

THE TOWN OF
STRAFFORD
NEW HAMPSHIRE



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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**ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE
TOWN OF
STRAFFORD,
NEW HAMPSHIRE
2022**



For The Year Ending December 31, 2022

Population.....estimated 4,288
Registered Voters.....3,187

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TOWN OFFICERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

Lynn Sweet, Chairman 2024
Brian J. Monahan 2023
R. Chris Garcia 2025
Ellen J. White, Town Administrator

TOWN CLERK

Terri Marsh 2025
Stephanie Norton, Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN TREASURER

Cindy Cushing 2025

TAX COLLECTOR

Judith Dupré
Martha English, Deputy Tax Collector

MODERATOR

Ralph Wegner 2024

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Carol Cooper 2024
Martha English 2028
Judith Dupré 2026

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Larisa Molloy

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sharon Omand, Chairman 2023
Jessie Copeland, Treasurer 2024
Lindsay Aucella, Secretary 2025
Liz Witonis, Alternate 1 year term

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Ashley Rowe, Chairman 2023
Alison Brisson 2024
Aaron Leff 2023
Katrina Labrecque 2025
Scott Hodgdon 2025
Ashley Leighton, Alternate 2023
Jeffrey Sanita, Alternate 2023
Jean Ewen, Alternate 2024
Charles Burnham, Alternate 2024
Genny Rizzotti, Alternate 2025

ROAD AGENT

Matt Messenger 2023

BUILDING INSPECTORS

Dan Howard
Joseph White

HEALTH OFFICER

Scott Whitehouse

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

Charles H. Burnham, Chairman 2025
Scott Hodgdon 2023
Jean Ewen 2024

PLANNING BOARD

Charles Moreno, Chairman 2023
Terrence Hyland 2023
Timothy Reed 2024
Phil Auger 2025
Lynn Sweet Ex Officio Member
Donald Coker, Alternate 2025
Don Clifford, Alternate 2023
Susan Arnold, Alternate 2024

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Scott A. Young, Chairman 2024
Randal Jacunski 2024
Kerry Omand 2025
Mimi Jost 2025
David Perkins 2023
Susan Barnes 2023
Michael Ferber 2023
Elizabeth Evans, Alternate 2024
JoAnn Brown, Alternate 2023

REPORT FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Town and School elections will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM for voting. Candidates for Town and School District offices will be considered. Warrant Articles 2 through 25 will be considered on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Strafford School commencing at 8:30AM. Please note that there will no longer be an option for in car voting.

The March 2022 Town Meeting was held as usual in the school gymnasium, but also featured an option to listen and vote from a car in the school parking lot via FM transmitter. Many thanks to Town Clerk Terri Marsh, Selectman Lynn Sweet, and Town Moderator Ralph Wegner for working out all the details for this to be implemented. Also, a big thank you to the volunteers on that drizzly day running outside and counting the voters who were in their cars. Departmental budgets were funded and, once again, modest appropriations were made to numerous Capital Reserve Funds in anticipation of future capital improvement projects. An article proposing to change the Road Agent from an elected position to an appointed position was approved. The five articles put forth concerning Class VI Roads were defeated. A petition article passed allowing use of the Town property abutting the Hill Library to be used as a community garden. Several proposed appropriations did not appear on the warrant as the Selectmen made use of available Federal/State funding for Capital Improvement projects as permitted by the funding regulations.

Chris Garcia was voted in as Selectman, replacing Scott Young, who continues to serve our community in other areas. Mr. Young had served for 6 years on the Board of Selectmen and before that as Strafford's Chief of Police. We thank him for his many years of wise discernment and leadership.

The Building Department saw changes as our long time Building Inspector, Dave Copeland, retired in 2022. In the spring, we welcomed Joe White as a new Building Inspector. Together, he and Dan Howard have been instrumental in implementing several improvements to the Building Department including revamping the permit process.

With Deputy Chief David Hartranft relocating to Alabama, the Fire Department promoted Steve Johnson to the position of Deputy Chief; Peter Frasca to rank of Captain; and Lyle Deane to Lieutenant.

On May 30th, thanks to Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse, many enjoyed and participated in Memorial Day festivities, including a parade followed by a ceremony at the dam. Although the Town was unable to secure lifeguards for the beach once again, the beach remained open for use. We are grateful for Ted White and his willingness to provide swim lessons to many families. Mr. White will again offer this service in the summer of 2023. Thank you to the many town residents who cleaned up the beach at the beginning of the season, maintained the swim line, and generally kept the beach area clean throughout. Also noteworthy, a project spearheaded by Randy Young and completed by the Messengers, a portion of the parking area was paved at the beach for "safe passage" of the disabled residents in our Town.

At the close of 2022, Police Chief Mike Richard made the tough decision to retire. Strafford hired him as a full-time officer in 2002 and promoted to Chief in 2016. Mike will continue to be a valued member of Strafford's community. We thank Mike for his dedication and years of service to the Town of Strafford and its residents. We are pleased to announce that the Police Chief's position was filled by Randy Young on January 1, 2023. Randy began his career in Strafford as a part time officer in 2002, working diligently in achieving the promotion to Police Chief. Chief Randy Young has always shown an attitude of serving his community. We look forward to his continued leadership for years to come.

In 2022, Matt Messenger was elected the Town's Road Agent. The Messenger name is well known in Strafford. Matt's grandfather, Radford had been our Road Agent for many years and passed the baton to his son, Greg, who passed it to his son, Matt, in 2022. Strafford's Town roads are maintained better than most in no small measure to the faithful work of the Messenger family and their crew. An unsung hero/heroine of the Messenger family, Rad's wife, Irma, passed away in 2022 at the age of 95. For years, she served as wife, mother and bookkeeper for the business. Greg continues to work with his son Matt in maintaining and ensuring safety to all who travel in our Town. As we continue to prepare for the future, the Town was able to purchase a vehicle for the Town's Highway Department completely funded from SB401, a highway grant with specific funding purposes.

Turning our attention to 2023, we have carefully reviewed the general operations portion of the budget, addressing salaries and increasing several departmental budgets taking into account the effect of ever-rising needs and costs, giving added consideration to the electricity and fuel lines. The 2023 Warrant presents important appropriations for the Town's 2023 budget while continuing to add to the Town's Capital Reserve for future capital improvement projects. As Strafford continues to grow, the need for services provided by the Town does as well. Two separate warrant articles for the Fire Department will be considered-one proposing to hire a full-time paramedic and the other to hire a full-time firefighter/advanced EMT.

The Selectmen meet every other Tuesday at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall, unless otherwise posted. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend any meeting of the Select Board and other boards which meet throughout the month. Dates and times are posted on the Town website www.strafford.nh.gov. The Town website is skillfully managed by Town Clerk Terri Marsh and is the best and most reliable source for election and all Town related information.

This year especially, we want to extend a magnitude of thanks to the men and women who serve on our Police and Fire Departments who, in the course of their daily work in 2022, encountered more than several unexpected, overwhelming, and tragic incidents. No emergency response is ever "routine". Thank you for your service to our community.

Strafford residents should be proud of the excellent voter turnout at the 2022 elections. The voters in our Town, regardless of political views, treated one another with courtesy and dignity. As always, a sincere thanks to all men and women 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 Brian J. Monahan, Selectman R. Chris Garcia, Selectman

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford Town Hall in said Strafford on Tuesday, the Fourteenth (14th) 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 18, 2023 AT THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL.**

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$390,000. 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 \$864,405. 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 \$15,000. for the purpose of improvements/maintenance/construction on the Police Department building.

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

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$582,971. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$144,194. for the purpose of funding a full-time Paramedic position and associated costs.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93,268. for the purpose of funding a full-time Firefighter/Advanced EMT position and associated costs.

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

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000. for the purpose of purchasing equipment and supplies for the ambulances, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$20,000. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund to be used for this purpose, with no amount to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$154,161. for the second year's payment of the lease agreement for the new Fire Engine Tanker approved at the 2022 Town Meeting and to authorize the withdrawal of \$154,161. from the Fire Engine Capital Reserve Fund to be used for this purpose, with no amount to come from general taxation. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. The Selectmen recommend this article.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,058. for the purpose of purchasing a LUCAS Compression Device and associated equipment, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$23,058. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund to be used for this purpose, with no amount to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,548. for the purpose of purchasing two (2) Portable Ventilators and associated equipment, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$34,548. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund to be used for this purpose, with no amount to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

14. To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the New Fire Station Committee established by a vote at the 2022 Town Meeting to be comprised of the Fire Chief, one Fire Department member, one Selectman, and two Town residents. The committee to report back at the 2023 Town Meeting.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$153,507. for the operation and maintenance of the Hill Library.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in the Library Expansion/Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

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

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in the Future Reval/Statistical Update Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in the Highway Department Vehicle and/or Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

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

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in the Repair/Replace Recycling Center Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,811,366. for general Town operations.

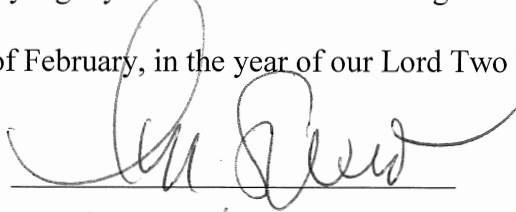
Executive.....	\$ 97,681.
Election & Registration.....	35,309.
Financial Administration.....	106,783.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	49,399.
Legal Expenses.....	60,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	44,735.
Planning and Zoning.....	51,809.
General Government Building.....	54,050.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	39,550.
Insurance.....	60,847.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	4,339.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	5,800.
Contingency Fund.....	16,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	13,000.
Emergency Management.....	5,000.
Building Inspection.....	27,300.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	709,396.
Street Lighting.....	6,200.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	371,885.
Animal Control.....	1,800.
Cemeteries.....	9,000.
Cornerstone VNA (formerly Roch Dstr VNA).....	3,991.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	10,000.
Community Action.....	2,000.
Haven Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend's Place.....	1,000.
The Homemakers Health Services.....	3,200.
Catamount Womenaid.....	1,000.
Ready Rides.....	1,500.
CASA.....	500.
Strafford Nutrition & Meals on Wheels.....	1,000.
Parks and Recreation.....	5,000.
Patriotic Purposes and Fireworks.....	6,800.
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
TOTAL.....	<u>\$1,811,366.</u>

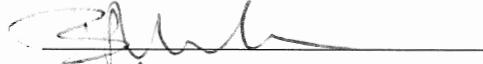
(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,811,366. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

23. Shall the Town of STRAFFORD READOPT the OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$200.? (Majority vote required)

24. 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 Twenty-three.

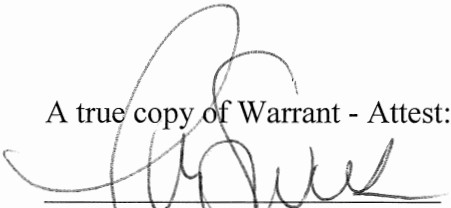





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Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:





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Proposed Budget
Strafford

For the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 14, 2023

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	
Brian J. Monahan	Selectman	
Robert C. Garcia	Selectman	R.C.G.

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

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



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2022	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
4130-4139	Executive	22	\$93,132	\$94,238	\$97,681	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	22	\$67,086	\$77,592	\$74,859	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	22	\$98,471	\$129,623	\$119,783	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	22	\$44,351	\$45,193	\$49,399	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	22	\$14,480	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	22	\$39,216	\$46,410	\$44,735	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	22	\$31,087	\$52,043	\$51,809	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	22	\$47,196	\$46,800	\$54,050	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	22	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0
4196	Insurance	22	\$53,858	\$60,847	\$60,847	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	22	\$9,256	\$9,457	\$10,139	\$0
4199	Other General Government	22	\$0	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$507,133	\$647,203	\$648,302	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	3	\$826,083	\$814,152	\$864,405	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	06	\$453,033	\$556,271	\$582,971	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	22	\$14,410	\$36,000	\$27,300	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	22	\$825	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$1,294,351	\$1,421,423	\$1,479,676	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration	22	\$664,188	\$663,875	\$709,396	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	22	\$4,624	\$5,000	\$6,200	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$668,812	\$668,875	\$715,596	\$0
Sanitation						
4321	Administration	22	\$307,948	\$352,147	\$371,885	\$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



Appropriations

Sanitation Subtotal			\$307,948	\$352,147	\$371,885	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	22	\$1,340	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	22	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$5,331	\$5,791	\$5,791	\$0
Welfare						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	22	\$1,995	\$15,580	\$10,000	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	22	\$9,392	\$9,392	\$11,192	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$11,387	\$24,972	\$21,192	\$0
Culture and Recreation						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	22	\$3,989	\$23,183	\$5,000	\$0
4550-4559	Library	15	\$127,119	\$133,554	\$153,507	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	22	\$6,518	\$6,800	\$6,800	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$137,626	\$163,537	\$165,307	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	22	\$1,469	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$1,469	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



Appropriations

4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	22	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0

Capital Outlay

4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$229,947	\$257,632	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$335,000	\$335,000	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$564,947	\$592,632	\$0	\$0

Operating Transfers Out

4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$3,412,249	\$0
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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	09 <i>Purpose: Lease/Purchase New Ambulance-4th year pmt</i>	\$60,217	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	10 <i>Purpose: Purchase equipment/supplies for ambulance</i>	\$20,000	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	11 <i>Purpose: Lease/Purchase Fire Engine-2nd year pmt</i>	\$154,161	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	12 <i>Purpose: Purchase LUCAS Compression Device and associate eq</i>	\$23,058	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	13 <i>Purpose: Purchase two (2) Portable Ventilator and associated equipm</i>	\$34,548	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05 <i>Purpose: Add to Police Vehicle and Equipment CRF</i>	\$20,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16 <i>Purpose: Add to CRF Library expansion/Improvements</i>	\$0	\$10,000
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	17 <i>Purpose: Add to CRF-Town Hall Bldg Mnt/Imprv/Expansion</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	18 <i>Purpose: Add to CRF-Future Reval/Statistical Update</i>	\$10,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	19 <i>Purpose: Add to CRF-Highway Dept. Vehicle and/or Equipment</i>	\$10,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	20 <i>Purpose: Add to CRF-Reflective Road Signage</i>	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	21 <i>Purpose: Add to CRF-Repair/Replace/Recycling Center Equipme</i>	\$10,000	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$351,984	\$10,000

Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4220-4229	Fire	07 <i>Purpose: FT Paramedic position and associated costs</i>	\$144,194	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	08 <i>Purpose: FT Firefighter/Advanced EMT position and associate</i>	\$93,268	\$0
4903	Buildings	04 <i>Purpose: Police Department building Improvements</i>	\$15,000	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	02 <i>Purpose: Capital Improvements to Roads</i>	\$390,000	\$0
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$642,462	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	22	\$16,477	\$13,558	\$16,477
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	22	\$37,393	\$39,973	\$37,393
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxes Subtotal			\$53,870	\$53,531	\$53,870
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	22	\$917,090	\$920,059	\$917,090
3230	Building Permits	22	\$24,086	\$22,500	\$24,086
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	22	\$49,533	\$52,195	\$49,533
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$990,709	\$994,754	\$990,709
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	22	\$372,139	\$372,139	\$372,139
3353	Highway Block Grant	22	\$126,910	\$127,406	\$128,961
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)		\$14,272	\$39,187	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$513,321	\$538,732	\$501,100
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	22	\$61,514	\$62,090	\$61,514
3409	Other Charges	22	\$9,145	\$7,500	\$9,145
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$70,659	\$69,590	\$70,659
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	22	\$11,790	\$2,528	\$11,790
3503-3509	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$11,790	\$2,528	\$11,790
Interfund Operating Transfers In					



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Revenues

3912	From Special Revenue Funds	13, 9, 10, 12	\$75,217	\$75,217	\$137,823
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	11	\$0	\$0	\$154,161
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$75,217	\$75,217	\$291,984
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	22	\$233,392	\$233,392	\$233,392
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$233,392	\$233,392	\$233,392
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$1,948,958	\$1,967,744	\$2,153,504

Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2023
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$3,412,249
Special Warrant Articles	\$351,984
Individual Warrant Articles	\$642,462
Total Appropriations	\$4,406,695
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$2,153,504
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$2,253,191

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

TOWN OF STRAFFORD

FY 2022

Account #	Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue	Estimated Revenue Adjusted
TAXES			
3185	Timber Tax	\$13,558	\$13,558
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$39,973	\$39,973
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)	\$0	\$0
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$920,059	\$920,059
3230	Building Permits	\$22,500	\$22,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$52,195	\$52,195
FROM STATE			
3351	Shared Revenue	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals & Rooms Distribution	\$309,185	\$372,139
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$125,072	\$127,406
3359	Bridge Grant	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	\$26,304	\$39,187
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$62,090	\$62,090
3409	Planning Board & Board of Adjustment	\$7,500	\$7,500
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	\$2,528	\$2,528
3503-3509	Other - Insurance Refund	\$0	\$0
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$75,217	\$75,217
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES		\$1,656,181	\$1,734,352
	Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$233,392	\$233,392
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		\$1,889,573	\$1,967,744
REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)		\$70,000	\$70,000

ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW	
Total Appropriations	\$4,011,080
(Less) Total Revenues and Credits	\$1,967,744
Net Assessment	\$2,043,336

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED

Saturday, March 12, 2022

Acct#	Purpose of Appropriation	RSA 32:3 ,V	Warrant Art.	Appropriation As Voted
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130-4139	Executive		23	\$ 94,238
4140-4149	Elec, Auto Reg, Vital Sts, Clrk Fees		23	\$ 77,592
4150-4151	Financial Adm & CPA Audit		23	\$ 129,623
4152	Reval of Property & Tax Maps		23	\$ 45,193
4153	Legal Expense		23	\$ 60,000
4155-4159	Personnel Adm, FICA, Medi, Unemp Comp		23	\$ 46,410
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		23	\$ 52,043
4195	Cemeteries		23	\$ 46,800
4194	General Government Buildings		23	\$ 9,000
4196	Insurance		23	\$ 60,847
4197	Advertising & Reg Assoc Dues, SRPC Dues		23	\$ 9,457
4199	Other General Gov't/Contingency		23	\$ 16,000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210-4214	Police		8	\$ 814,152
4215-4219	Ambulance			
4220-4229	Fire & Rescue		10	\$ 556,271
4240-4249	Building Inspection		23	\$ 36,000
4290-4298	Emergency Management		23	\$ 15,000
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311	Adm/Gen Hwy & Road Maintenance		23	\$ 663,875
4313	Bridges			
4316	Street Lighting		23	\$ 5,000
4319	Other (Road Improvements)			
SANITATION				
4321	Administration		23	\$ 352,147
HEALTH				
4411	Administration			
4414	Pest Control		23	\$ 1,800
4415-4419	Health Agencies/Cornerstone VNA		23	\$ 3,991
WELFARE				
4441-4442	Adminstration & Direct Assistance		23	\$ 15,580
4445-4449	Vendor pmts/Other		23	\$ 9,392
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		23	\$ 23,183
4550-4559	Library		18	\$ 133,554
4583	Patriotic Purposes		23	\$ 6,800
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT				
4611-4612	Admin & Purchase of Natural Resources		23	\$ 2,500
DEBT SERVICE				
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note		23	\$ 2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		11,12,13,15,16	\$ 257,632
4903	Buildings			
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		7	\$ 335,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		14,19,20,21,22	\$ 130,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS VOTED				\$ 4,011,080

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TOWN OF STRAFFORD
2022

A. ASSETS			
Current Assets	Acct#	Beginning of year	End of year
Cash and equivalents	1010	2,505,921	998,568
Investments	1030	299,578	301,855
Taxes receivable	1080	4,083,629	5,492,873
Tax liens receivable	1110	157,414	156,908
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		7,046,542	6,950,204
B. LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	Acct#	Beginning of year	End of year
Warrants and accounts payable	2020	51,764	42,992
Compensated absences payable	2030		
Contracts payable	2050		
Due to other governments	2070		
Due to school districts	2075	4,627,719	4,915,160
Due to other funds	2080		
Deferred revenue	2220		
Notes payable - Current	2230		
Bonds payable - Current	2250		
Other payables	2270	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,679,483	4,958,152
Fund Equity*			
Nonspendable Fund Balance	2440		
Restricted Fund Balance	2450	67,618	384,583
Committed Fund Balance	2460	50,161	-
Assigned Fund Balance	2490	40,023	13,000
Unassigned Fund Balance	2530	2,209,257	1,594,469
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		2,367,059	1,992,052
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		7,046,542	6,950,204

*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		\$1,992,052
Less Beginning Fund Equity from Balance Sheet		\$2,367,059
Change (Increase or Decrease)		-\$375,007

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION 2022

Value of Land Only	Acres	Assessed Valuation
Current Use RSA 79-A	23,737.38	\$ 1,761,500
Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.16	\$ 4,500
Residential Land	6,367.78	\$ 246,580,870
Commercial/Industrial Land	173.43	\$ 2,377,630
Total of Taxable Land	30,278.78	\$ 250,724,500
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	2,825.99	\$ 5,197,300

Value of Buildings Only		Assessed Valuation
Residential		\$ 440,213,180
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$ 5,937,800
Commercial/Industrial		\$ 8,367,120
Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	3 Structures	\$ 105,400
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$ 454,623,500
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		\$ 16,558,700

Utilities		Valuation
Public Utilities		\$ 19,667,400
Other Public Utilities		\$ 9,000
Valuation Before Exemptions		\$ 725,024,400
Modified Assessed Valuation of All Properties		\$ 725,024,400

Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a&b	19 Granted	\$ 740,000
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	4 Granted	\$ -
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$ 740,000

Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed	\$ 724,284,400
Less Public Utilities	\$ 19,667,400
Net Valuation without Utilites	\$ 704,617,000

Utility Summary

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

PSNH dba Eversource Energy	\$ 19,486,100
Hampstead Area Water Company	\$ 181,300
Total of All Utilities	\$ 19,667,400
City of Rochester -Municipal	\$ 9,000

Tax Credits

Veterans' Tax Credits	Limits	# Individuals	Estimated Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$200	169	\$ 33,800
Tax Credit for Total Service Connected Disability	\$700	17	\$ 11,900
Total Number and Amount		186	\$ 45,700

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

Disabled Exemption Report RSA 72:37-b

Current Year Exemptions Granted: 4 Amount of Exemption \$30,000 Total \$105,000

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	0	\$30,000	65-74	\$30,000	\$240,000
75-79	0	\$40,000	75-79	\$40,000	\$100,000
80+	1	\$50,000	80+	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>
			Total	\$120,000	\$740,000

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

Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive - RSA79-E Adopted?	No
Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings - RSA 79-G	No
Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities - RSA 79-H	No
Exemption for Electric Energy Systems -RSA72:85	No
Exemption for Renewable Gen Facility&Electric Energy Storage RSA 72:87	No
Optional Commerical & Industrial Contruction Exemption RSA 72:76-78/RSA 72:80-83	No
Low Income Housing Tax Credit Tax Program RSA 75:1-a	No

Current Use Reports RSA 79-A

	Total # Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	1,139.69	\$377,900
Forest Land	12,936.21	\$1,064,500
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	7,757.37	\$284,600
Unproductive Land	173.10	\$3,000
Wetland	1,731.01	\$31,500
Total	23,737.38	\$1,761,500

Other Current Use Statistics

Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	10,508.07 acres	
Removed from Current Use during Current Year	50.17 acres	
Number of Owners in Current Use	374	
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	595	
Land Use Change Tax Received January 1 through December 31		\$93,210
100% Conservation Allocation		\$93,210

Discretionary Preservation Easements

# Owners	# Structures	# Acres	Assessed Land Valuation	Assessed Structure Valuation
2	3	0.16	\$4,500	\$108,100
	Structures in Discretionary Preservation Easements		1700s Barn/Bicentennial Farm Hay Barn	50% Map 11 Lot 4 .04AC 75% Map 10 Lot 13 .05AC
	RSA 79-D		Double Gable Entrance Barn	75% Map 10 Lot 13 .07AC




2022
\$17.13

Tax Rate Breakdown Strafford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,158,482	\$724,284,400	\$2.98
County	\$1,510,929	\$724,284,400	\$2.09
Local Education	\$7,909,260	\$724,284,400	\$10.92
State Education	\$805,900	\$704,617,000	\$1.14
Total	\$12,384,571		\$17.13

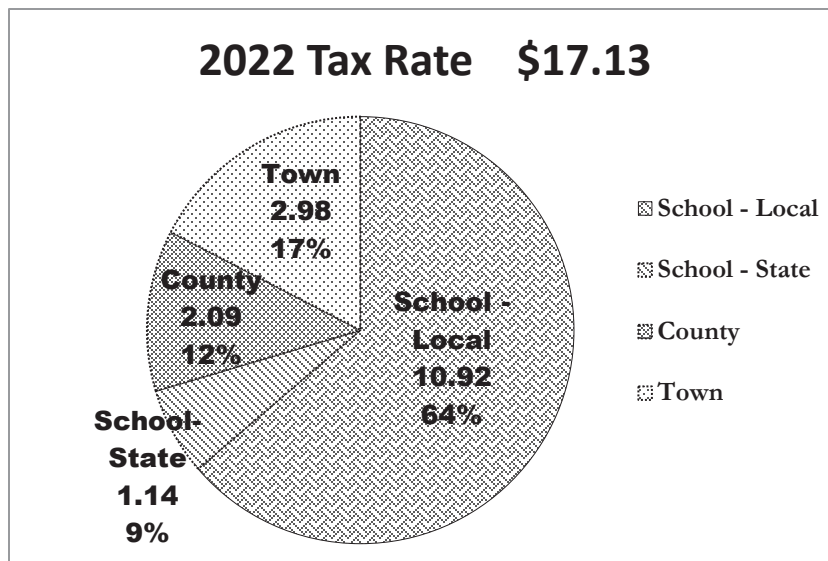
Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$12,384,571
War Service Credits	(\$45,700)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$12,338,871

 Sam Greene Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	12/27/2022
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HISTORICAL PROPERTY & TAX RATE DATA

HISTORICAL TAX RATE											
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Town	2.98	2.85	3.93	3.48	3.28	2.78	2.70	2.57	2.39	2.21	2.49
School -Local	10.92	11.84	16.30	14.77	15.20	14.42	13.63	14.29	15.71	15.31	14.79
School-State	1.14	1.64	2.32	2.24	2.30	2.23	2.20	2.27	2.39	2.41	2.35
County	2.09	2.13	3.10	2.98	2.85	2.86	2.72	2.68	2.67	2.75	2.75
Total Tax Rate	17.13	18.46	25.65	23.47	23.63	22.29	21.25	21.81	23.16	22.68	22.38



HISTORICAL TOTAL TOWN PROPERTY VALUE								
2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
724,284,400	703,803,000	492,115,100	485,434,912	479,262,200	475,637,420	472,279,300	464,957,500	461,618,700

HISTORICAL TOTAL TOWN EQUALIZATION VALUE										
2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
75%*	91%	72.8%	79.1%	80.5%	91.1%	93.60%	96.80%	105.80%	108.80%	102.53%

*Estimated-DRA has not completed as of this printing

The NH Department of Revenue Administration annually conducts a sales to assessment ratio study to establish an overall assessment ratio. The Assessment Ratio is a measurement of the assessment level of a municipality. The ratio is found by dividing the assessed value by the sales price. The overall ratio for a municipality is derived from a statistical analysis of the compilation of all individual ratios. Per State Statute, the Town of Strafford completed a town-wide statistical revaluation in 2011, 2016, and in 2021.

2022 STRAFFORD TOWN MEETING MARCH 8, 2022

The Town Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Strafford Town Hall, in the Town of Strafford, by Appointed Town Moderator Ralph Wegner, to act on Articles 1 through 5 by ballot vote.

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

The 202nd Town Meeting was called to order again at 8:48 AM on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the Strafford School, by Appointed Moderator Ralph Wegner, to act on Articles 6 through 30.

Selectman Brian Monahan led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Ralph Wegner introduced himself and welcomed voters. He explained that we are no longer under emergency orders but still offering car participation and thanked the Assistant Moderator Bob Fletcher for his assistance along with the volunteers. He asked for car voters to honk horns and flash lights if they could hear and a few horns were heard. He briefly went over rules and procedures of the meeting. There were 167 registered voters in attendance. Out of that number 22 registered voters were attending from cars.

Moderator Ralph Wegner read the results of the March 8th Election.

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

Voters on the Checklist 3009

Votes cast 726 (of that number 45 were cast by absentee vote and 681 in person)

Selectmen (3 Year Term)

Chris Garcia 388 Votes

Moderator (2 Year Term)

Ralph Wegner 581 Votes

Town Clerk (3 Year Term)

Terri L Marsh 637 Votes

Supervisor of the Checklist (6 Year Term)

Martha English 594 Votes

Treasurer (3 Year Term)

Cindy Cushing 576 Votes

Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 Year Term)

Charles Burnham 581 Votes

Library Trustee (3 Year Term)

Lindsay Aucella 586 Votes

Road Agent (1 Year Term)
Matthew Messenger 654 Votes

Planning Board Member (3 Year Term)
Philip Auger 538 Votes

Zoning Board of Adjustment Member – 2 Positions (3 Year Term)
Scott Hodgdon 55 Write-In Votes
Katrina Labrecque 13 Write-In Votes

Annual School District Election Results
School Board Member – 2 Positions (3 Year Term)
Jessica Grant 370 Votes
Katrina Labrecque 311 Votes

Results of Articles voted on by ballot on Election Day, March 8, 2022

** 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 amend the definitions in *Section 1.14, Definitions*, of the Zoning Ordinance to clarify the definitions of “Accessory Buildings, Structures, or Uses”; “Structure”s; “Building”s; and to correct citations of these terms throughout the Zoning Ordinance.”

YES - 304 NO - 367

Article #2 Failed

** 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 1.14.5—Frontage*, the definition of Frontage, and *Article 1.4.1 D Minimum Land Area* provisions. The proposed amendments to the frontage definition clarify the road type on which a lot must border, that the same provisions apply to both private and public roads, and that the frontage must be fully within the Town of Strafford. The amendments to the Minimum Land Area provisions clarify the requirements for building on lots that do not meet Strafford’s minimum land area specifications.

YES - 294 NO – 383

Article #3 Failed

** 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 amend *Article 1.7.1—Non-Conforming Use* to clarify when Special Exceptions or Variances are required, or when neither is needed. Also, it specifies the duration of permits, allowance to rebuild destroyed non-conforming structures, and that permitted non-conforming construction must comply with state laws and town ordinances.”

YES - 312 NO – 362

Article #4 Failed

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

“To amend *Article 1.4.2 H Telecommunications Facilities* by deleting the existing language and adopting **Article 1.4.2 H Wireless Telecommunication Facilities**, a comprehensive wireless telecommunications facilities ordinance complying with federal and state requirements regarding the siting, construction and deactivation of wireless telecommunications facilities (cell towers) in Strafford. The amendment would establish four wireless communication facility overlay districts delineated by GPS coordinates to be known as Strafford North, Strafford East, Strafford South, and Strafford West, in order to encourage optimal tower locations where comprehensive community telecommunication coverage can be achieved. The ordinance establishes maximum height and setback requirements as well as operational standards regarding security and noise and establishes procedures for both construction and deactivation of cell towers through a Special Use Permit process before the Planning Board.”

YES - 524

NO – 156

Article #5 Passes

Mike Harrington shared that hearings are being held at the State House on 5G cell towers. More studies are being done and 5G will mostly be in densely populated areas. He stated that we do not need to be concerned about 5G coming to Strafford in the immediate future. He welcomes residents to contact him with questions or concerns.

Selectman Scott Young thanked the Police, Fire Department, employees of the Town and Recycling Center. He stated they are the unsung heroes of this Town and do a great job.

Selectman Lynn Sweet thanked Scott Young for his time of service as he is stepping down from his position as Selectman.

Selectman Scott Young continued with praise to Lynn Sweet for her idea and implementation of car voters. He gave recognition to the Strafford Bicentennial group who worked hard to give a celebration even through Covid. He recognized accomplishments of the Town wide revaluation completion. He thanked residents for cooperation during Covid. He stated in comparison with other towns we are doing great. He briefly reviewed the articles. He shared that there is \$200,000 in ARPA funds now and another \$200,000 in ARPA funds to use later in the year. There were articles in this warrant that were removed because ARPA funding will be used for those necessary items.

Mike Harrington joked that he didn't know Strafford had a Highway Department.

Bob Perry asked what ARPA stood for, is it a federal program.

Selectman Scott Young replied it is a federal program.

Eric Almanzan expressed he disagrees with spending of the ARPA Funds without input and vote from the Town.

Selectman Brian Monahan stated that there are very specific rules regarding the use of ARPA Funds. Officials are elected by the people of the Town to make those kinds of decisions.

Selectman Scott Young shared that the Board of Selectmen welcomes questions and concerns.

Moderator Ralph Wegner asked for two volunteers to help with counting votes when needed. Kurt Wuelper and Mark Rainey volunteered. The Moderator began the articles to be voted on.

6. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 231:62, to change the currently “*Elected*” Road Agent position to an “*Appointed*” position, and to authorize the Selectmen as agents to appoint. The current Road Agent shall continue in the position until the end of the next Town Meeting.

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by Scott Young

Discussion:

Greg Messenger stated that he requested this article to restructure how to fund the Road Agent position.

Bob Perry stated he is voting against this article because appointments bring politics and favoritism. *Mike Harrington* asked for an explanation of why this change is requested when it is working well the way it is.

Selectman Lynn Sweet explained that times are changing. The Messengers maintain our roads on a very small budget when neighboring towns are 1.2 million just to maintain a highway department. We may not always have the Messengers. She stated that Matthew Messenger is our youngest Elected Official at 19 years old.

Kurt Wuelper stated that our Town is growing, volunteers are declining, and we need to change. We elect the people who do the appointing. They respond to the residents and he has confidence in the Selectmen to do the right thing and move us forward.

Selectman Scott Young stated that this conversation began 5-6 years ago. Greg Messenger has worked 40 plus hours weekly for the Town which takes away from his business. We want to be prepared for change.

Denise Rainey stated she is very concerned with appointments because they become corrupt. She asked if there are any other options.

Selectman Scott Young replied that we can keep it an elected position.

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated it is possible in a few years we may need to create a highway department. This is just a stepping stone into that process.

Selectman Scott Young stated that the Tax Collector, Fire Chief, Police Chief, are all appointed and answer to the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Brian Monahan stated that appointed positions bring a level of stability to certain positions. Road Agent being a yearly elected position brings instability.

Don Coker asked if there will still be competitive bids for the position.

Board of Selectmen replied yes.

Judy Dupre stated that if something were to happen to the Messenger crew, that do an awesome job, the Town has no equipment to do anything. Judy stated she has been an appointed Tax Collector for 25 years.

Tim Reed stated that last year the Town voted to switch ZBA from appointed to elected and not one person ran for the position this year. He encourages the Town to trust the Board of Selectmen.

Robin Doucette asked if the Town should have a capital reserve fund in place first.

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated that they have had a small capital reserve fund for a few years now.

Chief Michael Richard stated the Messengers go above and beyond to serve the Town however needed. To get someone to replace them would be costly.

Eric Almanzan questioned ideally how does the Board of Selectmen see this going next year.

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated looking at 2023 there would be bids, helping to plan budgets and planning for the future. We just need to slowly take steps moving forward. Neighboring towns are struggling because they did not have a plan in place, this is a beginning.

Kurt Wuelper saw confusion over motions and reminded the Moderator a motion was not needed to vote.

Selectman Lynn Sweet reminded everyone we need to wait for car voters to be counted each article.

With no further discussion a vote was taken by show of cards.

Article #6 Passes

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$335,000. 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 by Lynn Sweet Seconded by Brian Monahan

Discussion:

Greg Messenger briefly spoke to the article about work being planned for this year on Northwood Rd and Drake Hill Rd paving. Also finishing work with funds from last year on Barn Door Gap Bridge that was delayed due to permits.

With no further discussion a vote was taken by show of cards.

Article #7 Passes

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$814,152. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by Scott Young

Discussion:

Chief Michael Richard thanked the Police Department staff and stated they will fill the vacant position this year. He shared that the PD roof is 21 years old and needs repair, the new car order from last year will arrive in the next couple of weeks and he is not getting a new car this year. He will use his car past the 5 year rotation schedule. Money for the radio fund will be given back to the Town. That funding will be covered by grants.

With no further discussion a vote was taken by show of cards.

Article #8 Passes

9. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Strafford County Radio Project Fund. Said funds (\$5,000.59), with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by Chief Michael Richard

Discussion:

Selectman Scott Young stated that the Town thought we would have to raise \$35,000 and the fund was started. Strafford County Sheriff got grants and they do not need the Town's money. Vote is to discontinue Capital Reserve Fund and put the money into the general fund

With no further discussion a vote was taken by show of cards.

Article #9 Passes

David Hartranft, Deputy Fire Chief, gave a presentation on Fire Department budget and operations. He thanked the Strafford Citizens. Calls continue to increase, staffing is down 7 people, in part because other towns have increased their payroll. He briefly reviewed the Articles being presented.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$556,271. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department.

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by Mike Harrington

With no discussion vote was taken by a show of cards.

Article #10 Passes

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,217. for the third year's

payment of the lease agreement for the new ambulance approved at the 2020 Town Meeting, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,217. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund to be used for this purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by Scott Young

Discussion:

Bob Perry asked for an update on making Town hydrants operational.

Moderator Ralph Wegner replied that we will get to that after this vote.

With no further discussion vote was taken by show of cards.

Article #11 Passes

Chief Scott Whitehouse stated that there is a program to repair existing hydrants in Town. He stated there is an ongoing battle with DES and problems due to cost increases. He reviewed areas of hydrants and fire ponds.

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

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by Judy Dupre

With no discussion vote was taken by a show of cards.

Article #12 Passes

13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for \$670,000. for the purpose of leasing to own a new Fire Engine Tanker, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$155,000. for the first year's payment. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause.

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by JoAnn Brown

Selectman Lynn Sweet made an amendment to the Article #13, due to recent increases.

Article #13 Amendment:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for \$720,172 for the purpose of leasing to own a new Fire Engine Tanker, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$151,953 for the first year's payment. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause.

Motion made by Chief Scott Whitehouse Seconded by Brian Monahan

Discussion:

Chief Scott Whitehouse stated adjustment is due to increased prices in metals and electronics. This is the lowest bid of only two that came back.

David Ekstrom asked if the engine is similar to the one we have.

Chief Scott Whitehouse replied that it is similar, same gallon and pump capacity, some changes in cabin specs.

Alison Brisson asked what happens to the old fire engine we are replacing.

Chief Scott Whitehouse stated that it can be used as a trade or there are companies that will buy it at whole sale value to be reconditioned. Money would be returned to the general fund.

With no further discussion vote was taken by show of cards.

Amendment to Article #13 Passes

Amended Article #13

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for \$720,172 for the purpose of leasing to own a new Fire Engine Tanker, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$151,953 for the first year's payment. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause.

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by Brian Monahan

With no discussion vote was taken by show of cards.

Amended Article #13 Passes

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

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by Michelle Bengert

Discussion:

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated this article is self-explanatory and there is just over \$233,000 in the fund now.

With no further discussion vote was taken by show of cards.

Article #14 Passes

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,684. to purchase medical and associated equipment (i.e. 2 AED defibrillators and LUCAS auto compression device, etc.), \$24,915. to come from a GOFERR Grant, the balance of \$2,769. to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by JoAnn Brown

With no discussion vote was taken by a show of cards.

Article #15 Passes

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,778. for the purpose of purchasing new forestry equipment (i.e. PPE shirts, headlamps, goggles and hose clamps) with \$1,389. to come from the State Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant and the balance of \$1,389. to come from general taxation.

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by JoAnn Brown

Discussion:

Chief Scott Whitehouse stated there were 14 brush fires and a misprint in the town report stating 5 acres that was actually 2 acres.

With no further discussion vote was taken by show of cards.

Article #16 Passes

17. To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Fire Station Committee to be comprised of the Fire Chief, one Fire Department member, one Selectman, and two Town residents. The committee to report back at the 2023 Town Meeting.

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by Michelle Bengner

Discussion:

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated Chief Whitehouse came to the Selectmen to request a committee. If this passes we will need some volunteers. In March 2023 the committee would report findings.

Don Clifford questioned why the Fire Stations were not built sufficiently in the first place. He questioned the plans moving forward and shared that money spending needs to stop. He would volunteer for the committee.

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated it is just an exploratory committee at this point.

Chief Scott Whitehouse stated he would like to consolidate two stations into one using the remodeled Crown Point Station and the Bow Lake Station. Center Station has just been used as a garage. The committee will look at the assets and come up with suggestions for solutions.

Selectman Scott Young stated that in 1998 the Town had a building committee that came up with a building that would house all three (Fire, Police, Town Hall) for 1.2 million dollars and got it down to \$900,000. The Town voted it down. If the money had been spent back in 1998 we would not be where we are today with old buildings to repair. We need to continue looking forward for the future of this Town.

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated this all wraps into the Master Plan process.

Gary Fowler questioned if the size of the new engine would fit in the existing fire station.

Chief Scott Whitehouse stated yes it would be close.

Eric Almanzan questioned if the plan was to have the committee come in next year with a cost. *Chief Scott Whitehouse* stated next year the committee would not be coming in with bids, just an idea of what is needed in the future. The Fire Department will live with what they have right now.

With no further discussion vote was taken by show of cards.

Article #17 Passes

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$133,554. for the operation and maintenance of the Hill Library.

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by JoAnn Brown

Discussion:

Jessie Copeland, Trustee of the Hill Library, discussed with a presentation the Library operations, budget and articles being voted on.

JD Clarke stated that he has only praise for the Hill Library that was dedicated in 1973 with \$10,000 of grants acquired by a retired teacher, Bernice Hill.

With no further discussion vote was taken by show of cards

Article #18 Passes

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in the

Library Expansion/Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by JoAnn Brown

Discussion:

Selectman Scott Young stated there is now just over \$43,000 in that account.

With no further discussion vote taken by show of cards.

Article #19 Passes

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

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by JoAnn Brown

Discussion:

Selectman Scott Young stated that this capital reserve fund is to handle things that come up in the care of the 20 year old building. There is just over \$4,000 in this account.

Moderator Ralph Wegner questioned if this was the same amount as last year.

Selectman Scott Young replied yes.

With no further discussion vote was taken by show of cards.

Article #20 Passes

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

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by Scott Young

Discussion:

Selectman Scott Young stated that his comment on Article #20 was actually addressing this article. He added that the building roof needs replacement with a cost of approximately \$30,000.

With no further discussion vote was taken by show of cards.

Article #21 Passes

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in the Future Reval/Statistical Update Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by JoAnn Brown

Discussion:

Kurt Wuelper asked for results of the Article #21 vote to assure it was announced.

Moderator Ralph Wegner again announced Article #21 Passed

Selectman Brian Monahan stated that the Town revaluation cost \$40,000 this year; this capital reserve is to help with future cost.

With no further discussion vote was taken by show of cards.

Article #22 Passes

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,747,219. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 94,238.
Election & Registration.....	39,282.
Financial Administration.....	116,623.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	45,193.
Legal Expenses.....	60,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	46,410.
Planning and Zoning.....	52,043.
General Government Building.....	46,800.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	38,310.
Insurance.....	60,847.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	4,243.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	5,214.
Contingency Fund.....	16,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	13,000.
Emergency Management.....	15,000.
Building Inspection.....	18,748.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	643,875.
Street Lighting.....	5,000.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	352,147.
Animal Control.....	1,800.
Cemeteries.....	9,000.
Cornerstone VNA (formerly Roch Dstr VNA).....	3,991.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	15,580.
Community Action.....	2,000.
Haven Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend's Place.....	200.
The Homemakers Health Services.....	3,200.
Ready Rides.....	1,500.
CASA.....	500.
Strafford Nutrition & Meals on Wheels.....	1,000.
Parks and Recreation.....	23,183.
Patriotic Purposes and Fireworks	6,800.
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
TOTAL.....	\$1,747,219.

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,747,219. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by Scott Young

Discussion:

Mike Harrington questioned if the general highway/town maintenance budget needs adjustment due to rising diesel cost.

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated we are open to an amendment on the floor.

Mike Harrington questioned what a realistic amendment would be.

Greg Messenger, Road Agent, made a suggestion of \$20,000 as a best guess on the spot.

Mike Harrington stated he would like to make an amendment to Article #23 to add \$20,000 to the highway budget.

Philip Auger stated he would like to make an amendment to the building inspection, code enforcer officer position. He stated \$36,000 would increase hours and better meet the needs of the Town. He also encouraged the Board of Selectmen to couple this position with another town.

Eric Rowe asked for some order for these amendments.

Kurt Wuelper stated that these amendments cannot be voted together and need to be voted on individually.

Mike Harrington made an amendment to Article #23

Article #23 Amendment #1

To see if the Town will increase the line for General Highway Expense and Town Maintenance by \$20,000 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$663,875 for General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance, revising the total amount to \$1,767,219.

Motion made by Mike Harrington Seconded by Lynn Sweet

Discussion

Linda Pape asked if the Road Agent could use some other capital reserve funds to handle that additional cost.

Selectman Lynn Sweet replied that there are some other funds that could be used.

Kurt Wuelper clarified that the motion before us is to add \$20,000 to the line,

Eric Rowe clarified that we are only discussing and voting to add \$20,000 to the line.

Moderator Ralph Wegner made clarification of the amendment being voted on.

With no further discussion vote was taken by show of cards.

First Amendment to Article #23 Passes

Philip Auger made a second amendment to Article #23

Article #23 Amendment #2

To see if the Town will increase the line for Building Inspection by \$17,252 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,000 for Building Inspection, revising the total amount to \$1,784,471.

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by Tim Reed

Discussion:

Kurt Wuelper questioned if intent was to convert to a full time position or two halftime positions.

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated we currently have 2 inspectors working extremely part time under the existing budget.

With no further discussion vote was taken by a count and show of cards.

Yes – 106 No – 44

2nd Amendment to Article #23 Passes

Continued Discussion:

Ken Berry stated he does not want additional lighting in our rural town and questioned what is planned for the Street Lighting line. He also stated the library street light needs repair.

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated the cost is to maintain what lights we have and no additional lighting is planned. She stated the light in need of repair will be looked into.

Ken Berry stated that our cemeteries are privately owned and questioned what the Cemetery line item funds are for.

Selectman Scott Young stated that the cemeteries are privately owned but by law the Town is required to have a cemetery available so the Town takes on some of the financial responsibility. *Eric Rowe* stated that he recommends next year that each line on this article is given a number to make it easier for amendments. He also suggested the Board to consider increasing the funds given to My Friends Place for next year. The contribution has stayed the same for many years and the demands have grown. He questioned the number of referrals made to My Friends Place from Strafford. *Selectman Scott Young* stated it would be the welfare department that would have those numbers of referrals. He stated My Friends Place sends a request for funds and that request has not increased. If they ask for more we would increase it.

Amended Article #23

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,784,471. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 94,238.
Election & Registration.....	39,282.
Financial Administration.....	116,623.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	45,193.
Legal Expenses.....	60,000.
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Parks and Recreation.....	23,183.
Patriotic Purposes and Fireworks	6,800.
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
TOTAL.....	<u>\$1,784,471.</u>

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,784,471. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

Motion made by Lynn Sweet Seconded by Scott Young

With no further discussion vote was taken by show of cards

Amended Article #23 Passes

Moderator Ralph Wegner asked if a 10 minute break was needed and the audience replied clearly “NO”.

Philip Auger introduced and presented Article #24 - #28 on benefits of Class A Trails. This presentation was also made available on the Town Website. He clarified rules and regulations of building on a Class 6 Road and benefits of changing the selected roads to Class A Trails. He shared that the Planning Board has identified sections of roads that reclassification would have zero impact on property owners while protecting natural resources and community character. A review by map of the 68 lots affected because they have frontage on one of these Class 6 Roads was presented. He encouraged residents to get involved in Master Planning.

Eric Almanzan questioned if these articles were from the Planning Board or from a private member. He stated that the Planning Board does not have authority over Class A Trails.

Philip Auger stated that the board has been working on Class 6 Roads for a couple years now. He stated Road articles need to come thru the warrant and that roads are an important part of our community.

Mike Harrington stated that someone owns these properties and these changes devalue their land and deny these property owners opportunity to even petition to build on their land. He stated that the community trust those Selectmen that we elect to consider building permits on Class 6 Roads. He suggested if the Town wants to change classifications and preserve the land let them raise money and buy the land.

Philip Auger stated the best use for most of these parcels is as wood lots not for building.

Wallace Spohr questioned gates put up on Class A Trails.

Philip Auger stated that this discussion is not about gates. The Selectmen would be the ones to discuss that. The Selectmen can set limits to the use and put up gates on Class A Trails but they remain a public right of way. This reclassification would not change that.

Wallace Spohr questioned the gate on Little Niagara Trail.

Philip Auger stated gates can be used to protect the trail and clarified some verbiage on ordinances.

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated that Little Niagara was brought to the Town by petition of the Lovejoy Foundation to reclassify it from a Class 6 Road to Class A trail and that a gate be put in. It was voted on and approved by this body.

Wallace Spohr stated that in that instance there were concerns of off road vehicles and he has concerns with road access if roads are reclassified.

Philip Auger stated that damage from OHRV's and off road vehicles are a concern.

Peter Croteau stated that land he owns would be affected by this and would be rendered useless. His mother lived here 40 years and she would not be able to see the land if gated. He feels the off roaders help to keep the roads picked up. He has concerns about trail access if needed.

Lori Shiere asked if she could turn around and address the audience.

Moderator Ralph Wegner gave permission for her to turn around and address the audience.

Lori Shiere stated that she owns property on Pig Lane that has been in her family since the 40's. She is thankful for the conservation in Strafford but has a financial investment in the property that was appraised at \$49,000 and is not considered just a wood lot. Value of her property would be significantly impacted and limit what her and her children could do with that property in the future. She is against this reclassification.

Philip Auger showed the lot in question on the map and stated that as requirements are today, the only way it could be built on is from Range Road.

Mike Harrington asked for a point of order. He feels Philip Auger should not have special privilege to address each speaker while others have to wait their turn in line.

Moderator Ralph Wegner replied that Philip Auger will not answer each speaker but will remain available if someone asks a question that he needs to address.

Tim Reed stated he is a Civil Engineer with 24 years of experience. He sees developments in other towns and feels open lands draw developers to come in, buy and develop and renders the town defenseless. He is on the Planning Board to help defend the Town's Master Plan to keep it rural. Changing these selected Class 6 Roads to Class A Trails will protect the Town from development. If the Town wants to go back to a Class 6 Road it can be voted on again.

Moderator Ralph Wegner made a request that speakers face the Moderator.

Bethene Wuelper shared that she wants to speak specifically to one of the articles.

Moderator Ralph Wegner asked that she come back to speak when a motion for that article is made and reminded the audience this time is for general discussion.

Eric Rowe stated there are a fair number of private homes affected and feels this is an incredulous act. He stated that this takes rights away from the property owner and lowers the value of the land. He stated this is all about personal property rights and encourages residents to vote against the articles.

Selectman Scott Young asked if Article #24 could be put on the floor.

Moderator Ralph Wegner stated the general comment line will finish and the Article will be brought to the floor.

Eric Almanzan questioned an RSA that limits the use of Class A Trails.

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated that it is a public right of way but the Board of Selectmen decides gates or limitations. There are already restrictions on Class 6 Roads due to mud season. RSA's are decided at the State level.

Eric Almanzan questioned if there was a discussion with Selectmen.

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated the Planning Board works on infrastructure of land in Town.

Eric Almanzan encouraged the residents to not move these articles forward

Doug Hayes stated he owns property on a Class 6 Road and has spent his own money to upgrade and keep the Class 6 Road open. People who own property on Class 6 Roads can keep the road upgraded and build. They cannot do the same on Class A Trails.

Charlie Moreno made a suggestion to turn lights down and show each map as articles are discussed. He stated that our residents enjoy these Class 6 Roads and these segments chosen are largely undevelopable. He stated that the Planning Board is not looking to take property rights from residents.

Lori Shiere stated her family loves their property and has kept it as is for many years. She has received offers to sell but refuses them. She asked the Town to leave Pig Lane alone.

Moderator Ralph Wegner ended the general discussion and read Article #24.

24. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the following section of a Class VI road as a Class A Trail pursuant to RSA 231-A:2: First Crown Point Road from a point at the northeast corner of Tax Map 17, Lot 20 and the southwest corner of Tax Map 17, Lot 19 to the Barnstead town line (approximately 5900 feet).

Motion made by Bob Perry Seconded by Kurt Wuelper

With no further discussion vote was taken and counted by show of cards.

Yes – 61 No - 65

Article #24 Failed

Don Coker asked if without going into a secret vote can we have a recount for that vote.

Moderator Ralph Wegner replied no.

25. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the following section of Class VI road as a Class A Trail pursuant to RSA 231-A:2: Second Crown Point Road from the southeast corner of Tax Map 18, Lot 32 to the southwest corner of Tax Map 14, Lot 11-2 (approximately 3600 feet).

Motion made by Scott Young Seconded by Ken Berry

Discussion:

Eric Almanzan stated we have just heard from a land owner affected by this and we should not make decisions for the land owners, vote no.

Alison Brisson stated that we have not heard from one affected land owner in favor of this change, vote no.

With no further discussion vote was taken by show of cards.

Majority vote was clearly No. A count was not taken.

Article #25 Failed

26. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the following Class VI road as a Class A Trail pursuant to RSA 231-A:2: Snackerty Road (a.k.a. Church Road) from Barn Door Gap Road to the Barnstead town line (approximately 2600 feet).

Motion made by Chris Garcia Seconded by Kurt Wuelper

Discussion:

David Ekstrom asked for map clarification for a road mislabeled.

Liz Evans stated that 2nd Crown Point Road is the old name before 911 updated the name to Barn Door Gap Rd. She stated that Snackerty is like Little Niagara with the bridge out. It is not used to commute and could be a liability for the Town with the bridge out.

Charlie Moreno stated that Snackerty Road is in really rough shape and that the change does not affect anyone negatively.

With no further discussion vote was taken and counted by show of cards.

Yes - 52 No - 68

Article #26 Failed

27. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the following section of a Class VI road as a Class A Trail pursuant to RSA 231-A:2: Willey Road running northerly from the Beam Camp entrance road (a.k.a Boy Scout Road) to a point 50 feet north of the north side embankment of the Little River crossing (approximately 2600 feet).

Motion made by Kurt Wuelper Seconded by Tim Reed

Discussion:

Eric Almanzan stated across from Perry Road is a gate and the road is blocked off.

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated she also noticed that.

Several in the Audience replied there is a gate but it is not locked.

With no further discussion vote was taken and counted by show of cards.

Yes - 49 No - 73

Article #27 Failed

28. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the following section of Class VI road as a Class A Trail pursuant to RSA 231-A:2: Pig Lane running northerly from Range Road at the southwest corner of Tax Map 8, Lot 20 and the southeast corner of Tax Map 8, Lot 19-1 to a point 50 feet north of the north side embankment of the Huckins Brook crossing (approximately 4490 feet).

Motion made by Philip Auger Seconded by Lori Shiere

Discussion:

Don Coker clarified that the section in question was not Pig Lane Route 26.

Moderator Ralph Wegner showed the area on the map from the bridge to Range Road.

Denise Rainey stated she has been watching this for a long time. She is concerned that the goal is complete and total loss of private property rights. She encouraged residents to research and know what is going on.

Bethene Wuelper stated her family has land affected and they got a notification letter at the end of January. She does not feel this was communicated well. This change would limit her family access to the land and they would not be able to build if they wanted to. She stated abutters need to be informed better and encouraged residents to vote no.

Moderator Ralph Wegner questioned if residents had input before the budget hearing.

Selectman Lynn Sweet stated there were meetings and public hearings that the Planning Board posted at the Town Hall and on the website. The letter from the Planning Board was an effort to communicate the changes to affected land owners. Moving forward they will work on communication.

Lori Shiere stated that she is impacted by this article and that there should be more input from land owners and better communication.

Tim Reed encourages people to be involved with Master Planning to help develop a plan that works for everyone.

Moderator Ralph Wegner asked if they were looking for volunteers.

Tim Reed suggested residents start getting involved by coming to meetings and volunteering.

Don Coker stated he has been an Alternate Member of the Planning Board for 11 plus years. The Master Planning coming up needs community involvement. The existing Strafford Master Plan says a goal is to protect the rural character of Strafford. Area towns are getting built up with development. We need to protect the rural character of Strafford. He stated that he is sad to see distortions and falsehoods on social media. He shared concerns that the town did not take a step forward today.

With no further discussion vote was taken by show of cards.

Majority vote was clearly No. A count was not taken.

Article #28 Failed

29. "To see if the town will support the use of the Town lot next to the Hill Library (formerly known as the Hill Lot) as the Community Garden and to allow for expansion and improvement of public access to the garden. Improvements include installing steps, changing the slope of the lot, and placing a shed on the land. The cost of improvements will be covered by Hill Library donations, fundraising and grants, at no cost to the Town. The elected town Library Trustees will oversee the improvements." (by Petition.)

Motion made by Eric Almanzan Seconded by Michelle Benger

Discussion:

Moderator Ralph Wegner stated this information was on the library presentation done earlier.

Eric Almanzan stated he is very pleased with the forward direction of the library.

With no further discussion vote was taken by show of cards.

Article #29 Passes

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

Discussion:

Selectman Scott Young shared that the VFW in Northwood needs help with the 2022 Memorial Day Parade. Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st in Rochester. They are no longer accepting motor oil.

Bob Perry asked for a moment of silence for brave men and women of the Ukraine as they are fighting for their land, lives and democracy.

Moderator Ralph Wegner approved and called for a moment of silence.

Eric Rowe moved to recognize the service of Greg Messenger as the Road Agent.

Selectman Scott Young said he would second that and a standing ovation was given to Greg Messenger.

Jim O'Der asked if he could put a fence up that will not be locked on Foss Rd.

Selectman Lynn Sweet suggested he come to the Selectmen to clarify and/or make the request.

Greg Litsois had questions regarding the earth dam violation, not holding water. (Kent Pond)

Selectman Lynn Sweet advised that is a questions for the School Board, it is school property.

Eric Almanzan stated that the School District owns the land and there is a plan with improvements. It is in compliance. Mr. Almanzan and Mr. Litsois started a back and forth conversation regarding this land.

Selectman Lynn Sweet asked Mr. Almanzan and Mr. Litsois to please continue conversation outside of the speaking area.

Moderator Ralph Wegner restated that request.

With no further discussion a motion was made by Lynn Sweet to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Martha English and the meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Following swearing in as Town Clerk by the Moderator, all newly elected positons present were sworn in by the Town Clerk, Terri Marsh.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri L Marsh
Strafford Town Clerk

*Comments made at the meeting are not included in these minutes as quotes but instead as a summary of what was said.

Town Clerk's Report

Serving Strafford as Town Clerk continues to be the most gratifying job. Customer service will remain a priority in 2023. We want our residents to count on us for quality service and reliable information.

Online and mail-in payments continue to be the most popular methods for motor vehicle and dog license renewals. We process these transactions as quickly as we receive them and encourage residents to use these options.



Congratulations to Luke, Top Dog of 2022. Thank you to all of the licensed dogs that participated in the contest. Good job Strafford! NH State Law requires all dogs to be licensed by April 30th each year and puppies to be licensed promptly after their first rabies vaccination.

In 2022 we had three successful elections: March Town/School Election, September State Primary and November State General. A big THANK YOU to our many volunteers. We could not run these elections smoothly without a community effort.



In 2023 we will have one election: Town/School Election on March 14th followed by the Annual Town Meeting on March 18th at 8:30am. The School Board will host the Annual School District Meeting on March 11th at 9:00am. You must be a registered voter in Strafford to vote on articles and budget items presented at these meetings. To register to vote or for more information, contact the Town Clerk's Office.

The Town Website had an exciting upgrade in 2022. The site is now secure and mobile responsive with many new features and capabilities. The Town Website remains the most reliable source for current and accurate local government information. The Official Website of the Town of Strafford is **strafford.nh.gov**.

Thank you to Stephanie Norton, Deputy Town Clerk, for another year of service. Her support and positive attitude are appreciated.

Thank you to all of the people who work for the town, serve as elected officials, serve on boards and commissions, and volunteer. There is a strong sense of community here that makes Strafford an exceptional place to live.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terri L Marsh
Strafford Town Clerk

Strafford Town Clerk's Office

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Deputy Clerk - Stephanie Norton

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Hours: Mon 8:30am - 2:00pm

Tues 1:30pm - 7:00pm

Wed 8:30am - 2:00pm

Thu 1:30pm - 7:00pm



**Town Clerk's Report
For Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2022**

Revenues Received & Remitted to the Treasurer in 2022:

Quantity	Description	Amount
6740	Motor Vehicle Permits	\$917,083.73
347	Boat Permits	\$3,948.07
1033	Dog Licenses	6,480.50
23	Marriage Licenses	\$1,150.00
11	Returned Check Fees	\$346.50
21	Dog Control Fees	\$706.00
204	Certified Vitals	\$2,670.00
7087	Municipal Agent Fees	\$21,955.00
988	Title Fees	\$1,976.00
-	UCC/IRS Filings	\$1,515.00
1	Pole License	\$10.00
-	Postage	\$1,427.40
3	Election Filing Fees	\$6.00
	TOTAL	\$959,274.20


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**The Strafford Town Website
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for current and accurate
local government information.**

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2022

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Tax Collector for over twenty years. I am responsible for collecting Property, Yield, Excavation, and Current Use Change Taxes, as well as responding to inquiries from homeowners, mortgage companies, attorney's offices and the 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 expand.

Our Town website is www.trafford.nh.gov and is full of Town information. You may make tax payments on the Town website with your Credit or Debit Card or an ACH check (ACH comes directly out of your checking account). Beware of the convenience fee that goes with the on-line or ANY credit card payments (credit card payments have a much larger convenience fee than ACH payments). As always, you may also pay through the mail or in person. We look forward to seeing all your faces here at the Strafford Town Hall.

In 2003 the Department of Revenue Administration started a "Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief" program. Form (DP-8), Please, pick up at my office or downloaded from www.revenue.nh.gov the last week of April. These must be mailed to the State no earlier than May 1 and no later than June 30. We are happy to offer any assistance that you may be want or need.

Strafford School's appropriation for 2022	\$12,380,803....	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$10.92
State Education Tax's appropriation for 2022....	\$ 805,900...	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$1.14
County Appointment's appropriation for 2022....	\$ 1,510,929...	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$2.09
Municipal's Total appropriation for 2022.....	\$ 3,251,196...	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$2.98
Minus ... War Credits, Grants, Retained Education Tax, Net Revenues and Fund Balances.			
Total Tax Rate for 2022			\$17.13

The total Property Tax Warrants for 2022:	\$12, 337,006.50
The Current Use Change Tax Warrants for 2022:	\$75,440.00
(All CUSE money goes to the Strafford Conservation Committee.)	
The total Timber or Yield Tax Warrants for 2022:	\$16,145.06
Excavation Tax Warrants for 2022:	\$152.18
Our 2022 lien was \$131,200.50 which is a \$5,879.26 increase over last year or a 4.7% increase.	

A huge THANK YOU to Martha English for doing an exceptional job as Deputy Tax Collector. She continues to be my rock.

Respectfully submitted,
 Judith Dupré
 Tax Collector

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Strafford

Year Ending

2022

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES		Levy for Year			PRIOR LEVIES	
BEG. OF YEAR*		of this report			(Please Specify Ye:	
		2022	2021	20120	Prior Years	
Property Tax	#3110	XXXXXXXXXX	\$4,114,094.89	\$0.00	\$1,141.03	
Land Use Change	#3120	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.72	
Property Tax Credit Balance **		\$0.00	-\$31,990.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Charges	#3189	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR				FOR DRA USE ONLY		
Property Taxes	#3110	\$12,337,006.50	\$4,624.00			
Land use Change	#3120	\$84,690.00	\$0.00			
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$16,145.06	\$384.04			
Excavation tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$152.18	\$0.00			
Other Charges	#3189	\$0.00	\$0.00			
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS						
Property Taxes	#3110	\$0.00	\$1,779.50	\$838.00	\$0.00	
Land Use Charge	#3120	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interest-Late Tax	#3190	\$3,441.75	\$12,648.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$12,441,435.49	\$4,101,540.76	\$838.00	\$1,141.75	

*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 postive amount for this year's levy

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Strafford

Year Ending

2022

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year			PRIOR LEVIES	
	2022	2021	2020	Prior Years	
Property Tax	\$0.00	\$4,082,235.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Land Use Change	\$75,440.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yield Taxes	\$16,092.78	\$384.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interest (include lien conversion)	\$3,441.75	\$12,648.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Penalties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.72	
Other Charges	\$6,850,892.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Conversion to Lien (principal only)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$0.00	\$1,493.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Land use Change	\$9,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Excavation tax @ \$.02/yd	\$151.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$5,556,106.52	\$4,779.50	\$838.00	\$1,141.03	
Land Use Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yield Taxes	\$52.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Property Tax Credit Balance**	-\$69,992.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$12,441,435.49	\$4,101,540.76	\$838.00	\$1,141.75	

*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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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Strafford

Year Ending 2022

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy		PRIOR LEVIES (Please Specify Years)	
	2022	2021	2020	Prior Years
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. Of Year.		\$89,918.53	\$67,495.11	\$0.00
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$131,200.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Cost Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	\$1,636.36	\$8,336.23	\$17,632.06	\$0.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$132,836.86	\$98,254.76	\$85,127.17	\$0.00

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Last Year's Levy		PRIOR LEVIES (Please Specify Years)	
	2022	2021	2020	Prior Years
Redemptions	\$40,631.97	\$29,359.73	\$61,714.67	\$0.00
Interest & Cost Collected #3190 (After Lien Execution)	\$1,636.35	\$8,336.23	\$17,632.06	\$0.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unredeemed Liens Balance #1110 End of Year	\$90,568.54	\$60,558.80	\$5,780.44	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$132,836.86	\$98,254.76	\$85,127.17	\$0.00

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

Judith Dupré

DATE

1/22/2023

STRAFFORD TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Officers' Salaries

Lynn Sweet, Selectman.....	\$ 2,700.00
Brian Monahan, Selectman.....	\$ 2,700.00
Chris Garcia, Selectman.....	\$ 2,167.38
Scott Young, Selectman.....	\$ 532.80
Cindy Cushing, Treasurer.....	\$ 8,999.90
Terri Marsh, Town Clerk.....	\$ 1,999.92
Judith Dupré, Tax Collector.....	\$ 22,644.15
Ralph Wegner, Moderator.....	\$ 75.00

Office Expenses

Town Clerk's Fees

Auto Permits.....	\$12,806.00
Vital Statistics.....	\$1,978.00
Municipal Agent Fees.....	\$18,625.00
M/V Title.....	\$1,978.00
Marriage License.....	\$161.00
UCC/IRS Filings.....	\$1,515.00
Wet land Perm/Pole License.....	\$10.00
Animal Control Fees.....	\$1,150.00
Boat Permits.....	\$257.00

Ellen White, Administrator.....	\$ 84,956.54
Martha English, Deputy Tax Collector.....	\$ 9,026.82
Stephanie Norton, Deputy Town Clerk.....	\$ 8,998.05
Clerical.....	\$ 11,796.91
Bookkeeping.....	\$ 13,111.49
Office Supplies.....	\$ 1,068.89
Postage.....	\$ 5,239.45
Printing.....	\$ 1,890.08
Conferences/Training.....	\$ 568.00
Reference Materials.....	\$ 970.19
Deed Research/Tax Lien.....	\$ 580.00
Recording Fees.....	\$ 210.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$ 9,597.98

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022

RECEIPTS

Balance Check Book January 1, 2022.....	\$2,505,921.43	
Receipts 2022.....	\$13,731,141.01	
Supplemental Highway Block Grant SB38 (received).....	\$59,465.78	
ARPA Funding (received).....	\$285,854.03	
Supplemental Highway Block Grant SB401 (received).....	\$39,237.98	
Total Receipts.....		\$16,621,620.23

EXPENDITURES

Expenditures 2022.....	\$15,238,494.57	
Balance Check Book December 31, 2022.....	\$998,567.87	
Supplemental Highway Block Grant SB38 (encumbered).....	\$59,465.78	
ARPA Funding (encumbered)	\$285,854.03	
Supplemental Highway Block Grant SB401 (encumbered).....	\$39,237.98	
Total Expenditures.....		\$16,621,620.23

TD BANK Investment Pool..... \$301,854.57

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

Balance January 1, 2022	\$233,894.69
Deposited 2022	\$75,440.00
Withdrawals 2022	-\$9,200.00
Interest Earned 2022	\$1,728.19
Total Balance	\$301,862.88

Town of Strafford Ambulance Acct #####4485

Balance January 1, 2022	\$186,478.63
Deposited 2022	\$87,794.11
Withdrawals 2022	-\$75,216.45
Interest Earned 2022	\$1,771.69
Total Balance	\$200,827.98

Conservation Commission Acct #####4493

Balance January 1, 2021	\$23,332.62
Deposited 2021	\$0.00
Withdrawals 2021	-\$15,738.34
Interest Earned 2021	\$80.15
Total Balance	\$7,674.43

Police Special Details Acct #####4500

Balance January 1, 2022	\$24,953.70
Deposited 2022	\$221,750.22
Withdrawals 2022	-\$192,520.53
Interest Earned 2022	\$882.14
Total Balance	\$55,065.53

Timber Escrow Acct #####4518

Balance January 1, 2022	\$2,061.80
Deposited 2022	\$0.00
Withdrawals 2022	
Interest Earned 2022	\$15.67
Total Balance	\$2,077.47

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

Balance January 1, 2022	\$724.71
Deposited 2022	\$0.00
Withdrawals 2022	\$0.00
Interest Earned 2022	\$5.51
Total Balance	\$730.22

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

This year was another year where we observed wet weather in early spring followed by rapid drying and drought conditions which extended through the summer for much of the state. Drying conditions in early May led to large fire growth on numerous fires which required multiple days to extinguish and firefighter response from local, state, and federal agencies. Wildfire activity continued through the summer months where dry conditions led to more multi-day fires. Fires burned deep into the ground, requiring firefighters to establish water supplies and to spend days digging out all the hot spots.

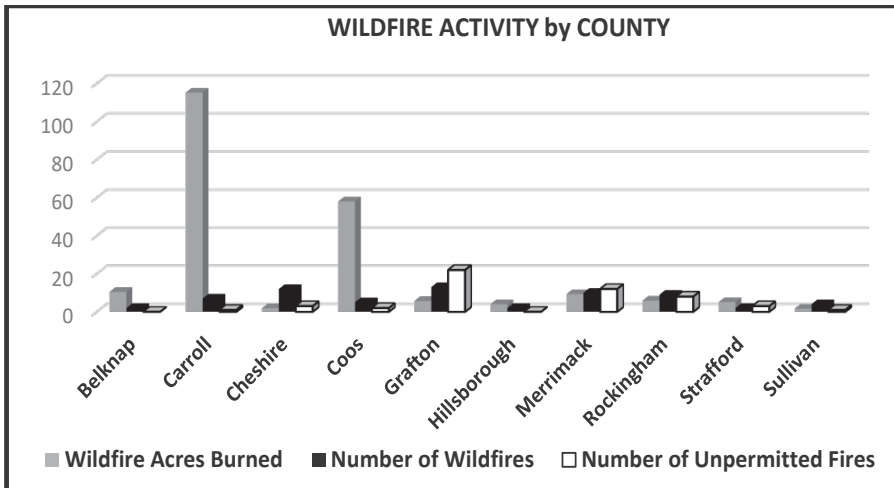
This fall we had multiple fires started by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

The long-lasting drought effects in Rockingham County are showing some minor signs of improvement but a good portion of Rockingham County remains in moderate drought and much of the state is still in the abnormally dry category. While the drought conditions have improved, we expect some areas of the state may still be experiencing abnormally dry or drought conditions this spring. For this reason, we ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: Always Be Careful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2023 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. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nh.gov/nhdf/. For up-to-date information, follow us on Twitter and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**



2022 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2022	66	217	52
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

(All fires reported as of December 01, 2022)

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED											
Railroad operations & maintenance	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined	Recreation & ceremony	Debris & open burning	Natural	Other causes	Power generation, transmission, distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of fire by a minor	Equipment & vehicle use
1	3	21	4	60	7	5	7	1	2	1	3

STRAFFORD FIRE & RESCUE REPORT for 2022

Strafford Fire and Rescue experienced a record breaking year, answering 511 calls for service consisting of medical aid, motor vehicle crashes, three structure fires, and an upswing of mutual aid calls. Chimney fires were down but still had a moderate number of carbon monoxide calls. Please keep those furnaces and chimneys cleaned regularly and inspected by professionals.

Department members continue to maintain certifications, attend classes and training as individuals and as a team enabling us to better serve the community. Strafford now has two paramedics who started their training in the fall of 2021 in an accelerated program and became fully licensed medics in August of 2022. One more will be graduating in the spring of 2023. The Fire Department saw Deputy Chief David Hartranft move and relocate to Alabama. He had been with the Department since 2002, working his way up to becoming Deputy Chief in 2014. He is greatly missed not only at the Fire Department but also in Strafford and we wish him well. With Hartranft's departure, several promotions occurred- Steve Johnson to the position of Deputy Chief; Peter Frasca to rank of Captain; and Lyle Deane to Lieutenant.

The new engine was ordered in the spring of 2022 and could possibly be completed by late August-ahead of its delivery date of late November/early December of 2023.

For 2023, the Fire Department is asking for two additional full time positions to be funded; one being a Paramedic and the other a Firefighter/Advanced EMT. This would help in our service to the community greatly. With the hiring of a daytime medic, our desire is to begin a paramedicine program for our residents. We will also be asking for funds from the Ambulance Supply Fund, for two ZOLL ventilators, a Stryker auto pulse compression device, two video laryngoscopes, as well as the 3rd lease payment of Ambulance 2.

As the Emergency Management Director, I am pleased to report no major incidents occurred in 2022. We continue to train and remain prepared to handle whatever emergency may arise.

In 2023, I will be working with the Strafford SAU to attempt a grant for a stand-alone generator. This is planned for a cost share from the school district and Town for funding of the FEMA grant. This is a 50/50 grant for next year.
Have a safe 2023!

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Whitehouse

Fire Chief/EMD

STRAFFORD FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT



In regard to brush fires in Strafford, 2022 was a relatively quiet year. Strafford did start out with the State's largest and earliest brush fire located off of Mousum Road-7.6 acres were affected by this brush and grass fire. This non-permitted fire required a second alarm with neighboring towns responding as well as the State Fire Ranger. Fortunately, no individuals were injured and no damage occurred to property.

Strafford has been working with the State to resolve the online permit issues. This should be resolved and be back on line by the end of March or early April of 2023. Permits can still be obtained at the Bow Lake Station at the times listed below. A permit must be issued for ANY outside fire at all times. There is no cost for permits. If you are not

the actual property owner, a dated written letter from the landowner is required as well as a specific completed permit application. These forms are also at the Bow Lake Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Whitehouse, Forest Fire Warden

Fire permits may be obtained at the Bow Lake Station

Monday through Saturday 8AM – 6PM

& Sunday 8AM – 5PM

STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2022 Budgeted	2022 Expenditures	2023 Budgeted
Administrative Salaries.....	\$73,407.00	\$72,463.24	\$80,000.00
Call Wages Fire and Rescue.....	\$27,012.00	\$25,795.09	\$28,092.00
Call Wages Ambulance.....	\$230,696.00	\$172,568.50	\$239,924.00
Paramedic Intercepts.....	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
Supplies.....	\$3,000.00	\$2,361.11	\$3,000.00
Gas.....	\$12,500.00	\$12,409.39	\$14,500.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$1,000.00	\$929.00	\$1,000.00
Training/Reference Materials.....	\$12,000.00	\$1,531.99	\$12,000.00
Electricity/Heat.....	\$20,000.00	\$16,807.93	\$20,000.00
Telephone.....	\$6,000.00	\$5,737.97	\$6,500.00
Equipment Maintenance.....	\$30,000.00	\$19,413.66	\$30,000.00
Dues.....	\$1,500.00	\$1,795.50	\$2,000.00
Truck Maintenance.....	\$27,500.00	\$24,457.31	\$30,000.00
Dispatch.....	\$43,309.00	\$43,329.15	\$44,549.00
Uniforms/Clothing.....	\$4,500.00	\$1,424.87	\$4,500.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$13,500.00	\$11,410.97	\$13,500.00
Dock Maintenance	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
PR/Books/Films.....	\$300.00		\$300.00
Employer FICA.....	\$15,978.00	\$11,920.64	\$16,617.00
Employer MEDI.....	\$4,801.00	\$4,284.15	\$5,046.00
NH Retirement Fire.....	\$24,217.00	\$23,905.64	\$26,392.00
Fire/Rescue Disability.....	\$399.00	\$334.14	\$399.00
Fire/Rescue Life Insurance.....	\$152.00	\$152.76	\$152.00
	\$556,271.00	\$453,033.01	\$582,971.00
BUDGET TOTAL			



FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT 2022 WAGE SUMMARY

Administrative Salary

Scott Whitehouse..... \$72,463.24

Call Wages/Fire

Andersen, James A.....	\$315.57
Andersen, James W.....	\$89.63
Aucella, Erik P.....	\$3,292.08
Bickford, Benjamin A.....	\$2,713.50
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$656.00
Collins, Adam.....	\$1,419.09
Crampsey, Joshua T.....	\$1,422.78
Crampsey, Kelly Ann.....	\$70.50
Deane, Lyle T.....	\$2,921.51
Frasca, Peter R.....	\$873.00
Goodspeed, Steven N.....	\$1,224.07
Hartranft, David.....	\$2,294.51
Hayes, Bryan A.....	\$80.00
Johnson, Stephen D.....	\$1,455.50
Marston, Henry J.....	\$339.00
McAdams, Brendan T.....	\$18.00
McGinn, Michael.....	\$221.00
Meehan, Daniel E.....	\$1,457.90
Morse, Edward J.....	\$100.00
O'Brien, Glenn M.....	\$914.65
Rohr, Douglass E.....	\$238.50
Roy, Christopher M.....	\$430.63
Roy, Katlynn M.....	\$46.88
Rudnicki, Windy L.....	\$415.14
Stover, Paul M.....	\$832.88
Whitehouse, Cameron.....	\$751.02
Whitehouse, Samuel E.....	\$1,201.75
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	\$25,795.09

Call Wages /Ambulance

Aucella, Erik P.....	\$2,493.75
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$88.00
Collins, Adam.....	\$9,438.63
Crampsey, Joshua T.....	\$6,167.82
Deane, Lyle T.....	\$43,790.84
Frasca, Peter R.....	\$29,965.38
Goodspeed, Steven N.....	\$556.26
Hartranft, David.....	\$8,835.75
Johnson, Stephen D.....	\$41,006.50
LaPorte, Melissa M.....	\$232.06
LaPorte, Stephen J.....	\$730.00
McGinn, Michael.....	\$9,583.41
Meehan, Daniel E.....	\$13,708.84
O'Brien, Glenn M.....	\$558.13
Rudnicki, Windy L.....	\$5,413.13
	\$172,568.50

Total Wages \$270,826.83





STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Report FY2022

During 2022, there were some significant changes in our department roster.

We would like to wish Chief Michael Richard all the best on his retirement which took place on December 31, 2022. Mike had been with the Strafford Police Department for over 20 years and was the Chief of Police for the last 7 years. We wish him well in his future endeavors; he will be greatly missed.

Lieutenant Randy Young was promoted to Chief of Police, effective January 1, 2023 after being selected by the Police Chief Search Committee and the Strafford Board of Selectmen. Randy has been with the Strafford Police Department since 2002 when he was hired as a part-time patrol officer.

In April 2022, our newest patrolman, Damian Gibson was hired. He comes to us being a corrections officer with Strafford County House of Corrections. Officer Gibson attended the 189th Police Standards and Training Academy, graduating in September of 2022 and then completed an additional 10-week field training program within the Police Department.

In 2022, the Police Department stepped up our directed patrols to target areas such as the Town Beach, all the businesses, and some of the more remote areas of Town. This has prevented many property crimes, such as vandalism or burglaries. We also continue to do house checks for anyone who is leaving the area for vacation or an extended time period. We aim to keep the Town and its residents as safe as we possibly can.

In 2023, we are hopeful to continue to make improvements to the Police building and garage, both of which are over 20 years old. We are looking to replace 4 windows in the garage and siding to make the upstairs weather tight to allow for additional storage of case folders and files. We need to replace the flooring and tiles in both entryways due to years of water damage causing an unsafe situation. Additionally, the interior walls of the station need to be painted. We have asked for these repairs to be funded on a separate warrant article.

It is a pleasure serving the residents of Strafford. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Respectfully,

Chief Randy Young

Police Department Statistics				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Accidents.....	44	35	34	44
911 calls.....	11	7	17	8
MV summons.....	82	71	69	36
MV warnings.....	479	883	961	698
Arrests.....	41	39	62	66
Mutual Aid/Fire/Med.....	181	84	100	86
Incidents.....	112	137	103	67
Alarms.....	42	35	19	114
Property Crimes	33	17	25	9
Miscellaneous calls for service.....	3348	784	3342	3377
TOTALS	4373	2092	4732	4505



STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Wage Report

	2022 Budget Appropriations	2022 Expenditures	2023 Budget Appropriations
Salaries			
Chief Michael Richard	\$89,183.00	\$88,417.52	\$0.00
Lt. Randy Young*	\$79,023.00	\$80,079.57	\$87,185.00
Sgt. John Bernard**	\$67,734.00	\$71,578.40	\$75,000.00
Officer Evan Ortega	\$53,960.00	\$54,833.27	\$56,354.00
Officer Forrest Stickney	\$53,058.00	\$70,222.17	\$56,118.00
Officer Damian Gibson	\$54,187.00	\$34,947.60	\$51,480.00
New Officer			\$49,500.00
Part Time Officer			\$26,155.00
Secretary/Admin Asst.	\$26,155.00	\$25,821.12	\$30,000.00
Subtotal	\$423,300.00	\$425,899.65	\$431,792.00
Overtime			
Chief Michael Richard			
Lt. Randy Young		\$12,399.89	
Sgt. John Bernard		\$10,115.46	
Officer Evan Ortega		\$6,583.11	
Officer Forrest Stickney		\$4,660.59	
Officer Damian Gibson		\$1,695.75	
Overtime	\$13,677.00	\$35,454.80	\$30,000.00
Details			
Chief Michael Richard		\$45,551.45	
Lt. Randy Young		\$42,217.91	
Officer Forrest Stickney		\$32,177.93	
Sgt. John Bernard		\$1,560.00	
Officer Evan Ortega		\$15,510.45	
Officer Scott Young		\$6,470.00	
Subtotal		\$143,487.74	
Total Salaries	\$436,977.00	\$604,842.19	\$461,792.00
Benefits			
FICA	\$1,622.00	\$1,601.00	\$3,482.00
Medi	\$6,365.00	\$6,728.78	\$6,826.00
Retirement	\$139,186.00	\$147,753.27	\$140,464.00
Insurance	\$127,664.00	\$102,151.72	\$126,328.00
Total Benefits	\$274,837.00	\$258,234.77	\$277,100.00

*Chief Richard retired as of 12/31/22, Lt. Randy Young was promoted to Chief of Police 1/1/23.

**Sgt. John Bernard was promoted to Lieutenant as of 1/1/23

STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Operating Budget

Purpose of Appropriation	2022 Budget Appropriations	2022 Budget Expenditures	2023 Budget Appropriations
Supplies	\$4,500.00	\$6,870.23	\$4,500.00
Building Maintenance	\$6,300.00	\$6,205.77	\$6,300.00
Equipment	\$9,500.00	\$13,023.16	\$13,500.00
Prosecution	\$12,500.00	\$10,740.00	\$14,320.00
Dispatch	\$7,105.00	\$6,750.28	\$7,105.00
Special Details	\$2,000.00	\$384.29	\$2,000.00
Cruiser Maintenance	\$8,000.00	\$6,478.92	\$8,000.00
Computer Maintenance	\$6,500.00	\$7,808.00	\$7,500.00
Training	\$1,200.00	\$853.80	\$1,200.00
Heat/Electricity	\$9,800.00	\$12,294.22	\$11,000.00
Uniforms	\$5,932.00	\$5,019.95	\$5,932.00
Gasoline	\$14,000.00	\$18,126.00	\$20,000.00
Telephone	\$9,600.00	\$10,267.10	\$9,600.00
Computer IT	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
PD Dues	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$2,000.00
PD Misc.	\$100.00	\$650.00	\$600.00
Total	\$102,337.00	\$105,771.72	\$118,557.00
	2022	2022	2023
Salaries	\$436,978.00	\$461,354.45	\$468,748.00
Benefits	\$274,837.00	\$258,234.77	\$277,100.00
Operating	\$102,337.00	\$105,771.72	\$118,557.00
Total Budget	\$814,152.00	\$824,976.65	\$864,405.00
Revenues (2022)			
Pistol Permits	\$290.00		
Reports	\$270.00		
Fines	\$75.00		
Special Services Fees			
Grants			
Reimbursements	\$650.00		
Witness Fees			
Total	\$1,285.00		
Police Special Detail (O2 Fund)			
Balance 1/1/2022	\$24,953.70		
2022 Deposits	\$221,750.22		
Withdrawals	\$192,520.53		
Interest	\$882.14		
Balance 12/31/22	\$55,065.53		



ROAD AGENT'S 2022 REPORT

The year 2022 began with several ice and snow events. Grading and mowing along town roads continued throughout the summer and fall months. More culvert work had to be done than expected in 2022. Many dead trees, particularly ash trees, were removed that were potential hazards to the road. Tree removal will continue in 2023.

Various roads saw major improvements such as paving and drainage, including Whig Hill Road, Aspen Drive, Pinewood Drive, Juniper Trail, and Northwood Road from Kerivan's field to the Northwood town line.

The first town maintenance vehicle, a Ford F550 truck, for the Strafford Highway Department was purchased in 2022 and is in service.

Respectively,

Matt Messenger, Road Agent

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE - 2022

Administrative Salaries	\$52,126.77
Arborcare Tree Service	\$10,135.25
Dew's Tree Service	\$6,450.00
Robert McMasters-Animal Trapper	\$1,550.00
Nathan Smith	\$5,200.00
Scott Barry Trucking	\$1,346.25
R.W. Tasker & Son	\$28,010.00
Radford Messenger, Inc.	\$327,006.32
Road One Paving	\$25,366.14
Savatree, LLC	\$5,616.00
White Wolf Striping	\$1,130.00
Sub Total.....	\$463,936.73

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES - 2022

Equipment/Maintenance	\$18,466.37
Gravel	\$20,069.56
Sand	\$11,376.51
Salt	\$81,351.93
Cold Patch	\$2,410.42
Paving Asphalt	\$7,751.71
Culverts	\$12,812.63
Street Signs/Posts	\$3,131.58
Supplies/Calcium on dirt roads	\$14,572.09
Miscellaneous & Spray	\$3,031.00
Road Detail Coverage	\$13,155.49
Sub Total.....	\$188,129.29

Total Expenditures..... \$652,066.02



PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

HILL LIBRARY

Director's Report 2022

The Hill Library strives to be a community hub while continuing to provide valuable services to our town of Strafford. We offer programs such as a Caregiver Cafe, Computer Clinic and Muffin Mondays; these give our residents an opportunity to connect with neighbors in a warm and comfortable space. The library also hosts a book club, a craft group, weekly yoga, a writers' group and various game nights as well. We have hosted programs by local residents on history, computers and hiking. We continue to offer Inter-Library Loan services, Passport application acceptance, Notary Public services and computer/printer use. We offer our space to many community groups such as Girl Scouts, Democrats and Republicans.

Our youth events have grown exponentially this year. We continue to offer popular programs such as Storytime and Music and Movement weekly as well as a monthly Pokemon club. We have expanded the after-school programs to meet twice a week due to high attendance rates. The community outreach to Whitehouse ELC and Strafford School have been very successful, participating at the Strafford School open house and the PTO trunk-or-treat. Ms. Megan visits eight classes weekly and reads non-fiction picture books in her "Get Real Storytime". This year's Summer Reading Program for children and adults was well attended and included Movies Under the Stars in our backyard, crafts, storytimes, Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals and Strafford's Got Talent Show.

The Children's Community Garden has continued to be a valuable addition to the library and to the community. Many programs and activities take place in the garden, like weekly class visits, the garden club, storytimes and Summer reading activities. This growing season, fifty people worked in the garden each week, including children, adults and volunteers. Through the generosity of the friends and the family of Marty Drociak, new garden stairs were added to the garden to make the space more accessible and to honor Marty for being an integral supporter of the CCG. The CCG donated 125 pounds of produce to the Strafford Food Pantry for a total of 425.5 pounds over the last three years. With continued participation by local families and businesses, the CCG will continue to be a place for families to work outside on a new project together and to learn about organic gardening methods and community giving.

Did you know that the Hill Library is a steward of the Little Free Library, located on Water Street across from the dam? Community members have signed up to help keep the LFL full of interesting titles. Another outreach program that we have is the Storybook Trail, on the Isinglass River Preserve off of Range Road. This is a hiking and reading adventure for all to enjoy, and we change out the picture books seasonally to encourage literacy, fitness and a love of the outdoors. We have also joined the Nex Trex Challenge this year. The community collected over 500 pounds of plastic bags and plastic wrap at the library and earned a recycled, trex bench for the library. Well done, Strafford! We will continue this challenge every 6 months.

Our director, Paige Holman, retired from the library in May, and Larisa Miller-Molloy stepped into the Director role. Our Youth Services Librarian, Megan Grondin's role has expanded, and she now also serves as the Assistant Director. We are pleased to welcome Jo Indelicato as library aide, while Dolly Pauliukonis and Marilyn Roderick continue to be valuable members of our team. At a time when libraries struggle to keep reliable workers, we have been able to keep the library running with cheerful and knowledgeable library staff.

The Strafford Library Association, our Friends of the Library group, meets quarterly. They celebrated 52 years of the library's existence in Strafford with cake and snacks. They continue to sponsor the Baby's First Birthday program in which we provide a board book, library information, and a hand-made item made by the library's craft group. The Friends group also provides an annual subscription to Bookpage, a monthly

magazine with articles about new books and author interviews. They are a great support to the library. They sponsor the museum admission reimbursement program, they match funds for grant applications, help sponsor NH Humanities programs and put on book sales. All are welcome to join the Friends and participate in planning and programming for the library.

In 2022, the Hill Library was honored to be awarded grants from Children’s Literacy Foundation, NH Charitable Foundation, Association for Rural and Small Libraries and NH Humanities. These grants provided the library with over 100 new children’s books, two author visits, a Book Group program and a solar-powered well pump. We are very grateful for these opportunities.

The Library Trustees for 2022 are: Sharon Omand, Jessie Copeland, and Lindsay Aucella. The alternate trustee is Liza Witonis. The Trustee meetings take place on the second Wednesday of every month at 6pm in the library. You are welcome to attend to learn more about the library or share your thoughts about our programs.

Statistics in 2022

Library Cards	1,807		
Materials in Library	15,031		
Hill Library Items borrowed	20,482		
Ebooks/Audiobooks/Online magazines borrowed	5,609		
Inter-Library Materials borrowed and lent	2469		
Meetings and programs	508		
Attendance at meetings/programs	6,637		
Summer Reading Program Enrollment	Adults 30	Children 110	



Megan, Larisa, Jo, and Marilyn with the newly earned Trex Library bench

HILL LIBRARY BUDGET INFORMATION

	2022 Proposed	2022 Expenditures	2023 Proposed
Personnel			
Director	\$ 26,884	\$ 25,929	\$ 27,456
Administrative Librarian	\$ 13,728	\$ 6,007	
Circulation	\$ 12,480	\$ 12,862	\$ 14,976
Youth Services	\$ 32,240	\$ 31,936	\$ 38,480
Library/ILL Aide		\$ 4,865	\$ 12,376
Library Aides	\$ 5,127	\$ 4,602	\$ 5,824
New Library Aide			\$ 5,460
Pandemic Differential	\$ 2,490	\$ 790	\$ 1,100
Sub & Sick Time			\$ 1,800
Personnel Subtotal	\$ 92,949	\$ 86,991	\$ 107,472
Insurance	\$ 11,540	\$ 11,411	\$ 12,335
FICA & Medicare	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,650	\$ 8,221
Professional Development	\$ 450	\$ 254	\$ 450
Pandemic/Staff Related Exp	\$ 1,000	\$ 88	
Personnel Total	\$ 112,939	\$ 105,394	\$ 128,478
Services	\$ 4,175	\$ 5,935	\$ 6,045
Collections			
Books	\$ 2,700	\$ 3,837	\$ 3,000
Periodicals	\$ 300	\$ 256	\$ 300
CDs/DVDs/Audiobooks	\$ 1,100	\$ 750	\$ 900
Digital Resources	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,763	\$ 1,763
Binding/Labeling	\$ 400	\$ 374	\$ 300
Other		\$ 20	
Collections Total	\$ 6,200	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,263
Programming	\$ 800	\$ 842	\$ 1,121
Administrative	\$ 2,750	\$ 3,202	\$ 2,900
Utilities	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,046	\$ 8,700
TOTAL	\$ 134,364	\$ 131,167	\$ 153,507



Marty Kelly performing for Hill Library's CLiF grant presentation.

TRUSTEES OF HILL LIBRARY

2022 Treasurer's Report

INCOME

Bequests	\$	3,370
Grants Received	\$	250
Donations	\$	880
Interest	\$	46
Overdue Fines	\$	814
Copies/Fax/Laminating	\$	153
Book Sales	\$	319
Other Income (Passport Fees)	\$	1,625
Total Income for 2022	\$	7,457

EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$	300
Collections	\$	188
Programs	\$	150
Total Expenditures for 2020	\$	638

NET INCOME **\$ 6,819**

ASSETS

CD Holdings	\$	62,300
Checking Account	\$	15,764
Total Assets	\$	78,065



ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT FY2022

The Assessing Agent makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for property valuations, tax abatements, supplemental tax bills, and matters regarding property tax cards/maps and the computer assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) system. Assessment of properties provides the basis for the tax bills that property owners receive twice each year. Each year a portion of the properties in Strafford are visited by an agent from KRT, the Town's contracted assessing firm. Our goal is to verify and update the physical data to ensure the assessments are accurate. In the spring of 2022, properties who had received building permits during the past year were visited and improvements were reflected in the 2022 assessments. In the autumn of 2022, properties on Maps 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12 were visited as part of the cyclical review process; any changes will be reflected in the 2023 assessments. In the summer/fall of 2023, properties on Maps 1, 2, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, and 35 will be visited as part of the next cyclical review process, with any changes reflected in 2024 assessments.

Data collectors and their vehicles are properly identified and carry a letter of introduction from the Selectmen's Office. Vehicle information is posted on the town website. If you have any concerns about the identity or procedures of the data collectors, you are urged to contact the Town Office, 603 664-2192, ext. 101 or 107. Your cooperation will ensure that the assessment data is up to date and as accurate as possible. Accurate data is the key to making sure that properties are taxed fairly.

Each year the total valuation of property in the town is recalculated to include the value of new construction and additions. Every five years, the town conducts a statistical revaluation to equalize the valuations in our community to ensure a fair distribution of the tax burden. The most recent statistical revaluation for Strafford was completed in 2021. As we all know, the real estate market was very active during 2022, and market assessments for real estate have risen quickly since 2021. Please remember that our most recent tax assessment revaluation was completed just prior to the real-estate boom of the past year. As long as our data is accurate, we can rely on the fact that overall, our properties will have increased in value at roughly the same rate, so our tax burden continues to be distributed fairly. Due to an increase in total valuation for 2022 combined with decreased spending, the tax rate for 2022 has fallen from \$18.46 to \$17.13/thousand.

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. On the Town website, www.strafford.nh.gov, click on "Departments" then "Property Assessor's Office" for contact information.

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

Regular War Veteran's Tax Credits are available for those who meet the specific requirements according to RSA 72:28 and an additional credit is available to totally and permanently disabled veterans, their widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed while on active duty. In addition, Senior Property Tax Exemptions are available to qualified residents ages 65 and older; income and asset limits apply.

I would like to thank you for your continued cooperation with property assessors. We aim to develop and maintain effective communications with the citizens of Strafford on assessing issues. If you have any questions or would like to find out more information about exemptions, tax credits, and qualifying criteria, call or stop by the Assessor's Office, 603-664-2192, ext. 107.

Sincerely,
Richard Dorsett Jr. CNHA
Strafford Assessing Agent

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT for 2022

Strafford saw changes to the personnel within the Building Department. Joe White joined as a Building Inspector for the Town replacing Dave Copeland who retired early in 2022. Dan Howard continues as a Building Inspector working with Joe, making it a team effort.

Contact information and permit information are available online. We have been working on simplifying the permit application process. Permit applications are available for download on the Town's website at www.trafford.nh.gov.

We continue to stress the importance of hiring reputable, licensed installers and obtaining appropriate permits. We encourage anyone seeking to build, add-on, remodel, or renovate to contact our office in order for us to assist you in your project; ensuring it is completed in compliance with codes. For fire and life safety, a 911 address number must be prominently displayed throughout construction.

A total of 235 permits were issued in 2022, a 6% increase from last year.

Month	New Home	Reno	Addition	Barn/Garage	Shed/Deck/Pool	Septic	Demo	Mechanical	Renewal
Jan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1
Feb	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	7	0
Mar	0	1	1	1	2	5	1	13	1
Apr	2	2	3	4	1	0	0	6	0
May	4	1	2	5	2	2	0	15	1
June	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	5	0
July	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	15	0
Aug	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	23	0
Sept	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	13	0
Oct	1	0	0	2	1	3	0	21	0
Nov	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	15	0
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	1
Total	14	6	7	15	13	15	1	160	4

We are ramping up in-person inspections but can also do inspections via social distancing or remote communication. However, final inspections must be completed on site.

We are available in the office Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and by appointment.

Building Inspector and Code Enforcement
 12 Mountain View Drive
 Strafford, NH 03815
 Email: buildinginspector@trafford.nh.gov

Office phone: (603)664-2192 for Dan: ext. 104 for Joe: ext. 106

Dan Howard, Inspector
 Cell: (603)343-3339

Joe White, Inspector
 Cell: (603)765-6271

PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORTS 2022

The Strafford Planning Board’s main initiative in 2022 was commencing the re-draft of the Town Master Plan—it’s the first major update to the document since 2002. The Master Plan is our town citizens’ collective vision of what we value and what we’d like Strafford to be in the future. It’s a tall order to gather and organize the community’s ideas and to synthesize a document about who we are, what we value, what features/amenities/services and character we would like our community to encourage, what planning objectives we should follow, and where we would like to be as a community down the road. The Master Plan guides the how, why, when, and where Strafford should grow, preserve, revitalize, protect, and become.

The town engaged Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) to professionally assist us through the Master Plan process, and their contributions have proved essential and a huge plus. With their assistance, we prepared a survey for everyone in town, and received 370 responses. We also conducted a well-attended community forum, held at the school, where participants spent the morning sharing their ideas and opinions in four general areas: Housing, Natural Resources, Community Services and Infrastructure, and Community Character and Land Use. We have also held a series of monthly Master Plan work sessions, where we’ve welcomed citizen attendees’ ideas and input. There will be a few more public work sessions over the coming months while SRPC continues to complete the Master Plan draft. The Master Plan is scheduled for completion in July 2023, and will then be available on the Town Website and at the Library. We also hope to launch citizen committees, where needed, to tackle some of the action items.

In 2022, the Strafford Planning Board also continued to conduct regular business, reviewing several relatively small subdivisions, including a conservation subdivision, as well as site plan reviews and lot line adjustments. We continue to use preliminary review as a first step to work with applicants on major subdivisions. This planning step, where the applicant briefly states their plans and the Planning Board offers initial comments, streamlines the subdivision process and results in improved outcomes for all.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles A. Moreno, Chairman, Strafford Planning Board

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

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

Receipts 2022

Application Fees Planning Board	\$ 4,180.00
Application Fees Board of Adjustment	\$ 4,965.00
Total.....	\$ 9,145.00

Expenditures 2022

Postage	\$ 486.79
Newspaper Notices (Foster’s Daily Democrat)	\$ 1,276.47
Secretarial Planning Board	\$ 2,584.34
Planning Services (Contract)	\$ 26,534.40
Secretarial Board of Adjustment	\$ 541.33
Miscellaneous & Printing	\$ 78.28

Total.....	\$ 31,501.61
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RECYCLING REPORT 2022

STRAFFORD TRANSFER STATION

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

The Transfer Station staff would like to thank our residents for carefully following recycling rules and sending those bottle caps, plastic bags and pizza boxes into the trash compactor. Please continue to follow the guidelines put in place by Waste Management for recycling:

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

Strafford's 2022 Recycling	
Recyclable Material	
Aluminum Cans	15.2 Tons
Electronics Devices	8.8 Tons
Glass	70.85 Tons
Mixed Paper	134.76 Tons
Plastic	39.02 tons
Scrap Metal	83.6 Tons
Tires	12.25 Tons

The Transfer Station staff was pleased to welcome the new compactors Waste Management delivered to the facility after a long wait. Most of our containers are rented from Waste Management. We are pleased to report that the total tonnage of waste disposal going through our Transfer Station declined substantially from 2021 to 2022 for both municipal solid waste and demolition debris.

Although recycling does not bring in revenue to the town in the way that it once did, recycling still remains strong in Strafford and recycling revenues, particularly for scrap metal and aluminum, help offset some of the costs of disposal of those items. For 2022 we had net revenue from the Natural Resources Recovery Association for scrap metal and aluminum, and recycling of tires, appliances and electronics brought in some revenue to offset hauling fees. The tonnage of recycling for paper, plastic, and glass through Waste Management declined in 2022 although disposal costs, particularly for mixed paper, increased substantially in the second half of the year. Waste Management still encourages recycling as best practice. The “Good as New” Swap Shop at the Transfer Station remains the best way to recycle many items such as glassware and crockery, books, games, etc.

Large items, furniture, appliances, electronics, and tires may still be dropped off at the Transfer Station and will require that you pay fees to help cover the costs to the Town for removal. Together, recycling revenues and earnings from customer fees help to offset the costs of running the Transfer Station. If you have any questions, please work with our trained staff members.

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.

Reminders: First, please be sure to secure items that you are bringing to the transfer station so that they do not blow off your vehicle in transit and contribute to roadside litter. Secondly, Transfer Station staff members are requesting that residents try to arrive no later than 6:45 PM on Wednesdays and 12:45 PM on Saturdays and Sundays so that staff members have an opportunity to complete all the necessary tasks by closing time.

Household Hazardous Waste Day has been set for **May 20, 2023** from **8:30am-12:30pm** at the **Turnkey Landfill**.

STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

2022 Annual Report

Strafford Regional Planning Commission works with municipalities, statewide organizations and other partners to provide technical assistance with planning documents, outreach, projects and regulations. SRPC creates a space for stakeholders to connect, share information, and engage with important planning initiatives.

2022 Accomplishments:

(Value of each service provided at no additional cost to the town is in parentheses)

- Provided the town with contract planning services including the following:
 - Conducted technical review and application processing of six (6) completed applications. Reviews included subdivisions, lot line adjustments, variances, site plan reviews, design reviews, conditional use permits, equitable waivers, permit extensions or renewals, tree removal requests, and appeals.
 - Reviewed five (5) preliminary consultations.
 - Technical review and processing of four completed applications, including subdivisions, lot line adjustments, variances, site plan reviews, equitable waivers, and appeals.
 - Provided assistance to applicants, professionals, and residents and helped respond to inquiries regarding the Town's land use matters.
 - Provided support to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board as needed.
 - Attended hearings and workshops as necessary; prepared meeting materials; helped disseminate information.
- Conducted an update of the Strafford Master Plan, including the following:
 - Pre-award assistance with scoping and contracting. (\$280)
 - Consulted with the Planning Board to design an equitable and engaging public outreach process.
 - Designed, launched, and compiled data from an electronic survey that gathered responses from members of the Strafford community
 - Designed, hosted, and compiled data from the Strafford Master Plan Community Forum on November 5, 2022, which was attended by 45 Strafford residents.
- Digitized municipal records such as Planning and Zoning Board documents, and site plans through the Records Digitization Program. (70.50 hours with a value of \$3,172.50.)
- Supported small businesses in the areas of website development, marketing, advertising, graphic design, audio-visual support, IT services, and cybersecurity through the Consultant Technical Assistance Program. A total of four businesses were assisted by private consultants, (A total of 9 hours with a value of \$890.00).
- Provided direct technical assistance for Covid-19-related funding and other economic development resources to one small business owner.
- Conducted four NHDOT traffic counts to support local and statewide planning efforts. (\$600).
- Conducted one bike/pedestrian counts to support local recreation and planning efforts. (\$200.00).
- Ordered *NH Planning and Land Use Regulation* books for the land use boards. (\$40.50).

Strafford Regional Planning Commission cont.

2022 Regional Accomplishments

- Completed the annual update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
- Convened bi-weekly calls of the Seacoast Economic Development Stakeholders. Applied for and began administration of a Collaborative Economic Development Regions grant from NH BEA to support continued facilitation of the group and implementation of workforce development programming.
- Expanded and updated the Regional Data Snapshot, an annual document that contains many data metrics and maps referenced in our core planning documents and support local planning efforts.
- Completed Brownfields assessment and cleanup planning activities for the 2019 EPA Area-Wide Assessment grant. Applied for a new Area-Wide Assessment Grant to begin in October 2023.
- Expanded SRPC's CARES Act Economic Recovery and Resiliency grant through programming activities including promotion of funding opportunities, and technical assistance for local businesses through the Community Technical Assistance program and the record digitization initiative.
- Solicitated, ranked, and submitted new transportation projects for inclusion in the SRPC Metropolitan Transportation plan and Statewide Ten-Year Plan.
- Created an interactive arts and culture inventory map for regional attractions on SRPC's ArcOnline platform.
- Partnered with Rockingham Planning Commission to develop a Resilient Land Use Guide that provides a set of model land use regulations to assist municipalities taking steps to adapt to climate change and coastal hazards.
- Partnered with the NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup (CAW) and CAW partners to conduct a needs and opportunities assessment with upper watershed communities related to extreme weather and the long-term impacts of climate change.

Goals for 2023

- Complete the Strafford Comprehensive Master Plan update and present to the town for adoption.
- Update the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Finalize the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
- Complete SRPC's first Active Transportation plan, which will address bicycle and pedestrian access, infrastructure, connections, and safety.
- Complete SRPC's first Congestion Mitigation plan, which will take traffic/land use data and present corridor-focused information that will assist with potential congestion mitigation projects.

Commissioners: Donald Coker

Respectively Submitted,
Jennifer Czysz, Executive Director

STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

The Conservation Commission spent time this year on trail maintenance by removing downed trees and cutting back growth. We welcome notice of any new obstructions from hikers, and we thank the many volunteers for assisting in this maintenance, including the Strafford Swamp Stompers snowmobile club.

Other Conservation Commission activities include efforts to arrest the spread of invasive plants. We continued the annual Garlic Mustard pull, for example, at the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve. Parking lots continue to be plowed at both the IRCR and town forest; our forests seem to attract frequent visitors. We received several development proposals and communicated our concerns to both the ZBA and DES regarding any potential threats to maintaining high water quality in our rivers, streams, and ponded waters.

The emerald ash borer continues to decimate our town's White Ash trees. We continued removing hazardous dying trees on conservation properties. Dr. Garnas's UNH research group furthered its studies of our ash stands in the Strafford Town Forest. Continuing releases in 2023 of three parasitic wasp species are showing some hopeful signs of beetle control. The goal is to preserve a local genetic bank for eventual recovery efforts in New Hampshire.

The Conservation Commission financially assisted Bear Paw Regional Greenways to protect two properties through conservation easements: the 62-acre Barnes easement and the 50-acre Pregent easement. Bear Paw Regional Greenways has at least one conservation project underway which the Commission is willing to support financially. This past year Bear Paw announced the opening of a trail at the end of Mohawk Trail Way. This 256-acre parcel along the Mohawk River was recently donated to the organization.

After a dearth of snow and runoff, we had another windy arid spring. The third year of extreme drought emptied many vernal pools early. The last of the ash produced an abundant seed crop, as it does typically every third year. Pine and oak mast were meager. In spite of the dryness until the end of August, there were no reported fires in our town forests. Please remember that fires are not permitted on town conservation lands. Unlike the shoulders of many of Strafford's roads, the conservation parking areas did not have an explosion of litter even as use remained high.

We are seeking new members to serve on the Conservation Commission. If you have an interest in Strafford's wonderful natural areas, enjoy hiking the trails and observing local wildlife, or just like to get outside, then please consider joining us. We are a little biased, but we think the Conservation Commission is a congenial group of people who play a crucial role in protecting the open rural spaces that make Strafford special.

Conservation Commission meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. online or in person at the town hall. Check the town website www.strafford.nh.gov for updates. We encourage you to attend.

Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds MS-9

Name of Trust Fund #0487	Fund Type	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Date of Creation	Principal			Income				
					Principal Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created & Deposits	Withdrawal of Principal	Principal End of Year	Income Current Year	Income Expended	Income EOY Balance	Grand Total
Forest Fire Fund #0005	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Police/Fire	NHDPDP	03/10/1998	6,038.77	0.00	0.00	6,038.77	103.49	103.49	274.56	6,313.33
School Bus I&B #0007	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHDPDP	12/31/1980	246,195.19	0.00	38,150.00	208,045.19	5,855.45	5,855.60	9,421.05	217,466.24
Babb, John	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	06/06/1925	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	484.64	5.12	489.75	589.75
Brown, Albert (Hall)	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	03/31/1972	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	88.77	2.56	77.40	127.40
Brown, Albert (Critic)	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	12/31/1972	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	88.77	2.56	77.40	141.33
Caswell-Deardon	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	04/21/1939	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	286.48	20.46	306.95	706.95
Covey, Abbie	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	06/03/1927	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	594.48	5.12	599.59	699.59
Covey, Rev John	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	06/03/1927	665.00	0.00	0.00	665.00	538.45	34.02	572.48	1,237.48
Clark, John	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	09/02/1927	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	766.50	5.12	771.61	871.61
Cooper, Lillian Foss	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	09/03/1971	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	572.99	10.23	583.22	783.22
Foss, Benjamin	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	05/16/1995	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	504.20	20.46	524.67	924.67
Foss, Herbert	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	09/02/1933	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	794.20	10.23	804.43	1,004.43
Foss, Robert	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	09/10/1930	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	776.40	5.12	781.51	881.51
Foye-Perkins	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	05/16/1995	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	583.16	20.46	583.63	983.63
Foye (Wingate Farm)	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	03/04/1996	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	383.14	20.46	403.61	803.61
Garfield, Eliza	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	06/02/1926	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	859.69	7.67	867.37	1,017.37
Ham, Llewelyn	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	05/05/1950	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	779.82	10.23	790.05	990.05
Hanson #1	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	08/26/2000	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	217.83	15.35	233.18	533.18
Hartwell, Elizabeth	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	09/06/1950	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	524.34	5.12	529.45	629.45
Hawkins, Betsy	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	10/02/1921	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	17.96	5.12	23.07	123.07
Hayes, Paul	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	06/06/1925	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	325.13	2.56	327.69	377.69
Holmes, Ella	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	08/04/1934	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	171.29	5.12	176.40	276.40
Hosea Berry Cem.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	05/16/1995	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	776.26	30.70	806.95	1,406.95
Howard Cem.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	05/16/1995	800.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	1,058.80	40.93	1,099.73	1,899.73
Jenness, John	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	12/23/1928	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	556.79	10.23	567.02	767.02
Jenness, Samuel	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	01/31/1921	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	860.16	10.23	870.39	1,070.39
Jenness, Samuel	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	10/25/1930	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	509.27	10.23	519.50	719.50
Jewell, John W.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	04/12/1927	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	484.01	5.12	489.12	589.12
Kernan (Buzzell Cem.)	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	07/25/1999	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	183.19	20.46	203.66	603.66
Leighton, Winkley	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	08/11/1959	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	1,026.71	12.79	1,039.50	1,289.50
Lougee (Edgerly Rd)	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	05/17/1995	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	490.76	20.46	511.23	911.23
Olis-Drew	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	03/04/1996	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,221.85	51.16	1,273.01	2,273.01
Perkins, Nancy	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	06/02/1921	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	586.90	5.12	592.01	692.01
Perkins, Paul	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	09/09/1957	175.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	929.52	8.95	938.47	1,113.47
Saxton, Helen Foss	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	01/09/1991	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,421.58	51.16	1,472.74	2,472.74
Scruton	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	11/16/1998	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	426.98	25.58	452.56	952.56
Seavey, Abbie	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	01/07/1922	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	17.96	5.12	23.07	123.07
Slopper Road	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	03/56/1989	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	53.78	2.56	56.34	106.34
Smith, D. W.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	04/02/1927	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	17.96	5.12	23.07	123.07
Stanton, Fred	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	08/12/1944	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	108.37	10.23	118.60	318.60
Swain, Annie & Gray	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	09/05/1927	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	642.98	10.23	653.21	853.21
Tobias Drew Cem.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	03/04/1996	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,215.34	51.16	1,266.50	2,266.50
Wain, Mary J.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	09/05/1972	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	449.65	20.46	470.12	870.12
Walton, John	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	10/22/1950	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	513.18	5.12	518.29	618.29
Waldon, Caswell	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	05/11/1955	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	278.47	5.12	283.58	383.58
Walker, James	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	12/10/1937	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	17.96	5.12	23.07	123.07
Waterhouse, Ella	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	06/02/1928	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	35.91	10.23	46.14	246.14
Weber, Betsy	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	03/10/1966	375.00	0.00	0.00	375.00	827.95	19.19	847.14	1,227.14
Welch, Betsy	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	06/13/1919	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	725.85	10.23	736.08	936.08
Young, Lavinia	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHDPDP	01/07/1899	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	4,892.30	51.16	4,943.46	5,943.46
Recreation Land #0009	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Parks/Recreation	NHDPDP	03/08/1984	12,760.31	0.00	0.00	12,760.31	361.46	218.69	580.15	13,340.46
Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Discretionary/Benefit of the Town	NHDPDP	03/10/1980	33,730.07	0.00	0.00	33,730.07	962.28	578.21	1,540.49	35,270.56
Conservation Commission #0012	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Environmental Purposes	NHDPDP	04/26/1988	1,973.42	0.00	0.00	1,973.42	55.95	33.81	89.76	2,063.18
Bridge C and R #0015	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHDPDP	01/05/2005	179,825.11	0.00	0.00	179,825.11	2,979.77	3,046.81	6,026.58	185,851.69
Municipal Building Fund #0018	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHDPDP	09/27/2005	1,538.22	0.00	0.00	1,538.22	43.59	26.38	69.97	1,608.19
Fire Engine Fund #0019	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHDPDP	09/27/2005	231,290.97	100,000.00	0.00	331,290.97	1,971.01	3,912.04	5,883.05	337,174.02
Town Dock Account #0021	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHDPDP	08/31/2007	621.99	0.00	0.00	621.99	376.34	998.33	998.33	221,955.47
Fire Department #0024	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHDPDP	07/26/2010	16.49	0.00	0.00	16.49	0.43	0.26	0.69	17.18
Ed of Persons with Disabilities #0025	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Educational Purposes	NHDPDP	12/21/2010	231,447.54	0.00	0.00	231,447.54	5,857.70	3,955.14	9,812.84	241,260.38
Future Re-Evaluation/Stat Update #0026	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHDPDP	05/07/2011	5,017.04	5,000.00	0.00	10,017.04	0.47	84.85	85.32	10,102.36
Reflective Road Signage #0027	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHDPDP	09/01/2011	73.42	0.00	0.00	73.42	12.09	1.41	13.50	86.92
Police Vehicle Fund Number Two #0028	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHDPDP	09/03/2011	10,081.74	0.00	0.00	10,081.74	111.11	169.87	280.98	10,362.72
Municipal Oil and Fuel #0029	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHDPDP	09/03/2011	10,358.39	0.00	0.00	10,358.39	293.42	177.52	470.94	10,829.33
Library Expansion/Improvement #0030	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHDPDP	12/28/2013	42,460.89	10,000.00	0.00	52,460.89	711.44	721.97	1,433.41	53,894.30
Dry Hydrant Fund #0031	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Police/Fire	NHDPDP	12/12/2017	35,618.32	0.00	0.00	35,618.32	867.39	608.10	1,475.49	37,093.81
Town Hall Bldg. Maint., Impr., and/or Expand #0033	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHDPDP	09/03/2018	1,943.04	0.00	0.00	1,943.04	2,798.62	79.00	2,872.62	4,820.66
Repair/Replace Recycling Center Equipment Fund #0034	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHDPDP	07/09/2019	30,062.07	5,000.00	0.00	35,062.07	360.22	508.27	868.49	35,930.56
Town Office Equipment Fund #0035	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHDPDP	12/12/2019	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	1.26	166.70	167.96	10,167.96
Highway Dept. Vehicle and/or Equipment Fund #0036	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHDPDP	10/23/2020	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	1.26	166.70	167.96	10,167.96
Strafford County Radio Project Fund #0037	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHDPDP	07/01/2021	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.50	0.93	1.43	6,431.93
Totals					1,156,095.21	120,000.00	43,150.00	1,232,885.21	53,658.68	19,473.22	73,130.47	1,306,015.68

Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds MS-10

Name of Trust Fund	Fund Type	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Date of Creation	Balance BOY	Purchases & Funds added to Existing Accts	Sales Proceeds & Withdrawals	New Funds	Balance End of Year	Balance BOY	Income current year	Income Expended	Income EOY Balance	Grand Total
Forest Fire Fund #0005	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Police/Fire	NHPDIP 100%	03/10/1998	6,038.77				6,038.77	171.07	103.49		274.56	6,313.33
School Bus I&B #0007	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP 100%	12/31/1980	246,195.19		38,150.00		208,045.19	5,855.45	3,565.60		9,421.05	217,466.24
Cemetery Perpetual Care #0008	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPDIP 100%	01/01/1859	14,215.00				14,215.00	29,419.81	727.26		30,147.07	44,362.07
Recreation Land #0009	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Parks/Recreation	NHPDIP 100%	03/08/1984	12,760.31				12,760.31	361.46	218.69		580.15	13,340.46
Theodore Storer Consery Fund #0011	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Discretionary/Benefit of Town	NHPDIP 100%	03/10/1980	33,730.07				33,730.07	962.28	578.21		1,540.49	35,270.56
Conservation Commission #0012	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Environmental Purposes	NHPDIP 100%	04/26/1988	1,973.42				1,973.42	55.95	33.81		89.76	2,063.18
Bridge C and R #0015	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP 100%	01/05/2005	179,825.11				179,825.11	2,979.77	3,046.81		6,026.58	185,851.69
Municipal Building Fund #0018	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP 100%	09/27/2005	1,538.22				1,538.22	43.59	26.38		69.97	1,608.19
Fire Engine Fund #0019	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP 100%	09/27/2005	231,290.97	100,000.00			331,290.97	1,971.01	3,912.04		5,883.05	337,174.02
Town Dock Account #0021	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP 100%	08/31/2007	21,957.14				21,957.14	621.99	376.34		998.33	22,955.47
Fire Department Repairs #0024	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP 100%	07/26/2010	16.49				16.49	0.43	0.26		0.69	17.18
Ed of Persons with Disabilities #0025	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Educational Purposes	NHPDIP 100%	12/22/2010	231,447.54				231,447.54	5,857.70	3,955.14		9,812.84	241,260.38
Future Re-Evaluation/Stat Update #0026	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP 100%	12/22/2010	5,017.04				10,017.04	0.47	84.85		85.32	10,102.36
Reflective Road Signage #0027	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP 100%	09/01/2011	73.42				73.42	12.09	1.41		13.50	86.92
Police Vehicle Fund Number Two #0028	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP 100%	09/01/2011	10,081.74				10,081.74	111.11	169.87		280.98	10,362.72
Municipal Oil and Fuel #0029	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP 100%	09/01/2011	10,358.39				10,358.39	293.42	177.52		470.94	10,829.33
Library Expansion/Improvement #0030	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP 100%	12/26/2013	42,460.89	10,000.00			52,460.89	711.44	721.97		1,433.41	53,894.30
Dry Hydrant Fund #0031	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Police/Fire	NHPDIP 100%	12/12/2017	35,618.32				35,618.32	867.39	608.10		1,475.49	37,093.81
Crown Point Fire Station #0032	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP 100%	12/29/2017	1,943.04				1,943.04	2,798.62	79.00		2,877.62	4,820.66
Town Hall Bldg. Maint., Imprv., and / or Expand #0033	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP 100%	09/03/2018	30,062.07	5,000.00			35,062.07	360.22	508.27		868.49	35,930.56
Repair/Replace Recycling Center Equipment Fund #0034	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP 100%	07/09/2019	19,790.00				19,790.00	158.70	332.48		491.18	20,281.18
Town Office Equipment Fund #0035	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP 100%	12/12/2019	4,642.07				4,642.07	42.95	78.09		121.04	4,763.11
Highway Dept Vehicle and/or Equipment Fund #0036	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP 100%	10/23/2020	10,000.00				10,000.00	1.26	166.70		167.96	10,167.96
Strafford County Radio Project Fund #0037	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP 100%	07/01/2021	5,000.00		5,000.00		0.00	0.50	0.93	1.43	0.00	0.00
Totals					1,156,035.21	120,000.00	43,150.00		1,232,885.21	53,658.68	19,475.22	1.43	73,130.47	1,306,015.68



Transportation Assistance

Serving the residents of Barrington, Durham, Epping, Lee, Madbury,
Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford

2022 – Another Challenging Year Post Pandemic

Ready Rides Transportation Assistance organization provides curb-to-curb rides at no charge to all medical, dental and physical therapy related appointments for those residents living in the ten towns served by the organization who are 55+ or disabled. As 2023 unfolds, we are seeing the numbers of ride requests increase, but not yet to pre-pandemic levels.

Ready Rides provided 1540 trips to residents of our ten towns in 2022.

Ready Rides provided 153 trips to Strafford residents during 2022.

We are always looking for new drivers, especially now since many who drove in the past have not come back after the pandemic. We try to fill every ride by matching a rider with a driver. Drivers are all volunteers and are giving their time with no remuneration. We do reimburse for gas.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Tahja Fulwider, Volunteer Coordinator
Betty Smith, Chairperson
Margie Longus, Vice Chairperson
Martha English, Treasurer
Judith Dupré, Bookkeeper
Dianne Kelleher, Secretary

Ready Rides PO Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261
info@readyrides.org www.readyrides.org



Community Action Partnership of Strafford County (CAPSC) is a 501(c)(3) private, nonprofit organization established in 1965. CAPSC works with our community, state, and federal partners to assist more than 17,000 low-income children, families, and adults each year. Our mission is to *"reduce barriers to help clients improve their economic stability and well-being through education, advocacy, and partnerships."* CAPSC is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, one-third of whom are consumers of our services. We have nearly 150 employees, and a \$20 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.

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

Last year, CAPSC helped over 10,000 Strafford County households become self-sufficient through housing, child and parent education, fuel and utility assistance, rental assistance, nutrition, transportation, and more. In the Town of Strafford, we provided over \$205,960.13 in services to 86 households.

2021-2022 Fiscal Year Accomplishments:

- 35 Strafford households received a combined \$48,590 in fuel assistance;
- 36 households received a discount on their electric bill through CAPSC's Electric Assistance Program at a value of \$15,163.95;
- 11 individuals or families received comprehensive support through CAPSC's emergency rental assistance and homeless prevention programs at a value of \$116,761.66;
- 2 households received a combined \$14,730.15 in weatherization assistance.

Goals for 2023

- Reduce the number of children in poverty in Strafford County;
- Fill gaps for community members struggling with increased costs for food, heating fuel, transportation, and other essentials;
- Continue to provide high-quality early care and education to children and families;
- Uplift families and help them set and achieve individual and family goals;
- To help address the affordable housing crisis, increase the number of Strafford County landlords participating in voucher programs.

For more information on how to access CAPSC's programs and services, please visit our website: www.straffordcap.org.



Thank you, Strafford residents for your continued support of Cornerstone VNA, your local independent nonprofit visiting nurse association serving Strafford, Belknap, Carroll and Rockingham Counties in NH and York County in ME. As a nonprofit organization, we are committed to bringing services *to people of all*

ages regardless of their ability to pay, so that families can stay together at home, even when facing the challenges of aging, surgical recovery, chronic or life-threatening illnesses or end of life care. We provide award-winning care at home through five programs: **Home Care, Hospice Care, Palliative Care, Life Care-Private Duty, and Community Care.**

Your support of Cornerstone VNA is greatly appreciated and demonstrates your commitment to helping those in need in your community. Throughout 2022, we recognized and celebrated our staff for always going “above and beyond” to care for patients and their families. The support we receive from our local communities contributes to our success and gives us the ability to provide the highest quality of care and innovative services. Thanks to your partnership, we are proud to share some notable accomplishments and updates from this year:

- Our lymphedema specialty program, which was launched at the end of 2021, experienced tremendous success and positive outcomes for many of our patients. Lymphedema is an abnormal collection of high-protein fluid just beneath the skin and can significantly impact an individual’s mobility and quality of life. We now have four certified lymphedema specialists at Cornerstone VNA. Their training and expertise in treating this condition has dramatically improved the care provided to our patients. The donations we receive help support the supplies and treatment needed, which is not fully reimbursable.
- The year was filled with the return of in-person programming including our Free Educational Programs, Grief Support Groups, Community Balance Classes, and Caregiver Cafés.
- Virtual programming and events continued to be an important option for our patients, families, and staff. For example, this year, we coordinated two virtual hospice memorial services, which has been a great way to remember our hospice patients and include families who live too far away to attend an in-person service.
- The most significant challenge of the year, which is a challenge shared by many health care organizations, is national nursing shortage. Fortunately, we have a wonderful organizational culture and a strong focus on the recruitment and retention of our amazing team. Our efforts to recognize their hard work, and invest in professional staff development opportunities, will be key to maintaining and growing our team.
- 2022 Awards and Recognition
 - The Hospice Care Program received a deficiency free survey by the State Medicare Surveyors
 - Newly designated as a Mental Health Friendly Workplace by the Dover Mental Health Alliance
 - Ann Vennard, Director of Advancement, received the NH Outstanding Volunteer Manager of the Year, awarded by the Governor
 - The Strafford County Public Health Network recognized Cornerstone VNA for our dedication & partnership through our region's COVID-19 vaccination response and for our commitment to our community
 - Cheryl Bonar, RN received the Nightingale Award and NH Health Care Hero Award (Seacoast Region)
 - Best of the Seacoast, Best Home Health Care Award Winner
 - The Falls Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit of the Year

We are excited to share that 2023 marks our 110-year anniversary, an important milestone in our history. Thank you for being there for us so that we can be there for you and your neighbors for many more years to come. Your investment enables us to provide care to your residents, regardless of their ability to pay, and to purchase special equipment for patients in need. Along with access to care, your support funds free community clinics, patient education and allows us to launch innovative program and services. We encourage residents to call Cornerstone VNA at 800-691-1133 if they have any questions. Thank you once again for your generous support. It is our privilege to continue providing trusted, compassionate, and expert health care to members of your community.

Respectfully,

Julie Reynolds, RN, MS
President/Chief Executive Officer

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS



2022

OFFICERS OF THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

2022-2023 STRAFFORD SCHOOL BOARD

	Term Expires
Mr. Eric Almanzan, Vice Chair	2024
Ms. Jessica Grant	2025
Ms. Debbi Hinrichsen, Chair	2023
Ms. Katrina Labrecque	2025
Ms. Elizabeth Mason	2024

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS & BUSINESS MANAGER

Robert Seaward

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

Melissa McKeon

PRINCIPAL-Strafford School

Danielle Harvey

TREASURER

Sharon Huckins

SCHOOL CLERK

Kaisha Morse

MODERATOR

Kurt Wuelper

TECHNOLOGY

Zachary Pineau

AUDITOR

Plodzick & Sanderson, P.A.

**Warrant for
2023 Annual Strafford School District Annual Meeting
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, New Hampshire, on the 14th day of March 2023, at 8:00 a.m., to act upon the following subject:

Article #1. (Voting)

** To choose the following School District Officers

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

** NOTE: All Articles, except for Article #1, will be taken up at 9:00 a.m. on the 11th day of March 2023 (if weather or other conditions require cancellation, the articles contained below will be taken up at 6:00 p.m. on the 15th day of March 2023), at Strafford School Gymnasium, 22 Roller Coaster Road, Strafford, New Hampshire, to act upon the following subjects:

Article #2. (Operating Budget)

Shall the Strafford School District vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Twelve million, Three Hundred and Forty-Seven thousand, Eight Hundred and Nineteen dollars (\$12,350,319)** for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Strafford School District?

This article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article.

*The School Board approves this appropriation by a **5 to 0** vote.
The estimated tax impact if this article passes is **\$12.05 per \$1000.***

Article #3. (2023 - 2026 CBA Contract)

Shall the Strafford School District vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Strafford School Board and the Strafford Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2023-24	\$84,168
2024-25	\$162,769
2025-26	\$182,202

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighty-Four Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-Eight dollars (\$84,168)** for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

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

*The estimated tax impact if this article passes is an increase of **\$0.12 per \$1000.***

Article #4. (2023 - 2033 CBNA Contract)

Shall the Strafford School District approve a ten year tuition agreement with the Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, which provides for an initial term beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2033, at a base tuition rate determined by the District's per student share of the operating costs of the Academy; said approval being contingent upon the State Board of Education approving the tuition agreement pursuant to RSA 194:22 and further to authorize the School Board to take such other and further acts necessary to give effect to this vote, including the adoption of such minor amendments to the tuition agreement as the board determines are necessary during the term of the agreement without further action by the School District Meeting?

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

There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

Article #5. (Addition to Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons with Disabilities)

Shall the Strafford School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty-Five thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons with Disabilities, established in 2010, for the purpose of meeting the expenses of educating students with disabilities? This sum to come from the June 30, 2023, unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023. No amount to be raised from taxation. Current balance as of January 31, 2023: \$291,199.43.

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

There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

Article #6. (Addition to Capital Reserve Fund for Financing I&B Account)

Shall the Strafford School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty-Five thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the School District Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1985, for the purpose of financing any and all improvements to the school buildings? This sum to come from the June 30, 2023, unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023. No amount to be raised from taxation. Current balance as of January 31, 2023: \$268,315.10.

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

There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

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

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 15th day of February 2023.

Abbi Hennicksen Eugenie Mace

Ray Kathleen Schoegge

Jessica L. Grant School Board

A true copy of Warrant Attest:

Abbi Hennicksen Eugenie Mace

Ray Kathleen Schoegge

Jessica L. Grant School Board



Proposed Budget

Strafford Local School

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year from:
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

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

This form was posted with the warrant on: 2/9/23

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
Debbi Hinrichsen	School Board chair	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Eric Almanzan	School Board Vice-chair	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Elizabeth Mason	School Board member	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Katrina Labrecque	School Board member	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Jessica Grant	School Board member	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>

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 for period ending 6/30/2022	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2023	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2024 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2024 (Not Recommended)
Instruction						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	02	\$6,871,657	\$7,069,678	\$6,484,291	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	02	\$1,536,177	\$1,655,557	\$1,760,822	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	02	\$38,110	\$57,049	\$50,829	\$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			\$8,445,944	\$8,782,284	\$8,295,942	\$0
Support Services						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	02	\$607,403	\$543,733	\$560,077	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	02	\$358,966	\$408,993	\$419,329	\$0
Support Services Subtotal			\$966,369	\$952,726	\$979,406	\$0
General Administration						
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	02	\$46,842	\$55,614	\$64,114	\$0
General Administration Subtotal			\$46,842	\$55,614	\$64,114	\$0
Executive Administration						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	02	\$174,895	\$183,073	\$234,565	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration	02	\$134,102	\$195,140	\$200,217	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	02	\$385,896	\$428,146	\$446,642	\$0
2500-2599	Business	02	\$112,814	\$121,879	\$187,580	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	02	\$516,173	\$527,405	\$587,156	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	02	\$554,235	\$566,560	\$783,285	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Executive Administration Subtotal			\$1,878,115	\$2,022,203	\$2,439,445	\$0
Non-Instructional Services						
3100	Food Service Operations	02	\$223,899	\$181,451	\$184,500	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Instructional Services Subtotal			\$223,899	\$181,451	\$184,500	\$0



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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 6/30/2022	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2023	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2024 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2024 (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		\$79,588	\$0	\$0	\$0
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Subtotal			\$79,588	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Outlays						
5110	Debt Service - Principal	02	\$255,000	\$265,000	\$280,000	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	02	\$135,183	\$121,525	\$106,912	\$0
Other Outlays Subtotal			\$390,183	\$386,525	\$386,912	\$0
Fund Transfers						
5220-5221	To Food Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5230-5239	To Capital Projects		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5254	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5310	To Charter Schools		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5390	To Other Agencies		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9990	Supplemental Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9992	Deficit Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Transfers Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$12,350,319	\$0



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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2024 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2024 (Not Recommended)
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	04	\$25,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Education of Persons with Disabilities CRF</i>		
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	05	\$25,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: School District CRF</i>		
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$50,000	\$0



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Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2024 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2024 (Not Recommended)
1100-1199	Regular Programs	3	\$54,062	\$0
		<i>Purpose: 2023-2026 CBA Contract</i>		
1200-1299	Special Programs	3	\$19,916	\$0
		<i>Purpose: 2023-2026 CBA Contract</i>		
2000-2199	Student Support Services	3	\$8,012	\$0
		<i>Purpose: 2023-2026 CBA Contract</i>		
220-2298	Instructional Staff Services	3	\$2,178	\$0
		<i>Purpose: 2023-2026 CBA Contract</i>		
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$84,168	\$0



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2022	Revised Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2023	Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2024
Local Sources					
1300-1349	Tuition	02	\$16,916	\$17,500	\$17,500
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	02	\$988	\$1,500	\$1,500
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	02	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Services Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	02	\$235,830	\$0	\$2,500
Local Sources Subtotal			\$253,734	\$19,000	\$36,500
State Sources					
3210	School Building Aid	02	\$81,983	\$84,983	\$84,983
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Special Education Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$570	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	02	\$4,918	\$2,500	\$2,500
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$1,995	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$89,466	\$87,483	\$87,483
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	\$265,773	\$40,000	\$50,000
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution		\$46,176	\$0	\$0
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$0	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Sources Subtotal			\$311,949	\$40,000	\$50,000



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2022	Revised Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2023	Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2024
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		\$38,150	\$0	\$0
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	04,05	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$38,150	\$0	\$50,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$693,299	\$146,483	\$223,983



Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 6/30/2024
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$12,350,319
Special Warrant Articles	\$50,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$84,168
Total Appropriations	\$12,484,487
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$223,983
Less Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$3,449,602
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$8,810,902

Strafford School District Meeting
SAU #105
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022 9AM

School Board Members:

Ms. Debbi Hinrichsen, Chairman
Mr. Kerry McMahon, Vice Chairman
Ms. Elizabeth Mason
Mr. Eric Almanzan
Ms. Erica McLean Helm

Others:

Mr. John Freeman, Superintendent, SAU 105
Ms. Danielle Harvey, Principal, Strafford School
Ms. Melissa McKeon, Director of Student Services
Ms. Lisa Ciesluk, Business Administrator
Mr. James O'Shaughnessy, Esq.
Ms. Kaisha Morse, School District Clerk
Mr. Kurt Wuelper, Strafford School District Moderator

Moderator Wuelper called the 2022 Strafford School District Meeting to order at 9:06am. The Moderator then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Opening prayer by Rev Harold Muzzey from Third Baptist Church.

Moderator Wuelper introduced the head table occupants including School Board Members and all others as noted above.

Moderator Wuelper discussed the rules of the meeting. He stated that he will not follow Robert's Rules of Order. Instead, he will generally adhere to commonly-accepted rules of meetings. He stated that any ruling the Moderator makes can be overruled by the body. Moderator will read the articles as its written and any person that would like to speak must come to the microphone.

Moderator Wuelper read Article #1, stating that it will be taken up on Election Day, March 8, 2022:

** To choose the following School District Officers:

- a. School Board Member Term of 3 Years
- b. School Board Member Term of 3 Years

The Moderator read Article #2:

ARTICLE #2

Shall the Strafford School District vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Twelve Million, Three Hundred Eighty Thousand, Eight Hundred Three Dollars (\$12,380,803) for the support of schools, for the payment of

salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Strafford School District?

This article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article.

The School Board approves this appropriation a 5 to 0 vote.
The estimated tax impact if this article passes is an increase of \$12.36 per \$1,000.

Board Chairman Debbi Henrichson moved the question, seconded by Board member Kerry McMahon.

Chairman Hinrichsen asked we move to page 2 to speak about budget drivers. She stated that the budget drivers are costs that are out of the control of the school board.

- Health insurance was calculated with the max increase of 4.7%.
- Followed by salary and wages and Coe-Brown tuition, which are contractual obligations.

Chairman Hinrichsen directed the room to page 33.

- The bottom line is less than the total amount of the budget drivers which means savings were found.
- Many lines have been declassified because it was found with our new SAU and budget manager that many items were found in the wrong lines and not in compliance with the state. We are now in compliance.

Chairman Hinrichsen directed the room to page 35. Last column talks about revenue and tax impact of current budget.

- Sources of revenue include preschool tuition and state sources for building aid that we are receiving from a building upgrade in a previous year.
- Federal revenue received from school lunch and milk. The last two years the federal government has provided aid to allow kids to have school lunch at no cost. We don't know if this will continue, so the board is anticipating costs as if there is going to be no aid.
- NH Adequacy Grant is higher than last year based on a formula that includes attendance, special ed students, lunch attendance, and more.
- NH State Education Tax (SWEPT) was reduced by the state government.

The amount needed to be raised by taxation is \$8,938,450.73

The tax rate estimate is \$12.36 per \$1,000

The estimated school tax change from 2021 is \$0.52

Chairman Hinrichsen informed the room that in the fall the board received notification that the school would receive approximately \$19,000 more in funds from the NH Adequacy Grant due to a change in the formula. It was decided the enrollment would backdate to the previous year's attendance due to low attendance from Covid. The board decided to turn the additional funds back to the town.

The board also received returned money from health insurance overages that were paid. The board decided to return those funds back to the town also.

Chairman Hinrichsen spoke about last year's budget being managed by SAU 44. At the time of the transition, it looked like Strafford School had surplus was about \$600,000 dollars. However, once the district began running as an independent SAU it was realized there were many late invoices and open

purchase orders that reduced the anticipated surplus. Once the outstanding balances were reconciled, with the assistance of an auditor, it appears that the school board will be able to return an additional \$100,000 back to the town.

Chairman Hinrichsen mentioned SAU 44 did not properly apply grant funds and the board and SAU 105 are now trying to clean that up. It was stated having our own SAU has been a good decision and we are on a good track now.

Moderator again reads article 2 and opens the floor for discussion:

Donald Coker - Parker Mt Road, a man was turned away by Supervisors of the Checklist because he is not a registered voter. Where is the legal precedence that someone that pays taxes cannot vote on local taxes?

Moderator, he is not eligible to vote because he is not registered. This discussion is not on the article in question, so it is out of order. Please address the article in question.

Mike Harrington - Garland Rd, general question on budget. We talk about money but forget about the whole idea of the students. We look at the principles report and see the students have gone down in proficiency. When you compare us to the state average Strafford has been going down for years. Class sizes are 20 or less yet performance is going down. What does the admin propose we do to stop this slide?

Chairman Hinrichsen, we have been working on some strong academic goals because Covid hit us hard. We have been working to support learning loss through summer programs and others.

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

The Moderator read Article #3:

ARTICLE #3

Shall the Strafford School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons with Disabilities, established in 2010, for the purpose of meeting the expenses of educating students with disabilities? This sum to come from June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022. No amount to be raised from taxation. Current balance as of December 31, 2021: \$237,305.24.

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

Erica McLean Helm moved the question, seconded by Elizabeth Mason.

Erica McLean Helm, we have this fund to support students with disabilities that could move into town unexpectedly. This is a cushion type of savings account.

Chairman Hinrichsen, this comes from surplus, not from taxation.

Moderator opens the floor for discussion. Seeing none.

Moderator again reads article 3.

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

The Moderator read Article #4:

ARTICLE #4

Shall the Strafford School District raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the School District Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1985, for the purpose of financing any and all improvements to school buildings? This sum to come from June 30, 2022, unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022. No amount to be raise from taxation. Current balance as of December 31, 2021: \$252,050.64.

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

Kerry McMahan moves article 4, seconded by Eric Almanzan.

Kerry McMahan, this is the same type of account to add \$25,000 from surplus for big ticket items to the school. This is to take care of our school and is used in conjunction with the facilities committee.

Moderator opens the floor for discussion. Seeing none

Moderator again reads article 4.

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

Moderator opens the floor to any other business.

Chairman Hinrichsen, recognized board member Kerry McMahan. He was the go-to facilities member, providing many cost and energy savings to the school. Kerry secured grants with state reps for lighting, saved money on the SAU modular, found cost savings for heating, and spent countless hours researching the best options for the flooring system. Kerry was always seeking out ways to save money and would often help with facility repairs at no cost to the district. We thank him and wish him well.

Kerry McMahan, thanked the community and wished the town well.

Mike Harrington – Garland Rd, would like to ask, are we teaching Critical Race Theory in our school system?

Superintendent John Freeman, Critical Race Theory is not part of the curriculum here at Strafford School. The board has developed a policy that prevents teachers from advocating for personal beliefs in the classroom.

Kim Bickford - Back Canaan Rd, the reason we moved here was for the school over 20 years ago. I am concerned about the grade level of the school. What was our grade before Covid, what is it now? We need to bring the grade up because the kids were hit hard by Covid. Happy to hear we are working towards it.

Bob Perry – Evans Mountain Road, with what is happening in Ukraine, fighting for their land, lets please have a moment of silence.

Moderator calls up Rev. Carol Lynn Clark.

Carol Lynn Clark, thanks the school board and the public from attending. We have local control and local voice. Let's cherish it because it is rare. Continue to be informed and educated voters. Carol provides a closing prayer.

Moderator adjourns the meeting at 9:46am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaisha Morse
Strafford School District Clerk
March 11, 2022




2022
\$17.13

Tax Rate Breakdown Strafford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,158,482	\$724,284,400	\$2.98
County	\$1,510,929	\$724,284,400	\$2.09
Local Education	\$7,909,260	\$724,284,400	\$10.92
State Education	\$805,900	\$704,617,000	\$1.14
Total	\$12,384,571		\$17.13

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$12,384,571
War Service Credits	(\$45,700)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$12,338,871

 Sam Greene Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	12/27/2022
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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

TD Bank (beginning balance)		881,610.83
Received from the Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	9,477,719.00	
Revenue from State	2,536,422.80	
Revenue from Federal	-0-	
Received from all other Sources	429,334.87	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>12,443,476.67</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (balance-receipts)		13,325,087.50
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERED PAID		<u>11,418,921.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2021 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		1,906,166.50

Sharon L. Huckins

District Treasurer



DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM WHOM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
July 1, 2021	State of NH	Equitable Ed Aid	\$2,260,235.24
to	State of NH	Building Aid	\$40,991.25
June 30, 2022	State of NH	Medicaid Reimbursement	\$40,503.88
	Town of Strafford	Appropriation	\$9,477,719.00
	TD Bank	Interest	\$988.13
	Building Fund	Transfer	\$38,150.00
	SAU #44	Lunch Program/Title 1	\$268,050.56
	School Lunch Program	Lunch Sales	\$2,383.85
		Tsys Lunch Sales	\$2,678.90
	State of NH	Meals Program	\$191,610.50
		Replacement check	\$100.00
		Payroll direct deposit returned	\$6,409.05
	State of NH	Project Reimbursement	\$516.72
		Pre-K Tuition	\$17,016.34
	NH Assoc. of Special Ed	Registration fee refunded	\$199.00
	Primex Insurance	Damages by Power Surge	\$28,477.68
		Voided checks	\$30,694.57
		Student Activity	\$65.00
		Salary Repayment	\$3,219.85
	State of NH	Tuition Transport	\$570.00
	State of NH	Charter school per pupil aid	\$1,995.21
		Damaged/Lost Books	\$70.46
		Vendor Refunds	\$8,836.28
	R Krasko	Workers Comp. Refund	\$11,708.42
		NH Retirement refund	\$3,845.56
		Manifest correction	\$2,781.22
	Strafford Kinder Campus	Rent	\$3,600.00
	Girls Scouts	Meeting in Library	\$60.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$12,443,476.67



STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
EARNINGS HISTORY
 July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Name	Position	Total Earnings
Alai, Julia M	Substitute	\$500.00
Almanzan, Eric A	School Board	\$2,000.00
Almanzan, Jessica	Paraprofessional	\$18,210.22
Atkinson, Andrea L	Undesignated	\$6,814.34
Blum, Michelle K	Grade 3 teacher	\$47,062.92
Bonneau, Aaron M	Custodian	\$7,653.75
Bonneau, Noah M	PT Custodian	\$10,185.00
Braga, Ashley M	Gr 1 teacher	\$40,241.64
Buehne, Karen L	Substitute	\$8,050.00
Burnell, Patricia A	Food Service	\$6,026.63
Chadwick, Carol	Paraprofessional	\$23,568.13
Ciesluk, Lisa	Business Manager	\$43,000.10
CIESLUK, RYAN J	PT Custodian	\$4,057.50
Cimino, Kristen J	Coach	\$1,300.00
Clark, Jamie	Nurse	\$35,793.36
Clemons, Kimberly	Gr 5 Teacher	\$40,676.58
Clinch, Andrea C	Teacher, Reading Specialist	\$72,417.00
Clinch, Benjamin J	Substitute	\$7,200.00
Columbare, Wendy A	Substitute	\$13,750.00
Cook, Heather L	Secretary	\$26,643.34
Cook, Justin	PT Custodian	\$907.50
Cote, Megan M	Food Service	\$2,017.50
Cullen, Anne P	Secretary	\$36,787.44
Cunningham, Kathryn	Nurse	\$17,603.00
DeCota, Kendra L	Paraprofessional	\$15,277.33
DeCota, Madison A	PT Custodian	\$1,207.50
DelGrosso, Patricia A	Special Education Teacher	\$17,017.53
Delisle, Samantha C	Food Service	\$9,190.50
Dolan, Audrey E	Gr 6 Teacher	\$70,134.26
Duffy, Cynthia L	Paraprofessional	\$32,828.43
Dupere, Sheila	Administrative Assistant	\$48,000.02
Eaton, Beth A	Gr K Teacher	\$16,528.03
Edgerly, Jennifer L	Custodian	\$2,232.50
Ellsworth, Michael L	PT Custodian	\$4,848.75
Erley, Gwen	Secretary	\$6,765.00
Farrar, Olivia F	Substitute	\$2,550.00
Feegel, Hailey	Food Service	\$3,787.00
Fife, Amanda K	Gr 4 Teacher	\$31,205.20

Fitzpatrick, Kerry L	Coach	\$1,000.00
Ford, Nathaniel T	PT Custodian	\$450.00
Freeman, John	Superintendent	\$78,000.00
Freeman, Marian R	Substitute	\$1,900.00
Fulwider, Tahja D	DI Team Coach	\$200.00
Gabaree, Sarah A	Paraprofessional	\$18,050.60
Gagne, Joshua	PT Custodian	\$1,507.50
Gagne, Kaley	PT Custodian	\$1,477.50
Gahm, Allan K	Gr 6 Teacher	\$79,388.33
Gale, Cynthia A	Paraprofessional	\$20,669.13
Gale, Eric J	Food Service Director	\$40,779.67
Galvin, Michael R	Special Education Teacher	\$44,742.04
Garland, Georgia I	Gr 4 Teacher	\$67,515.04
Gentile, Courtney C	Pre K Teacher	\$42,883.89
Gerry, Jarrett A	PT Custodian	\$2,932.50
Gibbs, Jennifer L	Substitute	\$7,851.29
Glaude, Eileen M	Special Education Teacher	\$52,337.43
Goulart, Natasha G	Paraprofessional	\$16,250.54
Grady, Hannah E	Music Teacher	\$37,688.84
Grant, Mindy L	Paraprofessional	\$19,625.72
Guyre, Lynne M	Dean of Students	\$71,000.02
Ham, Jennifer R	Substitute	\$950.00
Hanson, Tracy L	Gr 1 Teacher	\$61,118.24
Harling, Rebecca J	Speech and Language Patho	\$64,004.29
Harvey, Danielle	Principal	\$92,999.92
Helm, Erica M	School Board	\$2,000.00
Helm, Patrick M	Substitute	\$4,475.00
Heselton, Callie A	PT Custodian	\$2,968.75
Heselton, Gary R	Facilities Manager	\$59,508.54
Hinrichsen, Debra A	School Board	\$2,000.00
Hinrichsen, Elijah O	Substitute	\$2,937.50
Homiak, Janet E	Reading Teacher	\$62,095.03
Hossack, Michele D	Technology Teacher K-8	\$40,298.22
Howard, Colleen E	Paraprofessional	\$1,188.95
Huckins, Sharon L	Treasurer	\$5,200.00
Irons, Mary D	K Teacher	\$68,015.43
Jackman, Elizabeth K	Secretary	\$17,756.53
Jacobs, Abby H	K Teacher	\$51,004.15
Jamer, Monica R	Substitute	\$7,272.50
Jones, Remy D	Gr 5 Teacher	\$40,571.42
Jordan, Gregory J	Coach	\$1,300.00
Jordan, Heidi F	Art Teacher	\$51,358.02
Jordan, Kevin A	Gr 2 Teacher	\$66,632.58
Kerivan, Sandra A	Gr 5/6 Teacher	\$34,034.76

Kleczek, Kelly M	Paraprofessional	\$2,373.95
Krasko, Robyn T	PE Teacher	\$64,936.59
Leas, Abigail A	Substitute	\$3,150.00
Letourneau, Mary J	Sub Nurse	\$850.00
Lewis, Stephanie R	Health Teacher	\$41,606.02
Libby, Karen S	Paraprofessional	\$24,513.34
Marston, Eilish M	Gr 3 Teacher	\$37,661.08
Martel, Jeffrey	Coach	\$1,300.00
Martel, Paula A	Paraprofessional	\$25,896.45
Martin, Conner	PT Custodian	\$213.75
Mason, Elizabeth T	School Board	\$2,000.00
McGrath, Jessica L	Gr 1 Teacher	\$40,624.50
McKeon, Melissa	Director of Student Services	\$90,059.47
McMahon, Colleen D	Substitute	\$450.00
McMahon, Kerry P	School Board	\$2,000.00
Meehan, Andrea E	Substitute	\$800.00
Meehan, Justin C	Coach	\$550.00
Metivier, Candice L	Paraprofessional	\$28,486.20
Morrisette, Kimberly A	Special Education Teacher	\$46,264.08
Morse, Kaisha R	School Board Secretary	\$300.00
Mulligan, Riley J	PT Custodian	\$7,035.00
Nault, Donna L	Paraprofessional	\$13,695.13
Neal, Taylor I	Paraprofessional	\$7,661.27
Nix, David R	Substitute	\$13,761.00
Nomula, Sragvi	Substitute	\$1,100.00
Nomula, Tanuja	Paraprofessional	\$20,810.75
Pagnotta, Katie L	Counselor	\$27,948.50
Patel, Ravi	PT Custodian	\$502.50
Pecor, Shonda L	Counselor	\$45,817.82
Pelletier, John J	Substitute	\$8,825.00
Pelletier, Sarah A	Gr 2 Teacher	\$64,291.45
Pina, Mark H	PT Custodian	\$16,473.75
Pineau, Zachary	Technology Director	\$63,361.26
Plaza, Linda R	Paraprofessional	\$20,550.71
Purvis, Juliana E	Paraprofessional	\$1,500.00
QUIRK, KERI B	Gr 1 Teacher	\$42,226.72
Redmond, Richard A	Gr 7/8 Teacher	\$40,555.93
Redmond, Samantha A	Substitute	\$200.00
Rousselle, Melinda L	Gr 2 Teacher	\$49,437.26
Rybicki, Nichole A	Food Service	\$8,406.25
Saia, Jill H	Gr 7/8 Teacher	\$71,951.96
Sawyer, Carolyn V	Gr 7/8 Teacher	\$51,791.58
Schraufnagel, Julie A	Paraprofessional	\$26,988.06
Schwab, Shannon	Substitute	\$400.00

Scruton, Kimberly M	Substitute	\$3,586.00
Shields, Charlene C	Special Education Teacher	\$33,465.05
Silva, April L	Substitute	\$100.00
Small, Dawn M	DI Coordinator + Team Coach	\$1,400.00
Spadafora, Anthony M	PT Custodian	\$2,388.75
Spadafora, Barbara G	Gr 4 Teacher	\$34,162.60
Spadafora, Kathryn L	Substitute	\$4,155.20
Swain, Christine	Bookkeeper	\$46,550.53
Szatko, Lawrence E	Gr 5/6 Teacher	\$30,874.78
Szatko, Stosh V	PT Custodian	\$1,650.00
Taylor, Timothy B	Coach	\$1,300.00
Trapp, Amelia A	School Board Secretary	\$795.00
Turner, Courtney A	Food Service	\$7,734.50
Verville, Jennifer J	Spanish Teacher	\$48,785.43
Wichroski, Alison M	Speech and Language Patho	\$79,202.19
Wilder, Darci	K Teacher	\$42,195.64
Williams, Susan J	Library Media Generalist	\$68,705.67



STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Capital Fund Balance
December 31, 2022

School Infrastructure & Buildings Capital Reserve Fund:

Balance as of 12/31/2022 \$217,466.24

Education of Persons with Disabilities Capital Reserve Fund:

Balance as of 12/31/2022 \$241,260.38

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT 2022

I started as Interim Superintendent of Schools on October 31, 2022 with a clear mandate of addressing the various issues/concerns in our SAU. My focus has been on financial systems, human resources, district operations, and cleaning up all of the documents, policies, procedures, contracts, bills and more. In my brief time at Strafford, I have come to appreciate how hard working everyone is. Teachers, staff, administration, school board, contracted service providers, community partners, and of course students and parents. It truly has been a team approach to identifying, discussing and solving the various issues we have been faced with since October 31.

As mentioned last year, Strafford School District separated from SAU 44 at the start of the 21-22 school year. In our second year as a standalone district, many of the concerns that led to and were caused by the separation (and COVID) have started to be addressed. With new systems in place and our highly skilled staff all working together, we are seeing improvements across the academic, social, emotional, and behavioral spectrum. While we still have a ways to go to get back to the full glory of Strafford's past, the work being done since our separation has laid the groundwork for this improvement. This is a very exciting time to be part of the Strafford School District.

Probably the most concerning issue faced by the district and Town this year was the lateness of the DOE and MS 25 submissions to the NH Department of Education (DOE) and NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) respectively. Typically, these documents are prepared and submitted by the end of August allowing both the DOE and DRA to do their work, seek clarification and get a tax rate out to the towns. The delay in this work caused quite a bit of concern by all involved, but most importantly, to the taxpayers of Strafford. Ensuring a smooth process for this work in the summer of 2023 is a top priority and should help ensure that Strafford School District is not a barrier to setting tax rates in the future.

Strafford School is truly an amazing place with dedicated educators, staff, students, and families. Through collaboration, a clear sense of direction and vision, and continued support from our community, we can't help but find success for our students as they progress towards their futures.

Respectfully,

Robert Seaward

Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Strafford School is a remarkable community of learners. I am happy to provide you a report to summarize my first year at Strafford School, 2021-2022. The focus of last school year was on building community. With new faces in the school, it has been important to work on school culture and climate. Our new IT Director has been working on rebuilding our website, www.strafford.k12.nh.us Please take a look at the resources located there, including a picture directory. If you are on Facebook, you can follow "Strafford Spartans," where we post upcoming events and share glimpses of what happens in the classroom.

This year, we have circled back to the work from 2019-2020 on the social-emotional skills that the school had worked on. We have found that students returning to school full-time need additional support with social skills.

As we look forward, the teachers have looked at areas they would like to increase their focus on. With COVID we have seen the same drop in assessment scores that the rest of the state has seen. As we have returned to in-person five-day-a-week instruction we a focused on increasing achievement levels.

<u>Math</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022 (Strafford/State)</u>
All, 3-8	49%	49%	56%	xxx	35%	28%/41%
Gr. 3	67%	64%	78%	xxx	38%	32%/51%
Gr. 4	42%	62%	70%	xxx	42%	47%/48%
Gr. 5	32%	37%	32%	xxx	24%	24%/39%
Gr. 6	48%	47%	66%	xxx	35%	18%/40%
Gr. 7	54%	49%	48%	xxx	34%	32%/37%
Gr. 8	53%	42%	49%	xxx	34%	33%/33%
 <u>Reading</u>						
All, 3-8	62%	64%	57%	xxx	50%	44%/49%
Gr. 3	60%	63%	47%	xxx	33%	39%/45%
Gr. 4	50%	57%	57%	xxx	55%	45%/48%
Gr. 5	56%	61%	45%	xxx	47%	62%/54%
Gr. 6	62%	55%	57%	xxx	61%	50%/53%
Gr. 7	79%	75%	62%	xxx	40%	45%/49%
Gr. 8	65%	71%	69%	xxx	66%	67%/46%
 <u>Science</u>						
All, 5 & 8	42%	39%	44%	xxx	34%	32%
Gr. 5	53%	30%	36%	xxx	38%	42%
Gr. 8	33%	46%	49%	xxx	30%	23%

The faculty and staff of Strafford appreciate the continued support of the community in the important work of educating the youth of Strafford.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Harvey
Principal

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT REPORT

As of December 31, 2022

Elementary School Enrollment					Middle School Enrollment				
Grade	Teacher	Total By Class	Grade	Total Students	Grade	Teacher	Total By Class	Grade	Total Students
Pre K	Turkington	23	Pre K	23	5	Homeroom HJ	10		
					5	Homeroom ED	11		
K	A. Jacobs	12			5	Homeroom KC	12		
K	B.Eaton(Irons)	13			5	Homeroom DJZ	11	5	44
K	D. Wilder	16	K	41					
					6	Homeroom RJ	11		
1	A. Braga	12			6	Homeroom AD	11		
1	K. Grant	13			6	Homeroom SL	11		
1	T. Hanson	13	1	38	6	Homeroom LC	9	6	43
2	M. Rousselle	17			7/8	Homeroom RR	10		
2	S. Roy	17			7/8	Homeroom JV	13		
2	K. Jordan	18	2	53	7/8	Homeroom SM	10		
					7/8	Homeroom HG	10		
3	M. Blum	15			7/8	Homeroom KH	11		
3	J. McGrath	14			7/8	Homeroom MJ	10	7	34
3	E. Marston	17	3	46	7/8	Homeroom JS	9	8	38
4	G. Garland	15				7th Academic	16/18		
4	K. Fife	16				8th Academic	19/20		
4	B. Spadafora	12	4	44					
Total Enrollment Grades PK-4				245	Total Enrollment Grades 5-8				159
Enrollment Summary									
Pre-K	23		4	44	Total Students Enrolled in School				404
K	41		5	44					
1	38		6	43					
2	53		7	34					
3	46		8	38					

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Education Analysis

Expenses	2020-2021	2021-2022
Instruction	\$1,062,072.98	\$1,034,751
Related Services	\$330,255	\$330,239
Transportation	\$50,238	\$82,180
Tuition	\$291,944	\$489,697
Total Expenditures	\$1,734,510	\$1,936,867
Revenue	2020-2021	2021-2022
Special Education Aid	-	-
Adequacy (Allocation★)	\$343,063	\$362,517
IDEA Entitlement-Part B	\$110,064	\$51,018
IDEA Entitlement-Pre School	\$3,941	-
Medicaid	\$22,561	\$46,176
Total Revenues	\$479,630	\$459,711
Net District Special Education Cost	\$1,254,880	\$1,477,156

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



**Coe-Brown Northwood Academy
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
for the
2021-2022 Academic Year**



The Board of Trustees and Administration of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy are pleased to provide this Annual Report of the 2021-2022 school year to CBNA sending towns. Members of the Academy have enjoyed a long-term cooperative working relationship with the school boards of local towns and continue to work hard to ensure the educational opportunities for students are competitive, satisfying, and of the highest quality. The Board of Trustees strives, through its administration, faculty, and rigorous academic and co-curricular programming, to provide the most comprehensive and challenging educational experience for CBNA students.

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

Student Enrollment Breakdown: 2021-22

	August 2021	May 2022
Seniors	152	144
Juniors	181	176
Sophomores	183	179
Freshmen	182	183
TOTAL	698	682

Of the total students enrolled at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, the following enrollment changes took place throughout the 2021-2022 school year:

CBNA Student Enrollment Changes by Class: 2021-22

	Dismissed	Moved	Additions	Other Reasons	Total Change
Seniors		1		7	8
Juniors		1		4	5
Sophomores		7	3		4
Freshmen			3	2	1

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: 2021-22

Class of 2022 Graduating with Honors: 59%

2021-22 Enrollment in Advanced Placement /Honors Level Courses:

Class	# Stdnts.	Class	# Stdnts.	Class	# Stdnts.
Literature & Comp AP	38	Spanish Language AP	11	Calculus AP	10
Language & Comp AP	37	Spanish III Honors	23	Pre-Calc. Honors	4
English 12 Honors	17	French III Honors	16	Math I Honors	45
English 11 Honors	29	Spanish II Honors	10	Math II Honors	29
English 10 Honors	62	French II Honors	12	Math III Honors	38
English 9 Honors	21				38
US History AP	24	Biology AP	30	Studio Art AP	3
Economics Honors	34	Chemistry AP	9	Honors Art	11
World History Honors	30	Physics Honors	17	Chorus Honors	4
US History II Honors	33	Chemistry Honors	45	Band Honors	5
US History III Honors	33	Biology Honors	64		
		Intro to Science Honors	23		

CBNA offers several concurrent enrollment courses through Southern New Hampshire University and Project Running Start which grant students 3-4 college credits for each course for a nominal fee of \$100-\$150. Students took advantage of this opportunity in numbers as follows:

2021-22 Enrollment in SNHU/Running Start Courses:

SNHU/RS Class	Number of Students	SNHU/RS Class	Number of Students
Calculus	22	Creative Writing	28
Anatomy & Physiology	37	Environmental Science	14
Public Speaking	33	Digital Photography	10
Biology	30	Criminal Justice	6
Marketing	13		

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.

2022 Advanced Placement (AP) Scores

90 CBNA students took **165** AP Exams in 2022. **87%** of Coe-Brown students scored a 3 or above.

Scores are listed below for all Advanced Placement exams taken by three (3) or more CBNA students.

	Coe-Brown % Scoring a 3 or Higher	Global % Scoring a 3 or Higher
AP Biology	100%	67.8%
AP Calculus AB	100%	55.7%
AP Chemistry	55.6%	54.0%
AP English Language & Composition	81.0%	55.7%
AP English Literature & Composition	97.1%	77.9%
AP Spanish Language & Culture	90.9%	80.8%
AP US History	66.7%	48.2%

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

Student Reading Levels: 2021-22

Spring 2022 *Scholastic Reading Inventory*: Whole School

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy	34%	50%	11%	5%

CBNA participates in state-wide mandated examinations. For the 2021-22 academic year, the State of NH implemented the science AIR and the SAT (reading and math) for eleventh grade students. Students at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy scored as follows:

Spring 2022 Testing

	% Proficient or Above in SCIENCE	% Met Benchmark or Above in READING	% Met Benchmark or Above in MATH
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy	67%	81%	60%
State of New Hampshire	N/A	62%	37%

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

Class of 2022 Post-Graduate Experiences

	4-Year Post Secondary	2-Year Post Secondary	Specialized Education Programs	Other Programs	Military	Work Force
Class of 2022	53%	15%	1%	10%	2%	9%

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Academy has maintained a reasonably steady population in recent years, with a slight decline as sending schools have experienced smaller total populations. Our total enrollment has allowed CBNA to develop new programs and educational opportunities to best meet the needs of diverse learners. High standards of work ethic, behavior, and personal responsibility have been established and upheld by the administration, faculty and staff. The Academy offers multiple college and career fairs to assist students in making successful transitions to the next stage. CBNA continues to promote colleges, trades, military, and work force opportunities for all students.

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

The Academy administered the statewide examination, the SAT, assessing reading and math, and NH AIR assessing science, for juniors in the spring of 2022. Performance on those exams is demonstrated in the charts above and the Academy will continue to develop curriculum and teaching techniques for meeting New Hampshire State Standards and to best prepare students for state-wide assessments. Students at Coe-Brown continue to score in the upper percentiles of the AP examinations, NH state testing, and excel in many areas outside of academia as well. In addition, students, faculty, and staff have been thrilled to have so many members of the community come to the Academy to enjoy talented student performances within the athletic, music, arts, and drama programs.

The Education Committee of the Board of Trustees, which has voting representatives from Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford, annually reviews course offerings to ensure that they are appropriate to meeting students’ needs and are in keeping with the high academic standards set by the Board and administration. For the 2021-2022 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, NHTI, Manchester community College, and the University of Iowa.

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

tuition contracts with other school districts. The Board of Trustees encourages active participation by the Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford representatives.

Individual faculty members, both at Coe-Brown as well as from sending schools, have participated in a board-supported program called “*Bridges*.” Faculty members met both in-person and virtually throughout the 2021-2022 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: Know & Tell Peer to Peer, Health Occupation Student Association, Gaming Club, as well as some clubs that have been in existence for most of Coe-Brown’s history such as FFA, Band, Chorus, National Honor Society, Science & Robotics Club and many more. Students are encouraged to become as involved in school life as much 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 2021-22 academic year had 172 fall athletes, 170 winter athletes, and 264 spring athletes, showing the tremendous amount of participation in athletics by CBNA students.

As with all programs, the Board of Trustees strives to provide the best possible athletic facilities and to make them available, as appropriate and possible, to local citizens. This is in keeping with the Board’s commitment to make the Academy a part of the local communities.

PHYSICAL PLANT

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

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

Most recently, continued work to provide for increased fresh air turnover has been completed to enhance air quality in prime classroom areas of the campus. The most recent major construction project, begun in 2019, is the new Wiggin Hall building which has been completed on the first-floor level only. This involved the razing of the front part of the building with a two-story new building erected in its place. It currently houses art, music, specialized and general education classrooms. The next phase of the Wiggin Hall project is in the planning stages which will add an elevator and stair tower to the building. In

addition, security measures on campus are constantly evaluated, for greater student and staff safety including work on classroom doors, camera installations, lighting and security monitoring. Continued smaller projects will serve to revitalize and repurpose areas of the Academy in the future, ensuring a modern, student-focused campus.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees and its committees (Administration, Athletics, Development, Education, Facilities, & Fiscal) 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 Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford representatives plays a critical part of the process.

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

The Board of Trustees Development Committee is actively working on programs that support and enhance alumni and community relations. The publication of the *VISIONS* magazine, *Connections* flyer, and fundraising drives are vital steps in continuing to reach out to alumni and prospective students in the process of maintaining a long-range plan. The generosity of many people has resulted in enhancements to the physical plant, educational opportunities for students and faculty and a higher level of recognition of the quality of education offered by the Academy to local students.

THE FUTURE

The Board of Trustees thanks the towns in this community for the cooperative spirit and joined efforts to best serve the high school students in the area. Continued constructive and productive relationships with local SAUs, school boards, and administrations of sending schools help ensure the best preparation for the future challenges students will face as adults. The Board of Trustees and administration of CBNA remain appreciative of a continued long-term relationship with local citizens in working toward achieving continued educational excellence.

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





**STRAFFORD SCHOOL
GRADUATING CLASS OF 2022**

Reese Betts-Levine	Nathan Marengo
Evan Brooks	Liam Marquette
Jacob Buehrer	Grace Marston
Emma Corey	Logan McKee
Brianna Coulter	Landon Midwood
Lincoln Cross	Istvan Miko
Brianna Cunningham	Hadlea Murray
Leeauna Daleus	Marlee Neuschuez
Gregory D'Etremont	Ethan Newick
Joseph Fenton	Patrick Norris
Dylan Forbes	Jason Pogorek
Oliver Ford	Aaron Pratt
Benaiah Gagne	Shea Raymond
Emery Goldworthy	Christopher Robinson
Bryce Goodnight	Mackenzie Scribner
Logan Goulart	Sadie Scruton
Stella Harrison	Landon Smart
Addison Hartranft	Kole Stevens
Ryan Indelicato	Anthony Szatko
Kendall Jackson	Madison Taylor
Meredith Kerivan	Grace Therrien
Adam (AJ) Kozlowski	Declan Totten
Spencer Labrie	Garrett Ward
Kenneth Lemelin	Joseph Young
Jeffrey (JJ) Lyons	

Strafford High School Graduates 2022

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy

Heather Lynn Airey
Rylee Mae Barry
Malli Olivia Begin
Olivia Maya Townsend Buzzell
Alyssa Kathleen Chalifour
Jackson Nicholas Colby
Carolina May Colley
Tucker E. Collins
Amelia Skye Edmonds
Gretchen J. Fichera
Taylor Rose Gagne
Griffin Owen Goodwin
Hunter Michael Graham
Tyler James Hale
Camryn Leigh Hildreth
Lars Erik Hogne
Cadence Howard
Emily Rose Huebel
Nicholas Indelicato
Sabrinalin Hope Jeffers
Charles T. Jones
Aidan J. Kane
Alexander Nathan Knight
Eleanor Joan Labrie



Jack Meader Lano
Alexis Marie Laughton
Kendrick James Leighton
Bryanna R. Lyons
Anya Faye Marengo
Sragvi Nomula
Mairead Patricia O'Shea
Ryan Michael Page
Karli Pujó
Natalie Jean Riley
Dylan S. Ross
Bradley Alexander Rousseau
William E. Sawyer
Nicholas Paul Schroeder
Sydney Price Schwartz
Alexandra Leigh Stover
Turner Augustus Totten
Ethan Brady Vachon
Justin J. Vayda
Emma Hollander Wiley
Hannah Celeste Woroniak
Caleb M. Yates
Molly Huanting York



VITAL RECORDS
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2022 - DECEMBER 31, 2022
TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Courtney, Rayna Iris	2/5/2022	Rochester, NH	Courtney, Daniel Terrence	Courtney, Samantha Leigh
Soto, Antonio Levi	3/7/2022	Dover, NH	Soto, Jose Eduardo	Soto, Erin Evelyn
Comtois, Riley Bradford	3/7/2022	Concord, NH	Comtois, Timothy George	Comtois, Kelsey Marie
Kost O'Gara, Rowan David	4/6/2022	Dover, NH	Kost, Joel David	O'Gara, Lily Elizabeth Ann
Elliott, Anastasia Opal Fay	4/14/2022	Dover, NH	Elliott, Jordan Michael Fayne	Marston, Elizabeth Margo
Gagne, Bella Ann	4/15/2022	Dover, NH	Gagne, Christopher Ryan	Gagne, Samantha Elizabeth
Staples, Feyre Evelyn	6/15/2022	Dover, NH	Staples, Scott Allen	Michaud, Katherine Anne
Kohler, Olivia Lynn	6/30/2022	Dover, NH	Kohler, Mathew Frederick	Mercier, Ashley Marie
Clark, Ainsley Emma	8/23/2022	Concord, NH	Clark, Scott Richard	Clark, Nicole Hope
Bruno, Elka Blue Horse	10/31/2022	Dover, NH	Bruno Curet, Juan Pablo	Bruno Curet, Bethany Garboski
Cutter, Natalie Ann	11/16/2022	Dover, NH	Cutter, Joshua John	Cutter, Caitlin Jean

TOTAL NUMBER OF RECORDS: 22

**VITAL RECORDS
RESIDENT MARRIAGE RECORD
JANUARY 1, 2022 - DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Town Of Strafford, NH

Name - Person A	Residence	Name - Person B	Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date
Long, Nathaniel K	Strafford, NH	Page, Tracy J	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	6/3/2022
Fennell, Torian R	Strafford, NH	McPherson, Raeanna J	Strafford, NH	Rochester, NH	Rochester, NH	6/15/2022
Fisher, Timothy J	Concord, NH	Smith, Niki L.	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	6/25/2022
Trotter, William J	Strafford, NH	Burke, Christine C	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Portsmouth, NH	6/26/2022
Taylor, Brittany F	Boston, MA	Kline, Bradford N	Strafford, NH	Madbury, NH	Barrington, NH	6/26/2022
Grondin, Megan L	Strafford, NH	Jamer, Monica R	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	7/8/2022
Frye, Kyle A	Strafford, NH	Huston, Sarah N	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Goffstown, NH	9/23/2022
Belmont, Jacob T	Strafford, NH	Daigle, Louise M	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Newington, NH	9/24/2022
Johnson, Camden M	Strafford, NH	Chapin, Ellora P	Brookfield, NH	Waterville Valley	Rochester, NH	9/24/2022
Romolo, Robert E	Strafford, NH	Allen, Jessica C	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	10/1/2022
Thibeault, Christopher A	Strafford, NH	Horan, Marlee R	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	10/26/2022
Plummer, Donald W	Strafford, NH	Mann, Cherie L	Rochester, NH	Strafford, NH	Northwood, NH	12/3/2022
Osgood, Logan G	Strafford, NH	Duffy, Sarah J	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Dover, NH	12/23/2022

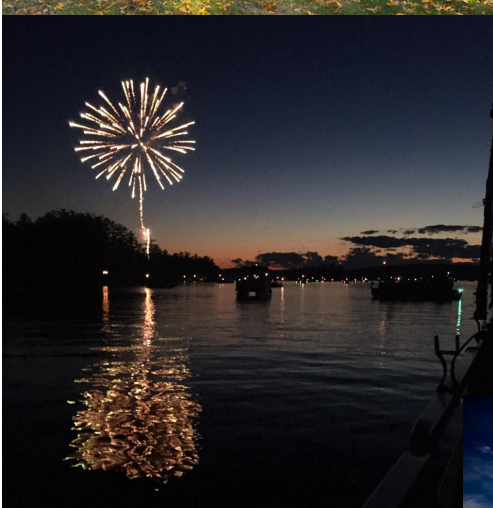
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VITAL RECORDS

RESIDENT DEATH RECORD

January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022
Town of Strafford, NH

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Place of Death	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name	Military
Evans, Sheila Rae	1/4/2022	Dover, NH	Costello, John	Johnson, Astrid	N
Brady Sr., David Richard	1/19/2022	Strafford, NH	Brady, James	Salvitti, Pierina	Y
French, Steven R	1/25/2022	Portsmouth, NH	French, Richard	Cahill, Lauretta	N
Cowhig, David	2/6/2022	Rochester, NH	Cowhig, Gene	Oreo, Jean	N
Feldstein, Hilary Jane	2/6/2022	Strafford, NH	Sims, Robert	Loomis, Jane	N
Heald, Carol Gene	2/15/2022	Strafford, NH	Creamer, John	Atkinson, Gloria	N
Drociak, Martha B	2/22/2022	Strafford, NH	Bishop, Robert	Degague, Doris	N
Burnham, Ann M	3/3/2022	Portsmouth, NH	Massey, John	Carpenter, Gertrude	N
Grondin, Jean	3/11/2022	Strafford, NH	Coyle, Alexander	Nowe, Margaret	N
Thurston, Rosalie S	3/22/2022	Rochester, NH	Beckman, Elmer	Pflugmacker, Clara	N
Kolifraith, Mary Eleanor	3/25/2022	Strafford, NH	Reddy, Thomas	Lovelle, Lillian	N
Forbes, Marilyn Vincent	3/26/2022	Rochester, NH	Bolton, James	Levis, Sarah	N
Miller, John Bailey	4/6/2022	Rochester, NH	Miller, Claude	McClements, Helen	N
Chambers, Keith R	4/13/2022	Strafford, NH	Chambers, Nathan	Carter, Juanita	Y
Grabowski, Roman	4/23/2022	Strafford, NH	Unknown	Unknown	N
Paugh, Fay Kinzy	6/12/2022	Strafford, NH	Paugh, Melvin	Harrison, Alta	Y
Twombly, Valerie Ann	6/22/2022	Concord, NH	Twombly, William	Brown, Shirley	N
McCourt, Louise	6/24/2022	Rochester, NH	Boutin, Leonard	Platt, Irene	N
Messenger, Irma Louise	7/3/2022	Strafford, NH	Berry, Ellsworth	Stanton, Ora	N
Smith, Scott R	7/31/2022	Strafford, NH	Smith, Robert	Carson, Sonia	N
Russell, Scott Allen	8/8/2022	Strafford, NH	Russell, Allen	Mikell, Rita	N
Desmond, Marjorie Ann	8/28/2022	Strafford, NH	Pilman, Ernest	Richard, Florence	N
Coletti, Stevie Ray	9/16/2022	Strafford, NH	Coletti, David	Snyder, Kimberly	N
O'Brien, Kathleen Patricia	10/2/2022	Barrington, NH	Horgan Jr., Edmund	Titus, Linda	N
Wagner, Norma Dolan	10/12/2022	Strafford, NH	Dolan, Chester	Morgan, Edith	N
Daigle, Paul Robert Anthony	10/23/2022	Dover, NH	Daigle, Jean	Paradis, Julliett	N
Bonenfant, Janice Raylene	10/24/2022	Strafford, NH	Bonenfant, Norman	Kealoa, Alice	N
Parker, Loretta	11/22/2022	Rochester, NH	Boucher, Paul	Ouellette, Rose Anna	N
Scott, William Harris	12/5/2022	Strafford, NH	Scott, Edward	Obdyke, Dorothy	Y
Brousseau, Harry Charles	12/7/2022	Dover, NH	Brousseau, Eugene	Rodier, Ophelia	Y
Howe, Timothy Russell	12/24/2022	Rochester, NH	Howe, Robert	Kreiger, Barbara	Y



TOWN OF STRAFFORD
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TOWN HALL

(603)664-2192

Town Clerk's Hours (Ext. 102)
Monday and Wednesday 8:30am-2pm
Tuesday and Thursday 1:30pm-7pm

Tax Collector's Hours (Ext. 103)
Monday and Wednesday 8:30am-2pm
Tuesday 1pm-6pm

Town Offices/Selectmen's Hours (Ext. 101 or 110)
Monday and Wednesday 9am-2pm
Tuesday 9am-noon/4pm-7pm

Building Inspector's Hours (Ext. 104 or 106)
Tuesday 4pm-7pm

HILL LIBRARY

(603)664-2800

Monday thru Thursday 11am-7pm
Saturday 10am-2pm

STRAFFORD SCHOOL

(603)664-2842

POLICE/FIRE/MEDICAL EMERGENCY
911

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Non-Emergency (603)664-5644
Business Line (603)664-7462
Dog Officer (603)664-5644

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Business Line (603)664-6863

RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Wednesday 4pm-7pm
Saturday and Sunday 9am-1pm

****Household Hazardous Waste Day****

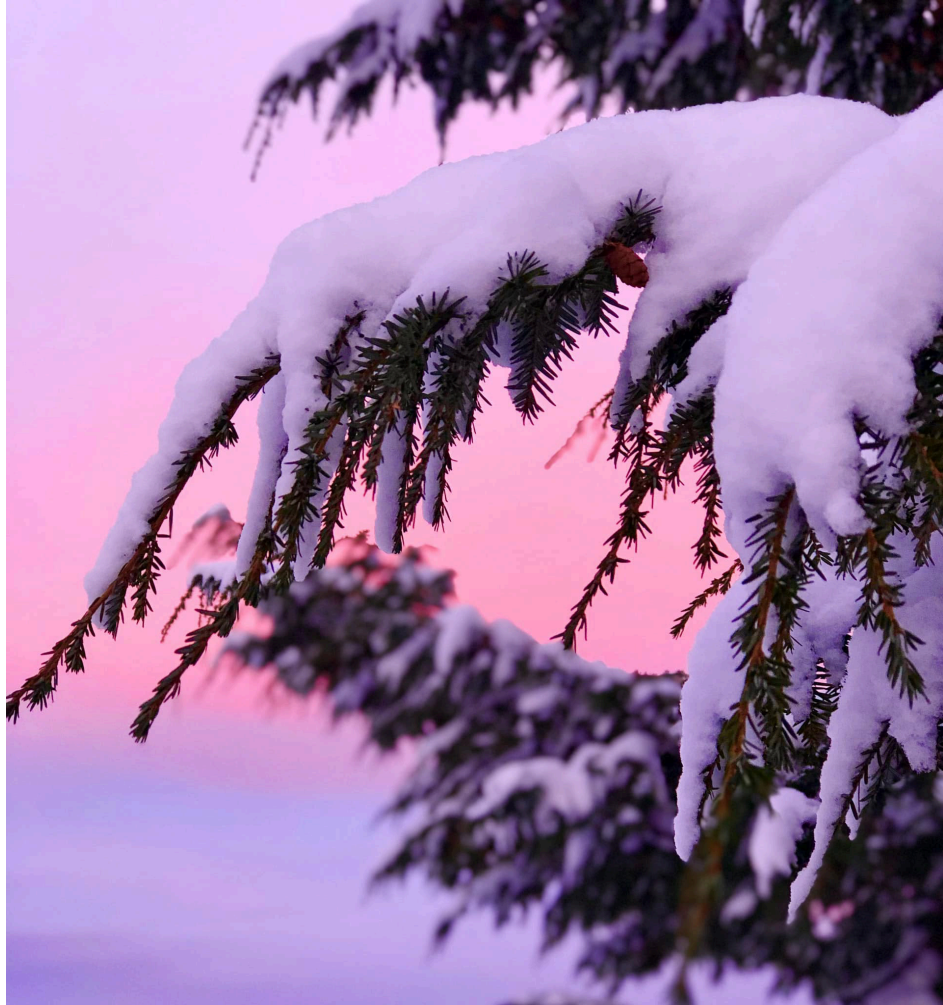
May 20, 2023 from 8:30am to 12:30 pm

Turnkey Landfill 18 Isinglass Drive, Rochester, NH



Spring is in the Air! Image by Linda Hodgdon

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“No winter lasts forever, no spring skips its turn.” -Hal Borland