

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF STRATHAM
NEW HAMPSHIRE
BY THE**

Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector,
Town Treasurer, and other Town Departments,
Boards and Commissions,
and Reports of
School Districts and SAU #16

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FOR 2014**

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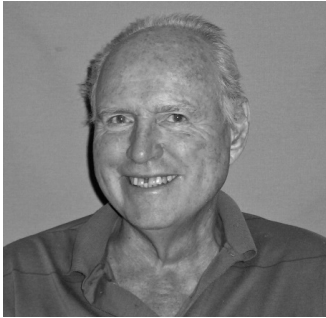
Towns are made up of individuals who contribute in various ways to perpetuate the success and sustainability of their communities. These individuals are sometimes called to service in local government and have a lasting effect. Terry Barnes is one of those individuals. A native of Portsmouth, Terry returned to Seacoast NH with his wife Patsy after a career in the merchant marines, having retired from the Mobil Oil Corporation as a Chief Engineer aboard ship. They finally settled down in Stratham in 1977, buying the former Stratham Farm located on Winnicutt Road. He sold the rear of the property to a private developer, which later became known as the Muirfield Subdivision.

Being one who always kept busy, he managed several small businesses he created until approached about running for Selectman. In 1987, he was elected to the Board and served 2 consecutive three year terms until 1992. Terry, along with his fellow Board members, presided over many changes in a rapidly growing community. This included the hiring in 1988 of Stratham's first Administrative Assistant, who is the current Town Administrator. In the summer of 1991, Stratham was struck by a massive windstorm followed by Hurricane Bob. Stratham Hill Park, along with many private properties, was devastated. Terry became the lead Selectman overseeing the recovery and rebuilding of the Park over 11 months, in time for the 1992 Stratham Fair. It was a monumental effort.

Looking for his next challenge, Terry felt the urge to serve the Town again, becoming the Town's Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector in 1994. Until his retirement in 2014, Terry was involved in many construction projects, most notably the many expansions of the Lindt & Sprungli (USA) manufacturing plant, the Cooperative Middle School, the present Super Shaw's, and many smaller commercial and residential projects. From the large and complex commercial site to the smallest do-it-yourself project, Terry was engaged, available, and helpful to all.

We wish Terry the best in his newest retirement, which is well deserved. With two adult daughters and four grandchildren living nearby, he should have no problem keeping occupied.

IN MEMORIAM



DWIGHT CROW

Stratham has always been fortunate to have people move into its borders who are willing to share their time and talents to make the town a place where they want to raise their family. In 1958, Dwight Crow and his family joined that elite group of folks.

Dwight joined the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department and was later elected President of the Fire Association. He could be found going door to door asking for donations for the FD Auction held in conjunction with the PTA ham and bean supper or enjoying an evening of dancing at the old Town Hall. Other Saturday nights might have found him setting up tables for a whist party. He could always be found on the Fairgrounds either clucking at the announcement booth to let people know it was time to get down to the chicken barbecue, helping with the 4-H dog show, or just giving a helping hand where needed. In 1966 during Stratham's 250th celebration, he grew a great beard and joined a host of folks in a play about the Town's history. In addition to his Fire Department and Stratham Fair contributions, Dwight also served on the Town's Budget Committee and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

He and his wife Ellie enjoyed the social activities of the Couples Club and 76'ers. Their vacation home in Killington, VT, known as the "Crow's Nest," enabled the family, Marion, Linda, Dwight, Daniel, and Susan to ski and meet new friends.

Dwight, with the help of his wife Ellie, ran an insurance business with an office in their home. For many years, he made sure the Town, Fire Department, and Fair had ample insurance coverage.

His fondness and appreciation for the great outdoors gave him great pleasure as a hunter, skier, and hiker. At their lake house in Nottingham, he helped monitor and take samples of the water for the State.

Dwight was a humble man who loved and respected his family, his community, and God's green earth. He is missed!

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2014 TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED POSITIONS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

David Canada, Chair	term expires 2017
Bruno Federico	term expires 2015
Timothy Copeland	term expires 2016

MODERATOR

David Emanuel	term expires 2016
Tracey McGrail (appointed assistant)	term expires 2016

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Joyce Charbonneau	term expires 2017
Catherine Kenny, Deputy (appointed)	
Lucy Hopping, Office Assistant	

TREASURER

Deborah Bronson	term expires 2015*
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**position becomes appointed in 2015*

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Caren Gallagher	term expires 2020
Melanie McGrail	term expires 2016
Susan Hunter	term expires 2018

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Joyce Rowe, Chair	term expires 2016
Diane Morgera	term expires 2015
Mikki Deschaine	term expires 2017

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Connie Aubin-Adams	term expires 2015
Lee Beauregard	term expires 2015
Victoria Marbacher	term expires 2016
Penny O'Sullivan	term expires 2016
Terry Reardon-Pollini	term expires 2017
Lesley Kimball, Director (appointed)	

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

June Sawyer, Chair	term expires 2016
Colin Laverty	term expires 2017
John Labonte	term expires 2015

APPOINTED POSITIONS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Paul R. Deschaine
Valerie Kemp, Accounting Supervisor
Debbie Hensley, Executive Asst./Welfare Administrator
Joseph Dyrkacz, Custodian/Building Maintenance
Doreen Coughlin, Asst. Custodian
Paul Wolf, IT Administrator

CODE ENFORCEMENT/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Terry Barnes – January - July
Audrey Cline – July - December
Tracey Cutler, Land Use Assistant II
Michelle Gibney, Land Use Assistant I

TOWN ASSESSOR

Andrea S. Lewy
James Joseph, Assessing Assistant

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Colin Lavery, Highway Agent	Russell Stevens – retired in May
Alan Williams, Foreman	Timothy Slager
	Charles Perkins

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rob Cook	Lt. Tim Brothers	EMS – Capt. Kelley Dold
Asst. Chief Matt Larrabee	Lt. Josh Crow	EMS – Lt. Derrick Hall
Deputy Chief James Devonshire	Lt. John Dardani	EMS – Lt. Scott Standen
Captain Alan Choiniere	Lt. Tim Slager	
Captain Bryan Crosby		

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

David Emanuel, Director
Katherine Flagg, Deputy Director
Timothy Copeland, Deputy Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief John V. Scippa	Off. Michael Oliveira	On Call Officer:
Det. Sgt. David Pierce	Off. Grant Fotheringham	Kevin O’Neil
Sgt. James “Chris” Call	Off. Amanda Bibeau	Support Staff:
Cpl. John Emerson	Off. Michael Doucette	Stacey Grella, Admin. Asst.
Off. Charles Law		William Hart, Prosecutor
Off. Brian Holbrook		

HEALTH OFFICER

David London
Audrey Cline, Deputy
James Dolan, Deputy

PLANNING BOARD

Michael Houghton, Chair	term expires 2017
Robert Baskerville, Vice Chair	term expires 2017
Jameson Paine	term expires 2015
Tom House	term expires 2016
Bruno Federico, Selectman	
Christopher Merrick, Alternate	term expires 2017
Nancy Ober, Alternate	term expires 2015

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Arol Charbonneau, Chair	term expires 2015
James Elliott, Secretary	term expires 2016
Christopher Brett	term expires 2015
Garrett Dolan	term expires 2016
Chris Caverreta	term expires 2017
Tim Copeland, Alternate	term expires 2015
Diedre Lawrence, Alternate	term expires 2017
Phil Caparso, Alternate	term expires 2017

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Allison Knab, Chair	term expires 2016
William McCarthy, Vice Chair	term expires 2015
Donna Jensen, Secretary	term expires 2016
Patricia Elwell	term expires 2017
Robert Keating	term expires 2017
Dan McAuliffe	term expires 2017
Timothy Copeland, Selectman	
Brad Jones, Alternate	term expires 2016
William Kenny, Alternate	term expires 2015

RECREATION COMMISSION

April Mason	term expires 2015
Tracy-Lynn Abbott, Co-Chair	term expires 2017
Vacant	
Frank LaSorsa	term expires 2017
Tim Copeland, Selectman	term expires 2016
Pam Dziana, Alternate	term expires 2015
Chris Cavaretta, Alternate	term expires 2015
Jeff Simeone, Alternate	term expires 2016

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Garrett Dolan	June Sawyer
Steven Doyle	Travis Thompson, School Board's Rep.
Tracey McGrail	

HERITAGE COMMISSION

Rebecca Mitchell, Chair	term expires 2016
Nathan Merrill	term expires 2017
Wally Stewart	term expires 2015
David Canada, Selectman	
Christopher Merrick, Planning Board	term expires 2017
Tammy Hathaway, Alternate	term expires 2015
Nancy Hansen, Alternate	term expires 2017
Flossie Wiggin, Alternate	term expires 2016

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

John Boisvert, Chair	term expires 2016
William Schoppmeyer	term expires 2015
Michael Girard	term expires 2017
Vacant	
David Canada, Selectman	
Jim Cushman, Alternate	term expires 2015
Lissa Ham, Alternate	term expires 2016
Matt Gunn, Alternate	term expires 2017

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Michael Houghton, Chair	term expires 2015
Bruno Federico, Selectman	
Paul R. Deschaine, Town Administrator	term expires 2015
Vacant	
Karl Scamman, Alternate	term expires 2016

ENERGY COMMISSION

John Dold, Chair	term expires 2015
Michael Welty	term expires 2015
Matt O'Keefe	term expires 2017
James Schlough	term expires 2017
Michael Gorman	term expires 2016

STRATHAM FAIR COMMITTEE

Francisco Marin, Chair	Vicky Avery
Robert Cook	John Cushing
Caren Gallagher	Tim Slager

300th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

John Dold, Chair	term expires 2016
Peter Wiggin	term expires 2016
Florence Wiggin	term expires 2016
Joyce Rowe	term expires 2016
Liz Chisholm	term expires 2016
Susan Canada, Alternate, Secretary	term expires 2016
Pat Sapienza, Alternate	term expires 2016
Cathy Kenny, Alternate	term expires 2016
Jeff Gallagher, Alternate	term expires 2016
Carol Hazekamp, Alternate	term expires 2016

TOWN CENTER REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

David Canada, Selectman	term expires 2015
Colleen Lake, Chair	term expires 2015
Rachael MacDonnell, Secretary	term expires 2015
Sean Norton	term expires 2015
Tracey Cordy	term expires 2015
Fred Emanuel, Alternate	term expires 2015
Leo Gagnon, Alternate	term expires 2015

GATEWAY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Lincoln Daley	Tom House
Jeff Hyland	Robert Baskerville, Alternate
Lucy Cushman	Joe Johnson, Alternate

ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert Goodrich
Lissa Ham, Alternate

LAMPREY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

Paul R. Deschaine

COAST (Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation)

David Sandmann

SOUTHEAST WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Robert Roseen
Michael Girard, Alternate

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Through this report, we try to give you an overview of what has happened in Town over the past year. Be sure to read each Department and Committee report in this book. Much activity related to each department can be found in these reports.

The Board of Selectmen's primary function is to oversee Town activity through monthly meetings with each department head and through participation on nearly every board, commission, and committee. We meet on a weekly basis, each Monday at 7:30 PM, and invite you to attend so that you can become more familiar with the workings of the Town Government. We also invite you to apply for appointment to any one of the various committees listed right after the Table of Contents in this book. Participation on a committee is a great way to meet community members, stay in touch with local affairs, and help your fellow citizens.

In January of 2015, we received the first presentation of work to be done in the Town Center area using the NHDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant we told you about last year. This grant, funded through State and Federal agencies, will pay for 80% of the project with the Town paying the balance. Throughout the past year Town officials, together with the Town Center Revitalization Committee, refined the plans, and we are now at the point where contracts are almost ready to be put out to bid. We are excited about this project, which is anticipated to be completed by September, 2015.

We continue to meet with Exeter and Portsmouth leaders with a goal of providing water and sewer services to our commercial districts. Talks continue to be cordial and productive. Progress, however, is slow. We are disappointed not to have a proposal to bring to you this year. Introducing Portsmouth into the equation for sewer treatment has naturally added to the time requirements, but we continue to work with all area towns to reach a solution, which will be both as cost effective as possible and will produce the most environmentally superior results.

We took advantage of a Municipal Managers Association of NH Fellowship Program, supplemented with our stipend, to enlist Nick Pasquale to study the Town's record retention requirements and needs. Nick did a great job working with various departments to define the nature of records generated, how long those records should be retained, both in terms of pertinent statutes and Town policy, and the best means of cataloging them. As an example of his work the Police Department was able to destroy 90 boxes of superfluous paperwork no longer needed.

Following the decision at Town Meeting last year, we implemented a hunting ban at Stratham Hill Park. The Parks and Recreation Department took the lead in posting and maintaining signage to this effect. The Department has also taken the lead, in conjunction with the Fire Department and the Planning Department, to create a system of "Safety Zones." This system will create reference points throughout the trail system in the Park which can be referenced by a person reporting the need for help. Responders will know exactly where to go in such an instance.

We continue to contract with Dragon Mosquito to treat all areas of Town for mosquitos. The continued presence of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus shows the need for a persistent monitoring process and mosquito reduction program we have maintained for over 20 years. Our first line of defense targets the insect larva with a natural bacteria. We follow that up with adulticide control when needed. When mosquito season begins again, please follow recommendations for reducing your exposure. A wealth of information on personal protection as well as reducing the opportunity for insect breeding is found on links provided by the State at: <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/arboviral/mosquito.htm>.

Perhaps the biggest change at Town Hall this year is the retirement of Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Terry Barnes. The Selectmen are pleased to dedicate this book to him. We are also pleased to welcome new CEO/BI Audrey Cline. Audrey came to us after service in a similar position in Wolfeboro. She was recently awarded the Building Inspector of the Year award by her peers from the New Hampshire Building Officials Association. Audrey is anxious to partner with homeowners and builders to construct safe, dependable buildings. Be sure to contact her when considering a building project.

We also welcome Cantrece Forest in the Parks & Recreation Department, Denise Lemire in the Land Use Department, Deborah Allen and Samantha Lucius in the Library, and Charles Perkins in the Highway Department who also joined our team during 2014.

Do you know our Town's motto? Until 2014, we didn't have one. After an inquiry was made by a Stratham student, the 300th Anniversary Committee sponsored a contest to help select a motto we could adopt, which reflected the spirit of Stratham. Ultimately resident Kim Pierce's suggestion, *STRATHAM, INSPIRED BY THE PAST, COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE* was adopted. We think it truly captures the progressive nature of our community while paying respect for the antecedents we are all proud of.

We urge you to go to: <http://strathamnh.gov/subscriber> and subscribe to our Selectmen's Newsletter, and/or any of several informative offerings at this site. Our Selectmen's Newsletter is sent electronically on an occasional basis and is used to keep you up to date on timely issues. If you need to talk to a Selectman about any Town matter or problem that is on your mind, you will find our home numbers on the Town website. We welcome your calls.

Best wishes for a prosperous 2015!

Your Selectmen

David Canada
Timothy Copeland
Bruno Federico

**Town of Stratham
Town Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2014**

The ballot clerks were sworn in at 7:45 am and 1:45 pm. Present were Moderator Dave Emanuel, Assistant Moderator Tracey McGrail, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Joyce Charbonneau, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Catherine Kenny, Selectman Bruno Federico, and Selectman Tim Copeland. Also present were the Supervisors of the Checklist Sue Hunter, Caren Gallagher, and Melanie McGrail. The ballot clerks for the day were Diana Thompson, Roger Thompson, Diana Alsterberg, Andra Copeland, Victor Colinino, Anna Greenlaw, Erin Copeland, Susan Canada, Susan Brett, Natalie Perry, Peg Mullin, Liz Chisholm, and Lucy Hopping.

It was a quiet day with 603 votes cast at the Town Election, with 13 of those being absentee ballots. The number of total voters on the checklist that morning was 5650. This represents a 10% turnout of voters.

**Exeter Region Cooperative School District Ballot results for Stratham only are as follows:
(*Denotes the Winner)**

Cooperative School Board: For East Kingston for three years, vote for one: (There was no candidate on the ballot, winner will be determined by the six Cooperative towns via write-in votes.) For Exeter for three years, vote for one: Christopher Suprock 94. Kate Segal 320*. For Kensington for two years, vote for one: Jane Bannister 384*. For Stratham for three years, vote for one: James Firmin 476*. For Cooperative School District Moderator for one year, vote for one: Katherine B. Miller 425*. Cooperative School District Budget Committee: For Brentwood for three years, vote for one: Krista K. Steger 375*. For Exeter for three years, vote for one: Roy Morrisette 425*. For Kensington for three years, vote for one: Cheryl McDonough 387*.

Article 1:

Operating Budget: Yes 338* No 163

Article 2:

Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board (ERCSB) and the Exeter Area Administrators Association. (3 years)

Yes 338* No 228

Article 3:

Collective Bargaining Agreement between the ERCSB and the Exeter Education Association. (3 years)

Yes 325* No 235

Article 4:

Maintenance Fund: Yes 364* No 197

Article 5:

Special Education Fund: Yes 348* No 215

Article 6:

Easement: Yes 440* No 113

**Stratham Memorial School District Ballot results as follows:
(*Denotes the Winner)**

School Board Member: for three years, vote for two: Eric Von Der Linden 449* Robert E. O'Sullivan Jr. 458*

**Annual Town of Stratham Ballot results as follows:
(*Denotes the Winner)**

Article 1:

Selectman for three years, vote for one: David Canada 501*. Library Trustee for three years, vote for one: Terry Reardon-Pollini 528*. Cemetery Trustee for three years, vote for one: Colin Laverty 359*. Fred Hutton Jr. 209. Town Moderator for two years, vote for one: David F. Emanuel 556*. Supervisors of the Checklist for six years, vote for one: Caren Gallagher 541*. Treasurer for three years, vote for one: Deborah L. Bronson 516*. Town Clerk/Tax Collector for three years, vote for one: Joyce L. Charbonneau 568*. Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, vote for one: There was no candidate on the ballot, Mikki Deschaine won by write in votes: 71*.

Article 2:

Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding a new section, Subsection 3.9 Town Center District to create a new performance based zoning district;

And in connection therewith, amend Subsection 3.4.5 Town Center District by deleting said section in its entirety and inserting revised language to define further the purpose and intent of the Town Center District;

And in connection therewith, amend Subsection 3.6 Table of Uses by designating the appropriate permitted uses in the Town Center District in accordance with Subsection 3.9.8 Development Standards And Tables;

And in connection therewith, amend Subsection 4.1.3 General Requirements to further clarify and define the permitted separation between buildings in the Town Center District;

And in connection therewith, amend Subsection 4.2 Table of Dimensional Requirements by deleting all references to the Town Center District and assigning the appropriate dimensional requirements for this District as Subsection 3.9.8 Development Standards And Tables;

And in connection therewith, amend Subsections 3.8.6.a. Review and Permitting Process, 3.8.7.a. and c. Building and Site Design Standards, and Subsection 7.3 Administration by replacing all references to the Gateway Review Committee in their entirety and inserting Technical Review Committee and to update the composition of appointed committee members.

Yes: 379* No: 170

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

Article 3:

Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section IV: Dimensional Requirements, Subsection 4.3 Explanatory Notes by inserting language to further clarify and reference the dimensional requirements for structures and developments within the Gateway Commercial Business Zoning District and Town Center District.

Yes: 407* No: 146

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

Article 4:

Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section VII. Signs, Subsection 7.9.b. General Regulation, viii. Sign Permitted in Commercial and/or Industrial Uses, 4. Wall/Building Signs by inserting revised language to further clarify the square foot area calculation of allowable wall/building signage.

Yes: 448* No: 122

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

Article 5:

Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section XX: Sanitary Protection & Septic Ordinance, Subsection 20.1.5.e.i. by inserting language to further clarify the criterion for the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit by the Planning Board.

Yes: 452* No: 119

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

Article 6:

Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Building Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To amend the Stratham Town Ordinance, Chapter 7-01 Building Ordinance by replacing said section in its entirety with revised language to further clarify and provide additional guidance on the regulatory authority and requirements of the Town and the use of third party consultants.

Yes: 444* No: 121

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

The remaining Town of Stratham articles will be voted on Friday, March 14, 2014 at the Stratham Memorial School at 7:00 p.m.

Town Moderator Dave Emanuel declared the meeting come to order at 7:08 p.m. Lucy Cushman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Emanuel then called for a moment of silence for all those serving in the Armed Forces, and for those that could not be there tonight.

Mr. Emanuel then went on to introduce himself and everyone on the stage; The Board of Selectmen, (B.O.S.): David Canada, Tim Copeland, and Bruno Federico; The Town Administrator: Paul Deschaine, and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Joyce Charbonneau.

Also introduced were Catherine Kenny, Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector, Lucy Hopping, Office Assistant, and the Supervisors of the Checklist, Sue Hunter, Mel McGrail, and Caren Gallagher. Newly appointed Tracey McGrail was also introduced as the Assistant Moderator. Diana and Roger Thompson were introduced as they were there to assist the Supervisors. Mr. Emanuel then called on Town Clerk Joyce Charbonneau to read the Dedication of the Town Report. This year's dedication was to Jerry Howard, who retired as the Assistant Moderator after many years of service. Resident Travis Thompson then read the Memorial Dedication on Claire Ellis, who passed away this past December and who had served on many town and school boards in Stratham. Moderator Emanuel then read the Memorial Dedication on Christopher Rowe Sr., who passed away last April and who also served on many town boards, as well as being one of the first organizers of the Stratham Fair in 1967. Dave Emanuel then read the results of the ballot voting on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. He stated there were no requests for recounts. Mr. Emanuel then explained the Rules of Procedure for Town Meeting.

The Following articles were discussed and voted on:

Article 7: 2014 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Five Million Nine Hundred Five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and no cents (\$5,905,738.00) to defray general town charges for the ensuing year. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote. Selectman David Canada moved to accept this article as read. Selectman Tim Copeland seconded the motion. Selectman David Canada spoke for the motion. Mr. Canada first thanked the members of the Budget Committee for their help with the budget: Gary Dolan, June Sawyer, Travis Thompson, and two new members, Steve Doyle, and Tracey McGrail. Mr. Canada explained that every \$100,000.00 that is approved tonight will add 8.2 cents to the tax rate. Mr. Canada went on to explain that the median home value in Stratham is \$346,950.00. He stated that if your home is at the median, each \$100,000.00 will add \$29.49 to your yearly tax bill. Mr.

Canada referred the residents to page seventy-five of the Town Report to see the summary of this year's budget. He stated that net operating expenses increase for this year is approximately \$300,000.00. Mr. Canada then went through each item on the operating budget and what the increase was for each department. He then went on to explain the revenue side of the ledger; income that we receive other than property tax. Mr. Canada stated this income offsets expenses. The expected revenue is \$2,500,060.00. This is about 41% of the operating costs of the Town. Mr. Canada then went through each line item in Revenue including Departmental revenues. He went on to explain that offsetting increases from the various departments are reductions in health care, police, technical support, and sanitation expenses, as well as an anticipated increase in Motor Vehicle registration revenue. Mr. Canada stated that the significant increases in expenses were mainly due to three items - payroll, paving, and retirement, with the single biggest driver being road paving. He explained that Highway Agent Colin Laverty undertook a street-by-street analysis of our roads this year. He rated each road with a standardized grading system. He then assigned every road a paving cycle designed to preempt the need for expensive reconstruction. Based on his study, Colin concluded that the amount we have been devoting to paving was not sufficient and that we actually need to annually spend \$230,000.00 more on our roads than we did last year. This will be revisited and validated every year. Mr. Canada concluded with his summary of the operating budget, and turned the meeting back over to the Moderator. Mr. Emanuel then asked for questions or comments from the floor. Marty Wool, Winnicutt Rd., asked about the need to replace the roof at the Bartlett/Cushman house and what the cost would be for that. Mr. Canada responded that it would cost about \$15,000.00, and stated it does need a new roof. Mr. Wool also brought up the 300th Anniversary Committee, and wanted to point out that they have received \$5000.00 for operating costs each year since 2010, and also received \$55,000.00 for the hiring of an author to publish a history book on the Town of Stratham. He wondered if we are spending too much money for the party and parade, and that it is just something to think about. Mr. Wool went on to state he had some concerns about the Public Works Committee and the \$35,000.00 that is in the budget for them. He wondered if the sewer and water is going to cost the Town a lot of money before it ever happens, and are we going to get the Town money back. Mr. Canada responded that the money in the operating budget has nothing to do with sewer and water; it has to do with storm water. Mr. Wool also wanted to second the paving proposal and went on to say that Stratham has one of the best road systems in the county. Mr. Wool recommended that we follow Colin's recommendations to keep these roads up. Seeing no further questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 7 passed.

Article 8: Create the "Highway Capital Reserve Fund"

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to be known as the "Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund" under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purposes of purchasing and maintaining Highway Department vehicles and equipment, and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote. Selectman Bruno Federico moved to accept this article as read. Selectman Copeland seconded the motion. Selectman Federico spoke for the motion. He explained that this fund will allow the town to raise money and keep it in this fund until we need to expend it. He further explained that this is different from the C.I.P. in that if you do not spend the money in the C.I.P. by the fifth year, it reverts back to the Town. He stated that by creating the Capital Reserve Trust Fund, we will be able to expend money as we need it on vehicles that need to be repaired or purchased at the time of need, rather than doing this on a set schedule. Moderator Emanuel asked for questions or comments from the floor. Seeing no questions, Moderator Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative and Article 8 passed.

Article 9: CIP

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$1,477,000.00) to implement the Capital Improvements Program for 2014 as presented in the Town Report and approved by the Planning Board. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI). The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote. Selectman Federico moved to accept this article as read. Selectman Canada seconded the motion. Selectman Federico spoke for the motion. Selectman Federico explained that the

Capital Improvements Program is a plan developed by the Town to determine the capital needs over the next five years. He explained that realistically we deal monetarily with the current year to see how we can fund it and determine the priorities for the Capital Improvements Program. Mr. Federico stated that there are four major components in the CIP: General Government, Protection of Personal Property, Public Works and Highways, and Cultural and Recreational Activities. Mr. Federico then went on to explain each line item under each of the major components which can be found on page 76 of the Town Report. Moderator Emanuel then asked for questions or comments from the floor. Nancy Hunter, 2 Brown Ave., asked if we can change a line item in the CIP. Moderator Emanuel responded that she can amend Article 9 any way she would like as long as it is pertinent to the CIP. Nancy then asked about the \$62,000.00 for the Town Center and what is that buying. Selectman Federico responded that back in 2009 we applied for a State Grant to provide transportation enhancement to the Town Center. This will provide bike lanes, sidewalks, and street lights. He further explained that we had thought we were out of the running for this grant, but in 2013 the State asked us if the town ahead of us dropped out, would we be willing to take part. He then stated that we went in to deliberative sessions to discuss this very thoroughly and concluded that we did want to take part in this grant. He explained that The Transportation Enhancement Program Authority funded \$503,000.00 to improve the Town Center. Our portion that we are responsible for is \$62,000.00. Roger Stephenson, Stephen Dr., stated his question is related to the \$187,000.00 over the last six years for a Town Center. He stated that the Town Center left that area with the Master Plan in the 90's. He explained this is in regards to Article Three that was on the Town Ballot on Tuesday. This particular article asked to adopt an amendment regarding the Gateway Commercial Business District and Town Center District. Mr. Stephenson stated that he appreciated the vote but disagreed with the outcome. He further stated that the Police Station, the Fire Station, and the Town Hall are not part of the Town Center and he does not think this is an example of "If you build it, they will come". Roger Stephenson then made a motion to amend the Capital Improvement and take out the \$62,000.00. Nancy Hunter seconded the motion. Moderator Emanuel then asked for questions from the floor regarding the amendment. Paul Deschaine, Town Administrator, wanted to make sure that everyone understood that if the \$62,000.00 is not raised, he will have to inform the Department of Transportation that we will reject at least \$503,000.00 and what could be as high as \$620,000.00. Mr. Deschaine stated this is what we could lose out on in the grant money from the State. He went on to state that he understood this is a large undertaking from beginning to end, and it is not going to happen in one fell swoop. He explained it is going to happen in pieces, and this is the very first piece. Mr. Deschaine stated he felt it would enhance our community significantly. He explained we are only paying 20% and the State is paying 80%, and he wanted to make sure that we understood that we are walking out on a very significant opportunity if we vote for this amendment. He explained that a number of communities are just waiting to snatch up this money if we bow out. Colleen Lake, Portsmouth Ave., stated that she is the Chairman for the Town Center Revitalization Committee and stated that she was one of the writers of this grant. She wanted to make sure everyone understood that the State is giving us \$500,000.00. She stated that this is money that we do not have to raise. Colleen explained that we only have to raise 20% of the money that the State is giving us. The State is going to pay for our sidewalks, our bike lanes, and our street lights. She reiterated that the State is giving us this money for free. She asked everyone to please not vote in favor of this amendment. Eric Von Der Linden, Hickory Pond Lane, wanted to point out that there is no such thing as free money, that it is our tax money that the State is doling out. He also questioned who is going to maintain the sidewalks, and clear them of snow when necessary. Marty Wool, Winnicutt Rd., stated he is in support of this article, and said "If the residents think this is a good starting point, then you should vote for this article." He concluded with the statement to "vote your conscience, and if you want to see this community getting better, then vote for this article." Mary Ann Capiello, 2 Robin Glen Rd., is in support of this article. She would like to see bike lanes being used and feels it would be safer for the children. She stated she would also like to see a place where people can walk, and meet each other. She feels the more opportunities the Town has to improve, the better. Cantrecre Forest, Dumbarton Oaks, asked if there is going to be a crosswalk at the lights by People's Bank. Colleen Lake responded that there is a plan for several crosswalks starting at the bank, to the Wiggin Library, and from Pipers Landing all the way to the Post Office. Cantrecre asked if the lights will stop to allow pedestrians to cross. Mr. Deschaine stated that is not the case. This project is a multi-phase project, and a stop light is not in the first phase. There will be crosswalks, but the light that is there will not stop traffic in the first phase. Cantrecre then asked what are the other phases, and what is the timeline to adding a stop light by the bank. Mr. Deschaine responded that at the present time there is no timeline for the light as there is no funding for that at this time. He

stated that part of the project is to hopefully provide seed money, and raise funds for this purpose. Pat Abrami, Tall Pines Dr., stated that this did not just come out of the blue, and that the Town had to have voted on this. Colleen Lake wanted to let the residents know that the intent of the Committee was not to go after taxing more people, but getting money through grants. Paul Schneiderman, Crockett's Way, stated that this will result in a positive tax effect when we improve that area. It will most likely bring in more commercial businesses, which in turn will lower our taxes. Mr. Schneiderman stated that he would urge the voters not to vote for this amendment, and further stated that you will save yourself some money in the future in lower taxes. He also stated that he sees people early in the morning walking on the street, and it will be much safer with sidewalks. Mr. Deschaine stated that the Transportation Grant was done in 2009. In 2013, we heard that we got the grant. In the meantime, between 2009 and the present, we have been putting \$25,000.00 away each year for the line article Town Center Grant Matching Improvements. Richard O'Neill, Barker Rd., asked to move the motion. Moderator Emanuel stated he would like to recognize the last few people already at the microphone. Mr. Canada stated this article is going to cost the median household \$17.35. Mr. Canada also said "Let's spruce up the Town Center on the State's dime, and at the same time, slow down traffic there, which this will do." Mr. Emanuel then explained the amendment before us is to reduce the CIP by \$62,000.00. Mr. Emanuel then asked for the vote on the amendment, the No's had it, and the amendment for Article 9 failed. Seeing no further questions from the floor, Mr. Emanuel then read the question for Article 9 as originally written, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 9 passed.

Article 10: Banning Hunting at Stratham Hill Park and Adjacent Town Owned Property

By petition of Tana Ream and over 25 other registered voters of the Town of Stratham, to see if the Town will vote to adopt an ordinance that will ban hunting on those lands shown and described on Town of Stratham 2013 Tax Map 22, Lot 83, known and referred to as Stratham Hill Park and the Noyes Property, and 2013 Tax Map 22, Lot 85, known and referred to as the Gifford Property, said ban to be enforced by the Stratham Police Department in accordance with Chapter 1-01 of the Town of Stratham Code of Ordinances, with the exception of the provisions within a wildlife management program for the stated properties. Should this Article pass, Article 11 is null and void. The Board of Selectmen remains impartial on this Article. Selectman Canada stated that although the Board remains impartial on this issue, he did want to clarify the issue of reversion of the Park to Tuck descendants ownership should we pass a hunting prohibition. He explained that the deed states that the Town is empowered "to make all necessary by-laws in regulating the use of the property." Selectman Canada explained that we have had an ordinance governing use for decades. He stated that it is ludicrous to think that if a judge considered a hunting ban over-stepped our authority, he or she would take the land from the public domain as the sole remedial action. He stated that the obvious remedy would be to order the Town to rescind the offending edict. Selectman Canada further stated that the B.O.S. is 100% comfortable in amending the bylaws of the Park from time to time. They also asked the Town Attorney for her opinion. She quoted RSA 477:3-b and agreed with the B.O.S. In part, she stated that "violations of deed covenants may still be enforced as a matter of equity but without forfeiture provisions." Tana Ream, 1 Apple Way, moved to accept this Article. Mark Roberts, Chisholm Farm Dr., seconded the motion. Tana Ream spoke for the motion. Tana stated that she found out recently that hunting was allowed in the park, and found that to be shocking. She found out that most people were unaware of this as well. Tana stated she is not against hunting, and a lot of her family members are hunters. She believes that hunting is necessary, but not in the Park, and not at the same time as recreational uses. She stated she is being proactive in bringing this article forward, not reactive. She further stated that the Selectmen agree that they have the authority to make by-laws for the land at Stratham Hill Park. Tana also stated the case "Forrester versus Scott" that pertains to this situation. She also stated that she had a statement from one of Tuck's descendants Kathleen Tuck Fontaine that supports this Article that she has brought forward and proceeded to read the statement. Tana then stated they have a presentation and wanted us to ask ourselves, "Do you think it is a safe choice to mix hunting with other activities?" Claude Peyrot, 6 Crockett's Way, stated that according to NH Fish and Game, State Federal Municipal County private land is open to hunting unless it is posted against hunting. He further stated that hunting is a privilege granted by the landowner, and not a right granted to the hunter. Mr. Peyrot then went through a power point presentation with dates that hunting is allowed, the kind of firearms allowed at Stratham Hill Park, and statistics on hunting accidents. He also showed where hunting is allowed in New Hampshire. He then pointed out where hunting is currently allowed at Stratham Hill Park. My. Peyrot stated that

this warrant recognizes the change in use and the uses of the Park, it addresses wildlife management issues, and it puts safety first. He concluded with asking for the residents to vote in support of this article. Steve Robison, 1 Autumn Lane, stated that this land was granted to the Town in 1905. He stated that we don't live in the world of one hundred years ago. He feels this article is just common sense. Mr. Robison also stated that he is a shooter and a hunter, but he supports this article, and believes hunting should not take place at Stratham Hill Park. He explained that this is not about anti-hunting but basic common sense and safety. Mark Roberts, Chisholm Farm Dr., stated that he supports this article. He stated that all the supporters of this article wanted to do here was to bring about a safety zone to the Park so everyone can enjoy the Park with their family and their friends without fear of being shot. He asked everyone to please support this article. He concluded with the statement that the supporters and writers of this article are not trying to change anything but the hunting at Stratham Hill Park. Lawrence Dennis, Alderwood Dr., stated that although coyote hunting is allowed 365 days a year in the State of NH, there was not one single Fish and Game coyote hunting permit ever issued for Stratham Hill Park. Mr. Dennis stated that this issue is not about hunting. He stated this issue is about Tuck donating this land. The deed states in part, "for all people in the area including other towns to use and enjoy." He stated if that does not happen, then the land will go back to the heirs. Mr. Dennis also warned that if this passes, the supporters of this article could take on banning all hunting in Stratham. Mr. Dennis also stated that there are a lot of accidents in the Park; mountain bikes, dog bites, etc., but there has not been one incident with a firearm. Selectman David Canada stated a point of information: The Selectmen chose not to take a position on this when it was brought forth in 2012, and they are not taking one tonight, but he wanted to clarify that if hunting is banned, it should not affect the legalities of the original deed. They consulted with Town Council, and Council concluded that the Town can make all necessary bylaws regulating the use of the Park. He reiterated that the Selectmen are 100% comfortable with amending the by-laws of the Park including banning of hunting if this article passes. He again quoted the RSA that Town Council referred to. Heidi Shealy, Stratham Heights Rd., stated she is very concerned with the language, and believes this could be an issue in the courts if this article passes. She quoted an excerpt on "necessary by-laws", and believes the Judge would have an issue with that as the Judge could find that it is not necessary. She stated that hunters are law abiding citizens who have the right to use the Park for hunting. She reiterated the words "necessary by-laws" and stated that this is the restricted covenant that the Judge could find is not necessary as there has never been a hunting accident in Town, nor has there ever been an incident with hunters in town. She stated in her opinion, this could cause the court to not allow the Selectmen to enforce this article if it passes. She further stated that Fish and Game regulates hunting, and we should leave this to the experts. Chris Duffy, High St., stated that he spends a lot of time at Stratham Hill Park, having raised two children and nine dogs over the last thirty years. He has never seen a hunter, and he is in the Park all the time. He stated that he does not feel that hunting is a risk to the park as there has never been a hunting accident in Stratham. There have been a lot of other accidents and untimely deaths, but none related to hunting. He also wanted to point out that the Park is there for all to share. He feels that for the same reason that he is allowed to walk his dogs in the Park, and bikers have the right to ride their bikes in the Park, hunters should have the right to hunt in the Park as long as its safe and they follow the laws. He further stated that hunting helps with deer control. He concludes with "If you ban hunting in the park, we are going to see an increase in deer population, and all the problems associated with that." Tom Shealy, Stratham Heights Rd., stated that according to Fish and Game, no one has ever been shot who was wearing orange by a hunter in all of NH history. He also stated that we will see an increase in Lyme disease and other related tick diseases if you ban hunting at Stratham Hill Park. Dan Crow, Benjamin Rd., stated that we can and should co-exist here in Town. He stated that he is the President of the Stratham Hill Park Association, and the Association does not support this article. He stated that he personally does not support this article. Mr. Crow stated that he feels that it is unnecessary, and it will create an undue hardship to the Selectmen, the Police, and to the Park Ranger. He asked who will be doing the border patrol, and who will be maintaining the signage? He also pointed out the cost of the signage. He stated that we do not have a hunting problem; we have a public awareness problem. Mr. Crow stated that we have failed to educate the people who use the Park and we should be posting the forest trails, and also post when people and their dogs should be wearing orange. Mr. Crow stated that they realize the need to create safety zones throughout the Park. Defeating this article will allow the Stratham Hill Park Association the opportunity to continue with the education of our members. He asked that the voters defeat this article as written. John Dodge, Portsmouth Ave., stated that he is a Regional Law Enforcement Supervisor for DRED for 1.9 million acres. He stated he is not a hunter. He then reported on death statistics in the United States. He stated

that the Park can be dangerous but not from hunting. He stated that the top causes of fatalities for outdoor recreation in the U.S. is skiing, sledding and snowboarding at 11%, hiking, 6%, and mountain biking, 4%. He reported that hunting accidents are at just 0.05 percent. Mr. Dodge stated he does not see the need for this warrant article. Heidi Hanson, Strawberry Lane, stated she supports this article. She feels this article is appropriate and necessary. Heidi further stated that she does not feel the language of the deed will be a concern, and that the opinion from the Town Attorney also stated that it is not a risk whatsoever. She also stated in regard to deer control that this article does provide for a wildlife management program to control the deer population. She also responded to the statements of risks and safety at the Park made by previous speakers. She wanted to point out that if you are biking and you crash, you assumed that risk as a bike rider. The hunter assumes the risk when hunting, but innocent bystanders who happen to be in the same proximity and who are not hunters assume this risk as well, often without even realizing it as they are not aware that hunting is going on. Heidi concluded with asking the voters to support this article. Frank LaSorsa, Brown Ave., stated that he supports this article, and he supports the hunters. He is impartial on this article. He did have a question for Police Chief Scippa and asked him how the Police would handle a 12 year old with a sling shot killing a squirrel. Chief Scippa responded that they would have a talk with the 12 year old, and return him back to his family. Matt Gunn, Winnicutt Rd., stated that he supports this article. He stated that he supports hunters and hunting, but not on public property. He stated that he feels we have hung out a giant sign for out-of-state hunters that welcomes them to Stratham. He stated this article will affect the out-of-state hunters and our local hunters will know where they can hunt in Stratham. He stated that no one is out to take out hunting overall. It is a public park, and this article will keep the hunting local. Josh Crow, Winnicutt Rd., stated that he grew up in Stratham, and that he has participated in activities in the Park all his life, including hunting. He does not see a problem having hunting allowed in the park. He stated he has never had any conflicts with residents and that hunters are never seen in the Park, and they do not want to be seen. He stated that Fish and Game has designated the entire Town of Stratham as Unit M, and Unit M is currently in place for a population control measure for deer. Josh also stated that the majority of the hunters that use the Park are local, and are not from out-of-state. He stated that there have never been any hunting incidents in the Park, and further stated that "we are all safe and educated hunters." Josh stated he is a First Responder and that public safety is very important to him. He stated he has responded to many accidents in this community, but there has never been a hunting related accident. He asked the residents to please vote no on this article. Heidi Shealy, Stratham Heights Rd., reiterated her concerns on the wording of the Tuck deed. She then read excerpts from the deed. Lester Cuff, Stratham Heights Rd., stated he supports this article. He stated that he feels if hunting is going to continue to be allowed in the Park, then it is an accident waiting to happen. Mr. Cuff then recounted a hunting accident when he and his cousin were five years old, and his cousin almost lost his eye. Kathleen Ohrenberger, Alderwood Dr., stated that this past year there was a hunter with a rifle that was walking past her home, and it scared her. She also saw three hunters in the Park, and that also scared her. She is concerned for her safety and her neighbors' safety. She is also concerned that her dog could get shot, and she stated she would be heartbroken if that were to happen. She supports this article. Dave Moriarty, Winnicutt Rd., stated he grew up hunting. He does not support this article. He does not feel it would be right to ban hunting in the Park. Pat Kelley, Benjamin Rd., stated that two years ago when the hunting issue first came up, he went to the Town Meeting and proposed to meet with the Selectmen in the Park to work out safety zones, and to work with the Park Ranger to make it safe for everyone that would use the Park. He stated that he and other supporters of hunting had a plan. He explained that they drew 1000 square feet around the school and stated that would be off limits for hunting. He also stated that almost the entire hill by the fire tower would be off limits for hunting. They agreed that the fields, the trails, the ponds, and the baseball areas would also be off limits for hunting. They also agreed to draw lines that anything inside the power lines would be off limits for hunting. They spent a lot of time doing this, and Pat stated that Fish and Game were also there that day. He stated that Fish and Game volunteered to give us the signs to post. Pat stated that he and other supporters volunteered to put the signs up so everyone would be protected. Pat further stated he walks his dog 4 to 5 times a week. He stated he is always in the Park, and he has never seen a deer track on the trails. He further stated that he was very disappointed in the Selectmen and in the Park Ranger, in that he and others volunteered their time to come up with this plan, and also were going to volunteer their time to put signs up everywhere to protect people using the Park, and it was never followed through. Luke Breton, Evergreen Way, asked to move the question. Heidi Hanson, Strawberry Lane, reiterated that the legal language of the deed would allow the Selectmen to ban hunting if this article passes. She again urged the voters to please support this

article. Selectman Canada pointed out that Heidi Shealy omitted the first sentence from Town Council when she read Council's opinion on this matter and that first sentence is pertinent. He then proceeded to read what Mrs. Shealy omitted. Roger Dunn, Depot Rd., commented about the Park Town Ordinance where it states no golf balls or devices such as slingshots, pellet guns, paint ball guns, etc. Lisa Crow, Benjamin Rd., stated that she is in the Park every single day and has been for the last four years, and she has never seen a hunter. She further stated she is not in the populated areas of the Park but further out in the trails. Lisa further stated hunters are not going to be in the populated areas as they don't want to be seen. She pointed out that there is a big issue with ticks, and it is not just Lyme disease we have to be worried about. There are four other tick related diseases that there is a problem with in this State. Lisa further stated that these are a lot worse than Lyme disease. She explained that allowing hunting to continue in the Park will help control these tick-related diseases. She also stated that a lot of the trails are on private property, and the homeowners who own this land will still be allowed to hunt. Selectman Copeland responded to a point that Mr. Kelley brought up earlier. Selectman Copeland explained that when Mr. Kelley stated that the Selectmen did not take any action, the reason why was the compact zone was voted down two years ago, and hunting was allowed to continue in the Park. That was the reason the Selectmen did not take any action. Mr. Kelley responded to Selectman Copeland's statement with the response that "we were ready to act and post signs in the Safety Area. Even though hunting was not voted down, we could still have put up the signs for a Safety Zone." Moderator Emanuel stated he has a request by five registered voters in Stratham for a secret ballot. Mr. Emanuel read the question and directed the residents to the area where the voting would take place. He then gave directions on the voting process for the written ballot. He further explained that the polls would be open for one hour, and stated that "the polls are now open." Once the polls were closed and the votes were counted, it was announced by Mr. Emanuel that Article 10 passed. The results were 139 yes, 112 no, and 2 blanks. David London, Seavey Pasture Rd., made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Article 10. It was seconded by Claude Peyrot, the motion passed and reconsideration was restricted on Article 10.

Article 11: Creating a Compact Zone at Stratham Hill Park and Adjacent Town Owned Property

By petition of Tana Ream and over 25 other registered voters of the Town of Stratham, to see if the Town will designate as a "Compact Zone" under RSA 644:13 II (b) the lands known as Stratham Hill Park, shown and described on the Town of Stratham 2013 Tax Map 22, Lot 83, known and referred to as Stratham Hill Park and the Noyes Property, and 2013 Tax Map 22, Lot 85, known and referred to as the Gifford Property, which results in a person being guilty of a violation if such person fires or discharges any cannon, gun, pistol, or other firearm on said lands except by written permission of the Chief of Police or governing body. Moderator Emanuel declared Article 11 null and void as Article 10 had passed.

Article 12: Appointment of a Town Treasurer

To see if the Town will vote to change the Office of Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position per RSA 41:26-e, and to have such an appointment made in accordance with RSA 669:17-d by the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote. Selectman David Canada moved to accept this article as read. Selectman Copeland seconded the motion. Selectman Canada spoke for the motion. Selectman Canada first wanted to thank Kevin Peck for his years of service as Town Treasurer. Selectman Canada went on to say that "As times change and life becomes more complicated, we need to adapt to circumstances." He further stated that "The Town Treasurer is a case in point. There is a long list of attributes needed by a modern Town Treasurer. A Treasurer today needs a college degree and relevant experience in the world of finance. This is not guaranteed with an elected Treasurer. We need to ensure that the selection of our treasurer is based on their training, education, skills, financial knowledge, investment experience, and competency, not politics or popularity." He asked that we allow the Selectmen to properly choose our Treasurer. He stated "Having an appointed Treasurer will allow the Town to establish qualifications for the position when it becomes vacant." He explained that this will also allow the Town to check references and follow all the normal steps to ensure the selection of someone equal to this important task. George Waldron, Tansy Ave., asked about the compensation for an elected Treasurer versus an appointed Treasurer. Selectman Canada responded the compensation would be the same. Marty Wool, Winnicutt Rd., stated a concern about the space between the Selectmen and the Treasurer.

He stated "When one body appoints a person to work in the financial end and that person has to notify the Selectmen that they are not following the rules on a particular item or items, that person may be hesitant to do that in fear that he or she could lose their job." An elected treasurer is not under the thumb of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Wool stated he is against this Article. Kevin Henry, Chisholm Farm Dr., asked about the selection process and what kind of outreach there would be for the community. Selectman Canada responded that the B.O.S continually asks for volunteers; that there is always a need for the various committees throughout the Town. He stated that the B.O.S. just want to fill the position with the most qualified person. John Sapienza, Raeder Dr., spoke in support of this article. He stated that the Town auditors would uncover anything that was not clear. Cindy Stark-Jones, Winnicutt Rd., stated that an audit does not guarantee independence. She stated she agreed with Mr. Wool, and that there is value in having a separation between the two bodies. She stated she could make arguments for both sides, but just wanted it to be clear that an audit does not guarantee anything. Selectman Copeland wanted to point out that there are a lot of people out in our community that are very qualified, but they simply do not want to run for election. He stated that this will allow good qualified people to apply for this position. Pat Abrami, Tall Pines Dr., wanted to point out that the State does allow a Treasurer to be appointed. Seeing no further questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 12 passed.

Article 13: Petition for a Constitutional Amendment

By petition of Everett Lamm and 27 other registered voters of the Town of Stratham, to see if the town will vote to urge:

- That the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that: 1) guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and 2) clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.
- That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such a constitutional amendment.
- That the New Hampshire State Legislature supports such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.
- And furthermore, that this Town Meeting vote be a record that We the People want Congress and our state legislature to:
 - Institute full, effective and immediate electronic disclosure of all election-related spending by any individual, group, corporation, party or institution;
 - Provide for fair, nonpartisan and vigorous enforcement of existing campaign laws and regulations by federal and state agencies;
 - Enact an absolute ban on campaign contributions by foreign governments, foreign agencies, foreign corporations or their subsidiaries and employees in the United States;
 - Enact legislation that would cut down the influence of big bankroll donors by multiplying the power of small donations through the use of voter vouchers, tax credits, and matching public funds.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Stratham's congressional delegation, and to Stratham's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the Board of Selectmen within 30 days of the vote.

Everett Lamm, Autumn Lane, moved to accept the Article as read. Jonathan Caldwell, Drury Plains Rd., seconded the motion. Everett Lamm spoke for the motion. He spoke in support of the article. He stated that this is a non-partisan petition to ensure fair elections, and that this will not cost the Town any money. Mr. Lamm stated that this article will return the election process back to the voters. He urged the voters to support this article. Frank LaSorsa, Brown Ave., proposed an amendment to include the words "and unions" in paragraph two after the words "not corporations." Gary Dolan, Jana Lane, seconded the motion. Pat Abrami, Tall Pines Dr., stated that corporations include unions. David London, Seavey Pasture Rd. stated that money donated from corporations for the 2012 elections was over 400 billion dollars and money from the unions was only a third of that. Seeing no further questions on the amendment, Mr. Emanuel read the amendment, and then asked for the vote on the amendment. The No's had it, and the amendment for Article 13 failed. He then asked for any further questions on the original article as written. Debra Altschiller, Apple Way, spoke in support of this Article. Mrs. Altschiller stated that "Town Meeting is a unique form of democracy – one voice, one vote and is the purest form of democracy." She stated that the people on these seats and bleachers are "we the people", not "we the corporations." She further stated that "people live and people die, but the 501C:4 is forever. It lives as long as it is fed cash, and the cash can be sent anonymously." She also stated that keeping big money in check in regard to electioneering is a very old American story. She stated that in 1907 President Roosevelt signed an act to prohibit corporations from making money contributions in connection with political elections. She concluded with asking the voters to support this article, and to send a message to our representatives that "we the people" demand that our singular voice and singular vote matters. She again asked everyone to please vote yes on this article. Pat Abrami, Tall Pines Dr., spoke and stated he will be voting no on this article and feels that this would create a Constitutional Convention. John Dodge, Portsmouth Ave. asked for a correction in Paragraph 2, sentence two, in regards to the Constitution granting people rights. He stated our State and Federal Constitutions control the government. He stated that the Constitution does not give us our rights. Everett Lamm, Autumn Lane, stated that Mr. Abrami was misreading this, and this article is not asking for a Constitutional Convention. Mr. Lamm stated this is more of a Constitutional amendment. Mr. Lamm stated as far as Mr. Dodge's point on granting us rights, Mr. Lamm feels it is the "Bill of Rights" that grant the people their

individual rights, not the Constitution. Lester Cuff, Stratham Heights Rd., also spoke in support of this article. Travis Thompson, Stratham Heights Rd., asked to move the question. Seeing no further questions or comments from the floor, Mr. Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 13 passed.

Article 14: Creating a Utility District

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the creation of a Water and Sewer Utility District in accordance with RSA 31:134—149 to provide public water and sewer utility services to properties within the following Zoning Districts:

- All Zones of the Gateway Commercial Business District
- Special Commercial District
- Commercial/Light Industrial/Office District
- Professional/Residential District
- Town Center District
- Flexible/Mixed Use Development District
- Industrial District

as defined by the Stratham Zoning Ordinance as amended from time to time; and to further designate the Board of Selectmen as the governing body for the District with all the authority granted under these statutes. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Selectman Canada moved to accept this article as read. Selectman Federico seconded the motion. Selectman Canada spoke for the motion. Selectman Canada stated that the B.O.S. worked with Senator Styles and Representatives Copeland and Abrami to pass legislation that is referred to as “Senate Bill Eleven” and which became law as RSA 31:134. He stated that this law essentially allows us to assign the costs of establishing utilities to those who would directly benefit. He then asked to yield to Public Works Commission Chair, John Boisvert, to elaborate on this article. John Boisvert, Winnicutt Rd., stated that we are still looking at the least cost options for Stratham to bring public water and sewer to Town. He further stated that they are having conversations with Exeter and Portsmouth. He stated that this gives us time to construct the political process and formulate the issues and bylaws and also for making all the rules and regulations while we are waiting for this to take place. Lucy Cushman, Winnicutt Rd., stated that she has always been supportive of public water and sewer in the Gateway District. She did state, however, that she does not want to see it all over Town. She wanted to point out that if you allow this Commission to set up this broad area, then you are saying you are willing to look at water and sewer for the whole town. Selectman Canada responded that Lucy’s fears are unfounded. He explained that there are two types of mains, gravity and force. He stated that this will be a forced main. He further explained that we cannot hook up a gravity system to a forced main because it is a smaller line, and you can’t convert it. He also stated that this article will allow us to create a district that we can assess the property owners whose land has tripled in value from sewer going in and we will be able to charge for that rather than the going tax rate. Marty Wool, Winnicutt Rd., stated that he agrees with Lucy, and that he is against this article. He stated that he wants to see this process slow down. He stated that we have spent \$100,000.00 to study this issue, “so let’s study it before we spend any more money on this.” Bruce Scamman, Blossom Lane, stated that he is favor of this article. He stated he would like to see the Commercial District be allowed to expand so it could allow restaurants and other businesses in, which in turn will create a better commercial base and lower taxes for all the taxpayers. Paul Deschaine, Town Administrator, wanted to inform everyone that they are deciding tonight who is going to be serviced. He further stated that if this article is adopted, this will define the service area on where to provide services. Matt Gunn, Winnicutt Rd., stated that he agrees with Bruce and he is for this article. He further stated that “we have great commercial space and huge potential in Stratham, but it is not going to be developed until we can provide them with public sewer and water.” Seeing no further questions or comments from the floor. Moderator Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 14 passed.

Article 15: Adoption of the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Program

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 79-E Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Program giving the Board of Selectmen authority to grant Community Revitalization

Tax Relief Incentives and to further designate the two zoning districts of the Professional / Residential ("PRE") and Town Center ("TC") districts as defined by the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as amended from time to time as meeting the standards for an eligible district as set forth in RSA 79-E:2. (A map of these districts is available on the Town's website and Town Clerk's Office.) The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote. Selectman Federico moved to accept this article as read. Selectman Canada seconded the motion. Selectman Federico spoke for the motion. Selectman Federico stated that RSA 79-E allows municipalities to provide tax relief programs to certain areas that they feel need revitalization. He stated that the Town designated these areas in Stratham as the Professional/Residential, and the Town Center Districts. He explained that this would allow a property owner in these two districts who want to upgrade their property to have a five year tax relief over any adjustments or improvements to their property. After five years, they would be taxed at their increased assessment value. Seeing no further questions or comments from the floor, Mr. Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 15 passed.

Article 16: Funding the Heritage Preservation Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$50,000.00) to be deposited in the "Heritage Preservation Fund" as created by the March 11, 2011 Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by a vote of two to one. Selectman Canada moved to accept the article as read. Selectman Federico seconded the motion. Selectman Canada spoke for the motion. Selectman Canada explained that three years ago Town Meeting set up a capital reserve fund known as the Heritage Preservation Fund. He stated that no money was appropriated at that time and the fund remains empty. He stated that "we are very fortunate to have several people on the Heritage Commission who advocate for our heritage and are ready to preserve it in any number of ways." He asked that we listen closely to Heritage Commission Chair Becky Mitchell and her explanation of what the Commission might be able to do and why it may need the money to do it. He then asked to turn the floor over to Becky. Becky Mitchell, Portsmouth Ave., and Chair of the Heritage Commission first explained that these funds will not be expended without a public meeting. She then stated a few examples of how this Fund would be used. She stated the first example would allow us to use this for matching funds for outside grants. She also stated another way this Fund could be used would be to nominate Stratham properties that should be listed on the National or State Register of Historic Placements. She stated that the Heritage Commission is now in the process of nominating the Bartlett-Cushman House to the National Registry, and they have every reason to expect success in that endeavor. She also stated that the Heritage Commission would like to see other Stratham properties similarly recognized. She also stated that the Heritage Commission would also like to see more historical markers in Town telling the stories of significant chapters of Stratham history. Becky also explained that these funds could also prevent a demolition of a significant structure that has value to the history of Stratham. Becky further stated that the cost for a median household in Stratham to put \$50,000.00 into this Fund would be \$14.18. She stated that "you can make a contribution to historic buildings and other landmarks that tells Stratham's story." Becky concluded with asking the voters to support this Article. Moderator Emanuel asked for questions or comments from the floor. Roger Stephenson, Stephen Dr., stated that he supports this article, knowing that any expenditures of this Fund will come before the Selectmen in a Public Hearing. Seeing no further questions or comments from the floor, Mr. Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 16 passed.

Article 17: Funding for 300th Anniversary Celebration

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, by special warrant article, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of defraying the costs associated with the observance of the Town's 300th Anniversary in 2016. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until this purpose has been fulfilled, but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI). The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article by a vote of two to one.

Selectman Canada moved to accept the article as read. Selectman Federico seconded the motion. Selectman Canada first wanted to recognize the people on the 300th Anniversary Committee for their dedication and hard work leading up to the 2016 Anniversary. He then yielded the floor to Chairman John Dold for an update on the progress of this Committee. John Dold, William Circle, and Chair of the 300th Anniversary Committee stated that there are nine members on this Committee and that they have worked very hard since 2010. He then introduced all the members on the Committee. He then went over the events that are being planned for the celebration of Stratham's 300th Anniversary which will take place in 2016. He stated that in March of 2016, they will start off with a theatrical play on the History of Stratham. On the fourth of July weekend in 2016, there will be a large parade that will include high school bands, University bands, and military marching bands. It will also include floats, antique cars, and fire trucks and ambulances. He presented a power point that highlighted a dinner dance on that same July 4th weekend at Stratham Hill Park. He stated it will be in a large tent, and it will be catered, with music as well. John stated that there will be fireworks at the end of the night. He then went over all the projected costs for these events. He stated that the total cost for all of these events would be approximately \$50,000.00. John then went over the proposed funding to alleviate some of these costs. He stated that by 2016 the 300th Committee should have \$20,000.00 in funds that were raised through various fundraisers. He stated these are the reasons for the request of \$10,000.00 tonight from the Town, and possibly \$10,000.00 for each year over the next two years, depending on the results of the fundraising. He concluded with information on the "Town Motto" contest that is currently ongoing. He stated the winner will be announced at the Memorial Day Service at Stratham Hill Park. Moderator Emanuel then asked for questions or comments from the floor. Selectman Copeland asked to speak as a citizen of the Town and not as a Selectman. He stated that he was against this article because he feels it is too expensive, and because most of the events fall on the Fourth of July weekend when a lot of people will be away. He urged the Committee to continue their fundraising, and to keep within a reasonable budget. Mr. Copeland stated we should not be spending \$30,000.00 of taxpayers' money for a giant party here in Stratham. He stated that this is not the time to do this, and our budget is up as it is. Seeing no further questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Emanuel read the question; and it was determined to be unclear by a voice vote. He then asked for a raising of hands to determine the vote. The hands were counted and it was determined the aye's had it by a vote of 51 for, and 46 against. Moderator Emanuel declared that Article 17 passed.

Article 18: Annie's Angels

By petition of Michael J. Welty and 32 other registered voters of the Town of Stratham, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$2,500 for support of Annie's Angels Memorial Fund, Inc. The funds will be used to continue support for Stratham residents struggling financially through life threatening disease, illness or disability. Annie's Angels is a 501(c) (3) charity. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote. Michael Welty, Walters Way moved to accept the article as read. June Sawyer, High St. seconded the motion. Mr. Welty spoke for the motion. He stated that Annie's Angels is a 501 (c) (3) charity founded by Bill Dagiau in 2007 in memory of his mother Annie. Mr. Welty stated that she struggled for years with Stage 4 Cancer, and lost her fight on Christmas night in 2002. He explained that Annie's Angels is dedicated to families who are struggling financially with the additional challenge of threatening diseases and disabilities. He further explained that Annie's Angels are presently helping fifteen local families struggling financially due to disease, illness or disability. He stated that Annie's Angels are on a constant lookout for Seacoast Families and individuals who are truly in need of assistance to maintain life's daily requirements. He explained that some of the expenses that they pay for are: food to feed your family, gas in your car to get you to the doctor, oil in your tank to keep you warm, and paying your electric bill to keep your lights on. Mr. Welty stated that since May of 2007, Annie's Angels has raised over \$500,000.00 for financial support through various events. He asked for the voters' support on this article. Moderator Emanuel asked for questions or comments from the floor. Joellen Cuff,

Stratham Heights Rd., stated she feels this is a very worthy charity, but questions the appropriateness of public tax money being appropriated for a private charity. She stated that donating to a private charity should be a personal choice. Selectman Canada explained that every year the Town donates to a host of different charities that provide some service to Stratham residents. He went over the list of some of the charities that the Town donates to. Julie McGuinness, Lovell Rd. stated that this charity is currently helping a local twelve year old, and relayed the story of what he is going through right now. She stated that there are several fundraisers going on and Annie's Angels are helping them make this happen. Eileen Joyce, Winterberry Lane, stated she is in support of this article, and also mentioned the local twelve year old, and what he and their family are going through, and how Annie's Angels are helping them. She asked the voters to please support this article. Lester Cuff, Stratham Heights Rd., asked about the list of charities that Stratham donates to and stated that he does not think we should spend taxpayers' money on charities. Selectman Federico responded with the statement that a better name for this is "a public service agency, not a charity." He then proceeded to list the current public service agencies that the Town gives money to. He clarified that the first time you ask for money, you go before Town Meeting, just like Annie's Angels are doing tonight. Gary Dolan, Stratham Lane, stated that he has served on the Budget Advisory Committee for the last fifteen years. He explained that the Budget Committee, along with the Board of Selectmen, reviews this list every year, and they also review what the service or assistance is that will be provided to the Town. He stated that if the Budget Advisory Committee does not believe that they are providing enough services to the Town, then they cut their funds. Roger Stephenson, Stephen Dr., stated that he is in support of this article and for three hundred years, the Town has provided social welfare to the citizens of Stratham in different ways, and he stated that is one reason he is proud to support this Article. He also stated that Annie's Angels was started by a small business in Stratham. Selectman Copeland also spoke in favor of this article. He stated that the residents of the Town directly benefit from this program and that is why he supports this. Seeing no further questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 18 passed.

Article 19: Town Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$25,000.00) to be deposited into the "Town Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund" as created by the March 16, 2012 Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote. Selectman Federico moved to accept this article as read. Selectman Copeland seconded the motion. Selectman Federico spoke for the motion. Selectman Federico stated that this fund was created at the 2012 Town Meeting, but the Town did not put any money into it at that time. They first wanted to see what the Town had for resources and the conditions of the septic systems, wells, roofs, etc. They now want to put money into this trust fund in order to better maintain the Town buildings and grounds. Seeing no further questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative and Article 19 passed.

Article 20: EMS Fund Appropriation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Nine Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$29,000.00) for the following purposes:

2014 EMS/EMT/First Responder Training	\$19,000.00
2014 ALS Services Contract	\$10,000.00

and to further authorize the withdrawal of Twenty Nine Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$29,000.00) from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund created for these purposes during the March 17, 2000 Annual Town Meeting and as amended during the March 11, 2005 Town Meeting. No additional funds from general taxation are to be used. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote. Selectman Copeland moved to accept the article as read. Selectman Federico seconded the motion. Selectman Copeland spoke for the motion. Selectman Copeland explained that this article has to be brought to Town Meeting every year. He stated that this is no cost to you in tax dollars. He explained that this is just revenue that is produced by ambulance billing. He stated that the money raised comes through the Town, and then is put into a special account. He further explained that it has to be voted on every year by you so it can be taken out of this special account and put towards the EMS training. He stated that the Advanced Life Support System, (ALS) service contract is also money that is in and out.

The billing process is through Medicaid, and Medicaid has to be paid before the funds are recovered. Seeing no further questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 20 passed.

Article 21: Accrued Benefits Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$10,000.00) to be deposited into the “Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund” as created by the March 16, 2007 Town Meeting to meet the currently unfunded obligations of the Town. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote. Selectman Federico moved to accept the article as read. Selectman Copeland seconded the motion. Selectman Federico spoke for the motion. He explained that this fund was created several years ago. He further stated that this fund enables the Town to pay accrued benefits owed to employees who are retiring or leaving without the Town having to borrow the money. Seeing no further questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 21 passed.

Article 22: Other Business

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

Selectman Canada first wanted to thank all the residents that volunteer their time on the various boards and committees. He stated that anyone who wished to volunteer on the various boards to please feel free to sign up on the Town website or at the Town Offices by March 31st. He also asked that any newly elected Town Officers come forward and be sworn in after the meeting, or come to the Town Clerk’s office next week. Selectman Copeland announced that the Conservation Commission will be holding their annual clean- up day on Saturday, April 12, at 9:00 a.m. He stated that they will be meeting at the Stratham Hill Park Pavilion and everyone will be issued gloves and safety vests. Lunch will also be provided. Seeing no other business before the Town, Moderator Emanuel asked everyone to put their chairs away on the chair racks. He then closed the meeting at 12:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce L. Charbonneau
Stratham Town Clerk

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stratham Municipal Center on Tuesday, on the tenth day of March 2015, next at eight of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

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

ARTICLE 2: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 2.1 Definitions, Subsection 2.1.6 Agriculture, Farm, Farming by deleting the subsection in its entirety and replacing with the following underlined language to read as follows:

2.1 DEFINITIONS

~~2.1.6 Agriculture, Farm, Farming: The word "farm" means any land, buildings, or structures on or in which agriculture and farming activities are carried out or conducted and shall include the residence or residences of owners, occupants, or employees located on such land. Structures shall include all farm outbuildings used in the care of livestock; and in the production and storage of fruit, vegetables, or nursery stock; in the production of maple syrup; greenhouses for the production of annual or perennial plants; and any other structures used in operations of the farm.~~

~~The words "agriculture" and "farming" shall mean all operations of a farm such as the cultivation, conserving and tillage of the soil, dairying, greenhouses, hydroponic farming, the production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural, floricultural, or horticultural commodities, the raising of livestock, bees, fur bearing animals, poultry or fish farming or any practices on the farm as an incident to or in conjunction with such farming operations as further defined in NH RSA 21:34-a.~~

~~A farm roadside stand shall remain an agricultural operation and not be considered commercial, provided that at least 35 percent of the product sales in dollar volume are attributable to products produced on the farm or farms of the stand owner.~~

~~Practices on the farm may include technologies recommended from time to time by the University of New Hampshire cooperative extension, the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food, and appropriate agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture. (Rev. 3/09)~~

2.1.6 Agriculture, Agritourism, Farm, Farming, and Farmers' Market: See RSA 21:34-a Farm, Agriculture, Farming (as amended).

And in connection therewith, amend Subsection 3.6 Table of Uses, D. Agriculture / Forestry Uses by replacing said section in its entirety to read as follows:

USES:	ZONING DISTRICT								
	R/A	MAH	PRE	TC	G CBD CZ	G CBD OZ	SC	CLIO	IND
D. AGRICULTURAL / FORESTRY USES:									
— 1. Farming including Dairyng, Livestock, Animal and Poultry Raising, Tilling	P	P	P	P ¹	C	P	P	P	P
— of Soil, Horticulture, Crop Production, including customary accessory uses.									
— 2. Tree Farming, Commercial Timbering, Non-commercial Harvesting	P	P	X	P ¹	C	P	P	P	S
— of Forest Products.									

D. AGRICULTURAL, FARMING & FORESTRY USES:	R/A	MAH	PRE	TC	G CBD CZ	G CBD OZ	SC	CLIO	IND
1. Agriculture, horticulture and floriculture except a greenhouse or stand for retail sale, including customary accessory structures and uses.	P	P	P	P ¹	P	P	X	X	X
2. Farming including dairying, livestock, animal and poultry raising, and crop production including customary accessory structures and uses.	P	P	P	P ¹	C	P	X	X	X
3. Year-round greenhouse or farm stand ² .	P	P	P	P	X	P	X	X	X
4. Farmers Market ³ & Agricultural Tourism ⁴ .	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	X	X
5. Tree farming and commercial timbering.	P	P	X	P ¹	C	P	P	P	P
5. Non-commercial harvesting of forest products.	P	P	X	P ¹	C	P	P	P	P

And in connection therewith, amend Subsection 3.6 Table of Uses and Footnotes to Table 3.6. Uses by inserting the following language and then renumbering the footnotes accordingly to read as follows:

Table 3.6., Footnotes to Table 3.6:

2. Farm Roadside Stand

The purpose of a temporary Farm Roadside Stand is to allow farmers, who are actively farming, low cost entrance into direct marketing their farm products. It is characterized as a direct marketing operation, is seasonal in nature, and features on-farm produce as well as locally produced agricultural products and enhanced agricultural products.

- A Farm Roadside Stand shall remain an agricultural operation and not be considered commercial, provided that at least 35 percent of the product sales in dollar volume are attributable to products produced on the farm or farms of the stand owner.
- Items for sale at a Farm Roadside Stand shall be agricultural products grown, harvested, raised, or produced by the farm owner, neighboring farm owners, and community supported agriculture (CSA).
- A temporary or seasonal Farm Roadside Stand shall be a temporary and moveable structure which remains in place during the time period the agricultural products offered for sale at the Stand are in season and available. Farm Roadside Stands that are erected as permanent structures shall conform to the current Zoning Ordinance in the Town of Stratham and Building and Fire Codes.

- d. Temporary and moveable Farm Roadside Stands shall be located at least 15 feet from nearest edge of roadway surface, providing that siting of the stand does not create a road or traffic hazard, does not impede the flow of traffic on the adjacent road, does not reduce the sight lines on the adjacent road and does not conflict with State DOT and local regulations.
 - e. Farm Roadside Stands shall be limited to 100 square feet of gross floor or ground area and shall be of a style consistent with a New England farm setting. Colors used on the stand shall be subdued and compatible with other structures on the property where the stand is located.
 - f. Off road parking shall be available to Farm Roadside Stand customers consistent with NH DOT guidelines.
 - g. Farm Roadside Stand signage shall comply with the Zoning Ordinance, Section 7.9.a.i. Agricultural Sign, Temporary/Seasonal.
3. Farmer's Market.
- The purpose of the farmer's market is to provide opportunities for agricultural producers to retail their products directly to consumers and enhance income through value-added products, services, and activities.
- a. Permitted activities include, but are not limited to; the marketing of agricultural products, products that are agriculture-related, including specialty foods, gift items that reflect the history and culture of agriculture and New England; crafts; agricultural tourism, pick- your-own operations; community supported agriculture; farm vacations.
 - b. Farmer's Market that include any permanent structures/buildings, shall conform to the current Zoning Ordinance, Building and Fire/Life Safety Codes, and are subject to site plan review by the Town of Stratham's Planning Board. The permanent structures/buildings shall be of an architectural style consistent with the small New England Village character or farm setting. Colors used on the stand shall be subdued and compatible with other structures on the property where the stand is located.
 - c. Temporary structures shall comply with all Building and Fire/Life Safety Codes.
 - d. Off street parking shall be provided in accordance with Stratham's Site Plan Review Regulations, Sections 5.9.2 and 5.9.3.a and b.
 - e. Farmer's Market signage shall comply with the Zoning Ordinance, Section 7.9.a.i. Agricultural Sign, Temporary/Seasonal.
 - f. Outdoor display of produce, plants, crafts, gardening supplies, etc. may be provided on the site, but storage of equipment, produce containers, waste produce and the like shall be enclosed or otherwise screened from view.
 - g. A Farmer's Market is required to be registered with the Town of Stratham.
4. Agricultural Tourism ("Agritourism").
- The purpose of Agritourism is to attract people to farms, promote the sale of agricultural products using agriculture related tours, events and activities, as well as non-agricultural related activities. These tours, events, and other activities are to supplement farm income.

- a. Activities include, but are not limited to petting farms, farm animal attraction, school tours, outdoor trails, crop mazes, hayrides, pony rides, livestock and or equine events, group picnics, on-and- off site food catering services, pick- your-own operations, New England based craft shows, outdoor recreation, and educational activities.
- b. Activities that include any permanent structures/buildings, shall conform to the current Zoning Ordinance, Building and Fire/Life Safety Codes, and are subject to site plan review by the Town of Stratham's Planning Board. The permanent structures/buildings shall be of an architectural style consistent with the small New England Village character or farm setting. Colors used on the stand shall be subdued and compatible with other structures on the property where the stand is located.
- c. If a fee is charged, in order to be a permitted use, the farm must be actively producing agricultural products for sale. Farms where the seller is not actively producing agricultural products for sale will require a Special Exception.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To see if the Town will amend Zoning Ordinance, Section XX. Sanitary Protection & Septic Ordinance Subsections, 20.1 General, 20.2 in its entirety with the following underlined language:

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section XX Sanitary Protection & Septic Ordinance, Subsections 20.1, 20.2. Replacement of Existing Systems Without Expansion of Design Capacity, 20.3. Replacement of Existing System With Expansion of Design Capacity, and 20.4 Vacant Lots of Record by deleting the stricken language and inserting the underlined text to read as follows:

SECTION XX: SANITARY PROTECTION & SEPTIC ORDINANCE

20.1 GENERAL

This Section is enacted in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:16-17 and RSA 674:21.

- 20.1.1 No sewage disposal system shall be constructed or replaced unless designed in accordance with this Section of the Stratham Zoning Ordinance and the most recent edition of the Subdivision and Individual Sewage Disposal System Design Rules (as published by the ~~Water Supply and Pollution Control Division~~ N.H. Department of Environmental Services, Subsurface Systems Bureau). When conflicts arise, the more restrictive requirements shall apply. Applications and necessary design information shall be submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer, who in conjunction with the designated town review agent, shall determine compliance with this section.
- 20.1.2 No sewage disposal area shall be located closer than 75 feet from a well or 100 feet from a water body. No fill associated with a sewage disposal area shall encroach upon a drainage structure or drainage or utility easement. No sewage disposal area shall be built on slopes exceeding ~~fifteen~~ twenty (15-20) percent average grade.

20.1.3 The Planning Board as part of any review may require a hydrogeologic study for all projects that: have one or more sewage disposal systems designed for a total on-site septic loading of 2,500 gpd or more; or are located within the Aquifer Protection District. The Board may require the applicant to pay for a design review of the proposed system by a licensed system designer or a professional engineer designated by the Board.

A hydrogeologic study shall be performed by a professional engineer, hydrologist, hydrogeologist, or other groundwater professional. All water testing is to be performed at an EPA approved laboratory. A hydrogeologic study will address:

- a. A hydrogeologic mapping of groundwater flow within the site;
- b. Existing background water quality;
- c. The location of and potential impacts to on-site and abutting water supply wells and septic systems;
- d. The location and capacity of the proposed septic system(s);
- e. Estimates of the transport of contaminants from the septic system(s) and of the constituent concentrations (~~±g.~~ e.g. nitrates) at the property boundary and at abutting water supplies;
- f. Groundwater mounding analysis.

The proposed sewage disposal system(s) shall not create groundwater degradation beyond the limits of the property line in excess of EPA water quality criteria for domestic supplies, as amended. Systems which violate these tenets shall be rejected.

~~20.1.4 Sloping Lots: Leaching fields may be constructed on sloping lots provided the natural grade of the proposed location does not exceed 15%. When the natural grade exceeds 5%, the WSPCD "50% rule" (Env Ws 104.05) which allows up to 50% of the bed bottom to be less than four (4) feet from the SHWT may be used. However, the upgradient side of the bed bottom shall be at least three (3) feet above the SHWT.~~

~~20.1.4 5 All lots created after the effective date of this ordinance and all All sewage disposal systems shall comply with this section of the Stratham Zoning Ordinance with the following additional requirements:~~

- ~~a. The Town requires two (2) feet of natural permeable soil above the seasonal high water table (SHWT) beneath the sewage disposal area and sewage reserve area;~~
- ~~b. Five feet of natural soil above bedrock or any impervious substratum is required beneath the sewage disposal area and sewage reserve area;~~
- ~~c. Fill material when needed to raise the bottom of the leaching area above the SHWT, bedrock, or impervious substratum shall be medium to coarse textured sand;~~
- ~~d. Test pits and septic reserve areas. Each undeveloped lot shall have at least two (2) suitable test pits, separated by at least fifty (50) feet. All test pits necessary for satisfying local regulations shall be witnessed by the designated agent of the town. Each newly created lot shall accommodate its own sewage. For cluster developments, all sewage shall be disposed of within the boundaries of the development.~~

- ~~i. New lots created subsequent to the adoption of this ordinance shall show a 5,000 square foot septic reserve as part of the subdivision process creating the lot.~~
- ~~ii. During design review phase each lot shall show a suitable sewage disposal area and a suitable reserve sewage disposal area of equal or greater size.~~
- ~~e. The Planning Board, as part of a conditional use permit, may waive the requirements of this section in consideration of the following criteria:~~
 - ~~i. The designed system complies with all State WSPCD rules provided no waivers are granted; and~~
 - ~~ii. The lot upon which the waiver is sought contains conditions which fulfill other purposes and goals of the Stratham Ordinance and presents a compelling justification for such waiver; or,~~
 - ~~iii. The designed system for which the waiver is sought cannot feasibly be carried out on a portion or portions of the lot which complies more fully with this section of the ordinance.~~
- ~~f. Before final subdivision approval by the Planning Board, and where individual lots were granted waivers as part of a conditional use permit in accordance with e), above, individual system designs shall be submitted showing compliance with the general requirements of this section. Where individual designs cannot comply with these general requirements, the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall grant a Special Exception for those designs provided the following:~~
 - ~~i. The design shows a system that at least meets or exceeds the limits imposed as part of the waiver by the Planning Board;~~
 - ~~ii. The design of the proposed system will, to the extent practicable, be consistent with the purpose and intent of this section;~~
 - ~~iii. The applicant has exceeded other applicable minimum design requirements in an effort to mitigate impacts resulting from the limitations of the site;~~
 - ~~iv. The applicant has demonstrated that no reasonable use of the property can be made;~~
 - ~~v. The application complies with the provisions of §17.8.2 of the Stratham Zoning Ordinance.~~
- a. Test pits and septic reserve areas. Each undeveloped lot shall have at least two (2) suitable test pits, separated by at least fifty (50) feet. All test pits necessary for satisfying local regulations shall be witnessed by the designated agent of the town. Each newly created lot shall accommodate its own sewage. For cluster developments, all sewage shall be disposed of within the boundaries of the development.
- b. The Town requires eighteen inches ~~two (2) feet~~ of natural permeable soil above the seasonal high water table (SHWT) beneath the sewage disposal area and sewage reserve area;

- c. ~~Five~~ Four feet of ~~natural~~ soil above bedrock or any impervious substratum is required beneath the sewage disposal area and sewage reserve area;
- d. Fill material when needed to raise the bottom of the leaching area above the SHWT, bedrock, or impervious substratum shall be medium to coarse textured sand;
- e. New lots created subsequent to the adoption of this ordinance shall show a ~~5,000~~ 4,000 square foot septic reserve as part of the subdivision process creating the lot.

20.2 REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING SYSTEMS WITHOUT EXPANSION OF DESIGN CAPACITY

Replacement systems with no expansion in original design capacity shall be reviewed and permitted by the Code Enforcement Officer in conjunction with the designated town review agent. Upon application to the Code Enforcement Officer, where a design fails to meet the requirements of this section, the Code Enforcement Officer has the authority to waive the general requirements of this section and ~~may~~ shall grant ~~a special permit~~ approval to construct a sewage disposal system provided the following provisions are met:

- a. The proposed system entails no expansion of use and is a replacement of the system previously occupying the lot;
- b. The previous system shall be discontinued. Only the proposed system shall be used once initial function is established;
- c. The design of the system shall comply with ~~New Hampshire State WSPCD~~ N.H. Department of Environmental Services rules in effect at the time of ~~approval~~ initial construction, including waiver of these rules by the State permitting authority.

20.3 REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING SYSTEMS WITH EXPANSION OF DESIGN CAPACITY

Replacement systems with expansion in original design capacity shall be reviewed and permitted by the Code Enforcement Officer in conjunction with the designated town review agent. Upon application to the Code Enforcement Officer, where a design fails to meet the requirements of this section, the Planning Board has the authority to waive the general requirements of this section and may grant a ~~special permit~~ Conditional Use Permit to construct a sewage disposal system provided the following provisions are met:

- a. The use for which the permit is sought cannot feasibly be carried out on a portion or portions of the lot which complies more fully with this section of the ordinance;
- b. The design and construction of the proposed use will, to the extent practicable, be consistent with the purpose and intent of this Section;
- c. The applicant has exceeded other applicable minimum design requirements in an effort to mitigate impacts resulting from the limitations of the site.

20.4 VACANT LOTS OF RECORD

Subsurface septic systems shall be reviewed and permitted by the Code Enforcement Officer in conjunction with the designated town review agent to determine compliance with this section.

~~20.4.1 **Special Exception:** Upon application to the Code Enforcement Officer, where a design fails to meet the requirements of this section the applicant can apply for a special exception. Upon appropriate findings, the ZBA shall grant a special exception to the general requirements of this section provided that all of the following conditions are found to exist:~~

Upon application to the Code Enforcement Officer, where a design fails to meet the requirements of this section, the Planning Board has the authority to waive the general requirements of this section and may grant a Conditional Use Permit to construct a sewage disposal system. Upon appropriate findings, the Planning Board shall grant a Conditional Use Permit to the general requirements of this section provided that all of the following conditions are found to exist:

- a. The lot upon which an exception is sought was an official lot of record, as recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds, prior to the date on which this amendment was posted and published in the Town;
- b. The use for which the exception is sought cannot feasibly be carried out on a portion or portions of the lot which complies more fully with this section of the ordinance;
- c. The design and construction of the proposed use will, to the extent practical, be consistent with the purpose and intent of this Section;
- d. The applicant has exceeded other applicable minimum design requirements in an effort to mitigate impacts resulting from the limitations of the site;
- e. The applicant has demonstrated that no reasonable use of the property can be made;
- f. The application complies with the provisions of ~~Section 17.8.2 of the Stratham Zoning Ordinance~~ *Section 3.6 Additional Notes.*

And in connection therewith, insert new subsection 20.5 Subdivisions to read as follows:

20.5 SUBDIVISIONS

Before final subdivision approval by the Planning Board, and where individual lots were granted waivers as part of a Conditional Use Permit, individual system designs shall be submitted showing compliance with the general requirements of this section. Where individual designs cannot comply with these general requirements, the Planning Board shall grant a Conditional Use Permit for those designs provided the following:

- a. *The design shows a system that at least meets or exceeds the limits imposed as part of the waiver by the Planning Board.*
- b. *The design of the proposed system will, to the extent practicable, be consistent with the purpose and intent of this section;*
- c. *The applicant has exceeded other applicable minimum design requirements in an effort to mitigate impacts resulting from the limitations of the site;*
- d. *The applicant has demonstrated that no reasonable use of the property can be made;*
- e. *The application complies with the provisions of Section 3.6 Additional Notes.*

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section V. Supplemental Regulations, Subsection 5.6 Retirement Planned Community by adding a new Subsection 5.6.2 Septic Design by inserting the following underlined language to read as follows and renumbering the existing subsections accordingly:

SECTION 5.6 RETIREMENT PLANNED COMMUNITY (ADOPTED 3/99, AMENDED 3/2015)

Retirement Planned Community uses shall adhere to all provisions of the Stratham Zoning Ordinance unless preempted by the provisions below.

5.6.1 Density: No minimum lot size shall be required per individual unit.

- a. For a Retirement Planned Community that is served by on-site subsurface disposal systems, the number of elderly housing units per acre shall be based on the number of bedrooms allowed under NH Department of Environmental Services Septic System Design Rules as shall be applicable on the date of subdivision or site plan application to the Planning Board, divided by the number of bedrooms per unit.
- b. For a Retirement Planned Community that is served by public sewer and public water the number of elderly housing units shall be a maximum of 8 per acre.
- c. The maximum number of units per building in the Retirement Planned Community shall be 24.

5.6.2 Septic Design: *All sewage disposal systems within the Retirement Planned Community shall adhere to the requirements and design standards in accordance with Section XX. of the Stratham Zoning Ordinance. Where conflicts arise, the more restrictive requirements shall apply.*

5.6.3 Setback to Wetlands: Within a Retirement Planned Community, the setback to wetlands shall be 50 feet.

5.6.4 Parking: Two (2) parking spaces per unit shall be provided on-site.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 5: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To see if the Town will amend Section XVII. Board of Adjustment, Subsections 17.3 Rules, 17.5 Applications, and 17.8 Scope of Review by deleting the stricken text and adding the following underlined language to read as follows:

17.3 RULES

The Board of Adjustment shall adopt rules and regulations governing meetings, hearings, fees, enforcement of this Section, and other matters for the proper functioning of the Board. The Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure and shall keep a record of its

proceedings showing the vote, indicating such fact and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions. Every rule or regulation, every amendment or repeal thereof, and every order, requirement, decision or determination of the Board shall immediately be filed in the office of the Board and become a matter of public record.

17.5 APPLICATIONS

Applications appealing an administrative decision, seeking a special exception, requesting a variance, or equitable waiver shall be in writing, shall be signed by the property owner/applicant, shall be accompanied by such fees as the Board deems necessary to defray its costs in processing

17.8 SCOPE OF REVIEW

~~The Board of Adjustment shall hear and decide appeals de novo from the decisions or orders of the Building Inspector and/or Code Enforcement Officer, requests for special exceptions as provided for in this Ordinance, and requests for variances to the terms of this Ordinance in accordance with the provisions delineated herein. (Rev. 3/95)~~

In accord with state law the ZBA shall hear and decide applications for Special Exceptions from the terms of this ordinance, Variance applications for as allowed by this ordinance, appeals of decisions of an administrative official regarding the enforcement of this ordinance, applications for Equitable Waivers of dimensional requirements (current statutory reference: RSA 674:33-a), appeals of Planning Board decisions based on this ordinance (current statutory reference: RSA 676:5), and such other matters as are allowed by law.

17.8.1 Administrative Appeals:

The Board shall hear and decide appeals from the decisions or orders of the Building Inspector and/or Code Enforcement Officer concerning administration or enforcement of this Ordinance. Such appeal shall be filed within seven (7) days of the order with the Code Enforcement Officer from whom the appeal is taken and with the Board of Adjustment a notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof. Applications for appeal of a decision of the Planning Board must be filed within thirty (30) days from the issuance of the decision. The Code Enforcement Officer shall forthwith transmit to the Board all the papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken.

17.8.2 Special Exceptions:

~~The Board shall hear and decide requests for special exceptions provided for in this Ordinance. The Board shall grant requests for special exceptions which are in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Ordinance and meet the standards of this Subsection. Appropriate conditions as set forth in Subsection 17.8.2.b. may be placed on special exception approvals when necessary. The Board shall deny requests for special exceptions that do not meet the standards of this Section.~~

- a. The Board shall hear and decide requests for special exceptions provided for in this Ordinance. The Board shall grant requests for special exceptions which are in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Ordinance and meet the standards of this Subsection. Appropriate conditions as set forth in Subsection 17.8.2.d. may be placed on special exception approvals when necessary. The Board

shall deny requests for special exceptions that do not meet the standards of this Section.

b. The Board of Adjustment may refer an application for a special exception to the Planning Board for an advisory opinion. If requested, the applicant shall appear before the Planning Board for a non-binding, preliminary consultation. The public meeting would be limited to providing guidance on the impact of special exception upon the character of the neighborhood and specific questions related to site development.

c. Special Exception: shall meet the following standards:

- i. Standards provided by this Ordinance for the particular use permitted by special exception;
- ii. No hazard to the public or adjacent property on account of potential fire, explosion, or release of toxic materials;
- iii. No detriment to property values in the vicinity or change in the essential characteristics of a residential neighborhood on account of the location or scale of buildings and other structures, parking area, access ways, odor, smoke, gas, dust, or other pollutant, noise, glare, heat, vibration, or unsightly outdoor storage of equipment, vehicles or other materials;
- iv. No creation of a traffic safety hazard or a substantial increase in the level of traffic congestion in the vicinity;
- v. No excessive demand on municipal services, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, waste disposal, police and fire protection, and schools;
- vi. No significant increase of storm water runoff onto adjacent property or streets.

d. Special Exception Approvals: may be subject to appropriate conditions including the following:

- i. Front, side, or rear yards in excess of the minimum requirements of this Ordinance;
- ii. Screening of the premises from the street or adjacent property by walls, fences, or other devices;
- iii. Modification of the exterior features or buildings or other structures;
- iv. Reasonable limitations on the number of occupants and methods and times of operation;
- v. Grading of the premises for proper drainage;
- vi. Regulation of design of access drives, sidewalks, and other traffic features;
- vii. Regulation of the number, size, and lighting of signs more stringent than the requirements of this Ordinance.

And in connection therewith, insert new Subsection 17.11 Duration of Approval to read as follows:

17.11 DURATION OF APPROVAL

All variances and special exceptions granted by the Board of Adjustment shall be valid for a period of two (2) years after the date of the decision of the Board of Adjustment; provided, however, that once substantial compliance with said decision has occurred or substantial completion of the improvements allowed by said decision has occurred, the rights of the owner or his successor in interest shall vest and no subsequent changes in subdivision regulations or zoning ordinances shall operate to affect such decision. In the event that at the expiration of such two-year period substantial compliance with said decision or substantial completion of the improvements allowed by said decision has not been undertaken, said decision shall be null and void.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section XVIII. Floodplain Management District (Overlay), Subsections 18.1 Definitions in its entirety by deleting the stricken text, inserting the following underlined language, and renumbering accordingly:

Section XVIII. Floodplain Management District (Overlay):

18.1 DEFINITIONS

- 18.1.1 Area of Special Flood Hazard: is the land in the floodplain within Stratham subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The area may be designated on the FIRM as zones A and AE.
- 18.1.2 Base Flood: means the flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.
- 18.1.3 Base Flood Elevation: means the water surface elevation having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.
- 18.1.4 ~~18.1.3~~ Basement: means any area of the building having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides.
- 18.1.4 ~~Breakaway Wall: means a wall that is not part of the structural support of the building and is intended through its design and construction to collapse under specific lateral loading forces without causing damage to the elevated portion of the building or supporting foundation.~~
- 18.1.5 Building: (see Structure, Section 18.1.28).
- 18.1.6 Building Inspector: means the Town Building Inspector or his agent.
- 18.1.7 Development: means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.

- 18.1.8 FEMA: means the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- 18.1.9 Flood or Flooding: means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:
- a. The overflow of inland or tidal water.
 - b. The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.
- 18.1.10 Flood Elevation Study: means an examination, evaluation, and determination of flood hazards and, if appropriate, corresponding water surface elevations, or an examination, evaluation and determination of mudslide (i.e., mudflow) and/or flood-related erosion hazards.
- 18.1.11 Flood Insurance Rate Map: (FIRM) means an official map of a community, on which FEMA has delineated both the special flood hazard areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.
- 18.1.12 Flood Insurance Study: (see Flood Elevation Study, Section 18.1.10).
- 18.1.13 Floodplain or Flood-Prone Area: means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source. See definition of Flooding (18.1.9).
- 18.1.14 Floodproofing: means any combination of structural and non-structural additions, changes or adjustments to structures which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities, structures and their contents.
- 18.1.15 Floodway: see Regulatory Floodway (18.1.24).
- 18.1.16 Functional Dependent Use: means a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking and port facilities that are necessary for the loading/unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building/repair facilities but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.
- 18.1.17 Highest Adjacent Grade: means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls of a structure.
- 18.1.18 Historic Structure: means a structure that is:
- a. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
 - b. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
 - c. Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or:

- d. Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
 - i. By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, or:
 - ii. Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.
- 18.1.19 Lowest Floor: means the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed areas (including basement). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building's lowest floor; provided, that such enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of this Ordinance.
- 18.1.20 Manufactured Home: means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. For floodplain management purposes, the term "manufactured home" also includes park trailers, travel trailers, and other similar vehicles placed on a site for greater than 180 consecutive days. This includes manufactured homes located in a manufactured home park or subdivision.
- 18.1.21 Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision: means a parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.
- 18.1.22 ~~18.1.21~~ Mean Sea Level: means, for purposes of the National Flood Insurance Program, the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, North American Vertical Datum of 1988, or other datum, to which base flood elevations shown on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map are referenced.
- 18.1.23 New construction: means, for the purposes of determining insurance rates, structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of an initial FIRM or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later, and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures. For floodplain management purposes, new construction means structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of a floodplain management regulation adopted by a community and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.
- ~~18.1.22 100 Year Flood: (see Base Flood, Section 18.1.2).~~
- 18.1.24 ~~18.1.23~~ Recreational Vehicle: means a vehicle which is (i) built on a single chassis, (ii) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection; (iii) designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and (iv) designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal uses. (Rev. 3/94)
- 18.1.25 ~~18.1.24~~ Regulatory Floodway: means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood

without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot at any point a designated height. ~~These areas are designated as floodways on the Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps.~~

- 18.1.26 ~~18.1.25~~ Riverine: means relating to, formed by, or resembling a river (including tributaries), stream, brook, etc.
- 18.1.27 ~~18.1.26~~ Special Flood Hazard Area: means an area having special flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) and/or flood-related erosion hazards and shown on the FIRM as Zone A and AE. See Area of Special Flood Hazard (18.1.1).
- 18.1.28 ~~18.1.27~~ Start of Construction: includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure.
- 18.1.29 ~~18.1.28~~ Structure: means for floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home.
- 18.1.30 ~~18.1.29~~ Substantial Damage: means damage or any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.
- 18.1.31 ~~18.1.30~~ Substantial Improvement: means any combination of repairs, reconstruction, alteration, or improvements to a structure in which the cumulative cost equals or exceeds fifty percent of the market value of the structure. The market value of the structure should be:
- a. The appraised value of the structure prior to the start of the initial repair or improvement, or:
 - b. In the case of damage, the value of the structure prior to the damage occurring. For purposes of this definition, "substantial improvement" is considered to occur when the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of the building commences, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the structure. This term includes structures which have incurred substantial damage, regardless of actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include any project for improvement of a structure required to comply with existing health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which are solely necessary to assure safe living conditions or any alteration of a structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places, provided that the

alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a 'historic structure'.

18.1.32 Violation: means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's flood plain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required under this ordinance is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

18.1.33 ~~18.1.32~~ Water Surface Elevation: means the height, in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, *North American Vertical Datum of 1988*, (or other datum, where specified) of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains of coastal or riverine areas.

And in connection therewith, amend Subsections 18.3 Design Criteria, 18.4 Sewer Design, 18.7 Watercourses, and 18.8 District Boundaries And Design by deleting the stricken text and adding the following underlined language.

18.3 DESIGN CRITERIA

The Building Inspector shall review all building permit applications for new construction or substantial improvements to determine whether proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. If a proposed building site is in a ~~flood prone~~ special flood hazard area, all new construction and substantial improvements shall:

- a. Be designed (or modified) and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy;
- b. Be constructed with materials resistant to flood damage;
- c. Be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage; and
- d. Be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.

18.4 SEWER DESIGN

Where new and replacement water sewer systems (including on-site systems) are proposed in ~~flood-prone area~~ a special flood hazard area, the applicant shall provide the Building Inspector with assurance that new and replacement sanitary sewage systems will be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters, and on-site waste disposal systems will be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during periods of flooding.

18.7 WATERCOURSES

18.7.1 In ~~reverse-riverine~~ situations, prior to the alteration or relocation of a watercourse, the applicant for such authorization shall notify the Wetlands Bureau of the New Hampshire Environmental Services Department and submit copies of such notification to the Building Inspector. Further, the applicant shall be required to submit copies of said notification to those adjacent communities as determined by the Building Inspector.

18.7.2 Within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse, the applicant shall submit to the Building Inspector, certification provided by a registered professional engineer assuring that the flood carrying capacity of the watercourse has been maintained.

18.7.3 The Building Inspector shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any floodway data available from Federal, State, or other sources as criteria for requiring that all development located in Zone A meet the following floodway requirement:

"No encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development are allowed within the floodway that would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the base flood discharge."

~~18.7.3 Along watercourses that have a designated Regulatory Floodway, no encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development are allowed within the designated Regulatory Floodway that would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the base flood discharge. In Zone A, the Building Inspector shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other source as criteria for requiring that development meet the floodway requirements of this section.~~

18.7.4 Along watercourses that have not had a Regulatory Floodway designated, no new construction, substantial improvements or other development (including fill) shall be permitted within ~~Zone A1-30 and~~ Zone AE on the FIRM, unless it is demonstrated that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any point within the community.

18.8 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND DESIGN

18.8.1 In special flood hazard areas, the Building Inspector shall determine the ~~400-year~~ base flood elevations. The Building Inspector may require a registered New Hampshire surveyor to delineate the ~~400-year~~ base flood zone, certified in writing. Flood elevations shall be determined in the following order of precedence according to the data available:

- a. In Zone AE, refer to the base flood elevation provided in the community's Flood Insurance Study and accompanying FIRM ~~or FHB~~;
- b. ~~In unnumbered A zones~~ In Zone A, the Building Inspector shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any ~~400-year~~ base flood elevation data available from Federal, State, development proposals submitted to the community (example: subdivisions, site approvals, etc.) or other source.

- c. In Zone A where the base flood elevation is not available, the base flood elevation shall be at least two feet above the highest adjacent grade.

18.8.2 The Building Inspector's ~~100-year~~ base flood elevation determination will be used as criteria for requiring in Zones AE and A that:

- a. All new construction and substantial improvements of residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the ~~100-year~~ base flood elevation;
- b. That all new construction and substantial improvements of non-residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the ~~100-year~~ base flood level; or together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities shall:
 - i. Be flood proofed so that below the ~~100-year~~ base flood elevation the structure is watertight with the walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water;
 - ii. Have structural components capable of resisting hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads and the effects of buoyancy; and
 - iii. Be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the provisions of this section;
- c. All manufactured homes to be placed or substantially improved within special flood hazard areas shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is at or above the base flood ~~level~~ elevation; and be securely anchored to resist flotation, collapse, or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This requirement is in addition to applicable State and local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces;
- d. For all new construction and substantial improvements, fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are subject to flooding are permitted providing the enclosed areas meet the following requirements:
 - i. The enclosed area is unfinished or flood resistant, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or storage;
 - ii. The area is not a basement;
 - iii. The area shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters.

Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or must meet or exceed the following minimum criteria: a minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade.

Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

- e. All recreational vehicles placed on sites within Zones A and AE shall either:
 - i. Be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days;
 - ii. Be fully licensed and ready for highway use; or
 - iii. Meet all standards of ~~Section 60.3 (b) (1) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations~~ Section 18.2 and the elevation and anchoring requirements for “manufactured homes” in paragraph (c) of Section 18.8.2

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section V. Supplementary Regulations, Subsections 5.1.2 Expansion of Non-Conforming Uses and 5.1.3 Non-Conforming Structures by inserting the following underlined language to read as follows:

SECTION V: SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

5.1 NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES AND USES: (REV. 15)

5.1.2 Expansion of Non-Conforming Uses:

Except as noted below, an expansion of a non-conforming use is prohibited except by variance by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

A variance is not required if the expansion is a natural expansion which does not change the nature of the use, does not make the property proportionately less adequate, and does not have a substantially different impact on the neighborhood.

A variance is not required for an expansion of a non-conforming use within the Gateway Commercial Business District or Town Center District provided that the total area utilized for the expansion of the non-conforming use does not exceed 10% of the area legally utilized as of the date the use became non-conforming.

5.1.3 Expansion of Non-Conforming Structures:

Non-conforming structures may be expanded in accordance with the terms of a Special exception issued by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. A special exception is not required for an expansion of a non-conforming structure within the Gateway Commercial Business District or Town Center District provided that the footprint utilized for the expansion of the non-conforming structure does not exceed 20% of the gross floor area of the existing structure legally utilized as of the date the structure became non-conforming up to a maximum of 5,000 square feet, does not violate dimensional requirements, and must be an accessory or ancillary use and be attached to the existing non-conforming structure.

The Board must find the following factors to exist before issuing such a special exception:.....

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 8: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section III. Section 3.8 Gateway Commercial Business District, Subsection 3.8.8 Development of Standards, Table a. Permitted Uses By Zone by deleting the stricken text and inserting the following underlined language.

Type of Use	Central Zone	Outer Zone	Open Space Zone
Agriculture and Forestry <u>Agriculture, Farming & Forestry Uses</u>	<p><u>Permitted¹</u> <u>Agriculture, horticulture, and floriculture, crop production, greenhouse, community gardening, farmers markets, agritourism.</u></p> <p>By Conditional Use Permit Agriculture (crop productions); forestry; community gardening; <u>Includes farming consisting of dairying, livestock, raising of animals and poultry; customary accessory uses; forestry (tree farming, commercial timbering, non-commercial harvesting of forest products)</u></p>	<p>Permitted¹ <u>Agriculture, horticulture, and floriculture, crop production, greenhouse, community gardening, farmers markets, agritourism, farming consisting of dairying, livestock, raising of animals and poultry; customary accessory uses; forestry (tree farming, commercial timbering, non-commercial harvesting of forest products)</u></p> <p><u>Includes farming (dairying, livestock, raising of animals and poultry; crop production); customary accessory uses;; forestry (tree farming, commercial timbering, non-commercial harvesting of forestry products); community gardening.</u></p>	See Footnote

And in connection therewith, amend Section 3.8 Gateway Commercial Business District, Subsection 3.8.8 Development of Standards And Table a. Permitted Uses By Zone, by inserting Footnote 1 and renumbering accordingly to read as follows:

1.-Expansion of existing agriculture, horticulture, and floriculture, and crop production uses shall be treated as a minor site plan review by the Planning Board and not require a conditional use permit under this section.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

 THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL, 39 GIFFORD FARM ROAD, STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

ARTICLE 9: – To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Five Million Nine Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Three Dollars and no cents (\$5,969,553.00) to defray general town charges for the ensuing year.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 10: – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Five Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$1,537,500.00) to implement the Capital Improvements Program for 2015 as presented in the Town Report and approved by the Planning Board. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI).

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 11: – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$175,000.00) together with other funds to purchase a conservation easement on land currently own by David and Jeanne Short located at 18R Scamman Road (Tax Map 18 Lots 45 and 46), and to further authorize the Selectmen and Conservation Commission to act on behalf of the Town in connection with this acquisition per RSA 36-A. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI).

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 12: – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, by special warrant article, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of defraying the costs associated with the observance of the Town’s 300th Anniversary in 2016. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until this purpose has been fulfilled, but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI).

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by a vote of two for and one against.

ARTICLE 13: – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$25,000.00) to be deposited into the “Town Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund” as created by the March 16, 2012 Town Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 14: – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Nine Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$59,000.00) for the following purposes:

2015 EMS/EMT/First Responder Training	\$14,000.00
2015 ALS Services Contract	\$10,000.00
2015 Purchase of 2 replacement stretchers	\$35,000.00

and to further authorize the withdrawal of Fifty Nine Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$59,000.00) from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund created for these purposes during the March 17, 2000 Annual Town Meeting and as amended during the March 11, 2005 Town Meeting. No additional funds from general taxation are to be used.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 15: – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$10,000.00) to be deposited into the “Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund” as created by the March 16, 2007 Town Meeting to meet the currently unfunded obligations of the Town.

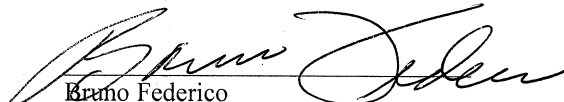
The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.


ARTICLE 16: – To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-third day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.

Selectmen of Stratham, NH

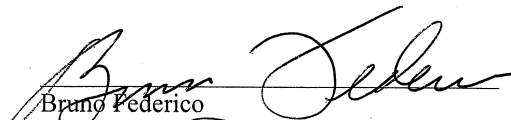

David Canada



Bruno Federico


Timothy Copeland

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:


David Canada


Bruno Federico


Timothy Copeland

TOWN BUDGET

	2015 PROPOSED
Executive	\$198,446
Election & Registration	\$6,650
Financial Administration	\$436,151
Legal Expenses	\$30,000
Personnel Administration	\$957,617
Planning & Zoning	\$253,908
General Government Buildings	\$179,870
Cemeteries	\$38,150
Insurances	\$92,377
Police	\$963,730
Fire	\$238,580
Emergency Management	\$24,180
Emergency Dispatch Services	\$1,000
Highways & Streets	\$821,466
Street Lighting	\$8,500
Solid Waste Management	\$622,919
Public Works Commission	\$18,400
Animal Control	\$600
Pest Control	\$62,500
Public Service Agencies	\$39,026
Direct Assistance	\$20,000
Parks	\$88,398
Recreation	\$141,551
Library	\$407,331
Patriotic Purposes	\$2,200
Conservation Commission	\$2,500
Heritage Commission	\$3,750
300th Anniversary Committee	\$5,000
Economic Development	\$6,250
Town Center Revitalization Committee	\$5,200
Energy Commission	\$1,500
Interest on Debt	\$291,803
Total Appropriation	\$5,969,553

Board of Selectmen:

David Canada, Chair
Bruno Federico
Timothy Copeland

Budget Advisory Committee:

Garrett Dolan
Steven Doyle
Tracey McGrail
June Sawyer
Travis Thompson

STRATHAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM—REQUESTS—PROJECT SUMMARY IN \$000'S
AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2015

TOWN PROJECT TITLE/DEPARTMENT	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
General Government:						
Land Conservation Fund		25	25	25	25	25
Town Office Computer Replacement Plan	5	5	5	5	5	5
Municipal Center top coat of paving	55					
Town Center Grant Match & Improvements	25	25	25	25	25	25
Revelation expenses	20	20	20	20	20	20
Municipal Center HVAC replacement	9	9	9			
Protection of Persons/Property:						
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve Fund	12	126	126	114	114	114
Fire Dept. Computer Replacement Program	6.5					
Radio Communications Capital Reserve Fund	5	5	5	5	5	5
Public Safety Complex (debt service, principal)	250	250	250	250	250	250
Gifford Property (debt service, principal)	14					
Conservation Firehouse (debt service, principal)	225	225	225	225	225	225
Conservation Easement (debt service, principal)	120	120	120	120	120	120
Cushman-Bartlett Property (debt service, principal)	100	100	100	100		
Police computer replacement program	5	5	5	5	5	5
Police Station Trim Replacement	58.5					
Public Works and Highways:						
Highway Vehicle/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	50	50	50	50	50	50
Bunker Hill & Portsmouth Ave. Intersection Improvements			525			
Winnicut Rd. & Portsmouth Ave. Intersection Improvements				450		
Road Reconstruction Program	270	270	270	270	270	270
Mower					13	
Insulating Highway Garage		55				
Water and Sewer Infrastructure, Planning, & study	125	125	50	50	50	50
PWC Environmental Grant Match	20	20	20	20	20	20
Fuel Dispensing System Replacement	25					
All Wheel Steer Loader	87.5					
Cultural and Recreational Activities:						
Playing Field Improvements/Future Community Center		250	250	250	250	250
Facility Improvements at SHP	29	5	5	5	5	5
SHP Parking lot Replacement	10	10	10			
Tennis Court Maintenance				5.5		
Mower				13		
Stevens Park parking lot crack sealing	4.5					
Library computer replacement program	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Totals For Town Appropriations	1,537.5	1,706.5	2,101.5	2,014.0	1,458.5	1,445.5

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

EXPENSES:	2014 APPROPRIATION	2014 ACTUAL	2015 PROPOSED
Executive	\$187,538	\$184,219	\$198,446
Election & Registration	\$9,525	\$9,920	\$6,650
Financial Administration	\$423,252	\$418,086	\$436,151
Legal Expenses	\$40,000	\$12,845	\$30,000
Personnel Administration	\$939,164	\$811,186	\$957,617
Planning & Zoning	\$251,604	\$225,539	\$253,908
General Government Buildings	\$150,121	\$136,978	\$179,870
Cemeteries	\$39,700	\$42,013	\$38,150
Insurances	\$90,320	\$80,660	\$92,377
Police	\$927,116	\$907,470	\$963,730
Fire	\$159,151	\$147,866	\$238,580
Emergency Management	\$20,020	\$24,648	\$24,180
Emergency Dispatch Communicator	\$1,000	\$830	\$1,000
Highways	\$821,972	\$761,079	\$821,466
Street Lighting	\$8,000	\$8,248	\$8,500
Solid Waste Management	\$621,792	\$605,609	\$622,919
Public Works Commission	\$35,700	\$0	\$18,400
Animal Control	\$600	\$150	\$600
Pest Control	\$62,500	\$62,000	\$62,500
Public Service Agencies	\$47,526	\$45,026	\$39,026
Direct Assistance	\$25,000	\$8,468	\$20,000
Parks	\$86,610	\$85,757	\$88,398
Recreation	\$122,501	\$119,135	\$141,551
Library	\$392,889	\$391,039	\$407,331
Patriotic Purposes	\$2,000	\$2,063	\$2,200
Conservation Commission	\$2,500	\$2,040	\$2,500
Heritage Commission	\$6,450	\$2,652	\$3,750
300th Anniversary Committee	\$5,000	\$5,028	\$5,000
Economic Development	\$5,250	\$953	\$6,250
Town Center Revitalization Comm.	\$6,200	\$6,142	\$5,200
Energy Commission	\$1,500	\$213	\$1,500
Interest on Debt	\$316,654	\$316,446	\$291,803
Total Appropriations	<u>\$5,809,155</u>	<u>\$5,424,308</u>	<u>\$5,969,553</u>

REVENUES:

Interest & Penalties on Taxes	\$90,000	\$102,790	\$90,000
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$1,350,000	\$1,488,636	\$1,400,000
Business Licenses & Permits	\$32,100	\$34,901	\$32,000
Cable TV Franchise Fee	\$138,220	\$187,242	\$150,000
Yield/Excavation Tax	\$100	\$3,301	\$200
Income From Departments	\$340,103	\$379,661	\$299,180
Rent of Town Property	\$52,200	\$58,701	\$52,200
Sale of Town Property	\$11,000	\$27,994	\$10,000
Highway Block Grant	\$146,161	\$148,251	\$148,351
Rooms & Meals	\$323,575	\$350,975	\$350,975
Interest on Investments	\$1,000	\$7,160	\$3,000
Reimbursements	\$10,000	\$60,060	\$20,000
Trust & Agency Funds	\$5,600	\$7,054	\$6,000
Total Revenues	<u>\$2,500,059</u>	<u>\$2,856,726</u>	<u>\$2,561,906</u>

TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR

2014 was a very busy year in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. We had three elections with the State General Election having over a 61% turnout. Our numbers also continue to increase in the number of motor vehicle and boat registrations, as well as dog licenses that are processed, both on-line and at the counter.

We have taken credit card payments for motor vehicles, dogs, and vital records since 2012, and the percentage of residents who pay by credit card continues to increase each year. We now also offer our residents the choice of paying their property tax bills by credit card or ACH, (electronic check). This became effective January 1st.

The courtesy car registration renewal notices are no longer being mailed but are being sent via email. The new policy of reminder notices via email will save the Town money in postage, paper, envelopes, and toner while still giving notice to our residents. If we don't have your email address yet, please send it to: jcharbonneau@strathamnh.gov.

Our priority is to continue to give outstanding customer service while taking advantage of the latest technology. In doing so, we can keep our costs in line, and offer our customers multiple options when processing their transactions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce L. Charbonneau, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE:	\$450.00
MOTOR VEHICLE FEES - TOWN	\$1,488,784.90
MUNICIPAL AGENT FEES - MV	\$27,216.00
BOAT REGISTRATION FEES	\$3,464.76
BOAT MUNICIPAL AGENT FEES	\$1,055.00
TITLE FEES	\$3,308.00
U.C.C. FILINGS	\$1,740.00
VITAL RECORDS - TOWN	\$1,517.00
VITAL RECORDS - STATE	\$2,578.00
DOG LICENSES - TOWN	\$5,384.50
DOG LICENSES - STATE	\$3,118.50
DOG FINES	\$1,473.00
WETLAND APPLICATION FILING FEES	\$10.00
COPIES	\$148.00
MISC. TOWN CLERK FEES	\$55.00
TOTAL TOWN CLERK FUNDS COLLECTED	\$1,539,852.66
COLLECTED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS	\$69,418.00
REMITTED TO TREASURER	\$1,609,270.66
ENDING CASH BALANCE:	\$450.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Joyce L. Charbonneau
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014**

		<u>DEBITS</u>			
	Levies of.....			
UNCOLLECTED TAXES--		2014	2013	2012	2011
Beginning of Fiscal Year: 2014					
Property Taxes		\$0.00	\$1,083,273.49	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Current Year Tax Credits		(\$54,176.10)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:					
Property Taxes		\$24,138,563.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes		\$171,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes		\$3,301.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS:					
Overpayments/Credits Refunded		\$54,176.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes		\$9,767.60	\$40,572.20	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL DEBITS:		\$24,322,632.00	\$1,123,845.69	\$0.00	\$0.00
		<u>CREDITS</u>			
REMITTED TO TREASURER:					
Property Taxes		\$23,241,620.07	\$788,922.11	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes		\$159,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes		\$3,301.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest		\$9,767.60	\$40,572.20	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Converted to Liens (Principal only)		\$0.00	\$294,351.38	\$0.00	\$0.00
ABATEMENTS MADE:					
Property Taxes		\$1,325.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes		\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Timber Yield Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UNCOLLECTED TAXES--					
End of Fiscal Year: 2014					
Property Taxes		\$895,617.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS:		\$24,322,632.00	\$1,123,845.69	\$0.00	\$0.00

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

DEBITS

Tax Liens on Acc't of Levies.....		
	2013	2012	2011+
Balance of Unredeemed Liens:			
Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$0.00	\$187,486.20	\$56,986.35
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$316,487.07	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$11,871.03	\$20,209.51	\$20,373.92
TOTAL DEBITS	\$328,358.10	\$207,695.71	\$77,360.27

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:

Redemptions	\$181,481.10	\$89,523.12	\$56,986.35
Interest/Costs Collected	\$11,871.03	\$20,209.51	\$20,373.92
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	\$0.00	\$1,062.87	\$0.00
Liens Deeded To Town	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance of Unredeemed Liens:	\$135,005.97	\$96,900.21	\$0.00
End of Fiscal Year			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$328,358.10	\$207,695.71	\$77,360.27

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT 2014

RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR

2014 Property Tax & Interest	\$23,251,383.11
2013 Property Tax & Interest	\$233,924.33
Prior Year Tax Redemptions & Interest	\$187,092.90
Current Use Land Change & Interest	\$159,500.00
Railroad Tax	\$0.00
Yield Tax & Interest (Timber Cutting)	\$3,305.96
Subtotal	\$23,835,206.30

RECEIVED FROM TOWN CLERK

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$1,488,635.70
Municipal Agent Fees	\$27,216.00
Titles	\$3,308.00
Vital Records	\$1,517.00
UCC Filings & Certificates	\$1,740.00
Dog Licenses & Fines	\$6,857.50
Boat Fees	\$4,519.76
Wetlands Permits	\$10.00
Filing and Other Fees	\$55.00
Subtotal	\$1,533,858.96

RECEIVED FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES

NH. Revenue Sharing Block Grant	\$0.00
NH. Highway Block Grant	\$148,250.61
NH. Rooms & Meals Tax	\$350,974.84
Misc. Grants	\$0.00
OEM Drill Reimbursement	\$23,155.50
Subtotal	\$522,380.95

RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES

Interest Income	\$7,160.16
Fines & Forfeitures	\$2,425.00
Building Permits	\$228,012.43
Transfer Station Permits	\$3,040.00
Transfer Station Fees	\$42,748.00
Planning Board Fees	\$8,118.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment Fees	\$4,461.25
Police Department Reports	\$6,152.65
Recreation Programs	\$7,520.00
Recreation Summer Camp	\$15,990.17
Recreation Programming Assistant Payroll Reimb.	\$1,411.50
Rent of Town Property	\$58,701.25
Sale of Town Property	\$12,599.27
Sale of Cemetery & Cremation Lots	\$12,950.00
Grave Excavation Fees	\$7,150.00
Cable TV Franchise	\$187,241.64

Recycling Program	\$8,482.45
Insurance Reimbursements	\$26,885.53
Reimbursement for Plan Review	\$6,271.75
NHMMMA Fellowship Payroll Reimbursement	\$3,907.70
Unitil Municipal Rebate Program	\$11,923.99
School Resource Officer	\$30,000.00
Overpayments and Other Reimbursements	\$17,342.72
Subtotal	\$710,495.46
<u>RECEIVED FROM SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>	
Transfer from Trustees of the Trust Funds	\$7,054.31
Subtotal	\$7,054.31
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2014</u>	<u>\$26,608,995.98</u>
<u>FISCAL YEAR 2013 TRANSACTIONS</u>	
Cash on Hand January 1, 2014	\$9,649,033.47
Total Receipts for 2014	\$26,608,995.98
Safety Complex Bond Principle & Interest	-\$358,438.00
Scamman Conservation Easement Principle & Interest	-\$189,178.00
Fire House & Conservation Bond Principle & Interest	-\$355,190.00
Gifford Property Principal & Interest	-\$15,297.00
Cushman Property Principle	-\$107,343.00
Debt Service Interest	\$0.00
Paid on Selectmen's Orders	-\$25,029,277.33
Trustees of the Trust Funds	-\$267,350.00
<u>BALANCE ON HAND DEC. 31, 2014</u>	<u>\$9,935,956.12</u>
<u>OTHER ASSETS IN HANDS OF TREASURER</u>	
Police Detail Account	\$63,793.78
Road & Other Bonds	\$551,821.85
Payroll Account	\$8,294.00
Gifford House Security Deposit	\$2,100.96
Foss Property Security Deposit	\$1,797.42
Park Cottage Security Deposit	\$951.10
Stratham Hill Park Revolving Fund	\$33,443.36
Stratham Hill Park Association (transferred to Rec. Rev)	\$0.00
Stratham Hill Park Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$3,932.06
Fire Department E.M.S. Fund	\$303,812.17
Fire Protection Fund	\$46,475.36
Heritage Fund/300th Anniversary Committee	\$26,071.13
Recreation Revolving Fund	\$96,101.32
Cemetery Land Fund	\$3,081.65
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$5,051.52
Petty Cash (Town Clerk/Finance)	\$650.00
<u>TOTAL ALL OTHER ASSETS</u>	<u>\$1,147,377.68</u>

OUTSTANDING SHORT TERM NOTES

Bond Anticipation Note: **\$0.00**

SUMMARY OF SAFETY COMPLEX BONDED DEBT

Safety Complex General Obligation Bond: **\$5,000,000.00**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>			<u>Outstanding Debt</u>
<u>Ending</u>	<u>Principal Payment</u>	<u>Interest Payment</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>Dec. 31st</u>			
2004		\$104,270.83	\$5,000,000.00
2005	\$250,000.00	\$175,625.00	\$4,750,000.00
2006	\$250,000.00	\$169,375.00	\$4,500,000.00
2007	\$250,000.00	\$163,125.00	\$4,250,000.00
2008	\$250,000.00	\$156,875.00	\$4,000,000.00
2009	\$250,000.00	\$150,312.50	\$3,750,000.00
2010	\$250,000.00	\$143,125.00	\$3,500,000.00
2011	\$250,000.00	\$135,312.50	\$3,250,000.00
2012	\$250,000.00	\$126,875.00	\$3,000,000.00
2013	\$250,000.00	\$117,812.50	\$2,750,000.00
2014	\$250,000.00	\$108,437.50	\$2,500,000.00
2015	\$250,000.00	\$99,062.50	\$2,250,000.00
2016	\$250,000.00	\$89,375.00	\$2,000,000.00
2017	\$250,000.00	\$79,375.00	\$1,750,000.00
2018	\$250,000.00	\$69,062.50	\$1,500,000.00
2019	\$250,000.00	\$58,437.50	\$1,250,000.00
2020	\$250,000.00	\$47,812.50	\$1,000,000.00
2021	\$250,000.00	\$37,187.50	\$750,000.00
2022	\$250,000.00	\$26,562.50	\$500,000.00
2023	\$250,000.00	\$15,937.50	\$250,000.00
2024	\$250,000.00	\$5,312.50	\$0.00

SUMMARY OF GIFFORD HOUSE BONDED DEBT

Gifford House Obligation Bond: **\$140,000.00**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>			<u>Outstanding Debt</u>
<u>Ending</u>	<u>Principal Payment</u>	<u>Interest Payment</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>12/31</u>			
2006	\$14,000.00	\$4,100.83	\$126,000.00
2007	\$14,000.00	\$5,985.00	\$112,000.00
2008	\$14,000.00	\$5,320.00	\$98,000.00
2009	\$14,000.00	\$4,655.00	\$84,000.00
2010	\$14,000.00	\$3,990.00	\$70,000.00
2011	\$14,000.00	\$3,325.00	\$56,000.00
2012	\$14,000.00	\$2,660.00	\$42,000.00
2013	\$14,000.00	\$1,995.00	\$28,000.00
2014	\$14,000.00	\$1,330.00	\$14,000.00
2015	\$14,000.00	\$665.00	\$0.00

SUMMARY OF FIRE HOUSE/CONSERVATION BONDED DEBT**Fire House/Conservation General Obligation Bond: \$4,444,000.00**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>			<u>Outstanding Debt</u>
<u>Ending</u>			
<u>Dec. 31st</u>	<u>Principal Payment</u>	<u>Interest Payment</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2008		\$103,922.29	\$4,444,000.00
2009	\$229,000.00	\$173,858.75	\$4,215,000.00
2010	\$225,000.00	\$165,346.25	\$3,990,000.00
2011	\$225,000.00	\$156,908.75	\$3,765,000.00
2012	\$225,000.00	\$148,190.00	\$3,540,000.00
2013	\$225,000.00	\$139,190.00	\$3,315,000.00
2014	\$225,000.00	\$130,190.00	\$3,090,000.00
2015	\$225,000.00	\$121,190.00	\$2,865,000.00
2016	\$225,000.00	\$112,190.00	\$2,640,000.00
2017	\$220,000.00	\$103,290.00	\$2,420,000.00
2018	\$220,000.00	\$94,490.00	\$2,200,000.00
2019	\$220,000.00	\$85,690.00	\$1,980,000.00
2020	\$220,000.00	\$76,890.00	\$1,760,000.00
2021	\$220,000.00	\$68,090.00	\$1,540,000.00
2022	\$220,000.00	\$59,290.00	\$1,320,000.00
2023	\$220,000.00	\$50,490.00	\$1,100,000.00
2024	\$220,000.00	\$41,580.00	\$880,000.00
2025	\$220,000.00	\$32,560.00	\$660,000.00
2026	\$220,000.00	\$23,375.00	\$440,000.00
2027	\$220,000.00	\$14,025.00	\$220,000.00
2028	\$220,000.00	\$4,675.00	\$0.00

SUMMARY OF CONSERVATION BOND DEBT**Conservation General Obligation Bond: \$2,375,000.00**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>			<u>Outstanding Debt</u>
<u>Ending</u>			
<u>Dec. 31st</u>	<u>Principal Payment</u>	<u>Interest Payment</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2012			\$2,375,000.00
2013		\$45,980.03	\$2,375,000.00
2014	\$120,000.00	\$69,177.50	\$2,255,000.00
2015	\$120,000.00	\$66,657.50	\$2,135,000.00
2016	\$120,000.00	\$63,537.50	\$2,015,000.00
2017	\$120,000.00	\$59,817.50	\$1,895,000.00
2018	\$120,000.00	\$56,697.50	\$1,775,000.00
2019	\$120,000.00	\$52,377.50	\$1,655,000.00
2020	\$120,000.00	\$47,457.50	\$1,535,000.00
2021	\$120,000.00	\$42,537.50	\$1,415,000.00
2022	\$120,000.00	\$36,417.50	\$1,295,000.00
2023	\$120,000.00	\$30,897.50	\$1,175,000.00
2024	\$120,000.00	\$27,177.50	\$1,055,000.00
2025	\$120,000.00	\$24,657.50	\$935,000.00
2026	\$120,000.00	\$22,062.50	\$815,000.00

2027	\$120,000.00	\$19,392.50	\$695,000.00
2028	\$120,000.00	\$16,647.50	\$575,000.00
2029	\$115,000.00	\$13,886.25	\$460,000.00
2030	\$115,000.00	\$11,040.00	\$345,000.00
2031	\$115,000.00	\$8,050.00	\$230,000.00
2032	\$115,000.00	\$5,060.00	\$115,000.00
2033	\$115,000.00	\$1,782.50	\$0.00

SUMMARY OF CUSHMAN PROPERTY BOND DEBT

Cushman Property General Obligation Bond: \$500,000.00

<u>Fiscal Year</u>			<u>Outstanding Debt</u>
<u>Ending</u>	<u>Principal Payment</u>	<u>Interest Payment</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>Dec. 31st</u>			
2013		\$4,045.23	\$500,000.00
2014	\$100,000.00	\$7,419.12	\$400,000.00
2015	\$100,000.00	\$5,773.48	\$300,000.00
2016	\$100,000.00	\$4,127.85	\$200,000.00
2017	\$100,000.00	\$2,482.22	\$100,000.00
2018	\$100,000.00	\$836.59	\$0.00

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Bronson
Town Treasurer

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
TOWN OF STRATHAM IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
CERTIFICATE (2014)**

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1. Valuation of land only:	Acres	Assessment
A. Current use (at c.u. value)	2,551.43	\$388,263
B. Conservation	47.53	\$1,178
C. Residential	5,184.52	\$320,221,400
D. Commercial/Industrial	451.45	\$64,214,000
E. Total of Taxable Land	8,234.93	\$384,824,841
F. Tax Exempt & Non Taxable	965.04	\$10,829,400
2. Value of Buildings only:		
A. Residential		\$701,216,327
B. Manufactured Housing		\$2,994,300
C. Commercial/Industrial		\$112,290,000
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement		\$46,648
E. Total of Taxable Buildings		\$816,547,275
F. Exempt & Non Taxable		\$51,544,125
3. Public Utilities:		
A. Gas		\$12,586,300
B. Electric		\$14,504,400
D. Other Utilities (water)		\$1,116,300
C. Total Utilities		\$28,207,000
4. Valuation before Exemptions:		\$1,229,579,116
5. Disabled Exemptions:		\$0
6. Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties		\$1,229,579,116
7. Blind Exemption (4)		\$60,000
8. Elderly Exemption (43)		\$3,681,900
9. Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$3,741,900
10. Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed		\$1,225,837,216
11. Less the Value of Utilities		(\$28,207,000)
12. Net Valuation without Utilities on which State Education Tax is Computed		\$1,197,630,216

TAX CREDITS:

Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty (\$2,000.): 14 \$28,000

Other war service credits (\$500.): 353 \$176,000

Total Number and Amount: 367 \$204,000

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Taxes Assessed for the Tax Year 2014

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Executive	\$187,538
Elections, Registration & Vital Statistics	\$9,525
Financial Administration	\$423,252
Revaluation of Property	\$25,000
Legal Expenses	\$40,000
Personnel Administration	\$1,038,357
Planning and Zoning	\$251,604
General Government Buildings	\$150,121
Cemeteries	\$39,700
Insurance	\$90,320

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police	\$927,006
Fire	\$188,151
Emergency Management	\$20,020
Emergency Communications	\$1,000

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:

Highway Department	\$821,972
Street Lighting	\$8,000
Public Works - Other	\$35,700

SANITATION:

Solid Waste Collection	\$621,792
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HEALTH:

Animal Control	\$600
Pest Control	\$62,500
Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$47,526

WELFARE:

Administration & Direct Assistance	\$25,000
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CULTURE AND RECREATION:

Parks & Recreation	\$209,110
Library	\$392,889
Patriotic purposes	\$2,000
Conservation Commission	\$1,500
Town Center Revitalization	\$6,200
Heritage Commission/300th Anniversary	\$13,950
Economic Development	\$5,250

DEBT SERVICE:

Tax Anticipation Note Interest	\$100
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Interest -Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$316,555
Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$709,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY:	
Capital Improvements	\$743,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	\$95,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	<u>\$7,509,238</u>

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES

TAXES:	
Yield Taxes	\$3,000
Excavation Taxes	\$0
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$94,500
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES:	
Business Licenses and Permits	\$32,100
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$1,400,000
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	\$148,500
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:	
Police Grant	\$0
FROM STATE:	
Shared Revenues	\$0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	\$350,975
Highway Block Grant	\$147,720
Other	\$0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:	
Income from Departments	\$340,000
Other Charges	\$22,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:	
Sale of Municipal Property	\$24,000
Interest on Investments	\$5,000
Rent of Town Property	\$52,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS:	
Trust and Agency Funds	\$5,600
Special Revenue Funds	\$29,000
Capital Reserve Funds	\$0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES:	<u>\$2,654,395</u>

GENERAL FUND BALANCE:	
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$1,931,910
Less Voted from "Surplus"	
Less Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes	\$731,910
Fund Balance - Retained	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS:	<u>\$3,386,305</u>

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
2014 TAX RATE COMPUTATION**

		<u>Tax Rates</u>	
		<u>TOWN PORTION</u>	
Appropriations	\$7,509,238		
Less: Revenues	(\$3,386,305)		
Less: Shared Revenues	\$0		
Add: Overlay	\$110,194		
Add: War Service Credits	\$204,000		
Net Town Appropriation/Approved			
Town Tax Effort	\$4,437,127		
Municipal Tax Rate			\$3.61
		<u>SCHOOL PORTION</u>	
Net Local School Budget	\$9,857,848		
Regional School Apportionment	\$10,499,610		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(\$1,714,596)		
Less: State Education Taxes	(\$2,956,810)		
Net School(s) Appropriation/			
Approved School Tax Effort	\$15,686,052		
Local School Tax Rate			\$12.80
State Education Tax Rate	\$2.480		
Times the Equalized Valuation			
(without utilities)	\$1,192,262,110		
State Education Tax			
Divided by the Local Assessed			
Valuation (without utilities)	\$1,197,630,216		
Localized State Education Tax Rate		\$2,956,810	\$2.47
		<u>COUNTY PORTION</u>	
Due to County	\$1,256,758		
Less: Shared Revenues	\$0		
Net County Appropriation/Approved			
County Tax Effort	\$1,256,758		\$1.03
County Tax Rate			
		<u>Combined Tax Rate</u>	
		\$19.91	
Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$24,336,747		
Less: War Service Credits	(\$204,000)		
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$24,132,747		
		<u>PROOF OF RATE</u>	
	Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	\$1,197,630,216	\$2.47	\$2,956,810
All Other Taxes	\$1,225,837,216	\$17.44	\$21,379,937
			\$24,336,747

EXPENDITURES

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Payroll	\$208,728.00
Training	\$600.00
Substance Abuse Testing	\$1,372.00
Meals	\$1,307.00
Uniforms	\$4,851.00
Paving & Road Construction	\$337,640.00
Rented Equipment	\$2,040.00
Culvert Pipe	\$985.00
New Equipment & Tools	\$2,620.00
Road Paint	\$6,425.00
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$41,349.00
Salt	\$79,966.00
Sand and Gravel	\$4,125.00
Telephone	\$2,462.00
Electricity	\$6,898.00
Gas & Oil	\$31,525.00
Heat	\$7,360.00
Building Maintenance	\$17,554.00
Computer Software Maintenance	\$1,417.00
Supplies	\$1,855.00
TOTAL	<u>\$761,079.00</u>

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Payroll	\$13,905.00
Solid Waste Collection & Disposal	\$526,298.00
Landfill Closure Annual	\$5,960.00
Materials and Supplies	\$2,774.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	\$1,827.00
Transfer Station	\$54,347.00
Electricity	\$499.00
TOTAL	<u>\$605,610.00</u>

CEMETERIES

Payroll	\$15,003.00
Ground Maintenance (& Road Repairs)	\$4,982.00
Excavation	\$1,730.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,278.00
New Equipment	\$285.00
Supplies	\$191.00
Computer Maintenance	\$494.00
Grave Markers	\$7,200.00
Transfer to Trust Funds (sale of lots)	\$10,850.00
TOTAL	<u>\$42,013.00</u>

EXPENDITURES (cont.)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Payroll	\$582,885.00
Police Part Time/OT	\$75,721.00
Police Holiday	\$18,564.00
Police payroll - Admin. Asst.	\$41,592.00
Police payroll - Prosecutor	\$36,416.00
Office supplies - Legal	\$1,482.00
Office Supplies	\$2,675.00
New Equipment	\$9,899.00
Prosecutors Expenses	\$1,445.00
Uniforms	\$7,179.00
Technical Support	\$12,202.00
Cruiser Lease	\$32,855.00
Gas and Oil	\$29,650.00
Repairs (Vehicle & Equipment)	\$13,841.00
Ballistics Donation Expense	\$6,829.00
Community Service Programs	\$642.00
Training	\$8,980.00
Special Response Team	\$2,500.00
Electricity	\$10,392.00
Heat	\$5,031.00
Telephone	\$5,377.00
Building Maintenance/Repair/Supply	\$8,142.00
TOTAL	<hr/> \$914,299.00

PARK

Payroll	\$43,494.00
Seasonal Payroll	\$9,252.00
Training	\$178.00
Office Supplies	\$396.00
Ground Maintenance	\$15,704.00
Electricity	\$3,032.00
Telephone (Cell phone reimburse.)	\$759.00
Supplies	\$1,345.00
Uniforms	\$896.00
Building Maintenance	\$5,717.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,504.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,400.00
New Equipment	\$80.00
TOTAL	<hr/> \$85,757.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES						
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2014						
		Receipts/	Total Amount	Expenditures	Unexpended	
Title of Appropriations	Appropriation	Reimbursements	Available		Balance	Overage
Executive	\$193,037	\$187,242	\$380,279	\$184,219	\$196,060	
Elections & Registrations	\$9,525		\$9,525	\$9,920		(\$395)
Financial Administration	\$423,252	\$439,159	\$862,411	\$418,086	\$444,325	
Legal Expenses	\$40,000		\$40,000	\$12,845	\$27,155	
Personnel Administration	\$1,038,247	\$60,293	\$1,098,540	\$819,027	\$279,513	
Planning and Zoning	\$251,605	\$246,863	\$498,468	\$225,539	\$272,929	
General Government Buildings	\$150,121	\$58,895	\$209,016	\$136,978	\$72,038	
Cemeteries	\$39,700	\$20,100	\$59,800	\$42,013	\$17,787	
Insurances	\$90,320		\$90,320	\$80,660	\$9,660	
Police Department	\$927,116	\$6,153	\$933,269	\$914,299	\$18,970	
Fire Department	\$159,150	\$290	\$159,440	\$147,866	\$11,574	
Emergency Management	\$20,020	\$23,156	\$43,176	\$10,168	\$33,008	
Emergency Dispatch Communication	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$830	\$170	
Highway Department	\$821,972	\$148,251	\$970,223	\$761,079	\$209,144	
Street Lighting	\$8,000		\$8,000	\$8,248		(\$248)
Waste Disposal	\$621,792	\$53,055	\$674,847	\$605,609	\$69,238	
Public Works Commission	\$35,700		\$35,700	\$0	\$35,700	
Animal Control	\$600	\$6,858	\$7,458	\$150	\$7,308	
Pest Control	\$62,500		\$62,500	\$62,000	\$500	
Public Service Agencies	\$45,026		\$45,026	\$45,026	\$0	
Direct Assistance	\$25,000		\$25,000	\$8,468	\$16,532	
Park	\$86,610		\$86,610	\$85,757	\$853	
Recreation	\$122,501	\$24,922	\$147,423	\$119,135	\$28,288	
Library	\$392,889		\$392,889	\$391,039	\$1,850	
Patriotic Purposes	\$2,000		\$2,000	\$2,063		(\$63)
Conservation Commission	\$2,500		\$2,500	\$2,040	\$460	
Heritage Commission	\$6,450		\$6,450	\$2,652	\$3,798	
300th Anniversary Committee	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$5,028		(\$28)
Economic Development Com.	\$5,250		\$5,250	\$953	\$4,297	
Town Center Revitalization	\$6,200		\$6,200	\$6,142	\$58	
Energy Commission	\$1,500		\$1,500	\$213	\$1,287	
Fines & Forfeitures		\$2,100	\$2,100	\$0	\$2,100	
Interest on Accounts		\$584	\$584	\$0	\$584	
Interest on Investments		\$6,901	\$6,901	\$0	\$6,901	
Principal & Int. on Long Term Debt	\$1,025,655		\$1,025,655	\$1,025,445	\$210	
TOTALS	\$6,620,238	\$1,284,821	\$7,905,059	\$6,133,497	\$1,772,296	(\$734)

YEARLY EARNINGS FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES - 2014

Allen, Deborah	\$82.80	Forest, Cantrece	\$5,117.00
Arnold, Sara L.	\$460.88	Fotheringham, Grant	\$70,204.69
Barnes, Terry W.	\$38,042.81	French, Bryan	\$929.83
Barr, David P.	\$682.50	Gallagher, Caren	\$175.00
Bibeau, Amanda	\$54,624.08	Gibney, Michele	\$11,199.28
Bronson, Deborah	\$3,000.00	Grahame, Michael	\$105.00
Call, James C.	\$76,594.03	Grella, Stacey J	\$47,774.32
Canada, David	\$3,000.00	Guida, Jack	\$1,323.13
Carbone, Marisa	\$1,433.88	Hall, Derrick	\$87.50
Carboneau, Chris	\$105.00	Hart, Daniel	\$6,969.00
Chaffin, Colby	\$1,356.91	Hart, William	\$36,415.60
Chamberlain, David W.	\$201.25	Hensley, Deborah	\$37,705.72
Charbonneau, Joyce	\$50,824.65	Hickey, Seth	\$48,968.85
Choinere, Alan	\$175.00	Holbrook, Brian	\$72,044.24
Clapp, William	\$105.00	Hopping, Lucy	\$16,341.08
Cline, Audrey	\$24,756.57	Hutton, Fred A. Jr.	\$1,409.54
Cook, Robert	\$245.00	Izzo, Robert	\$105.00
Cook III, Robert	\$1,066.69	Jackson, Robert E	\$5,274.48
Copeland, Andra	\$507.50	Joseph, James	\$34,998.75
Copeland, Erin L	\$255.00	Kelley, Daniel	\$85.00
Copeland, Timothy D	\$3,437.50	Kemp, Valerie A.	\$49,892.15
Coughlin, Doreen	\$12,827.50	Kenny, Catherine	\$33,954.06
Crosby, Bryan	\$350.00	Kimball, Lesley	\$64,209.64
Cutler, Tracey	\$28,888.25	Larrabee, Matthew	\$157.50
Daley, Lincoln	\$83,878.72	Laverty, Colin P.	\$61,966.00
Danko, Phyllis L.	\$40,337.80	Law, Charles	\$77,958.91
Dardani, John	\$105.00	Lemire, Denise	1,296.00
Deschaine, Paul R.	\$90,626.30	Lennon, Jacob M.	312.75
Devonshire, James	\$210.00	Lewy, Andrea	\$67,162.27
DiRenzo, Erica	\$2,291.00	Littlefield, William D	\$3,827.55
DiRenzo, Kaitlyn	\$2,635.00	London, Charles	\$542.50
Dolan, Garrett	\$656.25	Ludington, Veronique	\$4,718.94
Doucette, Michael	\$65,520.95	MacCallum, Marcia	\$17,462.63
Dyrkacz, Joseph	\$32,374.44	McAuliffe, Michael	\$1,407.87
Dziamia, Pamela C.	\$4,394.91	McLaughlin, Mary E.	\$6,223.80
Elwell, Jackson	\$2,466.00	Meeves, Donald	\$157.50
Emanuel, David	\$5,232.50	O'Neil, Kevin B	\$2,886.75
Emerson, John R.	\$69,104.21	Oliveira, Michael	\$70,546.71
Federico, Bruno	\$3,000.00	Pasquale, Nicholas	\$5,500.02
Ford, Lochlan	\$1,265.13	Perkins, Charles D.	\$27,835.36

YEARLY EARNINGS FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES - 2014

Pierce, David	\$99,736.62	Standen, Scott	\$68.00
Pvirre, Keith	\$105.00	Stevens, Russell	\$24,670.02
Rivais, James E.	\$12,234.62	Stoddard, Cameron	\$337.63
Rivers, Cindy	\$13,400.09	Streelman, Janice	\$35,608.34
Rowe, Craig	\$853.88	Tayler, Margaret	\$105.00
Ryan, Karen	\$17,179.81	Teschek, Patricia	\$184.35
Ryden, Patricia A.	\$39,858.25	Thompson, Roger	\$656.25
Sawyer, June	\$805.00	Von Letkemann, Lucia	\$35,434.45
Scippa, John V.	\$102,881.52	Walsh, Emma	\$1,377.87
Shea, Anthony	\$1,845.38	Williams, Alan	\$56,884.53
Slager, Timothy E	\$51,247.45	Woods, Kimberly E.	\$45,619.55
		Yelle, Jasmine	\$1,054.00

FINANCIAL REPORT
GENERAL FUND

Revenues and expenditures for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual

1. Revenue from Taxes	
a. Property taxes	\$23,569,611
b. Land Use Change Tax	\$159,500
c. Timber (Yield) Taxes	\$3,306
d. Interest & penalties on delinquent taxes	\$102,790
g. TOTAL	<u>\$23,835,206</u>
2. Revenues from licenses, permits, and fees	
a. Business licenses and permits	\$11,150
b. Motor vehicle permit fees	\$1,515,852
c. Building permit fees	\$228,012
d. Other licenses, permits and fees	\$6,858
e. TOTAL	<u>\$1,761,871</u>
3. Revenues from Federal Government	
a. Other Fed Grants/reimbursements	
b. TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>
4. Revenues from State of New Hampshire	
a. Shared revenue block grant	\$0
b. Meals & rooms distribution	\$350,975
c. Highway block grant	\$148,251
d. Other grants/reimbursements	\$23,156
e. TOTAL	<u>\$522,381</u>
5. Revenues from charges for service	
a. Income from departments	\$55,963
b. Garbage-refuse charges	\$45,788
c. Other Charges	\$194,392
d. TOTAL	<u>\$296,142</u>
6. Revenues from miscellaneous sources	
a. Sale of municipal property	\$27,994
b. Interest on investments/Forfeitures	\$9,585
c. Rents of property	\$58,701
d. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	\$19,045
f. Other misc. sources not otherwise class.	\$71,015
g. TOTAL	<u>\$186,340</u>
7. Interfund operating transfers in	
a. Transfers from special revenue fund	\$0
b. Other Investments	\$0
c. Transfers from capital reserve funds	\$0
d. Transfers from trust and agency funds	\$7,054
e. TOTAL	<u>\$7,054</u>

8. Other financial sources	
a. Transfer from Bond Proceeds	\$0
b. Bond Principle & Interest	\$0
c. TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>
8. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES	<u><u>\$26,608,996</u></u>
9. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (beginning of year)	\$2,422,825
10. GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>\$29,031,821</u></u>
B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual	
1. General Government	
a. Executive	\$184,219
b. Election, registration and vital statistics	\$9,920
c. Financial administration	\$418,086
d. Legal expenses	\$12,845
e. Personnel administration	\$819,027
f. Planning & zoning	\$225,539
g. General government building	\$136,978
h. Cemeteries	\$42,013
i. Insurance not otherwise allocated	\$80,660
j. Other general government	<u>\$13,402</u>
k. TOTAL	\$1,942,689
2. Public Safety	
a. Police	\$914,299
b. Fire	\$147,866
c. Emergency management	\$24,648
d. Other (communications)	<u>\$830</u>
e. TOTAL	\$1,087,643
3. Highways and Streets	
a. Highways and Streets	\$761,079
b. Street lighting	<u>\$8,248</u>
c. TOTAL	\$769,327
4. Sanitation	
a. Solid waste disposal	<u>\$605,609</u>
b. TOTAL	\$605,609
5. Water Distribution & Treatment	
a. Other (Public Works Commission)	<u>\$0</u>
b. TOTAL	\$0
6. Health	
a. Pest control	\$62,000
b. Health agencies and hospitals	\$45,026
c. Animal control	<u>\$150</u>
d. TOTAL	\$107,176

7. Welfare	
a. Direct assistance	\$8,468
b. TOTAL	<u>\$8,468</u>
8. Culture and recreation	
a. Parks	\$85,757
b. Recreation	\$119,135
c. Library	\$391,039
d. Patriotic purposes	\$2,063
e. TOTAL	<u>\$597,994</u>
9. Conservation	
a. Conservation Commission	\$2,040
b. Economic Development	\$953
c. Heritage Commission	\$2,652
d. 300th Anniversary Committee	\$5,028
e. Town Center Revitalization	\$6,142
f. Energy Commission	\$213
g. TOTAL	<u>\$17,028</u>
10. Debt Service	
a. Principal On Long Term Bond PSC	\$250,000
b. Conservation/Fire House BAN Principle	\$225,000
c. Cushman Property	\$100,000
d. Gifford House Bond Principle	\$14,000
e. Conservation Bond Principle	\$120,000
f. Long Term Debt Interest	\$316,446
g. TOTAL	<u>\$1,025,446</u>
11. Capital outlay	
a. Land and improvements	\$0
b. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	\$76,444
c. Buildings	\$72,298
d. Improvements other than buildings	\$437,565
e. TOTAL	<u>\$586,307</u>
12. Interfund operating transfers out	
a. Transfers to capital reserve funds	\$12,000
b. Operating Transfers out/Trustees of the Trust Funds	\$248,848
c. Grant Transfers Out	\$55,340
e. TOTAL	<u>\$316,188</u>
13. Payments to other governments	
a. Taxes assessed for county	\$1,256,758
b. Taxes assessed for school districts	\$18,707,194
c. Payments to other governments	\$0
d. TOTAL	<u>\$19,963,952</u>
14. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u><u>\$27,027,827</u></u>
15. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (end of year)	\$2,003,994
16. GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>\$29,031,821</u></u>

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

A. ASSETS

	Beginning of year	End of year
1. Current assets		
a. Cash and equivalents	\$10,257,060	\$9,761,675
b. Investments		
c. Taxes receivable	\$1,098,499	\$895,618
d. Tax liens receivable	\$280,019	\$231,906
e. Accounts Receivable		\$43,739
f. Due from other funds		
g. Tax deeded property	\$25,469	\$25,469
g. TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$11,661,047</u>	<u>\$10,958,407</u>

B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

1. Current liabilities		
a. Due to School districts	\$9,018,744	\$8,954,413
b. Accounts Payable	\$115,453	\$0
c. Bonds Payable - Current		
d. Deferred Revenue	\$104,025	\$0
c. Total Liabilities	<u>\$9,238,222</u>	<u>\$8,954,413</u>
2. Fund equity		
a. Assigned Fund Balance	\$490,915	\$520,868
c. Unassigned Fund Balance	\$1,931,910	\$1,483,126
d. TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$2,422,825</u>	<u>\$2,003,994</u>
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$11,661,047</u>	<u>\$10,958,407</u>

A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

1. School district liability beginning year	\$9,018,744
2. Add School assessment for current year	<u>\$18,642,863</u>
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR	\$27,661,607
4. SUBTRACT payments made to school	<u>\$18,707,194</u>
5. School district liability at end of year	\$8,954,413

B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

1. Short term (TANS) beginning of year	\$0
2. Add: New issues during current year	\$0
3. Subtract: Issues retired during current year	<u>\$0</u>
4. Short term (TANS) outstanding end of year	\$0

C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET

	Current Year	Prior Year
1. Overlay/Allowance for abatements	\$13,402	\$60,275
2. Subtract: Abatements made/released	(\$13,402)	(\$60,275)
3. Excess of estimate	\$0	\$0

D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET

	Taxes	Liens
1. Uncollected, end of year	\$895,618	\$231,906
2. Subtract: Overlay carried forward	\$0	\$0
3. Estimated Receivable, end of year	\$895,618	\$231,906

STRATHAM TRUST FUNDS 2014 - SUMMARY PAGE											
DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF FUND	BAL/BEG	NEW FUNDS	CAP/GAIN	WITHDRAWN	BAL/END	BAL/BEG	INCOME	EXPENDED	BAL/END	GRAND TOTAL Principal/Income
CEMETERY FUNDS:											
		241,065	10,850	-	-	251,915	123,271	10,796	22,128	111,939	363,854
2014	Brad Little & Meg Driscoll	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000
2014	Arnold & Joyce Charbonneau	-	500	-	-	500	-	-	-	-	500
2014	Bill & Cathy Kenney	-	500	-	-	500	-	-	-	-	500
2014	Martin Meeves	-	500	-	-	500	-	-	-	-	500
2014	Don & Ruth Meeves	-	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	1,500
2014	Greg & Shelley Blood	-	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	1,500
2014	Goldie Busci	-	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	3,000
2014	Linda Schimoler	-	750	-	-	750	-	-	-	-	750
2014	Doug & Stella Scamman	-	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	1,500
2014	Natalie Perry	-	750	-	-	750	-	-	-	-	750
2014	Rao Vasa	-	750	-	-	750	-	-	-	-	750
2014	Candace Magee	-	700	-	-	700	-	-	-	-	700
	TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS	241,065	10,850	-	-	251,915	123,271	10,796	22,128	111,939	363,854
LIBRARY FUNDS:											
	VARIOUS	81,701	-	-	-	81,701	41,139	6,048	4,061	6,126	87,827
STRATHAM HILL PARK:											
	VARIOUS	17,814	-	-	-	17,814	22,347	1,469	-	23,815	41,630
STRATHAM HILL PK ASSOCIATION											
1966		59,622	-	-	-	59,622	43,066	3,135	-	46,202	105,824
CAPITAL RESERVES & OTHER TRUSTS											
1988	LAND CONSERVATION FUND	320,967	159,500	-	4,300	476,167	475	63	-	538	476,704
2001	RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP	83,368	-	-	3,756	79,612	0	26	-	26	79,638
1998	SVED CAPITAL RESERVE	9,112	12,000	-	-	21,112	41	1	-	42	21,154
2012	SVED R WIGGIN FUND	11,005	-	-	-	11,005	8	2	-	10	11,015
2012	SVED J HUTTON FUND	9,770	-	-	-	9,770	2	2	-	9	9,779
2012	SVED SCAMMAN FUND	5,947	-	-	-	5,947	4	1	-	5	5,952
2012	SVED FAIR TRUST	34,036	33,145	-	-	67,181	11	7	-	18	67,199
1987	BARKER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP	4,752	-	-	-	4,752	1,723	2	-	1,724	6,476
1989	SCAMMAN/PARK TRUST	975	-	-	-	975	312	2	-	314	1,289
1989	SCAMMAN SCHOLARSHIP	3,663	-	-	-	3,663	1,844	1	-	1,845	5,508
1997	WIN. GRANGE EDUC FUND	5,500	-	-	-	5,500	1,059	7	-	1,065	6,565
2003	DEBBIE GREENBERG TRUST	4,011	-	-	-	4,011	1	1	-	2	4,012
2009	SMS SPECIAL EDUC TRUST	225,000	100,000	-	-	325,000	248	44	-	292	325,292
2009	SMS MAINTENANCE TRUST	42,427	25,000	-	-	67,427	25	8	-	33	67,460
2010	EMPLOYEE TERMINATION TRUST	48,661	10,000	-	7,054	51,607	50	7	-	56	51,663
2012	TOWN BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	30,549	25,000	-	-	55,549	8	5	-	13	55,562
2012	STRATHAM FAIR OPERATING	85,793	-	-	-	85,793	47	12	-	59	85,852
2012	FAIR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	34,070	4,620	-	-	38,690	2	6	-	9	38,699
2012	FAIR RAINY DAY FUND	23,524	-	-	-	23,524	13	5	-	18	23,542
2014	HERITAGE PRESERVATION TRUS	-	50,000	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
TOTAL ALL FUNDS:		1,383,331	430,116	-	15,110	1,798,337	198,700	21,650	26,189	194,160	1,992,497
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS: DIANE MORGERA, CHAIR; MIKKI DESCHAINE, JOYCE ROWE											

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

2014 was a productive year for the Cemetery Trustees. In June we attended a workshop presented by the Attorney General's Office focusing on the duties of the Trustees. All of us gained a great deal of knowledge and we look forward to attending more training in the future.

Our plan to complete the final phase of the Maple Lane Cemetery expansion was placed on hold by the Selectmen because there is a sufficient number of full burial and cremation lots available to meet the needs of the citizens for the foreseeable future.

Our largest project this year was the purchase and installation of our Veterans Markers. Brass markers were purchased and placed at all the Veterans' graves within the Town Cemeteries. We have had many positive comments on this project. Cemetery maintenance was another big project done this year; stones were cleaned, some were reset, sod was placed, and brush was cleared. There is more to do at Maple Lane this coming year, and the maintenance plan for Greenwood Cemetery will be started.

It has been our pleasure to serve the Town this past year and we all look forward to continue our quest to have the best cemeteries around. Please feel free to contact us anytime during the year if you have any questions or concerns.

Cemetery Trustees

June Sawyer
John LaBonte
Colin Laverty



VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In 2014, the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 597 calls supporting Fire/EMS and service calls to the residents of the town and surrounding communities.

I would like to thank all of the men and women of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department and their families, Stratham Fire Department Association, as well as the Ladies Auxiliary whose dedication and commitment to serve the citizens of this community with the utmost quality of care and service is greatly appreciated.

The members of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department volunteer their time and effort to help their friends, neighbors and the community when needed. They continually join efforts in all types of situations as well as give the time to train, certify and administer the needs of this Department for the good of the community.

The Stratham Volunteer Fire Department continues to be a 100% all volunteer fire department. Our Fire Department is one of very few that receives no compensation for emergency calls, training, certifications, clothing allowance, fuel or administrative functions for its members. In addition, these volunteers along with the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department Association are the foundation to raise additional funds to purchase new apparatus and equipment, through the Stratham Fair and the annual Pancake Breakfast.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert R. Cook Jr.

Stratham Volunteer Fire Department
2014 Emergency Responses

<i>Type of Call</i>	<i>Number of Calls per Year</i>		
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Medical Aid	298	271	336
Service Calls	8	17	43
Mutual Aid to other Communities	16	20	13
Fire Alarm Activation	70	87	95
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	18	10	20
Structure Fires	13	14	8
Brush/Forestry Fires	15	11	13
Auto Fires	4	3	4
Auto Accidents	57	38	45
Hazardous Materials	12	12	13
Storm Related/downed electrical wires	26	2	6
Rescue/Water Rescue	1	1	1
Total:	538	486	597

<i>2014 Ambulance Recovered Funds (EMS Fund)</i>			
<i>Balance forward 1/1/2014</i>			<i>\$253,782.80</i>
Gross Recovered in 2014			\$62,036.77
Records Release Income			\$105.00
Interest Earned in 2014			\$603.87
Donation			\$100.00
Total Gross w/Interest Earned 2014			\$62,845.64
<i>2014 Expenses Paid from Fund</i>			
EMS Training			\$5,710.00
EMS Conference			\$3,474.66
Exeter Hospital - ALS			\$3,616.01
New Equipment			\$0.00
Comstar Refunds (overpayments)			\$0.00
Bank Service Fees			\$10.00
Total Expenses			\$12,810.67
Total Net Funds for FY 2014			\$50,034.97
<i>Total Fund Balance as of 12/31/14</i>			<i>\$303,817.77</i>

STRATHAM FAIR COMMITTEE

The primary focus of the Stratham Fair Committee is to raise funds for the Stratham Volunteer Fire Association and the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department through a four day agricultural Fair. The Fair, part of the NH Association of Fairs, is held each year, 6 weeks before Labor Day weekend. Planning and implementation for the event is done by a six member board of directors for the committee. The board meets on a weekly basis from November through August.

In 2014 the 47th annual Stratham Fair was held on July 17th through 20th at Stratham Hill Park. Weather for the four days was near perfect and attendance ran close to 20,000.

New this year was moving the Miss Stratham Fair pageant to Thursday, increasing entertainment on the Main Stage, and adding activities for Children's/Grandparents Day.

4H experienced strong attendance this year with over 120 children participating in events ranging from animal showing to club exhibits. The Fair awarded \$15,233 to those involved. We thank Randy Claar, Joe Drake and the many supervisors, judges and 4H volunteers who worked tirelessly to host another successful 4H program at the Fair.

Fiesta Shows, the carnival provider, once again offered new rides and updated entertainment.

The directors continue to put increased focus on managing the Fair like a business, working hard to contain expenses and maintain a profit. We are pleased to report that the net income from the 2014 Fair is \$66,290. Per the agreement between the Fire Association and the Town; 50% will be put in the Stratham Fire Department/Stratham Fair Trust Fund and the Stratham Volunteer Fire Association will receive the remaining 50%.

We look forward to another wonderful Fair in 2015 on July 16th – 19th. The Stratham Fair is an all-volunteer organization and could not happen without support from the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department and community members. To volunteer at the Fair please visit the volunteer section of our website at <http://www.strathamFair.com/volunteer/>

Thank you to all the volunteers who rain or shine helped with planning, setup, and running of the Fair. Thank you to my fellow 2014 Directors Vicky Avery, Caren Gallagher, John Cushing, Tim Slager, Rob Cook, and our Treasurer Bill Thompson. It takes many hands to pull this off and without you it would not be possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francisco Marin, Chair
Stratham Fair Committee

STRATHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Stratham Police Department recorded 19,445 calls for service this past year. The following is an overview of some of the general types of calls we responded to and the number of times we responded to these types of calls in 2014:

Sexual Assault	6	Domestics	52	Burglary	11
Theft	63	Assaults	3	Town Ord. Violations	44
Arson	0	Fraud	19	House Checks	2627
Criminal Mischief	25	Harassment	13	Criminal Trespass	2
D.W.I.	18	Juvenile Incidents	74	Assist to Police Depts.	339
Assist to the Public	377	Protective Escorts	6	Disturbance-Loud Party	17
Assist Fire/Rescue	434	Abandoned 911 Calls	65	Disturbance-General	22
Alarms	317	M/V Lockouts	64	Animal Incidents	268
Traffic Citations	287	M/V Accidents	200	Traffic Complaints	71
M/V Warnings	3195	M/V Checkups	115	Disturbance-fights	4
Disorderly Conduct	10	Robbery	0	Drug Violations	28

The Stratham Police Department consists of 10 full time police officers, one on call police officer and the administrative assistant. We provide police services to the town of Stratham twenty four hours a day, seven days a week and are ready to answer any call for assistance.

NH law enforcement was once again struck with tragedy when Brentwood Police Office Steve Arkell was murdered while responding to a call for service. I am proud to say that members of our agency responded that day to the call for help. We also assisted the Town of Brentwood and the Brentwood Police department in the weeks afterward. This event was yet another grim reminder that, while living in the safest part of the country, policing is a dangerous job.

The Stratham Police Department continues to be an active partner with the two public schools here in town where over 2000 children attend school from six different communities. As part of our continuous efforts to address school safety issues, we continue to commit a School Resource officer to the schools. Further, we have worked with each of the schools to enhance critical security and communication infrastructure in each building. This includes the Copsync911 system in each building which empowers any staff member to call for help from their classroom.

We pride ourselves with providing professional services while maintaining a positive relationship with our community. Some of our community outreach includes providing tours of the station for scout and civic groups, participating in our annual Halloween night, hosting a "Coffee with a Cop" program and pumping gas in support of the NH Hampshire Special Olympics. We have also established a social media presence and encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

The members of the Stratham Police Department are a wonderful group of professionals that take great pride in delivering services to this community. Please call on us anytime, we are here to serve you! I want to thank the members of the Stratham Police Department for all you do every day. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued support of the police department.

Respectfully submitted,

John V. Scippa
Chief of Police

STRATHAM OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In 2014 the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) participated in a series of planning meetings, table-top exercises, drills, field training, combined functional exercises, and a graded exercise with the New Hampshire Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NH HSEM) for the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. Members of all town Departments participated in the exercises. The Town scored well on all fronts and was praised for the performance by NH HSEM.

The OEM staff completed the revision of the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan identifies hazards, critical infrastructure and facilities, and mitigation strategies to prevent and minimize losses in the community for both residents and businesses. The final document was reviewed by and approved by FEMA and NH HSEM. Contributing efforts were made by representatives from the OEM, Police, Fire, Public Works, Assessing, Code Enforcement, Town Administration, resident David Barr and MAPS, a consulting firm.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was on stand-by several times to monitor severe weather and regional storm events. Weather conditions and updates were communicated to and from NH HSEM and between the Town's operational personnel to best coordinate Town resources and preparedness. The Town, NH HSEM, and the Seacoast Public Health Network continue to utilize Stratham's EOC and Morgera Meeting Room as a primary location for the Region's Multi-Area Coordination Entity (MACE), meetings, and various regional training.

The EOC's annual quarterly equipment inventory and reporting of the department's state of readiness to the State was performed by Deputy Director Tim Copeland with assistance from Erin Copeland. Special thanks to David Barr who has become involved in the emergency planning and operations for the OEM for the Town. David Barr and Dave Emanuel represented the Town at the 10th Annual NH Emergency Preparedness Conference in Manchester, NH and various local, state, and regional planning meetings throughout the year. Emanuel also attended the International Association of Fire Chiefs – Fire Rescue International leadership development program in Dallas, Texas on scholarship and the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program in Emmitsburg, Maryland and at no cost to the Town.

Preparedness is an individual responsibility, which starts in each of our own homes with our own families. We request that residents prepare themselves by keeping adequate emergency supplies available and by reviewing the annual Seabrook Station calendar of emergency information. FEMA maintains a web site at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtm>, which can aid you in preparedness for various emergencies. NH HSEM has also developed a new program, NH Alerts, a free service to inform and protect residents by delivering prompt notifications to subscribers within a specific geographic area or community. Please visit - <http://www.readynh.gov/alerts/index.htm>

The OEM is supported by a community staff of 25 members. Residents interested becoming a resource to the Stratham Office of Emergency Management should contact us through the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
David F. Emanuel, Director

PLANNING BOARD / TOWN PLANNER

2014 proved to be a busy and productive year for the Planning Board and Department. The Planning Board reviewed nine site plan review applications, three conditional use permits, two lot line adjustments, and one subdivision application. Of most note, the Board's work included Site Plan Review projects to construct one new auto dealership and expand another dealership along Portsmouth Avenue, a 46 lot, retirement planned subdivision development, and a parking lot expansion and drainage improvement project in the Town Center.

At the 2014 March Town Vote, residents approved the Ordinance amendments sponsored by the Planning Board which included a new performance based zoning ordinance for the Town Center District and a revised Town Building Ordinance. The Planning Board and Department continued their comprehensive review and update of the Town's Zoning Ordinance, Land Use Regulations, and 1998 Master Plan. The Planning Board and Department focused on making substantive changes and improvements to the Town's septic design standards, establishing a permitting and review process for farm stands, farmer's markets, and agritourism, and updating the Flood Plan Management Overlay District in compliance the National Flood Insurance Program. These amendments will be presented for adoption at the 2015 March Town Vote. The Board and Stormwater Management Subcommittee also drafted new stormwater management standards and regulations consistent the EPA Region 1 and NHDES guidelines for adoption in 2015.

In 2014, the Town re-established the Master Plan Steering Committee. The Planning Department has been coordinating the Master Plan update process and is working with the various departments, land-use boards, commissions, and committees to update/expand their respective sections.

The Planning and Building/Code Enforcement Departments continue to expand the use of the Avitar land-use permit software system to better manage applications/approvals and improve interdepartmental communications and efficiency. Planning and Building/Code Enforcement Staff has made great strides in digitizing the various land-use applications, plans, and historical records for incorporation into a permit tracking database. The Departments also introduced two mobile devices to assist Staff to improve review/inspection management and enforcement capabilities while in the field.

Lastly, recent amendments to State land-use regulations involving involuntary merged lots by municipal action require the Town to post the following information within the 2011 through 2015 Annual Town Reports: In accordance with NH RSA 674:39-aa, any owner of lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes prior to September 18, 2010 and without the consent of the owner may request that the lots be restored to their premerger status. Please refer to the following Notice for more information and detailed statute language.

We hope that you will take some time through the coming months and stop by the Planning Department office to learn more about what is happening in Stratham. There are a number of exciting projects anticipated for 2015 and we welcome your input.

Respectfully submitted,

Lincoln Daley
Town Planner

Michael Houghton
Planning Board Chair

NOTICE

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes. The merger occurred during your ownership, without your consent; or prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger. To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must make a request to the local governing body prior to December 31, 2016.

TITLE LXIV PLANNING AND ZONING, CHAPTER 674 LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING AND REGULATORY POWERS

Regulation of Subdivision of Land

674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots. –

I. In this section:

(a) "Involuntary merger" and "involuntarily merged" mean lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes without the consent of the owner.

(b) "Owner" means the person or entity that holds legal title to the lots in question, even if such person or entity did not hold legal title at the time of the involuntary merger.

(c) "Voluntary merger" and "voluntarily merged" mean a merger under RSA 674:39-a, or any overt action or conduct that indicates an owner regarded said lots as merged such as, but not limited to, abandoning a lot line.

II. Lots or parcels that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 by a city, town, county, village district, or any other municipality, shall at the request of the owner, be restored to their premerger status and all zoning and tax maps shall be updated to identify the premerger boundaries of said lots or parcels as recorded at the appropriate registry of deeds, provided:

(a) The request is submitted to the governing body prior to December 31, 2016.

(b) No owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots. If any owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots, then all subsequent owners shall be stopped from requesting restoration. The municipality shall have the burden of proof to show that any previous owner voluntarily merged his or her lots.

III. All decisions of the governing body may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of RSA 676.

IV. Any municipality may adopt local ordinances, including ordinances enacted prior to the effective date of this section, to restore previously merged properties that are less restrictive than the provisions in paragraph I and II.

V. The restoration of the lots to their premerger status shall not be deemed to cure any non-conformity with existing local land use ordinances.

VI. Municipalities shall post a notice informing residents that any involuntarily merged lots may be restored to premerger status upon the owner's request. Such notice shall be posted in a public place no later than January 1, 2012 and shall remain posted through December 31, 2016. Each municipality shall also publish the same or similar notice in its 2011 through 2015 annual reports.

Source: 2011, 206:4, eff. July 24, 2011.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE/BUILDING INSPECTOR

In 2014 we have seen a slight uptick in permit applications. Permits totaled 672 with resulting total permit fees of \$228, 322. The permit fees reflect a value of over 36 million in construction for the year.

The building department continues to develop processes using recently installed technology in an effort to become more efficient while reducing errors, omissions and conflicts in the department files.

Our goal is to design and provide a user friendly customer service experience that efficiently collects legislatively required information. We want the application process to be accessible to the public while still providing the required review of technical documents for environment, health, and safety concerns.

Permit Summary:

Commercial Building	25			
New Building	1		Electrical	145
Addition	3		Plumbing	52
Renovation	16		Gas Piping	93
			HVAC	49
Residential Building	249		Sign	43
Single Family	21		Demolition	12
Addition	29		Driveway	21
Accessory Buildings	19		Demolition	12
Renovation	80			

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Land Use Department staff, Lincoln, Andrea, Tracey and Jim, for their patience and guidance during my first six months of employment with Stratham.

I look forward to meeting and working with Stratham's citizens. Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns, or if you simply would like to say hello. The Building Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Cline
CBO, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Every five (5) years, per RSA 75:8-a, assessors and/or selectmen shall reappraise all real estate within the municipality so that the assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. As a result of the state law, the Town was required to conduct a revaluation in 2014. All 3,264 properties in the Town of Stratham were reviewed and the assessment updated. As an alternative to hiring an outside company to do all classes of properties, all but the commercial and industrial properties were handled in-house.

Providing information, not only to property owners but to the general public, of the available exemptions and credits, and the Assessing process, continues to be of the utmost importance to the department.

For the reason that the staff's time was focused on the revaluation in 2014, we were unable to do a presentation on the exemptions and credits that are currently available. However, if you were able to attend the 2013 presentation, or any one of the several others that has been held over the years, those who have attended would tell you that being short on words when it comes to Assessing, I'm not. I enjoy meeting the Town's residents and due to the nature of Assessing, I am of the belief that it is important to take the time to explain the process. Hopefully, this increases transparency, awareness and trust on how one of your greatest assets is valued.

If you prefer not to sit through or don't have the time to attend one of the presentations there are other ways to receive information. By visiting the Town offices you are able to obtain information over the counter or via the public computer. In addition, the information is located on the Assessing webpage at www.strathamnh.gov. Assessment record cards and town maps are also available for free on the website.

In 2015, a representative from the Department of Revenue Administration will be auditing the Assessing files. As part of the audit, property record cards, applications for exemptions and/or credits, or property that has land in current use or conservation easement will be audited. In order to update our records, a letter and/or worksheet requesting additional information will be mailed to anyone currently receiving any one of these items. In order for the Town to pass Certification, it is crucial to have current documentation on file. I want to thank you in advance for completing and providing the information in a timely manner.

In conclusion, I will reiterate that my door is always open and welcome any questions, concerns or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea S. Lewy, Town Assessor

ENERGY COMMISSION

The Stratham Energy Commission completed their second full year since being appointed by the Board of Selectmen in the spring of 2012. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The goal of the Stratham Energy Commission is to promote and encourage energy conservation for Stratham's residents, businesses and municipal operations.

This year the Commission worked with the staff at SAU 16 to review energy usage in the schools. We performed walkthroughs of Stratham Memorial School and the Cooperative Middle School to view the lighting and heating systems of the schools. The Commission is also working with an engineering firm in Manchester, NH, GDS Associates, and senior Mechanical Engineering students from the University of New Hampshire to prepare Energy Reports on these two buildings. The SMS Energy Report was delivered to the Stratham School Board during their April, 2014 monthly meeting. As a result of this meeting and the Energy Report, we are planning to present a more detailed report on the SMS heating system in 2015. If a decision is made by SAU 16 to proceed with the recommendations of this second report, then GDS Associates will prepare a grant application to replace the oil fired boilers at SMS with a wood pellet boiler system.

A preliminary walkthrough of CMS was performed in November. We anticipate that an Energy Report for the school will be submitted for our review in April of 2015.

The Commission continues to enter data from the Town buildings' monthly municipal utility bills into a free software program called Portfolio Manager. The program is provided by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Entry of billing data is accomplished by Matt O'Keefe, a Commission member. The object of the program is to illustrate the energy usage per building. Energy efficiency opportunities in the buildings can then be identified. In September, Matt O'Keefe organized an energy efficiency conference, known as Button Up NH, for Stratham residents. The conference was well attended. Guest speakers presented opportunities for the attendees to make simple energy improvements to their homes.

The Commission plans to continue its efforts on working with the SAU 16 in 2015. We will perform energy audits on the COOP Middle School and Exeter High School.

We wish to thank our Commission member James Schlough for his three years of excellent service on the Energy Commission. Jim and his wife, Lynne, plan to relocate from Stratham in 2015. The Stratham Energy Commission provided an energy display at the Stratham Fair. Jim built a bicycle pedal generator that provided electricity to a light bulb array. It was a work of art that was very instructional and enjoyed by many of the Fair attendees.

Respectfully submitted

John C. Dold, Chair

TOWN CENTER REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen reconstituted the Town Center Revitalization Committee (TCRC) in 2012. Along with the newly reformed committee was the creation of a Charter, which defines the role and responsibilities for its members. Under the guidance of the Board of Selectmen, the purpose of the TCRC is to strengthen the social/cultural, physical, and economic health of the Town Center District and re-establish its strategic importance and connection within the community.

The Committee began the year by establishing a list of priorities and projects. The Committee continued its efforts to improve the visual and historic character of the Town Center and promote the area through the use of signage. As part of its pilot project for banner street banners, the Committee members designed the Town Center banners to represent the Town's agrarian past. In total, fourteen banners were installed early in the year on existing utility poles throughout the district. The Committee is seeking to continue the pilot program for street banners to promote future Town events, local organizations, and businesses.

In 2009, the TCRC submitted an application to the NH DOT Transportation Enhancement Grant program to install and construct streetscape and pedestrian improvement within the Town Center. The project was initially selected as part of the "reserve" list of projects, but became eligible in 2013 as additional funding became available. Over the past year, the Committee collaborated with the Town's engineering consultants to complete the final design to construct approximately 900 linear of feet sidewalks, installation of ornamental lighting and trees, construction of a bike lane, and improved turning lanes. It is anticipated that the project will commence early 2015 and be completed later that year.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Lake
Chair

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen reconstituted the Economic Development Committee (EDC) in 2011. Along with the newly reformed committee was the creation of a Charter, which defines the role and responsibilities for its members. Under the guidance of the Board of Selectmen, the EDC Committee is committed to expanding the Town's economic base and achieving economic stability through the growth and quality development, together with providing a positive local business climate to attract trade and industry to the community.

In 2014, the Committee continued to expand upon the initiatives introduced by the Committee in 2011 focusing on identifying the primary needs and concerns of local business owners and residents, improving the level of communication/outreach on behalf of the Town, and promoting the role of the Town in assisting local businesses. The Committee designated the Flexible / Mixed Use Development District (the former Community College property) and the Industrial District as eligible zones under the Economic Revitalization Zones (ERZ). In December 2014, the N.H. Department of Resources and Economic approved the Town's applications designating the two ER Zones. The ERZ designation is an economic development tool allowed by state statute that creates incentives for companies to expand or relocate to an eligible area. Businesses in an approved ER Zone may be eligible for tax credits to be used against the Business Profit Tax and Business Enterprise Tax up to a maximum of \$40,000 annually for a five-year period.

At the March 2014 Annual Town Meeting, the Town approved a warrant article for the formal adoption of RSA 79-E seeking to establish the Community Revitalization Tax Incentive program and establish the Town Center and Professional / Residential Zoning Districts as the designated areas under the program. The Board of Selectmen subsequently formally adopted the administrative rules and fees for the program. The Community Revitalization Tax Incentive, RSA 79-E, provides a tax incentive for the rehabilitation and active use of under-utilized commercial buildings.

The Committee continues to maintain relations with other organizations concerned with issues of economic development throughout the state. The Committee will continue to be represented on the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee. Other organizations in which the Committee has worked with this year include the Rockingham Economic Development Corporation (REDC), the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC), the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) and the NH Economic Development Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Houghton
Chair

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

As an advisory board to the Board of Selectmen, the Public Works Commission monitors and advises the Selectmen on various issues pertaining to water resources as well as wastewater and storm water issues as they arise.

The Public Works Commission continued its efforts to assess strategies to develop water and wastewater infrastructure in the Gateway, Commercial, and Town Center Districts. A significant effort has been the evaluation of a regional approach to Stratham's water and wastewater infrastructure objectives. A regional approach offers potential cost saving solutions to meet the needs of the three land use districts. A group of Stratham and Exeter staff, appointed representatives, and elected officials continued discussions that were initiated in 2013 regarding a collaborative approach to water and wastewater service between the two communities. Early in 2014, the group identified potential options for wastewater treatment and water supply within the region particularly with the City of Portsmouth with respect to wastewater. Exeter and Stratham engaged the services of Underwood Engineers to complete an evaluation of the option of pumping wastewater from Exeter and Stratham to a regional facility in Portsmouth. In consultation with Exeter, Stratham, and Portsmouth, the Underwood study demonstrated that the Portsmouth option is technically viable and cost effective and warrants further consideration by all three communities as an alternative to Exeter constructing its own wastewater treatment facility. The PWC will continue to follow and participate in regional solution discussion as all communities seek the most effective and least cost option to meet permit obligations.

In 2013 and 2014, the Public Works Commission monitored and reported on regional storm water regulatory developments including the pending MS4 Stormwater Permit that will be issued to Stratham in the coming months (Fall 2015). Stratham received notice from the EPA in 2012 that Stratham will now be included in the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System program, commonly abbreviated as MS4. The issuance of the MS4 permit was first anticipated in 2013, then in 2014, and is now anticipated in the fall of 2015. The Public Works Commission will assist and advise the Selectmen in Stratham's response to the MS4 requirements as requested. In addition, the Town is taking proactive steps to lessen the impact that the MS4 requirements will have on the community as further described below.

The Public Works Commission continues to be actively involved with the Southeast Watershed Alliance. Stratham resident Robert Roseen represents Stratham on the Alliance. Stratham's participation in the Alliance ensures that the Town remains ahead of current and future environmental issues faced by the region and has a voice in the region's future.

The PWC is, with the assistance of Lincoln Daley, following Project WISE (Water Integration for the Squamscott-Exeter). The WISE project began in September 2013 to assist the towns of Stratham, Newfields, and Exeter with meeting new and more stringent federal permit requirements for managing wastewater and storm water. Local officials from Stratham, Newfields, and Exeter are working closely with scientists, planners, and engineers from Geosyntec Consultants, University of New Hampshire, Rockingham Planning Commission, Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, and the Consensus Building Institute to develop an Integrated Watershed Plan. The primary goal of Project WISE is to quantify economic

advantages that may be achieved by the three towns working together to improve water quality in the Squamscott-Exeter River and Great Bay. The final Plan will be presented to the public in Mid-2015.

The Public Works Commission is looking forward to the year ahead and working for the Board of Selectmen and with Town staff to continue progress in advancing the Gateway, Commercial, and Town Center Districts as well as addressing the requirements of the MS4 program.

Respectfully submitted,

John Boisvert, Chair

STRATHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This year, the Commission held its 10th annual town-wide roadside clean-up day. More than 75 adults and children participated, and together picked up over 150 bags of trash. In addition to all the great community volunteers, we appreciate the help of Highway Agent Colin Lavery, as well as New Hampshire the Beautiful for donating trash bags, Lindt Chocolate for providing chocolate bars, and BR Jones Roofing for donating gloves and orange vests. We also sold 20 compost bins and 5 rain barrels. In 2015, the clean-up day will be held **Saturday, April 18th**.

Dena Stern, the Conservation Commission Community Education Liaison, has begun an exciting outreach program called “How Do You Conserve?” Please visit the suggestion box in the Town Hall to share your ideas on conserving: anything from water conservation to gardening ideas to recycling, and more. She’s been sharing ideas on the radio and also contributing articles to the new *Stratham Magazine*.

This spring, Nik Coates, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, spoke to the Commission about the association’s activities and legislative initiatives. In the fall, Jeff Barnum, the Conservation Law Foundation’s Great Bay-Piscataqua Waterkeeper, gave a talk to the Commission and members of the community on ‘Challenges Facing Great Bay,’ discussing issues such as the health of the bay’s oysters and eelgrass, wastewater treatment, the use of fertilizer on lawns, and stormwater concerns.

In 2014, Commission member Bill Grace resigned due to a move. Member Donna Jensen has joined the Exeter and Squamscott Rivers Local Advisory Committee, and Allison Knab joined the newly formed Forest Management Committee to help put together a forestry management plan for Stratham Hill Park and the Town Forest. Pat Elwell is serving on the town’s Master Plan Committee. Pat Elwell and Donna Jensen attended NHACC’s 44th Annual Meeting and Conference, and came back with great new ideas to engage young people on conservation issues.

As an advisory group to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Adjustment, and the Planning Board, the Commission is responsible for following directives outlined in the master plan to preserve land and educate members of the community about conservation practices. The Commission is tasked with making recommendations to town boards regarding land use practices, responding to wetland applications, monitoring easements, and providing guidance to landowners and developers on projects that have potential wetlands impacts.

Keep up to date on Conservation Commission activities! Like the Stratham Conservation Commission on Facebook, or to receive emails about fun and interesting conservation activities and programs, go to the town website at www.strathamnh.gov, then go to Subscribe to E-notices in the left column and check the Conservation Commission News box. To go directly to the Conservation Commission page, click on Committees/Groups tab in the right column, then go to the Conservation Commission page. The Conservation Commission meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Submitted by,
Allison Knab, Chair

STRATHAM HILL PARK ASSOCIATION

The Park Association reports Stratham Hill Park enjoyed another year of increased activity. The Winter Trail Grooming program enjoyed its 3rd year of grooming with Park Ranger Kim Woods at the helm of our Ski-Doo Skandic SWT. The Association will pay all expenses, including equipment maintenance associated with this program.

The Association members added lighting to the far end of the skating rink. The rink, just under an acre in size, has an area for playing ice hockey and another for freestyle skating. It is lit at night until 9 p.m. for public skating (weather permitting.)

During the summer months, the Stratham Hill Park Association focused on our annual fundraising events, the *Fire Tower 5K* and *Gordon Barker No Brakes Bike Race*. The combined races are the Park Association's major annual fundraiser to help support special projects in the Park. A portion of the day's proceeds go toward ongoing maintenance of the trail system. The trails and races have attracted many new supporters/users of the park, like hikers, runners and cyclists.

In conjunction with the Fire Dept., a "Rescue Zones" subcommittee was developed and partially implemented an emergency rescue zone plan for the Firetower 5K and The Gordon Barker No Brakes Race. This program will be enhanced for future rescues efforts and emergencies on Town owned property and abutting privately owned lands.

In April, a select group of members met and conducted a site walk with Fred Borman, Cooperative Extension Tree Specialist, to discuss woods' health and management at Stratham Hill Park and the Stratham Town Forest. The SHPA is concerned about diminishing views from the summit. Ultimately, the decision about a forest management plan and trimming/clearing will be made by the Selectmen.

SHP will benefit from a grant by Varsity Wireless Telecommunication in the amount of \$3,000 towards a forest management study and \$9,000 to the Heritage Commission to develop historical information signs focusing on Stratham Hill Park and the history of the Park's "Neighborhood."

A Warrant Article passed at Town Meeting to officially ban hunting in the Park and surrounding Town owned property.

The Association voted to support ConvenientMD's proposal of sponsoring the Parks and Recreation Department by allowing two, one-sided signs, one sign at each ball field.

The Stratham Hill Park Association wishes to extend its heartfelt appreciation to former Vice President of the Association "Terry Barnes" for his many years of service to our organization. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

We look forward to another exciting year for the Park in 2015. The Association always welcomes members of the community to be involved as we continue our role as stewards of this wonderful area.

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each odd month at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. To stay connected join our group on Facebook, "Stratham Hill Park" and follow us on Twitter "cowflopnh."

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Crow
Park Association, President

PARKS AND RECREATION

For 2014 we saw a slight increase our youth sports programs (soccer, basketball softball and baseball). Overall we had just less than one thousand youth participating in our athletic programs this year. We had increases in our softball and baseball programs this year. A big thank you to all of our volunteers for all of their hard work! Each athletic program has a separate Board that runs the program, from start to finish. Without these volunteer Boards, there would not be youth athletics in the Town of Stratham. We really appreciate all that you do for our Town.

In 2014 the Board of Selectmen approved a background screening policy for all coaches and assistant coaches of Stratham Youth Sports. The Department is excited to have this policy in place to better serve the Stratham community. All questions or concerns about the policy should be directed to the Recreation Department.

With our stable growth in youth sports, the ever increasing need for athletic space continues. The new athletic field was constructed at the Municipal Complex. Huge thanks to the Stratham Highway Department for saving thousands of dollars on this project! This field will initially be used as a multipurpose field. The field is large enough to host practice sessions for softball, soccer and lacrosse. Our softball program will be evaluating the necessity of adding a third softball diamond at this field over the next few years. In the meantime the field will be used by the entire community as an open field space. There is six foot walk path that runs along the perimeter of the field. This path connects to the recently constructed hiking path that passes over Bunker Hill. Another great place in Stratham to explore!

We hit the ground running in early spring with our 2nd Annual ‘Spring Thaw’ road race. The race started and finished at the Elementary School and had over 157 participants. This event exemplifies great success and excellent partnership between the school and the Department. In the spring, we also hosted our annual Egg Hunt at Stratham Hill Park. A big thanks to Lindt and Sprungli for their continued support, we love your chocolate!



As a part of our annual partnership with Liberty Mutual, during their “Serve with Liberty” project, the Department installed a ‘Pump Track’ at Stratham Hill Park. Thanks to Crow Construction and the Stratham Highway Department for many days of moving dirt! The track is free and open to the public. Another project accomplished during our two days with Liberty

Mutual was the clearing of brush and overgrowth along the stone walls at the Town Forest. Thanks to Kim Woods for heading this ambitious project, what a difference this made.

While the annual budget for the Parks and Recreation Department is at a minimum, our users of our activities and resources continue to increase each year. In 2015 we will be setting up counters to better monitor the number of Parks users we have during each season. We hope to be able to gather this information and use it to better serve the park users.

By late 2014, a Forest Management Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen. This Committee has been asked to work with a forester to create a management plan for both Stratham Hill Park and the Town Forest. The Committee hopes to have a management plan in place by the middle of the summer in 2015.

The Summer Day Camp, reached capacity at the elementary school in 2014. We had a waitlist by early May for all five weeks. Huge thanks to the administrative and custodial staff at Stratham Memorial for allowing us to use the cafeteria at the school. It was very nice to have extra space at the school. As we look to summer 2015, we are excited to add field trips once a week to a State of New Hampshire State Park and expanding the hours of the program.

The Department also offered a variety of weekly summer sports camps, six community trips all across New England, archery and Pilates classes, men's soccer and basketball programs. During the winter months we continued our two successful youth ski programs. The Gordon Barker Bike Race and Fire Tower 5K events were split up this year. The Fire Tower was held during the middle of September, while the Gordon Barker was held on its traditional Sunday in October. For 2015 we are considering shifting the dates around once again. We will make sure that the community is made aware of any changes to the date.

'End 68 Hours of Hunger' was another great success in November. A special thank you to all that participated and to the businesses that made contributions to all of the special events the Parks and Recreation Department organized this year.

2014 was a busy year for the Department. We welcome your suggestions and are always in need of your support! Getting involved with a Sports Board, or helping out at one of our many races or other events, is an excellent way of getting involved in your community and making Stratham a more enjoyable place to live.



Your Library – Start Here, Go Anywhere!

The community's use of the Wiggin Memorial Library continues to rise and continues to expand into new services. We average about **30 new library card registrations per month**, recorded almost **3,000 visits to the library per month** in 2014, and online circulation has grown to be **11% of overall checkouts**. Overall use of the library's services has gone up **21%** since 2010.

The public library is one of the community's most important social networks and cost-sharing services. The library saves:

- ❖ families \$16,000 every year in museum admissions
- ❖ adults \$4,000 every year in technology instruction and help
- ❖ everyone \$15,000 in reading, listening, and viewing costs (\$200 each)
- ❖ students \$600 in test preparation (ie: SAT) costs
- ❖ local groups \$80,000 in room/space rental costs
- ❖ teenagers \$2,500 in babysitting course costs
- ❖ families & individuals \$6,000 in activity & seminar costs

Library staff & Trustees saved taxpayers \$19K in 2014 through fundraising & grants. The library is dedicated to maximizing the budget approved by the voters and providing exceptional service.

We hear over and over again that **the library's helpful, knowledgeable, and welcoming staff makes this library the best one you have ever been a part of.**

Overheard in the library, on Facebook, and in e-mail in 2014:

- We have the BEST library and librarians in the WORLD!
- I get such a great sense of community in this library.
- I have been in many Seacoast libraries and whatever you are doing is amazing. Some libraries only get one person in all day but you have tons of people from octogenarians to babies all the time.
- Awesome staff and great selection!
- This is one of the cheeriest places in town.
- This is my happy place. I can go to the [local town] library for free or I can pay to come here. It's worth it to me to come here.
- You have the best programs here at this library!
- This is the most friendly, open, welcoming place from the moment you walk in.
- This is the BEST library – always smiling faces. I lived in another town for 25 years and that library was nothing like this one.
- Merry Christmas! You are a gift to us all year long.
- Happy New Year and thank you for 8 years of great service. You are the best small town library I've ever been in!



Let us surprise you with all we have to offer. We invite all Stratham residents to check out our web site (library.strathamnh.gov) or stop by to learn about everything available to you in 2015!

Respectfully submitted, Lesley Kimball, Library Director

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2014 was another very productive year for the Highway Department. The Highway Department accomplished several key projects throughout Town. A Pavement Evaluation Plan was implemented, which is an annual assessment that numerically ranks the condition of all Town maintained roadways resulting in the development of a comprehensive financial plan for maintaining roads. A total of sixteen roads were paved and/or reconstructed along with the crack sealing of six roads. The department will continue to follow the Pavement Evaluation Plan in 2015. For more information please reference our website at http://www.strathamnh.gov/Pages/StrathamNH_PublicWorks/index.

The Highway Department constructed a new multipurpose ball field located behind the Municipal Center. While working alongside Bell & Flynn Contractors, GC AAA Fence and Hillside Irrigation, crews installed a 54,000 square foot play surface, chain link fence, and 1,170 foot long walking track which connects to the Bunker Hill Common Subdivision trail system. In addition, parallel parking was added along Market Street for ease of access to the new field.

Crews installed LED lighting at various municipal buildings to reduce the buildings' overall consumption of electricity. At the Stratham Municipal Center, Highway Department crews and Kramer Electric installed five new light poles each equipped with two LED flood light fixtures. In addition to the new light poles, wall paks were added to the Municipal Center building and library to address public safety. At the Police Department, LED retrofit kits were installed on existing light poles and replace the use of 175 watt metal halide lights. Lastly, occupancy sensors were installed at the Highway Garage. Sensors were installed within the office area, mezzanine, and garage bays. The town worked with Unitil and received several energy credits from all of the lighting upgrades. The Town received a total energy rebate of \$11,923.99.

Thanks to all residents who recycle scrap metal and steel at the transfer station. With your help, the town recycled more than fifty-five tons of metal, earning a net revenue of \$9,309.29.

As a reminder, if you are a “do-it-yourself” oil changer, recycle your used oil at the transfer station or Highway Department. The Highway Department uses your used oil as a heating source to heat three high bay garages.



The Highway Department is looking forward to a safe and prosperous 2015. Thank you to the Citizens of Stratham for your continued support. Should you have any questions please call (603)-772-5550. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfStrathamHighwayDepartment>

Respectfully submitted, Colin P. Laverty, Highway Agent

MOSQUITO CONTROL (DRAGON MOSQUITO CONTROL, INC.)

Last year, the snowy winter gave way to a dry spring. Dry conditions continued all summer and into the fall. The late season mosquito population was low but the species found in our traps were all potential carriers of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). EEE was found in 18 mosquito batches trapped in ten towns including Raymond, Danville, Kingston and Portsmouth. New Hampshire had more EEE than any other state with three human cases occurring in the towns of Conway, Hopkinton and Manchester. Two of the three cases resulted in death. A mule in Candia, a horse in Nottingham and one in Sanbornton also contracted EEE. One mosquito batch from the town of Greenland tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV).

A new mosquito borne disease making the news is Chikungunya. It has spread throughout the Caribbean where infected tourists have brought it back to the US. Symptoms include fever, joint pain, headache, muscle pain, joint swelling and rash. There is no cure and it is rarely fatal. Unlike EEE and WNV, a mosquito can bite an infected person and pass Chikungunya along to an uninfected person. The mosquitoes that carry this disease currently do not live in NH. You can read more at the following web site: <http://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya/>

Adult mosquitoes were monitored at four locations throughout town. Nearly 2500 mosquitoes were collected in light traps, identified to species, and select species were sent to the State Lab in Concord where they were tested for diseases. None of the mosquitoes collected in Stratham tested positive for disease in 2014. Dragon has identified 103 larval mosquito habitats in the Town of Stratham. Crews checked larval habitats 247 times throughout the season. There were 148 treatments to eliminate mosquito larvae. In addition, 611 catch basin treatments were made to combat disease carrying mosquitoes. Spraying to control adult mosquitoes was conducted along roadways, at Stratham Hill Park and Stevens Park last season.

The proposed 2015 Mosquito Control plan for Stratham includes trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, sampling wetlands for larval mosquito activity, larviciding where mosquito larvae are found, efficacy monitoring, spraying along roadways, in Stratham Hill Park and Stevens Park and emergency spraying when a public health threat exists. The control program begins in April when mosquito larvae are found in stagnant water such as red maple and cedar swamps, ditches, and woodland pools. Trapping adult mosquitoes begins in July. The mosquito control program ends in October when temperatures drop and daylight diminishes.

Residents who do not want their wetlands treated may use our No-Spray Registry online at www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry or write to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a description of your property with boundaries. Otherwise, your property may be treated. Inquiries may be emailed to info@dragonmosquito.com or call the office at 734-4144. You may call or email our office for assistance regarding mosquitoes, insecticides or questions about EEE or WNV. Check out our web site: www.dragonmosquito.com where you can request a larval survey, sign up for email alerts or follow us on Twitter.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah MacGregor, President

STRATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

In 2014 we entered our 45th season collecting and preserving historical memories for the town. Seven generous contributors of articles for our collections brought us numerous photos, a Berry Farm milk bottle, two books, a copy of a New Hampshire 1761 map which is archived in the Library of Congress, and an imitation straw hat souvenir from our 250th anniversary. During the year, we assisted Craig Brandon, author of the new history update, by providing photos and information from our records and journals. Photos and stories were provided for the new monthly Stratham magazine.

Our January program featured the Historical Society's own Peter Wiggin, a 13th generation descendant of Captain Thomas Wiggin who first settled what is now Stratham. The program was titled "Quampscott House 1638-1716: A View of Pre-township Stratham". In March, our program was about the U.S. Lightship Service presented by Robert Mennino, Jr., who is president of the U.S. Lightship Museum. April brought our 23rd Annual Appraisal Day with Caroline French and Devin Moisan, both of Dover, as our very capable appraisers. In May we had our usual Annual Meeting and potluck supper which was enjoyed by all attending.

For the Fair in July we had our display in the 4-H building which showed photos of our agricultural beginnings. We sold pizza as usual, but our profits this year were again a bit disappointing, perhaps due to competition of other food vendors. Our thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who stepped up to help as always. These now include some of our scholarship winners of whom we are very proud.

In September, several of our members went to Kingston for a house tour of the Josiah Bartlett home, owned by his descendant, Ruth Semple Albert. We were fortunate to have the opportunity to see this beautiful historic home as it was being offered for sale and may not be accessible to the public in the future. Our September program, was given by Kevin Gardner, author of "The Granite Kiss". He told of the history, techniques, stylistic development and aesthetics of New England stone walls, all while methodically building a miniature stone wall on the table before us.

Our November program was presented by Professor Douglas Wheeler of the NH Humanities Council and was titled "George Washington Spied Here: Spies and Spying in the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783). All of our regular programs were again co-hosted this year by the Wiggin Memorial Library.

We continue to receive wonderful applications for our scholarship program. The \$1,000 Winfield L. Foote Scholarships went to six rising high school seniors, all from Stratham, four from Exeter High School, one from St. Thomas Aquinas, and one from Phillips Exeter Academy. In 2014, we had no applicants for college level or graduate level scholarships. Some remaining available funds were awarded as a grant to help the Historical Society to continue transferring the handwritten records to our museum computer program, a very successful project.

To end 2014, in December we were able to have two closet doors and another interior door installed, as well as a new much needed insulated back exit door. This was accomplished with help from the town. As always, we thank the residents of Stratham for your support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia A. Sapienza, President

HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Heritage Commission was established by the Town to be responsible for “the proper recognition, use and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man-made, that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts and to exercise such authority as authorized under RSA 674:44-b.”

HERITAGE PROTECTION: At the 2014 Town Meeting voters approved an article proposed by the Commission allocating an initial \$50,000 to the Heritage Preservation Fund. Subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen, the fund will be used to support preservation and protection of Stratham’s historic resources.

In 2014 the Commission provided research support to the architectural historian preparing the application nominating the Bartlett-Cushman House to the National Register of Historic Places. In October the National Park Service announced the listing of the house, citing its architectural distinction and contribution to understanding social history. The Commission also worked extensively with the Board of Selectmen preparing a Request for Proposals for an Adaptive Reuse project that will preserve the historic character of the house while accommodating rehabilitation and new functions.

HERITAGE RECOGNITION: In February the Commission presented a program on one-room schools with featured speaker Steve Taylor, former NH Commissioner of Agriculture. The standing room only crowd included many who shared their memories of attending Stratham’s four old district schools, all of which remain standing. In October member Nathan Merrill began planning our February 20, 2015 program featuring noted barn and agricultural history expert John Porter who will illustrate his talk with photographs of historic Stratham barns. The photographs will also be incorporated in a documentary booklet with explanatory text.

ADVISE AND ASSIST: Throughout the year the Commission worked with the Planning Board and Planning Office on a variety of projects, most notably the effort to mitigate the impact of proposed construction of a communications tower on Portsmouth Ave. The Board approved the construction of the tower conditional upon the payment of \$9,000 to the Town for a permanent outdoor display documenting the history of the north end of Portsmouth Avenue, including Stratham Hill Park. Commission members also provided substantial support that helped to lower the expense of the historical resources report required for the Town Center streetscapes improvements project. The Commission participated in the preparation of the Rockingham Planning Commission’s Regional Master Plan, and in on-going discussions of a property, recently purchased by NH Fish and Game, that includes a historic waterfront camp.

DEMOLITION REVIEW: The Demolition Review Committee met three times to consider demolition permit applications that met the criteria for review. In all cases the committee voted in favor of granting the permit.

VETERANS' GARDEN AND REGISTRY: The Heritage Commission is responsible for the engraving of the names of eligible veterans on the Garden's bricks and monuments. Forms for submitting names for engraving are available at the Town Clerk's Office and at the Wiggin Memorial Library. Volunteers from the Exeter Area Garden Club maintain the plantings.

The Heritage Commission meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7PM. We welcome visitors to our meetings and there is always work for volunteers for short or long-term project.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Mitchell, Chair
(778-7979; strathamheritage@strathamnh.gov)

STRATHAM 300TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The Committee continued its fund raising and outreach efforts towards our goal of providing a 300th anniversary celebration to be remembered for our Town in 2016.

The Town history book project is complete. The book is entitled “Stratham at 300”. The author is Craig Brandon from Keene, NH. The front cover is a picture of town residents standing in front of the Stratham Hill Fire Tower. Paperback copies of the book are on sale at the Municipal Center, Wiggin Memorial Library and on Amazon.com. The book details the history of our Town from 1900 to 2000. There are chapters on farming, schools, heroes, fire and police department, Stratham Fair, the Community Church and other topics. Some interesting anecdotes in the book include:

- 1.) How Stratham got its name
- 2.) How Frying Pan Lane got its name
- 3.) How Bunker Hill Avenue got its name
- 4.) The location of the old cave on Bunker Hill
- 5.) The location of Cat Rock

The Committee continues to work very hard on fund raising efforts as we get closer to our 300th Anniversary. As our plans develop this year, we will need more volunteer participation from interested residents. In 2015, we will again have a display at the Stratham Fair, plan an Indian Powwow in August and a silent auction in September. We are also planning to sponsor a Farmers Market which will open each Wednesday afternoon starting in June at the Scamman Farm on Portsmouth Avenue.

The Committee is working on the following activities for our celebration in 2016:

1. In March 2016, we are planning to produce a theatrical play of the history of Stratham to be presented to the public for several nights at a local school auditorium.
2. In September 2016, we are planning a parade with a large contingent of organizations participating. These will include high school bands, military marching bands, floats, antique cars, etc. We are planning to award prizes for the best floats in the parade.
3. In July 2016, we are planning a 500 person dinner dance under a large tent at Stratham Hill Park. A live band will provide music. The meal will be catered. At the conclusion, there will be a fireworks display. We also plan to have guest speakers at this event.

The Committee continues to have a presence at various town functions where we generate revenue through the sale of commemorative clothing, memorabilia, donations, etc. in the hopes that these funds will help to offset the cost of our upcoming 300th Anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Dold, Chair

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2013

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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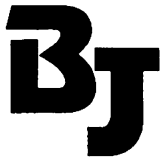
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Selectman
Town Of Stratham, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying government-wide and governmental fund financial statements of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the government-wide and governmental fund activities of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

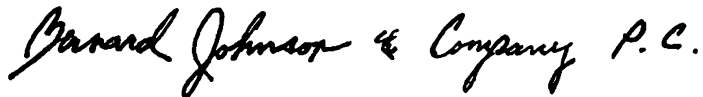
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Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 1-4 and 28-30 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 12, 2013, on our consideration of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernard Johnson & Company P.C." in a cursive script.

Topsfield, Massachusetts
August 5, 2014

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS DECEMBER 31, 2013

Within this section of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's (Town) annual financial report, the Town's management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2013. The Town's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section. The discussion focuses on the Town's primary government and, unless otherwise noted, component units reported separately from the primary government are not included.

Financial Highlights

- The Town's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$21,494,147 (net assets) for the fiscal year reported. This compares to the previous year when the assets exceeded liabilities by \$20,501,276.
- The Town had total revenue of \$26,898,061, in which \$23,790,005 came from the collection of taxes. This is a \$798,387 increase from last year's revenue.
- The Town had total expenditures of \$26,440,907, which is a \$11,614 decrease from last year. The decrease in expenditures is due largely to the decrease in capital outlays and special warrants.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$1,931,910 or 7.3% of total General Fund expenditures including transfers and 7.1% of total General Fund revenues including transfers.
- Total liabilities of the Town decreased by \$1,295 to \$19,270,705 during the year. The decrease in liabilities is due to a decrease in the amounts due for the bonds payable.

Overview of the Financial Statements

Management's discussion and analysis introduces the Town's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. The Town also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

DECEMBER 31, 2013

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Government-wide Financial Statements

The Town's annual report includes two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Town's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities.

The first of these government-wide statements is the Statement of Net Assets. This is the Town-wide statement of financial position presenting information that includes all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall economic health of the Town would extend to other non-financial factors such as diversification of the taxpayer base or the condition of Town infrastructure in addition to the financial information provided in this report.

The second government-wide statement is the statement of activities which reports how the Town's net assets changed during the current year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid. An important purpose of the design of the statement of activities is to show the financial reliance of the Town's distinct activities or functions on revenues provided by the Town's taxpayers.

Both governmental-wide financial statements distinguish governmental activities of the Town that are periodically supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, such as grants, and from business type activities that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. Governmental activities included general government, public safety, public services, education, and culture and recreation.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin immediately following the basic financial statements.

Financial Analysis of the Town as a Whole

As year-to-year financial information is accumulated on a consistent basis, changes in net assets may be used to monitor the changing financial position of the Town as a whole.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

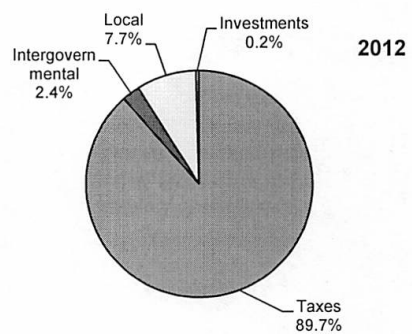
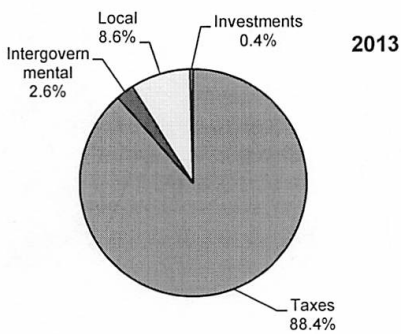
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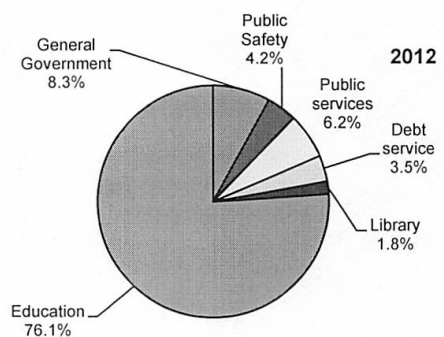
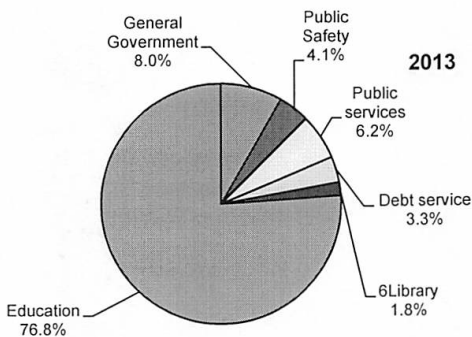
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Graphic presentations of selected data from the summary tables follow to assist in the analysis of the Town's activities for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES



GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES



TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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Long-term Debt

At year-end the Town had \$8,968,000 in bonds outstanding, of which \$709,000 will be due in the year 2014. More detail is provided in the notes to financial statements.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need any additional financial information, contact the appropriate financial official (Town Treasurer or Town Administrator) at 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, New Hampshire, 03885.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2013

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS:	
Current:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,381,909
Investments - at market	668,162
Prepays	5,977
Receivables:	
Taxes - uncollected	1,098,499
Taxes - unredeemed	280,019
Noncurrent:	<u>14,434,566</u>
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Roads	6,694,619
Land	10,603,540
Buildings and improvements	8,560,745
Equipment and vehicles	471,382
	<u>26,330,286</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 40,764,852</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES:	
Current:	
Due to school districts	\$ 9,018,744
Accrued liabilities	115,453
Deferred revenue	1,168,508
Current portion of long-term liabilities -	
Bonds payable	609,000
Noncurrent -	
Bonds payable, net of current portion	<u>8,359,000</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 <u>19,270,705</u>
NET ASSETS:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	17,362,286
Restricted for:	
Trust principal	400,202
Other purposes	894,856
Unrestricted	<u>2,836,803</u>
 TOTAL NET ASSETS	 <u>21,494,147</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	 <u>\$ 40,764,852</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

Government Operations	Expenses	Charge for Services	Operating grants and contributions	Net
General government	\$ 1,910,493	\$ (177,524)	\$ -	\$ 1,732,969
Public safety	975,113	(4,579)	(10,000)	960,534
Highway and streets	581,042	-	-	581,042
Sanitation	602,597	-	-	602,597
Health and welfare	114,943	-	-	114,943
Parks and recreation	201,499	(22,729)	-	178,770
Debt service interest	308,969	-	-	308,969
Library	396,215	(18,440)	-	377,775
County	1,321,256	-	-	1,321,256
School districts	18,429,302	-	-	18,429,302
Depreciation	529,379	-	-	529,379
Total governmental operations	\$ 25,370,808	\$ (223,272)	\$ (10,000)	\$ 25,137,536
General Revenues:				
Taxes				23,790,005
Intergovernmental				514,503
Motor vehicle registration				1,411,364
Other				413,603
Investments				932
Total general revenue				26,130,407
Change in net assets				992,871
Net Assets - Beginning				20,501,276
Net Assets - Ending				\$ 21,494,147

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Governmental Fund Types				Total Government
	General	Special Revenue	Enterprise	Expendable Trusts	2013
ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,257,060	\$ 1,088,077	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,029,772	\$ 12,381,909
Investments at market	-	-	-	267,960	267,960
Prepays	-	5,977	-	-	5,977
Taxes receivable	1,378,518	-	-	-	1,378,518
Tax deeded property	25,469	-	-	-	25,469
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 11,661,047	\$ 1,094,054	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,297,732	\$ 14,059,833
LIABILITIES:					
Due to school districts	\$ 9,018,744	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,018,744
Accrued expenses	115,453	-	-	-	115,453
Deferred revenue	104,025	1,064,483	-	-	1,168,508
TOTAL LIABILITIES	9,238,222	1,064,483	-	-	10,302,705
FUND EQUITY:					
Assigned	490,915	-	-	403,941	894,856
Unassigned	1,931,910	29,571	7,000	893,791	2,862,272
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	2,422,825	29,571	7,000	1,297,732	3,757,128
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 11,661,047	\$ 1,094,054	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,297,732	\$ 14,059,833
Net Assets - Governmental Funds					\$ 3,757,128
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different due to:					
Non-current capital assets					26,304,817
Non-expendable trusts					400,202
Non-current long-term debt					(8,968,000)
Net Assets					\$ 21,494,147

The accompany notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary Fund		Account Group		Totals (Memorandum only)	
	General	Special Revenue	Enterprise	Trust	General	Long-Term Debt			2013	2012
ASSETS:										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,257,060	\$ 1,088,077	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,029,772	\$ -	-			\$ 12,381,909	\$ 12,504,663
Investments - at market	-	-	-	668,162	-	-			668,162	564,667
Receivables:										
Taxes - uncollected	1,098,499	-	-	-	-	-			1,098,499	822,522
Taxes - unredeemed	280,019	-	-	-	-	-			280,019	242,748
Tax deeded property	25,469	-	-	-	-	-			25,469	25,469
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	167,180
Prepays	-	5,977	-	-	-	-			5,977	-
Amount to be provided for the retirement of long term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-			8,968,000	8,967,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 11,661,047	\$ 1,094,054	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,697,934	\$ 8,968,000				\$ 23,428,035	\$ 23,284,249
LIABILITIES:										
Due to school districts	\$ 9,018,744	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-			\$ 9,018,744	\$ 8,915,674
Bonds payable	-	-	-	-	-	-			8,968,000	8,957,000
Accrued expenses	115,453	-	-	-	-	-			115,453	97,038
Deferred revenue	104,025	1,064,483	-	-	-	-			1,168,508	1,302,288
TOTAL LIABILITIES	9,238,222	1,064,483	-	-	-	8,968,000			19,270,705	19,272,000
FUND EQUITY:										
Assigned	490,915	-	-	-	403,941	-			894,856	822,725
Unassigned	1,931,910	29,571	7,000	-	-	-			1,968,481	1,697,400
Unexpended trust principal	-	-	-	-	400,202	-			400,202	390,702
Expendable trust income	-	-	-	-	893,791	-			893,791	1,101,422
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	2,422,825	29,571	7,000	1,697,934	-	-			4,157,330	4,012,249
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 11,661,047	\$ 1,094,054	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,697,934	\$ 8,968,000				\$ 23,428,035	\$ 23,284,249

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Enterprise	Expendable Trust
REVENUE:				
Taxes	\$ 23,790,005	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental sources	514,503	-	-	175,000
Local sources	2,030,697	18,440	263,575	-
Investments	932	-	-	104,909
TOTAL REVENUE	26,336,137	18,440	263,575	279,909
EXPENDITURES:				
General government	1,910,493	-	-	-
Public safety	975,113	-	-	-
Highway and streets	581,042	-	-	-
Sanitation	602,597	-	-	-
Health & welfare	114,943	-	-	-
Parks & recreation	201,499	-	255,424	-
Debt service	797,969	-	-	-
Capital outlay & special warrants	854,360	-	-	-
Library	-	396,032	-	-
County	1,321,256	-	-	-
School districts	18,429,302	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	877
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,788,574	396,032	255,424	877
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	547,563	(377,592)	8,151	279,032
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating transfers in	5,549	383,841	-	40,559
Operating transfers out	(439,105)	-	(1,151)	(311,266)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(433,556)	383,841	(1,151)	(270,707)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	114,007	6,249	7,000	8,325
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,308,818	23,322	-	1,289,407
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 2,422,825	\$ 29,571	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,297,732

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	2013	2012
REVENUE:		
Taxes	\$ 23,790,005	\$ 23,400,808
Intergovernmental sources	689,503	628,816
Local sources	2,312,712	2,009,903
Investments	105,841	60,147
TOTAL REVENUE	26,898,061	26,099,674
EXPENDITURES:		
General government	1,910,493	1,950,956
Public Safety	975,113	990,188
Highway and streets	581,042	518,946
Sanitation	602,597	624,471
Health & welfare	114,943	111,536
Parks & recreation	456,923	191,814
Debt service	797,969	816,039
Capital outlay & special warrants	854,360	1,768,082
Library	396,032	420,716
County	1,321,256	1,178,437
School districts	18,429,302	17,876,458
Other	877	4,878
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	26,440,907	26,452,521
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES	457,154	(352,847)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Operating transfers in	429,949	2,556,453
Operating transfers out	(751,522)	(1,720,695)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(321,573)	835,758
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	135,581	482,911
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,621,547	3,138,636
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 3,757,128	\$ 3,621,547

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUE:			
Taxes	\$ 23,788,377	\$ 23,790,005	\$ 1,628
Intergovernmental sources	470,016	514,503	44,487
Local sources	1,935,344	2,030,697	95,353
Investments	2,000	932	(1,068)
TOTAL REVENUE	26,195,737	26,336,137	140,400
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	2,343,411	1,910,493	432,918
Public safety	1,100,142	975,113	125,029
Highway and streets	589,472	581,042	8,430
Sanitation	628,168	602,597	25,571
Health & welfare	136,646	114,943	21,703
Parks & recreation	227,806	201,499	26,307
Debt service	806,078	797,969	8,109
Capital outlay & special warrants	719,500	854,360	(134,860)
Library	-	-	-
County	1,321,256	1,321,256	-
School districts	18,429,302	18,429,302	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	26,301,781	25,788,574	513,207
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(106,044)	547,563	653,607
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Operating transfers in	-	5,549	5,549
Operating transfers out	(441,028)	(439,105)	1,923
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	(441,028)	(433,556)	7,472
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(547,072)	114,007	661,079
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,308,818	2,308,818	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,761,746	\$ 2,422,825	\$ 661,079

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Special Revenue Fund Types		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUE:			
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental sources	-	-	-
Local sources	-	18,440	18,440
Investments	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	-	18,440	18,440
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	-	-	-
Public safety	-	-	-
Highway and streets	-	-	-
Sanitation	-	-	-
Health & welfare	-	-	-
Parks & recreation	-	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-
Capital outlay & special warrants	-	-	-
Library	389,688	396,032	(6,344)
County	-	-	-
School districts	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	389,688	396,032	(6,344)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(389,688)	(377,592)	12,096
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Operating transfers in	389,688	383,841	(5,847)
Operating transfers out	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	389,688	383,841	(5,847)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	-	6,249	6,249
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	23,322	23,322	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 23,322	\$ 29,571	\$ 6,249

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Fiduciary Fund Type Non-Expendable Trusts
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REVENUES:	
New trusts	\$ 9,500
Realized and unrealized gain on investments	<u>-</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>9,500</u>
EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	9,500
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>390,702</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 400,202</u></u>

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Fiduciary Fund Type Non-Expendable Trusts
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES -	
Operating Income	\$ 3,409
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATIONS	3,409
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchase of securities	-
Unrealized/realized gain on securities	8,033
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	8,033
NET INCREASE IN CASH	11,442
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	56,381
CASH AT END OF YEAR	\$ 67,823

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The financial statements of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire, (the Town) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town was incorporated in 1716 under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and operates under an elected three-member Board of Selectmen.

The Town meets the criteria established by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) as a primary governmental entity for financial reporting purposes, and has determined that no entities met the required GASB 39 criteria for component units.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or activity is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or activity and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital function of a particular function or activity. Taxes and other items not considered property, included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013
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C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when payment is made.

The following are the Town's governmental fund types:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. All general appropriations that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to another fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds. Activities are generally financed through property taxes, motor vehicle registrations and other general revenue.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trust or major capital projects) requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action. The funds included in this group include the operation of the public library.

Propriety Funds – Propriety funds provide the same type of information found in the business-type reported in the Government-wide financial statements. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the Town Fair.

Expendable Trust - Expendable trusts are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity. Expendable trusts (in which the corpus can be spent) are accounted for in a similar fashion to governmental fund types.

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013
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D. Compensated Absences

Upon termination, employees are paid for all unused paid leave and compensatory time out of governmental funds. The related expenditure is recorded when due for payment. Accordingly, the Town has established a termination trust to pay unfunded compensation liabilities when incurred.

E. Accounting for Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed in the governmental funds. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as reservations of fund balance since they do not yet constitute expenditures or liabilities. There were no outstanding encumbrances at year end.

F. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

G. Investments

Marketable equity securities and debt securities are classified as either held to maturity, trading, or available-for-sale. Debt securities classified as held-to-maturity should be reported in the balance sheet at amortized cost. Trading securities and available-for-sale securities are reported at fair value.

H. Budgetary Control

An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the Town's general fund. Budgets are prepared by department and character (salaries, utilities, supplies, etc.). The budget is voted on and enacted at the Town Meeting in the aggregate. The final budget is then presented to the Department of Revenue Administration for their review and approval of the tax rate. Certain limitations set by state statute must be adhered to before the rate is established. Since the budget is voted on in the aggregate the total becomes the legal level of control. Within this control level, the selectmen may transfer appropriations without further action from the Town.

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013
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I. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and certain infrastructure assets, are reported in the governmental activities in the government-wide statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. The Town has only capitalized governmental infrastructure assets acquired since 2003. Depreciation is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of each asset. The estimated useful lives range from 5-50 years.

CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Governmental Activities:

	ASSETS			
	Balance 12-31-12	Additions	Retirements	Balance 12-31-13
Land	\$10,590,079	\$ 13,461	\$ -	\$10,603,540
Buildings and improvements	9,701,454	791,433	-	10,492,887
Roads	7,571,873	417,174	-	7,989,047
Equipment and vehicles	2,499,350	166,101	-	2,665,451
Totals	<u>\$30,362,756</u>	<u>\$1,388,169</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$31,750,925</u>
	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION			
Buildings and improvements	\$ 1,651,569	\$280,573	\$ -	\$ 1,932,142
Roads	1,138,819	155,609	-	1,294,428
Equipment and vehicles	2,100,872	93,197	-	2,194,069
Totals	<u>\$ 4,891,260</u>	<u>\$529,379</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,420,639</u>

During the year ended December 31, 2013 the Town spent \$854,360 in capital outlays and special warrants. See page 30 for a breakdown of the current year capital outlay and special warrants.

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013
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2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:

The Town's cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

RSA 48:16 requires that all funds belonging to the Town be deposited in solvent banks within the state, except funds may be deposited in banks outside the state if such banks pledge and deliver collateral to the state treasurer of equal value as the funds deposited. There is no requirement of an in-state bank to collateralize deposits in excess of FDIC insurance.

3. ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE:

The balance in the general fund account - assigned fund balance - represents unexpended funds for current and previous years' special appropriations for the following purposes:

Water and sewer improvements	\$ 177,936
Cemetery improvements	56,806
Town center plan	79,600
Highway vehicle	18,973
Town history	30,987
Office technologies	23,170
Police vehicle	29,839
SHP improvements	5,000
2014 Revaluation	49,104
Library computers	19,500
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	\$ 490,915

The balance in the trust funds represents unexpended capital reserve accounts established for the following:

Land conservation	\$ 323,545
Radio replacement	77,423
Fire department	3,153
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	\$ 403,941

4. TOTAL COLUMNS ON STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW:

Total columns on the Combined Statements are captioned "memorandum only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013
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5. PROPERTY TAXES:

Property taxes are based on values assessed as of April 1, and are billed semi-annually. The taxes are normally due by July 1 and December 1, respectively, or thirty days subsequent to the mailing date, whichever is later. Taxes due and unpaid after the respective due date are subject to interest at 12%. The Town has an ultimate right to foreclose on property for which taxes have not been paid. Thirty days after the taxes become delinquent the tax collector can initiate the tax lien/sale procedure by notifying the taxpayer by certified mail that they have 32 days to pay the bill or a lien shall be recorded against the property at the Registrar of Deeds. Once such lien is placed, interest increases to 18%. If full redemption of such outstanding tax lien is not timely made within two years of the execution of the lien, including statutory interest and costs accrued thereon, a tax deed may be issued to the holder of such lien pursuant to RSA 80:38 or RSA 80:76, and disposed of as the deed holder shall determine within the limits outlined in RSA 80.

6. SPECIAL REVENUE CASH:

Special revenue cash consists of the following:

Road bonds	\$ 541,591
EMS	253,826
Recreation revolving fund	96,745
Police details	51,046
Fire protection fund	46,429
SHP Recreational revolving fund	28,629
Heritage funds	19,667
Lindt impact	10,043
SHPA recreation funds	6,609
Drug forfeiture funds	5,044
Security deposits	4,854
	<u>\$1,064,483</u>

7. CASH HELD IN TRUST:

In 2012, the Town began holding cash in trust related to the Stratham Fair. Fair cash consists of the following at December 31, 2013.

Operating	\$119,752
Capital improvements	34,072
Rainy day funds	23,536
	<u>\$177,360</u>

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013
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8. CASH AND INVESTMENTS:

The Town's cash deposits and investments at December 31, 2013, are categorized by maturity date and by the level of risk assumed by the Town. The risk categories are defined as follows:

- (1) Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Town or its agent in Town's name;
- (2) Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Town's name;
- (3) Uncollateralized or uninsured for which securities are held by the financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the Town's name.

At December 31, 2013, the Town's deposits and investments consisted of the following:

	Categories			Total Cost	Market Value
	1	2	3		
Demand deposits	\$ 23,594	\$ -	\$ 11,740,405	\$ 11,763,999	\$ 11,763,999
Securities	-	-	451,425	451,425	668,162
New Hampshire Public Deposit and Investment Pool	-	617,910	-	617,910	617,910
	<u>\$ 23,594</u>	<u>\$ 617,910</u>	<u>\$ 12,191,830</u>	<u>\$ 12,833,334</u>	<u>\$ 13,050,071</u>

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013
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9. RECONCILIATION OF BUDGET AS APPROVED AT TOWN MEETING TO GAAP BASIS BUDGET:

Total appropriations - Town Meeting	\$7,370,911
Add: Prior years' appropriations expended	
Municipal center parking lot	156,470
Water and sewer improvements	69,970
Highway vehicle	52,680
SHP Parking lot improvements	25,000
Computer replacement	20,297
Town history	20,198
Cemetery improvements	4,947
Reassessment	3,102
Office technologies	1,216
Town center signs	357
Less: 2013 Appropriations carried forward	
Water and sewer improvements	(125,000)
2014 Revaluation	(25,000)
Town Center plan	(25,000)
Highway vehicle replacement	(18,973)
Library computers	(6,500)
SHP improvements	(5,000)
Computer replacement	(5,000)
	<u>\$7,514,675</u>

10. DUE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

The school district assessments for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 were \$9,538,347 for Exeter Regional Cooperative and \$8,890,955 for Stratham School. The School District assessments are paid in monthly installments. As of December 31, 2013 \$4,940,558 and \$4,470,000 was paid respectively, leaving a total balance of \$9,018,744 to be paid through June 30, 2014.

11. GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT:

General governmental liabilities for retirement of long-term debts are accounted for in the general long-term debt group. Amounts due in future periods on long-term debt recorded in the account group are provided by appropriation each year.

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013
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11. GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT: *(Continued)*

At December 31, 2013, the general long-term debt of the Town consists of general obligation bonds with an original issue amount of \$5,000,000 for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities for the safety complex, general obligation bonds with an original issue amount of \$140,000 for Gifford house renovations, general obligation bonds with an original issue amount of \$4,444,000 for the construction of the fire house and purchase of conservation land, and general obligation bonds for the purchase of land and buildings. In addition, the Town has an outstanding debt for the purchase of conservation easement property in the amount of \$2,375,000. The total amount outstanding under these agreements at December 31, 2013 is \$8,968,000.

2013 Serial Bonds, with the first installment due in the amount of \$100,000, then annual installments of \$100,000 through June, 2018, with interest fixed at 1.64%, payable semi-annual. The amount outstanding under this bond at December 31, 2013 is \$500,000.

2007 Serial Bonds, with the first installment due in the amount of \$229,000, then annual installments of \$225,000 through 2016, decreasing to annual installments of \$220,000 through January, 2028 with scheduled interest increasing from 3.75% to 4.25% (4.0% in January, 2013). The amount outstanding under this bond at December 31, 2013 is \$3,315,000.

2003 Serial Bonds, due in annual installments of \$250,000 through January 2024, with scheduled interest increasing from 2.5% to 4.25% (3.75% in January 2013). The amount outstanding under this bond at December 31, 2013 is \$2,750,000.

2012 Serial Bonds, due in annual installments of \$120,000 through February 2028, decreasing to annual installments of \$115,000 through February, 2033 with scheduled interest ranging from 2.10% to 5.10%, with an effective interest rate of 2.38% over the term of the bond (2.10% in January, 2013). The amount outstanding under this bond at December 31, 2013 is \$2,375,000.

2006 Serial Bonds, due in annual installments of \$14,000 through December, 2015, with interest fixed at 4.75%. The amount outstanding under this bond at December 31, 2013 is \$28,000.

Principal payments with terms in excess of one year mature as follows:

December, 2013, payable January 2014	609,000
December, 2014	709,000
December, 2015	690,000
December, 2016	690,000
Beyond	6,270,000

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013
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12. RETIREMENT PLAN:

The Town contributes to the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS), a cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the NHRS Board of Trustees. The plan provides service, disability, death and vested retirement allowances to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established and may be amended by the New Hampshire State Legislature. The NHRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for NHRS. That report may be obtained by writing to the New Hampshire Retirement System, 54 Regional Drive, Concord, New Hampshire, 03301.

Covered Police employees are required to contribute 11.55% of their covered salary, while General employees are required to contribute 7.0% of their covered salary; both contributions are mandatory payroll deductions. The Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The Town's contribution rates for 2013 payroll were 19.95% and 8.80% from January 1 through June 30, 2013, for Police and General Employees, respectively. Effective July 1, 2013, the Town's rates increased to 25.30% and 10.77%, for Police and General Employees, respectively. The Town contributed 100% of the employer cost for both Police and General employees in accordance with RSA 100-A:16, III as amended on September 11, 2012, totaling \$243,290, equal to the required contributions for the year.

13. IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB STANDARDS:

The GASB has issued Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, which the Town is required to implement in fiscal year 2015. Management's assessment is that this pronouncement will have a significant impact on the Town's basic financial statements, as the Town will have to report its proportional share of the New Hampshire Retirement System's unfunded pension liability in the financial statements for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
TAXES:			
Property	\$ 23,787,512	\$ 23,789,508	\$ 1,996
Land use change	340	340	-
Yield tax	525	157	(368)
	<u>23,788,377</u>	<u>23,790,005</u>	<u>1,628</u>
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES:			
Shared revenues-state	323,575	323,575	-
Highway subsidies-state	146,441	146,061	(380)
Police grants-federal	-	-	-
Conservation & other-state	-	44,867	44,867
	<u>470,016</u>	<u>514,503</u>	<u>44,487</u>
LOCAL SOURCES:			
Police department	-	14,579	14,579
Motor vehicle registrations	1,300,000	1,411,364	111,364
Franchise fee	138,220	138,220	-
Interest on deposits	2,000	932	(1,068)
Rent & sale of town property	60,000	64,421	4,421
Permits, filing fees	32,000	45,430	13,430
Dog licenses	7,100	7,149	49
Building permits	70,000	64,089	(5,911)
Interest & penalties on taxes	90,000	93,685	3,685
Income from departments	229,850	90,402	(139,448)
Reimbursements & other	8,174	101,358	93,184
	<u>1,937,344</u>	<u>2,031,629</u>	<u>94,285</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 26,195,737</u>	<u>\$ 26,336,137</u>	<u>\$ 140,400</u>

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013
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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES:			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	\$ 175,420	\$ 163,723	\$ 11,697
Election, registration, and vital statistics	6,175	6,685	(510)
Financial administration	426,089	418,811	7,278
Legal	40,000	21,866	18,134
Personnel administration	1,063,319	833,521	229,798
Planning and zoning	236,876	203,008	33,868
General government buildings	127,339	121,606	5,733
Cemeteries	34,050	21,502	12,548
Insurance	84,143	84,143	-
Abatements/refunds	150,000	35,628	114,372
	<u>2,343,411</u>	<u>1,910,493</u>	<u>432,918</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police	928,932	828,367	100,565
Fire	158,800	143,931	14,869
Dispatch service	1,000	806	194
Emergency management	11,410	2,009	9,401
	<u>1,100,142</u>	<u>975,113</u>	<u>125,029</u>
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
Town maintenance	559,972	572,043	(12,071)
Public works commission	21,500	347	21,153
Street lights	8,000	8,652	(652)
	<u>589,472</u>	<u>581,042</u>	<u>8,430</u>
SANITATION:			
Trash pick-up	628,168	602,597	25,571
HEALTH & WELFARE:			
General assistance	25,000	6,197	18,803
Health department	49,246	47,246	2,000
Water treatment	-	-	-
Animal control	600	-	600
Mosquito control	61,800	61,500	300
	<u>136,646</u>	<u>114,943</u>	<u>21,703</u>
PARKS & RECREATION:			
Parks	86,109	81,878	4,231
Recreation	116,497	105,881	10,616
Patriotic	2,000	1,042	958
Heritage & other	23,200	12,698	10,502
	<u>227,806</u>	<u>201,499</u>	<u>26,307</u>

(Continued)

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

(Continued)

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES (Continued):			
DEBT SERVICE:			
Bond principal	489,000	489,000	-
Interest-long term	317,078	308,969	8,109
	<u>806,078</u>	<u>797,969</u>	<u>8,109</u>
CAPITAL OUTLAY & SPECIAL WARRANTS:			
Town center sign	3,000	357	2,643
SHP parking lot	44,000	68,665	(24,665)
Computers	16,500	25,297	(8,797)
Office technology	-	1,216	(1,216)
Tennis court maintenance	5,000	3,951	1,049
Water and sewer study	125,000	69,970	55,030
MC parking lot expansion	100,000	252,292	(152,292)
Highway reconstruction	300,000	300,000	-
Highway vehicle	50,000	83,707	(33,707)
Playing field improvements	8,000	8,000	-
Highway equipment	13,000	12,658	342
SHP facility improvements	5,000	-	5,000
Cemetery improvements	-	4,947	(4,947)
Town history	-	20,198	(20,198)
Reassessment	25,000	3,102	21,898
Town center plan	25,000	-	25,000
	<u>719,500</u>	<u>854,360</u>	<u>(134,860)</u>
COUNTY	<u>1,321,256</u>	<u>1,321,256</u>	<u>-</u>
SCHOOL DISTRICT	<u>18,429,302</u>	<u>18,429,302</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>26,301,781</u>	<u>25,788,574</u>	<u>513,207</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(106,044)</u>	<u>547,563</u>	<u>653,607</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers-in	-	5,549	5,549
Operating transfers-out	(441,028)	(439,105)	1,923
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES (USES)	<u>(441,028)</u>	<u>(433,556)</u>	<u>7,472</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	<u>(547,072)</u>	<u>114,007</u>	<u>661,079</u>
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>2,308,818</u>	<u>2,308,818</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,761,746</u>	<u>\$ 2,422,825</u>	<u>\$ 661,079</u>



BIRTHS REGISTERED IN STRATHAM FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

CHILD'S NAME	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE (NH)	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
FEE, OLENA NADIA	1/16/14	PORTSMOUTH	FEE, STEPHEN	FEE, NINA
ELMORE, EDWARD JOHN	3/4/14	EXETER	ELMORE, JOHN	ZENG-ELMORE, XIAOHUI
KAISER, WILLIAM SCOTT	9/23/14	PORTSMOUTH	KAISER, SCOTT	KAISER, HEATHER
DEROSA, JACK ALAN	11/8/2014	EXETER	DEROSA, JEFFREY	DEROSA, KATE
FLETCHER, KAILA ISABELLE	11/24/2014	PORTSMOUTH	FLETCHER, GAVAN	FLETCHER, STEFANIE
SILLER JR, DANIEL ALFONSO	12/12/2014	EXETER	SILLER, DANIEL	SILLER, JENNIFER
POMERLEAU, CHRISTOPHER DALE	12/19/2014	PORSTMOUTH	POMERLEAU, DALE	MCCAFFERY-POMERLEAU, KATHLEEN

DEATH REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

DECEDENT'S NAME	DATE OF		PLACE OF	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME	MILITARY
	DEATH	DEATH				
RICHARD, JANE	1/1/2014	EXETER	BURNHAM, EUGENE	QUINN, MAE	N	
MCARDLE, LORRAINE	1/20/2014	PORTSMOUTH	COSTELLO, JOHN	CARTEN, HAZEL	N	
GUIROLA, ELENA	2/13/2014	BRENTWOOD	KURSCHENSKY, CLEMENCEAN	SCHIECKA, SOPHIE	N	
RHODES, PAUL	2/28/2014	DOVER	RHODES, GEORGE	SOLESBEE, HELEN	N	
DARLING, PETER	3/19/2014	DOVER	DARLING, A. GRAEME	CRUMP, JULIA	Y	
SHIRLEY, MARGARET	3/20/2014	STRATHAM	MCGOWAN, DONALD	SCHOEFFEL, HELEN	N	
BLOOD JR, KENNETH	4/20/2014	STRATHAM	BLOOD SR, KENNETH	LINCOLN, MABLE	N	
GRAY, DOMINIC	4/21/2014	EXETER	GRAY, DYLAN	PIKE, SHELBY	N	
FITZGERALD, EILEEN	5/1/2014	STRATHAM	HEALEY, JAMES	MCGUIRE, KATHLEEN	N	
DODGE, DAVID	5/17/2014	BRENTWOOD	DODGE, JOHN	WENTWORTH, MARION	N	
TERRY III, CHARLES	6/3/2014	PORTSMOUTH	TERRY JR, CHARLES	IRBY, JESSICA	Y	
YEADON, FOSTER	6/8/2014	STRATHAM	YEADON, FOSTER	SPRUCE, NETTIE	Y	
BUCSI, JOHN	6/16/2014	PORTSMOUTH	BUCSI, JOHN	JANDROSITS, THERESA	Y	
KIERSTEAD, GORDON	7/8/2014	EXETER	KIERSTEAD, EDWIN	DAVIS, PAULINE	Y	
MIELKE, JOHN	7/15/2014	PORTSMOUTH	MIELKE, ALAN	WOODCOCK, DORIS	Y	
BOYLE, NANCY	7/30/2014	EXETER	CAVANAUGH, WILLIAM	LINGREN, MILDRED	N	
WENTWORTH, ELIZABETH	8/23/2014	EXETER	MARKIE, NEWELL	COTA, GENEVA	N	
SCERBO, DANIEL	8/28/2014	STRATHAM	SCERBO, ANDREW	DILORNZO, FRANCES	N	
MORIN JR, WILBERT	9/12/2014	EXETER	MORIN SR, WILBERT	CHAPUT, GABRIELLE	N	
ALLEN, PETER	9/17/2014	DOVER	ALLEN, FREDERIC	GUNNER, ELAINE	Y	
DOYLE, WILLIAM	9/26/2014	PORTSMOUTH	DOYLE, WILLIAM	CARROLL, EMILY	Y	
BATEMAN, CECIL	10/2/2014	STRATHAM	BATEMAN, ARTHUR	WOODS, LAURA	N	
RITCHIE, LAWRENCE	10/18/2014	EXETER	RITCHIE, LAWRENCE	COLLINS, LILLIAN	Y	
SCHIMOLER, ROBERT	10/31/2014	STRATHAM	SCHIMOLER, JOHN	SMITH, PATRICIA	Y	
MASI, DONALD	11/7/2014	DOVER	MASI, CHARLES	LUCIAN, VERA	Y	

DECEDENT'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME	MILITARY
PERRY, MICHAEL	11/12/2014	STRATHAM	PERRY, REGINALD	BANEY, BARBARA	N
PARNELL, SANDRA	11/15/2014	EXETER	PARNELL, PAUL	UNKNOWN, BETTY	N
GUILLEMETTE, MAXINE	11/16/2014	STRATHAM	BELKAKIS, STEPHEN	UNKNOWN, BEATRICE	N
DAOUST SR, LAWRENCE	12/10/2014	STRATHAM	DAOUST, PHILLIP	PELLERIN, ROSANNA	N
SCHMIDT, GEORGE	12/13/2014	PORTSMOUTH	SCHMIDT, GEORGE	MCGARRY, ELIZABETH	Y
LEONARD, EDWARD	12/14/2014	PORTSMOUTH	LEONARD, JOHN	THOMPSON, LUTIE	Y
BROWN, THELMA	12/19/2014	STRATHAM	FOSS, HAROLD	MESERVE, BERTHA	N
CLEARY, JANE	12/22/2014	EXETER	NORTON, WILLIAM	GORMAN, ANNA	N

MARRIAGES REPORTED FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

PERSON A'S NAME	PERSON A'S RESIDENCE	PERSON B'S NAME	PERSON B'S RESIDENCE	TOWN OF ISSUANCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF MARRIAGE
DAVIDSON, JUSTIN P	STRATHAM, NH	DIETZ, KATHERINE C	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	1/24/2014
THURSTON, DANA H	STRATHAM, NH	ROCHELEAU, EILEEN M	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	NO HAMPTON	2/1/2014
WOODSUM, JAMES V	STRATHAM, NH	FORTIN, LIVIA E	NEWMARKET, NH	NEWMARKET	HAMPTON	3/15/2014
ALLEN III, LEONARD W	STRATHAM, NH	MEGAN, SUE A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	NEW CASTLE	4/12/2014
LARAIN, TODD C	SOMERSWORTH NH	WOODS, JENNIFER E	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	NEW CASTLE	4/14/2014
MICHNO, DAVID E	STRATHAM, NH	LERCH, JEAN F	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	NEW CASTLE	4/19/2014
LANGLEY, BLYTHE A	NO HAMPTON, NH	BOUZY, GREGORY	STRATHAM, NH	NO HAMPTON	NO HAMPTON	4/30/2014
CONGIN, GARY A	CHESTERLAND, OH	DONOHUE, MEGAN L	STRATHAM, NH	HAMPTON	PORTSMOUTH	5/11/2014
MOWERS, WADE R	STRATHAM, NH	PHETAKOUNE, KATTI L	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	MANCHESTER	5/24/2014
RIDER, JACQUELINE A	STRATHAM, NH	HINES, AMANDA S	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	NASHUA	6/1/2014
BEATTY, KEVIN D	STRATHAM, NH	TOWNLEY, LISA A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	EXETER	7/25/2014
VERDERAME, ANDREW A	STRATHAM, NH	BOURGALT, BRITTANY V	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	BEDFORD	8/3/2014
ELDRIDGE, JUSTINE K	STRATHAM, NH	JOHNSON, JAMES C	EXETER, NH	EXETER	SEABROOK	8/5/2014
LONG, BRIAN V	STRATHAM, NH	DUMONT, RAMONA R	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	NO HAMPTON	8/9/2014
MORTON, AARON M	HAMPTON, NH	THOMPSON, ASHLEY M	STRATHAM, NH	HAMPTON	ROCHESTER	8/16/2014
GARVIN, ANDREW D	STRAFFORD, NH	GRAHAM, ALLISON M	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	LEE	8/23/2014
POMERLEAU, ERIC J	STRATHAM, NH	FRIDELL, SONJA K	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	8/31/2014
PYBURN, DANIEL T	STRATHAM, NH	LONARDO-ROY, MARIA L	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	GREENLAND	9/6/2014
KRZESINSKI, RANDI C	STRATHAM, NH	PARENTEAU JR, JOHN M	BRENTWOOD, NH	BRENTWOOD	NO CONWAY	9/6/2014
HEALY, TIMOTHY P	STRATHAM, NH	DAUGHERTY, MADELEINE R	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	9/8/2014
DANE, MICHAEL	STRATHAM, NH	DAVIDSON, VERONICA M	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	9/20/2014
MCKENNA, COLLEEN E	STRATHAM, NH	ROSENTHAL, ADAM M	DURHAM, NH	DURHAM	DURHAM	9/20/2014
MOROVITZ, RICHARD J	STRATHAM, NH	ORAZINE, REGINA	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	9/25/2014
HALLENBORG JR, DAVID G	STRATHAM, NH	CAMPBELL, SYLVIA L	STRATHAM, NH	EXETER	EXETER	10/18/2014
SICA, MARTIN L	STRATHAM, NH	GERARDOT, KELLY M	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	10/24/2014
HUMMEL, JANET L	STRATHAM, NH	FAGGIANO, KENNETH A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	12/12/2014

ANNUAL REPORTS

For the school year ending June 30, 2014
With the Proposed 2015-2016 Budgets

OF

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
STRATHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
(EXETER REGION / ERCSD)

AND

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #16
(SAU 16)

MARCH 2015

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Grades Pre-School through 5th for Stratham School District

Stratham School Board

Heidi Hanson, Chair	Term expires 2015
Travis Thompson, Vice Chair	Term expires 2015
Bob O'Sullivan	Term expires 2017
Eric von der Linden	Term expires 2017
Everett Lamm	Term expires 2016

Moderator

David Emanuel	Term expires 2016
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Clerk

Mikki Deschaine	Term expires 2015
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Treasurer

Patty Lovejoy	Term expires 2016
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Stratham Memorial School

Tom Foshier – Principal	Elizabeth LaCasse – Nurse
David Goldsmith – Vice Principal	Plodzik & Sanderson – Auditor

COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT / Exeter Region (ERCSD)

Grades 6th through 12th for: Brentwood, Exeter, East Kingston, Kensington, Newfields and Stratham

Cooperative School Board

Helen Joyce, Chair.....	Stratham term expires 2015
Linda Garey, Vice Chair.....	Brentwood term expires 2016
Maggie Bishop.....	Exeter term expires 2015
Darrell Chichester	Exeter term expires 2016
James Firmin	Stratham term expires 2017
Denny Grubbs.....	Exeter term expires 2015
Alicia Heslop	Newfields term expires 2015
Deborah Hobson.....	East Kingston term expires 2017
Paul Staller.....	Kensington term expires 2015

Moderator

Kate Miller	Term expires 2015
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Clerk

Sue Bendroth	Appointed position
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Treasurer

Luke Breton	Appointed position
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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 16

Superintendent services for school districts of:

Brentwood, Cooperative (ERCSD), Exeter, East Kingston Kensington, Newfields and Stratham

Michael A. Morgan
Superintendent of Schools

Paul A. Flynn
Associate Superintendent

Sandra MacDonald
Assistant Superintendent

Esther A. Asbell
Assistant Superintendent

Helen M. Rist
Special Education Administrator

Amy R. Ransom
Business Administrator

School: Stratham Local School
New Hampshire
Warrant and Budget
2015

To the inhabitants of the town of Stratham in the County of Rockingham in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vot
in school district affairs are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: March 6, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Stratham Memorial School

Details:

Article 1:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,151,138 for the support of the schools, for payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the School District. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. The School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 2 for and 0 against. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 2:

To see if the School District will approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Stratham School Board and the Stratham Teachers Association covering the three-year period from September 1, 2015 to August 30, 2018 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated increase
2015-2016	\$179,394
2016-2017	\$170,645
2017-2018	\$178,781

and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$179,394 for the 2015-2016 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. Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed. The School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5 for and 0 against. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 3:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund previously established in 2009. The School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5 for and 0 against. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 4:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Maintenance Trust Fund previously established in 2009, up to an amount not to exceed a balance of \$500,000. This sum to come from June 30, 2015 undesignated fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2015. No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5 for and 0 against. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 5:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of a pre-school needs assessment and feasibility study for the Stratham Memorial School. The School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5 for and 0 against. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 6:

To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 7:


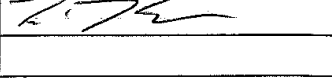
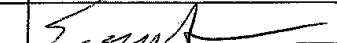
To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Center in said District on the tenth (10th) day of March, 2015 between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning (8:00 AM) and eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 PM) to act on the following subjects:

1. To choose two (2) Members of the School Board for the ensuing three (3) years.
2. To choose one (1) School District Clerk for the ensuing three (3) years.

Given under our hands, February 4, 2015

We certify and attest that on or before February 5, 2015, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at Town Office, Town Library and SAU #16, and delivered the original to the School District Clerk.

Printed Name	Position	Signature
Heidi Hanson	School Board Chair	
Travis Thompson	School Board Vice Chair	
Robert O' Sullivan	School Board Member	
Everett Lamm	School Board Member	
Eric von der Linden	School Board Member	

**SCHOOL WARRANT 2015
STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Stratham, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Center in said District on the tenth (10th) day of March, 2015 between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning (8:00 AM) and eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 PM) to act on the following subjects:

1. To choose two (2) Members of the School Board for the ensuing three (3) years.
2. To choose one (1) School District Clerk for the ensuing three (3) years.

Given under our hands at said Stratham on this 3rd day of February, 2015.

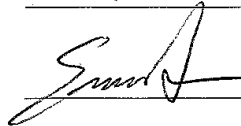
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TRUE COPY OF WARRANT – ATTEST:

STRATHAM SCHOOL BOARD









School Budget Form: Stratham Local School (RSA 21-J:34) Appropriations and
Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year from: **July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016** Form Due Date: **20 days after
meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: 2-7-15 For Assistance Please Contact: NH DRA Municipal and
Property Division Phone: (603) 230-5090 Fax: (603) 230-5947 <http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

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

School Board Members	
Printed Name	Signature
Heidi Hanson	<i>Heidi Hanson</i>
Travis Thompson	<i>Travis Thompson</i>
Robert O'Sullivan	
Everett Lamm	
Eric von der Linden	<i>Eric von der Linden</i>

A hard-copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NHDRA at the following
address: **NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY
DIVISION P.O.BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487**

Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
Instruction						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	1	\$3,483,494	\$3,604,714	\$3,450,274	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	1	\$1,174,863	\$1,255,315	\$1,408,208	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	1	\$2,941	\$3,648	\$4,158	\$0
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Support Services						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	1	\$790,992	\$730,638	\$498,264	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	1	\$371,188	\$453,653	\$752,377	\$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	1	\$25,811	\$33,500	\$33,500	\$0
Executive Administration						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	1	\$211,512	\$234,886	\$219,732	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	1	\$360,787	\$398,321	\$323,740	\$0
2500-2599	Business		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	1	\$509,358	\$562,447	\$489,166	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	1	\$375,747	\$354,362	\$397,944	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other	1	\$2,154,798	\$2,476,413	\$2,350,442	\$0
Non-Instructional Services						
3100	Food Service Operations	1	\$0	\$208,333	\$208,333	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction						
4100	Site Acquisition		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4200	Site Improvement	1	\$10,700	\$49,000	\$15,000	\$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
Other Outlays						
5110	Debt Service - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$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
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$9,472,191	\$10,365,230	\$10,151,138	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	5	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
5252	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	4	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
5252	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	3	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Special Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$145,000	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining	2	\$0	\$0	\$179,394	\$0
	Purpose:					
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$179,394	\$0

Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Local Sources					
1300-1349	Tuition	1	\$10,700	\$5,000	\$5,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	1	\$138	\$125	\$450
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	1	\$0	\$168,333	\$168,333
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Services Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	1	\$40	\$337	\$1,000
State Sources					
3210	School Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Catastrophic Aid	1	\$55,544	\$27,648	\$10,000
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	1	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
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	1	\$0	\$37,000	\$37,000
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution	1	\$44,280	\$15,000	\$15,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$0	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
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	4	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	1	\$229,896	\$350,938	\$250,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$415,598	\$632,381	\$514,783

Budget Summary

Item	Current Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$10,365,229	\$10,151,138
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$125,000	\$145,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$0	\$179,394
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$10,490,229	\$10,475,532
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$478,033	\$514,783
Less: Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$775,340	\$791,629
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$9,236,856	\$9,169,120

Stratham District School Board Report for 2014

Thanks to the support of the Stratham community, I'm happy to report that the state of our school is strong. Students are performing exceptionally well – both in a traditionally measurable sense and in a way that can only be adequately conveyed by spending time with students in their classrooms. Teachers are answering the call to provide an appropriately rigorous educational experience. And our administrators are supporting efforts that ensure excellence in all aspects of learning and teaching at Stratham Memorial School.

Throughout 2014, K-5 enrollment held steady at around 600 students, continuing a 10-year enrollment trend. Staffing has also been steady at 32 full-time, regular classroom teachers. In 2014, four new teachers replaced four of our veteran teachers who retired. We expect to continue to see – for the next few years – a similar number of retirements and the resulting downward shift in our budget line item for teacher salaries. For the coming school year, the School Board is proposing a budget that reflects an overall reduction of over two percent relative to last year's budget.

In November, the School District reached consensus on a new three-year collective bargaining agreement with the Stratham Teachers' Association. The agreement provides for yearly salary increases of 1.5% plus a cost of living adjustment for a total salary increase that cannot exceed 2.5% in any of the three years. The agreement also contains changes to health insurance benefits that eliminate the possibility for any taxpayer exposure to so-called "Cadillac tax" penalties under the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

As in past years, the School Board is proposing additional funding for the School District's two trust funds: Special Education and Maintenance. The trust funds provide protection to our educational programs from unforeseen, catastrophic expenses. The School Board is also proposing funding for a feasibility study that would examine any possibility and any need for pre-school programming directed toward children who don't qualify for the early intervention services of our existing pre-school program.

It's truly been an honor to serve on the Stratham School Board for the last three years. The individuals who have served with me are intelligent, dedicated people who understand and support the mission of public education. Thank you to Everett Lamm, Bob O'Sullivan, Travis Thompson and Eric von der Linden. Another group of dedicated Stratham residents meets with the School Board over several weeks during budget season; their contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you members of the Financial Advisory Committee: Deb Bronson, Susan Canada, Bruno Federico, Sue Hunter, Patty Philbrook and Charles Wagner.

Respectfully,

Heidi Hanson - Chairperson, Stratham District School Board

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32:11-a

<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES</u>		<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
1210	Special Programs	1,198,648	1,174,862
1430	Summer School	0	0
2140	Psychological Services	81,902	83,669
2140	Vision / Hearing Svs	1,369	1,688
2150	Speech and Audiology	199,998	224,870
2159	Speech-Summer School	0	0
2160	Physical Therapy	18,463	12,144
2150	Occupational Therapy	172,723	176,627
2722	Special Transportation	72,124	57,247
2729	Summer School Transportation	0	0
Total Expenses		1,745,227	1,731,107
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE</u>			
1950	Services to other LEAs	0	0
3110	Special Ed. Portion Adequacy fund	112,529	111,169
3110	Foundation Aid	0	0
3111	Catastrophic Aid	17,146	55,544
3190	Medicaid	56,863	44,280
Total Revenues		186,538	210,993
<u>ACTUAL DISTRICT COST FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION</u>		<u>1,558,689</u>	<u>1,520,114</u>

TABLE I
STRATHAM PUPILS
TOTAL ENROLLMENT JANUARY 1, 2014

YEAR	PRE	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2005-06	19	95	112	112	95	99	120	652
2006-07	18	92	108	110	108	93	104	633
2007-08	19	83	96	106	111	108	100	623
2008-09	16	97	89	102	107	116	104	631
2009-10	19	91	107	92	106	106	116	637
2010-11	18	86	101	112	93	111	107	628
2011-12	21	101	93	104	119	99	116	653
2012-13	21	101	93	104	119	99	116	653
2013-14	16	70	98	108	98	110	120	620

TABLE II
STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE
FOR 2013-2014

Max Agri
Hanna Atlee
Abigail Dean
Abigail Gaynor
Clara Gorman
Ariane Graves
Annika Holmes
Caroline Ireland
Alexander King
Amber Lussier
Isabelle McCormick
Christopher Mella
Molly Merrick
Syngsak Nachampassak
Alida Oak
Aiden Tessier
Leah Thompson
Meghan Tremblay

<u>Professional</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>2013-2014</u> <u>Wages</u>	<u>Professional</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>2013-2014</u> <u>Wages</u>
Adler, Susan	76,853.00	MacLean-Smith, Cheryl	75,353.00
Atherton, Diane	76,853.00	Maher, Donna	84,169.00
August, June	84,169.00	Mastin, Melissa	81,169.00
Batchelder, Laura	76,603.00	McAlpine, Robert	64,931.00
Beauchesne, Amy	78,063.00	McIntosh, Laurie (60%)	45,211.80
Bucklin, Katherine	63,650.00	Megan, Sue Ann	84,169.00
Bucknam, Jessica	63,650.00	Miller, Suzette	77,353.00
Caldwell, Jessica	72,059.00	Moreno, Laurie (60%)	49,901.40
Caporello, Laurie	83,169.00	Morrison, Linda	83,169.00
Chartier, R. Melody	77,853.00	O'Connor, Mary Lou	81,169.00
Christilles, Tracey	82,669.00	Page, Ashley	61,105.00
Craig, Deborah	83,169.00	Pinsonnault, Karen	81,669.00
Curry, Julie	74,941.00	Powley, Robyn	72,059.00
DeLello, Shannon	40,600.00	Rochford, Megan	50,034.00
Driscoll, Margaret	91,345.00	Ruel, Jennifer	84,020.00
Durant, Karen (60%)	33,931.20	Saltus, Edgar	78,063.00
Eitler, Judith	84,169.00	Silvester, Kerry	81,669.00
Fennessy, Debra	71,048.00	Snow, Jennifer	81,169.00
Fitzgerald, Cindy	75,353.00	Spencer, Frank	83,669.00
Fosher, Thomas	109,056.00	Stringham, Carol (70%)	50,083.60
Gagnon, Stephen	83,169.00	Sullivan, Kristen	78,667.00
Ganier, Caroline	58,909.00	Tierney, Janis	83,669.00
Gaudet, Christine	83,669.00	Valenti, Jessica	66,303.00
Gaynor, Chris	64,264.00	Warner, Cathy	71,548.00
Griffith, Diane (60%)	46,111.80	Wigode, Lucinda	83,669.00
Guilbert, Nancy	83,169.00	Xydias, Eleni	48,291.00
Hackett, Jennifer	81,169.00		
Hale, Gwen	82,169.00		
Harrison, Gary	81,669.00		
Hazeltine, Mary Ann	79,167.00		
Lacasse, Elizabeth	53,258.00		
Leonard, Anne	81,169.00		
Lewald-Ratta, Cindy (60%)	45,811.80		
Locke, Tiffany	50,034.00		
		<u>Full Time Support Staff</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>2013-2014</u> <u>Wages</u>
		Aiken, Michelle	27,400.00
		Breton, Robert	34,715.20
		Gebo, Patricia	41,800.00
		Greene, Benjamin	23,462.40
		Horan, Thomas	24,148.80
		Ryan, Marlo	48,340.00

STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL

39 Gifford Farm Road Stratham, NH 03885

Mr. Thomas J. Fosher
Principal

Tel: 772-5413 fax: 772-0021

Mr. David Goldsmith
Assistant Principal

January 20, 2015

The hot days of August were upon as Stratham began its 26th anniversary in the setting at 39 Gifford Farm Road for staff and students on another step in the journey of education. The 120 member staff had classrooms organized, materials prepared and lessons planned for the 600 preschoolers to fifth graders as they entered on the 25th day of August, a very early start date. Everyone was set to commence the first step of a ten month sojourn, learning to grow socially, emotionally, and academically.

The SMS faculty continued with the integration of technology in all facets. Teachers began the year with Chromebooks, Netbooks, iPads and interactive boards/devices to assist all learners. The use of the workshop model for reading, writing and math have yielded more independent and curious students. Our school-based Leadership Team (SALT) was instrumental in developing the school's mission and vision statements along with value statements and goals.

Longtime educators Susan Adler, Sue Megan, Cathy Warner, and Lucinda Wigode submitted their retirements from SMS. Combined, the four individuals had over 100 years of educational service to the district. We were fortunate to have such talented, dedicated and warm individuals in our building. New to the SMS are Ashley Arnold, Samantha Hodgdon, Melanie Metz, Amy Riley and Kellie Tingle. David Goldsmith was hired as our Assistant Principal.

The school year centered around three school goals emphasizing student achievement, school climate and the integration of technology. The faculty and students continue to maintain an active role with community service in and around the Seacoast.

The school received the Annual School Volunteer Blue Ribbon Award for the 19th time as many of our community members have volunteered to assist the school in multiple capacities. Staff provided leadership at local, regional and national conferences. These professional development opportunities centered on technology, reading and writing. Gracie Jordan was the Spelling Bee Champion, making her way to the Regional contest in Concord. Fourth grade student James Horton was also our Geography Bee winner. Favorite after school programs were Robotics, Coding, Watercolors, Science, Drama, Cooking, Sewing, Cross-country and Geocaching.

Programs that continue to enrich our students included the visits to or from: NH Theatre Project, Mainely Stars, Portland Symphony, Portsmouth Music Hall, Old Yorke, Odiome Point, Coppal Farm, Techsploration, Wildlife Encounters, Plimoth Docents and Jeff Warner. These terrific programs, along with our field trips, aid in assuring our children with a well-rounded education.

Please visit us, read my blog 'Stories from Stratham' or check us out at www.sms.sau16.org!

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Fosher

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2014

Members Present: Heidi Hanson, Everett Lamm, Robert O'Sullivan, Travis Thompson, and Eric von der Linden.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by School District Moderator David Emanuel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lucy Cushman.

Mr. Emanuel introduced the School Board Members and the School District Clerk, as well as the Supervisors of the Checklist present.

The Moderator then called for a moment of silence for those serving our country.

Mr. Emanuel explained that he would follow simple parliamentary procedures, and highlighted some procedural items. He asked that everyone be courteous and respectful of one another.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,365,229 for the support of the schools, for payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the School District. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. The School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5 for and 0 against. (Majority Vote Required)

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to accept this article. School Board Chair Heidi Hanson moved to adopt Article 1 as read, and Vice Chair Travis Thompson seconded the motion. The Moderator then recognized Ms. Hanson to speak to her motion. Ms. Hanson thanked the members of the School Board and the Financial Advisory Committee □ Susan Canada, Sue Hunter, Charles Wagner, Patty Philbrook, Bruno Federico, and Lauren Byrnes □ for their work on the budget. She also acknowledged Superintendent Mike Morgan and Assistant Superintendent Sandy MacDonald from the SAU office and the administrative staff at SMS. Ms. Hanson then asked for permission to yield the floor to Stratham Memorial School Principal Tom Fosher for a presentation regarding the budget; there were no objections.

Mr Fosher stated that he would forego his PowerPoint presentation regarding technology, programs, and other information about the school itself, and would post it on Stratham Memorial School's website for people to view at their leisure. He then stated that he would highlight specific budget line items that reflected increases or decreases. Increases included: \$122,197 in teacher salaries, due to the 2.5% increase under the last year of the teacher contract, as well as additional funds for sabbatical or maternity leaves, and replacements at step five for retiring teachers; \$26,444 in regular instructional aides salaries, due to implementation full-day Kindergarten next year, which is offset by a reduction in the district contract for transportation resulting from the elimination of the mid-day Kindergarten bus run; \$56,341 in retirement/sick accrual, as four regular teachers are retiring; \$27,250 total for the three enrichment/curriculum development line items, to fund next-generation materials in the classrooms to improve the

approaches to teaching science, reading and math , as well update non-fiction materials in the library; \$36,302 in speech pathologist salary, to provide coverage for an individual on medical leave (offset by a decrease in related speech services); \$9,663 in computer teaching materials, since grades two and three will be going to 1:1 computing next year; \$23,374 in office of the superintendent to cover SAU support costs; \$28,900 in curriculum coordinator salary, as that position will increase from 60% to a full-time non-supervisory administrative position next year; \$6,412 in health insurance, as costs will rise slightly even as staff contributions increase under the contract; \$27,985 total for the FICA, retirement and worker's compensation line items; and \$37,800 under site improvement, to cover the costs of digging the swale out around the parking lot to improve drainage, painting and refurbishing the school interior as needed, and repairing the air handler system.

Reductions included: \$33,850 for special education aide salaries, based on identified population needs; \$77,000 for special education tuition, again based on identified population needs; \$25,200 in related speech services as discussed previously; \$27,522 in media salary, as Mrs. Wigode was retiring and was expected to be replaced by a media generalist at a lesser salary; \$15,772 in media equipment; \$5,000 in performance stipend; and \$48,504 in district contract which, as noted previously, reflected the elimination of the mid-day bus transportation due to the implementation of all-day Kindergarten.

Ms. Hanson then asked to yield the floor to Mr. Thompson to address the \$100,000 construction projects line item. Mr. Thompson stated that after the events in Newtown, Connecticut, there was discussion throughout the SAU on safety and security, which included consultation with Chief Richard Kane of Exeter, Chief John Scippa of Stratham, and Stratham Officer Michael Oliveira, who is a nationally trained expert and speaker on this subject. While SMS had been set as an example for their procedures, these were no longer good enough after Newtown. The group looked at what could make security better, with expert advice on improvements. This \$100,000 line item covers those items recommended as priorities – areas such as entrances/locks, communications with first responders, and other key improvements. Mr. Thompson stated that he obviously could not get into the details of these improvements, but he wanted to explain this proposed expenditure since the budget software would not allow a more appropriate title for this line item.

The Moderator then asked if there were any questions or comments on Article 1. Pat Abrami of 9 Tall Pines Drive asked why younger teachers below step five weren't hired to balance salary costs and blend with the more experienced teachers. The Moderator recognized Mr. Fosher, who said that the school does indeed do so, but that step five was used for budgeting purposes. Mr. Abrami continued, however the Moderator asked him to please hold his comments until later in the meeting since he was not speaking to the motion presently on the floor.

Susan Canada of 47 Bunker Hill Avenue then spoke on behalf of the Budget Advisory Committee. Mrs. Canada outlined the work of the committee, stating that members recognized that the largest portion of our tax bill went to educating our children. And, while they would ideally prefer not to see large increases, the reality was that in order to maintain the current levels of program and services that our town has asked for, increases were necessary. The Financial Advisory Committee encouraged the School Board to seek opportunities within the SAU to

combine services; they also supported the hiring of less experienced teachers to replace those who were retiring for both financial and philosophical reasons. In addition, the committee strongly supported the continued funding of the special education and maintenance trust funds, which allowed more accurate budgeting and assured the community that unexpected expenses in these areas would not jeopardize programming. Mrs. Canada stated that the Financial Advisory Committee recommended the adoption of Article 1.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator read Article 1 and called for a vote. The article passed by a majority voice vote in favor of adopting Article 1.

The Moderator then recognized Eric von der Linden, who moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 1; Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mr. Emanuel called for a vote, and the motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 1 passed by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the School District will vote to remove the limitation placed on the Special Education Trust Fund previously established in 2009; such change would allow the fund to exceed the \$300,000 (including interest) limitation placed on it. The School Board recommends this article by a vote of 5 for and 0 against. (Majority Vote Required)

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to accept this article. Mr. Thompson moved to adopt Article 2 as read, and Ms. Hanson seconded the motion. The Moderator then recognized Mr. Thompson to speak to his motion.

Mr. Thompson explained that the Special Education Trust Fund was established in 2009 to provide financial support so that unanticipated special education costs would not drain the School District's operating budget. Some of these costs can run very high and could well exceed \$300,000; the current fund limitation may no longer be adequate given the costs of special education services today. The School Board is simply asking to remove the cap should voters decide to add additional funds to this trust fund in excess of the \$300,000 limitation.

There being no questions or comments, the Moderator read Article 2 and called for a vote. The article passed by a unanimous vote in favor of adopting Article 2.

The Moderator then recognized Mr. von der Linden, who moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 2; Everett Lamm seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mr. Emanuel called for a vote, and the motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 2 passed by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund previously established in 2009. The School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5 for and 0 against. (Majority Vote Required)

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to accept this article. Dr. Lamm moved to adopt Article 3 as read, and Robert O'Sullivan seconded the motion. The Moderator then recognized Dr. Lamm to speak to his motion.

Dr. Lamm noted that this article dovetails with Article 2. He stated that the current balance of the Special Education Trust Fund was \$225,224.11 and, as Mr. Thompson described in his comments regarding Article 2, the Board had come to understand that this was not an adequate reserve to cover unanticipated special education costs. The Board does not consider this a “rainy day” or late winter “slush” fund, and Dr. Lamm stated that, disappointingly, this money would be spent at some point in the future. He stated that the School Board – under the guidance of Special Education Director Meg Driscoll, Principal Fosher, the Financial Advisory Committee, and the SAU administration – endeavor to budget for special education needs appropriately and with precision according to their knowledge of the existing student population. However, the student population changed regularly as families moved into and out of town. While every effort was made to educate our special needs children in our own building with own qualified staff, some children required more intensive services or therapies that could entail additional resources (ex., interpretive services or nursing), the costs of which must be absorbed by the School District. Other children required specialized services that could not be provided at SMS and necessitated an out-of-district placement. Dr. Lamm stated that it could cost \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year – plus an additional \$12,000 to \$25,000 in annual transportation costs – for a special needs child to attend a day program within an hour’s drive; a residential out-of-district program for a child with significant special needs could cost \$100,000 to \$300,000 per year. He noted that the district presently has at least one student that is placed out-of-district – the roughly \$100,000 anticipated cost for the coming year was budgeted accordingly because these services were not unexpected. However – as some neighboring districts have experienced – should a family with a special needs child move to the town, or a current student suffer a traumatic injury/ailment resulting in the need for special education services, the result of such unanticipated costs could be catastrophic to the district’s budget. This article would add an additional \$100,000 to the Special Education Trust Fund to prepare for the unforeseen, unbudgeted special education emergency; the School Board viewed this as a necessary expense. Dr. Lamm urged support for Article 3.

The Moderator then asked if there were any questions or comments on Article 3. Michael Makabali of 43 Chisholm Farm Drive asked what the process was for using funds from this trust fund – did this happen automatically, or did a request have to go through the School Board? He asked this with regard to not just this trust fund, but the other trust funds as well. The Moderator recognized Mr. O’Sullivan, who responded that the Town’s Trustees of the Trust Funds oversaw the various trust funds. The School Board had the responsibility to request funds, and the Trustees had the responsibility to manage these funds. Mr. Makabali asked what would happen if the district realized that they had gone over budget. Mr. O’Sullivan replied that the School Board had to approve all expenditures. It would be a dire circumstance if the School District had inadequate funding to cover something like this because the area of special education is federally-mandated, so if a child has an individual education plan, it must be funded. If the district didn’t have the monies from the trust fund, the costs would have to come out of the district’s regular education budget. The School Board would make a request to the Trustees of the Trust Funds for funds from the Special Education Trust Fund.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator read Article 3 and called for a vote. The article passed by unanimous voice vote in favor of adopting Article 3.

The Moderator then recognized Mr. von der Linden, who moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 3; Mr. O'Sullivan seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mr. Emanuel called for a vote, and the motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 3 passed by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Maintenance Trust Fund previously established in 2009, up to an amount not to exceed a balance of \$500,000. This sum to come from June 30, 2014 surplus fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2014. No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5 for and 0 against. (Majority Vote Required)

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to accept this article. Mr. O'Sullivan moved to adopt Article 4 as read, and Dr. Lamm seconded the motion. The Moderator then recognized Mr. O'Sullivan to speak to his motion.

Mr. O'Sullivan stated that this article was to add \$25,000 of surplus into the Maintenance Trust Fund, and no taxes would be raised for this. He noted that in past years they were budgeting for a known expense – a new roof. However, the bids for the new roof were so reasonable that they were able to replace the entire roof on the building for \$312,000. The district doesn't have a specific project on the table now, so they decided to back off a bit on the amount added to the trust fund as there are no major maintenance needs presently. Mr. O'Sullivan stated that they would likely be some maintenance items down the road, such as replacement of kitchen equipment in the school cafeteria, that warrant this addition to the Maintenance Trust Fund.

The Moderator then asked if there were any questions or comments on Article 4. David Canada of 47 Bunker Hill Avenue made a motion to amend Article 4 to read "No *additional* amount to be raised from taxation." Bruce Scamman of 15 Gretas Way seconded Mr. Canada's motion. The Moderator and some School Board members expressed concern with regard to the legality of this amendment to the article, however the SAU's legal counsel, who was present at the meeting, stated that this amendment was legal.

As there were no further questions or comments, the Moderator called for a vote on Mr. Canada's motion to amend Article 4, which passed by a majority voice vote.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator then read Article 4 as amended and called for a vote. The article passed by a majority voice vote in favor of adopting the Article 4.

The Moderator then recognized Mr. von der Linden, who moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 4; Mr. O'Sullivan seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mr. Emanuel called for a vote, and the motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 4 passed by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

The Moderator recognized Stratham Selectman David Canada, who read the Town Report dedication to former School District and Town Assistant Moderator Jerry Howard.

Mr. Emanuel then recognized Mr. Thompson, who read the town report memorial to former Stratham School Board member Claire Ellis. Mr. Emanuel then read the memorial to long-time Stratham resident and volunteer Chris Rowe from the town report. Both Ms. Ellis and Mr. Rowe passed away this past year.

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

The Moderator asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting. Mr. Emanuel again recognized NH State Rep. Abrami, who noted that there was a vote coming up next week in the State Legislature to reconsider Common Core, which would not likely pass. He wanted to make people aware of this, and stated that both he and Rep. Copeland would be available to speak with any residents regarding this issue.

The Moderator then recognized Roger Thompson of Joyce Lane, who asked whether interest was being earned on the trust funds. Mr. O'Sullivan responded that the trust funds are earning interest, however current interest rates are so low that the amount is negligible.

The Moderator then reminded everyone that Tuesday, March 11 was Election Day; the polls at the Stratham Municipal Center on Bunker Hill Avenue would be open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Also, Stratham Town Meeting was Friday, March 14 at Stratham Memorial School beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mikki Deschaine
Stratham School District Clerk

2014 STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

School Board Member for Three Years: Robert O'Sullivan

School Board Member for Three Years: Eric von der Linden

THE EXETER REGION

COOPERATIVE

SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending June 30, 2014
For the Proposed 2015-2016 Budget

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MEMBERS AND DISTRICT OFFICERS

Chair of the School Board: Helen Joyce

NAME	TERM EXPIRES	TOWN
Maggie Bishop	2015	Exeter
Darrell Chichester	2016	Exeter
James Firmin	2017	Stratham
Linda Garey	2016	Brentwood
Denny Grubbs	2015	Exeter
Alicia Heslop	2015	Newfields
Deborah Hobson	2017	Stratham
Helen Joyce	2015	East Kingston
Paul Staller	2015	Kensington

School District Website: www.sau16.org

Moderator: Kate Miller

School District Clerk: Susan EH Bendroth

School District Treasurer: Luke Breton

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee: David Pendell

NAME	TERM EXPIRES	TOWN
John Bridle	2016	Exeter
Susan Canada	2015	Stratham
Lucy Cushman	2016	Stratham
Simon Heslop	2016	Newfields
Cheryl McDonough	2017	Kensington
Roy Morrisette	2017	Exeter
David Pendell	2015	East Kingston
Carl Robertson	2015	Exeter
Krista Steger	2017	Brentwood

Regional School: Exeter Coop

New Hampshire

Warrant and Budget

2015

To the inhabitants of the of Exeter Region Cooperative School District in the County of Rockingham in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in school district affairs are hereby notified and warned that the two phases of the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):

Date: February 5, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Exeter High School

Details: In the Arthur L. Hanson III Center for the Performing Arts Center

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 10, 2015

Locations:

<u>VOTERS IN TOWN OF</u>	<u>POLLING PLACE</u>	<u>POLLING HOURS</u>
Brentwood	Recreation Center	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
East Kingston	East Kingston Elementary School Multi-purpose Room	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Exeter	Talbot Gym Tuck Learning Campus	7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Kensington	Kensington Elementary School	8:00 AM to 7:30 PM
Newfields	Newfields Town Hall	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Stratham	Stratham Municipal Center	8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Article 01:

Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$55,721,982? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$55,962,349, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend \$55,721,982 as set forth on said budget.)

Article 02:

Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Area Paraprofessional Association covering the three-year period from September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2018 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increase
2015-16	\$ 95,242
2016-17	\$ 96,674
2017-18	\$ 97,723

and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,242 for the 2015-16 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed. (The School Board and the Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

Article 03:

To see if the school district will vote to establish a Synthetic Turf Replacement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for replacement of the synthetic turf field located at Exeter High School and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$50,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board as agents to expend from said fund. This sum to come from June 30 undesignated fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (The School Board and the Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.) Majority vote required.

Article 04:

(By Citizens Petition) "Shall the Exeter Region Cooperative School District require the adoption of a policy for the Cooperative Middle School that prohibits student use of personal electronic communication devices during the hours that the Cooperative Middle School is in session? Such a policy would neither prohibit the use of devices provided by the School District that support the teaching and learning environment nor would the policy prohibit personal devices that are identified by school administrators for Individual Education Plans or for accommodations under a Section 504 Plan." (The School Board does not recommend the article.)

Article 05

To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers heretofore chosen.

Article 06:

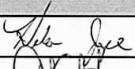
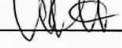
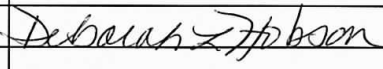


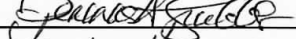
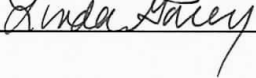
To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

The following positions are open for School District elections:

School District Moderator	1-year Term Expiring 2016,
School District Board Member (Exeter)	2-year Term Expiring 2017,
School District Board Member (Exeter)	3-year Term Expiring 2018,
School District Board Member (Kensington)	2-year Term Expiring 2017,
School District Board Member (Newfields)	3-year Term Expiring 2018,
School District Board Member (Stratham)	3-year Term Expiring 2018,
Budget Committee Member (Exeter)	3-year Term Expiring 2018,
Budget Committee Member (Stratham)	3-year Term Expiring 2018,
Budget Committee Member (E. Kingston)	3-year Term Expiring 2018

Given under our hands, January 13, 2015

We certify and attest that on or before January 16, 2015 we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at SAU 16, all SAU 16 Schools, and delivered the original to the ERCSD Clerk.

Printed Name	Position	Signature
Helen Joyce	School Board Chair	
Alicia Heslop	School Board Member	
Darrell Chichester	School Board Member	
Deborah Hobson	School Board Member	
Margaret Bishop	School Board Member	
Paul Staller	School Board Member	
James Firmin	School Board Member	
Dennis Grubbs	School Board Member	
Linda Garey	School Board Vice Chair	

PROGRAM	BUDGET 2013-14	ACTUAL 2013-14	BUDGET 2014-15		Total	DEFAULT BUDGET 2015-16		BUDGET 2015-16		REQUESTS	PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET 2015-16
			Salary	Non-Salary		Salary	Non-Salary				
REGULAR EDUCATION	\$ 13,456,276	\$ 12,905,921	\$ 13,116,738	\$ 562,593	\$ 13,679,331	\$ 14,197,084	\$ 13,622,792	\$ 574,292	\$ 162,966	\$ 14,300,049	
SPECIAL EDUCATION	5,120,491	5,061,933	2,671,053	3,419,713	6,090,766	6,724,215	3,731,886	2,992,329	(431,683)	\$ 6,292,532	
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	1,514,739	1,470,592	1,469,064	135,000	1,604,064	1,630,051	1,495,051	155,000	9,113	\$ 1,639,164	
ATHLETICS/XCURR	936,563	873,513	795,747	151,366	947,113	948,707	792,341	156,366	1,594	\$ 950,302	
GUIDANCE/ATTENDANCE	1,293,773	1,280,259	1,226,015	95,052	1,321,067	1,420,006	1,324,954	95,052	37,882	\$ 1,457,888	
NURSE/PSYCH/SPEECH	867,376	827,362	947,108	86,600	1,033,708	1,261,249	1,174,649	86,600	1,728	\$ 1,262,977	
MEDIA/DIR OF INSTR	391,850	403,069	400,498	162,300	562,798	531,777	369,477	162,300	-	\$ 531,777	
COMPUTER SERVICES	1,293,190	1,160,493	754,843	572,996	1,327,839	1,267,155	738,529	528,626	39,931	\$ 1,307,086	
SCHOOL BOARD	99,500	109,651	-	99,500	99,500	99,500	-	99,500	-	\$ 99,500	
SAU #16/ALUMI/CABLE	1,077,050	1,062,622	204,149	1,067,231	1,271,380	1,137,727	90,377	1,047,350	(49,278)	\$ 1,088,449	
SCHOOL ADMIN.	1,832,594	1,730,321	1,276,384	384,980	1,661,364	1,647,776	1,340,076	307,700	(41,975)	\$ 1,605,801	
PLANT OPERATION	4,238,001	4,135,147	1,649,097	3,018,432	4,667,529	4,795,985	1,634,708	3,161,277	40,725	\$ 4,836,710	
TRANSPORTATION	1,803,965	1,704,485	28,357	1,845,742	1,874,099	1,813,762	28,356	1,785,406	766	\$ 1,814,528	
SUPPORT SERVICES	11,778,353	10,120,257	-	12,014,459	12,014,459	11,857,567	11,857,567	11,857,567	(12,135)	\$ 11,845,432	
ALLOC TO CHARTER SCHOOLS	280,000	280,000	-	280,000	280,000	280,000	-	280,000	-	\$ 280,000	
DEBT SERVICE	4,498,878	4,498,878	-	4,493,653	4,493,653	4,431,278	4,431,278	-	-	\$ 4,431,278	
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 50,482,597	\$ 47,624,503	\$ 24,539,052	\$ 28,389,617	\$ 52,928,669	\$ 54,043,839	\$ 26,343,195	\$ 27,700,643	\$ (240,367)	\$ 53,803,472	
STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS	300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS	817,403	620,341	-	818,510	818,510	818,510	-	818,510	-	818,510	
FOOD SERVICES	1,100,000	998,024	-	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	-	1,100,000	-	1,100,000	
OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 52,700,000	\$ 49,242,869	\$ 24,539,052	\$ 30,308,127	\$ 54,847,179	\$ 55,962,349	\$ 26,343,195	\$ 29,619,153	\$ (240,367)	\$ 55,721,982	
					\$	1,115,170			-0.44%	\$ 874,803	
						2.03%			Request Incr	1.59%	
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE INDIVIDUAL WARRANT	-	-	-	-	-		Para-professional contract Trust fund - turf			95,242 50,000	
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$ 52,700,000	\$ 49,242,869	\$ 24,539,052	\$ 30,308,127	\$ 54,847,179	\$ 55,962,349	\$ 26,343,195	\$ 29,619,153	\$ (240,367)	\$ 55,867,224	
					\$	1,115,170			-0.44%	\$ 1,020,045	
						2.03%			Requested Incr	1.86%	
						Default Incr			Request Incr	Total Request	



School Budget Form: Exeter Coop

(RSA 21-J:34)

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year from:
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

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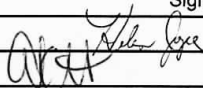
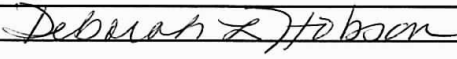

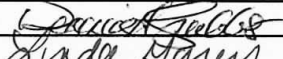
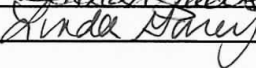
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SCHOOL BOARD CERTIFICATION

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

School Board Members	
Printed Name	Signature
Helen Joyce	
Alicia Heslop	
Darrell Chichester	
Deborah Hobson	
Margaret Bishop	
Paul Staller	
James Firmin	
Dennis Grubbs	
Linda Garey	

A hard-copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NHDRA at the following address:

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
Instruction						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	01	\$12,905,921	\$13,679,331	\$14,360,049	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	01	\$5,061,933	\$6,204,538	\$6,292,532	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs	01	\$1,470,592	\$1,604,064	\$1,639,164	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	01	\$768,374	\$796,350	\$798,617	\$0
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	01	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	01	\$105,138	\$150,763	\$151,685	\$0
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service PPrograms		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Support Services						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	01	\$2,107,622	\$2,354,775	\$2,720,865	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	01	\$1,563,563	\$1,890,636	\$1,838,862	\$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	01	\$109,651	\$99,500	\$99,500	\$0
Executive Administration						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	01	\$980,032	\$1,062,231	\$1,042,350	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration	01	\$82,590	\$95,377	\$46,099	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	01	\$1,730,321	\$1,661,364	\$1,605,801	\$0
2500-2599	Business		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	01	\$4,135,147	\$4,667,529	\$4,836,710	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	01	\$1,704,485	\$1,874,099	\$1,814,528	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other	01	\$10,120,257	\$12,014,459	\$11,845,432	\$0
Non-Instructional Services						
3100	Food Service Operations	01	\$998,024	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations	01	\$620,341	\$818,510	\$818,510	\$0
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
Other Outlays						
5110	Debt Service - Principal	01	\$2,541,720	\$2,421,408	\$2,309,977	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	01	\$1,957,158	\$2,072,245	\$2,121,301	\$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	01	\$280,000	\$280,000	\$280,000	\$0
5390	To Other Agencies		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9990	Supplemental Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9992	Deficit Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$49,242,869	\$54,847,179	\$55,721,982	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	03	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Special Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining	02	\$0	\$0	\$95,242	\$0
	Purpose:					
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$95,242	\$0

Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Local Sources					
1300-1349	Tuition	01	\$1,054,701	\$950,000	\$950,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	01	\$732	\$1,500	\$1,500
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	01	\$734,570	\$910,000	\$910,000
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Services Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	01	\$513,469	\$460,575	\$460,575
State Sources					
3210	School Building Aid	01	\$1,621,916	\$1,551,848	\$1,551,848
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Catastrophic Aid	01	\$535,567	\$500,000	\$350,000
3240-3249	Vocational Aid	01	\$1,098,438	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	01	\$8,588	\$10,000	\$10,000
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Sources					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants	01	\$612,294	\$818,510	\$818,510
4540	Vocational Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4560	Child Nutrition	01	\$161,190	\$180,000	\$180,000
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution	01	\$171,855	\$200,000	\$150,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$0	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5140	Reimbursement Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5221	Transfers from Food Service Special Revenues Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	01	\$1,326,904	\$3,201,490	\$1,789,589
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$7,840,224	\$9,783,923	\$8,172,022

Budget Summary

Item	Current Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$54,385,508	\$55,721,982
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$0	\$50,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$461,671	\$95,242
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$54,847,179	\$55,867,224
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$7,495,358	\$8,172,022
Less: Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$5,887,442	\$6,175,877
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$41,464,379	\$41,519,325



DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL

Default Budget for the Fiscal Year from **July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016**

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

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Instructions

1. Use this form to list the default budget calculation in the appropriate columns.
2. Post this form or any amended version with proposed operating budget (MS-26 or MS-27) and the warrant.
3. Per RSA 40:13, XI, (a), the default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing.

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ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

School District:

Exeter Cooperative

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Municipalities Served:

Brentwood, East Kingston, Exeter, Kensington, Newfields, Stratham



SCHOOL BOARD OR BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS (?)

-	First Name:	Helen	Last Name:	Joyce
-	First Name:	Alicia	Last Name:	Heslop
-	First Name:	Darrell	Last Name:	Chichester
-	First Name:	Deborah	Last Name:	Hobson
-	First Name:	Margaret	Last Name:	Bishop
-	First Name:	Paul	Last Name:	Staller
-	First Name:	James	Last Name:	Firmin
-	First Name:	Dennis	Last Name:	Grubbs
-	First Name:	Linda	Last Name:	Garey

Add Member



APPROPRIATIONS

INSTRUCTION ?				
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations
1100-1199	Regular Programs ?	\$13,679,331	\$517,753	
1200-1299	Special Programs ?	\$6,204,538	\$519,678	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs ?	\$1,604,064	\$25,987	
1400-1499	Other Programs ?	\$796,350	\$879	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs ?			
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Ed. Programs ?	\$150,763	\$715	
1700-1799	Community/Jr.College Ed. Programs ?			
1800-1899	Community Service Programs ?			
Instruction Subtotal		\$22,435,046	\$1,065,012	
				\$23,500,058

SUPPORT SERVICES ?				
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations
2000-2199	Student Support Services ?	\$2,354,775	\$326,480	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services ?	\$1,890,636	(\$91,705)	
Support Services Subtotal		\$4,245,411	\$234,775	
				\$4,480,186

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION ?				
Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency ?			
2310-2319	Other School Board ?	\$99,500		
General Administration Subtotal		\$99,500		
				\$99,500



APPROPRIATIONS

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION ?

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services ?	\$1,062,231	(\$19,881)		\$1,042,350
2320-2399	All Other Administration ?	\$95,377			\$95,377
2400-2499	School Administration Service ?	\$1,661,364	(\$13,588)		\$1,647,776
2500-2599	Business ?				
2600-2699	Operation and Maintenance of Plan ?	\$4,667,529	\$128,456		\$4,795,985
2700-2799	Student Transportation ?	\$1,874,099	(\$60,337)		\$1,813,762
2800-2999	Support Service Central & Other ?	\$12,014,459	(\$156,892)		\$11,857,567
	Executive Administration Subtotal	\$21,375,059	(\$122,242)		\$21,252,817

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES ?

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
3100	Food Service Operations ?	\$1,100,000			\$1,100,000
3200	Enterprise Operations ?	\$818,510			\$818,510
	Non-Instructional Services Subtotal	\$1,918,510			\$1,918,510



APPROPRIATIONS

FACILITIES ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION ?

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
4100	Site Acquisition ?				
4200	Site Improvement ?				
4300	Architectural/Engineering ?				
4400	Educational Specification Develop. ?				
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction ?				
4600	Building Improvement Services ?				
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services ?				
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal					

OTHER OUTLAYS ?

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
5110	Debt Service - Principal ?	\$2,421,408	(\$111,431)		\$2,309,977
5120	Debt Service - Interest ?	\$2,072,245	\$49,056		\$2,121,301
Other Outlays Subtotal		\$4,493,653	(\$62,375)		\$4,431,278



APPROPRIATIONS

FUND TRANSFERS ?

Account #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
5220-5221	To Food Service ?				
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue ?				
5230-5239	To Capital Projects ?				
5254	To Agency Funds ?				
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Allocations ?	\$280,000			\$280,000
	Supplemental Appropriation ?				
	Deficit Appropriation				
	Fund Transfers Subtotal	\$280,000			\$280,000

Operating Budget Total

Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
\$54,847,179	\$1,115,170		\$55,962,349

EXPLANATION FOR INCREASES AND REDUCTIONS

Use this section of the form to explain why any increase of reduction was applied to the estimated appropriation for an account code. Supply an explanation for each individual increase or reduction on its own line. You can use the "Add New Line" button to insert a new line. The "Remove Line" button will remove that line from the form.

Account #	Explanation for Increase or Reduction	Add New Line
1100-1199	per collective bargaining agreement	Remove Line
1200-1299	per student need/collective bargaining agreement	Remove Line
1300-1399	per collective bargaining agreeemnt	Remove Line
1400-1499	per collective bargaining agreement	Remove Line
1600-1699	per collective bargaining agreement	Remove Line



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2000-2199	per student need/collective bargaining agreement	Remove Line
2200-2299	per student need/collective bargaining agreement	Remove Line
2310-2399	based on assessment	Remove Line
2400-2499	change in staff/per collective bargaining agreement	Remove Line
2600-2699	per contract agreements	Remove Line
2700-2799	per contract agreements	Remove Line
2800-2999	change in staff/per collective bargaining agreement/per contract agreements	Remove Line
5110	per bond schedule	Remove Line
5120	per bond schedule	Remove Line



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PREPARER'S 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.

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Amy

Ransom

Amy Ransom

1/10/15

Preparer's Signature and Title

Date

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SCHOOL BOARD (OR BUDGET COMMITTEE PER RSA 40:14-B) 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.

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**EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES/REVENUES**

<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
1200/1230 Special Programs	4,159,897	4,872,268
1430 Summer School	33,553	56,636
2140 Psychological Services	149,546	153,110
2150 Speech and Audiology	215,464	256,167
2159 Speech Summer School	0	0
2162 Physical Therapy	17,675	23,438
2163 Occupational Therapy	8,393	6,115
2332 Administration Costs	155,438	133,029
2722 Special Transportation	439,187	367,362
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,179,153	5,868,125
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUES</u>		
1950 Service to other LEAs	0	0
3110 Special Ed Portion Adequacy Funds	863,688	802,796
3240 Catastrophic Aid	333,620	535,567
4580 Medicaid	168,531	267,419
TOTAL REVENUES	1,365,839	1,605,782
ACTUAL DISTRICT COST FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION	<u>3,813,314</u>	<u>4,262,343</u>



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the School Board
Exeter Region Cooperative School District
Exeter, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information - Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis (pages 3 through 9) and the Schedule of Funding Progress for Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (page 32) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers them to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or

***Exeter Region Cooperative School District
Independent Auditor's Report***

historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information - Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Exeter Region Cooperative School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

January 21, 2015

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MINUTES OF THE EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FIRST SESSION OF THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING
DELIBERATIVE SESSION – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014 – 7:00 PM
EXETER HIGH SCHOOL ARTHUR HANSON III CENTER

ERCSD BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kate Segal – Chair – Exeter	Dave Miller – Vice Chair – East Kingston
Mark Portu – Stratham	Linda Garey – Brentwood
Helen Joyce – Stratham	Darrell Chichester – Exeter
Alicia Heslop – Newfields	Maggie Bishop – Exeter
Kathryn Clark – Kensington	

ADMINISTRATION: Michael Morgan, Superintendent
Amy Ransom – Business Administrator

CHAIR BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE: David Pendell
ERCSD Clerk: Susan Bendroth

Moderator Kate Miller called the meeting to order at 7PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by CJ Lamline, senior class president. She introduced the board members, administration and other parties. She recognized Kate Segal and Michael Morgan who in turn recognized Kathryn Clark, Mark Portu and Dave Miller thanking them for serving on the board and acknowledging their individual contributions. Moderator Miller reviewed the purpose, rules and procedures for the meeting.

Moderator Miller read Warrant Article #1:

Warrant Article #1: ***Shall the District raise the appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$54,385,508? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$53,941,272, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend \$54,385,508 as set forth on said budget.)***

Kate Segal, Exeter, motioned the article.

Maggie Bishop, Exeter, seconded.

Amy Ransom, Business Administrator, explain the warrant article reviewing tax impact, default budget, increase in special education and decrease in grants. Krista Steger, Brentwood, asked if student enrollment was taken into account, special education and capital improvements as the increase is hard to swallow.

Kate Segal, Exeter, acknowledged that we are a community that supports all students and indeed the board has gone over the budget with a fine tooth comb to keep the increase at a minimum out of respect for the citizens in the community.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, stated that over the last 6 years 10 teacher and 2 administrator positions have been eliminated as well as reducing paraprofessional time.

Jim Johnson, Brentwood, questioned the transparency of the board in reference to monies being given back by the Local Government Center.

Bob Mantegair, Brentwood, continued by expressing concern on about the burden placed on the voters and to look at the waste and cut. This budget is not responsible and not sustainable.

Dick Pendell, Budget Chair, and Michel Morgan, Superintendent, both talked about the amount of money that it takes to educate students, where the Coop falls in the state and our size.

Helen Joyce, Stratham, added that the board is looking into alternative ways of educating students at the high school.

Darrell Chichester, Exeter, commented that he has been on the board for only one year and encouraged citizens to attend all meetings so they would understand the whole process and all the considerations.

Craig Steger, Brentwood, questioned why this meeting was scheduled for the same time as Swasey and asked if the monies not spent this year would be rolled over and if so why is there an increase on top of that.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, responded by saying this meeting was scheduled in advance and the Swasey meeting is a snow date. The budget is almost 97% accurate so there is only about a 2 to 3 % surplus, which he interpreted as having done a pretty good job.

Lucy Cushman, Stratham, wanted the audience to know that not everyone at the meeting is from Brentwood and that this budget represents a proposed 3.2% increase not a 4.1% as alluded to earlier. She reflected on being a part of the Coop from the beginning and continuing to be a member of the budget committee and the need to maintain the buildings. It is never a good time for an increase and is a hard balancing act but it needs to be done.

Chris Suprock, Exeter, made a motion to to flatten the budget total to 50,000,000 with the need to be creative and put our thinking caps on.

Jim Johnson, Brentwood, seconded.

Dave Miller, East Kingston, acknowledged this would knock off almost 4.4% of the budget and have a major impact.

Lucy Cushman, Stratham, stated that the default budget is 53,941,272 so a cut like that would make a serious change on the level of education.

Helen Joyce, Stratham, stated as a retired educator a cut like that would devastate the education at the middle and high school level affecting class sizes, teachers, sports teams and clubs encouraging people to not vote in favor

of this motion.

Chris Suprock, Exeter, argued that it would not devastate our students, it would force us to be more frugal and make some tough decisions. It is not unreasonable but a wise and prudent decision.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, stated that a lot of our teachers live here.

Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, asked what a 8 or 9% cut would do.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, expressed concern about where that would come from.

Dave Miller, East Kingston, expressed his dislike for the motion.

Kathryn Clark, Kensington, acknowledged the frustration that is being expressed but commented that an excellent education can make a difference.

Mark Portu, Stratham, thanked everyone for the discussion but disagreed with the motion. He encouraged the voters to support the board and budget committee model by accepting the budget and continue the process of making changes in the delivery of education but not make those changes without a plan.

Dave Pendell, Budget Chair, stated how irresponsible it would be to vote for this motion without knowing what goes. He felt strongly that it would be burning education for the future.

Chris Suprock, Exeter, stated that you should not keep increasing the budget.

Craig Steger, Brentwood, commented on his recent tour of the high school and how every classroom has some of the most expensive computers.

Bill Ball, Exeter, commented that all the towns demand and depend on our excellence and if you are going to be great there is a cost that goes with that.

Roy Morrisette, called for the vote.

Moderator Kate Miller declared the nays appeared to have it.

Krista Steger, Brentwood, made a motion to reduce the budget by 500,000.00 to 53,885,508.00.

Jim Berlo, Brentwood, seconded.

Lucy Cushman, Stratham, repeated that once again this is less than the default budget and maintenance would be the first to go.

Krista Steger, Brentwood, was not in favor of cutting out the capital reserve but was asking the board the look at line items, start thinking and squeeze a little.

Bob Mantegair, Brentwood, moved to vote.

Jim Berlo, Brentwood, seconded.

Moderator Kate Miller declared the nays appeared to have it.

Liz Faria, Brentwood, made a motion to amend the budget to 54,000,000 with a reference to the money budgeted for GBECS.

Bob Mantegair, Brentwood, seconded.

Mark Portu, Stratham, didn't change the model at GBECS but tried to keep it proportional with the number of students.

Lucy Cushman, Stratham, stated that she is a convert and strong supporter of GBEC. The majority of the students are from our district and it costs about \$8,000

to \$9,000/student. We can pay a little now or a whole lot more later.

Jim Johnson, Brentwood, not in favor of cutting GBECS.

A vote was taken and Moderator Kate Miller declared the nays appeared to have it.

Moderator Miller noted the article would be placed on the ballot as presented without any changes.

Moderator Miller read Warrant Article #2:

Warrant Article #2: *Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Area Administrators' Association covering the three-year period from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2017 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:*

Year	Estimated Increase
2014-15	\$ 49,613
2015-16	\$ 34,856
2016-17	\$ 35,553

and further raise and appropriate the sum \$49,613 for the 2014-15 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed. (The School board and the Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

Helen Joyce, Stratham, motioned the article.

Linda Garey, Brentwood, seconded.

Helen Joyce, Stratham, addressed the article explaining these negotiations were made with the recommended outcome being fair to the administrators and sensitive to the taxpayers. She reviewed the salary raises, changes in medical coverage and other compensations.

Eric Antisell, Exeter, wanted clarification that this contract was for administration only.

Skip Williamson, Brentwood, questioned the salary and benefits contributions.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, sees this contract as a savings as the employees are paying more.

Bob Mantegair, Brentwood, asked about the cost difference from last year and whether the board had considered a contract shorter than 3 years with the potential health insurance changes.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, answered that employees are currently paying 15% and with the new contract it would be 20%. The average salary for a

full time administrator is \$90,000.00 with 7% of the salary by law going into New Hampshire retirement.

Brian West, Brentwood, asked about the \$1,500.00 sum toward a doctorate? Do all administrators need a doctorate?

Linda Garey, Brentwood, responded by saying we encourage our administration to further their education.

Darrell Chichester, Exeter, added that we encourage individuals to do the best that they can.

Dave Miller, East Kingston, acknowledged his point. This is a rare situation affecting only one person and a small amount of money.

Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, asked if these numbers come back to the voters or are they put into the regular budget.

Kate Miller, Moderator, clarified these numbers are put into the regular budget.

Chris, Suprock, Exeter, stated that even though it is a small amount these small amounts add up.

Jim Berlo, Brentwood, wanted to amend.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, explained this article was up for discussion only.

Moderator Miller noted the article would be placed on the ballot as presented.

Moderator Miller read Warrant Article #3:

Warrant Article # 3: ***Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Education Association covering the three-year period from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2017 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:***

Year	
2014-15	\$ 412,058
2015-16	\$ 631,578
2016-17	\$ 570,343

and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$412,058 for the 2014-15 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed, (The School Board and the Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

Darrell Chichester, Exeter, motioned the article.

Alicia Heslop, New Fields, seconded.

Dave Miller, East Kingston, explained that the negotiations were at an impasse

and went to mediation. He highlighted the salaries and benefits of the contract agreement.

Nelson Lourenco, Exeter, tried to amend.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, explained that this article was not amendable due to collective bargaining agreement. The voters have the ultimate say.

Eric Antisell, Exeter, questioned caps on collective bargaining.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, explained there are no caps. The salary scale treats all teachers in the same realm. There is a grid for bachelors and masters degrees.

Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, asked about the salary grid, increase percentages and asked about salaries being public information.

Kate Segal, Exeter, stated she would be glad to discuss the salary grid with Arthur anytime.

Moderator Miller noted the article would be placed on the ballot as presented.

Moderator Miller read Warrant Article #4:

Warrant Article #4: *Shall the district vote for the removal of the limitation placed on the Maintenance Fund (established by the 2001 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding long term and/or unexpected maintenance/repair projects of school buildings and grounds); such change would allow the fund to exceed the \$500,000 (including interest) limitation placed on it. (School Board recommends) (Majority vote required)*

Dave Miller, East Kingston, motioned the article.

Darrell Chichester, Exeter, seconded.

Dave Miller, East Kingston, explained that removing the cap would allow the board to handle large unexpected ticket items.

Krista Steger, Brentwood, asked if they considered not removing the cap, but increasing the cap.

Dave Miller, East Kingston, responded by saying it is purely a housekeeping task, as any addition money for this fund would have to go before the voters.

Moderator Miller noted the article would be placed on the ballot as presented.

Moderator Miller read Warrant Article #5:

Warrant Article #5: *Shall the district vote for the removal of the limitation placed on the Special Education Fund (established by the 2002 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding unanticipated special education cost); such change would allow the fund to exceed the \$500,000 (including interest) limitation placed on it. (School Board recommends) (Majority vote required)*

Kate Segal, Exeter, motioned the article.

Mark Portu, Stratham, seconded.

Kate Segal, Exeter, addressed the article explaining that it allows us to take care of our students.

Moderator Miller noted the article would be placed on the ballot as presented.

Moderator Miller read Warrant Article #6:

Warrant Article #6: ***Shall the district vote to authorize the school board to release all claims to a twelve foot wide easement running from the fence by the school track through the Carlisle property to Old Town Farm Road on such terms and conditions as the school board shall determine are in the best interest of the School District? (School Board recommends) (Majority vote required)***

Linda Garey, Brentwood, motioned the article.

Kathryn Clark, Kensington, seconded.

Amy Ransom, Business Administrator, explained the article and stated it will not impact any access to school grounds.

Moderator Miller noted the article would be placed on the ballot as presented.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, encouraged people to come out to vote.

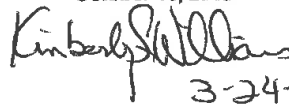
Moderator Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:21 PM with 61 voters from 6 towns present at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan E. H. Bendroth, Exeter Region Cooperative School District Clerk
February 6, 2014

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October 16, 2018


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MINUTES OF THE EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SECOND SESSION OF THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING
VOTING SESSION –MARCH 11, 2014

The polls were open at the polling place at the hours designated below to choose the following District Officers: School District Member (East Kingston), School District Member (Exeter), School District Member (Kensington), School District Member (Stratham), School District Moderator, Budget Committee Member (Brentwood), Budget Committee Member (Exeter), Budget Committee Member (Kensington) and vote by ballot on articles listed 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

VOTERS IN TOWN OF	POLLING PLACE	POLLING HOURS
Brentwood	Recreation Center	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
East Kingston	East Kingston Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Exeter	Talbot Gym	7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Kensington	Kensington Elementary	8:00 AM to 7:30 PM
Newfields	Newfields Town Hall	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Stratham	Stratham Municipal Center	8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Results of the election of Exeter Region Cooperative School District Officers:
East Kingston Board Member, term ending 2017 election: (write-ins)

Deborah Hobson 224 Joni Reynolds 36

Exeter Board Member, term ending 2017 election:

Christopher Suprock 978 **Kate Segal 2,292**

Kensington Board Member, term ending 2017 election:

Jane Bannister 2,862

Stratham Board Member, term ending 2017 election:

James Firmin 2,783

School District Moderator:

Katherine B. Miller 2,992

Brentwood Budget Committee Member, term ending 2017 election:

Krista Steger 2,754

Exeter Budget Committee Member, term ending 2017 election:

Roy Morrisette 3,221

Kensington Budget Committee Member, term ending 2017 election:

Cheryl McDonough 2,881

Article #1: Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$54,385, 508? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$53,941,272, which is the same as last year, with certain

adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend \$54,385,508 as set forth on said budget.)

Yes	2,362	No	1,640
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Article #2: Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Area Administrators' Association covering the three-year period from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2017 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increase
2014-15	\$ 49,613
2015-16	\$ 34,856
2016-17	\$ 35,553

and further raise and appropriate the sum \$49,613 for the 2014-15 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed. (The School board and the Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

Yes	2,487	No	1,909
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Article # 3: Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Education Association covering the three-year period from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2017 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increases
2014-15	\$ 412,058
2015-16	\$ 631,578
2016-17	\$ 570,343

and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$412,058 for the 2014-15 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed, (The School Board and the Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

Yes	2,413	No	1,957
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Article #4: Shall the district vote for the removal of the limitation placed on the Maintenance Fund (established by the 2001 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding long term and/or unexpected maintenance/repair projects of school buildings and grounds); such change would allow the fund to exceed the \$500,000 (including interest) limitation placed on it. (School Board recommends) (Majority vote required)

Yes	2,640	No	1,668
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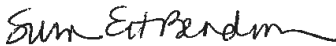
Article #5: Shall the district vote for the removal of the limitation placed on the Special Education Fund (established by the 2002 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding unanticipated special education cost); such change would allow the fund to exceed the \$500,000 (including interest) limitation placed on it. (School Board recommends) (Majority vote required)

Yes	2,606	No	1,715
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Article #6: Shall the district vote to authorize the school board to release all claims to a twelve foot wide easement running from the fence by the school track through the Carlisle property to Old Town Farm Road on such terms and conditions as the school board shall determine are in the best interest of the School District? (School Board recommends) (Majority vote required)

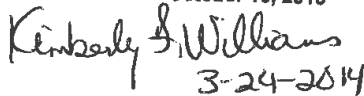
Yes	3,201	No	1,065
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Respectfully submitted,



Susan E. H. Bendroth, Exeter Region Cooperative School District Clerk
March 21, 2014

KIMBERLY F. WILLIAMS
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of New Hampshire
My Commission Expires
October 16, 2018



3-24-2014



Annual Report of SAU 16

For the Year Ending June 30, 2014

For the Proposed 2015-2016 Budget

2014-2015 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The precipitous drop in oil and gas prices at the end of 2014 and the beginning of 2015, along with the creation of more and more jobs, have helped the local, regional and national economies to rebound significantly since the devastating economic downturn which began in 2008 and 2009 with the collapse of the housing markets. It is our hope that finally many families are beginning to stabilize themselves in anticipation of a much calmer future.

Understanding the relevancy of economic periods is a marvelous study for education. The *Market Basket* drama that unfolded in our area during this past summer exemplified the facets that govern our economic histories – infighting, philosophical differences, greed, personal agendas, court battles, fickle loyalties and dedicated employees/supporters. Our collective efforts in SAU 16 are focused on preparing our students for their future. Keeping learning relevant is crucial in our fast paced technology based environment. That is part of the reason that our Vision Statement and Mission Statement help to drive the services that our six communities provide to students and families.

SAU 16 VISION STATEMENT

To provide a rigorous and comprehensive education that will prepare our students for diverse post-secondary educational opportunities, a competitive workplace, and active civic participation.

SAU 16 MISSION STATEMENT

To help students gain knowledge and skills that build intellect, character, and a lifelong thirst for learning.

HIGHLIGHTS

Curriculum, Communication, Community Service, and Transitions continue to be the focus of student-centered initiatives and work within the six communities of School Administrative Unit (SAU) 16. The successful implementation of the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan has been a cooperative effort of students, staff, administrators, and School Board Members. Monthly reports to the community are published and available at the SAU website (www.sau16.org). Efforts are now underway to develop the next SAU Strategic Plan for 2016-2021. Interested members of the public are invited to join this collaborative effort.

Highlights of the past year include:

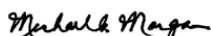
1. Continuing implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Language Arts and Math in preparation for the new, required statewide standardized assessment, Smarter Balanced which is scheduled for the spring of 2015
2. Continuing implementation of the NextGen Science standards to advance curriculum work throughout all of the schools in the SAU

3. The College Board recognized Exeter High School in its 5th Annual AP District Honor Roll — a list of 547 districts across the U.S. and Canada being honored for increasing access to AP® course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of three (3) or higher on Advanced Placement exams
4. The SAU 16 Safety and Security Committee was awarded the first-ever *New Hampshire School Emergency Preparedness Award* in 2014 because of the on-going collaboration among schools and police departments in all six SAU communities
5. Increased access to various technology resources throughout the SAU with the goal of a one-to-one device for each student and staff member
6. Offering “dual enrollment courses” so that high school students may simultaneously earn college credit such as General Biology, Introduction to Video Production, Methods of Construction I Theory, and Introduction to C++ at the Seacoast School of Technology
7. The retirements of 16 SAU professional staff members who dedicated a combined total of 352 years of service to our children and their families
8. Three local educators with SAU 16 ties received statewide recognition through the 2014 EDies awards for their impressive work in their respective fields, including Assistant Superintendent Esther Asbell (*Outstanding Service Award* from the NH Association of School Administrators); Swasey Central School teacher Amy Cantone (*The Pat Keyes Technology Educator Award* which is given annually to an individual who has developed effective and innovative instructional units using technology); and former SAU 16 administrator Tony Baldasaro (*The Susan Janosz Technology Impact Award* for his leadership role that advocates the use of educational technologies for improving instruction and who has supported technology within the context of school reform and restructuring)
9. Four Swasey Central School teachers (Lisa Brown, Jody MacBride, Robert “Archie” Schroeder, and Amy Wilson) received national recognition from the Oregon-California Trails Association for their development of an extensive five-week long unit on the westward migration called “The Oregon Trail”
10. The Exeter High School Girls Tennis team captured their first-ever state championship and the Girls Soccer Team won its seventh Division I state championship in nine years
11. The Cooperative Middle School (CMS) girls’ track and field team captured its eighth straight Seacoast Track & Field League championship in May
12. The SAU welcomed three new principals (Becky Ruel in Kensington; Kate Segal in Newfields; Jim Tremblay at Exeter High School); a new assistant principal (David Goldsmith in Stratham); and an interim principal (James Hayes at Lincoln Street School)
13. Dealing with and planning for decreasing K-5 enrollments in Brentwood, East Kingston, Kensington, and Newfields while the other districts have stabilized or slightly increased enrollments
14. Hosting the fifth annual meeting among local state legislators, school board members, and school administrators to discuss educational and financial issues of mutual concern
15. Researching and discussing the implementation of competency-based standards and grading for middle and high school students
16. Implementing more creative and resourceful personalized means for students to learn and complete the requirements of their formal education process that include extended learning opportunities beyond the traditional classroom setting

17. Expansion of the *End 68 Hours of Hunger* that provides weekend backpacks of food for students who are food insecure
18. Using a wide variety of media - including websites, newspapers, cable access television, and blogs - to communicate the schools' mission and service to the community
19. Enhancing the outreach of community service projects that assist in meeting the needs of individuals and organizations
20. Supporting and advancing the role of Advisory Committees which bring together business professionals, guidance counselors, students, farmers, chefs, and a retired principal at the Seacoast School of Technology
21. Continuing to recognize local residents as Champions for Children
22. Completing collective bargaining negotiations for four of the eleven associations within the SAU
23. Supporting the important work of the Unified Arts (music, art, physical education, health) in all SAU schools
24. Stressing the need for more active participation in the business and political affairs of the seven independent school districts within the SAU by strongly encouraging citizens to vote and serve on various Boards and Committees
25. Continuing the strong tradition of volunteerism in our schools by having all of our elementary schools and the Seacoast School of Technology (SST) recognized by NH Partners in Education
26. Reinforcing the need for student and staff awareness in the prevention of student suicides and in dealing with individuals and families who struggle with "grief and loss" issues
27. Recognizing the New Hampshire chapter of the National Education Association (NEA) which posthumously honored Cooperative Middle School (CMS) special education teacher Ed Pease with its *Champion of Human and Civil Rights Award*
28. Supporting the work of the Exeter Adult Education Program, the Exeter High School Alternative Education Program, the Great Bay eLearning Charter School (GBeCS) and the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS) as each embraces non-traditional ways of student learning
29. Expanding the variety of educational programming available on Channel 13 to all SAU 16 Comcast subscribers
30. Serving the students, families, and staff entrusted to us

This is my seventh year working with you in this important educational process. Please know that I am very grateful to the outstanding teachers, support staff members, administrators, and school board members who share our common goal of providing the best possible education for our students and their families at a reasonable cost to taxpayers. Public education faces many challenges each day because of the changing needs of students and the expectations placed upon it. Nevertheless, SAU 16 remains committed to preparing all students to be good citizens who will emerge as responsible stewards, powerful leaders, and dedicated workers in our society.

Respectfully submitted,



MICHAEL A. MORGAN
Superintendent of Schools

SAU 16
Superintendent Salaries

SUPERINTENDENT'S PRORATED SALARY

2014-2015

BRENTWOOD	\$8,830.72
EAST KINGSTON	\$5,154.99
EXETER	\$26,118.62
EXETER REGION COOP	\$82,808.56
KENSINGTON	\$4,796.38
NEWFIELDS	\$3,840.09
STRATHAM	\$17,870.63
	\$149,420.00

ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARIES

(Total reflects 3.0 positions, \$125,922, \$110,777, \$100,940)

2014-2015

BRENTWOOD	\$19,954.46
EAST KINGSTON	\$11,648.55
EXETER	\$59,019.30
EXETER REGION COOP	\$187,119.53
KENSINGTON	\$10,838.21
NEWFIELDS	\$8,677.32
STRATHAM	\$40,381.62
	\$337,639.00

SAU# 16 PROPOSED BUDGET								
FISCAL YEAR 2015-16								
ACCT#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 2011-12	ACTUAL FY 2012-13	ACTUAL FY 2013-14	BUDGET FY 2014-15	PROPOSED FY 2015-16	CHANGE IN \$\$	NOTES
CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION								
11-2320-110	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	398,676.13	403,888.41	408,449.96	419,100.00	431,680.00	12,580.00	3% incr
11-2320-112	ADJUSTMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	
11-2320-111	TREASURER & BRD MINUTES	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
11-2320-113	SPECIAL ED ADMIN SALARIES	92,000.00	94,300.00	22,200.00	99,090.00	97,850.00	(1,240.00)	change in staff
11-2320-114	ANNUITY	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	per contract
11-2320-115	ADMIN ASSISTANT SALARIES	143,761.44	147,730.45	150,575.00	155,020.00	159,670.00	4,650.00	3% incr
11-2320-117	HUMAN RESOURCES	58,467.02	59,928.55	61,127.04	62,970.00	64,850.00	1,880.00	3% incr
11-2320-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	110,469.59	87,070.55	93,784.67	133,490.00	124,500.00	(8,990.00)	1.9 - 3.1% avg inc
11-2320-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	7,046.03	7,390.05	7,131.19	7,780.00	8,250.00	470.00	per agreement
11-2320-213	LIFE INSURANCE	1,844.20	1,845.08	1,861.06	1,530.00	2,100.00	570.00	per agreement
11-2320-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	2,095.12	1,929.50	2,150.32	2,650.00	2,390.00	(260.00)	per agreement
11-2320-231	LONGEVITY	3,855.01	3,620.00	5,156.21	3,590.00	4,740.00	1,150.00	per salaries
11-2320-232	RETIREMENT (11.17%)	59,751.40	61,247.12	73,248.63	81,620.00	86,770.00	5,150.00	per salaries
11-2320-220	FICA (7.65%)	51,827.81	53,267.58	51,789.85	57,970.00	59,430.00	1,460.00	per salaries
11-2320-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,638.44	3,832.59	5,944.11	3,640.00	3,730.00	90.00	per salaries
11-2320-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	1,523.40	3,748.58	1,484.31	1,230.00	1,230.00	0.00	per staffing
11-2320-290	CONFERENCES	4,916.72	5,541.82	4,222.21	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	
11-2320-270	COURSE REIMBURSEMENTS	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
11-2320-320	STAFF TRAINING	16,256.20	15,015.60	7,245.44	12,500.00	12,000.00	(500.00)	
11-2320-371	AUDIT EXPENSE	14,000.00	10,249.50	13,535.00	13,904.00	13,904.00	0.00	per agreement
11-2320-372	LEGAL EXPENSE	4,618.00	5,399.23	6,189.71	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
11-2320-373	MENTOR TRAINING	5,255.55	2,584.58	4,609.50	6,500.00	5,500.00	(1,000.00)	
11-2320-440	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	4,899.95	2,555.43	2,330.74	4,795.00	4,500.00	(295.00)	
11-2320-521	PROPERTY INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
11-2320-531	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATION	12,526.56	20,684.93	13,635.00	19,225.00	19,225.00	0.00	
11-2320-532	POSTAGE	4,873.09	2,129.41	3,011.70	4,500.00	4,000.00	(500.00)	
11-2320-580	TRAVEL	22,207.50	21,823.47	18,440.72	23,880.00	23,880.00	0.00	per contract
11-2320-610	SUPPLIES	19,364.72	17,837.98	6,017.11	16,250.00	16,250.00	0.00	
11-2320-611	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTED	4,344.26	5,473.68	52,464.36	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	
11-2320-733	LEASED EQUIPMENT	11,577.66	14,916.12	13,920.86	15,500.00	15,500.00	0.00	
11-2320-810	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	3,478.52	17,385.39	3,677.72	13,050.00	13,050.00	0.00	
11-2320-870	CONTINGENCY	5,513.70	2,500.00	4,515.46	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
		1,073,788.02	1,080,895.60	1,046,717.88	1,199,284.00	1,214,499.00	15,215.00	
						% Change 15-16	1.27%	

SAU# 16 PROPOSED BUDGET								
FISCAL YEAR 2015-16								
ACCT#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	CHANGE	NOTES
		FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	IN \$\$	
FISCAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION								
11-2321-110	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	101,000.00	92,250.04	97,000.00	99,910.00	102,910.00	3,000.00	3% incr
11-2321-116	FISCAL SRV MGR/ACCOUNTANT	101,517.00	106,879.80	108,062.24	112,320.00	115,690.00	3,370.00	3% incr
11-2321-130	PAYROLL/A/P SALARIES	161,812.48	166,795.96	173,173.32	180,220.00	193,130.00	12,910.00	3% incr/retirement
11-2321-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	99,171.54	106,857.69	133,322.47	132,740.00	126,040.00	(6,700.00)	1.9 - 3.1% avg inc
11-2321-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	4,445.76	4,439.76	4,177.70	4,710.00	4,710.00	0.00	per agreement
11-2321-213	LIFE INSURANCE	403.08	354.12	422.18	330.00	570.00	240.00	per agreement
11-2321-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	1,137.93	1,157.63	1,190.88	1,280.00	1,300.00	20.00	per salaries
11-2321-220	FICA (7.65%)	27,923.40	27,945.63	28,495.05	30,500.00	31,900.00	1,400.00	per salaries
11-2321-231	LONGEVITY	5,979.30	6,457.05	7,507.14	6,150.00	5,220.00	(930.00)	per salaries
11-2321-232	RETIREMENT (11.17%)	27,002.44	27,223.20	37,076.46	42,930.00	46,580.00	3,650.00	increased per state
11-2321-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,850.00	1,760.00	2,005.00	1,920.00	2,010.00	90.00	per salaries
11-2321-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	720.00	0.00	1,140.00	1,080.00	1,080.00	0.00	per staffing
11-2321-290	CONFERENCES	2,806.65	3,037.17	2,152.25	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	
11-2321-330	COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES	17,386.91	16,261.15	18,307.94	17,500.00	18,500.00	1,000.00	per contract
11-2321-440	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	2,007.16	2,600.00	1,599.50	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	
11-2321-531	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATION	600.00	638.88	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	
11-2321-580	MILEAGE	1,217.88	979.60	1,476.62	1,750.00	1,750.00	0.00	
11-2321-610	SUPPLIES EXPENSE	2,484.49	2,659.53	3,564.67	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	
11-2321-741	EQUIPMENT	449.00	4,484.35	445.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	
	FISCAL SVS TOTALS	559,915.02	572,781.56	621,718.42	642,040.00	660,090.00	18,050.00	
						% Change 15-16	2.81%	

SAU# 16 PROPOSED BUDGET								
FISCAL YEAR 2015-16								
ACCT#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 2011-12	ACTUAL FY 2012-13	ACTUAL FY 2013-14	BUDGET FY 2014-15	PROPOSED FY 2015-16	CHANGE IN \$\$	NOTES
TECHNOLOGY								
2820-110	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SALARIES	47,798.91	40,207.97	41,578.72	47,850.00	44,370.00	(3,480.00)	change in staff
2820-321	TECHNICAL CONSULTANT	15,290.74	11,498.54	1,768.20	19,500.00	7,500.00	(12,000.00)	reduction of service
2820-329	TECHNICAL TRAINING	16,235.93	19,771.84	3,603.00	3,850.00	3,850.00	0.00	
2320-531	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATION	69.43	796.22	1,276.03	1,380.00	1,920.00	540.00	
2320-580	MILEAGE	5,211.16	5,168.78	5,522.02	4,300.00	4,300.00	0.00	
2820-610	SUPPLIES	2,453.61	7,068.20	1,229.47	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	
2820-611	SHIPPING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2820-641	BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	426.00	0.00	43.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2820-650	SOFTWARE	15,324.78	8,589.47	15,011.13	18,900.00	34,150.00	15,250.00	
2820-738	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	1,831.82	3,848.98	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	
2820-739	EQUIPMENT	5,184.95	11,171.91	2,679.35	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	
2900-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	16,755.04	19,467.61	22,171.45	23,720.00	22,300.00	(1,420.00)	1.9 - 3.1% avg inc
2900-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	541.68	1,060.27	460.90	510.00	510.00	0.00	0% increase
2900-313	LIFE INSURANCE	28.56	21.42	30.80	30.00	50.00	20.00	per agreement
2900-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	149.52	106.24	150.12	160.00	150.00	(10.00)	per salaries
2900-220	FICA (7.65%)	4,722.49	3,032.70	3,021.21	3,670.00	3,400.00	(270.00)	per salaries
2900-221	RETIREMENT (11.17%)	4,067.98	3,538.35	4,478.00	5,160.00	4,960.00	(200.00)	per salaries
2900-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	400.00	330.00	290.00	280.00	270.00	(10.00)	per salaries
2900-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	200.00	0.00	120.00	160.00	160.00	0.00	per salaries
TECHNOLOGY TOTAL		136,692.60	135,678.50	103,433.94	142,470.00	140,890.00	(1,580.00)	
						% Change 15-16	-1.11%	
TOTAL - Central Office, Fiscal		1,770,395.64	1,789,355.66	1,771,870.24	1,983,794.00	2,015,479.00	31,685.00	
Services and Technology						% Change 15-16	1.60%	
Savings Returned from Prior Years Budget		(87,610.00)	(100,000.00)	(175,000.00)	(75,000.00)	(175,000.00)	(100,000.00)	
Revised SAU Total to be raised from Tax		1,682,785.64	1,689,355.66	1,596,870.24	1,908,794.00	1,840,479.00	(68,315.00)	
						% Change in 15-16 Assessment	-3.58%	

SAU# 16 PROPOSED BUDGET								
FISCAL YEAR 2015-16								
ACCT#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 2011-12	ACTUAL FY 2012-13	ACTUAL FY 2013-14	BUDGET FY 2014-15	PROPOSED FY 2015-16	CHANGE IN \$\$	NOTES
	OTHERWISE FUNDED							
	INDIRECT COSTS	29,890.72	38,985.59	13,353.21	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	
	NON-ASSESSMENT IMPACT	29,465.09	34,451.02	20,444.42	66,684.08	83,307.09	16,623.01	
	TITLE I ADMINISTRATOR	50,567.16	51,788.75	53,700.96	48,000.00	54,000.00	6,000.00	
	SUBSTITUTE COORDINATOR	13,714.87	13,587.80	16,448.94	15,000.00	16,500.00	1,500.00	
	GRAND TOTALS	1,894,033.48	1,928,168.82	1,875,817.77	2,173,478.08	2,229,286.09	55,808.01	
	FEDERAL FUNDS							
	IDEA/PRESCHOOL ENTITLEMENTS	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.00	
	CLASS SIZE REDUCTION							
	TITLE FUNDS							
	GRAND TOTAL APPROPRIATION - ALL FUNDS	4,894,034.00	4,928,169.00	4,875,818.00	5,173,479.00	5,229,287.00	55,808.00	
						1.08%	3,388,808.00	

SAU #16 Budget - FY 2015-16

Town	2013-2014 Equalized val.	Valuation Percentage	# Pupils ADM 13-14	Pupil %	Combined Percentage	FY 2015-16 Assessment	Change from 14-15 %	Change from 14-15 \$
Brentwood	\$ 200,314,454	4.72%	328.78	6.120%	5.42%	\$ 99,765	-9.88%	\$ (10,662)
East Kingston	117,206,757	2.76%	163.91	3.051%	2.91%	\$ 53,498	-11.70%	\$ (7,090)
Exeter	775,487,588	18.28%	959.55	17.863%	18.07%	\$ 332,559	-1.62%	\$ (5,479)
Kensington	120,853,902	2.85%	134.33	2.501%	2.67%	\$ 49,221	-14.51%	\$ (8,358)
Newfields	90,113,166	2.12%	138.99	2.587%	2.38%	\$ 43,353	-3.76%	\$ (1,691)
Stratham	535,127,525	12.61%	605.22	11.267%	11.94%	\$ 219,732	-6.45%	\$ (15,154)
Co Op	2,404,165,086	56.66%	3,041.06	56.611%	56.63%	\$ 1,042,350	-1.87%	\$ (19,881)
TOTAL	\$ 4,243,268,478	100.00%	5,371.84	100.00%	100.00%	\$ 1,840,479	-3.58%	\$ (68,315)

Assessment

1/12/15

SAU 16 CALENDAR 2015-2016

Approved
10/27/14

2015

JULY							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
			1	2	3	4	0
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Staff
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	0
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
						1	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Staff
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	3
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	[27]	[28]	29	
30	31						

SEPTEMBER							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
		1	2	3	4	5	20
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Staff
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30				

OCTOBER							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
				1	2	3	21
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Staff
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
1	2	3	4	5	[6]	7	16
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Staff
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	17
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30						

DECEMBER							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
		1	2	3	4	5	17
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Staff
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	17
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31			

2016

JANUARY							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
					1	2	19
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Staff
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	19
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30	

FEBRUARY							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
							16
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Staff
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	16
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29						

MARCH							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
		1	2	3	4	5	22
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Staff
13	14	15	16	17	[18]	19	23
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31			

APRIL							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
					1	2	16
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Staff
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

MAY							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	21
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Staff
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					

JUNE							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
			1	2	3	4	11
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Staff
12	13	14	15**	[16]	17	18	11 or 12
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30			

Totals
Student
180
Staff
185

Important Dates

2015

NS = No School

August

Teacher In-Service NS Aug 27-28
School Opens - All Students Aug 31
School Days 1

September

Friday before Labor Day NS Sept 4
Labor Day NS Sept 7
School Days 20

October

Columbus Day NS 12
School Days 21

November

Teacher In-Service NS Nov 6
Veterans' Day NS Nov 11
Thanksgiving Recess NS Nov 25-27
School Days 16

December

Holiday Break NS Dec 24-31
School Days 17

2016

January

Holiday Break NS Jan 1
MLK, Jr. Day NS Jan 18
School Days 19

February

Winter Vacation NS Feb 22-26
School Days 16

March

Teacher In-Service NS March 18
School Days NS 22

April

Spring Vacation NS Apr 25-29
School Days 16

May

Memorial Day NS May 30
School Days 21

June

Last day for students June 15**
Teacher In-service NS June 16
School days 11

Graduation - to be announced after February vacation

Symbol Key

- = No School / Holiday / Vacation
- [] = Teacher In-Service (No School)
- < > = SAU Early Release

****June 16, 17, 20 & 21 are snow make-up days if needed**