Municipality of Strafford		Year Ending		2017
		DEBITS				
		Last Year's Levy				PRIOR LEVIES
						(Please Specify Years)
		2017	2016	2015	Prior Years	
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. Of Year.						
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$209,008.32	\$144,025.16	\$117,718.93	\$19,202.50	
Interest & Cost Collected		\$12,772.81	\$12,423.56	\$40,100.41	\$4,967.64	
(AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)						
TOTAL DEBITS		\$221,781.13	\$156,448.72	\$157,819.34	\$24,170.14	
		CREDITS				
REMITTED TO TREASURER		Last Year's Levy				PRIOR LEVIES
						(Please Specify Years)
		2017	2016	2015	Prior Years	
Redemptions		\$70,696.44	\$46,483.39	\$108,730.11	\$12,454.07	
Interest & Cost Collected		\$12,772.81	\$11,909.56	\$40,062.91	\$4,854.64	
(After Lien Execution)						
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens			\$0.00			
Liens Deeded to Municipality			\$7,697.64	\$6,122.53	\$4,575.99	
Unredeemed Liens Balance		\$138,311.88	\$90,358.13	\$2,903.79	\$2,285.44	
End of Year						
TOTAL CREDITS		\$221,781.13	\$156,448.72	\$157,819.34	\$24,170.14	
Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)?						Yes
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.						
TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE				DATE	1/17/2018	
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STRAFFORD TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Officers' Salaries

Lynn Sweet.....	\$ 2,700.00
Bryant Scott.....	\$ 2,700.00
Scott Young.....	\$ 2,700.00
Laurie Bibeau.....	\$ 8,999.90
Chris Bane.....	\$ 2,000.00
Judith Dupré.....	\$ 23,199.68
Michelle T. Bengier.....	\$ 175.00
William G. Lord.....	\$ 75.00

Office Expenses

Town Clerk's Fees.....	
Auto Permits.....	\$ 12,932.00
Vital Statistics.....	\$ 840.00
Municipal Agent Fees.....	\$ 17,250.00
M/V Title.....	\$ 2,146.00
Marriage License.....	\$ 126.00
UCC/IRS Filings.....	\$ 1,110.00
Wet land Perm/Pole License	\$ 20.00
Animal Control Fees.....	\$ 1,095.00
Boat Permits.....	\$ 193.00
Administrator.....	\$ 70,512.69
Deputy Tax Collector.....	\$ 4,178.71
Deputy Town Clerk.....	\$ 4,700.60
Clerical.....	\$ 12,697.00
Office Supplies.....	\$ 1,590.95
Postage.....	\$ 6,469.57
Printing.....	\$ 2,869.14
Conferences/Training.....	\$ 413.00
Reference Materials.....	\$ 567.24
Deed Research/Tax Lien.....	\$ 658.00
Recording Fees.....	\$ 431.90
Building Maintenance.....	\$ 5,568.73

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017

RECEIPTS

Balance Check Book January 1, 2017.....	\$3,678,803.92	
Receipts 2017.....	\$12,834,822.45	
Supplemental Highway Block Grant SB38 (received).....	\$108,294.38	
Total Receipts.....		\$16,621,920.75

EXPENDITURES

Expenditures 2017.....	\$12,126,390.55	
Balance Check Book December 31, 2017.....	\$4,387,235.82	
Supplemental Highway Block Grant SB38 (encumbered).....	\$108,294.38	
Total Expenditures.....		\$16,621,920.75

TD BANK Investment Pool..... \$292,549.76

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

Balance January 1, 2017	\$198,774.16
Deposited 2017	\$32,350.00
Withdrawals 2017	\$67,351.13
Interest Earned 2017	\$424.08
Total Balance	\$164,197.11

Town of Strafford Ambulance Acct #####4485

Balance January 1, 2017	\$127,882.26
Deposited 2017	\$67,482.03
Withdrawals 2017	\$41,689.57
Interest Earned 2017	\$375.81
Total Balance	\$154,050.53

Conservation Commission Acct #####4493

Balance January 1, 2017	\$47,874.44
Deposited 2017	\$0.00
Withdrawals 2017	\$4,375.75
Interest Earned 2017	\$109.11
Total Balance	\$43,607.80

Police Special Details Acct #####4500

Balance January 1, 2017	\$34,015.50
Deposited 2017	\$49,888.41
Withdrawals 2017	\$61,511.94
Interest Earned 2017	\$97.89
Total Balance	\$22,489.86

Timber Escrow Acct #####4518

Balance January 1, 2017	\$2,008.28
Deposited 2017	\$0.00
Withdrawals 2017	\$0.00
Interest Earned 2017	\$4.58
Total Balance	\$2,012.86

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

Balance January 1, 2017	\$1,338.71
Deposited 2017	\$0.00
Withdrawals 2017	\$0.00
Interest Earned 2017	\$3.05
Total Balance	\$1,341.76

STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

In 2017, the Strafford Police Department started the year out with a full staff. Unfortunately, we lost one of our full time officers in June to the private sector. We were unable to hire someone and get them into the full time academy as the summer academy was already in session, and the fall academy was full, with a waiting list. Fortunately we were able to re-hire this officer at the first of January.

We were also unfortunate to lose one part-time employee as well. Officer Adam Bergeron has been with the Strafford Police Department since May of 2015 and was a big asset to us over the years. He has since graduated from UNH and has moved on to fulfill his career path. Good Luck to you, Adam, and thank you.

The Strafford Police Department, as of March 2018, will be able to accept your unused prescription drugs that you wish to dispose of. Thanks to KidCents/Rite Aid we will have a safe drop box at the Police Station. Please call if you have any questions.

A friendly reminder to all property owners to make sure that your mailbox or driveway (if there is no mailbox) is marked with numbers that are clearly visible from the road. This will assist police in responding to your emergency.

The 2018, police budget shows a 3.2% increase over 2017. The increase includes a 4.6% increase in New Hampshire Retirement and a COLA of 2% in salaries across the board. Health insurance expenses are up due to adjustments in officer coverage.

As always, the Strafford Police Department would like to thank residents for another great year, and it's a pleasure serving you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,
Chief Mike Richard

Police Department Statistics			
	2015	2015	2017
Accidents.....	88	46	50
911 calls.....	68	12	3
MV summons.....	104	102	99
MV warnings.....	791	735	788
Arrests.....	73	54	35
Mutual Aid/Fire/Med.....	208	97	155
Incidents.....	273	713	100
Alarms.....	93	45	77
Property Crimes	255	26	26
Miscellaneous calls for service.....	2314	3647	3818
TOTALS	4267	5477	5151

STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

OPERATING BUDGET

Purpose of Appropriations	Appropriations 2017	Actual Expenditures 2017	Appropriations 2018
Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$6,707.12	\$3,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$5,900.00	\$18,806.56	\$5,300.00
Equipment/Maintenance	\$8,000.00	\$21,946.74	\$8,000.00
Prosecution Services	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Dispatch	\$6,445.00	\$6,122.70	\$6,445.00
Road Details	\$2,000.00	\$870.66	\$2,000.00
Cruiser Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$10,101.20	\$6,000.00
Training	\$1,200.00	\$429.95	\$1,200.00
Heat/Electricity	\$7,000.00	\$6,446.02	\$7,000.00
Uniforms	\$5,932.00	\$3,039.98	\$5,932.00
Gasoline	\$14,000.00	\$10,568.00	\$14,000.00
Telephone	\$8,000.00	\$7,716.79	\$8,600.00
Computer User Fees	\$5,000.00	\$3,105.00	\$5,000.00
PD Dues	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$300.00
Miscellaneous*	\$100.00	\$214.00	\$100.00
Subtotal	\$79,877.00	\$103,324.72	\$79,877.00
Salaries	\$312,613.00	\$295,341.01	\$318,602.36
Benefits	\$162,924.00	\$147,222.54	\$174,878.92
Operating	\$79,877.00	\$103,324.27	\$79,877.00
Total Budget	\$555,414.00	\$545,887.82	\$573,358.28
Revenues (2017)			
Pistol Permits	\$500.00		
Reports	\$180.00		
Fines	\$225.00		
Special Services Fees	\$0.00		
Grants	\$0.00		
Witness Fees	\$90.00		
Misc Refunds	\$40.00		
Total	\$1,035.00		
Police Special Detail (O2 Fund)			
Balance 1/1/17	\$34,015.50		
2017 Deposits	\$49,888.41		
Interest	\$97.89		
Withdrawals	\$61,511.94		
Balance 12/31/17	\$22,489.86		

STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

WAGE REPORT

Purpose of Appropriations	2017 Budget Appropriations	Actual Expenditures 2017	2018 Budget Appropriations
Salaries			
Chief Michael Richard	\$71,963.00	\$71,963.06	\$73,402.26
Sgt. Randy Young	\$53,692.00	\$53,224.89	\$54,765.84
Officer John Bernard	\$44,337.00	\$44,790.81	\$45,223.74
Officer Greg Iannacci	\$41,500.00	\$42,252.56	\$42,330.00
Officer Evan Ortega	\$41,500.00	\$24,899.85	\$42,330.00
Officer Evan Ortega PT		\$3,287.61	
Officer Chris Dustin	\$0.00	\$10,825.43	
Secretary/Admin Asst.	\$20,056.00	\$20,055.36	\$20,454.72
Officer Adam Bergeron		\$4,198.68	
Total Part-time Officers	\$26,660.00		\$27,190.80
Subtotal	\$299,708.00	\$275,498.25	\$305,697.36
Overtime			
Lt. Michael Richard		\$0.00	
Sgt. Randy Young		\$10,478.20	
Officer John Bernard		\$3,333.57	
Officer Evan Ortega		\$1,840.74	
Officer Greg Iannacci		\$4,190.25	
Officer Chris Dustin		\$0.00	
Overtime	\$12,905.00		\$ 12,905.00
Subtotal		\$19,842.76	
Details			
Chief Michael Richard		\$0.00	
Sgt. Randy Young		\$348.48	
Officer John Bernard		\$0.00	
Officer Greg Iannacci		\$299.30	
Officer Evan Ortega		\$119.72	
Officer Adam Bergeron		\$103.16	
Subtotal		\$870.66	
Total Salaries	\$312,613.00	\$295,341.01	\$318,602.36
Benefits			
FICA	\$2,896.00	\$2,472.97	\$2,954.02
Medi	\$4,542.00	\$4,492.31	\$4,533.97
Retirement	\$74,402.00	\$71,707.68	\$78,011.93
Insurance	\$81,084.00	\$68,549.58	\$89,379.00
Total Benefits	\$162,924.00	\$147,222.54	\$174,878.92

STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT

Strafford Fire and Rescue responded to 411 calls in 2017. I would like to thank the men and women of Strafford Fire and Rescue for the calls they answered and the training they have completed.

In 2017 we were awarded the \$4,500 grant through the Volunteer Fire Assistance Fund Grant Program. We used it to purchase new protective clothing, tools, and hose.

At the 2015 Town Meeting, we established a Capital Reserve Fund for the rehab or replacement of the Crown Point Fire Station. To date we have \$100,684.37, including interest in the Capital Reserve Fund. This year I would like an additional \$49,316 to be used with the withdrawal of \$100,684 from the Capital reserve Fund, making a total of \$150,000 to complete the design and begin construction of the first phase. I will ask for an additional \$50,000 next year to complete the project.

We have had difficulty in locating addresses when responding to calls. It is extremely important to have your numbered address visible from the road from both directions. Both sides of the mailbox should be numbered. If you have a group of mailboxes or use a PO Box, the numbers should be at the end of the driveway. Please use numbers and letters that are at least 3 inches tall. This will greatly assist our personnel in locating you in the event of an emergency.

I would like to thank the residents of Strafford for their continued support and wish you all a safe 2018.

Chief Scott Whitehouse

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	2016 INCIDENTS	2016 % OF TOTAL	2017 INCIDENTS	2017 % OF TOTAL
Fires	34	9.29%	28	6.81%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	213	58.20%	232	56.45%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	31	8.47%	45	10.95%
Service Call	32	8.74%	47	11.44%
Good Intent Call	18	4.92%	25	6.08%
False Alarm & False Call	16	4.37%	23	5.60%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	14	3.83%	5	1.22%
Special Incident Type	8	2.19%	6	1.46%
TOTAL	366	100%	411	100%

FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT WAGE SUMMARY

Administrative Salary

Scott Whitehouse..... **\$62,124.94**

Call Wages/Fire

Andersen, James A.....	\$750.38
Andersen, James W.....	\$528.00
Aucella, Erik P.....	\$3,358.66
Baker, Annie B.....	\$306.38
Bickford, Benjamin A.....	\$2,941.63
Bickford, Kim P.....	\$686.83
Black, Jessica L.....	\$54.63
Burrows, Eugene C.....	\$3,221.50
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$297.88
Cilley, Katie L.....	\$598.52
Clark, Robinson M.....	\$27.50
Cottrell, Brian K.....	\$12.50
Deane, Lyle T.....	\$149.32
Dumais Jr., Normand L.....	\$658.94
Frasca, Peter R.....	\$1,566.22
Goodspeed, Steven N.....	\$467.38
Goodwin, Frances M.....	\$106.25
Hartranft, David.....	\$3,249.94
Hayes, Bryan A.....	\$458.38
Huot, Zachary J.....	\$138.69
Johnson, Stephen D.....	\$214.01
Lazott Croteau, Stephanie G.....	\$634.26
Lefebvre, Nicole M.....	\$13.88
Lindquist, James R.....	\$178.26
Lobdell, Matthew E.....	\$99.75
Marsh, Duane M.....	\$605.45
Morse, Edward J.....	\$41.25
Palmer, Jason D.....	\$26.25
Pouliot, James E.....	\$101.75
Richard, Kenneth M.....	\$118.26
Riddick, Jordan C.....	\$268.51
Robichaud Jr., Craig S.....	\$22.13
Stover, Paul M.....	\$1,908.38
Whitehouse, Cameron.....	\$940.57
Yergeau Sr., Paul A.....	\$28.00
	\$24,780.24

Call Wages /Ambulance

Aucella, Erik P.....	\$3,846.45
Black, Jessica L.....	\$1,558.25
Burrows, Eugene C.....	\$171.00
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$785.63
Cilley, Katie L.....	\$5,993.01
Cormier, William K.....	\$184.00
Deane, Brittany E.....	\$2,409.38
Deane, Lyle T.....	\$5,687.53
Dumais Jr., Normand L.....	\$14,722.27
Frasca, Peter R.....	\$15,246.02
Goodwin, Frances M.....	\$100.00
Hartranft, David.....	\$6,095.89
Johnson, Stephen D.....	\$2,983.13
Lazott-Croteau, Stephanie G.....	\$10,293.50
Marcotte, Cameron M.....	\$92.00
Marsh, Duane M.....	\$1,615.25
Richard, Kenneth M.....	\$1,429.76
Stover, Paul M.....	\$1,108.25
	\$74,321.32

Total Wages \$161,226.50

STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2017 Budgeted	2017 Expenditures	2018 Budgeted
Administrative Salaries.....	\$62,616.00	\$62,124.94	\$63,868.00
Call Wages Fire and Rescue.....	\$40,660.00	\$24,780.24	\$49,160.00
Call Wages Ambulance.....	\$72,660.00	\$74,321.32	\$181,340.00
Supplies.....	\$3,000.00	\$1,626.18	\$3,000.00
Gas.....	\$9,000.00	\$4,982.36	\$9,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$500.00	\$496.95	\$500.00
Training/Reference Materials.....	\$12,000.00	\$9,773.46	\$12,000.00
Electricity/Heat.....	\$12,000.00	\$10,355.49	\$12,000.00
Telephone.....	\$5,000.00	\$3,626.48	\$5,000.00
Equipment Maintenance.....	\$35,000.00	\$28,841.58	\$35,000.00
Dues.....	\$1,500.00	\$2,832.50	\$1,500.00
Truck Maintenance.....	\$20,000.00	\$20,767.19	\$20,000.00
Dispatch.....	\$37,695.00	\$37,695.13	\$38,558.00
Uniforms/Clothing.....	\$3,000.00	\$2,714.64	\$3,000.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$12,500.00	\$9,784.57	\$12,500.00
Dock Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
PR/Books/Films.....	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$100.00
Employer FICA.....	\$6,696.00	\$5,825.30	\$14,291.00
Employer MEDI.....	\$2,447.00	\$2,594.19	\$4,268.00
NH Retirement Fire.....	\$18,586.00	\$18,970.35	\$19,969.00
Fire/Rescue Disability.....	\$230.00	\$129.60	\$230.00
Fire/Rescue Life Insurance.....	\$171.00	\$170.76	\$171.00
BUDGET TOTAL	\$355,361.00	\$322,493.23	\$487,455.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2017

With regard to emergency management, 2016 was mostly another quiet year, or so it appeared to be. The end of October brought a severe wind storm; approximately 14 hours of damaging winds brought down trees and powerlines and blocked roads across the entire Town. Strafford's Fire Department, Police Department and our Road Agent and crew were busy opening roads where they could, while still answering calls throughout the storm. Thanks to the Fire, Police, and road crew personnel for a job well done!

The Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan has been completed and accepted by the Town and State.

With the completion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, we have started working on the Town's Emergency Action. This spring we will be looking for a couple of residents to serve on the committee which will also include Town officials and representatives from various boards.

Thank you for your support.

Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief
Emergency Management Director Plan.

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

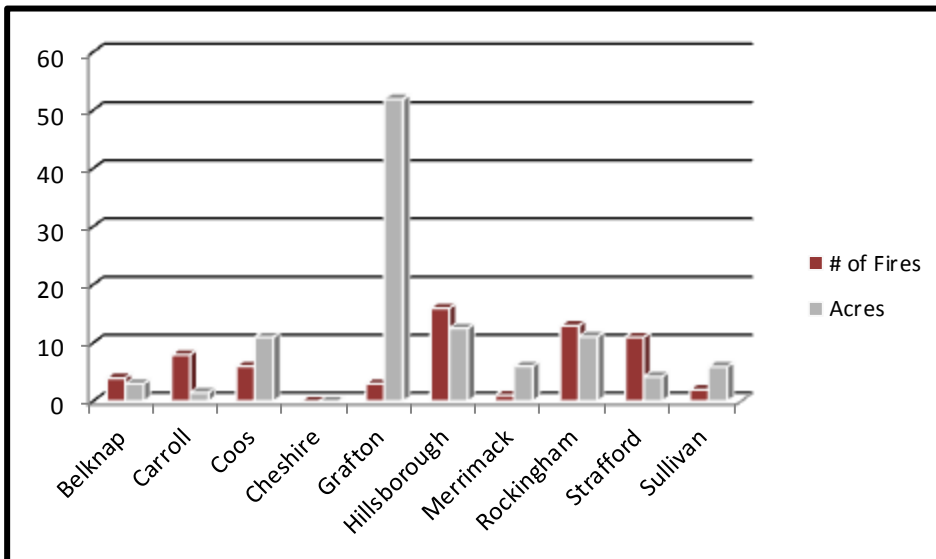
This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildland fire activity throughout the state. September and October saw fire conditions change and the state was faced with some difficult fires. The Dilly Cliff fire in North Woodstock was one of the most challenging fires we have seen in New Hampshire. Steep terrain and extreme fire behavior made this fire difficult to fight. It lasted for over 3 weeks and the final hotspots in inaccessible terrain were extinguished by heavy rains. 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. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2017 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

As we prepare for the 2018 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 or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfi.org.

2017 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2017)



**REMEMBER, ONLY YOU
CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!**

HISTORICAL DATA		
YEAR	NUMBER of FIRES	ACRES BURNED
2017	64	107
2016	351	1090
2015	124	635
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.*
0	7	11	1	4	0	4	0	37

THE HILL LIBRARY

1151 Parker Mountain Road PO Box 130
Strafford, New Hampshire 03884
603-664-2800 www.HillLibrary.org

Library Hours	Open 36 hours per week
Monday - Thursday: 11:00AM - 7:00PM	WiFi 24/7 onsite and in our parking lot
Saturday: 10:00AM - 2:00PM	eBooks - " nh.lib.overdrive.com " (Sign in: Strafford Hill Library & your card #)

I would like to introduce myself to anyone in Strafford I have not yet met. My name is Paige Holman and I began working as the Director of Hill Library at the end of September. Those I have met, I would like to thank for their friendliness and generosity. There have been many changes at your library over the past year. The layout of your library was reorganized and upgraded to better serve the needs of library patrons. In addition, we created displays honoring two families who have been generous in their support of the library: the Hill Family and the Cilley family. If you have not been in lately, please come by and check out the changes.

We have also had changes in personnel this year. In addition to my appointment, we have a new Children's Librarian, Kat Paiva, who has brought enthusiasm and creativity to the position. We also have a new Library Aide, Holly Dustin. We've benefitted from her energy and efficiency. Your library also benefits from the knowledge and expertise of our long term employees: Marilyn Roderick (over 20 years), Larisa Molloy (over 5 years) and Vilija Paulikonis (2 years). It is a privilege to work with such a competent and pleasant staff. Because of the new staff and surroundings, we hope to spend the next year cementing routines and policies that will improve our service for the town of Strafford.

Our records indicate that we have 1331 families who are patrons with library cards in town. We used our new library software to set library cards to expire, so that we can update addresses and email and find out if there are duplicates in our system.

In the year 2017, our circulation went up about 15% with 15,047 items borrowed from the collection of over 15,200 materials in the Hill Library. In addition to that amount, about 4000 ebooks and audiobooks were borrowed from the state library using our subscription service. We increased our programs by 20% over last year, and have seen the attendance at these programs jump throughout the past year. In January, 52 people attended our library programs, but by December we were enjoying the regular attendance of 160 people. The Hill Library has become a focal point of your community, with a wide variety of groups meeting here regularly: political, family, educational, and groups who enjoy doing hobbies together in our comfortable surroundings. Throughout the year, over 8900 Strafford citizens came through our door, a 19% increase over 2016. If you were not one of them, don't you want to see what your neighbors are enjoying at your library?

The Hill Library relies heavily on volunteers who assist and guide us throughout the year. In 2017, library volunteers logged over 400 hours in service. In addition, the Library Trustees gave their time and energy on a regular basis to serve their community and conduct library business. This year, the Trustees are: JoAnn Brown, Jessie Copeland, and Mary Marquardt. The Alternate Trustees are Lindsey Aucella, Betsy Cozine, and Sharon Omand. Trustee meetings take place on the second Wednesday of every month at 6 pm in your library and are open to the public. Please attend to learn about the library and add to our discussions.

Some of our best ideas come from our patrons. Please drop by or contact me if you have suggestions or questions. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted:

Paige Holman, Library Director *JoAnn Brown, Trustee* *Jessie Copeland, Trustee* *Mary Marquardt, Trustee*

HILL LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT 2017

Income

Town Appropriation	\$19,553.00
Salaries	\$65,447.00

Total Funds Available

\$85,000.00

Expenses

Dues/ Subscriptions	\$584.00
Prof Development	\$732.13
Collection	\$7,369.71
Adult Books	\$1,831.18
AV Media	\$1,340.18
Children's Books	\$2,127.37
Periodicals	\$312.14
Ebooks/databases	\$1,280.00
Book Labeling and Binding	\$478.84
Programs	\$1,844.77
General and Administrative	\$2,183.26
Utilities	\$6,839.13
Electricity	\$2,680.24
Propane	\$3,427.94
Telephone	\$490.68
Water	\$240.27
Salaries	\$64,095.41
Directors	\$22,671.59
Administrative Librarian	\$9,726.45
Youth Librarian	\$14,071.25
Circulation Librarian	\$10,303.35
Library Aide 1	\$5,453.77
Library Aide 2	\$1,869.00

Total Expenses

\$83,648.41

TRUSTEES OF HILL LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT 2017

Ordinary Income / Expenses

INCOME

Book Fines	\$994.06
Book (used) sale	\$278.58
Copies, faxes, etc.	\$335.71
Donations	\$780.99
Interest of December 31, 2017	\$94.65
Other income (e.g. mug sales)	\$168.00
Total Income for 2017	\$2,651.99

EXPENDITURES

Staff Professional Development	\$996.13
New Books	\$687.55
Periodicals	\$57.00
New DVDs, Audio, & ebooks	\$304.45
Misc. and Unexpected	\$2,162.42
Programs	\$646.39
Total expenses for 2017	\$4,853.94

NET INCOME

-\$2,201.95

ASSETS

CD Holdings at NECU	\$60,097.74
Checking Account	\$17,293.17
	\$77,390.91

Respectfully submitted,
Jessie Copeland, Treasurer

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Capital improvement projects consisted of preparation and paving of:

Water Street
Tasker Hill Road
Brown's Pasture Road
Lakeview Drive
Lake Shore Drive
Leavitt Lane
Portion of Beaver Road

Work completed during the spring and summer months consisted of grading of the gravel roads.

Roadside mowing took place on many roads throughout the year.

Greg Messenger, Road Agent

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES – 2017

Administration Salary	\$ 8,653.95
Arborcare Tree Service	\$ 4,469.00
Scott Barry Trucking	\$ 1,041.25
R.W. Tasker & Son	\$ 36,357.00
Radford Messenger, Inc.	\$ 278,388.50
Robert McMaster	\$ 250.00
Sub Total.....	\$ 329,159.70

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES

Equipment/Maintenance	\$ 12,511.46
Gravel	\$ 13,070.59
Sand	\$ 18,733.19
Salt	\$ 50,071.43
Cold Patch	\$ 512.69
Paving Asphalt	\$ 8,293.78
Culverts	\$ 8,429.77
Street Signs/Posts	\$ 857.95
Supplies/Calcium on dirt roads	\$ 8,960.00
Miscellaneous & Spray	\$ 2,770.00
Sub Total.....	\$ 124,210.86
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$ 453,370.56

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.

RECYCLING REPORT 2017

STRAFFORD TRANSFER STATION

Transfer Station Hours

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

You have probably heard that global markets for recyclable materials are rapidly changing, especially in light of new requirements regarding recyclables going into China for handling. The market for some recyclables has collapsed entirely; for others the demand is in flux. The result of these changes in world markets is seen here in Strafford with the new regulations for what we can and cannot put into recycling at our Transfer Station. New brochures are available at the Transfer Station, the Town Hall or on the town website. It turns out that some items that we think are recyclable may not be recyclable at our Transfer Station. Demolition waste is still accepted by Waste Management for local use at their Rochester facility. Remember that gently used items may be donated to the “Good as New” Swap Shop at the Transfer Station. As a service to town residents, large items, appliances, and tires may still be dropped off at the Transfer Station and will require that you pay a small fee to cover the costs to the Town for removal.

2017 saw continued strong support for recycling. Last year, we recycled 314.78 tons of paper, plastic, and glass, up 2.5 tons from 2016. The tonnage of demolition debris was higher last year than it has been in many years, totaling 414.27 tons for the year. The tonnage of Municipal Solid Waste, or garbage, increased about 5 tons over 2016 for a total of 857.88 tons. Happily, the ratio of recycling to solid waste held steady. Even in times of fluctuating global markets, please remember that when you recycle, you bring in revenue, which saves tax money by offsetting the cost of disposal of our remaining garbage. In addition, earnings from customer fees stayed strong last year and that helps us offset some of our costs. If you have any questions, please work with our trained staff members. We would like to remind Strafford residents to pay special attention to be sure that trash and recycling items are not flying out of trucks and trailers en route to the Recycling Center. If you lose an item, please stop to retrieve it and if you see something fly out of another vehicle, please be a good neighbor and stop to pick it up. Our community thanks you!

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

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

REVENUES RECEIVED 2017

Tires (Customer Fees)	\$ 442.00
Metal Disposal (Customer Fees)	\$ 3,420.00
Mattresses/Furniture (Customer Fees).....	\$ 2,945.00
Small Electronics/Monitors, etc. (Customer Fees).....	\$ 4,115.00
Revenues from Recycling/Scrap Metal	\$ 2,163.37
Revenues from Recycling/Aluminum.....	\$ 3,272.32
Revenues from Recycling/Cardboard.....	\$ 3,880.61
Total Revenues 2016.....	\$ 21,904.46
Revenues received in 2017	\$ 20,238.30

REPORT OF THE STRAFFORD BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2017

The Strafford Building Department was staffed by David Copeland and Bill Booth in 2017, with regular office hours every Tuesday evening from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We are also available outside these hours via cell phones and email. Contact information and permit information are available online with permit applications are available for downloading.

We would again like to 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, and add-on or renovate to contact our office so we can assist with your project; ensuring it is completed in compliance with all codes.

Permits Issued in 2017 included:

Month	New Home	Renovation	Addition	Barn/garage	Shed/Deck/Pool	Septic	Demo	Mech/Elect/Plumb	Renewal	Commercial
Jan	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	0
Feb	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0
Mar	1	1	0	0	0	2		4	0	0
April	2	0	2	3	2	4	0	13	1	0
May	2	0	1	2	2	1	2	12	0	0
June	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	5	0	0
July	1	4	1	0	1	13	0	5	1	0
Aug	6	0	0	2	0	5	0	19	0	0
Sept	5	0	5	4	2	3	0	13	0	0
Oct	0	1	2	4	3	2	0	11	0	1
Nov	2	1	0	3	1	4	0	9	0	0
Dec	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	21	0	1
TOTAL	21	11	12	19	13	40	2	120	2	2

A total of 242 Permits were issued or renewed in 2017, up 16% from 2016.

M, E & P Permits include Generator Permits

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

Building and Code Enforcement

Dave Copeland, Inspector

12 Mountain View Drive Strafford, N.H. 03815

Cell - 603-942-8303 Office - 603-664-2192x104 dbcopland@yahoo.com

PLANNING BOARD and BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORTS 2017

For the first few months of 2017, the Planning Board received very few applications and therefore held fewer meetings during the first part of the year. Activity picked up in the fall as the housing market improved in our area. The Board also reviewed an application for commercial development of an auto business at the beginning of the year and is currently reviewing an application for development of a concert venue and campground. The Board is always available for consultations with anyone who is thinking about developing their property, whether developing a home business or creating one or more lots. The Planning Board always encourages landowners hoping to subdivide to consider Conservation Development, which offers some flexibility in planning while also providing for long-term protection of natural resources. Maintaining the rural atmosphere of our community is one of the key goals of the Strafford Master Plan.

The Board of Adjustment also saw substantially increased activity in the second half of 2017. Over the course of the year, the Board received twelve applications requesting variances or special exceptions to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances or Building Regulations of the Town. The Board also reviewed the first two applications under the new Accessory Dwelling Unit regulations. The number of times the Board meets during a year is based on the number of applications received.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Receipts 2017

Application Fees Planning Board	\$ 2,800.00
Application Fees Board of Adjustment	\$ 5,745.00
Total.....	\$ 8,545.00

Expenditures 2017

Postage	\$ 809.27
Newspaper Notices (Foster's Daily Democrat)	\$ 1757.66
Secretarial Planning Board	\$ 4,564.48
Secretarial Board of Adjustment	\$ 968.47

Total.....\$ 8,099.88

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT 2017

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.

In 2017, KRT continued the ongoing process of data verification by visiting properties on Maps 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20. The primary buildings were measured and the interior information was verified whenever possible. Exterior photos were taken as part of the ongoing database maintenance program. We expect to continue with data collection/verification in 2018, visiting other properties within the Town boundaries. Properties with open building permits will also be visited and improvements will be reflected in the 2018 taxes. Our goal is to verify and update the physical data to ensure the assessments are accurate.

The new total values as of April 1, 2017 for the Town of Strafford are as follows:

Residential	\$461,723,000
Commercial	\$7,992,700
Utilities	\$5,148,720
Current Use.....	\$1,464,300
Discretionary Preservation Easements.....	\$98,700
Exempt	\$20,839,500
Total	\$497,266,920

Property Tax Exemptions totaled \$790,000, while Property Tax Credits totaled \$41,700.

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.

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

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

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

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. 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. You may also look us up on line at; <http://www.strafford.nh.gov/index.php/property-assessor>.

Sincerely,
Richard Dorsett Jr., CNHA
Strafford Assessing Agent

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 work as an intermediary between the citizens of Strafford and government permitting agencies.

The Conservation Commission spent time this year on trail maintenance at all of the town properties. In spring we cleared out the waterbars on the trails, trimmed back brush, and re-routed a small section of Town Forest trail in order to circumvent some wet areas. Notably this year, the October windstorm that took out power in town brought down a significant number of branches at all of the town conservation properties. The Conservation Commission welcomes notice of any new obstructions from hikers. The Conservation Commission has also continued its work to stop the spread of invasive plants on town properties. Garlic mustard – a weed that can overrun fields, woodlands, and gardens – needs to be pulled yearly to check its advance. We also control for Norway maple, a non-native maple species that can be very disruptive to our forests. Watch for a call for volunteers in May to help with these yearly efforts.

The Conservation Commission is also considering how to manage the ash trees on our town properties in the face of the invasive Emerald Ash Borer beetle, which was confirmed in our town in 2017. The Emerald Ash Borer can rapidly kill ash trees and is very destructive to overall forest health. Please note that the town of Strafford is now part of the Emerald Ash Borer quarantine area – be aware of this if you are transporting air-dried ash firewood or lumber products.

In more optimistic news, the Conservation Commission assisted Bear-Paw Regional Greenways with their “Bennett Island Forever” campaign. The Conservation Commission donated \$50,000 to this effort in order to match the amount donated by Strafford and Northwood residents. As of December 31, 2017, Bennett Island has been saved from any future development. By conserving Bennett Island we have worked to save the beautiful views of the lake as well as protecting important loon and Bald Eagle nesting sites.

We also voted again to use some of our Conservation Commission budget to keep the parking areas at the Town Forest and IRCR plowed during the winter. We hope people will enjoy the conservation lands we are so fortunate to have here in Strafford in all seasons! The Conservation Commission would also like to thank the Strafford Swamp Stompers for their help maintaining the gates both at the IRCR and on the Evans Mountain forestry access road. They also worked to fix the turtle bridge on the lower logging road on Evans Mountain, making the bridge less hazardous for recreation users.

Over the course of the year members of the Commission have made site walks to consider new conservation properties and to review NH Department of Environmental Services permit applications. If you have questions about conservation easements or DES permits, let us know. Conservation Commission meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, and we encourage you to attend.

STRAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

2017

Strafford holds a summer 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 2017. Our swimmers this past summer were again very attentive, put effort into learning the skills, and most passed their levels. We look forward to seeing them again this coming season.

This year we had an excellent staff with one returning lifeguard and several new ones to complete the group. The beach staff provides good coverage at Bow Lake beach from Fathers' Day through the second week of August, when the staff returns to high school or college. Life guards are on duty from 10 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Monday through Saturday and 11 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. on Sundays. We appreciate all they do to keep the beach area safe, clean and enjoyable.

Salaries for the summer of 2017 were \$12,983.39. Maintenance and portable restroom rentals cost \$1239.72 for the summer. Other expenses and water testing totaled \$535.56, bringing the total expenditures to \$14,758.67.

Summer beach passes were free, as is customary, to Strafford residents. Non-resident individuals were able to purchase a day pass for \$5.00 or a season pass for \$25.00; families were able to purchase a season pass for \$50.00. Revenue was up a bit for beach passes and down a bit for swim lessons from previous years. The sale of beach passes brought in \$1090.00. Income from swim lessons was \$784.00.

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

TRUST FUNDS													MS-9	
DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	GAINS OR (LOSSES)	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	INCOME %	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
3/10/1998	FOREST FIRE FUND #0005	CONTINGENCY	NHPDIP	100% \$ 4,835.27				\$ 4,835.27	\$ 1,039.09		\$ 54.57		\$ 1,093.66	\$ 5,928.93
12/31/1980	SCHOOL I&B #0007	REPLACE	NHPDIP	100% \$ 226,948.13	\$ 50,000.00			\$ 276,948.13	\$ 42,538.97		\$ 2,764.30		\$ 45,303.27	\$ 322,251.40
01/01/1899	CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE #3	EDUCATION	NHPDIP	100% \$ 14,215.00				\$ 14,215.00	\$ 27,062.43		\$ 383.44		\$ 27,445.87	\$ 41,660.87
3/8/1984	RECREATION LAND #0009	BUILD	NHPDIP	100% \$ 5,000.00				\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,412.87		\$ 115.31		\$ 7,528.18	\$ 12,528.18
3/10/1980	THEODORE STORER TRUST FUND #11	CONSERV	NHPDIP	100% \$ 11,500.00				\$ 11,500.00	\$ 21,622.96		\$ 307.70		\$ 21,930.66	\$ 33,430.66
4/26/1988	CONSERVATION #0012	PURCHASE	NHPDIP	100% \$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 919.68		\$ 17.84		\$ 937.52	\$ 1,937.52
3/14/2000	RECORDS STORAGE FACILITY #0014	PURCHASE	NHPDIP	100% \$ 10,000.00				\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,834.61		\$ 109.93		\$ 1,944.54	\$ 11,944.54
1/5/2005	BRIDGE C AND R #0015	CONTINGENCY	NHPDIP	100% \$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00			\$ 75,000.00	\$ 2,731.55		\$ 599.80		\$ 3,331.35	\$ 78,331.35
1/5/2005	OFFICE EQUIPMENT FUND #0016	PURCHASE	NHPDIP	100% \$ 467.79				\$ 467.79	\$ 16.91		\$ 4.51		\$ 21.42	\$ 489.21
9/27/2005	MUNICIPAL BUILDING FUND #0018	BUILD	NHPDIP	100% \$ 1,477.58				\$ 1,477.58	\$ 18.74		\$ 13.91		\$ 32.65	\$ 1,510.23
9/27/2005	FIRE ENGINE FUND #0019	PURCHASE	NHPDIP	100% \$ 5,992.89				\$ 5,992.89	\$ 44.31		\$ 56.07		\$ 100.38	\$ 6,093.27
8/31/2007	TOWN DOCK ACCOUNT #21	MAINTENANCE	NHPDIP	100% \$ 15,460.50				\$ 15,460.50	\$ 1,073.10		\$ 153.59		\$ 1,226.69	\$ 16,687.19
7/27/2009	TOWN DOCK-REPAIRS #23	REPAIRS	NHPDIP	100% \$ 4,628.94				\$ 4,628.94	\$ 196.73		\$ 44.83		\$ 241.56	\$ 4,870.50
7/26/2010	FIRE DEPARTMENT REPAIRS #26	REPAIRS	NHPDIP	100% \$ -				\$ -	\$ 16.04		\$ 0.13		\$ 16.17	\$ 16.17
12/22/2010	ED OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES #27	EDUCATION	NHPDIP	100% \$ 150,000.00	\$ 50,000.00			\$ 200,000.00	\$ 1,028.06		\$ 1,663.90		\$ 2,691.96	\$ 202,691.96
12/22/2010	FUTURE RE-EVALUATION	CONTINGENCY	NHPDIP	100% \$ 16.46				\$ 16.46	\$ 0.12		\$ 0.14		\$ 0.26	\$ 16.72
9/1/2011	REFLECTIVE ROAD SIGNAGE ACCT #27	CONTINGENCY	NHPDIP	100% \$ 2,172.15				\$ 2,172.15	\$ 17.37		\$ 20.33		\$ 37.70	\$ 2,209.85
9/1/2011	POLICE VEHICLE FUND NUMBER TWO #28	NEW VEHICLE	NHPDIP	100% \$ 10,000.00	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ 62.33		\$ 17.92		\$ 80.25	\$ 80.25
9/1/2011	MUNICIPAL OIL AND FUEL #29	MAINTENANCE	NHPDIP	100% \$ 10,000.00				\$ 10,000.00	\$ 76.37		\$ 93.59		\$ 169.96	\$ 10,169.96
12/26/2013	LIBRARY EXPANSION/IMPROVEMENT # 30	CONTINGENCY	NHPDIP	100% \$ 15,186.96	\$ 97.02		\$ 3,340.21	\$ 11,943.77	\$ 154.10		\$ 119.68		\$ 273.78	\$ 12,217.55
12/29/2017	DRY HYDRANT FUND #31	MAINTENANCE	NHPDIP	100% \$ 30,000.00				\$ 30,000.00	\$ -		\$ 247.34	\$ 186.00	\$ 61.34	\$ 30,061.34
12/29/2017	CROWN POINT FIRE STATION #31	CONTINGENCY	NHPDIP	100% \$ 100,000.00				\$ 100,000.00	\$ -		\$ 684.37		\$ 684.37	\$ 100,684.37
		TOTALS		\$ 643,901.67	\$ 175,097.02		\$ 38,340.21	\$ 780,658.48	\$ 107,866.34		\$ 7,473.20	\$ 186.00	\$ 115,153.54	\$ 895,812.02

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS										MS-10		
DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	NEW FUNDS	BALANCE YEAR END	BALANCE BEGINNING	INCOME PERCENT	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED	BALANCE YEAR END	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME	
	COMMON TRUST FUND											
6/6/1925	BABB, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$468.14	0.68%	\$2.61		\$470.75		\$570.75
5/16/1995	BROWN, ALBERT (HALL)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$66.58	0.34%	\$1.31		\$67.89		\$117.89
12/31/1972	BROWN, ALBERT (CRITC)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$80.51	0.34%	\$1.31		\$81.82		\$131.82
12/10/1939	CASWELL-DEARBORN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$220.51	2.72%	\$10.43		\$230.94		\$630.94
4/21/1927	CAVERLY, ABBIE	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$577.98	0.68%	\$2.61		\$580.59		\$680.59
6/3/1972	CAVERLY, REV JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$665.00	\$665.00	\$428.68	4.52%	\$17.43		\$446.11		\$1,111.11
9/2/1927	CLARK, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$750.00	0.68%	\$2.61		\$752.61		\$852.61
9/3/1971	COOPER, LILLIAN FOSS	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$540.00	1.36%	\$5.22		\$545.22		\$745.22
5/16/1995	FOSS, BENJAMIN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$438.23	2.72%	\$10.43		\$448.66		\$848.66
9/2/1933	FOSS, HERBERT	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$761.21	1.36%	\$5.22		\$766.43		\$966.43
9/10/1930	FOSS, ROBERT	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$759.90	0.68%	\$2.61		\$762.51		\$862.51
5/16/1995	FOYE-PERKINS	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$452.19	2.72%	\$10.43		\$462.62		\$862.62
3/4/1996	FOYE (WINGATE FARM)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$317.27	2.72%	\$10.43		\$327.60		\$727.60
6/2/1926	GARFIELD, ELIZA	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$834.94	1.02%	\$3.92		\$838.86		\$988.86
5/5/1950	HAM, LLEWELYN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$746.83	1.36%	\$5.22		\$752.05		\$952.05
8/26/2000	HANSON #1	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$168.34	2.04%	\$7.83		\$176.17		\$476.17
9/6/1950	HARTWELL, ELIZABETH	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$507.84	0.68%	\$2.61		\$510.45		\$610.45
10/2/1921	HAWKINS, BETSEY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.46	0.68%	\$2.61		\$4.07		\$104.07
6/6/1925	HAYES, PAUL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$116.87	0.34%	\$1.31		\$118.18		\$168.18
8/4/1934	HOLMES, ELLA	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$154.79	0.68%	\$2.61		\$157.40		\$257.40
5/16/1995	HOSEA BERRY CEM.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$677.29	4.08%	\$15.65		\$692.94		\$1,292.94
5/16/1995	HOWARD CEM	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$926.85	5.44%	\$20.86		\$947.71		\$1,747.71
12/23/1928	JENNESS, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$523.80	1.36%	\$5.22		\$529.02		\$729.02
1/31/1921	JENNESS, SAMUEL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$827.17	1.36%	\$5.22		\$832.39		\$1,032.39
10/25/1930	JENNESS, SAMUEL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$476.28	1.36%	\$5.22		\$481.50		\$681.50
4/12/1927	JEWELL, JOHN W.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$477.51	0.68%	\$2.61		\$480.12		\$580.12
7/25/1999	KERIVAN (BUZZELL CEM)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$119.82	2.04%	\$7.83		\$127.65		\$527.65
8/11/1959	LEIGHTON, WINKLEY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$985.53	1.70%	\$6.52		\$992.05		\$1,242.05
5/16/1995	LOUGEE (EDGERLY RD)	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$424.79	2.72%	\$10.43		\$435.22		\$835.22
3/4/1996	OTIS-DREW	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,056.95	6.79%	\$26.04		\$1,082.99		\$2,082.99
6/2/1921	PERKINS, NANCY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$570.40	0.68%	\$2.61		\$573.01		\$673.01
9/9/1957	PERKINS, PAUL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$900.65	1.19%	\$4.57		\$905.22		\$1,080.22
1/9/1991	SAXTON, HELEN FOSS	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,256.68	6.79%	\$26.04		\$1,282.72		\$2,282.72
11/16/1998	SCRUTON	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$344.51	3.40%	\$13.04		\$357.55		\$857.55
1/7/1922	SEAVEY, ABBIE	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.46	0.68%	\$2.61		\$4.07		\$104.07
10/1/1989	SLOPER ROAD	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$45.52	0.34%	\$1.31		\$46.83		\$96.83
4/2/1927	SMITH, D.W.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.46	0.68%	\$2.61		\$4.07		\$104.07
8/12/1944	STANTON, FRED	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$75.38	1.36%	\$5.22		\$80.60		\$280.60
9/5/1972	SWAIN, ANNIE & GRAY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$609.99	1.36%	\$5.22		\$615.21		\$815.21
3/4/1996	TOBIAS DREW CEM	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,050.44	6.79%	\$26.04		\$1,076.48		\$2,076.48
9/5/1972	WAIN, MARY J.	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$383.68	2.72%	\$10.43		\$394.11		\$794.11
10/22/1950	WALDRON, JOHN	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$496.68	0.68%	\$2.61		\$499.29		\$599.29
5/11/1955	WALDRON, CASWELL	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$261.98	0.68%	\$2.60		\$264.58		\$364.58
12/10/1937	WALKER, JAMES	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.46	0.68%	\$2.61		\$4.07		\$104.07
6/2/1928	WATERHOUSE, ELLA	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$2.92	1.36%	\$5.22		\$8.14		\$208.14
3/10/1966	WEBSTER, TUTTLE	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$766.10	2.55%	\$9.78		\$775.88		\$1,150.88
6/13/1919	WELCH , BETSEY	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$692.86	1.36%	\$5.22		\$698.08		\$898.08
01/01/1899	YOUNG, IAVINIA	PERP. CARE	NHPDIP	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,712.00	7.16%	\$41.34		\$4,753.44		\$5,753.44
01/01/1899	CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE #8		NHPDIP	\$14,215.00	\$14,215.00	\$27,062.43		\$383.44		\$27,445.87		\$41,660.87
12/22/2010	ED OF PERSONS w/ DISABILITIES	EDUCATION	NHPDIP	\$150,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$1,028.06	100%	\$1,663.90		\$2,691.96		\$202,691.96



READY RIDES TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Ready Rides Transportation Assistance organization provides curb-to-curb rides at no charge to all medical related appointments for those residents living in Strafford that are 55+ and the disabled. Our vetted volunteer drivers use their own vehicles to provide transportation services. Mileage reimbursement is available for all drivers. Ready Rides also provides rides to residents living in Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newfields, Nottingham, Northwood and Newmarket. Ready Rides is not bound by travel distance. Ready Rides was established in 2012 and is a 501 C 3 independent nonprofit organization.

2017 Fiscal Year Accomplishments

RIDE STATISTICS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Number of Vetted Strafford Drivers	13	10
Total # of Confirmed Trips Completed for Strafford Residents	309	187
Number of Registered Strafford Residents Using Our Service	32	25
Number of Trips in Strafford that Went Unmet	7	11

Ready Rides Goals for 2018

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

Respectfully submitted,
Meri Schmaltz, Volunteer Drivers Coordinator

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CORNERSTONE VNA REPORT



We are pleased to share that Cornerstone VNA continues to grow thanks to the generosity of our local foundations, businesses, individuals and communities. With this combined support, Cornerstone VNA has become one of the leading nonprofit home health care providers in the region. Today, we proudly serve 35 towns in NH and ME and provide high quality care through five distinct programs: Home Care, Hospice Care, Palliative Care, Life Care - Private Duty and Community Care.

Although the future of home health will continue to be challenging due to changing payment models, the aging population and the shortage of health professionals, Cornerstone VNA is poised for long term success. We've accomplished this by remaining focused on our mission and receiving continued support from generous donors and local communities, such as the Town of Strafford. The impact of your support is significant and enables us to provide care to Strafford residents, regardless of their ability to pay. Funding also gives us the ability to purchase special equipment for patients in need.

As healthcare trends are moving care back into the home, no matter the degree of a patient's illness, the level of skill needed has become increasingly important. As a result, Cornerstone VNA continues to invest in certifying clinicians to provide specialized services as well as evaluating technology solutions to improve patient care. For example, we are currently implementing a new electronic medical record system, which will create efficiencies and better meet the needs of our patients.

In addition to enhancing patient care, Cornerstone VNA is committed to enhancing the health of our community by offering complimentary programs and services. We support our neighbors and friends by providing monthly wellness clinics for health screenings as well as free community presentations through our comprehensive Educational Series. Our community support is further strengthened with our biannual Caregivers Connect events, a monthly Caregiver Café, regular Bereavement Support Groups, and our annual Healthy Living Expo. This year, we also invited the community to attend free screenings of the film *Nine to Ninety*, which provided conversation and education related to end of life decisions and the importance of Advance Directives. We look forward to continuing to grow our community services and we already have plans to implement a new balance program later this year.

Cornerstone VNA highlight of service visits for 2016:

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Town of Strafford</u>	<u>Strafford County</u>	<u>Total Agency</u>
Home Care/Perinatal	1,165	40,096	54,037
Hospice Care	161	11,987	14,316
Life Care/Support Services	137	9,091	9,304
Palliative Care	4	248	298

Respectfully,

Julie A. Reynolds, RN, MS, Chief Executive Officer

STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION REPORT

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, 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 hand out. When we achieve this goal, we reduce the impact of poverty and build a stronger community.



The mission of CAPSC is to educate, advocate, and assist people in Strafford County to meet their basic needs and promote self-sufficiency. CAPSC offers over 60 coordinated programs designed to have a measurable impact on poverty and health status among our community's most vulnerable residents. Programs include nutrition, housing, fuel and electrical assistance, weatherization, parent and child education, child care, transportation, and employment and job training, all of which are locally defined, planned, and managed in partnership with other community agencies. All programs are designed to increase self-sufficiency and help clients become socially and financially independent. CAPSC's goal is to interrupt the cycle of poverty and empower at-risk children, working families, and seniors to live more secure, stable, and healthier lives.

A private, non-profit organization established in 1965, CAPSC is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, one-third of whom are consumers of services. We have nearly 150 employees, and a \$10 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.

2017 Accomplishments:

Last year, CAPSC helped 10,560 Strafford County households become self-sufficient through housing, child and parent education, utility assistance, nutrition, transportation, and job training and employment services at a value of over \$10 million. Your investment in our organization and its programs was leveraged to provide **\$16,790 in services to 34 households** in Strafford. These services include:

- 29 households received a discount on their electric bill through CAPSC's Electrical Assistance Program at a value of \$12,644, and
- 1 individual or family on the verge of homelessness or literally homeless received emergency housing services.

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 locations in Dover, Farmington, Milton, Rochester, and Somersworth, in addition to home-based services. Our nutrition program provides over 600 holiday food baskets to families in need each year, as well as over 40,000 meals to children ages 0 to 18 through its Summer Meals and After-School Meals programs in 2016-2017.

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

Betsey Andrews Parker, MPH, Chief Executive Officer

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS



2017

OFFICERS OF THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017-2018

SCHOOL BOARD

	Term Expires
Mr. Brian Monahan, Chairman	2019
Mr. Bruce Patrick, Vice Chair	2018
Ms. Carol Lord	2019
Mr. Kerry McMahon	2018
Ms. Debbi Hinrichsen, Vice Chair	2020

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert S. Gadomski, Ed.D.

ASST. SUPERINTENDENT/STUDENT SERVICES

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

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Marjorie V. Whitmore, M.S.

PRINCIPAL

Scott Young, Ed.D.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Kathy Pogharian

TREASURER

Sandra Pierce

CLERK

Christine Bane

MODERATOR

William Lord

AUDITOR

Melanson Heath & Company, PC

The State of New Hampshire

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the **STRAFFORD TOWN HALL**, 12 Mountain View Drive, Strafford, NH, on the 13th day of March 2018, at 8:00 AM to act upon the following subject:

ARTICLE #1 (Voting)

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

**** NOTE:** All Articles except Article 1 will be taken up at 8:00 am on the 10th day of March 2018 at the **STRAFFORD SCHOOL**, 22 Roller Coaster Road, Strafford, NH, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE #2 (District Meeting)

"To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten Million Seven Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$10,795,350) 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 4-0.
The tax impact if this article passes is \$1.60 per \$1,000.*

ARTICLE #3

To see if the Strafford School District shall vote to accept the fact-finder's recommendations dated October 27, 2017 for a collective bargaining agreement between the Strafford School Board and the Strafford Education Association, NEA-NH, and further vote to approve the cost items associated therewith which call for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2018-19	\$73,500
2019-20	\$82,000

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$73,500 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increases in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

*The School Board does not recommend 4-1 this appropriation.
The tax impact if this article passes is \$0.15 per \$1,000.*

Article #4

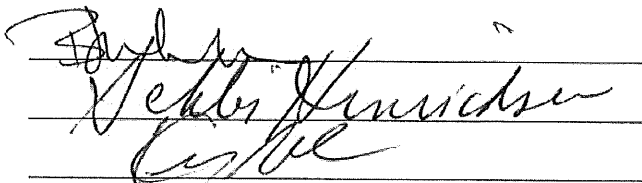
Shall the Strafford School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to fund the addition of a half-time guidance counselor.

This is a Petition Warrant Article

The tax impact if this article passes is \$0.04 per \$1,000.

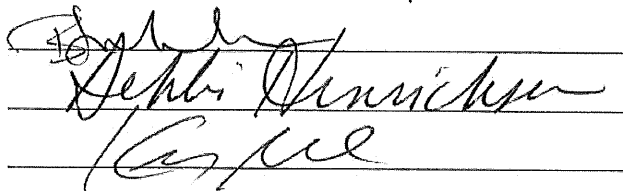
To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 16 day of February 2018.



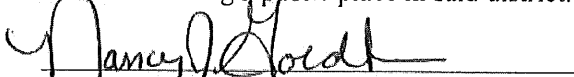
School Board

A true copy of Warrant- Attest:



School Board

I certify that on the 20th day of February, 2018 the written warrant article attested by the School Board of said District at the place of meeting within named and a like attested copy at the Strafford School and Strafford Town Hall being a public place in said district.



Nancy J. Goedker
SAU 44

SS New Hampshire 2/20, 2018

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

Before me Linda Osburn

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10/7/2020



School Budget Form

Strafford Local School

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year from:
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

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

This form was posted with the warrant on: 20 Feb 2018

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
Brian Monahan	CHAIRMAN	Brian Monahan
Debbi Harrichsen	School Board Member	Debbi Harrichsen
Ken Hill	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER	Ken Hill

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/>



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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
Instruction						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	02	\$6,059,802	\$6,313,921	\$6,331,519	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	02	\$1,205,115	\$1,332,292	\$1,309,891	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	02	\$58,567	\$65,529	\$59,277	\$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			\$7,323,484	\$7,711,742	\$7,700,687	\$0
Support Services						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	02	\$423,830	\$449,141	\$487,503	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	02	\$152,116	\$177,969	\$343,550	\$0
Support Services Subtotal			\$575,946	\$627,110	\$831,053	\$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	\$46,902	\$54,283	\$58,561	\$0
General Administration Subtotal			\$46,902	\$54,283	\$58,561	\$0
Executive Administration						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	02	\$358,974	\$371,943	\$383,823	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	02	\$454,436	\$477,469	\$350,200	\$0
2500-2599	Business		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	02	\$439,221	\$455,937	\$438,896	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	02	\$347,511	\$395,615	\$468,701	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Executive Administration Subtotal			\$1,600,142	\$1,700,964	\$1,641,620	\$0
Non-Instructional Services						
3100	Food Service Operations	02	\$149,971	\$157,588	\$158,291	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Instructional Services Subtotal			\$149,971	\$157,588	\$158,291	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
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	\$205,000	\$210,000	\$220,000	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	02	\$202,013	\$193,688	\$185,138	\$0
Other Outlays Subtotal			\$407,013	\$403,688	\$405,138	\$0
Fund Transfers						
5220-5221	To Food Service		\$39,517	\$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			\$39,517	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations			\$10,142,975	\$10,655,375	\$10,795,350	\$0



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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles						



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Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
1100-1199	Regular Programs	03	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$52,877
<i>Purpose: Fact Finder Recommendation</i>						
1200-1299	Special Programs	03	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,380
<i>Purpose: Fact Finder Recommendation</i>						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	04	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
<i>Purpose: Petition Warrant Article - Raise money for additio</i>						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	03	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,175
<i>Purpose: Fact Finder Recommendation</i>						
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	03	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,068
<i>Purpose: Fact Finder Recommendation</i>						
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$93,500



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Local Sources					
1300-1349	Tuition		\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	02	\$0	\$100	\$1,000
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	02	\$0	\$105,000	\$105,000
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Services Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	02	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
Local Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$109,600	\$110,500
State Sources					
3210	School Building Aid	02	\$0	\$68,482	\$68,482
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Catastrophic Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	02	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$70,982	\$70,982
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	\$47,500	\$40,000
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution	02	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$0	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$87,500	\$80,000



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
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		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$0	\$268,082	\$261,482



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Budget Summary

Item	Current Year	Ensuing FY (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$10,655,375	\$10,795,350
Special Warrant Articles	\$50,000	\$0
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$10,705,375	\$10,795,350
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$268,082	\$261,482
Less Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$3,107,672	\$2,986,176
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$7,329,621	\$7,547,692

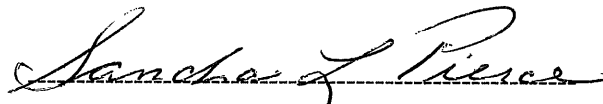
DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM WHOM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
July 1, 2016	State of NH	Equitable Ed Aid	\$2,082,685.41
to		Building Aid	\$66,982.50
June 30, 2017		Medicaid Reimbursement	\$47,459.98
	Town of Strafford	Appropriation	\$7,467,320.00
	Citizens Bank	Interest	\$98.57
	School Lunch Program	Lunch Sales	\$58,540.25
		Tsys Lunch Sales	\$42,696.64
		Food & Supplies Purchases	\$35.99
	Graystone Builders, Inc.	Community Fund - School lunches	\$1,500.00
	John & Mary Cronk	Donation School Lunches	\$1,500.00
	Northwood School District	Milk purchase	\$28.64
	Strafford School PTO	Staff Breakfast & Lunch	\$472.50
		Ice cream Social	\$141.78
		Food Purchases	\$211.80
	Strafford Town Office	Food Purchase	\$5.00
	SAU #44	School Lunch Program Reimbs.	\$40,827.82
		Lunch State Match 2015-16	\$2,300.47
		Teachers' Salary & FICA	\$32,960.36
		Mileage	\$6.48
	Citizens Bank	Deposit Discrepancies	\$145.85
	Deerfield School District	Speech & Language Reimb.	\$571.82
		Speech & Language SLC Reimb.	\$109.92
	Northwood School District	SASID Reimbs.	\$16,102.80
	Nottingham School District	Share of SLC Fy 16	\$684.61
		Speech & Language SLC Reimb.	\$286.99
	School Administrative #74	Speech & Language SLC Reimb.	\$105.34
	NH Assoc School Psychologist	Refund	\$125.00
	NH Retirement System	Refund	\$1,213.32
	Miscellaneous	Health Insurance Reimb.	\$146.38
		Rent/Custodial	\$6,300.00
		1/2 Day Kindergarten Tuition	\$2,277.34
		Damaged Books	\$37.68
		Lost Books	\$54.53
		Finger Prints	\$97.00
		Lost Soccer Shirt	\$20.00
		Jury Duty	\$13.70
		Returned Check	\$7.00
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$9,874,073.47

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 to JUNE 30, 2017

Cash on Hand July 1, 2016 (Treasurer's bank balance)		889848.48
Received from the Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	7467320.00	
Revenue from State	2197127.89	
Revenue from Federal	-0-	
Received from all other Sources	<u>209625.58</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>9874073.47</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (balance-receipts)		10763921.95
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERED PAID		<u>10207968.54</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2017 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		<u><u>555953.41</u></u>

July 20, 2017


District Treasurer

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

EARNINGS HISTORY

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Name	Position	Total Earnings
Adams, Laura A.	Grade 5 Teacher	\$65,838.00
Allsup, Mark D.	Substitute	\$1,295.00
Anderson, Brianna D.	Lunch Room Monitor	\$10,340.95
Apac, Raymond	Substitute	\$396.00
Asmega, Lauren	Grade 1 Teacher	\$41,341.00
Atkinson, Andrea L.	Band Teacher	\$37,007.07
Bachhuber, Jennifer D.	School District Secretary	\$153.00
Bane, Christine	Substitute	\$300.00
Beaverstock, Karen A.	Grade 6 Teacher	\$63,304.98
Bonneau, Aaron M.	Custodian	\$3,025.00
Bonneau, James M.	Technology Director	\$66,431.90
Bonneau, Noah H.	Custodian	\$2,455.75
Branscombe, Brett T.	Long term substitute	\$19,797.19
Buehne-Davis, Karen L.	Substitute	\$3,605.00
Burnap, Edward G.	Coach	\$650.00
Burnell, Patricia A.	Food Service	\$11,122.73
Carle, Kelley R.	Destination Imagination Coach	\$200.00
Chadwick, Carol	Paraprofessional	\$20,979.58
Chagnon, Rebecca S.	Paraprofessional	\$21,447.70
Clinch, Andrea C.	Reading Specialist	\$57,087.00
Colby, Steven M.	Grade 3 Teacher	\$64,755.00
Columbare, Wendy A.	Substitute	\$4,830.00
Comeau, Chrystin J.	Destination Imagination Coach	\$200.00
Cullen, Anne P.	Secretary	\$31,907.20
Cunningham, Kathryn	Nurse	\$56,600.00
DeCota, Kendra L.	Paraprofessional	\$17,636.40
Dolan, Audrey E.	Grade 6 Teacher	\$64,697.00
Doyle, Nicole M.	Special Education Teacher	\$100.00
Doyon, Denise M.	Secretary	\$26,840.45
Duffy, Cynthia L.	Paraprofessional	\$25,179.50
Eaton, Beth A.	Paraprofessional	\$18,246.80
Edgerly, Jennifer L.	Grade 4 Teacher	\$63,755.00
Edmonds, Indra	Coach	\$1,000.00
Farrell, Trevor B.	Spanish Teacher	\$41,151.00
Finnegan, Norman P.	School Board Member	\$1,500.00
Fitzpatrick, Kerry L.	Coach	\$1,000.00
Fowler, Deborah L.	Custodian	\$23,771.28
Frazer, Lauren	Destination Imagination Coach	\$200.00
Freeman, Katharine	Substitute	\$35.00
Gagneux, Katherin H.	Special Education Teacher	\$19,493.62
Gahm, Allan K.	Grade 6 Math/Language Arts Teacher	\$66,533.00
Gale, Cynthia A.	Paraprofessional	\$22,287.60
Gale, Eric J.	Food Service Director	\$36,333.39
Garland, Georgia I.	Grade 4 Teacher	\$58,397.00
Gempp, Christopher M.	Music/Chorus Teacher	\$47,979.00
Gerry, Jarrett A.	Custodian	\$3,223.00

Name	Position	Total Earnings
Gilman, Lindsay L.	Lunch Room Monitor	\$2,242.50
Goedker, Nancy	School District Secretary	\$675.00
Goodell, Donna M.	Paraprofessional	\$1,080.00
Goscinski, Donna	Grade 8 Language Arts Teacher	\$65,662.98
Grady, Hannah E.	Substitute	\$770.00
Grondin, Robin D.	Special Education Teacher	\$55,984.00
Hanson, Lauryn C.	Substitute	\$595.00
Hanson, Tracy L.	Grade 1 Teacher	\$60,642.00
Hartford, Barbie J.	Substitute Nurse	\$200.00
Hebert, Laura A.	Secretary	\$33,669.90
Hedstrom, Meghan C.	Health Teacher	\$45,485.98
Heselton, Callie A.	Custodian	\$3,118.50
Heselton, Gary R.	Facilities Manager	\$47,291.54
Hillsgrove, Kelly M.	School Board Secretary	\$183.75
Hinrichsen, Debra A.	School Board Member	\$1,500.00
Homiak, Janet E.	Reading Specialist	\$63,388.00
Hossack, Michele D.	Technology Teacher	\$40,905.98
Howard, Christine M.	Food Service	\$6,911.50
Huebel, Susan M.	Substitute	\$210.00
Irons, Mary D.	Kindergarten Teacher	\$67,408.00
Johnson, Christopher J.	Custodian	\$132.00
Jordan, Gregory J.	Substitute	\$302.50
Jordan, Heidi F.	Art Teacher	\$47,999.00
Jordan, Kevin A.	Grade 2 Teacher	\$58,456.98
Kerivan, Sandra A.	Paraprofessional	\$3,465.00
Kern, Sarah E.	Substitute	\$70.00
Krasko, Robyn T.	Physical Education Teacher	\$64,105.00
Lano, Elizabeth C.	Paraprofessional	\$18,472.74
Lano, John A.	Coach	\$1,500.00
LeBlanc, Priscilla E.	Substitute Nurse	\$1,400.00
Libby, Karen S.	Paraprofessional	\$22,116.20
Lord, Carol A.	School Board Member	\$1,500.00
Lord, William G.	School District Moderator	\$100.00
Mace, Ashley E.	Substitute Nurse	\$100.00
Marsh, Terri L.	Library Aide	\$4,054.50
Marston, Eilish M.	Substitute	\$5,740.00
Martin, Connor W.	Custodian	\$6,623.09
Mason, Elizabeth T.	Grade 3 Teacher	\$63,755.00
Matthews, Edward M.	Coach	\$1,500.00
Mazzochi, Moriah P.	Substitute	\$665.00
McCourt, Carol D.	Food Service	\$7,634.04
McNally, Catherine F.	Professional Development Representative	\$166.66
Meehan, Andrea E.	Substitute Nurse	\$950.00
Monahan, Brian J.	School Board Member	\$1,500.00
Monahan, Dianna L.	Substitute	\$2,695.00
Morrisette, Kimberly A.	Special Education Teacher	\$39,906.00
Mullen, Adam	Special Education Teacher	\$22,794.62
Nadeau, Matthew R.	Grade 8 Math Teacher	\$42,148.00
Nault, Donna L.	Paraprofessional	\$17,881.03
Nevins, Theresa A.	Grade 5 Teacher	\$62,755.00
Newman, Theresa M.	Custodian	\$68.64

Name	Position	Total Earnings
Nix, David R.	Grade 5 Teacher	\$63,755.00
Nomula, Tanuja	Substitute	\$6,895.00
Ogden, Andrea L.	Substitute	\$1,015.00
Pagnotta, Katie L.	Guidance	\$46,820.00
Patrick, Bruce	School Board Member	\$1,500.00
Perry, Daniel	Substitute	\$2,450.00
Pickard, Bradley G.	Custodian	\$23,559.78
Pierce, Sandra L.	School District Treasurer	\$5,200.00
Place, Jessica E.	Special Education Teacher	\$14,433.61
Plante, Maryellen	Grade 3 Teacher	\$65,642.00
Plaza, Linda R.	Paraprofessional	\$20,589.80
Popovich, Carrolle	School Board Secretary	\$1,135.00
Prime, Pilar R.	Destination Imagination Coach	\$200.00
Ranfoss, Tony	Coach	\$1,300.00
Ray, Candice L.	Paraprofessional	\$23,921.16
Roberts, Alison C.	Assistant Principal	\$79,541.60
Roy, Sarah A.	Grade 4 Teacher	\$63,068.00
Saia, Jill H.	Grade 7 Language Arts Teacher	\$65,363.00
Sawicki, Maureen C.	Substitute	\$210.00
Sawyer, Carolyn V.	Grade 7 Science Teacher	\$49,344.00
Schiff, Dylan M.	Substitute	\$3,648.64
Schraufnagel, Julie A.	Paraprofessional	\$22,434.70
Smith, Terry B.	Paraprofessional	\$21,447.70
Szatko, Lawrence E.	Custodian	\$8,503.94
Szatko, Stosh V.	Substitute	\$1,036.75
Thomas, Michelle A.	Substitute Nurse	\$350.00
Totten, Lanta B.	Destination Imagination Coach/Coordinator	\$1,400.00
Trafton, Jason	Grade 7/8 Social Studies Teacher	\$53,742.00
Trapp, Amelia A.	School Board Secretary	\$933.75
Vachon, Jennifer M.	Substitute Nurse	\$1,050.00
Vogt, Lynda D.	Special Education Teacher	\$35,805.92
Vulner, Kristine B.	Paraprofessional	\$23,788.70
Welch, Shelly A.	Grade 2 Teacher	\$46,260.98
Wichroski, Alison M.	Speech Pathologist	\$67,132.98
Wiggin, Rebecca	Speech Pathologist	\$63,755.00
Williams, Susan J.	Media Specialist	\$64,942.48
Woodard, Amy S.	Title I	\$31,959.00
Woollett, Kenneth A.	Coach	\$1,000.00
Young, Scott C.	Principal	\$89,394.60

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Capital Fund Balances
December 31, 2017

School Infrastructure & Buildings Capital Reserve Fund:

Balance as of 12/31/17 **\$322,251.40**

Education of Persons with Disabilities Capital Reserve Fund:

Balance as of 12/31/17 **\$202,691.96**

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT REPORT as of January 1, 2018						
Elementary School Enrollment						
Grade	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total		TOTAL
K	M. Irons	10	11	21		
K	A.Jacobs	12	10	22		
Kindergarten						43
Home School Kindergarten						0
Grade 1	L. Asmega	11	8	19		
Grade 1	T. Hanson	9	10	19		
Grade 1						38
Home School Grade 1						3
Grade 2	K. Jordan	10	8	18		
Grade2	S. Welch	10	7	17		
Grade 2						35
Home School Grade 2						4
Grade 3	S. Colby	6	12	18		
Grade 3	E. Mason	9	10	19		
Grade 3						37
Home School Grade 3						2
Grade 4	J. Edgerly	9	6	15		
Grade 4	G. Garland	9	6	15		
Grade 4	R. Roy	11	4	15		
Grade 4						45
Home School Grade 4						1
Grade 5	A. Adams	7	10	17		
Grade 5	T. Nevins	7	9	16		
Grade 5	D.R. Nix	5	10	15		
Grade 5						48
Home School Grade 5						5
Total Elementary School Students						246
Total Home School Elementary Students						15
Middle School Enrollment						
Grade 6	K. Beaverstock	9	8	17		
Grade 4	A. Dolan	11	6	17		
Grade 6	A. Gahm	12	6	18		
Grade 6						52
Home School Grade 6						2
Grade 7	J. Saia	9	13	22		
Grade 7	C. Sawyer	8	14	22		
Grade 7	J. Trafton	10	11	21		
Grade 7						65
Home School Grade 7						4
Grade 8	A. Compagna	6	12	18		
Grade 8	D. Goscinski	10	9	19		
Grade 8	M. Nadeau	8	10	18		
Grade 8						55
Home School Grade 8						3
Total Middle School						172
Total Home School Middle School						9
Enrollment Summary						
Kindergarten	43			Total Students Enrolled in School		418
Grade 1	38	Grade 5	48	Total Home School Students		24
Grade 2	35	Grade 6	52			
Grade 3	37	Grade 7	65	Total Students Enrolled at SAU		442
Grade 4	45	Grade 8	55			

Principal's Report 2017-2018

Every school year, I feel like a broken record... It seems I am constantly amazed at how fast the school year passes by! This school year is no different. For example, it is already time for me to provide my contribution to the Strafford Town Report and I am happy to do so. This school year, more than ever, we have felt what it means to be a community of learners. Not just the 400+ kiddos but all of us as a faculty and staff (65+) as well. I want to make sure to recognize how important the support of our families, caregivers and wider community is to the success of our students. Thank you for your support each day for the work we get to do with the children of this community! That support was so evident at last year's district meeting with bringing full-day kindergarten to Strafford School. I want to let you know that the academic and social gains we see in this year's kindergarten students as they move towards first grade has been outstanding! We are truly excited and grateful for the positive impact full-day kindergarten is having for our youngest learners. As always, our vision of *reaching, inspiring, and challenging all students to be their best* guides our efforts. The work that is described below provides a glimpse of a few of our building-wide goals for this school year.

We are in our 2nd year of implementing Lucy Calkins Writer's Workshop at all grade levels, K-8. The goal for teachers in our 2nd year has been to become experts in teaching writing through the instructional practices of the writer's workshop where students are invited to engage in the writing process with the teacher as a guide. The growth of our students in becoming excellent writers has become more and more evident. Across the grade-levels we are seeing students who can write with greater clarity, precision of thought, and across different genres with increasing competence and confidence! This school year we also have a number of classrooms who are piloting the Lucy Calkins Reader's Workshop model. This approach to teaching literacy corresponds with the instructional practices of the Writer's Workshop, is aligned to the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts, and has proven effective in schools across the world! We continue to provide a professional development program for classroom teachers in both Writer's and Reader's Workshop by having a literacy expert provide on-site consultation and instructional coaching at every grade-level.

In addition, we have been focused this school year on ensuring the school's K-8 curriculum is aligned with national standards in literacy, math, social studies, and science. We have two-year plan to complete this work (starting with this school year) and we are working with Dr. Heather Driscoll of Revolutionary Schools to provide consultation and resources to facilitate the completion of this important effort. The goal is to outline essential learning outcomes for every grade in all four of the aforementioned core content areas. In conjunction with this effort, we have a team of teachers who have been engaged in professional development in Competency-Based Education (CBE). In general, CBE better allows students a voice in their education through project-based learning and more meaningfully capturing what students know and can do using performance-based assessments. New Hampshire is a recognized national leader in CBE and public elementary schools in the state are all moving towards implementing CBE.

Our unified arts teachers provide wonderful opportunities for students to learn, explore, create, and experience content outside the core curriculum. This portion of our instructional program is critical to our vision of creating lifelong learners by providing opportunities for students to succeed and develop a diversity of capabilities. Students continue to engage in a broad array of activities such as Drama and Ta-Da programs, Destination Imagination, Lego Robotics, Summer Arts programming, Camp Invention, and more. Our 6th grade continues to enjoy the Merrowvista trip which provides a rustic outdoor setting that both deepens student's knowledge of the natural world while emphasizing character-building and teamwork. Also the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C., provides a wonderful opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of civics and U.S. history while also providing a memorable, capstone experience that 8th grade students will take with them as they launch into their high school careers. Our athletic teams have done a great job on the fields and courts throughout the school year displaying sportsmanship and great skill.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Young". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Respectfully Submitted," text.

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



Coe-Brown Northwood Academy

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

for the
2016 - 2017 Academic Year



The Board of Trustees and Administration of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy are pleased to provide this Annual Report of the 2016-2017 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 provides an overview of educational programming at Coe-Brown and the status of CBNA students.

Student Enrollment Breakdown: 2016-17

	August 2016	May 2017
Seniors	182	175
Juniors	152	151
Sophomores	179	179
Freshmen	196	201
TOTAL	709	706

Of the total students enrolled at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, the following enrollment changes took place throughout the 2016-2017 school year:

CBNA Student Enrollment Changes by Class: 2016-17

	Dismissed	Moved	Additions	Other Reasons	Total Change
Seniors	0	-3	0	-4	-7
Juniors	0	-1	+4	-4	-1
Sophomores	1	-3	+4	0	0
Freshmen	0	-2	+7	0	+5

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: 2016-17

Class of 2017 Graduating with Honors:	85%
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2016-17 Enrollment in Honors Level Courses:

Class	# of Stdnts.	Class	# of Stdnts.	Class	# of Stdnts.
English 11 AP	21	English 11 Honors	31	Pre-Calc Honors	13
English 12 AP	6	English 12 Honors	49	English 10 Honors	31
Physics AP	13	Physics Honors	12	Spanish III Honors	13
Calculus AP	10	Calculus Honors	15	French III Honors	10
US History AP	11	Chemistry Honors	23	French II Honors	12
Studio Art AP	2	Honors Art	13	English 9 Honors	31
Spanish IV Honors	9	Cont. Issues Honors	29	20 th Cent. Amer. Honors	27
Economics Honors	53	Geometry Honors	25	World History Honors	33
Biology Honors	26	Intro to Science Honors	19	Adv. Algebra I Honors	39

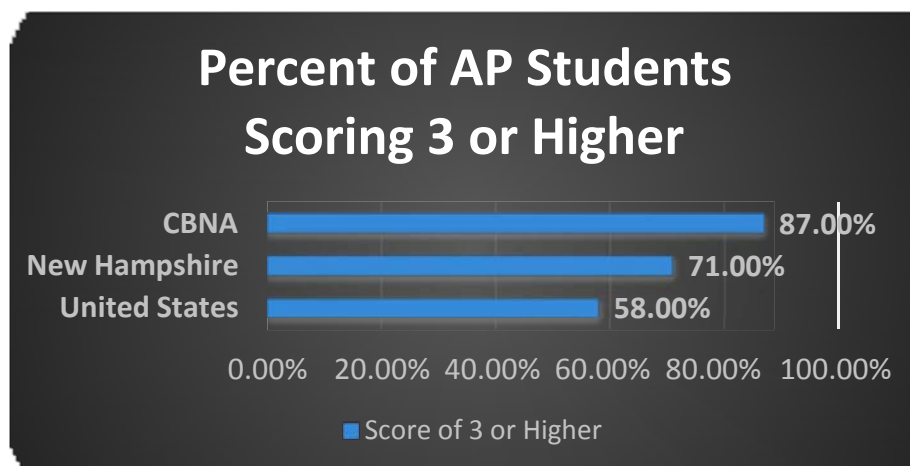
CBNA offers several concurrent enrollment courses through Southern New Hampshire University which grants students 3-4 college credits for each course for a nominal fee of \$100-\$125. Students took advantage of this opportunity in numbers as follows:

2016-17 Enrollment in SNHU Courses:

SNHU Class	Number of Students	SNHU Class	Number of Students
Calculus	15	Creative Writing	20
Anatomy & Physiology	56	Environmental Science	14
Public Speaking	33	Digital Photography	19

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

2016-17 Advanced Placement Scores



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

Student Reading Levels: 2016-17

Spring 2017 *Scholastic Reading Inventory*: Whole School

Advanced: 33%	Proficient: 48%
Basic: 14%	Below Basic: 5%

CBNA participates in all state-wide mandated examinations. For the 2016-17 academic year, the State of NH required the science NECAP and the SAT for eleventh grade students. Students at the Academy scored as follows:

Spring 2017 Science NECAP Testing

	Proficient with Distinction	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Substantially below Proficient
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy	3%	38%	47%	13%
State of New Hampshire	1%	31%	44%	23%

Spring 2017 SAT Testing

	% Met Benchmark for Reading/Writing	% Met Benchmark for Mathematics
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy	71%	54%
State of New Hampshire	66%	44%

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

Class of 2017 Post-Graduate Experiences

	4-Year Post Secondary	2-Year Post Secondary	Other Programs	Military	Work Force	Delayed Graduation
Class of 2017	59%	25%	4%	4%	8%	0%

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Academy has maintained a reasonably steady population in recent years. This has allowed CBNA to develop new programs and educational opportunities to best meet the needs of diverse

learners. High standards of work ethic, behavior, and personal responsibility have been established and upheld by the administration, faculty and staff.

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

The Academy administered the statewide examination for juniors in the spring of 2017, the SAT. Performance on that exam is demonstrated in the charts above and the Academy will continue to develop curriculum and teaching techniques for meeting New Hampshire Standards and to best prepare students for state wide assessments. Students at Coe-Brown continue to score in the upper percentiles of the AP examinations, NH state testing, and excel in many areas outside of academia as well. In addition, students, faculty, and staff have been thrilled to have so many members of the community come to the Academy to enjoy talented student performances within the athletic, music, arts, and drama programs.

The Education Committee of the Board of Trustees, which has voting representatives from Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford, annually reviews course offerings to ensure that they are appropriate to meeting students' needs and are in keeping with the high academic standards set by the Board and administration. For the 2016-2017 academic year, the Academy continued to offer concurrent enrollment courses to allow students to receive both high school and college credit in the same class, for a greatly reduced college tuition rate. The courses are optional and allow students to get a head start on meeting their college requirements. Currently, the Academy has agreements with Southern New Hampshire University, Project Running Start through Great Bay Community College, and the University of Iowa for one class. The following courses have been approved and the Academy is looking to continue to offer more:

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|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| ▪ Anatomy & Physiology | ▪ Environmental Science | ▪ Entrepreneurship |
| ▪ Calculus | ▪ Creative Writing | ▪ Digital Photography |
| ▪ Public Speaking | ▪ Marketing | ▪ Honors Economics |

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 the active participation by the Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford representatives.

Individual faculty members, both at Coe-Brown as well as from sending schools, have participated in a board-supported program called "*Bridges*." Faculty members met repeatedly throughout the 2016-2017 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: Youth and Government, Chemists' Society, Pomegranate Club, and Debate 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 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 2016-17 academic year had 195 fall athletes, 164 winter athletes, and 243 spring athletes, showing the tremendous amount of participation in athletics by CBNA students. Coe-Brown continued to see great success with their student athletes, including the 2016 Boys' Cross Country State Champions, 2016 Girls' Cross Country State Runner-Up, 2017 Boys' Basketball State Runner-Up, and 2017 Men's Ice Hockey Final Four. The newest teams of Boys' & Girls' Lacrosse and Bass Fishing continue to build and develop their programs.

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, new facility needs and possible locations for these facilities. The Academy's ability to construct new facilities is based on very limited available funds that can be used for such endeavors.

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

Most recently, there has been a restructuring of the library space area to create a new classroom and conference room. This now allows for more convenient and effective spaces for parents to meet with Coe-Brown staff and faculty. Additional security measures have also been implemented for greater student and staff safety. The natural resource classroom has also been updated, with new separation between work and classroom areas. 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 Management, & Long-Range Planning) continue to work to enhance the educational opportunities for the students. The Education Committee, with representatives from Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford, continues work on long-range planning goals that better address curriculum and educational needs of the students. Faculty selection is a critical part of the process to ensure exceptional staff who are not only highly qualified, but are dedicated to the educational process. The input from the Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford representatives plays a

critical part of the process.

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

The Board of Trustees Development Committee is actively working on programs that support and enhance alumni 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. All this has been accomplished without utilizing tax dollars.

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



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT 2016 - 2017

The Strafford School has continuously improved under the leadership of Principal Dr. Scott Young and Assistant Principal Alison Roberts. Professional development opportunities were established for the staff throughout the year and during the summer months. The staff demonstrated the value of those opportunities as the overall program for our students advanced in many ways.

The administrative team transitioned at the end of the school year, as Ms. Roberts move on in her professional career. We were very fortunate to welcome Ms. Kathy Pogharian as Assistant Principal who joined us for the start of the 2017-18 school year.

The community of Strafford continued to be very supportive of our students, staff and our school. The number of people who volunteered in our school was heartwarming. At the school district annual meeting, our school budget received overwhelming support. In addition, a warrant article to add full day kindergarten was supported. The Strafford School Board and the Strafford community should be commended for their collaborative efforts to create and support a responsible and forward thinking budget.

The Strafford students continued to excel in many areas. Academically our students demonstrated success in many ways. Formative and summative assessments have shown that our students are not only successful in their K-8 experience, but they also find success throughout their high school careers. Students also remained active within the school day and in co-curricular activities after school. It has become commonplace for our students to get recognized for their behavior and sportsmanship on field trips and at sporting events. We are certainly represented well by all of our students.

The Strafford School and the Strafford Community continue to demonstrate overwhelming support and pride in our school and the educational program provided for our students. I have enjoyed the experience of working as your Superintendent of Schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert Gadomski



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue
Administration

2017
\$22.29

Tax Rate Breakdown Strafford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,322,313	\$475,637,420	\$2.78
County	\$1,359,967	\$475,637,420	\$2.86
Local Education	\$6,858,597	\$475,637,420	\$14.42
State Education	\$1,049,635	\$470,504,500	\$2.23
Total	\$10,590,512		\$22.29

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$10,590,512
War Service Credits	(\$41,700)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$10,548,812

10/25/2017

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

SAU #44 DISTRICT SHARE OF FINANCIALS							
DISTRICT	2016 EQUALIZED VALUATION	2015-2016 VALUATION PERCENT	ADM IN ATTENDANCE	PUPILS PERCENT	COMBINED PERCENT	2018-2019 DISTRICT SHARE	
Northwood	495,172,199	30.39%	389.29	30.60%	60.99%	\$379,504.77	
Nottingham	625,997,374	38.42%	495.10	38.91%	77.33%	\$481,217.71	
Strafford	508,258,488	31.19%	387.90	30.49%	61.68%	\$383,822.53	
TOTAL	1,629,428,061	100%	1272.29	100%	200%	\$1,244,545.00	

SAU #44 STAFF SALARY REPORT

2017-2018 Salaries

Superintendent of Schools \$128,750
 Assistant Superintendent/Student Services Director \$100,940
 Business Administrator \$85,000
 Assistant Special Education Director \$78,000
 Grant Administrator \$12,000

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Education Analysis

EXPENSES	2015-2016	2016-2017
Instruction	\$ 863,743.00	\$ 792,666.78
Related Services	\$ 270,047.00	\$ 280,635.46
Transportation	\$ 14,286.00	\$ 26,899.47
Tuition (HS, Pre-School & Placements)	\$ 389,241.00	\$ 412,448.22
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,537,317.00	\$ 1,512,649.93
REVENUE		
Catastrophic Aid	\$ -	\$ -
Adequacy (Allocation*)	\$ 333,888.94	\$ 309,068.11
IDEA Entitlement-Part B	\$ 137,745.00	\$ 136,151.19
IDEA Entitlement-Pre School	\$ 5,990.00	\$ 6,302.66
Medicaid	\$ 37,515.00	\$ 57,803.93
Total Revenues	\$ 515,138.94	\$ 509,325.89
Net District Cost	\$ 1,022,178.06	\$ 1,003,324.04

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

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
June 30, 2017

	General Fund	Food Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and short-term investments	529,522	26,171	\$ 555,693
Intergovernmental receivables	493,248	3,047	496,295
Prepaid expenses	2,602	-	2,602
Inventory	-	15,811	15,811
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,025,372	\$ 45,029	\$ 1,070,401
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 50,114	-	50,114
Intergovernmental payables	29,866	-	29,866
TOTAL LIABILITIES	79,980	-	79,980
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	2,602	15,811	18,413
Restricted	-	29,218	29,218
Committed	473,886	-	473,886
Assigned	50,000	-	50,000
Unassigned	418,904	-	418,904
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	945,392	45,029	990,421
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,025,372	\$ 45,029	\$ 1,070,401

SAU #44 Strafford

2017 Strafford School District Meeting

March 11, 2017

9:00 AM

School Board Members:

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

Others:

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

At 9:16, Strafford School District Chairman Brian Monahan asked if the former District Clerk, Carolle Popovich, was present, and if so, could she please approach the front of the room. Mr. Monahan then thanked Mrs. Popovich for her many years of dedication to the Strafford School District as both School District Clerk and School Board Secretary. Those in attendance rose to their feet with applause. She was presented with a well-deserved honorary rocking chair.

Ms. Bane, Strafford School District Clerk Pro Tem, then called the 2017 Strafford School District Meeting to order with a call to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Ms. Bane advised that the first order of business would be to choose a Moderator Pro Tem to fill the vacant Moderator's position. She then accepted nomination for the position of Moderator Pro Tem. Bruce Patrick moved to nominate William Lord for the position. Debbie Hinrichsen seconded the motion. **There being no other nominations, Ms. Bane Called for a vote on the motion. On a show of cards, the vote on the motion was recorded as a vote in the affirmative, and was declared as such.** Ms. Bane declared Mr. Lord the winner and asked Mr. Lord to step forward so that she could administer the Oath of Office, as Town Clerk. At this time, Mr. Lord took the Oath of Office and was officially sworn in as the Strafford School District Moderator Pro Tem.

Moderator Lord then asked School Board Chairman Monahan to introduce everyone at the table. Chairman Monahan introduced Ms. Debbie Hinrichsen, School Board Vice Chairman; Mr. Bruce Patrick, Strafford School Board Member; Mrs. Carol Lord, Strafford School Board Member; Mr. Norman Finnegan, Strafford School Board Member; Mr. Gordon Graham, Esq, District Attorney; Dr. Robert Gadomski, SAU #44 Superintendent; Mr. Scott Reuning, SAU#44 Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Services; Ms. Marjorie Whitmore, SAU #44 Business Administrator; Dr. Scott Young, Strafford School Principal; and Ms. Alison Roberts, Strafford School Vice Principal.

Moderator Lord referenced the printed documents available on the bleachers and encouraged everyone to obtain a handout to help them follow the discussion.

Moderator Lord advised the body that the meeting would follow the Rules of Order as suggested by the NH Municipal Association. He reviewed the following information relative to meeting structure:

- Moderator Lord advised that he would read each Article, and place it on the floor for consideration. Once moved and seconded, the Article is then up for discussion. Any person wishing to address an Article is required to use the microphone and address the Moderator.
- Moderator Lord asked those speaking to please state their full name clearly each and every time they wished to speak.
- Moderator Lord advised that he typically allowed a speaker ample time and would not enforce time limits unless a speaker is abusing the platform.

- Moderator Lord stated that personal attacks will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- Moderator Lord quoted Eleanor Roosevelt "Great minds discuss ideas, small minds discuss people."
- Moderator Lord requested that those in attendance focus on the subject of the Article that is on the floor.
- Moderator Lord advised that voting would be by voting card; and to please check in with the Supervisors of the Checklist to obtain a card.
- Moderator Lord stated that secret ballots may be requested for all Warrant Articles. As Moderator, he will accept a petition for secret ballot only during the discussion of the specific Article and that the petition must be signed by 5 registered voters who are present at the meeting.
- Moderator Lord stated that one amendment would be considered at a time, unless it was something procedural such as calling the question.
- Moderator Lord announced that note cards are available at the desk for anyone who wished to write an amendment or petition; the only exception being a simple rule or order such as calling a question-for which a written petition is not required.
- Moderator Lord noted that everyone has a right to make a motion to limit reconsideration of previously voted on Articles. He noted that the body has the right to limit reconsideration, not prevent reconsideration. He then noted that if a motion to limit reconsideration of any or all Articles that have been disposed of Passes, any future request to reconsider that affected Article, should one be requested and passed, shall take place (2) weeks in the future, at an advertised time and date.
- Moderator Lord asked that the body be polite and put their cell phones on mute unless they are a First Responder. He further requested that any cell phone discussions take place outside the gymnasium.
- Moderator Lord reminded everyone in attendance that this was their meeting, and that the rules state that all opinions and comments are welcome and help to produce a fair hearing.
- Finally, Moderator Lord stated that as a body, you have the final say on all issues.

ARTICLE #2 (District Meeting)

"To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten Million Five Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$10,547,599) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the Strafford School District."

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

*The School Board recommends this appropriation.
The tax impact if this article passes is \$1.77 per \$1,000.*

Bruce Patrick moved, duly seconded by Brian Monahan, to place Warrant Article #2 on the floor.

Brian Monahan then proceeded to direct attention to the packet available; and then to slides projected on the screen at the front of the room. He stated that the CBA is in impasse. Budget request is a reduction of \$129,000 from last year. However due to an adequacy reduction at the state level, we will see an increase. He stated that 60% of budget is due to medical insurance costs and retirement costs. In particular, a 9.3% increase in health insurance costs and an increase from 15.67% to 17.36% in retirement costs for certified staff.

He referenced that there is discussion on social media on how a budget is built. He then reviewed the steps necessary for a SB to build a budget. Once it is accepted by the board, a public budget hearing is held, one was held in February. The budget is reviewed line by line, and public discussion is encouraged and welcomed.

Mr. Monahan stated that some "set aside" monies for tuition and food service have been slightly reduced at the board's direction, for example the set-aside for the food program has been reduced from \$80,000 to \$70,000 in this budget.

Chairman Monahan stated that the tax impact of all articles, excluding special warrant articles, is \$1.77 per thousand, up 11.20% from last year. The increase is explained in detail in the handout. Chairman Monahan stated that he has confirmed at the state level that no further revenue will come from health trust as in years past.

Moderator Lord then opened up the Warrant Article #2 for discussion.

Michael Harrington approached the microphone to address the fact that the State Government is pushing to have more funding come from local sources and that as an elected Representative, he is fighting on behalf of the town, against that trend. He then referenced classroom size stating that according to the last page of the handout, no classrooms have over 20 students. He went on to question the board about increasing classroom size and reaping the financial benefits from such an action.

-Chairman Monahan responded that such an attempt was made last year by proposing teacher position cuts, but the voters responded by rejecting the elimination of one teacher position in order to keep classroom sizes low. Chairman Monahan stated that the State Board of Education has a suggested guideline of 25 per classroom, a guideline only, not a state law.

Don Clifford thanked the board for their hard work and dedication to the town. He stated that he would like to propose reducing the warrant article by the amount added back into the budget last year by voters, (\$107,000) which was done at that time to retain one teaching position. **Don Clifford proposed the following amendment, signed by Michael Harris, Bill Marsh, Colleen McMahon, Kerry McMahon and 2 illegible signers:**

"To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate Ten Million Four Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Two dollars and Forty Cents (\$10,439,822.40) for the support of the 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 amendment was duly seconded by Michael Harrington.

Moderator Lord verified that the signers of the amendment were present. He then read the amendment in its entirety and opened up the floor for discussion.

Audrey Dolan spoke to the issue. She stated in response to Mr. Harrington's assertion, that some classrooms, like hers and another 6th grade classroom has 21 students. When there are 21 in a classroom, some students are not getting their needs met. Many students who do not have Individual Education Plans still need help and the classroom para-educators are typically there for specific students. She urged the community to keep the numbers low as education happens between student and teacher.

Charlie Moreno spoke referencing to the \$107,000 cut in this amendment. How will the cut impact the school-it will come from somewhere, and questioned where the cuts would come from,

Chairman Monahan responded that as the board, they would send the budget back to the school administration to determine what areas of the budget to reduce, should this amendment pass.

Don Clifford suggested that following the state guidelines and increasing class size is how to reduce the budget and that was the idea behind his amendment.

Monahan reiterated that a class size of 25 is not mandated, rather it is a state guideline, and that the board attempted to do just that by cutting 2 positions in the prior year's budget. He reminded the audience that the voters rejected this and amended the budget upwards to retain one position and keep classroom size lower than the state guidelines.

Mr. Lord then advised that a secret ballot was requested by the petitioners, and then directed voters to approach the Supervisors to collect a voting ballot and proceed to vote on the amendment. He clarified that a "YES" vote was to support the amendment and a "NO" vote was against the amendment.

Voting was declared closed and counting took place.

Moderator Lord announced the results which were 164 nays and 61 yeas. The amendment failed.

Mr. Lord then read Article #2 again and asked if there was further discussion.

Edward Knox spoke and stated that he motioned to reconsider the amendment. He stated that the opportunity to 'reconsider' is ridiculous and undemocratic and stated that if people left, how would they know about the reconsideration if one were to be proposed? He voiced his frustration with the process and he then withdrew his motion.

The vote on the article was moved and seconded from the floor, and Moderator Lord declared the discussion over.

Monahan tried to hand a petition for secret vote however lord said no, discussion is over.

Moderator Lord then read Article 2 and asked for a vote by show of cards. The majority voted in the positive by card, and the Article was declared passed.

ARTICLE #3

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

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

Bruce Patrick moved, duly seconded by Carol Lord, to place Warrant Article #3 on the floor for discussion.

Mr. Monahan briefly addressed the article and explained its purpose and that this is funded from unexpended funds at year's end.

There was no public discussion.

Moderator Lord reread the article and called for a vote by show of cards. The vote carried.

ARTICLE #4

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

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

A member of the audience made a motion to place Warrant article #4 on the floor and was duly seconded.

Brian Monahan spoke to the amendment explaining that it a financially prudent method of preparing for the unknown costs associated with catastrophic special education needs. He reiterated that Articles #3 and #4 are funded from a possible surplus at the end of the year and therefore have no impact on taxes.

Mr. Harrington questioned what the current surplus is, to which Chairman Monahan responded that it is about \$300,000.00.

With no further discussion, Moderator Lord read the article in its entirety and called for a vote. By show of cards, the vote was affirmed as a positive and the motion carried.

ARTICLE #5

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

This is a Petition Warrant Article

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

Moderator Lord stated that the board does not support this article, and that it was brought to the board by private petition.

Debbi Hinrichsen moved, duly seconded by Bruce Patrick, to place Warrant Article #5 on the floor.

Lindsey Taylor then spoke to the petitioned article. She clarified that the board was approached and asked if they would include this article on their warrant. The board declined and suggested that the supporters bring their petition to the voters at the district meeting.

Ms. Taylor clarified the space requirements brought up last year, and the funding possibilities.

A video was produced and shown in part, to the audience, highlighting some points supporting Kindergarten. She addressed space needs; a concern raised by voters at past District Meetings when discussing a full-time kindergarten program. She stated that contact was made with the New Hampshire School Safety and Facility Management Bureau at the New Hampshire Department of Education. The bureau advised that suggestions and regulations for kindergarten space pertain only to NEW programs, as opposed to current programs which may move from part to full time.

Because Strafford currently has a compliant half-day program, the space is adequate. A formal letter from the Department of Education stating that is in possession of the Petitioners.

A second concern raised during past years' discussions is the lack of feedback from towns which offer a full-day program.

Ms. Taylor stated that the petitioners worked hard to reach out to surrounding towns such as Barrington, Loudon, Pittsfield, Deerfield, and others. The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive and in support of their decision to provide a full-day Kindergarten program. The petitioners have many letters and emails in their effect from these towns. She states that not one school regrets their decision to offer a full-day program.

Ms. Taylor referenced a February 22, 2017 school board meeting at which the Superintendent of SAU #44 voiced strong support for full-day kindergarten due to the myriad expectations placed on children in the school system of today.

Finally, Ms. Taylor stated that this is an emotionally-driven vote; and that she hoped voters had seen the video produced by the petitioners which was available on-line, and that they were basing their decision on what is best for children, having informed themselves of the facts.

June Knox spoke to the article. She is an experienced educator, having taught in Massachusetts, including years as a kindergarten teacher. She spoke to the fact that with full-day kindergarten, often specials such as gym and recess require more time, therefore cutting into actual instructions. She stated that some children are not ready for full-day kindergarten. She stated that in her district, full-day kindergarten was optional, at a cost of \$4000 to a parent. She stated that her district found no difference between full and part time kindergarten students once they reached first grade.

Sioban Norris Spoke to the article. She reviewed her personal history with her children and shared her opinion that early intervention is so important for school success; she stated that a full day kindergarten program will allow teachers to identify students with special needs earlier, therefore allowing students more time for special instructions to the greater benefit of all. She stressed that having more time will be beneficial for all students. She stated that Northwood has added a full-time Kindergarten program into their budget, and Deerfield has had a full time program for years. She stressed that our children should be given same resources for learning as surrounding towns.

Marion Freedman spoke and stated that she has taught Kindergarten in both full and part time programs. She fully supports full day Kindergarten stating that increased academic demands and time for social and emotional growth is not being met in a part-time program.

Angela St. Germain, originally from Strafford, recently moved back from Pittsfield specifically for the school system. She stated that Pittsfield went through same process of part to full time Kindergarten. In her opinion, a full day program poses fewer transitions for young children. Currently, many travel from day care to part time kindergarten to after-school care. She stated that different sets of expectations every day are difficult to navigate for young learners. She stated that teachers in

Pittsfield found first graders who had attended full time Kindergarten were better prepared for first grade.

Mike Harrington, referenced Ben Franklin adding 'tax payer funded preschool' to Mr. Franklin's death and taxes quote. He stressed that years ago, when the board asked for a part-time kindergarten program, it was with promises of decreased teen pregnancies, fewer people in prison, and reduced drug use among other things. He asked where the proof was. He questioned if the school board can say that the part-time kindergarten program has actually reduced teen pregnancies and rates of drug addiction, et al. He stated he was against it then and is still against it. Mr. Harrington, an elected NH Representative, stated that he spoke with Commissioner of Education Frank Edelblut regarding possible funding for Kindergarten and was told we could possibly be awarded up to \$25K.

Donald Coker stated that he was outraged by the showing of a video from the podium. He felt that it was improper. He expressed great unhappiness that a video was allowed to be shown by the petitioners of this article, especially because the former speaker, Lindsay Taylor referenced the 'emotional nature' of this vote.

Moderator Lord clarified that it was his decision, and he agreed to allow a video to be shown, stating that it was common courtesy towards the petitioners who had put so much time and effort into making this petition a reality.

Mr. Coker respectfully disagreed with the presentation and stated that if one takes the time to look at both sides, there is ample discussion each side of the issue. He thinks that the state will eventually mandate full time Kindergarten.

Mr. Monahan referenced HB 155 was sent back to committee and there is not plan to enact a requirement for full day Kindergarten at this point in time.

Mr. Coker urged a vote against this article.

Marisa Mccutchen, who worked on the petition article, stated that 85% of schools in NH have full-time kindergarten programs and 93% in Massachusetts. She clarified that her stated NH percent may be incorrect. She stated that by calling this article 'emotionally driven' it is the petitioners hope that voters would come today prepared to vote after studying the issue, rather than vote emotionally. She expressed her opinion that more time in the kindergarten classroom will benefit children as the gift of time allows for our children to learn through play.

She quoted Educator and Author Sylvia Ashton Warner, who wrote "when we provide direct instruction, students are breathing in knowledge. When we give children the time to explore and manipulate and challenge themselves and work together, they are breathing out their knowledge. In order to thrive we must both breathe in and breathe out."

Don Clifford Spoke to the article. He stated that article is based on one additional teacher, but that in the future we could see a request for up to 3 more kindergarten teachers. As a member of our planning board, he said that there is talk in the town regarding increased enrollment. The \$107,776.60 is today's cost, but the town is growing and the cost for full time Kindergarten will be higher in the future as the town grows.

David Murdoch spoke and thanked the petitioners for the video. He stressed that the presentation was much improved from last year. He wondered that regardless of the cost, is full time Kindergarten beneficial? If it is, can we afford it? He stated that some research he found linked a greater dislike of school to full time Kindergarten and the benefits of a full time program faded by the end of first grade.

A member of the audience spoke to the article. She stated that some of the arguments for full time Kindergarten are circular and self-fulfilling. Family issues often dictate the choice of each family. She asked if alternatives to a full time program have been explored including offering it on a tuition basis.

Jessica Grant spoke to the fact that times have changed. Education has evolved as have medicine, and technology among other things. She stated that to prepare future learners we must adjust our program to the needs of today's world. It was her opinion that kindergartners are asked to do too much in a half day program, and that it is unfair for us to base our current programs on what our kindergarten program was like when we were children.

Angela Smith spoke as a strong supporter of a full day kindergarten program. She expressed her respect for differing opinions and then stated that the community had a dark mark on it. She explained that in the last few years there have been unfair and unkind comments questioning the professionalism of kindergarten teachers. She wanted to publically state that she views kindergarten teachers as professionals at every level.

Mr. Harrington again wants to know why he has not been given an answer for the last 15 years as to the benefit of half-day Kindergarten. He then asked Principal Young if teen pregnancy has been reduced due to half-day kindergarten. Mr. Young answered yes. Mr. Harrington continued to press the Principal on the results of the kindergarten program and demanded to know if the drop-out rate has been lowered and is the world a better place due to kindergarten. He stated that he guaranteed that if full day kindergarten passes, the next item will be fully funded preschool.

Superintendent Gadowski commented that it was unfair to ask the Principal to answer questions dating back 15 years with no advance warning.

Mr. Harrington then cut into line and grabbed the microphone to continue demanding answers to his questions while at the same time stating that they couldn't answer because nobody has done the research. Moderator Lord then asked him to take a seat.

The question was called by the next speaker. Moderator Lord stated that people in line to speak will be given the chance to speak before the question is put to vote.

Suzanne Murdoch questioned whether a tuition option has been reviewed and is it viable. Chairman Monahan replied that the board had not considered options as this is not a board article. He then commented that a tuition option would be unfair to families who could not afford the tuition, and therefore intrinsically unfair to offer.

Tom Flynn spoke in support of the petitioned article. He felt that some are confusing fact with opinion and went on to say that studies show full day kindergarten provides many benefits. He wished for the voters to come together to support our children and education.

Moderator Lord then declares the question as called with a technical correction. He points out that the article is written incorrectly and should say that the body voting is the School district, not the Town of Strafford.

Chairman Monahan reviewed the potential costs by referencing the screen showing the breakout and the informational packet.

Moderator Lord asked for all those in favor of ending debate on Article #5 to raise their voting cards.

A show of cards in the affirmative successfully ended the debate.

Moderator Lord read the article in full including the tax impact. After reading the article he clarified that a YES vote is FOR the petition article (Full Day Kindergarten) and a NO vote is against the petition article (Full Day Kindergarten).

He stated that voting will be by secret ballot, as requested in writing by the following 5 voters:

Carrolle Popovich

Jerome Popovich

Lindsay Taylor

Kerry McMahon

Tim Taylor

The voters then proceeded to pick up a ballot and cast their vote in secret.

Moderator Lord advised that the secret vote on Article #5 was finalized, with results being 142 yeas and 94 nays. The article carried.

A motion was made by Rebecca Wiggin to limit reconsideration. The motion was seconded and a show of cards reflected that the motion carried.

Mr. Lord explained the difference between limiting and prohibiting reconsideration.

ARTICLE #6

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

Mr. Lord asked if there was any further business to come before the board.

Audrey Dolan asked what is needed to change the meeting date from a Sat. back to a Wednesday night. She expressed her concern that many families who are involved with DI (Destination Imagination) are at a State meet today and therefore could not attend this important meeting.

Chairman Monahan did stress that the meeting day change occurred prior to the release of the DI schedule and that in future the board would work with the DI folks to avoid a conflict.

Moderator Lord answered Mrs. Dolan regarding the process to change the day of the week. He stated that a motion could be made to that end. **Mrs. Dolan then made the following motion:**

"I motion that we move the District Meeting back to a Wednesday night in March."

Moderator Lord opened the floor for discussion of the motion.

Carrolle Popovich stated that she is against the motion due to the success of today's meeting and the high turnout. She stated that more people can attend on a Saturday morning, allowing for fuller participation.

A member of the audience (Julie) stated that she was not in favor of changing it back to a weekday as she works second shift and can't make the evening meeting. She then requested that the board coordinate with the DI Schedule.

Tom Flynn voiced his support for the Saturday meeting and said it was nice to see the robust turnout.

Moderator Lord then called for a vote on the motion, which failed by a show of cards.

Don Clifford observed that much school board business happens prior to 7pm and would like to make a motion to advise the board to limit all business to happen after 7pm.

Brian Monahan stated that meetings are now videotaped and available for online viewing. He mentioned that meetings start at 6pm now and that they often do not end until after 10pm.

Mr. Clifford made the following motion:

"To advise the board to limit all School Board business to no earlier than 7pm."

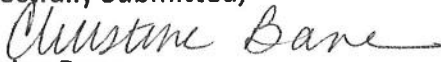
He strongly reminded the board that they are paid public servants and are required to be present. He feels there should be no taxation without representation and that people who work out of town are unable to be present and therefore taxed without being represented.

After a vote by card on the motion, the motion failed.

Mr. Lord advised those present that absentee ballots for the Town Election to be held on Tuesday the 14th are available on Monday from 8:30 to 2pm.

Moderator Lord asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting; there being none, Bruce Patrick moved to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded and so voted in the affirmative at 11:26 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Christine Bane

School District Clerk

March 17, 2017



STRAFFORD SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2017



Mackenzie J. Anderson

Sylas Aucella

Ryan P. Bane

Emily R. Buehne

Morgan J. Burnap

Aislin C. Burt

Jacob N. Caron

Jacob R. Castano

Evan D. Castine

Jack P. Cinquegrano

Benjamin J. Clinch

Nathan R. Conley

Mya M. Dicey

Parker M. Eaton

Braden J. Eldridge

Carter S. Ford

Roy S. Glidden

Thomas Goodwin

Tucker E. Goodwin

Kathleen E. Grace

Rebekah A. Hall

Breton J. Hardy

Degan C. Hodgdon

Jacob M. Hodgdon

Michael K. Holderby

Casey E. Knowles

Abigail A. Leas

Allison F. Mackey

Sarah D. Marsh

Grace A. Matthews

Grace E. Morrisette

Riley J. Mulligan

Hunter R. Murray

Emma R. Naves

Haley R. Noel

Mia E. Orluk

Joseph Passwater

Jenna M. Pogorek

Benjamin M. Poirier

Clayton J. Price

Katelyn M. Rand

Jeremy T. Richards

Jonathan L. Small

Drusilla A. Szatko

Brendan M. Thivierge

Spencer A. Trott

Beatrice R. Tursi

Ethan M. Vollertsen

Callum L. Welch

Nolan M. Woodman

Emma G. Zollman

STRAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2017

COE-BROWN NORTHWOOD ACADEMY

Gabrielle Arena
Brody Ashley
Emily Ballard
Summer Barnes
Kayla Boucher
Sierra Brady
Andrew Burghardt
Lauren Burrows
Camryn Chick
Taryn Constantino
Donovan Corless
Emelia Cronshaw
Ethan Cullen
Tristan Cullen
Hannah Daly
Sadie Donnelly
Connor Edgerly
Vincent Glidden
Carter Greig
Brenda Hayes
Jonathan Hayes
Callie Heselton
Daniel Hyland
Emily Ketchum
Morgan Labrecque
Wayne Libby
Brielle Macleod
Arianna Maker



William Mathison
Chelsea McCallion
McKenzie Moelhmann
Joseph Morrisette
Michael Mulligan
Steven O'Donnell
Gareth Owen
Katlyn Palumbo
Anne-Marie Peacock
Zackary Pine
Devon Pinette
Nathan Pinette
Nyle Pinette
Katie Rankins
Aidan Richards
Tanner Richards
Zachary Richards
Hunter Tetu
Kaylee Toleos
Peter Vollertsen
Kelsey Wallace
Kayla Whitcher
William White
Samuel Whitehouse
Zowi Woodman
Liu Yong
LilyGrace York
Abigail Zollman

SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL

Dana Howard



VITAL RECORDS
RESIDENT MARRIAGE RECORD
JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017
TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH



Name - Person A	Residence	Name - Person B	Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date
Wilson, Frank S.	Strafford, NH	Thaler, Eileen	Sanbornton, NH	Sanbornton, NH	Tilton, NH	3/11/2017
Bencze, Derek A.	Strafford, NH	Constantino, Dayna M.	Strafford, NH	Rochester, NH	Rochester, NH	4/18/2017
Harrison, Paula M.	Strafford, NH	Fauteux Jr., Fernand R.	Strafford, NH	Northwood, NH	Northwood, NH	5/9/2017
Watson, Charles E.	Strafford, NH	Cali, Marsha H.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Hampton, NH	5/20/2017
Young, Jameson S.	Strafford, NH	Pierce, Brianna K.	Rochester, NH	Rochester, NH	Durham, NH	5/26/2017
Bailey, Scott M.	Strafford, NH	Mitchell, Christine M.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Moultonborough, NH	6/10/2017
Schwartz Sr., Kevin M.	Strafford, NH	Russell, Wendy Lou D.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	6/13/2017
Dunne V, Thomas J.	Strafford, NH	Gallant, Danielle L	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	6/19/2017
Hamel, Norman P.	Somersworth, NH	Auger, Sherri A.	Strafford, NH	Somersworth, NH	Rochester, NH	7/1/2017
Barnes II, Evra M.	Piermont, NH	Struthers, Noelle A.	Strafford, NH	Haverhill, NH	Haverhill, NH	7/9/2017
Torrey, Kenneth J.	Strafford, NH	McGuire, Catherine A.	Vero Beach, FL	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	7/11/2017
McCann, Brendan H.	Strafford, NH	Wolfe, Kristen E.	Milford, NH	Milford, NH	Walpole, NH	7/22/2017
Gustafson, Zachary J.	Strafford, NH	Esslinger, Ashley M.	Rochester, NH	Strafford, NH	Auburn, NH	8/5/2017
Curtis, Amelia C.	Durham, NH	Kaufhold, Benjamin T.	Strafford, NH	Lee, NH	Strafford, NH	8/12/2017
McBride, Joshua D.	Rollinsford, NH	Blais, Kaitlyn E.	Strafford, NH	Hampton, NH	Laconia, NH	8/12/2017
Potter, Carl R	Gilmanton IW, NH	Mathieu, Julia M.	Strafford, NH	Gilmanton, NH	Gilmanton IW, NH	9/2/2017
Saunders, Shane H.	Strafford, NH	Mutschler, Heidi M.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Jackson, NH	10/5/2017
Kitz, Paul	Strafford, NH	Popovich, Carly D.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	10/7/2017
Lobdell, Matthew, E.	Strafford, NH	Williams, Sarah E.	Ctr. Barnstead, NH	Barnstead, NH	Strafford, NH	10/14/2017
Harris Jr., Michael P.	Strafford, NH	Bascom, Grace M.	Nottingham, NH	Strafford, NH	Nottingham, NH	10/14/2017
Bretz, Joshua P.	Strafford, NH	Towle, Jillian, M.	Pittsfield, NH	Pittsfield, NH	Pittsfield, NH	11/18/2017
Moore Sr., Jason M.	Strafford, NH	Lavalley, Destiny L.	Strafford, NH	Rochester, NH	Rochester, NH	12/12/2017
Hickey, Mark E.	Gilmanton IW, NH	Jennison, Beth A.	Strafford, NH	Rochester, NH	Gilmanton, NH	12/16/2017
Moser II, David P.	Strafford, NH	Stoeckel, Marcy	Strafford, NH	Rochester, NH	Portsmouth, NH	12/22/2017
Danjou, Lissa T.	Strafford, NH	McLellan, Robert M.	Strafford, NH	Thornton, NH	Campton, NH	12/29/2017

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RESIDENT BIRTH RECORDS
JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017
TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH



Child's Name	Birthdate	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
Currier, Willow Augustus	1/18/2017	Rochester, NH	Currier, Jerome	Currier, Jada
Tilton, Cason Steven	2/15/2017	Rochester, NH	Tilton, Daniel	Estevez, Alexis
Aucella, Oliver Forest	3/21/2017	Dover, NH	Aucella, Nathan	Aucella, Lindsay
Bernard, Adam John	3/31/2017	Dover, NH	Bernard, John	Bernard, Kathleen
Mello, Mikayla Lynn	4/18/2017	Dover, NH	Mello, Peter	Mello, Cherie
Mountain, Joseph James	4/21/2017	Rochester, NH	Mountain, Jared	Cote, Katherine
Spurling, Ellie Jade	6/4/2017	Dover, NH		Spurling, Michelle
Thimba, Naiya Theresa Kamau	6/29/2017	Rochester, NH	Thimba, John	Eldridge, Diawna
Zoller, Josie Belle	7/5/2017	Concord, NH	Zoller, Jonathan	Zoller, Rebecca
Zoller, Julia Lynn	7/5/2017	Concord, NH	Zoller, Jonathan	Zoller, Rebecca
Williams, Lilly Grace	7/6/2017	Concord, NH	Williams, Alan	Williams, Bonnie
Bertone, Rowen Christopher	8/15/2017	Dover, NH	Bertone, Jared	Hickey, Alexandra
O'Connell, Liam Michael	8/15/2017	Rochester, NH	O'Connell, Brian	O'Connell, Jessica
Scruton, Gunnar Jack	8/15/2017	Dover, NH	Scruton, Todd	Scruton, Kimberly
Faucher, Caleb David	12/19/2017	Dover, NH	Faucher, Matthew	Faucher, Kimberly
Crockett, Brynne Anne	12/24/2017	Manchester, NH	Crockett, Wesley	Brewer, Melissa
Glover, Paris Javde	12/27/2017	Dover, NH		Glover, Chelsea

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VITAL RECORDS
RESIDENT DEATH RECORD
January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017
Town of Strafford, NH



Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name	Military
Duggan, Jayne	1/2/2017	Rochester, NH	Stafford, Elmer	Dussault, Rhea	N
Scribner, Herbert	1/13/2017	Strafford, NH	Scribner, Virgil	Harvey, Wilmer	Y
Kerivan, Rita	2/28/2017	Dover, NH	O'Grady, Stephen	Robinson, Margaret	N
Nelson Jr., William	3/13/2017	Dover, NH	Nelson, William	Bracchi, Barbara	N
Clifford, Dennis	3/24/2017	Strafford, NH	Clifford, Donald	Frenette, Rita	Y
Bartlett, Verna	4/12/2017	Rochester, NH	Dares, Harry	Griffin, Agnes	N
Melanson, Diane	4/28/2017	Strafford, NH	Oliva, Vincent	McDonald, Ann	N
Wright, Jefferson	5/9/2017	Exeter, NH	Wright, Allan	Gero, Nancy	N
Ellis, Raymond	5/17/2017	Strafford, NH	Ellis, Harold	Taplin, Martha	Y
Brockelbank, Robert	8/3/2017	Strafford, NH	Brockelbank Sr., Robert	Cronk, Barbara	Y
Foss, Christopher	8/23/2017	Strafford, NH	Foss, Glenn	Heckman, Christina	N
Thorne, Joyce	8/27/2017	Rochester, NH	Hume, George	Unknown, Ginny	N
Roberts, David	9/10/2017	Strafford, NH	Roberts, Clifford	Oliva, Virginia	Y
Clark, Mona	10/3/2017	Strafford, NH	Lambert, Alfred	Doyon, Rosealma	N
Marcou, Jr., Dwight	10/12/2017	Dover, NH	Marcou, Dwight	Gates, Dora	N
Aptt, Stella	10/17/2017	Strafford, NH	Kondelin, Gustaf	Johnson, Annie	N
Young, John	10/21/2017	Dover, NH	Young, Frederick	Waldron, Mildred	Y
Kozlowski, Richard	10/23/2017	Dover, NH	Kozlowski, Charles	Kalinick, Helen	N
Estey, Margaret	10/23/2017	Concord, NH	Robertson, John	Hay, Agnes	N
Goodwin, Alice	11/3/2017	Dover, NH	Greenwood, Karl	Thompson, Beatrice	N
Lagace, David	11/26/2017	Derry, NH	Lagace, Ronald	Morin, Georgiana	N
Lee, Sandra	11/30/2017	Portsmouth, NH	Kukiel, Peter	Kuchteyko, Mary	N
McDonald, Edna	11/30/2017	Dover, NH	Sederquist, Howard	Booth, Edna	N
Valpey, Ann	12/11/2017	Dover, NH	Kingman, Bradford	Tuttle, Jane	N
Shaver, Faith	12/14/2017	Strafford, NH	Terry, Donald	Colquhoun, Faith	N
Plummer, Carolyn	12/27/2017	Strafford, NH	Small, Norman	Maskell, Carol	N

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