

THE TOWN OF
STRAFFORD
NEW HAMPSHIRE



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

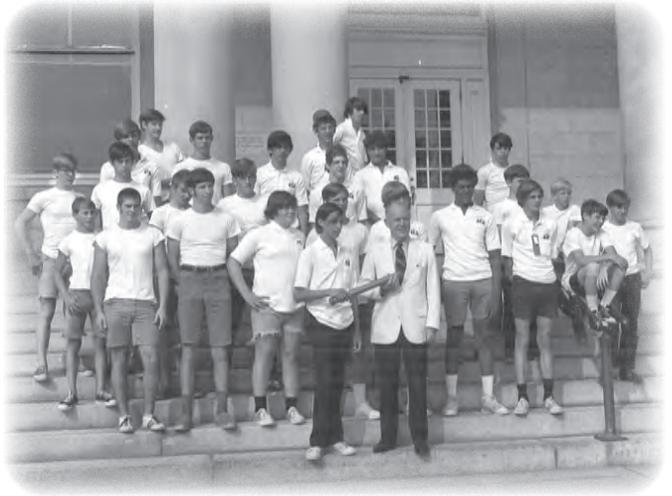
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Title Page: Strafford Sesquicentennial Carnival – 1970, held behind Strafford Elementary School.

Relay Team who carried the Town Charter from Concord to Strafford for the
Opening Ceremony of the Sesquicentennial. The photo was taken at the State
House, with Secretary of State Robert Stark.

School District Title Page: Winkley School District Number 9, early 1900's.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE
TOWN OF
STRAFFORD,
NEW HAMPSHIRE
2019



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

POPULATION.....ESTIMATED 4114
REGISTERED VOTERS.....3406

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TOWN OFFICERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

Lynn M. Sweet, Chairman 2020
Bryant J. Scott 2021
Scott L. Young 2022
Ellen J. White, Town Administrator

TOWN CLERK

Christine Bane 2022

TOWN TREASURER

Cindy Cushing 2022

TAX COLLECTOR

Judith Dupré

MODERATOR

Ron Lemieux 2020

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Carol Cooper 2024
Martha English 2022
Marilyn Roderick 2020

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Paige Holman

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

JoAnn Brown, Chairman 2020
Jessie Copeland, Treasurer 2021
Lindsay Aucella 2022
Sharon Omand, Alternate
Betsy Cozine, Alternate

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Richard Ferreira II, Chairman 2021
Jean Chartrand-Ewen 2022
Herman Groth 2022
Susan Arnold 2020
Charles Burnham 2020
Scott Hodgdon, Alternate
Ashley Rowe, Alternate

ROAD AGENT

Greg Messenger 2020

BUILDING INSPECTORS

David Copeland
Dan Howard

HEALTH OFFICER

Scott Whitehouse
David Hartranft, Deputy

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

Charles H. Burnham, Chairman 2022
Betsy B. Cozine 2020
Jean Ewen 2021

PLANNING BOARD

Charles Moreno, Chairman 2020
Terrence Hyland 2020
R. Stephen Leighton 2021
Phil Auger 2022
Scott L. Young, Ex Officio member
Donald Coker, Alternate
Don Clifford, Alternate

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Scott A. Young, Chairman 2021
Randal Jacunski 2021
Kerry Omand 2022
Mimi Jost 2022
David Perkins 2020
Susan Barnes 2020
Katrina Amaral 2020
Elizabeth Evans, Alternate
Irving Johnson, Alternate
JoAnn Brown, Alternate
Bruce Smith, Alternate

TOWN OFFICERS AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Officer John Bernard
Officer Greg Iannacci

Officer Evan Ortega
Officer Forrest "Chip" Stickney

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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

CAPTAINS

Paul Stover
Steve Johnson

Erik Aucella

LIEUTENANTS

Paul Yergeau, Sr.
Ben Bickford

Bryan Hayes
Peter Frasca

DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

James A. Andersen
James W. Andersen
Erik Aucella
Benjamin Bickford
Kim Bickford
Robert Boucher
Eugene Burrows
Charles Butler
Kenneth Chick
Katie Cilley
Rob Clark
Tim Conti
Brittany Deane
Lyle Deane
Norman Dumais

Mike Evans
Peter Frasca
Steve Goodspeed
David Hartranft
William Hatch
Bryan Hayes
Josiah Hinrichsen
Zach Huot
Ben Jamer
Steve Johnson
Michael Kilrain
Matt Lobdell
Henry Marston
Brendan McAdams
Scott McGrath

Dan Meehan
Tyler Miglionico
Scott Morin
Ed Morse
Kelly Quinn
Nathan Richard
Jared Rowell
Chris Roy
Windy Rudnicki
Paul Stover
Sean White
Cameron Whitehouse
Sam Whitehouse
Scott Whitehouse
Paul Yergeau, Sr.

EXPLORERS

Alex Stover

ELECTED STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Senator John Reagan
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home (603)463-5945

Representative Kurt Wuelper
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Representative Mike Harrington
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REPORT FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Town and School elections will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM for voting. Candidates for Town and School District offices, Zoning Amendments, and a Petition Article will be considered. Articles 6 through 29 on the Warrant will be considered on Saturday, March 14, 2020, at Strafford School commencing at 8:30 AM.

With the Town Meeting's approval for the hire of an additional full time police officer, the Police Department welcomed Officer Forrest "Chip" Stickney to their team in August. The Board members continue to support the Fire and Rescue Department as they work toward providing 24/7 Fire/EMS coverage; 2019 brought them closer to that goal. Increasing the Town's legal budget was discussed and approved at the 2019 Town Meeting. These funds have been used to bring action against several zoning violations, for defense in legal action against the Town, and general counsel on routine matters.

Our "new" Town Hall is already 11 years old. We are grateful for this building and strive to demonstrate that to residents with careful maintenance and necessary repairs. In 2019, we installed some improved outdoor lighting and are methodically making necessary technology upgrades.

In 2019, voters approved the funding of several Capital Reserve Funds. Board members appreciate the forward thinking of Strafford voters in planning and saving for ongoing and future capital improvements. In 2020, the Selectmen are recommending modest appropriations for CRF funds and the establishment of a new Highway Department Vehicles & Equipment Fund. With the construction of the Crown Point Fire Station well underway, the Selectmen are requesting a 2020 CRF appropriation which will make funds available to complete the project. The 2020 appropriation to the Bridge CRF, added to existing funds and funding from the State, will provide funds to make the necessary renovations of the Barn Door Gap bridge in 2020.

Thanks to all residents who have made accommodations to the changes at our town's Recycling Center in response to the changing recycling market. We see both declining revenue and increased costs, but we believe it remains the "right" thing to do. Plastic recycling is presently limited to #1, #2, and #5, and excludes all plastic bags. The Board will continue to monitor this changing market. The backhoe and the plastics compactor had some significant repairs this past year, so we will continue to propose funding to the CRF to replace and repair some of that older equipment.

With the increased programming, outreach, and use of the library, the Trustees of Hill Library are proposing the hiring of a full time Children's Librarian. The position is a separate warrant article; if passed the library budget will be amended accordingly.

Please note that all departmental budgets in the 2020 Budget reflect an extra 2 week payroll. Simply said, this is the cumulative effect of many years of pay periods overlapping the end of one year and the beginning of the next. The last 2019 pay period had a payroll date in 2020, thus creating the extra payroll. In 2021, we will return to 26 pay periods/payrolls as always.

Plans are being finalized for Strafford's Bicentennial celebration to be held August 15-22, 2020. Donations may be made c/o Strafford Historical Society, PO Box 33, Ctr. Strafford, NH 03815. It's certainly not too late to become involved!

Website: www.Strafford1820-2020.com. Email: straffordbicentennial@gmail.com

Looking to the future, in 2021, the Town will undergo a State mandated statistical update where all properties will be valued anew. Other projects on the horizon include updating the Town website and continued support for many of the Capital Reserve Funds addressed this year, including the CRF for Highway Department equipment

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

The Selectmen want to recognize and thank the 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

Bryant J. Scott, Selectman

Scott L. Young, 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 Tenth (10th) day of March, next at 8:00 A.M. to act upon the following subjects:

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

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

“To amend Building Regulations 4.1.10 **Driveway** by adding requirements for the construction of driveways to new residential and/or commercial buildings including a requirement for a 12 foot minimum travel way and adequate clearances to accommodate fire apparatus and to require that when a bridge or culvert is required for construction of a driveway, it shall be designed and installed to nationally recognized standards, and to add definitions for Bridge and Culvert.”

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

“To add a new Section 4.1.10 A **Shared Driveways** to clarify width, clearances, turn-around requirements, and construction standards for shared driveways to insure that there is adequate access for fire and safety vehicles.”

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

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

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

** NOTE: ALL ARTICLES, EXCEPT ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 8:30 A.M., SATURDAY, MARCH FOURTEENTH (14th) 2020 AT THE **STRAFFORD SCHOOL**.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$385,000. for Capital Improvements (Drainage work, culverts, gravel and paving) of roads within the Town boundaries at the discretion of the Road Agent, as funding permits.

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

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

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$744,885. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.

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

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

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$502,751. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department.

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

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

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$76,775. to be placed in the Crown Point Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000. to be placed in the Fire Engine Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,258. for the purpose of purchasing new forestry equipment with \$1,629. to come from the State Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant and the balance of \$1,629. to come from general taxation.

18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for \$327,149. for the purpose of leasing to own a new ambulance and to raise and appropriate \$69,328. for the first year's payment, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$69,328. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,000. for the purpose of purchasing required equipment for the new ambulance to be certified for use, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$57,000. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a full time position at the Hill Library and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,210. to cover this position and benefits.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$108,886. for the operation and maintenance of the Hill Library.

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

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

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

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

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500. to help defray expenses associated with Strafford's Bicentennial Celebration in 2020 in coordination with the Strafford Historical Society.

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

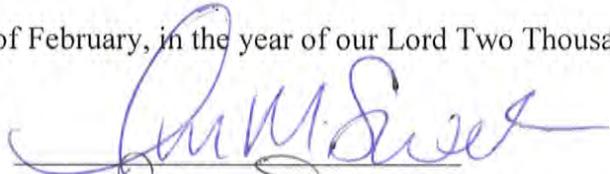
Executive.....	\$ 90,510.
Election & Registration.....	36,291.
Financial Administration.....	102,593.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	41,888.
Legal Expenses.....	30,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	39,680.
Planning and Zoning.....	14,200.
General Government Building.....	45,900.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	38,310.
Insurance.....	60,847.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	4,203.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	5,168.
Contingency Fund.....	16,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	13,000.
Emergency Management.....	5,500.
Building Inspection.....	17,453.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	534,500.
Street Lighting.....	5,000.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	325,511.
Animal Control.....	1,800.
Cemeteries.....	9,000.
Cornerstone VNA (formerly Roch Dstr VNA).....	3,991.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	15,180.
Community Action.....	2,000.
Haven Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend's Place.....	200.
The Homemakers Health Services.....	3,200.
Ready Rides.....	1,500.
CASA.....	500.
Strafford Nutrition & Meals on Wheels.....	1,000.
Parks and Recreation.....	21,759.
Patriotic Purposes and Fireworks	6,800.
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
TOTAL.....	<u>\$1,498,976.</u>

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

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

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

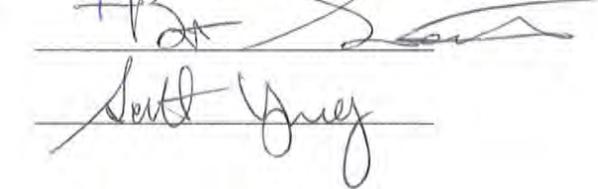




Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:







Proposed Budget

Strafford

For the period beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020

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

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 19, 2020

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

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

Name	Position	Signature
Lynn M. Sweet	Chairman	
Bryant J. Scott	Selectman	
Scott L. Young	Selectman	

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

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

For assistance please contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
(603) 230-5090

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



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2019	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	27	\$84,587	\$85,152	\$90,510	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	27	\$57,606	\$64,830	\$74,601	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	27	\$102,097	\$111,682	\$115,593	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	27	\$38,273	\$39,738	\$41,888	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	27	\$19,738	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	27	\$34,301	\$37,659	\$39,680	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	27	\$9,582	\$12,056	\$14,200	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	27	\$39,770	\$41,000	\$45,900	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	27	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0
4196	Insurance	27	\$42,386	\$57,083	\$60,847	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	27	\$8,872	\$9,072	\$9,371	\$0
4199	Other General Government	27	\$0	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$446,212	\$513,272	\$547,590	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	09	\$626,697	\$649,494	\$744,885	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	12	\$458,811	\$492,984	\$502,751	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	27	\$11,737	\$17,953	\$17,453	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	27	\$4,327	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$1,101,572	\$1,165,931	\$1,270,589	\$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	27	\$530,122	\$517,700	\$534,500	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	27	\$4,501	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$534,623	\$522,700	\$539,500	\$0

Sanitation



Appropriations

4321	Administration	27	\$271,059	\$316,234	\$325,511	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$271,059	\$316,234	\$325,511	\$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	\$200	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	27	\$1,379	\$3,800	\$1,800	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	27	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$3,991	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$5,370	\$7,991	\$5,791	\$0

Welfare

4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	27	\$2,709	\$15,180	\$15,180	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	27	\$8,392	\$8,392	\$9,392	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$11,101	\$23,572	\$24,572	\$0

Culture and Recreation

4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	27	\$17,367	\$21,859	\$21,759	\$0
4550-4559	Library	21	\$98,019	\$101,126	\$108,886	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	27	\$7,010	\$7,300	\$6,800	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$122,396	\$130,285	\$137,445	\$0

Conservation and Development

4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	27	\$1,323	\$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			\$1,323	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0



Appropriations

Debt Service

4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	27	\$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		\$11,318	\$11,318	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$371,699	\$385,000	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$383,017	\$396,318	\$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					\$2,855,498	\$0
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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	10	\$41,195	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Purchase Police Veh/Equip using w/d from CRF & Pol</i>			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	13	\$10,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Purchase equipment/supplies for ambulance</i>			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	14	\$1,318	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Zoll X-Series Defibrillator - extended warranty/se</i>			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	18	\$69,328	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Lease/Purch New Ambulance by w/d from Res Veh/Equip</i>			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	19	\$57,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Purchase Required Equip for New Ambulance</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$2,500	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Add to CRF for Road Signage</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	08	\$5,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: CRF for Hwy Dept Vehicles/Equip</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$5,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Add to CRF Police Vehicles/Equipment</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15	\$76,775	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Add to CRF Rehab/repl Crown Point Fire Station</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16	\$25,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Add to CRF-Future Fire Truck</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	22	\$5,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Add to CRF-Library expansion and improvements</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	23	\$5,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Add to CRF for Repair/Replace Recycling Ctr Equip</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	24	\$25,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Add to NCRF k/a Bridge C & R Fund for future bridg</i>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	25	\$5,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Add to CRF-Town Hall Bldg Mnt/Imprv/Expansion</i>			
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$333,116	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4550-4559	Library	20	\$44,210	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Library Full Time Position</i>			
4583	Patriotic Purposes	26	\$2,500	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Bicentennial Celebration</i>			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	17	\$3,258	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Forestry Equip funded by grant and general taxatio</i>			
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	06	\$385,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Capital Improvements to Roads</i>			
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$434,968	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2019	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2019	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	27	\$14,948	\$15,400	\$17,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	27	\$55,303	\$52,785	\$55,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxes Subtotal			\$70,251	\$68,185	\$72,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	27	\$865,348	\$851,523	\$865,348
3230	Building Permits	27	\$25,603	\$25,000	\$25,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	27	\$49,518	\$47,000	\$49,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$940,469	\$923,523	\$939,348
State Sources					
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues	27	\$38,180	\$38,180	\$38,180
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	27	\$210,099	\$210,099	\$210,099
3353	Highway Block Grant	27	\$130,937	\$131,133	\$130,937
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)	17	\$0	\$0	\$1,629
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$379,216	\$379,412	\$380,845
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	27	\$52,834	\$52,000	\$52,000
3409	Other Charges	27	\$14,423	\$10,000	\$14,000
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$67,257	\$62,000	\$66,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	27	\$14,533	\$9,000	\$14,000
3503-3509	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$14,533	\$9,000	\$14,000



Revenues

Interfund Operating Transfers In

3912	From Special Revenue Funds	13, 18, 14, 10, 19	\$11,318	\$11,318	\$163,841
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	10	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$11,318	\$11,318	\$178,841

Other Financing Sources

3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	27	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$1,683,044	\$1,653,438	\$1,851,034
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Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2020
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$2,855,498
Special Warrant Articles	\$333,116
Individual Warrant Articles	\$434,968
Total Appropriations	\$3,623,582
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,851,034
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,772,548

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

TOWN OF STRAFFORD

FY 2019

Account #	Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue	Estimated Revenue Adjusted
TAXES			
3185	Timber Tax	\$15,400	\$15,400
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$52,785	\$52,785
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		\$0
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$851,523	\$851,523
3230	Building Permits	\$25,000	\$25,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$47,000	\$47,000
FROM STATE			
3351	Shared Revenue	\$0	\$38,180
3352	Meals & Rooms Distribution	\$209,316	\$210,099
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$129,018	\$131,133
3359	Bridge Grant	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	\$0	\$0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$52,000	\$52,000
3409	Planning Board & Board of Adjustment	\$10,000	\$10,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	\$9,000	\$9,000
3503-3509	Other - Insurance Refund	\$0	\$0
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$11,318	\$11,318
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES		\$1,412,360	\$1,453,438
	Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$200,000	\$200,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		\$1,612,360	\$1,653,438
REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)		\$73,000	\$73,000

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

Acct#	Purpose of Appropriation	RSA 32:3 ,V	Warrant Art.	Appropriation As Voted
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130-4139	Executive		18	\$85,152
4140-4149	Elec, Auto Reg, Vital Sts, Clrk Fees		18	\$64,830
4150-4151	Financial Adm & CPA Audit		18	\$111,682
4152	Reval of Property & Tax Maps		18	\$39,738
4153	Legal Expense		18	\$30,000
4155-4159	Personnel Adm, FICA, Medi, Unemp Comp		18	\$37,659
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		18	\$12,056
4195	Cemeteries		17	\$9,000
4194	General Government Buildings		18	\$41,000
4196	Insurance		18	\$57,083
4197	Advertising & Reg Assoc Dues, SRPC Dues		18	\$9,072
4199	Other General Gov't/Contingency		18	\$16,000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210-4214	Police		3, 4	\$649,494
4215-4219	Ambulance			\$0
4220-4229	Fire & Rescue		6	\$492,984
4240-4249	Building Inspection		18	\$17,953
4290-4298	Emergency Management		18	\$5,500
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311	Adm/Gen Hwy & Road Maintenance		18	\$517,700
4313	Bridges			\$0
4316	Street Lighting		18	\$5,000
4319	Other (Road Improvements)			\$0
SANITATION				
4321	Administration		18	\$316,234
HEALTH				
4411	Administration		18	\$200
4414	Pest Control		18	\$3,800
4415-4419	Health Agencies/Cornerstone VNA		18	\$3,991
WELFARE				
4441-4442	Adminstration & Direct Assistance		18	\$15,180
4445-4449	Vendor pmts/Other		18	\$8,392
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		18	\$21,859
4550-4559	Library		11	\$101,126
4583	Patriotic Purposes		16, 18	\$7,300
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT				
4611-4612	Admin & Purchase of Natural Resources		18	\$2,500
DEBT SERVICE				
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note		18	\$2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		7, 8	\$11,318
4903	Buildings			\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		2	\$385,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		5,9,10,12,13,14	\$145,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS VOTED				\$ 3,225,803

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TOWN OF STRAFFORD
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A. ASSETS			
Current Assets	Acct#	Beginning of year	End of year
Cash and equivalents	1010	\$2,973,796	\$ 4,111,686
Investments	1030	\$294,658	\$298,106
Taxes receivable	1080	\$576,592	\$503,924
Tax liens receivable	1110	\$191,407	\$194,325
Accounts receivable	1150		
Due from other governments	1260		
Due from other funds	1310		
Other current assets	1400		
Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670		
TOTAL ASSETS		\$4,036,453	\$5,108,041
B. LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	Acct#	Beginning of year	End of year
Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$33,350	\$34,204
Compensated absences payable	2030		
Contracts payable	2050		
Due to other governments	2070		
Due to school districts	2075	\$2,707,136	\$3,896,540
Due to other funds	2080		
Deferred revenue	2220		
Notes payable - Current	2230		
Bonds payable - Current	2250		
Other payables	2270	\$248,717	\$20,786
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$2,989,203	\$3,951,530
Fund Equity*			
Nonspendable Fund Balance	2440		
Restricted Fund Balance	2450	\$108,294	\$108,294
Committed Fund Balance	2460		\$21,785
Assigned Fund Balance	2490	\$111,303	\$14,713
Unassigned Fund Balance	2530	\$827,653	\$1,011,719
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$1,047,250	\$1,156,511
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		\$4,036,453	\$5,108,041

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

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

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET RECONCILIATION	
Ending Fund Equity from Balance Sheet	\$1,156,511
Less Beginning Fund Equity from Balance Sheet	\$1,047,250
Change (Increase or Decrease)	\$109,261

In Lieu of Audit: Please note that the Town's financial audit for the year ending December 31, 2019 is in process; therefore no Auditor's Report is available at this time. Upon completion, the audit information will be available at the Town Office.

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION 2019

Value of Land Only	Acres	2019 Assessed Valuation
Current Use RSA 79-A	21,354.77	\$1,489,200
Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.16	\$4,500
Residential Land	6,270.43	\$186,256,900
Commercial/Industrial Land	155.32	\$1,564,500
Total of Taxable Land	27,780.68	\$189,315,100
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	2,793.00	\$5,009,200

Value of Buildings Only		2019 Assessed Valuation
Residential		\$280,700,000
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$4,248,300
Commercial/Industrial		\$7,016,012
Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	3 Structures	\$101,400
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$292,065,712
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		\$16,003,500

Utilities		Valuation
Public Utilities		\$4,903,300
Other Public Utilities		\$15,800
Valuation Before Exemptions		\$486,299,912
Modified Assessed Valuation of All Properties		\$486,299,912

Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a&b	18 Granted	\$700,000
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	6 Granted	\$165,000
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$865,000

Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed	\$485,434,912
Less Public Utilities	\$4,903,300
Net Valuation without Utilites	\$480,531,612

Utility Summary

The Municipality **DOES** use the DRA utility values. It **IS** Equalized by the Ratio?

PSNH dba Eversource Energy	\$4,784,100
Hampstead Area Water Company	\$119,200
Total of All Utilities	\$4,903,300
City of Rochester -Municipal	\$15,800

Tax Credits

Veterans' Tax Credits	Limits	# Individuals	Estimated Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$200	180	\$36,000
Tax Credit for Total Service Connected Disability	\$700	10	\$7,000
Total Number and Amount		190	\$43,000

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

Disabled Exemption Report RSA 72:37-b

Current Year Exemptions Granted: 6 Amount of Exemption \$30,000 Total \$165,000

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

Elderly Exemption Report RSA 72:39-a

Number of First Time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year			Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year & Total Amount of Exemptions Granted			
Age	#	Amount	Age	#	Amount	Total Exemption Granted
65-74	2	\$30,000	65-74	6	\$180,000	\$180,000
75-79	0	\$40,000	75-79	6	\$240,000	\$220,000
80+	1	\$50,000	80+	<u>6</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
			Total	18	\$720,000	\$700,000

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

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

Current Use Reports RSA 79-A

	Total # Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	1,110.94	\$380,400
Forest Land	12,521.06	\$843,800
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	6,067.88	\$237,200
Unproductive Land	169.10	\$2,500
Wetland	1,485.79	\$25,300
Total	21,354.77	\$1,489,200

Other Current Use Statistics

Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment 8,708.75 acres

Removed from Current Use during
 Current Year 38.85 acres

Number of Owners in Current Use 377

Total Number of Parcels in Current Use 605

Land Use Change Tax Received January 1 through December 31 \$9,380
 100% Conservation Allocation \$9,380

Discretionary Preservation Easements

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



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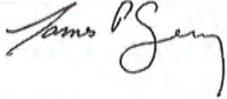
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Tax Rate Breakdown Strafford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,689,103	\$485,434,912	\$3.48
County	\$1,446,691	\$485,434,912	\$2.98
Local Education	\$7,170,132	\$485,434,912	\$14.77
State Education	\$1,076,248	\$480,531,612	\$2.24
Total	\$11,382,174		\$23.47

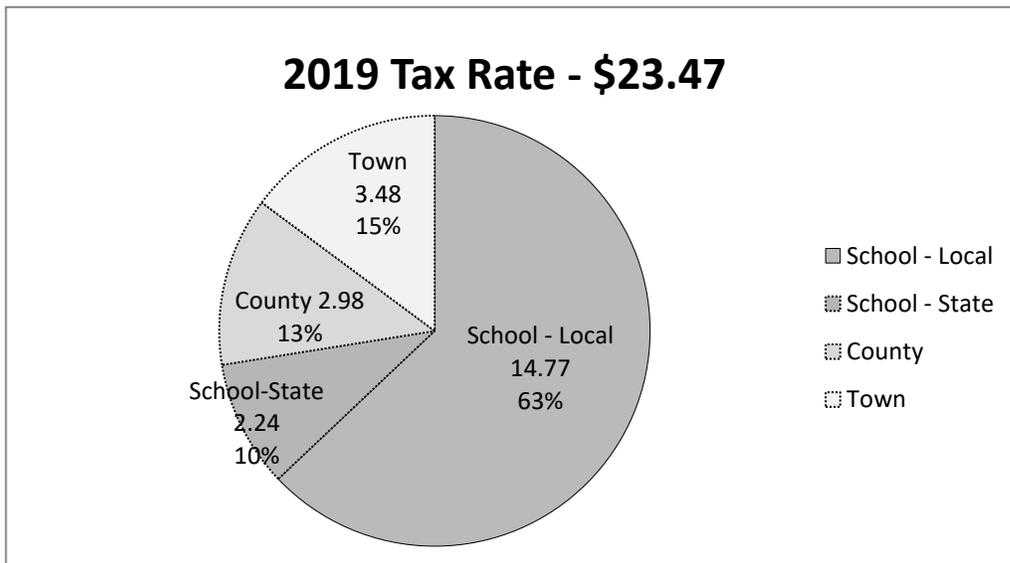
Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$11,382,174
War Service Credits	(\$43,000)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$11,339,174

 James P. Gerry Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	11/13/2019
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HISTORICAL PROPERTY & TAX RATE DATA

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



HISTORICAL TOTAL TOWN PROPERTY VALUE									
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total Town Value	485,434,912	479,262,200	475,637,420	472,279,300	464,957,500	461,618,700	458,999,700	455,187,900	451,904,600

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

Historical Total Town Equalization Ratio*								
2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
80.5%	91.1%	93.60%	96.80%	105.80%	108.80%	102.53%	100.30%	114.50%

*The NH Department of Revenue Administration annually conducts a sales to assessment ratio study to establish an overall assessment ratio. The Assessment ratio is a measurement of the assessment level of a municipality; the ratio for an individual property is found by dividing the assessed value by the sales price. The overall ratio for a municipality is derived from a statistical analysis of the compilation of all individual ratios. At this printing, the 2019 equalization ratio was not yet available.

2019 STRAFFORD TOWN MEETING

MARCH 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Strafford Town Hall, in the Town of Strafford, by Town Moderator Ron Lemieux, to act on Article #1 of the 2018 Town Warrant by ballot vote.

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

The meeting was called to order again at 8:33 am on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Strafford School gymnasium by Moderator Ron Lemieux to act on Articles Two through Twenty.

The Moderator welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Boy Scout Troop #23 which then presented the colors with a Flag Ceremony and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reverend Carolyn Clarke offered an opening prayer.

Moderator Lemieux introduced those sitting at the head table including Selectmen Scott Young, Lynn Sweet, and Bryant Scott; Town Administrator Ellen White, and Town Clerk Christine Bane.

The Moderator then recognized resident JoAnn Brown who spoke about the work in progress on the upcoming Strafford Bicentennial.

The Selectmen proceeded with a special presentation to recognize retiring Strafford Town Treasurer, Laurie Bibeau. Ms..Bibeau has been the Strafford Town Treasurer for 11 years and was presented with flowers and a card to thank her for her years of hard work.

The Moderator read the results of the March 12, 2019 election. **Article #1.**

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Voters on the checklist	3383
Votes cast	271
Library Trustee – Three years	
Lindsay Aucella	247
Selectman – Three years	
Scott Young	251
Road Agent – One year	
Greg Messenger	263
Planning Board – Three years	
Phil Auger	138
Town Treasurer – Three years	
Cindy Cushing	248
Trustee of the Trust Funds – Three years	
Charles Burnham	251
Town Clerk – Three years	
Christine Bane	253

He then read the results of the School District Election:

School Board Member – (2) Three year positions

Erica McLean Helm 178

Kerry McMahon211

Moderator Lemieux introduced Selectman Scott Young who gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the achievements of 2018 along with future plans.

Article #2.

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$385,000. for Capital Improvements (Drainage work, culverts, gravel and paving) of roads within the Town boundaries at the discretion of the Road Agent, as funding permits.” The moderator read Article #2. Motion made and seconded.

Road Agent Greg Messenger spoke to the article. There was no public discussion.

A vote was taken on the article and **Article #2 passes.**

Article #3:

“To see if the Town will vote to authorize the hiring of a full time police officer and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,718. to cover this position and benefits.” The moderator read Article #3. Motion made and seconded.

Police Chief Richard spoke to this article, explaining that the town has a hard time keeping part-time police officers due to several factors. Replacing the two part-time positions with one fulltime position makes sense as it increases coverage and will help greatly with retention. If this article is approved by the voters, \$20,000 in the Police Department budget for part-time officers will be removed.

After public comments, a vote was taken on the article and **Article #3 passes.**

Article #4:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$591,776. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.”

The moderator read Article #4. Motion made and seconded.

Selectmen Sweet **motioned to amend** as follows:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$571,776 for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department”.

This amendment reduces the amount of wages included in the budget for part-time officers by \$20,000 due to the passage of the full time position approved under Article 3.

Motion seconded. A vote was taken on the amendment and the **Amendment passes.** The Moderator read the amended article. A vote was taken and **Article #4 passes.**

Article #5:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. to be placed in the fund known as the Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established by Article 13 at the March 12, 2011 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing future police vehicles and associated equipment.” The Selectmen recommend this article. The moderator read Article #5. Motion made and seconded.

There was no discussion. A vote was taken and **Article #5 passes.**

Article #6:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$492,984. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.” The moderator read Article #6. Article was moved and seconded.

Chief Whitehouse spoke to this article and shared a PowerPoint presentation. His presentation included an overview of the activity in 2018 as well as future plans involving the Fire Department.

After brief discussion, a vote was taken and **Article #6 passes.**

Article #7:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. for the purpose of purchasing of equipment and supplies for the ambulance, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$10,000. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation”. The Selectmen recommend this article. The moderator read Article #7. Motion made and seconded.

After a brief discussion, a vote was taken and **Article #7 passes.**

Article #8:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,318. for the purpose of extended warranty coverage and maintenance contract on the Zoll X-Series Defibrillator, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$1,318. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. The moderator read Article #8. Motion made and seconded.

Chief Whitehouse addressed this article. A vote was taken and **Article #8 passes.**

Article #9:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000. to be placed in the fund known as the Crown Point Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 12 at the March 12, 2016 Town Meeting for the purpose of rehab or replacement of the Crown Point Fire Station.” The Selectmen recommend this article. The moderator read Article #9. Motion made and seconded.

Chief Whitehouse addressed this article.

After a brief discussion, a vote was taken and **Article #9 passes.**

Article #10:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000. to be placed in the fund known as the Fire Engine Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 20 at the March 19, 2005 Town Meeting for the future purchase of a fire truck.” The Selectmen recommend this article. The moderator read Article #10. Article was moved and seconded.

Chief Whitehouse addressed this article.

After a brief discussion, a vote was taken and **Article #10 passes.**

Article #11:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$101,126. for the operation and maintenance of the Hill Library.”

The moderator read Article #11. Article was moved and seconded.

Jessie Copeland, Hill Library Trustee, spoke to this article. She gave a thorough review of the accomplishments of the library, current programs and future plans. After brief discussion, a vote was taken. **Article #11 passes.**

Article #12:

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

The moderator read Article #12. Article was moved and seconded.

No comments were heard. A vote was taken and **Article #12 passes.**

Article #13:

“To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 to be known as the Repair/Replace Recycling Center Equipment Fund for the purpose of repairing or replacing Recycling Center equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend.” The Selectmen recommend this article.

The moderator read Article #13. Article was moved and seconded.

Selectman Sweet addressed this article. A vote was taken and **Article #13 passes.**

Article #14:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be added to the fund known as the Town Hall Building Maintenance, Improvements and/or Expansion Fund established by Article 13 at the 2018 Town Meeting for the purpose of Town Hall building maintenance, improvements and/or expansion.” The Selectmen recommend this article. The moderator read Article #14. Article was moved and seconded.

Selectman Lynn Sweet addressed this article.

After a brief discussion, a vote was taken. **Article #14 passes.**

Article #15:

“To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Records Storage Fund established by Article 11 at the March 15, 2003 Town Meeting to the Town Office Equipment Fund for the purpose of the purchase/maintenance of Town Office Equipment, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend.” The Selectmen recommend this article. (2/3 Vote Required)

The moderator read Article #15. Article was moved and seconded.

Selectman Sweet addressed this article. A vote was taken. Yes -93 No -1

Article #15 passes.

Article #16:

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

The moderator read Article #16. Article was moved and seconded.

Selectman Sweet explained that this is a standing article to help raise funds for the bicentennial. A vote was taken and **Article #16 passes.**

Article #17:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000. to be used for the purpose of mowing and maintenance of the Center Strafford Cemetery, Caverly Cemetery and the Crown Point Cemetery. These funds will be placed in the care and custody of the designated cemetery association for each of the aforementioned cemeteries.”

The moderator read Article #17. Article was moved and seconded.

Selectman Sweet addressed this article. A vote was taken and **Article #17 passes.**

Article #18:

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,431,381 for general Town operations.”

Executive.....	\$ 85,152.
Election & Registration.....	28,220.
Financial Administration.....	98,682.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	39,738.
Legal Expenses.....	30,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	37,659.
Planning and Zoning.....	12,056.
General Government Building.....	41,000.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	36,610.
Insurance.....	57,083.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	4,066.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	5,006.
Contingency Fund.....	16,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	13,000.
Emergency Management.....	5,500.
Building Inspection.....	17,953.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	517,700.
Street Lighting	5,000.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	316,234.
Animal Control.....	3,800.
Health Inspector.....	200.
Cornerstone VNA (formerly Roch Dstr VNA).....	3,991.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	15,180.
Community Action.....	2,000.
Haven Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend’s Place.....	200.
The Homemakers Health Services.....	3,200.
Ready Rides.....	1,500.
CASA.....	500.
Parks and Recreation.....	21,859.
Patriotic Purposes and Fireworks	6,800.
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
TOTAL.....	\$1,431,381.

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,431,381. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

The moderator read Article 18. Article was moved and seconded.

Selectman Young spoke to this article. Donald Coker made a **motion to amend** as follows:

“I, Donald Coker, request an additional \$10,000 be added to the legal budget”. Motion seconded. After discussion, the Moderator asked for a vote on the amendment. A show of cards indicates that **the amendment is defeated.**

After further discussion, a vote was taken on the original article. **Article #18 passes.**

Article #19:

“The Following Registered voters of Strafford NH, petition the Town of Strafford NH to accept Wyman Lane as a Class V Town Maintained Road.” (by Petition.) The Selectmen do NOT recommend this article.

The moderator read Article #19. Article was moved and seconded.

Selectman Sweet made a motion to table this Article as petitioner requested that it be withdrawn.

A vote was taken and the **motion to table the article passes.**

Article #20:

The Moderator read Article #20:

“To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.” Article was moved and seconded.

After some discussion pertaining to combining the Town and School District Meetings, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. A vote was taken and the meeting adjourned at 10:29AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Bane, CTC
Strafford Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the Town of Strafford Annual Meeting held on March 16, 2019

STRAFFORD TOWN CLERK REPORT 2019

Does Y2K mean anything to you? If so, I bet you can't believe it's been 20 years since we were warned to prepare for complete electronic failure. Computer systems were going to crash! Bring back the green accountant pads and calculators. Many companies upgraded, made contingency plans and employees wondered if they would have a job on 1/1/2000. The world as we knew it was simply going to cease to exist. Here we are, 20 years later, in the same love/hate relationships with our dear old PC's! "...they're great when they work..." Add in smartphones, tv's and watches, tablets, game consoles, augmented reality and robotic vacuums to name a few, and you have a world we couldn't even have imagined 20 years ago.

Thankfully, some things stay the same. Like coming to the Town Hall to register your cars and boats and license your dogs. You'll notice a few new things in the Clerk's office including a second work station on busy Tuesday nights, the option to pay with ACH online, and an electronic signature pad for your convenience. As always, you may renew your vehicles, license your dog or request certified vital records (birth, death, marriage, divorce) online using credit, debit or ACH. Dogs, did I mention dogs? Please be aware that NH law requires any dog 4 months or older to be licensed. In order to license, you will need to have your dog properly vaccinated against rabies. Licenses are valid from May 1st to April 30th of the following year and cost \$6.50 for a spayed/neutered dog. This applies to dogs you may acquire during the year. Please contact the Clerk's office if you have any questions regarding dog licensing requirements. Don't let the \$6.50 you forget to pay turn into a \$40 late fee or a court date.

I want to thank all of you who contributed to the Clerk's Holiday Food Drive to supplement the Strafford Food Pantry. Together we collected 11 bags of groceries for our fellow residents in need. Every December I will have a collection box at the Town Hall for this activity. In 2020, I am embarking on a fund-raising initiative to restore a large antique map of Strafford that was given to the town hall years ago. Restoration will be expensive and I hope to combine grant funds with community donations. In exchange for a suggested donation of \$8, you will receive a jar of all-natural jam made by me, your Town Clerk. Look for the jam and other goodies at the Town Election on March 10 this year.

The Town Hall will be closed on the following days in 2020

- January 1 - New Year's Day
- January 20 - MLK Jr. Day
- February 11 - Presidential Primary Election (voting only)
- February 17 - President's Day
- March 10 - Town Election (voting only)
- May 25 - Memorial Day
- September 7 - Labor Day
- September 8 - State Primary (voting only)
- October 12 - Columbus Day
- November 3 - General Election (voting only)
- November 11 - Veterans' Day
- November 26 - Thanksgiving Day
- December 24 - closing at noon

- ❖ The 2020 Annual Town Meeting begins with Election Day at the Town Hall on March 10th. Polls open at 8am and close at 7pm. The Town Meeting (business portion) will be held at the school gymnasium at 8:30 on March 14th.

Town Clerk Office Hours

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

Contact Information

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PO Box 169
12 Mountain View Dr.
Strafford, NH 03884

Phone: (603) 664-2192 x102
Fax: (603) 664-7276
Email: townclerk@strafford.nh.gov

As a new year and decade begins, so do the challenges of a fast-paced world. Keep up to date with what's happening with your local government by visiting our website www.Strafford.nh.gov. In between registering vehicles, licensing dogs and voting, take some time this year to enjoy the lakes and mountains of our great state.

At your service,
Christine Bane
Certified Strafford Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 12/31/2019

RECEIPTS FOR 2019:

Description	Amount
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$865,348.55
Boat Permits	3893.51
Dog Licenses	7214.50
Marriage Licenses	850.00
Returned Check Fees	378.00
Dog Control Fees	1201.00
Certified Vitals	2575.00
Municipal Agent Fees	21114.00
Title Fees	2060.00
Election Filings	0.00
UCC/IRS Filings	1305.00
Postage	1065.60
Articles of Agreement/Pole Petitions	60.00

TOTAL REVENUES ACCEPTED: \$907,065.16

REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:

Quantity	Description	Amount
6693	Motor Vehicle Permits	865,348.55
298	Boat Permits	3893.51
1084	Dog Licenses	7214.50
11	Marriage Licenses	850.00
11	Returned Check Fees	378.00
18	Dog Control Fees	1201.00
162	Certified Vitals	2575.00
7012	Municipal Agent Fees	21114.00
1092	Title Fees	2060.00
8	Election Filings	0.00
5	UCC/IRS Filings	1305.00
--	Postage	1065.60
8	Articles of Agreement/ Pole Petitions	60.00

TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER: \$907,065.16

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2019

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

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

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

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

Strafford School's appropriation for 2019	\$7,170,132.00	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$14.77
State Education Tax's appropriation for 2019.....	\$1,076,248.00	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$2.24
County Appointment's appropriation for 2019....	\$1,446,691.00	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$2.98
Municipal's Total appropriation for 2019.....	\$1,689,103.00	Tax Rate Portion.....	\$3.48
Minus	War Credits, Grants, Retained Education Tax, Net Revenues and Fund Balances.		
		Total Tax Rate for 2019.....	\$23.47

The total Property Tax Warrants this year are **\$11,338,841.00**. The Current Use Change Tax Warrants for the year are: **\$34,690.00**. All CUSE money was turned over to the Strafford Conservation Committee. The total Timber or Yield Tax Warrants are **\$14,948.45**. Excavation Tax Warrants are **\$00.72**. Our 2019 lien was **\$198,977.03**, this is a **\$7,027.90** increase over last year or a **.097%** increase.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Dapre

Tax Collector

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Strafford

Year Ending 2019

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES		Levy for Year of this report	PRIOR LEVIES			
BEG. OF YEAR*			<small>(Please Specify Years)</small>			
		2019	2018	2017	Prior Years	
Property Tax	#3110	XXXXXXXXXX	\$445,166.52	\$78,425.26	\$3,881.43	
Land Use Change	#3120	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	XXXXXXXXXX	\$1,732.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	XXXXXXXXXX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Property Tax Credit Balance **		-\$11,648.18	-\$5,910.55		\$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	\$11,338,841.00	\$0.00			
Land use Charge	#3120	\$46,265.00	\$0.00			
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$15,411.57	\$0.00			
Excavation tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$0.72	\$0.00			
Other Charges	#3189	-\$32,323.20	\$0.00			
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS						
Property Taxes	#3110	\$92.00	\$78.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Land Use Charge	#3120	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interest-Late Tax	#3190	\$3,442.13	\$24,204.05	-\$25,578.36	-\$33.13	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$11,360,081.04	\$465,271.27	\$52,846.90	\$3,848.30	

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

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

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

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Strafford

Year Ending 2019

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year		PRIOR LEVIES	
	2019	2018	2017	Prior Years
Property Tax	\$10,882,535.76	\$255,918.07	\$72,171.52	\$621.34
Land Use Charge	\$34,690.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$14,605.68	\$342.77	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest (include lien conversion)	\$3,442.13	\$24,204.05	-\$25,578.36	-\$33.13
Penalties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges	-\$43,971.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Conversion to Lien (principal only)	\$0.00	\$183,416.77	\$0.00	\$0.00
ABATEMENTS MADE				
Property Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$510.42	\$3,260.09
UNCOLLECTED TAXES				
		END OF YEAR #1080		
Property Taxes	\$477,183.45	\$0.00	\$5,743.32	\$0.00
Land Use Charge	\$11,575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$805.89	\$1,389.61	\$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**	-\$20,786.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$11,360,081.04	\$465,271.27	\$52,846.90	\$3,848.30

*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 2019

DEBITS**Last Year's Levy****PRIOR LEVIES**

(Please Specify Years)

	2018	2017	2016	Prior Years
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. Of Year.				
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$198,977.03	\$108,015.58	\$78,425.26	\$3,881.43
Interest & Cost Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	\$4,312.99	\$11,337.18	\$25,846.11	\$3,590.15
TOTAL DEBITS	\$203,290.02	\$119,352.76	\$104,271.37	\$7,471.58

CREDITS**REMITTED TO TREASURER****Last Year's Levy****PRIOR LEVIES**

(Please Specify Years)

	2018	2017	2016	Prior Years
Redemptions	\$79,641.52	\$37,672.26	\$72,171.52	\$621.34
Interest & Cost Collected #3190 (After Lien Execution)	\$4,312.99	\$11,337.18	\$25,846.11	\$3,590.15
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$0.00		\$3,260.09
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$563.32	\$533.81	\$510.42	\$0.00
Unredeemed Liens Balance #1110 End of Year	\$118,772.19	\$69,809.51	\$5,743.32	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$203,290.02	\$119,352.76	\$104,271.37	\$7,471.58

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

1/20/2020

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

RECEIPTS

Balance Check Book January 1, 2019.....	\$2,973,796.38	
Receipts 2019.....	\$13,415,178.48	
Supplemental Highway Block Grant SB38 (received).....	\$108,294.38	
Total Receipts.....		\$16,497,269.24

EXPENDITURES

Expenditures 2019.....	\$12,277,289.24	
Balance Check Book December 31, 2019.....	\$4,111,685.62	
Supplemental Highway Block Grant SB38 (encumbered).....	<u>\$108,294.38</u>	
Total Expenditures.....		\$16,497,269.24

TD BANK Investment Pool..... \$298,105.72

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

Balance January 1, 2019	\$174,240.45	
Deposited 2019	\$34,690.00	
Withdrawals 2019	\$0.00	
Interest Earned 2019	<u>\$2,038.48</u>	
Total Balance		\$210,968.93

Town of Strafford Ambulance Acct #####4485

Balance January 1, 2019	\$205,246.74	
Deposited 2019	\$58,471.51	
Withdrawals 2019	-\$11,317.75	
Interest Earned 2019	<u>\$2,721.36</u>	
Total Balance		\$255,121.86

Conservation Commission Acct #####4493

Balance January 1, 2019	\$39,793.84	
Deposited 2019	\$0.00	
Withdrawals 2019	-\$7,078.07	
Interest Earned 2019	<u>\$465.55</u>	
Total Balance		\$33,181.32

Police Special Details Acct #####4500

Balance January 1, 2019	\$12,670.50	
Deposited 2019	\$82,238.64	
Withdrawals 2019	-\$64,662.59	
Interest Earned 2019	<u>\$320.95</u>	
Total Balance		\$30,567.50

Timber Escrow Acct #####4518

Balance January 1, 2019	\$2,027.37	
Deposited 2019	\$0.00	
Withdrawals 2019	\$0.00	
Interest Earned 2019	<u>\$23.72</u>	
Total Balance		\$2,051.09

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

Balance January 1, 2019	\$1,351.43	
Deposited 2019	\$0.00	
Withdrawals 2019	\$0.00	
Interest Earned 2019	<u>\$15.81</u>	
Total Balance		\$1,367.24

STRAFFORD TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

OFFICERS' SALARIES

Lynn Sweet.....	\$ 2,700.00
Bryant Scott.....	\$ 2,700.00
Scott Young.....	\$ 2,700.00
Laurie Bibeau.....	\$ 346.15
Cindy Cushing.....	\$ 8,653.75
Chris Bane.....	\$ 2,002.92
Judith Dupré.....	\$ 24,491.04
Ron Lemieux.....	\$ 75.00

OFFICE EXPENSES

Town Clerk's Fees

Auto Permits.....	\$ 13,078.00
Vital Statistics.....	\$ 1,228.00
Municipal Agent Fees.....	\$ 17,712.50
M/V Title.....	\$ 2,008.00
Marriage License.....	\$ 77.00
UCC/IRS Filings.....	\$ 1,305.00
Wet land Perm/Pole License.....	\$ 40.00
Animal Control Fees.....	\$ 1,122.00
Boat Permits.....	\$ 188.00
Administrator.....	\$ 76,412.35
Deputy Tax Collector.....	\$ 4,406.43
Deputy Town Clerk.....	\$ 8,255.59
Clerical.....	\$ 17,761.12
Bookkeeping.....	\$ 13,120.34
Office Supplies.....	\$ 2,621.47
Postage.....	\$ 5,440.15
Printing.....	\$ 2,601.82
Conferences/Training.....	\$ 738.00
Reference Materials.....	\$ 680.01
Deed Research/Tax Lien.....	\$ 860.00
Recording Fees.....	\$ 319.10
Building Maintenance.....	\$ 9,259.80

STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

In 2019, the Strafford Police Department is up to full staff with the hiring of a sixth full-time officer. Officer Forrest Stickney completed the police academy in December 2019 and is currently undergoing field training and will be ready to work on his own in February 2020.

As of March 2018, the Strafford Police Department has been able to accept your unused prescription drugs that you may wish to dispose of in a safer manner than just flushing or tossing in the trash. Thanks to KidsCents/Rite Aid, we have a drop box at the police station. Please call if you have any questions.



In 2019, we held our second Kids Bicycle Safety Day. There was a bike course for the kids to ride, helmet safety including proper fit and a free helmet if the child did not have one. Kids were able to register their bikes with the police department as well as receiving a bag with bike safety items. Thank you to Officer John Bernard for putting this together and we look forward to holding another Bicycle Safety Day in 2020; watch the website for more details. (www.straffordpolice.org)

Over the last couple of years, we have been able to have an officer at the Strafford School a few times a week to interact with the kids, which has been extremely beneficial in many ways. In addition to normal day to day activities, the officers attend many after-school functions, and in conjunction with the school staff, we have also conducted lock-down and evacuation drills with the entire faculty and student body to ensure that everyone knows what to do in the event of an emergency. We also plan to conduct an active shooter drill in February 2020.

As the Chief of Police, I will be standing before you at Town Meeting asking for two things: a new cruiser and an increase in salary for the officers. The cruiser will be paid for using monies previously set aside in capital reserve and from the income generated when the officers work outside details.

I believe the salary increases for the officers to be a very important item. The Strafford Police Department currently has a very cohesive group of officers, 3 of whom in addition to myself, live in Strafford. One is looking to move to town in the near future. They are investing themselves in the Town, not just looking at it as a place to work. The two senior officers have 18 years and 10 years at Strafford PD and have taken on more responsibilities over time. In the past, most of the towns and even the cities in the county around Strafford were fairly equal in salaries, but that is no longer the case.

It is becoming more and more difficult to find qualified people who want to become police officers and once hired, there is a considerable sum of money associated with the training and outfitting of that officer. In an effort to retain our investment, we need to bring the salaries in line with the rest of the area and keep these officers in Strafford. Many of the towns and cities are now offering much higher starting salaries and hiring bonuses in an effort to get trained personnel. I don't want Strafford to become an agency that spends time and money training officers to have them turn around and leave after graduating the police academy for a more lucrative offer elsewhere. I feel that if the Town invests in the current group of officers now by increasing their salaries, it will show that the community believes in them and the work that they do keeping Strafford safe on a daily basis.

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

Chief Mike Richard

Police Department Statistics			
	2017	2018	2019
Accidents.....	50	37	44
911 calls.....	3	15	11
MV summons.....	99	77	82
MV warnings.....	788	598	479
Arrests.....	35	33	41
Mutual Aid/Fire/Med.....	155	85	181
Incidents.....	100	125	112
Alarms.....	77	80	42
Property Crimes	26	19	33
Miscellaneous calls for service.....	3818	3296	3348
TOTALS	5151	4365	4373

STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET WAGE REPORT

	2019 Budget Appropriations	2019 Expenditures	2020 Budget Appropriations
Salaries			
Chief Michael Richard	\$75,457.00	\$74,323.22	\$85,320.00
Sgt. Randy Young	\$56,300.00	\$56,225.27	\$75,600.00
Officer John Bernard	\$46,490.00	\$47,124.24	\$64,800.00
Officer Greg Iannacci	\$43,515.00	\$43,075.44	\$51,840.00
Officer Evan Ortega	\$42,662.00	\$43,591.11	\$51,624.00
Officer Forrest Stickney	\$41,500.00	\$14,163.25	\$50,760.00
Secretary/Admin Asst.	\$23,400.00	\$22,607.04	\$24,624.00
Officer Chris Dustin	\$0.00	\$34.38	\$0.00
Total Part-time Officers	\$7,191.00	\$34.38	
Subtotal	\$336,515.00	\$301,143.95	\$404,568.00
Overtime			
Chief Michael Richard		\$0.00	
Sgt. Randy Young		\$13,020.04	
Officer John Bernard		\$3,300.87	
Officer Evan Ortega		\$7,643.42	
Officer Greg Iannacci		\$1,339.39	
Officer Chris Dustin		\$0.00	
Overtime	\$12,905.00		\$12,600.00
Subtotal		\$25,303.72	
Details			
Chief Michael Richard		\$0.00	
Sgt. Randy Young		\$284.27	
Officer John Bernard		\$67.06	
Officer Greg Iannacci		\$0.00	
Officer Evan Ortega		\$0.00	
Officer			
Subtotal		\$351.33	
Total Salaries	\$349,420.00	\$326,799.00	\$417,168.00
Benefits			
FICA	\$3,137.00	\$2,263.52	\$1,526.69
Medi	\$4,783.00	\$4,927.66	\$6,048.94
Retirement	\$94,420.00	\$87,900.49	\$115,525.70
Insurance	\$109,032.00	\$93,700.00	\$117,078.00
Total Benefits	\$211,372.00	\$188,791.67	\$240,179.32

STRAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

OPERATING BUDGET

Purpose of Appropriation	2019 Budget Appropriations	2019 Budget Expenditures	2020 Budget Appropriations
Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,397.12	\$3,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$5,300.00	\$6,006.18	\$5,300.00
Equipment	\$8,000.00	\$32,892.25	\$8,000.00
Prosecution	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Dispatch	\$6,767.00	\$6,428.84	\$7,105.00
Special Details	\$2,000.00	\$351.33	\$2,000.00
Cruiser Maintance	\$7,000.00	\$13,921.38	\$7,000.00
Computer Maintance	\$6,000.00	\$4,455.00	\$6,000.00
Training	\$1,200.00	\$950.00	\$1,200.00
Heat/Electricity	\$7,000.00	\$8,115.47	\$7,000.00
Uniforms	\$5,932.00	\$3,081.59	\$5,932.00
Gasoline	\$14,000.00	\$11,259.68	\$14,000.00
Telephone	\$8,600.00	\$9,083.91	\$8,600.00
Computer IT	\$5,000.00	\$4,020.00	\$5,000.00
PD Dues	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$300.00
PD Misc.	\$100.00	\$245.02	\$100.00
Total	\$87,199.00	\$111,457.77	\$87,537.00
	2019	2019	2020
Salaries	\$349,420.00	\$326,799.00	\$417,168.00
Benefits	\$212,875.00	\$188,791.67	\$240,179.32
Operating	\$87,199.00	\$111,457.77	\$87,537.00
Total Budget	\$649,494.00	\$626,697.11	\$744,884.32
Revenues (2019)			
Pistol Permits	\$390.00		
Reports	\$145.00		
Fines	\$260.48		
Special Services Fees	\$0.00		
Grants	\$0.00		
Witness Fees	\$242.55		
Misc. Refunds	\$50.00		
Total	\$1,088.03		
Police Special Detail (O2 Fund)			
Balance 1/1/2019	\$12,670.50		
2019 Deposits	\$82,238.64		
Interest	\$320.95		
Withdrawals	-\$64,662.59		
Balance 12/31/18	\$30,567.50		



FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildfire activity throughout the state. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is especially high.

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

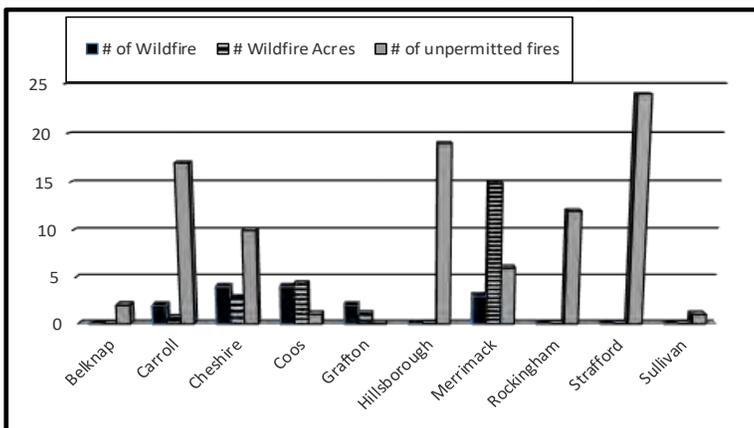
The Forest Protection Bureau and local fire departments were very busy this year celebrating Smokey Bear's 75th year preventing wildfires. Many events were held at local libraries, in fact, this program was so successful we will be offering it again in 2020. We were fortunate enough to partner with the Northeast Forest Fire Protection Compact and bring the Smokey Hot Air Balloon to Franconia Notch in August. The weather was fantastic and hundreds of people got the chance to ride in the balloon! Smokey's message has always been about personal responsibility – remember 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 2020 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.nhfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nh.gov/nhdfl/.

2019 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2019)



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100
2016	351	1090	159
2015	143	665	180

* Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.
4	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	3

STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT FY2019

The Strafford Fire Department experienced another busy year, answering 436 calls for service, such as medical aid, motor vehicle crashes, and a couple structural fires. We saw an increase in



the number of carbon monoxide and chimney fire calls. Please keep those chimneys and furnaces cleaned regularly and inspected by professionals.

Department members maintain certifications, attend classes, and attend training events as individuals and as a team all of which are to better serve the community. In 2019, we have hired several new Fire/EMS personnel and are steadily reaching our goal of providing 24/7 coverage in Town.

In late August we began construction on the Crown Point Station. Phase 1 of the construction neared completion by the end of 2019. Phase 2 will hopefully begin after town Meeting in March. This final phase to complete the project will cost an estimated \$77,000. We are requesting the full amount so that we may complete this project, with the Crown Point Station fully operational. We need your support, please.

In 2019, the department officers began the process of designing a new ambulance, which we will purchase in 2020 with a 5 year lease to buy agreement. The estimated cost of the Ambulance is will be \$327,149.00. The funds for the purchase and lease payments will come from the Ambulance Fund with no tax impact to taxpayers. Plans are underway for the purchase of new equipment for the ambulance. After careful consideration, we have decided to keep the current ambulance as a second ambulance, being housed at the Crown Point Station.

As the Emergency Management Director, I am pleased to report no major incidents in 2019, though we continue to train and remain prepared to handle whatever emergency may arise.

Have a safe 2020!

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Whitehouse, Fire Chief

STRAFFORD FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

2019, as a whole, with regard to brush fires was fairly quiet. In late March, we responded to a brush fire that began when a property owner was disposing of wood ash by his stone wall. This started a brush fire along the wall and in a neighboring field. No individuals were injured and there was no damage to property.



However, in 2019, we did see an increase in non-permitted fires. According to New Hampshire State Statute, a permit must be obtained to kindle any outside fire. It is quite easy to obtain a permit to kindle an outside fire. We are ready to assist you at the Bow Lake Fire Station during the hours listed below.

If the applicant is not the property owner, then a letter from the owner of the property where the fire is to be kindled is needed. The letter should be signed and dated by the property owner with the

name of the individual intending to burn. This letter is to be kept by the permittee for the calendar year and renewed annually.

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

In 2019 SMOKEY BEAR celebrated his 75th Birthday!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SMOKEY!



STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT BUDGET SUMMARY

	2019 Budgeted	2019 Expenditures	2020 Budgeted
Administrative Salaries.....	\$65,656.00	\$64,178.44	\$70,150.00
Call Wages Fire and Rescue.....	\$24,160.00	\$19,886.36	\$24,885.00
Call Wages Ambulance.....	\$206,340.00	\$191,854.94	\$212,530.00
Supplies.....	\$3,000.00	\$1,493.65	\$3,000.00
Gas.....	\$9,000.00	\$6,356.39	\$7,500.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$1,000.00	\$94.00	\$1,000.00
Training/Reference Materials.....	\$12,000.00	\$12,745.33	\$12,000.00
Electricity/Heat.....	\$12,000.00	\$14,175.20	\$12,500.00
Telephone.....	\$5,000.00	\$4,162.21	\$5,000.00
Equipment Maintenance.....	\$35,000.00	\$32,921.61	\$30,000.00
Dues.....	\$1,500.00	\$370.00	\$1,500.00
Truck Maintenance.....	\$20,000.00	\$18,448.45	\$20,000.00
Dispatch.....	\$39,129.00	\$39,128.75	\$42,311.00
Uniforms/Clothing.....	\$4,000.00	\$4,544.50	\$4,000.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$13,500.00	\$9,254.16	\$13,500.00
Dock Maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
PR/Books/Films.....	\$300.00	\$85.00	\$300.00
Employer FICA.....	\$14,291.00	\$12,989.61	\$14,720.00
Employer MEDI.....	\$4,294.00	\$3,985.03	\$4,460.00
NH Retirement Fire.....	\$20,527.00	\$19,851.41	\$21,108.00
Fire/Rescue Disability.....	\$116.00	\$115.20	\$116.00
Fire/Rescue Life Insurance.....	\$171.00	\$170.76	\$171.00
BUDGET TOTAL	\$492,984.00	\$458,811.00	\$502,751.00



FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT WAGE SUMMARY

Administrative Salary

Scott Whitehouse..... **\$64,038.44**

Call Wages/Fire

Andersen, James A.....	\$207.57
Andersen, James W.....	\$214.70
Aucella, Erik P.....	\$1,751.64
Bickford, Benjamin A.....	\$1,245.14
Boucher, Robert C.....	\$140.00
Butler, Charles R.....	\$15.38
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$404.00
Deane, Lyle T.....	\$845.33
Dumais Jr., Normand L.....	\$155.00
Evans, Michael A.....	\$877.88
Frasca, Peter R.....	\$1,640.76
Goodspeed, Steven N.....	\$1,904.61
Hatch, William D.....	\$535.52
Hartranft, David.....	\$2,498.89
Hayes, Bryan A.....	\$84.25
Hinrichsen, Josiah J.....	\$163.13
Huot, Zachary J.....	\$17.94
Jamer, Ben H.....	\$279.32
Johnson, Stephen D.....	\$815.18
Lazott Croteau, Stephanie G.....	\$14.00
Marston, Henry J.....	\$899.07
Meehan, Daniel E.....	\$615.58
Miglionico, Tyler J.....	\$152.50
Morse, Edward J.....	\$20.50
Quinn, Kelly Ann M.....	\$299.82
Richard, Nathan J.....	\$1,088.75
Roy, Christopher M.....	\$159.00
Rudnicki, Windy L.....	\$517.50
Stover, Paul M.....	\$1,011.02
Whitehouse, Cameron.....	\$907.63
Whitehouse, Samuel E.....	\$470.75
Yergeau Sr, Paul A.....	\$74.00
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	\$20,026.36

Call Wages /Ambulance

Aucella, Erik P.....	\$3,968.44
Boucher, Robert C.....	\$12,888.13
Chick, Kenneth G.....	\$6,267.00
Cilley, Katie L.....	\$417.50
Conti, Timothy D.....	\$2,450.00
Cormier, William K.....	\$395.00
Deane, Lyle T.....	\$22,550.51
Dumais Jr, Normand L.....	\$12,026.30
Frasca, Peter R.....	\$26,300.25
Goodspeed, Steven N.....	\$3,279.27
Hartranft, David.....	\$8,043.00
Johnson, Stephen D.....	\$23,127.75
Kilrain, Michael P.....	\$3,652.69
Lazott-Croteau, Stephanie G.....	\$1,372.00
Lindquist, James R.....	\$1,722.00
McAdams, Brendan T.....	\$4,725.00
McGrath, Scott P.....	\$695.13
Meehan, Daniel E.....	\$7,356.32
Miglionico, Tyler J.....	\$4,106.00
Morin, Scott R.....	\$16,557.38
Richard, Nathan J.....	\$7,406.26
Rowell, Jared M.....	\$1,980.00
Rudnicki, Windy L.....	\$19,771.51
Stover, Paul M.....	\$517.50
White, Sean T.....	\$280.00
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	\$191,854.94

Total Wages \$275,919.74



HILL LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2019

Your town library continues to grow and change with the community. We now have the services of a Notary Public available, and we can process your US passport applications. We are offering free yoga every Saturday morning at 9 am, thanks to yoga instructors who volunteer their time. We are traveling to local childcare centers to run storytimes and activities for young children there. We also have started the Strafford Youth Community Club, where school age children meet with adults in service of the Strafford community.

We are fortunate there have been no changes in personnel this year. We continue to benefit from the expertise of Megan Grondin, Larisa Miller-Molloy, Vilija Pauliukonis, and Marilyn Roderick. We also appreciate the involvement of our regular volunteer participants. Thanks to The Aucella family, the Burnham family, the Clarke family, the Copeland family, Martha English, Donna Franklin, Gabi Gracia, Jeanne Groth, Winn Hayes, Sabrinalin Jeffers, Greg King, Carly Kitz, Cindy Lavigne & her dog Blake, Maris Madden, Rollande Milot, Eddie Mone, Dolly Paulikonis, Anne Smith, and Sheila Rainey. All of these wonderful people actively work to help the Hill Library in a variety of ways throughout the year. Thanks also to everyone who helped with special projects, such as the Fall Clean Up. And in memory, we are grateful for Matt Olinski, who helped the library in many ways over the years.

The Strafford Library Association, our Friends group, continues to sponsor a Baby Basket program. On a Strafford child's first birthday, we deliver a basket with a book, library information, and a hand-knit item (thanks to the String Enthusiasts group who meet here every week). The Friends of the Hill Library also purchases a subscription to Bookpage. This is a monthly magazine with articles about new books and author interviews. The Friends are also responsible for the museum admission reimbursement program through the library. We are looking for people interested in joining the Friends and participating in planning and programming for the library.

We try our best to keep costs down for you, the Strafford taxpayer. We belong to the Suncook Inter-Library Cooperative, where we pool our resources to share costly media (DVDs and audio books) with other libraries. During 2019, we had fund-raisers to help improve library services. This year we used the funds raised to purchase a projector and update our computer network. We applied for and received four different grants to offset library operating costs. These grants came from NH Humanities, the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF), and Children, Books, and the Arts. We used the CLiF grant to start our Adventure Backpack program. There are 6 backpacks for families to borrow, each one filled with materials and books to engage in a different activity together. We recently added a Snowy Day backpack, in addition to the Hiking, Fishing, Stargazing, Cooking, and a day at the Beach backpacks.

We continued to work to improve our service for the town of Strafford. Our records indicate that we have 1470 patrons with library cards in town. In the year 2019, 20,607 items were borrowed from the collection of 14,333 materials in the Hill Library. In addition, 6150 ebooks and audiobooks were borrowed from the state library using our subscription service. We hosted 421 programs, with 4815 people attending. In fact, our Summer Reading Program was especially popular this year: 114 families were registered and read 2265 books. The library held 35 summer programs, attended by a total of 758 people.

Some of our best ideas come from our patrons. Please drop by or contact me if you have suggestions or questions. The Library Trustees this year are: JoAnn Brown, Jessie Copeland, and Lindsay Aucella. The alternate trustees are Betsy Cozine and Sharon Omand. The meetings take place on the second

Wednesday of every month at 6 pm in your library. Please attend to learn about the library and share your thoughts. We look forward to seeing all of you in the library.



2019 Summer Reading Kick-off

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Holman

Hill Library Director

HILL LIBRARY BUDGET INFORMATION

	2019 Appropriations	2019 Expenditures	2020 Proposal
Personnel			
Director	\$ 25,168	\$ 24,937	\$ 26,730
Administrative Librarian	\$ 11,700	\$ 11,678	\$ 13,392
Circulation	\$ 11,232	\$ 11,027	\$ 12,096
Youth Services	\$ 21,112	\$ 19,922	\$ 22,680
Library Aide	\$ 660	\$ 400	\$ -
Library Aide	\$ 6,032	\$ 5,063	\$ 6,264
Personnel Subtotal	\$ 75,904	\$ 73,027	\$ 81,162
Employee FICA & Medicare	\$5,807	\$ 5,588	\$ 6,209
Professional Development	\$ 100	-	\$ 100
Personnel Total	\$ 81,811	\$ 78,615	\$ 87,471
Services	\$ 3,350	\$ 3,390	\$ 4,500
Collections	\$ 5,950	\$ 6,108	\$ 6,000
Books	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,707	\$ 2,700
Periodicals	\$ 200	\$ 201	\$ 200
CDs/DVDs/Audiobooks	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,403	\$ 1,100
Digital Resources	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,600
Binding/Labeling	\$ 400	\$ 397	\$ 400
Programming	\$ 700	\$ 777	\$ 800
Administrative	\$ 2,265	\$ 2,263	\$ 2,715
Utilities	\$ 7,050	\$ 6,753	\$ 7,400
TOTAL	\$ 101,126	\$ 97,906	\$ 108,886

TRUSTEES OF HILL LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT 2019

Ordinary Income / Expenses

INCOME

Grants Received	\$525
Donations	\$1,098
Interest	\$1,291
Overdue Fines	\$1,007
Copies, Faxes, Laminating	\$449
Book Sales	\$421
Other income (e.g. passports)	\$2,585
Total Income for 2019	\$7,376

EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$735
Services	\$382
New Books	\$1,784
New DVDs, Audio, & Periodicals	\$747
General / Administrative	\$1,387
Programs	\$1,728
Total expenses for 2019	\$6,763

NET INCOME

\$613

ASSETS

CD Holdings	\$61,245
Checking Account	\$12,970

Respectfully submitted,
Jessie Copeland, Treasurer



2019 Hill Library Summer Reading Event

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Capital improvement projects consisted of preparation and paving of:

Jennifer Lane
 Jodi Lane
 Kristie Lane
 Lorraines Lane
 Cross Road
 short section of Hillside Drive

Work completed during the spring and summer months consisted of grading of the gravel roads.
 Roadside mowing took place on many roads throughout the year.

Greg Messenger, Road Agent

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES – 2019

Administration Salary	\$ 12,000.04
Arborcare Tree Service	\$ 7,343.60
Scott Barry Trucking	\$ 871.25
Dews Tree Service	\$ 5,600.00
Nathan Smith	\$ 988.00
R.W. Tasker & Son	\$ 32,281.00
Radford Messenger, Inc.	\$ 294,840.50
Robert McMaster	\$ 350.00
Road Detail Coverage	<u>\$ 8,764.02</u>
Sub Total.....	\$ 363,038.41

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES

Equipment/Maintenance	\$ 16,518.27
Gravel	\$ 26,255.33
Sand	\$ 47,805.24
Salt	\$ 51,271.65
Cold Patch	\$ 1,284.40
Paving Asphalt	\$ 412.37
Culverts	\$ 8,171.20
Street Signs/Posts	\$ 1,448.47
Supplies/Calcium on dirt roads	\$ 9,462.00
Miscellaneous & Spray	<u>\$ 4,455.00</u>
Sub Total.....	\$ 167,083.93

TOTAL EXPENDITURES..... \$ 530,122.34

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

REPORT OF THE STRAFFORD BUILDING DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2019

The Strafford Building Department was staffed by David Copeland and Dan Howard, in 2019, with regular office hours every Tuesday evening from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We are also available outside these hours via cell phones and email. Contact information and permit information are available online with permit applications are available for downloading.

We would again like to stress the importance of hiring reputable, licensed installers and obtaining the appropriate permits so inspections may be conducted.

We encourage anyone seeking to build, remodel, and add-on or renovate to contact our office so we can assist with your project; ensuring it is completed in compliance with all codes. Also, for life safety and during construction, a 911 address number should be prominently displayed.

Permits Issued in 2019 included:

Month	New Home	Renovation	Addition	Barn/ Garage	Shed/ Deck/ Pool	Septic	Demo	Mech/ Elec/ Plumb	Renewal	ADU	Duplex
Jan	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	11	0	0	2
Feb	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	4	1	0	0
Mar	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
April	2	1	2	2	2	4	1	15	1	0	0
May	0	3	0	2	2	2	0	12	0	0	0
June	1	1	1	1	3	1	0	8	0	0	0
July	1	1	0	2	5	3	0	2	0	0	0
Aug	3	0	0	3	0	1	0	10	0	0	0
Sept	0	0	0	1	2	6	0	9	2	0	0
Oct	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	15	0	0	0
Nov	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	15	0	0	0
Dec	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Total	17	12	5	14	19	21	1	116	4	0	2

A total of 211 Permits were issued or renewed in 2019, down 7.1% from 2018.

M, E & P Permits include Generator Permits.

Building and Code Enforcement

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PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORTS 2019

The Planning Board had a busy year reviewing plans for subdivision and boundary adjustment as well as several Non-Residential Site Plans. The Board also reviewed a number of proposals for home businesses. The Board is currently working with the Board of Adjustment to review an application for the development of Strafford’s first cell tower. The Board is always available for consultations with anyone who is thinking about developing their property, whether developing a home business or creating one or more lots. The Planning Board encourages landowners hoping to subdivide to consider Conservation Development, which offers some flexibility in planning while also providing for long-term protection of natural resources. Maintaining the rural atmosphere of our community is one of the key goals of the Strafford Master Plan.

The Board of Adjustment again saw increased activity in 2019. Over the course of the year, the Board received six 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Receipts 2019

Application Fees Planning Board	\$ 9,952.08
Application Fees Board of Adjustment	\$ 4,471.00
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Total.....	\$14,423.08

Expenditures 2019

Postage	\$ 1,388.06
Newspaper Notices (Foster’s Daily Democrat)	\$ 1,604.06
Secretarial Planning Board	\$ 5,475.86
Secretarial Board of Adjustment	\$ 976.42
Supplies	\$ 25.56
Miscellaneous	\$ 111.97
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Total.....	\$ 9,581.93

RECYCLING REPORT 2019

STRAFFORD TRANSFER STATION

Transfer Station Hours

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

The Transfer Station has had another successful year. We would like to thank our residents for carefully following the new recycling rules and sending those bottle caps, plastic bags and pizza boxes into the trash compactor and following the guidelines put in place by Waste Management for recycling. Please remember to follow these simple rules:

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

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

The “Good as New” Swap Shop at the Transfer Station has also had another successful year. Remember, it is the best way to recycle. As a service to town residents, large items, appliances, and tires may still be dropped off at the Transfer Station and will require that you pay small fees to cover the costs to the Town for removal. 2019 saw continued strong support for recycling. Last year, we recycled 261.71 tons of paper, plastic, and glass, down from 2018 under the new guidelines. The tonnage of demolition debris was 463.14 tons, which is again over 20 tons higher than the previous year. The tonnage of Municipal Solid Waste, or garbage, decreased a bit from 2018 to a total of 864.14 tons. Hauling and container charges have remained stable over the past several years. Strafford, like all communities, has seen increased charges for disposal of all the various categories of waste and recycling now that markets for recyclables are depressed. Recycling revenues, particularly for metals, 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.

REVENUES RECEIVED 2019

Tires (Customer Fees)	\$ 1,079.00
Metal Disposal (Customer Fees)	\$ 4,075.00
Mattresses/Furniture (Customer Fees).....	\$ 4,345.00
Small Electronics/Monitors, etc. (Customer Fees).....	\$ 5,534.00
Revenues from Recycling/Scrap Metal	\$ 4,102.72
Revenues from Recycling/Aluminum.....	\$ 3,691.16
Revenues from Recycling/Cardboard.....	\$ 40.83
Total Revenues 2017.....	\$ 20,238.30
Total Revenues 2018.....	\$ 28,376.76
Revenues received in 2019	\$ 22,867.71

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT REPORT 2019

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 2019, properties on maps 1, 2, 22-30, 34, and 35 were visited. Properties with open building permits were also visited and improvements were reflected in the 2019 taxes.

In 2020, properties on maps 3, 4, 21, 31, 32, 36, and 37 will be visited to verify the data on property record cards. Notification that the cyclical reviews are underway is posted on the Town website, www.strafford.nh.gov, and published in the Community Calendar. Data collectors and their vehicles are properly identified and carry a letter of introduction from the Selectmen's Office. Vehicle information is posted on the website. If you have any concerns about the identity or procedures of the data collectors, you are urged to contact the Town Office, 664-2192 ext 101 or 107. Your cooperation will ensure that the assessment data is up to date and as accurate as possible.

The new total values as of April 1, 2019 for the Town of Strafford are as follows:

	2018	2019
Residential	\$465,487,300	\$471,205,200
Commercial	\$8,782,400	\$8,580,512
Utilities	\$4,164,900	\$4,903,300
Current Use.....	\$1,463,900	\$1,489,200
Discretionary Preservation Easements.....	\$98,700	\$4,500
Exempt	\$20,845,900	\$21,012,700
Total	\$500,843,100	\$507,195,412
Property Tax Exemptions totaled	\$735,000	\$865,000
Property Tax Credits totaled.....	\$40,700	\$43,000

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

Senior Property Tax Exemptions of \$30,000 to \$50,000 are provided to/for qualifying seniors 65 and older. This exemption reduces the total assessed value of the property. Qualification is based on age as well as income and asset limits. Strafford also provides a Disabled Property Tax Exemption of \$30,000. This exemption reduces the total assessed value of the property. Income and asset limits apply here as well.

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

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

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

Sincerely,
Richard Dorsett Jr., CNHA
 Strafford Assessing Agent

STRAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT 2019

In 2019, year we had a fairly new lifeguarding staff with only two returning lifeguards and three new ones to complete the group. The beach staff provided good coverage at Bow Lake beach from Fathers' Day through the second full week of August, when all the staff headed off to college. Life guards are on duty from 10 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Monday through Saturday and 11 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. on Sundays. We appreciate all they do to keep the beach area safe, clean and enjoyable.

Strafford holds a summer swim program at the Bow Lake beach, and we encourage all our young families to participate. Lessons are affordably priced. Two sessions of 2 weeks each were held once again in 2019. Our swimmers this past summer were again very attentive, put effort into learning the skills, and most passed their levels. 2020 registration forms will be available on the Town website www.trafford.nh.gov in late May, or from the lifeguards once they are on duty. We anticipate holding 2 sessions once again this year. Session 1 lesson is tentatively scheduled July 13th – July 24th. Due to the availability of our instructor and the lifeguards returning to school, Session 2 will only be one week. Session 2 is scheduled for August 10th – August 14th. We look forward to seeing lots of swimmers again this coming season.

Salaries for the summer of 2019 were \$14,437.75. Maintenance and portable restroom rentals cost \$2263.90 for the summer. Other expenses and water testing totaled \$665.48, bringing the total expenditures to \$17,367.13.

Summer beach passes were free, as is customary, to Strafford residents. Non-resident individuals were able to purchase a day pass for \$5.00 or a season pass for \$25.00; families were able to purchase a season pass for \$50.00. Revenue was down from previous years for both beach passes and for swim lessons. The sale of beach passes brought in \$685.00. Income from swim lessons was \$522.00.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

The Conservation Commission spent time this year on trail maintenance-primarily picking up woody debris from the windstorms. The Conservation Commission welcomes notice of any new obstructions from hikers. We wish to thank Mike Harrington for maintenance work on the Parker Mountain Link trail.

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

Dr. Jeff Garnas Lab group from the University of New Hampshire performed Emerald Ash Borer experiments on a stand of our Town Forest white ashes. They also introduced 2 experimental parasitoid wasps that may help control this devastating pest. Sadly, they detected EAB larvae in our trees and thought we might be seeing physical evidence of infection within the next year or two. Telltale signs of infection are the “blonding” of bark on the upper limbs.

We voted again to use Conservation funds to keep the parking areas at the Town Forest and IRCR plowed during the winter. We hope people will enjoy the conservation lands we are so fortunate to have here in Strafford in all seasons! The Conservation Commission would also like to thank the Strafford Swamp Stompers for their help maintaining the gates both at the IRCR and on the Evans Mountain forestry access road.

In July Ben Poirier and his scout troop installed a new entry sign at the Strafford Town Forest that he had constructed for his Eagle Scout project. Thank You Ben and all!

This year members of the Commission made a site walk to consider a new conservation project-conserving the Leighton Family Forest. We elected to help fund this acquisition by the Southeast Land Trust (SELT). We also reviewed several DES applications and a utility corridor upgrade proposal from Eversource. If you have questions about conservation easements or DES permits, let us know.

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

Conservation Commission meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, and we encourage you to attend.

Stafford, NH 1231119

Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds MS-9

Name of Trust Fund #0005	Fund Type	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Date of Creation	Principal Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created and Deposits	Withdrawal of Principal	Principal End of Year	Income				Grand Total = Principal and Income End of Year
									Income Balance Beginning of Year	Income/Current Year	Income Expended	Income EOY Balance	
Excess Fee Fund #0005	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Police/Fire	NHPIP	03/01/1988	6,038.77	0.00	0.00	6,038.77	0.00	131.10	0.00	6,169.87	137,712.54
Excess Fee Fund #0007	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPIP	12/31/1980	282,834.33	0.00	150,015.04	132,819.29	6.03	4,908.38	0.00	4,908.38	482.66
Bald, John	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	06/02/1925	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	476.18	6.48	0.00	482.66	123.85
Brown, Albert (Hall)	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	05/16/1955	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	70.61	3.24	0.00	73.85	137.75
Brown, Albert (Litch)	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	12/31/1972	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	84.54	3.24	0.00	87.78	676.58
Casswell, Deborah	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	12/31/1939	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	252.65	25.92	0.00	278.57	697.50
Covey, Abbie	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	04/21/1927	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	586.92	6.48	0.00	593.40	1,190.32
Covey, New John	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	06/03/1972	665.00	0.00	0.00	665.00	482.22	43.10	0.00	525.32	864.52
Clark, John	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	09/02/1927	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	758.04	6.48	0.00	764.52	769.04
Cooper, Lillian Foss	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	09/02/1921	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	556.08	12.96	0.00	569.04	896.30
Foss, Benjamin	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	05/16/1955	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	470.33	25.92	0.00	496.25	990.25
Foss, Herbert	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	09/02/1933	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	771.29	12.96	0.00	784.25	874.42
Foss, Robert	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	09/02/1930	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	767.94	6.48	0.00	774.42	910.26
Foye-Petkus	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	05/16/1955	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	484.33	25.92	0.00	510.26	775.25
Foye (Wingale Farm)	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	03/04/1986	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	349.33	25.92	0.00	375.25	1,006.72
Gardner, Eliza	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	06/02/1926	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	847.01	9.72	0.00	856.73	1,006.72
Ham, Llewellyn	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	05/21/1959	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	76.91	12.96	0.00	89.87	311.92
Hanson F1	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	02/22/2000	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	192.46	19.44	0.00	211.90	511.92
Hartwell, Elizabeth	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	09/02/1950	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	915.88	6.48	0.00	922.36	627.35
Hawkins, Beissy	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	10/02/1921	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	95.00	6.48	0.00	101.48	115.98
Hayes, Paul	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	06/02/1925	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	120.90	3.24	0.00	124.14	269.31
Holmes, Ella	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	08/06/1934	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	162.83	6.48	0.00	169.31	1,364.40
Hosea Berry Cem.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	05/16/1955	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	725.52	38.88	0.00	764.40	1,843.00
Howard Cem.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	05/16/1955	800.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	991.15	51.85	0.00	1,043.00	752.84
Jenness, John	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	12/22/1928	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	539.68	12.96	0.00	552.64	856.21
Jenness, Samuel	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	01/31/1921	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	843.25	12.96	0.00	856.21	705.32
Jenness, Samuel	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	10/25/1930	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	492.34	12.96	0.00	505.32	492.03
Jewell, John W.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	04/12/1927	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	485.55	6.48	0.00	492.03	1,011.83
Kelton (Buzard Cem.)	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	01/25/1989	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	149.37	25.92	0.00	175.29	1,771.83
Knighon (Winkley)	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	05/01/1959	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	1,006.63	16.20	0.00	1,022.83	882.85
Loague, Edgerly Rd	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	05/16/1955	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	456.94	25.92	0.00	482.86	2,202.10
Oris Drew	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	03/09/1996	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,137.29	68.81	0.00	1,206.10	684.92
Oris Drew	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	06/02/1921	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	516.44	6.48	0.00	522.92	1,101.83
Perkins, Paul	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	09/02/1957	175.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	1,147.72	11.34	0.00	1,159.06	2,401.83
Saxton, Helen Foss	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	01/09/1991	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,337.02	68.81	0.00	1,405.83	917.10
Scouten	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	11/16/1988	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	384.70	32.40	0.00	417.10	1,159.98
Seaway, Abbie	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	01/07/1922	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	95.00	6.48	0.00	101.48	102.79
Stopper Road	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	10/07/1989	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	49.55	3.24	0.00	52.79	115.98
Smith, D. W.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	04/02/1927	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	95.00	6.48	0.00	101.48	304.42
Stanton, Fred	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	08/12/1944	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	91.44	12.96	0.00	104.42	639.03
Swin, Annie & Gray	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	09/05/1932	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	626.07	12.96	0.00	639.03	1,195.59
Tobias Drew Cem.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	03/04/1986	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,130.78	68.81	0.00	1,200.00	2,494.86
Wain, Mary J.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	09/05/1932	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	415.83	25.92	0.00	441.75	611.32
Wadon, John	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	10/22/1950	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	504.72	6.48	0.00	511.20	316.49
Wadon, Caswell	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	05/16/1955	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	210.01	6.48	0.00	216.49	115.98
Walker, James	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	12/10/1937	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	95.00	6.48	0.00	101.48	231.96
Waterhouse, Ella	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	06/02/1928	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	190.00	12.96	0.00	202.96	820.54
Weister, Tullie	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	03/01/1966	375.00	0.00	0.00	375.00	796.24	24.30	0.00	819.54	1,195.54
Young, Lavina	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	06/12/1919	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	708.94	12.96	0.00	721.90	5,872.55
Young, Lavina	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPIP	01/07/1899	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	4,807.74	64.81	0.00	4,872.55	277.04
Theodore Storer Conservy Fund #0011	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-0)	Parks/Recreation	NHPIP	03/08/1984	12,760.31	0.00	0.00	12,760.31	0.00	277.04	0.00	277.04	13,037.35
Conservation Commission #0012	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Discretionary/Benefit of the Town	NHPIP	03/01/1980	34,050.07	0.00	320.00	33,730.07	0.00	739.06	0.00	739.06	34,469.13
Records Storage Facility #0014	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Environmental Purposes	NHPIP	04/26/1988	1,973.42	0.00	0.00	1,973.42	0.00	42.88	0.00	2,016.30	6.53
Bridge C and R #0015	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPIP	03/14/2000	12,145.86	0.00	0.00	12,145.86	0.00	253.74	247.21	42.88	1,271.60
Office Equipment Fund #0016	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPIP	01/05/2005	104,835.11	0.00	0.00	104,835.11	0.00	2,275.80	0.00	2,275.80	107,109.91
Municipal Building Fund #0018	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPIP	01/05/2005	498.37	0.00	498.37	0.00	0.00	10.56	9.33	0.00	33.33
Fire Engine Fund #0019	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPIP	09/27/2005	1,538.22	50,000.00	0.00	1,538.22	0.00	33.38	0.00	33.38	1,571.60
Town Deck Account #0021	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPIP	08/31/2007	56,290.37	4,967.78	0.00	61,258.15	0.00	476.70	0.00	476.70	22,438.84
Ed of Persons with Disabilities #0025	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPIP	10/08/1928	16.49	0.00	0.00	16.49	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.34	16.83
Future Re-Evaluation/Slip Update #0026	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Educational Purposes	NHPIP	12/22/2010	206,447.54	0.00	0.00	206,447.54	0.00	4,482.06	0.00	4,482.06	210,929.60
Relictive Road Sprague #0027	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPIP	09/01/2011	1,322.20	0.00	0.00	1,322.20	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.35	17.39
Police Vehicle Fund Number Two #0028	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPIP	09/01/2011	81.74	15,000.00	0.00	15,081.74	0.00	11.42	0.00	11.42	36.06
Library Expansion/Improvement #0030	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPIP	12/26/2013	30,618.32	10,000.00	0.00	40,618.32	0.00	224.89	0.00	224.89	10,563.28
Town Hall Bldg. Maint., Impr., and/or Expand #0033	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPIP	12/29/2017	102,549.90	50,000.00	11,887.00	164,436.90	0.00	664.74	0.00	664.74	31,263.06
Recycling Center Equipment Fund #0034	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPIP	09/03/2018	10,062.07	10,000.00	0.00	20,062.07	0.00	227.71	0.00	227.71	20,289.78
Town Offices/Equipment Fund #0035	Capital Reserve (RSA 34:35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPIP	01/09/2019	0.00	0.00	12,417.00	12,417.00	0.00	92.34	0.00	92.34	10,092.34
Totals					928,111.20	162,373.82	289,954.73	800,530.29	28,217.77	20,055.71	256.94	48,016.54	946,546.83

Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds MS-10

Sirafford, NH 12/31/19

Name of Trust Fund	Fund Type	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Date of Creation	Principal						Income				Grand Total = Principal and Income End of Year
					Balance Beginning of Year	Purchases and Funds added to Existing Accts	Sales Proceeds and Withdrawals	New Funds	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income/Income current year	Income Expended	Income EOY Balance		
Forest Fire Fund #0005	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Police/Fire	NHPDIP	03/10/1998	6,038.77				6,038.77				131.10	131.10	6,169.87
School Bus I&B #0007	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP	12/31/1980	282,824.23		150,015.04		132,809.19				4,908.35	4,908.35	137,717.54
Cemetery Perpetual Care #0008	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	NHPDIP	01/01/1899	14,215.00				14,215.00				921.24	29,139.01	43,354.01
Recreation Land #0009	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Parks/Recreation	NHPDIP	03/08/1984	12,760.31				12,760.31				277.04	277.04	13,037.35
Theodore Storer Conserv Fund #0011	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Discretionary/Benefit of Tow	NHPDIP	03/10/1980	34,050.07		320.00		33,730.07				739.06	739.06	34,469.13
Conservation Commission #0012	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Environmental Purposes	NHPDIP	04/26/1988	1,973.42				1,973.42				42.88	42.88	2,016.30
Records Storage Facility #0014	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP	03/14/2000	12,165.86		12,165.86		0.00				253.74	247.21	6.53
Bridge C and R #0015	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP	01/05/2005	104,825.11				104,825.11				2,275.80	2,275.80	107,100.91
Office Equipment Fund #0016	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	01/05/2005	498.27		498.27		0.00				10.56	9.73	0.83
Municipal Building Fund #0018	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP	09/27/2005	1,538.22				1,538.22				33.38	33.38	1,571.60
Fire Engine Fund #0019	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	09/27/2005	56,290.97	50,000.00			106,290.97				1,268.32	1,268.32	107,559.29
Town Dock Account #0021	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP	08/31/2007	16,996.39	4,960.75			21,957.14				476.70	476.70	22,433.84
Fire Department Repairs #0024	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	07/26/2010	16.49				16.49				0.34	0.34	16.83
Ed of Persons with Disabilities #0025	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Educational Purposes	NHPDIP	12/22/2010	206,447.54				206,447.54				4,482.06	4,482.06	210,929.60
Future Re-Evaluation/Stat Update #0026	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	12/22/2010	17.04				17.04				0.35	0.35	17.39
Reflective Road Signage #0027	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP	09/01/2011	1,322.20		1,297.56		24.64				11.42	11.42	36.06
Police Vehicle Fund Number Two #0028	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	09/01/2011	81.74	15,000.00			15,081.74				15.64	15.64	15,097.38
Municipal Oil and Fuel #0029	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	09/01/2011	10,358.39				10,358.39				224.89	224.89	10,583.28
Library Expansion/Improvement #0030	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	12/26/2013	22,460.89	10,000.00			32,460.89				496.88	496.88	32,957.77
Dry Hydrant Fund #0031	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Police/Fire	NHPDIP	12/12/2017	30,618.32				30,618.32				664.74	664.74	31,283.06
Crown Point Fire Station #0032	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	12/29/2017	102,549.90	50,000.00	117,887.00		34,662.90				2,494.86	2,494.86	37,157.76
Town Hall Bldg Maint., Imprv., and / or Expand #0033	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	09/03/2018	10,062.07	10,000.00			20,062.07				227.71	227.71	20,289.78
Repair/Replace Recycling Center Equipment Fund #0034	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Capital Reserve (Other)	NHPDIP	07/09/2019				10,000.00	10,000.00				92.34	92.34	10,092.34
Town Office Equipment Fund #0035	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Maintenance and Repair	NHPDIP	12/12/2019		12,413.07	7,771.00		4,642.07				6.31	6.31	4,648.38
Totals					928,111.20	152,373.82	289,954.73	10,000.00	800,530.29	28,217.77	20,055.71	256.94	48,016.54	48,016.54	848,546.83



We deeply appreciate the Town of Strafford’s ongoing support of Cornerstone VNA, your local independent nonprofit visiting nurse association serving Strafford, Belknap, Carroll and Rockingham Counties in NH and York County in ME. Being

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

With an increasing number of people receiving care at home, no matter the degree of their illness, the level of skill needed to care for patients is very important. As a result, Cornerstone VNA continues to invest in certifying our clinicians and providing advanced technology, such as Telehealth, to meet the needs of our patients. Although our industry is faced with ongoing challenges due to changing payment models, the aging population and the shortage of health professionals, funding from local towns helps Cornerstone VNA continue serving residents while working to meet those challenges. We are pleased to highlight several accomplishments and achievements over the past year:

- Most notable has been the growth of **Palliative Care**, a program that provides specialized medical care for people with a serious illness, with a focus on providing symptom management and patient education. Although Palliative Care is underfunded, Cornerstone VNA believes in this program because it provides improved quality of life and decreases the need for emergency room visits or re-hospitalizations. A third Nurse Practitioner was added in 2019 to meet the growing demand for this important program.
- Our Hospice and Palliative Care Director, Kelly Doherty, RN-C, MSN, ARNP-BC, ACHPN, successfully achieved **Certification in Hospice and Palliative Care for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse**. Doherty is one of only twenty certified palliative care nurse practitioners in the State of New Hampshire.
- To further support family caregivers, we added a third monthly **Caregiver Café** in Alton, which is in addition to our Caregiver Café groups that meet at the local libraries in Farmington and Newington.
- In 2019, over 60 **volunteers** gave 6,000+ hours of their time as balance coach, companion, pet companion, senior companion, caregiver café facilitator, outreach, event, board, office, pet peace of mind, and hospice volunteers.
- 2019 Awards and Recognition
 - Business NH Magazine 2019 Health Care Business of the Year
 - Greater Barrington Chamber of Commerce 2019 Business Leader of the Year
 - Best of the Seacoast Award Winner, 2019 Best Home Health Care
 - 2019 Telehealth Honors awarded to Anne Carle, RN by Health Recovery Solutions
 - 2019 HomeCare Elite Top Agency

It is our privilege provide trusted, compassionate and expert health care to members of your community and we are pleased to share the number of visits by program in **2019**.

Service	Town of Strafford	Strafford County	Total Agency
Home Care/Perinatal	1259	44,637	57,517
Hospice Care	354	14,629	17,983
Life Care/Support Services	92	7052	7806
Palliative Care	13	495	639

The impact of your support is significant. Your continued investment in our organization enables us to provide care to your residents, regardless of their ability to pay for services 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 the residents of Strafford to call Cornerstone VNA at 800-691-1133 if they have any questions. We are here to help you or your loved ones receive expert care at home. Thank you once again for your generous support.

Respectfully,

Julie Reynolds, RN, MS, Chief Executive Officer

READY RIDES TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE



2019 Accomplishments and Goals for 2020

Ready Rides Transportation Assistance organization provides curb-to-curb rides at no charge to all medical, dental and physical therapy related appointments for those residents living in Strafford that are 55+ or disabled. Our vetted volunteer drivers use their own vehicles to provide transportation services. Mileage reimbursement is available for all drivers and they can select and provide trips to residents of any of our nine served communities. Ready Rides serves residents of Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. In our FY2019 our drivers drove a total of 64,585 miles completing 2,939 trips. In FY2019 trip ridership decreased by 8% and we increased the percent of rides completed versus request from 90% to 97%.

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

2019 Fiscal Year Accomplishments:

Ride Statistics	FY2019	Since Inception
Number Strafford Completed Trips	329	1,387
Total Trips for all Communities	2,939	13,795

For FY2020 we will endeavor to continue the high percentage of ride requests we complete as a percentage of total rider request. We will continue our outreach to bring in more vetted drivers and more riders needing our service.

We are always in need of new drivers to help with the growing need of ride requests. Come join our team of volunteer drivers! Please call our Coordinator for more information (603) 244-8719.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tahja Fulwider, Volunteer Driver Coordinator and Strafford Resident

Carolyn Clarke, Board Member and Strafford Resident

Martha English, Secretary and Strafford Resident

Steve Goodspeed, Treasurer and Strafford Resident

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COMMUNITY ACTION OF STRAFFORD COUNTY REPORT TO THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD

JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019



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

Founded in May 1965, the mission of CAPSC is to *“educate, advocate, and assist people in Strafford County to meet their basic needs and promote self-sufficiency.”* CAPSC is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, has 130 employees, and a \$13.5 million operating budget, which includes federal, state and local funds in addition to foundation and United Way grants, fees for service, and individual and corporate donations.

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

Without the services provided by our agency, many residents would be without a means to provide for their basic needs as they find a pathway out of poverty. In 2018-2019, CAPSC served over 11,000 households and provided nearly \$13.5 million in goods and services throughout Strafford County, thereby reducing the burden on other County and community services. In the Town of Strafford, CAPSC provided the following service highlights:

2018 – 2019 Service Highlights:

- CAPSC served 23% more Strafford residents in 2018-2019 (85) than the prior service year in 17/18 (69 residents) and 124% more since 16/17 (38 residents).
- Forty-one (41) households in Strafford received over \$38,849 in fuel assistance during the 2018-2019 heating season (average of \$948/home).
- Over the past year, 38 Strafford households received a discount on their electric bill through CAPSC’s Electrical Assistance Program at a value of \$18,596.
- CAPSC weatherized three homes in Strafford last year at a value of over \$20,000.
- CAPSC assisted 11 Strafford households with emergency food – which is more than twice the number of households served last year (4), while five (5) homes received a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal basket.

CAPSC operates emergency food pantries and outreach offices in Dover, Rochester, and Farmington, the only food pantry in the region providing access to food five days per week at multiple sites. Head Start services are provided at centers in Dover, Rochester, Farmington, Milton, and Somersworth. Our nutrition program provides nearly 750 holiday food baskets to families in need each year, as well as nearly 64,000 meals to children ages 0 to 18 through its Summer Meals and After-School Meals programs in 2018-2019.

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

Betsey Andrews Parker, MPH
Chief Executive Officer

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS



2019

OFFICERS OF THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
2019 - 2020

SCHOOL BOARD

	Term Expires
Mr. Bruce Patrick, Chairman	2021
Ms. Debbie Hinrichsen, Vice Chair	2020
Ms. Misty Lowe	2021
Mr. Kerry McMahon	2019
Ms. Erica Helm	2019

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

Nathaniel Byrne

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Robert O'Sullivan

PRINCIPAL

Scott Young, Ed.D.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Kathy Pogharian

TREASURER

Sharon Huckins

CLERK

Christine Bane

MODERATOR

Kurt Wuelper

AUDITOR

Plodzick & Sanderson, P.A.

The State of New Hampshire

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the **STRAFFORD TOWN HALL**, 12 Mountain View Drive, Strafford, NH, on the 10th day of March 2020, at 8:00 AM 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. Moderator | Term of 3 Years |
| c. School District Treasurer | Term of 3 Years |
| d. School District Clerk | Term of 3 Years |

** NOTE: All Articles except Article 1 will be taken up at 9:00 am on the 7th day of March 2020 at the **STRAFFORD SCHOOL**, 22 Roller Coaster Road, Strafford, NH, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE #2 *(District Meeting)*

To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Eleven Million, Six Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Five Hundred Three Dollars (\$11,617,503) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the Strafford School District.

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

*The School Board approves this appropriation a 5 to 0 vote.
The estimated tax impact if this article passes is \$ 16.68 per \$1,000.*

ARTICLE #3 *(District Meeting)*

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

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

ARTICLE #4 *(District Meeting)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE #5 *(District Meeting)*

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

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

ARTICLE #6 *(District Meeting)*

To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Education of Persons With Disabilities, established in 2010, for the purpose of meeting the expenses of educating students with disabilities. This sum to come from June 30, 2020 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020. No amount to be raised from taxation. Current balance at 11/30/2019 is \$210,642.44.

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

There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

ARTICLE #7 *(District Meeting)*

To see if the Strafford School District will raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the School District Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1985, for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings. This sum to come from June 30, 2020 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020. No amount to be raised from taxation. Current balance at 11/30/2019 is \$137,530.05.

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

There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

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

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 22nd day of January 2020.

Celli Annichero
Misty R. Lowe
[Signature]

Erica Duchean Kelly
Bill Patrick
School Board

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Celli Annichero
Misty R. Lowe
[Signature]

Erica Duchean Kelly
Bill Patrick
School Board

I certify that on the 23 day of January, 2020 the written warrant article attested by the School Board of said District at the place of meeting within named and a like attested copy at the Strafford School and Strafford Town Hall being a public place in said district.

[Signature]
Mary Bulger
SAU 44

SS New Hampshire 1/23, 2020

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

Before me Linda Osburn
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10/7/2020



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 6/30/2019	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2020	Appropriations for	
					period ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)	period ending 6/30/2021 (Not Recommended)
Instruction						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	02	\$6,047,876	\$6,529,925	\$6,788,403	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	02	\$1,258,923	\$1,383,186	\$1,495,457	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	02	\$59,922	\$61,656	\$60,856	\$0
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	02	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	02	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Instruction Subtotal		\$7,366,721	\$7,974,767	\$8,344,716	\$0
Support Services						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	02	\$533,548	\$572,993	\$546,212	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	02	\$312,735	\$320,683	\$362,657	\$0
	Support Services Subtotal		\$846,283	\$893,676	\$908,869	\$0
General Administration						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	02	\$40,587	\$60,887	\$60,887	\$0
	General Administration Subtotal		\$40,587	\$60,887	\$60,887	\$0
Executive Administration						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	02	\$383,823	\$377,790	\$395,507	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	02	\$357,592	\$370,109	\$380,465	\$0
2500-2599	Business		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	02	\$417,815	\$451,357	\$442,231	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	02	\$476,862	\$490,108	\$512,562	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Executive Administration Subtotal		\$1,636,092	\$1,689,364	\$1,730,765	\$0
Non-Instructional Services						
3100	Food Service Operations	02	\$160,399	\$164,318	\$167,929	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Non-Instructional Services Subtotal		\$160,399	\$164,318	\$167,929	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 6/30/2019	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2020	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Not Recommended)
Facilities Acquisition and Construction						
4100	Site Acquisition		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4200	Site Improvement		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4300	Architectural/Engineering		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4400	Educational Specification Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4600	Building Improvement Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Outlays						
5110	Debt Service - Principal	02	\$220,000	\$230,000	\$240,000	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	02	\$185,138	\$176,088	\$164,337	\$0
Other Outlays Subtotal			\$405,138	\$406,088	\$404,337	\$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					\$11,617,503	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations for	
			period ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)	period ending 6/30/2021 (Not Recommended)
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	06	\$25,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Education of Persons with Disabilities CRF</i>		
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$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



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations for	
			period ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)	period ending 6/30/2021 (Not Recommended)
1100-1199	Regular Programs	04 <i>Purpose: Strafford Education Association CBA Costs</i>	\$72,421	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	04 <i>Purpose: Strafford Education Association CBA Costs</i>	\$23,442	\$0
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$95,863	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2019	Revised Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2020	Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2021
Local Sources					
1300-1349	Tuition		\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	02	\$0	\$5,407	\$5,400
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	02	\$0	\$112,715	\$110,000
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Services Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$118,122	\$115,400
State Sources					
3210	School Building Aid	02	\$0	\$74,483	\$74,483
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid	02	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Special Education Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	02	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$76,483	\$116,483
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		\$0	\$41,531	\$0
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution		\$0	\$30,000	\$0
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$0	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$71,531	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2019	Revised Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2020	Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2021
Other Financing Sources					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5140	Reimbursement Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5221	Transfers from Food Service Special Revenues Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	06, 07	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$50,000
	Total Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$0	\$266,136	\$281,883



Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 6/30/2021
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$11,617,503
Special Warrant Articles	\$50,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$95,863
Total Appropriations	\$11,763,366
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$281,883
Less Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$0
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$11,481,483

**REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019**

Cash on Hand July 1, 2018 (Treasurer's bank balance)		302,608.02
Received from the Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	9,000,924.35	
Revenue from State	1,536,164.58	
Revenue from Federal	-0-	
Received from all other Sources	527,006.80	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>11,064,095.73</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (balance-receipts)		11,366,703.70
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERED PAID		11,248,796.39
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2019 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		117,907.42

Sharon L. Huckins
District Treasurer

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM WHOM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
July 1, 2018	State of NH	Equitable Ed Aid	\$1,395,852.00
to		Building Aid	\$71,482.50
June 30, 2019		Medicaid Reimbursement	\$41,355.08
	State of NH	Kindergarten Aid	\$27,475.00
	Town of Strafford	Appropriation	\$9,000,924.35
	Citizens Bank	Interest	\$5,407.29
	Capital Reserve Fund	2 boilers	\$92,000.00
	Capital Reserve Fund	Tank removal	\$14,629.04
	Shannon Cook	School bus to Coe Brown	\$100.00
	Northwood School District	Northwood employee on Strafford MetLife	\$6.30
	State of NH	Secure Entrance Project	\$61,645.60
	Strafford Recreational Sports	Donation for gym floor	\$23,000.00
	Citizens Bank	Closed account to operating account	\$75,000.00
	Ashley Compagna	Health insurance	\$181.64
	State of NH	Jury Duty	\$61.93
	Strafford school	Return of petty cash	\$145.00
	SAU #44	Surplus fund balance	\$46,648.67
	School Lunch Program	Lunch Sales	\$52,636.59
		Tsys Lunch Sales	\$58,874.26
		Food & Supplies Purchases	\$75.56
	Matthew Young	Donation School Lunch Program	\$500.00
	Unknown Giver	Donation School Lunch Program	\$20.00
	Maryalice Fischer	Donation School Lunch Program	\$1,000.00
	City of Rochester	PK FM Equipment - Student	\$2,101.60
		Ice Cream Social	\$113.28
		Return check fee	\$7.00
		Payroll direct deposit returned	\$32.32
	SAU #44	School Lunch Program Reimbs.	\$37,203.99
	SAU #44	Teachers' Salary & FICA	\$41,689.63
	Merrimack Valley School District	Homeless Transportation	\$6,792.50
	SAU #44	Speech Services	\$727.10
	Nottingham School District	Speech Services	\$556.96
	School Administrative #74	Speech Services	\$566.38
	Miscellaneous	Rent/Custodial	\$5,142.50
		Agendas	\$5.00
		Damaged Books	\$38.13
		Lost Books	\$98.53
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u><u>\$11,064,095.73</u></u>

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
EARNINGS HISTORY
JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

Name	Position	Total Earnings
Adams, Laura A.	Grade 5 Teacher	\$76,611.00
Allsup, Mark D.	Substitute	\$1,680.00
Andersen, Julie M.	Lunch Room Monitor	\$490.00
Anderson, Brianna D.	Lunch Room Monitor	\$15,477.96
Apac, Raymond	Substitute	\$539.00
Ash, Sarah C.	Coach	\$2,300.00
Asmega, Lauren	Grade 1 Teacher	\$39,282.98
Atkinson, Andrea L.	Band Teacher	\$46,811.94
Bane, Christine	School District Clerk	\$300.00
Bazzell, Katherine A.	Grade 7/8 Teacher	\$39,170.98
Beaverstock, Karen A.	Grade 6 Teacher	\$64,930.00
Bibeau, Jilliam A.	Substitute	\$35.00
Bonneau, Aaron M.	Custodian	\$126.50
Bonneau, Diane B.	Library Aide	\$696.15
Bonneau, James M.	Technology Director	\$70,793.36
Bonneau, Noah H.	Custodian	\$2,235.75
Buehne-Davis, Elizabeth G.	Substitute	\$5,180.00
Buehne-Davis, Karen L.	Substitute	\$8,365.00
Burnell, Patricia A.	Food Service	\$12,042.31
Canfield, Atoinette M.	Library Aide	\$45.90
Chadwick, Carol	Paraprofessional	\$22,071.70
Chagnon, Rebecca S.	Paraprofessional	\$21,348.23
Cleaver, Joanna L.	Library Aide	\$3,501.15
Clinch, Andrea C.	Reading Specialist	\$59,022.00
Colby, Steven M.	Grade 3 Teacher	\$32,999.09
Columbare, Wendy A.	Substitute	\$7,525.00
Compagna, Ashley D.	Spanish Teacher	\$29,559.95
Cullen, Anne P.	Secretary	\$33,644.08
Cunningham, Kathryn	Nurse	\$58,259.00
Currier, Christopher M.	Custodian	\$4,567.75
DeCota, Kendra L.	Paraprofessional	\$18,975.11
DeShong, Shania P.	Substitute/Lunch Room Monitor	\$770.00
Dolan, Audrey E.	Grade 6 Teacher	\$66,322.00
Duffy, Cynthia L.	Paraprofessional	\$25,194.20
Dvorak, Sarah D.	ESY Speech Pathologist	\$658.20
Eaton, Beth A.	Paraprofessional	\$18,958.80
Edmonds, Indra	Substitute	\$280.00
Fisher, Karyn M.	Coach	\$900.00
Fitzpatrick, Kerry L.	Coach	\$1,500.00
Fleming, Joan D.	Substitute Nurse	\$150.00
Fowler, Deborah L.	Custodian	\$19,718.40
Freeman, Katharine	Substitute	\$350.00
Fulwider, Tahja D.	Stipend	\$200.00
Gage, Linda J.	Secretary	\$28,098.00
Gahm, Allan K.	Grade 6 Math/Language Arts Teacher	\$68,405.98
Gale, Cynthia A.	Paraprofessional	\$22,723.80

Name	Position	Total Earnings
Gale, Eric J.	Food Service Director	\$38,121.26
Galvin, Michael	Special Education Teacher	\$40,905.98
Garland, Georgia I.	Grade 4 Teacher	\$61,212.98
Gauthier, Taylor J.	Substitute	\$875.00
Gempp, Christopher M.	Stipend	\$425.00
Glaude, Eileen M.	Special Education Teacher	\$72,480.98
Goscinski, Donna	Grade 8 Language Arts Teacher	\$66,911.00
Grant, Keri B.	Grade 1 teacher	\$39,905.98
Hanson, Brianna L.	Substitute	\$1,190.00
Hanson, Lauryn C.	ESY Paraprofessional	\$990.00
Hanson, Tracy L.	Grade 1 Teacher	\$62,402.00
Hardy, Dorothy B.	Substitute	\$560.00
Hedstrom, Meghan C.	Health Teacher	\$48,411.94
Helm, Erica M.	School Board Member	\$1,500.00
Heselton, Callie A.	Custodian	\$734.25
Heselton, Gary R.	Facilities Manager	\$52,020.70
Hinrichsen, Debra A.	School Board Member	\$1,500.00
Homiak, Janet E.	Reading Specialist	\$66,445.00
Horan, Jennifer A.	Lunch Room Monitor	\$2,407.20
Hossack, Michele D.	Technology Teacher	\$41,528.00
Huckins, Sharon L.	School District Treasurer	\$1,300.00
Irons, Mary D.	Kindergarten Teacher	\$70,825.98
Jacobs, Abby H.	Kindergarten Teacher	\$43,396.00
Jamer, Monica R.	Lunch Room Monitor/Substitute	\$910.00
Johnson, Christopher J.	Custodian	\$1,611.50
Jordan, Gregory J.	Substitute	\$110.00
Jordan, Heidi F.	Art Teacher	\$49,944.00
Jordan, Kevin A.	Grade 2 Teacher	\$60,189.98
Kelleher, Kevin P	Substitute	\$630.00
Kerivan, Sandra A.	Paraprofessional	\$18,864.59
Kerivan, Victoria M	Lunch Room Monitor/Substitute	\$105.00
Knox, Bethany	Substitute	\$4,130.00
Krasko, Robyn T.	Physical Education Teacher	\$65,927.00
LaMacchia, Tina M	Special Education Teacher	\$40,753.00
Lano, Elizabeth C.	Paraprofessional	\$20,712.10
LeBlanc, Priscilla E.	Substitute Nurse	\$1,200.00
Libby, Karen S.	Paraprofessional	\$22,282.80
Lowe, Misty R.	School Board Member	\$1,500.00
Marston, Eilish M.	Paraprofessional	\$28,599.72
Martin, Connor W.	Custodian	\$5,543.16
Mason, Elizabeth T.	Grade 3 Teacher	\$66,077.00
McCourt, Carol D.	Food Service	\$7,551.87
McGrath, Jessica L.	Substitute	\$5,453.88
McMahon, Kerry P.	School Board Member	\$1,500.00
Meehan, Andrea E.	Substitute Nurse	\$700.00
Morrisette, Kimberly A.	Special Education Teacher	\$40,618.00
Nadeau, Matthew R.	Grade 8 Math Teacher	\$43,050.98
Nault, Donna L.	Paraprofessional	\$18,550.15
Nevins, Theresa A.	Grade 5 Teacher	\$63,604.98
Nix, David R.	Retired Teacher	\$12,611.00
Nomula, Tanuja	Paraprofessional	\$18,567.40

Name	Position	Total Earnings
Owen, Nartin J.	Custodian	\$5,692.50
Pagnotta, Katie L.	Guidance	\$47,753.98
Patrick, Bruce	School Board Member	\$1,500.00
Pickard, Bradley G.	Custodian	\$16,914.40
Pierce, Sandra L.	School District Treasurer	\$3,900.00
Plaza, Linda R.	Paraprofessional	\$22,220.30
Pogharian, Kathrine M.	Assistant Principal	\$75,760.00
Ray, Candice L.	Paraprofessional	\$24,177.60
Richard, Michael A.	Truant Officer	\$550.00
Rossignal, Carol A.	Lunch Room Monitor	\$3,347.08
Roy, Amanda R.	Secretary	\$29,521.24
Roy, Sarah A.	Grade 4 Teacher	\$64,425.00
Saia, Jill H.	Grade 7 Language Arts Teacher	\$67,802.92
Sawyer, Carolyn V.	Grade 7/8 Science Teacher	\$49,437.98
Schraufnagel, Julie A.	Paraprofessional	\$21,867.10
Small, Dawn M.	Stipend	\$1,800.00
Smith, Terry B.	Paraprofessional	\$22,076.43
Spadaford, Barbara G.	Paraprofessional	\$20,163.70
Sullivan, Julie A.	Music Teacher	\$63,237.82
Sullivan, Liam	Custodian	\$497.75
Szatko, Lawrence E.	Custodian	\$17,869.24
Taylor, Lindsay K.	Coach	\$1,100.00
Taylor, Timothy B.	Coach	\$1,500.00
Trafton, Jason	Teacher	\$4,025.00
Trapp, Amelia A.	School Board Secretary	\$4,899.50
Vachon, Jennifer M.	Substitute Nurse	\$600.00
VanDenberg, Rebbecca G.	Guidance	\$19,953.00
Verville, Jennifer H	Substitute	\$14,365.44
Vulner, Kristine B.	Paraprofessional	\$23,129.10
Welch, Shelly A.	Grade 2 Teacher	\$46,820.00
Wichroski, Alison M.	Speech Pathologist	\$67,705.98
Wiggin, Rebecca	Speech Pathologist	\$65,577.00
Williams, Susan J.	Media Specialist	\$66,389.48
Woodard, Amy S.	Title I	\$39,028.32
Young, Scott C.	Principal	\$93,690.27
Total		\$3,259,461.76

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAPITAL FUND BALANCES
DECEMBER 31, 2019

School Infrastructure & Buildings Capital Reserve Fund:

Balance as of 12/31/19 **\$137,717.54**

Education of Persons with Disabilities Capital Reserve Fund:

Balance as of 12/31/19 **\$210,929.60**

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENROLLMENT REPORT
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2020

Elementary School Enrollment						
Grade	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total		TOTAL
K	M. Irons	8	9	17		
K	A. Jacobs	8	8	16		
K	D. Wilder	7	8	15		
					Kindergarten	48
					Home School Kindergarten	1
Grade 1	J. McGrath	8	6	14		
Grade 1	K. Grant	6	8	14		
Grade 1	T. Hanson	8	6	14		
					Grade 1	42
					Home School Grade 1	2
Grade 2	K. Jordan	8	8	16		
Grade 2	S. Welch	7	8	15		
Grade 2	S. Roy	8	8	16		
					Grade 2	47
					Home School Grade 2	0
Grade 3	E. Marston	12	9	21		
Grade 3	E. Mason	12	9	21		
					Grade 3	42
					Home School Grade 3	4
Grade 4	G. Garland	11	8	19		
Grade 4	T. Nevins	9	9	18		
					Grade 4	37
					Home School Grade 4	4
Grade 5	K. Clemons	8	10	18		
Grade 5	A. Clinch	7	12	19		
					Grade 5	37
					Home School Grade 5	2
					Total Elementary School Students	253
					Total Home School Elementary Students	13

Middle School Enrollment						
Grade 6	K. Beaverstock	11	7	18		
Grade 4	A. Dolan	10	5	15		
Grade 6	A. Gahm	10	5	15		
					Grade 6	48
					Home School Grade 6	2
Grade 7	C. Sawyer	7	11	18		
Grade 7	J. Verville	6	12	18		
Grade 7	J. Saia	7	10	17		
					Grade 7	53
					Home School Grade 7	5
Grade 8	D. Goscinski	11	7	18		
Grade 8	M. Nadeau	12	5	17		
Grade 8	K. Bazzell	13	6	19		
					Grade 8	54
					Home School Grade 8	1
					Total Middle School	155
					Total Home School Middle School	8

Enrollment Summary						
Kindergarten	48				Total Students Enrolled in School	408
Grade 1	42	Grade 5	37		Total Home School Students	21
Grade 2	47	Grade 6	48			
Grade 3	42	Grade 7	53		Total Students Enrolled at SAU	429
Grade 4	37	Grade 8	54			

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT 2018-2019

The Strafford School is led by Principal Dr. Scott Young and Assistant Principal Ms. Kathy Pogaharian. Dr. Young entered his fifth year at Strafford School. Ms. Pogaharian entered her second year at Strafford School.

The building leadership worked with the staff on the following initiatives:

- Building cohesive teams
- Social-emotional learning in grades k-8
- Implementing Readers Workshop in grades k-8

In the beginning of the 18/19 school year, the boilers were replaced with a cleaner more energy efficient system similar to the system in the most recent addition to the school. This upgrade should pay dividends to the taxpayers of Strafford in fuel costs.

Towards the end of the school year, the School District partnered with Strafford Recreation to replace the gym floor. The new gym floor has many benefits. The most important being injury reduction as the floor has more cushion and therefore reduces strain on the joints.

The community of Strafford continued to be very supportive of our students, staff and our school. The number of people who volunteered in our school was impressive. At the school district annual meeting, our school budget received overwhelming support. The Strafford School Board and the Strafford community should be commended for their collaborative efforts to create and support a responsible budget.

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

In closing, on behalf of myself, and the staff of SAU #44, we continue looking forward to the future and serving you.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Reuning

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2019-2020

As I write this (mid-January) it is currently 10 degrees (with wind chill factored in, it feels like -10 degrees!) and we have a fresh blanket of snow that has fallen in the last 24 hours. It is likely by the time you read this, the grip of winter will be easing and the snow that currently surrounds the landscape will be only a vestige. Thinking about the coming of spring, especially today, is truly heartwarming. But the same is true, regardless of how cold it may be 😊, when I think about the great staff, teachers, and community of Strafford School! Each year presents its own challenges, but I have found that the staff and faculty at our school are more than capable of meeting those challenges as we continue to strive toward *inspiring students to improve themselves, their community, and the world around them*. This school year we have focused on deepening our efforts to support the whole learner (academic, social, and emotional).

Focus goals for the 2019-2020 school year:

Goal #1 – Increased expertise in Social-Emotional Learning (or SEL).

The school has developed and implemented programming over the last three years to support students in the areas described below:

Social & Emotional Core Competencies:

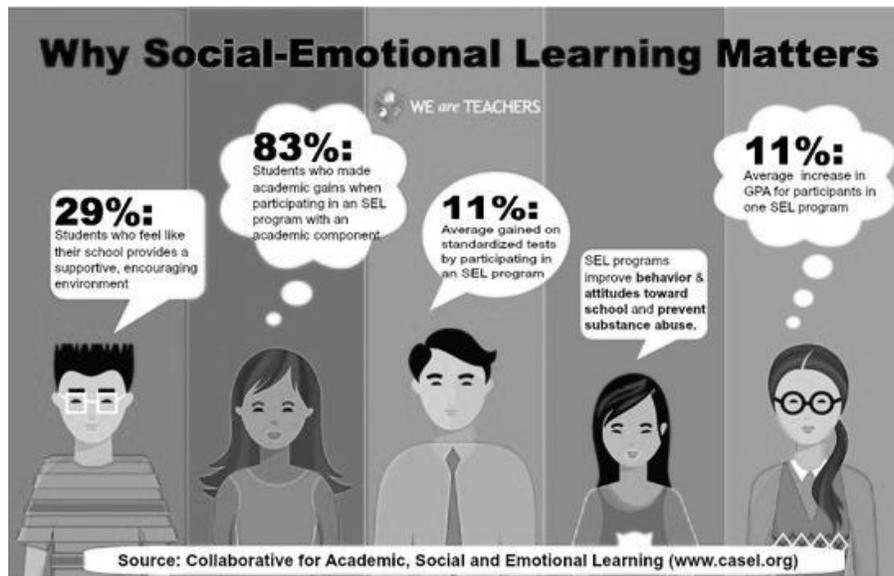
- ✿ *Self-Awareness*: Recognizing one's emotions and values as well as one's strengths and challenges.
- ✿ *Self-Management*: Managing emotions and behaviors to achieve one's goals.
- ✿ *Social Awareness*: Showing understanding and empathy for others.
- ✿ *Relationship Skills*: Forming positive relationships, working in teams, and dealing effectively with inter-personal conflict.
- ✿ *Responsible Decision-Making*: Making ethical and constructive choices about personal and social behavior.

This school year have provided our staff and faculty with ongoing professional development and training in this area throughout this school year:

- Our K-4 faculty and staff will be working with Charlie Applestein (see this link for his website: <https://www.charliea.com/>) to better support our younger learners in core competencies pictured above.
- Our Grades 5-8 faculty and staff have been working with folks from the Institute for Social & Emotional Learning (see link for website: <https://www.instituteforsel.net/>) on

developing student advisory groups. This is a two-year plan and this year focuses the training – ***next year will be when we implement a student advisory group program for students in grades 5-8. Stay tuned as we move forward!***

Keep in mind that SEL is not only supportive of student’s emotional and social skills but has a residual benefit when it comes to academic achievement:



Goal #2- Deepen learning for students through personalized learning concepts.

Last year, every grade level designed and implemented a cross-curricular (i.e. incorporated multiple subject matters) that culminated in student’s creating a project based on what they had learned. We have continued implementing personalized learning concepts, which encourage deeper inquiry, increased student choice and voice in how they learn, and requires students to apply skills and knowledge that range across different subject areas.

Goal #3- More intentional partnership with families, caregivers, and the Strafford community as a whole.

We recognize the vital role families, caregivers, and greater community serve in the lives of Strafford School kiddos. This fall we provided a survey to all parents and caregivers designed to provide the school with feedback on how we can better partner with our families. The results have led to our creating a staff directory on the school’s webpage so parents, caregivers, and community members can get to know us a little better and how any of our instructional and administrative staff can best be contacted (see this link for the new directory page: <https://www.strafford.k12.nh.us/faculty-pages>). Also, we are offering training to our instructional staff so they can create dedicated classroom webpages where parents and caregivers can get a glimpse into what the kids learn and experience in our classrooms. These are just initial efforts we have taken based on the results of our partnership survey. Going forward, we plan to redesign the school’s webpage to make it much more user-friendly and improve the administration’s communication with parents and caregivers. In addition to these

efforts, we continue to offer programming, beyond core academics that helps us teach the whole child.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Young". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'Y'.

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



**Coe-Brown Northwood Academy
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
for the
2018-2019 Academic Year**



The Board of Trustees and Administration of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy are pleased to provide this Annual Report of the 2018-2019 school year to CBNA sending towns. Members of the Academy have enjoyed a long-term cooperative working relationship with the school boards of local towns and continue to work hard to ensure the educational opportunities for students are competitive, satisfying, and of the highest quality. The Board of Trustees strives, through its administration, faculty, and rigorous academic and co-curricular programming, to provide the most comprehensive and challenging educational experience for CBNA students.

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

Student Enrollment Breakdown: 2018-19

	August 2018	May 2019
Seniors	176	169
Juniors	190	188
Sophomores	177	174
Freshmen	151	151
TOTAL	694	682

Of the total students enrolled at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, the following enrollment changes took place throughout the 2018-2019 school year:

CBNA Student Enrollment Changes by Class: 2018-19

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

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: 2018-19

Class of 2018 Graduating with Honors:	81%
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2018-19 Enrollment in Advanced Placement /Honors Level Courses:

Class	# Stdnts.	Class	# Stdnts.	Class	# Stdnts.
English 12 AP	19	Spanish Language AP	1	Calculus AP	5
English 11 AP	36	Spanish IV Honors	14	Calculus Honors	18
English 12 Honors	30	French IV/V Honors	10	Pre-Calc. Honors	8
English 11 Honors	21	Spanish III Honors	30	Geometry Honors	24
English 10 Honors	42	French III Honors	15	Algebra II Honors	33
English 9 Honors	26	Spanish II Honors	31	Adv. Algebra I Honors	31
		French II Honors	16	Pre-Calc. II Honors	8
US History AP	14	Physics AP	6	Studio Art AP	0
Economics Honors	34	Biology AP	18	Honors Art	9
World History Honors	18	Physics Honors	5		
US History III Honors	29	Chemistry Honors	37		
US History II Honors	26	Biology Honors	46		
		Intro to Science Honors	18		

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

2018-19 Enrollment in SNHU Courses:

SNHU Class	Number of Students	SNHU Class	Number of Students
Calculus	18	Creative Writing	29
Anatomy & Physiology	51	Environmental Science	15
Public Speaking	24	Digital Photography	18

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

2018-19 Advanced Placement Scores

	Coe-Brown	New Hampshire	United States
Mean Score Comparison All AP Tests	3.53	2.95	2.91

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: 2018-19

Spring 2019 *Scholastic Reading Inventory*: Whole School

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy	36%	48%	11%	5%

CBNA participates in all state-wide mandated examinations. For the 2018-19 academic year, the State of NH required the science AIR and the SAT for eleventh grade students. Students at the Academy scored as follows:

Spring 2019 Science AIR Testing

	Above Proficient	Proficient	Approaching Proficient	Below Proficient
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy	<10%	48%	13%	34%
State of New Hampshire	<10%	30%	22%	35%

Spring 2019 SAT School-Based Testing

	% Met Benchmark for English Language Arts	% Met Benchmark for Mathematics
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy	71%	59%
State of New Hampshire	56%	48%

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

Class of 2019 Post-Graduate Experiences

	4-Year Post Secondary	2-Year Post Secondary	Specialized Education Programs	Other Programs	Military	Work Force
Class of 2019	49%	25%	9%	3%	6%	8%

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. We continue to promote colleges, trades, 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 for juniors in the spring of 2019, the SAT. Performance on that exam is demonstrated in the charts above and the Academy will continue to develop curriculum and teaching techniques for meeting New Hampshire Standards and to best prepare students for state wide assessments. Students at Coe-Brown continue to score in the upper percentiles of the AP examinations, NH state testing, and excel in many areas outside of academia as well. In addition, students, faculty, and staff have been thrilled to have so many members of the community come to the Academy to enjoy talented student performances within the athletic, music, arts, and drama programs.

The Education Committee of the Board of Trustees, which has voting representatives from Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford, annually reviews course offerings to ensure that they are appropriate to meeting students' needs and are in keeping with the high academic standards set by the Board and administration. For the 2018-2019 academic year, the Academy continued to offer concurrent enrollment courses to allow students to receive both high school and college credit in the same class, for a greatly reduced college tuition rate. The courses are optional and allow students to get a head start on meeting their college requirements. Currently, the Academy has agreements with Southern New Hampshire University, Project Running Start through Great Bay Community College, and the University of Iowa.

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

Individual faculty members, both at Coe-Brown as well as from sending schools, have participated in a board-supported program called "*Bridges*." Faculty members met repeatedly throughout the 2018-2019 year in different department groups with the goal of continuing to bridge any gap in the transition from elementary to high school and to coordinate and support each other in their academic work. Their efforts have been positive and effective in improving the educational experience for the communities' students.

CO-CURRICULAR

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

Athletic offerings at the Academy continue to evolve with Coe-Brown's student-athletes. The athletic programs provide opportunities for students to practice self-discipline, time management, the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship. The 2018-19 academic year had 195 fall athletes, 169 winter athletes, and 258 spring athletes, showing the tremendous amount of participation in athletics by CBNA students. The newest teams of Boys' & Girls' Lacrosse, Bowling, and Bass Fishing continue to build and develop their programs.

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

PHYSICAL PLANT

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

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

Most recently, the athletic track has been completed regraded, resurfaced, and improved. Not only has the entire surface been upgraded, but there are additional updates to the shotput and discus areas, completed by a student as a senior project, and a new pavilion installed by CBNA students in Construction class. In addition, the science building roof, among others, has received maintenance upgrades. The major project begun in 2019 is the new Wiggin Hall building. This involves the razing of the front part of the building with a two-story new building erected in its place. It will house art, music, specialized and general education classrooms. In addition, security measures on campus are constantly evaluated, for greater student and staff safety including work on classroom doors and security monitoring. Continued smaller projects will serve to revitalize and repurpose areas of the Academy in the future, ensuring a modern, student-focused campus.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

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

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

THE FUTURE

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

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



SAU #44 DISTRICT SHARE OF FINANCIALS							
DISTRICT	2018		K-8		2019-2020		
	EQUALIZED VALUATION	VALUATION PERCENT	ENROLLMENT (as of 6.30.19)	PUPILS PERCENT	COMBINED PERCENT	DISTRICT SHARE	
Northwood	474,899,953	30.18%	370	28.65%	58.84%	\$370,803.89	
Nottingham	610,034,750	39.25%	506	39.16%	78.41%	\$494,069.08	
Strafford	480,531,612	30.57%	416	32.18%	62.75%	\$395,507.34	
TOTAL	1,565,466,315	100%	1292	100%	200%	\$1,260,380.31*	

*Total reflects reductions of \$16,000 due to grant revenue offsets.

SAU#44 STAFF SALARY REPORT 2019-2020 SALARIES**

Superintendent of Schools \$128,340
 Student Services Director \$89,610
 Business Administrator \$86,005
 Grant Administrator \$15,000

** Actuals as of 7.1.19 staffing

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION ANALYSIS

EXPENSES	2017-2018	2018-2019
Instruction	\$ 835,535.23	\$ 869,314.36
Related Services	\$ 289,771.13	\$ 330,645.89
Transportation	\$ 72,650.00	\$ 53,720.02
Tuition (HS, Pre-School & Placements)	\$ 447,526.75	\$ 386,802.28
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,645,483.11	\$ 1,640,482.55
REVENUE		
Catastrophic Aid	\$ -	\$ -
Adequacy (Allocation*)	\$ 320,919.39	\$ 301,534.70
IDEA Entitlement-Part B	\$ 108,542.95	\$ 143,892.51
IDEA Entitlement-Pre School	\$ 6,302.66	\$ 6,319.71
Medicaid	\$ 32,691.96	\$ 37,093.62
Total Revenues	\$ 468,456.96	\$ 488,840.54
Net District Cost	\$ 1,177,026.15	\$ 1,151,642.01

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



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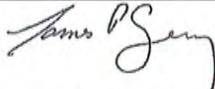
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Tax Rate Breakdown Strafford

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,689,103	\$485,434,912	\$3.48
County	\$1,446,691	\$485,434,912	\$2.98
Local Education	\$7,170,132	\$485,434,912	\$14.77
State Education	\$1,076,248	\$480,531,612	\$2.24
Total	\$11,382,174		\$23.47

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$11,382,174
War Service Credits	(\$43,000)
Village District Tax Effort	
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$11,339,174



James P. Gerry
Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

11/13/2019

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
SAU #44
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019
8:00 AM

School Board Members:

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

Others:

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

Moderator Wuelper called the 2019 Strafford School District Meeting to order at 8:00 AM and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rev. Carolyn Clarke offered an invocation and asked that we be respectful to each other and keep in mind what is best for the children.

School Board Chairman Bruce Patrick introduced the people sitting at the front table, as noted in "others" above. He and School Board Member Debbie Hinrichsen then proceeded with a special presentation to recognize the long-term, much appreciated and recently-retired School District Treasurer, Mrs. Sandy Pierce. As a board member since 1979, Mrs. Pierce has been an invaluable asset to the Town of Strafford, working tirelessly on behalf of town residents by keeping a close eye on the finances of the District. The Board presented Mrs. Pierce with a beautifully embossed hardwood rocking chair as a token of their deep appreciation. Mrs. Pierce spoke to how she enjoyed the position throughout the years and was looking forward to spending more time with family, in particular a new grandchild.

Moderator Wuelper explained to the voting body that he would not follow Robert Rules of Order. He directed those persons wishing to speak to state name their name and address and to direct all comments to him. He stated that no personal attacks or interpersonal debates will be tolerated.

ARTICLE #1: *(Voting)*

**To choose the following School District Officers:

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

Note: Article #1 will be taken up at the 2019 Town Election Day, March 12, 2019.

Moderator then read Warrant Article #2 as follows:

“To see if the Strafford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Eleven Million, One Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand, One Hundred (\$11,189,100) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the Strafford School District.”

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

*The School Board approves this appropriation 5-0.
The estimated tax impact if this article passes is \$1.29 per \$1,000.*

Chairman Patrick moved the question, duly seconded by Erica Mclean-Helm.

Chairman Patrick spoke to this article and reiterated that the budget is always the largest article in any school warrant. He stated that the board worked hard on the budget, with the goal of minimizing increases while providing the district with needed and required tools to educate students. He noted the page titled “driver sheet” near the back of the packet. This gives an overview of the major increases in the School Budget. Regarding high school attendance, he stated that 20 more students will be entering Coe-Brown (65) than will be graduating this year (45), resulting in a \$293,000 increase in tuition costs. Other increases include Special Education contracted services which have increased by \$49,280 and transportation by \$21,407.49. (He stressed how lucky we are to have transportation). Estimated Health Insurance costs and Retirement costs will likely increase as well, although the actual rates will not be known until May. These are fixed costs in the budget.

Michael Harrington spoke and commended the School Board for their diligence in crafting this budget. He questioned the substitute teaching line on page 1 of the budget, asking if the rate for substitute teachers should increase. Chairman Patrick explained that the School Board has raised the daily rate from \$70 to \$80 this year to be comparable with other schools in the area.

Erik Almanzan questioned the increase in the budget, asking for clarification on the percentage of increase in the budget. Is it 2.83% or 6%? Chairman Patrick agrees that the increase is closer to 6%; however the Board will be turning funds back to the Town at the end of the fiscal year which will offset this increase. Board Member Hinrichsen stated that they are turning back at least \$46,000; funds that have been held by SAU which will also have a positive tax impact.

After seeing no further discussion, Moderator Wuelper then called for the vote.

A show of cards indicated that the article passes by an overwhelming majority.

Moderator Wuelper than clarified a house-keeping issue concerning non-residents present. He asked the body to indicate by a show of cards if non-Strafford residents should be allowed to speak. The show of cards indicated Yes.

Moderator then read Warrant Article #3 as follows:

ARTICLE #3:

“Shall the Strafford School District vote, pursuant to RSA 194-C:2, I, to create an SAU Planning Committee to study the advisability of the withdrawal of the Strafford School District from SAU #44 in accordance with the provisions of RSA194-C:2, I,”

Board Member Debbie Hinrichsen spoke to this article. She stated that the Board has reviewed the costs of being a part of SAU#44. As good stewards of the town funds, the Board feels that options should be explored which include establishing independence from SAU #44. Some of the benefits to this separation may include greater independence and local control as well as possible financial incentives.

She stressed that this is just a vote on establishing a Study Committee, to consist of 2 School Board members and 5 community members. The Superintendent would also be a (non-voting) member of the committee.

Don Clifford expressed his approval of this direction. He stated that the board is to be commended for opening up this inquiry and hopes the committee attracts the needed community members.

Audry Dolan questioned how the board intends to notify Strafford residents about this opportunity. Ms. Hinrichsen stated that there will be proper postings for the committee which will include clear instructions for applying to this committee. She further explained that there is an established state procedure to "withdraw from an SAU", a copy of which included at the end of the packet. As per this procedure, the Moderator will assign members to the committee.

Rolande Merz spoke and asked that at posting notice be placed in the Strafford Community Calendar. The Board was in agreement with this request.

Donald Coker asked what the time table is for this committee. Ms. Hinrichsen replied that the timeline is included in the packet, and that the Board will relay the committee findings at the 2020 School District Meeting.

Further discussion was called for.

Seeing none, **Moderator Wuelper called for a vote on the article. A show of cards indicates the passage of the article.**

Chairman Patrick thanked Eric Almazan for filming all the Board meetings and posting them on the School Board website. It is a much appreciated service to the Town residents.

Michael Harrington requested that the Board include standardized testing results of the Strafford School in future School reports. The Board agreed to this request.

Liz Mason mentioned the importance of finding another way to fund education in NH, specifically for the benefit of the 2 NH House Members in attendance. She stated that the burden on funding education is unfairly placed on the tax payers of every town. She implored the State Representatives to investigate alternative sources of funding.

Chairman Patrick motioned to adjourn, seconded by Member Hinrichsen.

Vote indicated the adjournment at 8:27.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Bane
Strafford School District Clerk

March 9, 2019



STRAFFORD SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019

Gabryel Balch
Eli Beede
Eric Bohan
Ella Brooks
Sophia Cannon
Dylan Case
Brendan Castine
Cassandra Clery
Drew Clinch
Jameson Coelho
Emberlyn Connor
Brodi Cross
Madison DeCota
Trenton deRuyter
Caitlyn Doughty
Sheldyn Fisher
Nathaniel Ford
Makenzie Glidden
Gabriela Gracia
Jakob Hall
Christopher Helm
Ian Helm
Kaylie Hodgdon
Julianna Howard
Riley Jackson
Kyle Jenkins
Connor Joy
Samara Kern

Matthew Labrecque
Aidan Lindsey
Jacob Marsh
Sophie Mathison
Sydney Meehan
Seamus Mone
Tanessa Nault
Isabella Naves
Lillian Perry
Christopher Philbrick
Landon Rafeal
Christopher Reed
Daisy Rowe-Fiscus
Madison Roy
Molly Sawyer
Rebecca Scruton
Claire Siegert
Sydney Smith
Connor Strum
Dylan Swasey
Mallory Taylor
Geneva Telehala
Jailyn Thimba
Anissa Thorne
Cody Unger
Jack Whitcher
Jade Wiggin

STRAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2019

COE-BROWN NORTHWOOD ACADEMY

Taevamaria Jasmine Romdoul Ahern

Shayla Re' Ashley

Ethan Riley Baker

Paul Richard Bane

Tanner Bradford Bane

Shealyn Maude Atlantis Bedell

Mark Roger Boucher

Jacob Madison Burghardt

Jackson Carroll Burke

Susan Jane Burnap

Luke Joseph Chalifour

Dominic Alexander Cronshaw

Jalyse LeeAnne Daudelin

Brian Jason Downer

Evan Michael Dyer

Brody Clinton Eldridge

Connor Douglas Fallon

Julia Carol Gardner

Autumn Riley Graham

Kevin James Hennessey



Zachary Alan Hodgdon

Kaitlyn Marie Hogue

Tristin James Knowles

Celia Brooke Leighton

Gwyneth Ann Locke

Holly Jin Magowan

Logan Ryan Morton

Hayden Keith Murray

Maria Juliana Ortiz

Kelsey Anne Pine

Austin Adam Pujo

Justin Daniel Richards

Alison Leigh Routhier

Hannah Grace Routhier

Brooke Elizabeth Sawyer

Christos Philip Stamnas

Kennedi Elizabeth Stowell

Kyle Alexander Thorne

Ryan Michael Whitcher

Levi White

DOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Kalyn Hamblet

VITAL RECORDS
RESIDENT MARRIAGE RECORD
JANUARY 1, 2019 - DECEMBER 31, 2019
TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH

Name - Person A	Residence	Name - Person B	Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date
Allen, Benjamin S	Strafford, NH	Brown, Jenna P	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Lee, NH	2/10/2019
Raposo, Sean R	Strafford, NH	Siam, Alyssa H	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	4/23/2019
LaPanne, Lionel L	Strafford, NH	Brown Suzanne	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	6/29/2019
Pollister Jr, George L	Strafford, NH	Fracassi, Winifred E	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Epping, NH	7/7/2019
Chatigny, Joseph W	Strafford, NH	Dinardo, Dremessa L	Strafford, NH	Rollinsford, NH	Rollinsford, NH	7/9/2019
Bishop, Raymond	Strafford, NH	Schofield, Eva M	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	7/21/2019
Coletti, Stevie R	Strafford, NH	Rollins, Mercedes L	Northwood, NH	Strafford, NH	Epping, NH	8/1/2019
Hayden, James F	Strafford, NH	Clark, Miranda R	Nottingham, NH	Nottingham, NH	Chichester, NH	8/11/2019
Spillane, Scott A	N Hampton, NH	Garvin, Sarah E	Strafford, NH	Rochester, NH	Stratham, NH	8/16/2019
Metivier, Randy L	Strafford, NH	Ray, Candice L	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Epping, NH	8/17/2019
Barker, Thomas C	Strafford, NH	Curran, Lisa J	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Northwood, NH	8/24/2019
Hinrichsen, Josiah J	Strafford, NH	Minor, Jazmyn L	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	9/4/2019
Cunningham, Zachary H	Strafford, NH	Keefe, Leanne M	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	9/14/2019
Hudson, Brian D	Strafford, NH	Mayo, Ashley E	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	Allenstown, NH	9/21/2019
Tucker, Michael G	Strafford, NH	Bean, Nichole M	Strafford, NH	Strafford, NH	N Conway, NH	9/21/2019
Francis Jr, Terry A	Strafford, NH	D'Ambroise, Nicole A	Strafford, NH	Rochester, NH	Rochester, NH	12/20/2019

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VITAL RECORDS

RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2019 - DECEMBER 31, 2019
TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Gagne, Clare Alma	1/15/2019	Dover, NH	Gagne, Marshall	Herndon, Margaret
Staples, Sophia Anne	3/6/2019	Portsmouth, NH	Staples, Scott	Michaud, Katherine
Skelton, Avery Marie	3/26/2019	Dover, NH	Skelton, Michael	Skelton, Vanessa
Barr, Blake Vincent	5/4/2019	Concord, NH	Barr, Travis	Barr, Jennifer
Dunne, Brooklynn Jean	5/9/2019	Dover, NH	Dunne, V. Thomas	Dunne, Danielle
Slattery, Kieran James	5/14/2019	Dover, NH	Slattery, Michael	James, Paige
McCarthy, Aidan Sean	5/28/2019	Dover, NH	McCarthy, Kevin	McCarthy, Rebecca
Mello, Joseph Benjamin	5/29/2019	Dover, NH	Mello, Peter	Mello, Cherie
Cross, Tenley Rae	6/12/2019	Dover, NH	Cross, David	Cross, Ashley
O'Connell, Emma Marie	7/8/2019	Rochester, NH	O'Connell, Brian	O'Connell, Jessica
Zackowski, Kaitlyn Avery	7/9/2019	Concord, NH	Zackowski, David	Zackowski, Jennifer
St. Hilaire, Avery Marie	7/23/2019	Dover, NH	St. Hilaire, Joshua	LeDuc, Ashlan
Kemp, Gwenevieve June	7/30/2019	Manchester, NH	Kemp, Trevor	Kemp, Holly
Murphy, Emersyn Ann	8/6/2019	Dover, NH	Murphy, Colin	Murphy, Jamie
Thompson, Penelope Rose	9/14/2019	Dover, NH	Thompson, Matthew	Woodman, Marissa
Burkhead, Beatrice Mia	10/7/2019	Rochester, NH	Burkhead, Charles	Burkhead, Maria
Yewdall, Liam Benjamin	11/8/2019	Manchester, NH	Yewdall, Gary	Yewdall, Jessica
Witonis, Theodore Michael	12/23/2019	Dover, NH	Witonis, Michael	Witonis, Liza
Flores, Mateo Anthony Scott	12/26/2019	Dover, NH	Flores, Ismael	Flores, Vanessa

Total number of records 19

VITAL RECORDS
RESIDENT DEATH RECORD
JANUARY 1, 2019 - DECEMBER 31, 2019
TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Place of Death	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name	Military
Chadwick, Virginia	1/4/2019	Rochester, NH	Tibbetts, Fred	Howard, Augusta	N
Pike Jr., Allen	1/11/2019	Strafford, NH	Pike Sr, Allen	Dares, Verna	N
Chaplin, Ann	1/15/2019	Concord, NH	Theopold, Philip	Royce, Harriet	N
Davis Jr, George	1/20/2019	Rochester, NH	Davis, Sr, George	Smith, Elsie	Y
Markle Jr, John	2/11/2019	Dover, NH	Markle, John	Burgess, Mary	Y
Newman, Wayne	3/2/2019	Strafford, NH	Newman, Gerald	McCouskey, Marie	N
Towne, Jean	5/14/2019	Dover, NH	McMaster, Everett	Chase, Alice	N
Unger, Walter	6/10/2019	Dover, NH	Unger, Walter	Carrol, Edna	Y
Vahey III, James	7/11/2019	Strafford, NH	Vahey Jr, James	Diwver, Ruth	Y
Olech Sr, Charles	7/29/2019	Tamworth, NH	Olech, Stanley	Steele, Marion	Y
Shorter, Gottfried	7/31/2019	Dover, NH	Shorter, William	Joel, Helen	Y
Renner Jr, Justin	8/21/2019	Durham, NH	Renner Sr, Justin	Pinto, Jaime	N
Monteiro, Christine	8/20/2019	Exeter, NH	Fisher, Howard	Fitzemeyer, Ruth	N
Olenski, Matthew	8/29/2019	Strafford, NH	Olenski, Mitchell	Begovich, Mary	N
St. Laurent, Jeffrey	9/13/2019	Dover, NH	St. Laurent, Richard	Murray, Gail	N
Moylan, Kathleen	9/14/2019	Strafford, NH	Moylan, Thomas	Kelly, Elizabeth	N
O'Grady, Stephen**	11/16/2019	Strafford, NH	O'Grady, Stephen	Robinson, Margaret	Y
Speranza, Rachel	12/19/2019	Strafford, NH	LaPrade, Raymond	Godin, Dora	N
Allen, Gerald	12/23/2019	Rochester, NH	Allen, Russell	Bragdon, Katherine	N

Total number of records 19

**Stephen O'Grady who passed away in 2019 was Strafford's oldest resident and was the current holder of Strafford's Boston Post Cane.