

**299th  
Annual Town Report**



*For the Year Ending  
December 31, 2015*

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS: (\* denotes an emergency number)

<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT (TO REPORT FIRE)</b> .....	<b>911*</b>
<b>EMS EMERGENCY NUMBER (AMBULANCE)</b> .....	<b>911*</b>
Fire House business number (not to report fire).....	772-9756
Fire Chief.....	772-8215
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT (EMERGENCY NUMBER)</b> .....	<b>911*</b>
Police Department (business number).....	778-9691
Animal Control.....	679-2225
Town Clerk/Tax Collector.....	772-4741
Selectmen's Office/Town Administrator.....	772-7391
Planner/Planning Board .....	772-7391
Highway Department.....	772-5550
Building Inspector/C.E.O.....	772-7391
Wiggin Memorial Library.....	772-4346
Historical Society.....	778-0434
Parks & Recreation.....	772-7450
Stratham Memorial School.....	772-5413
Exeter Region Coop. School District (main switchboard)	778-7772
Superintendent, SAU #16.....	775-8653
Mosquito Control.....	734-4144

### COMMUNITY INFORMATION: [www.strathamnh.gov](http://www.strathamnh.gov)

#### TOWN OFFICE HOURS: (closed holidays)

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** Mondays 8:30 am to 7:00 pm; Tuesday–Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; Fridays 8:00 am to 12:30 pm

**Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector:** Monday – Friday 9:00 am–noon

**Wiggin Memorial Library:** Monday–Thursday 9:30 am to 7:00 pm, Fri. 9:30 am – 6:00 pm  
Sat. 9:30 am–3:00 pm

**All Other Offices:** Monday–Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

#### HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOURS:

Tuesdays 9 am–11:30 am; Thursdays 2 pm–4 pm; 1st Sunday of month 2 pm–4 pm

#### STRATHAM TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

Saturdays 9 am–4 pm (Winter (December thru March) 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month only)

#### TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION: Thursday & Friday curbside by 7:00 am

*See Back Cover for Meetings & Schedules*

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

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

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**VITAL STATISTICS  
FOR 2015**

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## ***DEDICATED TO US***

### ***“STRATHAM, INSPIRED BY THE PAST, COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE”***

This year we are pleased to dedicate this Town report to, well, US! We are now 300 years old. But we don't show it. This report is dedicated to the forward looking, dynamic, vibrant community we have become.

The early years were not always easy. Reading the Charles Nelson History of Stratham, New Hampshire, 1631-1900 will show you how hard life could be for our earliest settlers who came to the area in the 1630s. Gradually the population increased and by 1716 we were sufficient in number to apply for our own incorporation as a Town.

By the turn of the last century we were only about 600 in number and resided in a typical small rural subsistence agrarian town. After World War II we started to grow and now find ourselves some 7300 people strong.

In many ways Stratham has metamorphosed into a bedroom community typical of much of New England. And yet we have resisted that rather dubious distinction by retaining our traditional Town Meeting form of government, retaining an active, vibrant volunteer base to help run and protect the community, and kept our rural agricultural feel and look by setting aside a third of our total land mass for perpetual open space conservation.

Yes, our motto rings true: we are truly “inspired by the past”. We are proud of our agrarian past, we are proud to have 14th generation direct descendants of our founder, Captain Thomas Wiggin (1592-1687) still living in Town, we are proud to have been represented by our citizens in many of the momentous affairs that shaped our area, state, and nation.

We are also “committed to the future”! Our schools continue to be highly regarded and Stratham is sought out as a place to raise children because of them. We are actively working toward building the infrastructure necessary to support a dynamic mix of commercial uses within our business districts. We are environmentally conscious and work at protecting our abundant natural resources. And we are not afraid of change. Our Town government, our citizen committees, our population at large embrace new ideas for creating a better life for all while, at the same time, respecting the past.

Happy birthday Stratham! We are inspired to welcome the next 300 years!



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## **2015 TOWN OFFICERS**

### **ELECTED POSITIONS**

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

David Canada	term expires 2017
Bruno Federico	term expires 2018
Timothy Copeland, Chair	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	

#### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

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

#### **TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**

Joyce Rowe, Chair	term expires 2016
Diane Morgera	term expires 2018
Mikki Deschaine	term expires 2017

#### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Connie Aubin-Adams	term expires 2018
Lee Beauregard	term expires 2018
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	term expires 2016
Colin Laverty	term expires 2017
John Labonte, Chair	term expires 2018

## **APPOINTED POSITIONS**

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Paul R. Deschaine  
Deborah Bronson, Treasurer  
Valerie Kemp, Accounting Supervisor  
Karen Richard, Executive Assistant/Welfare Administrator  
Joseph Dyrkacz, Custodian/Building Maintenance – Jan – July  
Gordon Chisholm, Custodian/Building Maintenance – July – Dec.  
Doreen Coughlin, Asst. Custodian  
Paul Wolf, IT Administrator

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT/BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Audrey Cline  
Tracey Cutler, Land Use Assistant II  
Denise Lemire, Land Use Assistant I

### **TOWN ASSESSOR**

Andrea S. Lewy  
James Joseph, Assessing Assistant

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Colin Lavery, Highway Agent	Timothy Slager
Alan Williams, Foreman	Charles Perkins

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Rob Cook	Lt. Tim Brothers	EMS – Capt. Kelley Dold
Asst. Chief Matt Larrabee	Lt. Josh Crow	EMS – Lt. Caren Gallagher
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 – Jan – Nov.  
David Barr, Director – Nov – Dec.  
Katherine Flagg, Deputy Director  
Timothy Copeland, Deputy Director

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

**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 2018
Tom House	term expires 2016
Bruno Federico, Selectman – Jan – Mar	
David Canada, Selectman – Mar - Dec	
Christopher Merrick, Alternate –	term expires 2017
Nancy Ober, Alternate	term expires 2018

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Arol Charbonneau, Chair	term expires 2018
James Elliott, Secretary	term expires 2016
Christopher Brett	term expires 2018
Garrett Dolan	term expires 2016
Chris Caverreta	term expires 2017
Bruno Federico	term expires 2018
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 2018
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 2018

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

April Mason	term expires 2018
Tracy-Lynn Abbott, Chair	term expires 2017
Frank LaSorsa	term expires 2017
Tim Copeland, Selectman	term expires 2016
Pam Dziama, Treasurer	term expires 2016
Chris Cavaretta	term expires 2018
Jeff Simeone	term expires 2016

**BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Garrett Dolan	June Sawyer
Tracey McGrail	Bruce Scamman
Lee Paladino	Travis Thompson, School Board's Rep.

**HERITAGE COMMISSION**

Rebecca Mitchell, Chair	term expires 2016
Nathan Merrill	term expires 2017
Wallace Stewart	term expires 2018
David Canada, Selectman	
Christopher Merrick, Planning Board	term expires 2017
Tammy Hathaway, Alternate	term expires 2018
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 2018
Michael Girard	term expires 2017
David Canada, Selectman	
Jim Cushman, Alternate	term expires 2018
Lissa Ham, Alternate	term expires 2016

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Michael Houghton, Chair	term expires 2018
Bruno Federico, Selectman	
Paul R. Deschaine, Town Administrator	term expires 2018
Karl Scamman, Alternate	term expires 2016
Joseph Lovejoy	term expires 2016

**ENERGY COMMISSION**

Michael Welty, Chair	term expires 2018
Matt O'Keefe	term expires 2017
Michael Gorman	term expires 2016
Mike Ream	term expires 2017
Charles Case	term expires 2018

**STRATHAM FAIR COMMITTEE**

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

**300<sup>th</sup> 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 2016
Colleen Lake, Chair	term expires 2016
Rachael MacDonnell, Secretary	term expires 2016
Sean Norton	term expires 2016
Tracey Cordy	term expires 2016
Fred Emanuel, Alternate	term expires 2016
Leo Gagnon, Alternate	term expires 2016

**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  
Lucy Cushman

**LAMPREY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE**

Paul R. Deschaine

**SOUTHEAST WATERSHED ALLIANCE**

Robert Roseen  
Michael Girard, Alternate

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Every year we take this opportunity to let you know some of the significant things which have happened in Town over the past year. We encourage you to read the reports from the various Town Departments and Committees for a more thorough look at what is going on in your Town.

The Board of Selectmen oversees the “providential affairs” of the Town. We stay involved and informed of events through monthly meetings with each department head and through participation on nearly every board, commission, and committee. With the exception of holidays we meet each Monday at 7:30 PM. You are always welcome to attend if you have an issue to discuss with us or if you would just like to 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.

After an easy start to the winter, mid-January brought severe snow storms which put our Highway crew to the test. We are sure you remember the piles of snow which developed as storm after storm hit with few breaks in between. We want to publically thank Highway Agent Colin Laverty and his entire staff for a stellar job of keeping our roads open and safe under such trying circumstances.

In March we appointed Stratham's first ever appointed treasurer, Deb Bronson. You changed this position from an elected one to an appointed one at the March 2014 Town Meeting. We feel that this position is too important to be left to chance and that applicants will now be vetted before taking the financial reins of the Town. Our last elected official was also Deb and she continues to do a superlative job.

In May the Planning Board received a proposal to intensely redevelop the property in the center of the Stratham Traffic Circle, currently home to the Collector's Eye antique shop. Part of the proposal was to demolish several of the buildings, all of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Heritage Commission, as well as a packed room of concerned citizens, took exception to the irrevocable obliteration of this landmark. The Lane Homestead is important in the history of our town and state because of the extensive diaries and records kept by Samuel and Jabez Lane from 1741 to 1810. This remarkable archive along with a collection of artifacts, the property of the New Hampshire Historical Society, documents the buildings and the life on this site during Stratham's formative years. The Selectmen, with the Heritage Commission, are working to forever protect the Lane Homestead from demolition by purchasing a preservation easement from the owner. This effort is ongoing and we will be asking for funds at Town Meeting to help accomplish our goal. We hope you will support our efforts. The Heritage Commission is sponsoring a free program on February 12 on the life and times of Samuel Lane, the history of the property, and why the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance chose it for the 2015 list of Seven to Save properties at risk. We hope to see you at the Fire House at 7:00 that evening.

Part of the Town's Gateway Commercial District vision is a series of back roads which will interconnect independently of Portsmouth Avenue. That goal was furthered this year with construction of a portion of a road from River Road south toward Market Basket. We look

forward to the eventual connecting of this segment to the series of roads already in existence from Market Basket through to the CVS area. The new road segment was paid for by Exeter Subaru as part of their expansion plans and facilitated by a conservation easement on Town owned property at the end of River Road which was used for wetlands mitigation. We also secured an understanding with AutoFair to use their driveway as an extension of River Road should such an arrangement be desirous in the future.

After considerable work we put out a Request For Proposals to re-develop the Bartlett-Cushman House adjacent to the Municipal Center. As you may recall the Town purchased this property to secure the 2.2 acres of property contiguous with the Municipal Center. This additional land will ensure room for the Town to grow as needs develop over the years. Unfortunately, we did not receive any satisfactory proposals as a result of our RFP. After further consultation with real estate professionals, we have re-drafted our request and will re-release it soon to an expanded base of potentially interested parties. In the meantime we are doing some work on the property so that it does not die of neglect. We have re-roofed the entire building. This year we plan to secure the outside surfaces and have it painted.

We did similar maintenance work at the Gifford House this past year. Last painted in 2007, we contracted to have it painted in 2015. As we got into the job we discovered a lot of carpentry repair was needed before painting. All that has been done and the Gifford House stands in excellent repair today.

In June we signed a lease proposal with Verizon Wireless to allow a cell tower to be built on Town owned property at 28 Bunker Hill Avenue. There is a decided shadow of cell coverage in this part of Town which a tower on the hill will alleviate offering more convenience and communication for safety services to those people who rely on cell phones for all their communications. The permitting process continues on this project and your permission will be sought at this year's Town Meeting.

In July we opened bids for the long planned work in the Town Center. The plan is to install sidewalks, trees, and general landscaping in this program sponsored by the Department of Transportation. Due to the complex nature of the Federally funded program paying for 80% of this project, requests for bids went out rather late in the construction season. For this reason we only received one bid. We rejected this bid and have now issued another request believing that being early in the season we will receive more, and more competitive, bids for the work.

We became aware of a "single sort" recycling opportunity this year and promptly relayed the information to you. We hope you have found it convenient to have all your recycling materials placed in just one container. If you have any questions on what can and cannot be put at the curb for weekly pickup, here is a useful

link: [http://strathamnh.gov/Pages/StrathamNH\\_transfer/recycling2015.pdf](http://strathamnh.gov/Pages/StrathamNH_transfer/recycling2015.pdf)

In rather unfortunate timing, both our Town Planner and our Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer left Stratham at the end of the year for opportunities in larger communities. Staff in the Building Department carried on with remarkable skill while we filled these two important positions. Mark Morong, former Assistant Building Inspector in Durham, NH started as our new BI/CEO on January 4, 2016 as did Tavis Austin, our new Planner, formerly of Cooperstown, NY. They are off to great starts and we welcome them to our community.



A committee of Town employees worked diligently over the past year to develop a uniform employee evaluation tool to replace the ad hoc system informally in place. The objective is to create a yardstick so that employees and supervisors have a fair and consistent way of measuring performance. This will allow the employee to better understand what is required of them and any deficiencies perceived by their direct supervisors. It will allow the Board of Selectmen to better understand how our people are measuring up to the standards we set in our job descriptions. We are optimistic this tool will be a boon to all our employees.

Saving the best for last, we reached agreement on terms for the purchase of water from the Town of Exeter in December. This was the culmination of an extended period of negotiations with the Exeter hierarchy. These negotiations were always cordial and all sought the same goal. Like most complex arrangements the details took time to work out but we hope you will support the agreement when a substantial financing request is brought to you in March at Town Meeting. Water and sewer services and, increasingly, the treatment of storm water, are not cheap to provide. Initially an investment by the Town in the form of taxes will be required until a mature system, with an established customer base, is developed. We hope to show you why this is a good investment and how it will help the Town's commercial district become an asset to the community to be proud of.

Best wishes for a prosperous 2016!

Your Selectmen,

David Canada  
Timothy Copeland  
Bruno Federico

## **Town of Stratham**

### **Town Meeting Minutes**

**March 10, 2015**

The ballot clerks and election workers were sworn in at 7:45 am and 1:45 pm. Present were Moderator Dave Emanuel, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Joyce Charbonneau, Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector Catherine Kenny, Selectman David Canada, Selectman Tim Copeland, and Election Worker Bruce Cotter. Assistant Moderator Tracey McGrail arrived at 12:00 pm and Office Assistant Lucy Hopping arrived at 4:00 pm to help at the election.

Also present were the Supervisors of the Checklist Susan Hunter, Caren Gallagher, and Melanie McGrail. The ballot clerks for the day were Dianna and Roger Thompson, Diana Alsterberg, Andra Copeland, Lizabeth Chisholm, Susan Canada, Margaret Mullin, Cheryl Ewart, Nancy Hunter, Joan Gough, Natalie Perry, and Patricia Prior.

It was a quiet day with 724 votes cast at the Town Election, with 14 of those being absentee ballots. The total number of voters on the checklist is 5803, making this a 12% turnout of voters.

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

Cooperative School Board: For Exeter for three years, vote for one: Margaret (Maggie) Bishop 520\*. For Newfields 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 two years, vote for one: Dennis Grubbs 498\*. For Kensington for two years, vote for one: (There was no candidate on this ballot, winner will be determined by the six Cooperative towns via write-in votes.) For Stratham for three years, vote for one: Helen Joyce 577\*. For Cooperative School District Moderator for one year, vote for one: Katherine B. Miller 475\*. Cooperative School District Budget Committee: For East Kingston for three years, vote for one: David Pendell 469\*. For Exeter for three years, vote for one: Mark Paige 218\*. Michael DeMartino 151. For Stratham for three years, vote for one: (There was no candidate on this ballot, winner will be determined by the six Cooperative towns via write-in votes.)

#### **Article 1: Operating Budget:**

Yes: 493\* No: 98

#### **Article 2: Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Area Paraprofessional Association. (3 years)**

Yes: 437\* No: 199

#### **Article 3: Synthetic Turf Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.**

Yes: 404\* No: 233

#### **Article 4: (Citizens Petition) CMS to readdress the formal policy for student use of personal electronic communication devices.**

Yes: 457\* No: 180

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

School Board Member for three years, vote for two: Travis Thompson: 565\* Sarah Galligher: 524\*. School District Clerk for three years, vote for one: Mikki Deschaine: 621\*

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

**Article 1:**

Selectman for three years, vote for one: Joseph Lovejoy: 217. Christopher Cavarretta: 159. Bruno Federico: 294\*. Cemetery Trustee for three years, vote for one: John L. LaBonte: 577\*. Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, vote for one: Diane D. Morgera: 577\*. Library Trustee for three years, vote for two: Gerald “Lee” Beauregard: 482\*. Connie Aubin-Adams: 523\*.

**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, Section 2.1 Definitions, Subsection 2.1.6 Agriculture, Farm, Farming by deleting the subsection in its entirety and replacing it with Subsection 2.1.6 Agriculture, Agritourism, Farm, Farming, and Farmers’ Market to reflect the statutory changes and uses defined under NH RSA 21:34-a Farm, Agriculture, Farming (as amended.) And in connection therewith, amend Section III: Establishment of Districts And Uses, Subsection 3.6.D. Agriculture/Forestry Uses in its entirety with new subsection 3.6.D. Agriculture, Farming & Forestry Uses to further clarify and codify the uses for all Zoning Districts as referenced in NH RSA 21:34-a Farm, Agriculture, Farming. And in connection therewith, Subsection 3.6 Table of Uses and Footnotes to Table 3.6. Uses by inserting Footnotes 2. Farm Roadside Stand, 3. Farmer’s Market, and 4. Agritourism and renumbering the existing footnotes accordingly to establish a permitting and review process for farm roadside stands, farmer’s markets, and agritourism.  
Yes: 179 No: 518\*

**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 XX Sanitary Protection & Septic Ordinance, Subsections 20.1 General, 20.2 Replacement of Existing Systems without Expansion of Design Capacity, 20.3 Replacement of Existing Systems with Expanding Design Capacity, and 20.4 Vacant Lots of Record and insert new subsection 20.5 Subdivisions to further clarify and update the requirements, design specifications, and regulatory review process for sewage disposal systems in Stratham.  
Yes: 416\* No: 237

**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 V. Supplemental Regulations, Subsection 5.6 Retirement Planned Community by adding a new Subsection 5.6.2 Septic Design to further clarify the septic design requirements and specifications for developments within the Retirement Planned Community Zoning District and renumbering the existing subsections accordingly.

Yes: 450\* No: 189

**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 Section XVII. Board of Adjustment, Section XVII. Board of Adjustment, Subsection 17.3 Rules to allow the Board of Adjustment to adopt rules and regulations involving the enforcement of Section XVII.

And in connection therewith, amend Subsections 17.5 Applications and 17.8 Scope of Review to include Equitable Waivers pursuant to NH RSA 674:33-a as a type of application reviewed by the Board of Adjustment.

And in connection therewith, amend Section XVII. Board of Adjustment, Subsection 17.8.2 Special Exceptions by adding language allowing the Board of Adjustment to seek an advisory opinion from the Planning Board for special exception applications.

And in connection therewith, amend Section XVII. Board of Adjustment by inserting new Subsection 17.11 Duration of Approval to reflect the statutory changes to NH RSA 674:33 Powers of Zoning Board of Adjustment involving the duration of approval for Variances and Special Exceptions.

Yes: 408\* No: 214

**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 amend Section XVIII. Floodplain Management District by replacing Subsections 18.1 Definitions in its entirety with new Subsection 18.1 and amending Subsections 18.3 Design Criteria, 18.4 Sewer Design, 18.7 Watercourses, and 18.8 District Boundaries And Design in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program regulations and to allow the Town and its residents to remain eligible to participate in said program.

Yes: 462\* No: 173

**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 amend Section V. Supplementary Regulations, Subsections 5.1.2 Expansion of Non-

Conforming Uses and 5.1.3 Expansion of Non-Conforming Structures to establish the criteria and permitting process for an expansion of an existing non-conforming structure and non-conforming use within the Gateway Commercial Business and Town Center Zoning Districts.

Yes: 384\* No: 248

**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 amend Section 3.8 Gateway Commercial Business District, Subsection 3.8.8 Development of Standards And Tables, a. Permitted Uses By Zone by further clarifying the permitted agricultural, farm, farming, and forestry uses allowed within the Gateway Commercial Business District Central and Outer Zones.

And in connection therewith, amend Section 3.8 Gateway Commercial Business District, Subsection 3.8.8 Development of Standards And Tables, a. Permitted Uses By Zone, by inserting footnote 1 to establish an expedited review process for the expansion of existing agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, and crop production uses within the Gateway Commercial Business District Central and Outer Zones and renumbering the existing footnotes accordingly.

Yes: 184 No: 504\*

**The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.**

**The remaining Town of Stratham articles will be voted on March 13, 2015 at the Stratham Memorial School at 7:00 p.m.**

Town Moderator Dave Emanuel declared the meeting come to order at 7:05 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 who 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, and the Supervisors of the Checklist: Sue Hunter, Melanie McGrail, and Caren Gallagher. Tracey McGrail and Bruce Cotter were also introduced as Assistant Moderators. Mr. Emanuel then had Tracey read the dedication of the Town Report. This year's dedication was to Terry Barnes, who retired last year as our long term Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Emanuel then had Bruce Cotter read the Memorial Dedication. This year's dedication was to Dwight Crow, who passed away last June and who served on many Boards and Committees throughout the Town including the Fire Department, the Stratham Fair, the Town Budget Committee and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Dave Emanuel then read the results of the ballot voting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. He announced 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 9: 2015 Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Five Million Nine Hundred and Sixty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 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. Selectman David Canada moved to accept this article as read. Selectman Tim Copeland seconded the motion. Selectman David Canada spoke to the motion. Mr. Canada first thanked the members of the Budget Committee for their help with the budget. They were all returning members this year: Steve Doyle, Tracey McGrail, Gary Dolan, June Sawyer, and School Board Representative Travis Thompson. Mr. Canada explained that every \$100,000.00 approved tonight will add 8.2 cents to the tax rate, same as last year. Mr. Canada went on to explain that the median home value in Stratham is \$347,100.00. He stated if your home is at the median value, each \$100,000.00 approved will add \$28.46 to your yearly tax bill. Mr. Canada stated that the total appropriation for operating expenses this year is \$5,969,553.00, which is an increase of \$160,000.00. He explained that offsetting this increase are two factors which will reduce what we need to raise in taxes this year: an increase in revenue, and money left over from 2014 which was budgeted but not spent. Mr. Canada then went on to explain each item in the operating budget and what the increase was for each department. The significant increases in the operating budget were due primarily to Payroll, NH State Retirement, Town -Owned residential properties that need some capital improvements, Highway equipment repairs, Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, and Electricity. Offsetting these increases from the various departments are reductions in health care, payment for legal work, payroll for the Code Enforcement office salary, public service agencies which includes Welfare Assistance and public transportation, debt service, and non-recurring expenses at the cemeteries and at the Highway Garage. Mr. Canada explained some of the major changes on the income side of the ledger include increases in motor vehicle registrations, the franchise fee from Comcast, building permit fees, Rooms and Meals tax from the State, and Refunds and Reimbursements from our health care provider. Mr. Canada also updated us on the proposal to build a water system for the commercial district. He stated we are very close to an agreement with Exeter to provide water for us. The B.O.S. hope to bring a proposal for a water system as well as sewer services to Town Meeting next year. He stated that discussions have been very productive with both Portsmouth and Exeter in regards to sewer services, and added that there would be substantial environmental benefits if we can avoid using Great Bay as a pipe to get treated effluent to the ocean. As a final note, Mr. Canada informed us that the Bartlett Cushman House is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Canada then turned the meeting back over to the Moderator. Mr. Emanuel then asked for questions or comments from the floor. Pat Abrami, Tall Pines Dr. asked if the Vocational-Technical School is now on the tax rolls. Mr. Canada responded in the affirmative. Mr. Abrami also asked if there are any other big properties that are on the tax rolls that were not on last year. Mr. Canada responded that Lindt is in line to do some new construction this year. He added that Stoneybrook Lane has done some new development as well. Marty Wool, Winnicutt Rd. asked how much money we are planning on putting into the Cushman House this year. Mr. Canada responded that the house needs to be painted this year, and that is going to cost about \$20,000.00. Mr. Wool also asked several questions about the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and what has been spent so far. Mr. Deschaine responded that fundraising has been done, and will continue in the future to offset expenses. Seeing no

further questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 9 passed.

## **Article 10 – Capital Improvement Program**

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. Selectman Bruno Federico moved to accept this article as read. Selectman David Canada seconded the motion. Selectman Bruno Federico spoke to the motion. Mr. Federico went over the highlights and the drivers for the 2015 C.I.P. He explained 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 went over each line item under each of the major components which can be found on page 54 of the Town Report. Moderator Emanuel then asked for questions from the floor. Bob Goodrich, Portsmouth Ave. asked about the signalization on Bunker Hill Ave. and Winnicutt Rd. and how did we come up with a million dollars in two years and nothing ahead of time. Mr. Federico responded that the Planning Board wants to keep those items in the CIP to show the State that we are serious about signalization at those intersections. Mr. Federico also stated that if there were any major developers wanting to develop in those areas, the Planning Board would ask the developer to contribute into the fund for those improvements. Mr. Goodrich also asked about the Town Center and noted that they are looking for \$25,000.00 a year. Mr. Goodrich does not see anything pertaining to the potential costs involved for this. Mr. Deschaine, Town Administrator, responded that the appropriations currently, are forward looking numbers, and that we don't know what the matches and projects may be in the future. Jeremy Riecks, Doe Run Lane, asked how old the Police Station is, and why is the trim failing. Mr. Federico responded that the building committee, in order to save money, decided to go with finger jointed pine instead of any of the other long term alternatives. Mr. Riecks also asked about the all-wheel street loader in the CIP. Mr. Federico responded that the Highway Department is asking to replace one of their tractors that they use for road side mowing. The new loader will be more versatile and can be used for more functions than just the road side mowing. One of the additional functions will be clearing snow off the new sidewalks that will be included in the Town Center. Mr. Riecks also asked what happened to past contributions over the last several years from developers for signalization at Bunker Hill Ave and Winnicutt Rd. Mr. Deschaine responded that for Bunker Hill Ave. some of the funds went to traffic and signalization studies, and in terms of Winnicutt Rd, some of the funds went to the preemptive light that is in front of the fire station presently. Patrick Kelley, Benjamin Rd. asked about the trim at the Police Station as well, and what is going to be used to replace it. Mr. Federico responded that a better plastic product will be used, and that is the only issue currently with the police station that needs improvement at this time. Mr. Kelley also asked whether we already have a contract for the new fuel system that we are planning on getting this year at the Highway Garage. Mr. Deschaine responded that the contract we will enter into is a State bid contract provided by the D.O.T. Marty Wool, Winnicutt Rd. asked about the Municipal Center parking

lot paving topcoat and the costs associated with that. Mr. Canada responded that the costs came within budget. Mr. Wool also asked about the Fire Dept. Capital Reserve Fund for the new fire truck. Mr. Federico responded that the Fire Dept. has a plan, and the next truck coming up won't be until 2022, so that is why it is not currently in the C.I.P. Mr. Wool also asked about the radio communications capital reserve. Mr. Federico responded that we currently have \$67,000.00 in reserve. He further stated that one radio costs \$3,800.00. Mr. Federico explained that the Police Department currently has eighteen radios, and that the last radio purchase was for the Fire Dept. Seeing no further questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 10 passed.

### **Article 11 – Conservation Easement Purchase**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$175,000.00) together with other funds to purchase a conservation easement on land currently owned 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. Selectman Tim Copeland moved to accept the article as read. Selectman Canada seconded the motion. Selectman Copeland yielded the floor to Pat Elwell, member of the Conservation Commission. Pat Elwell, Strawberry Lane, speaking on behalf of the Conservation Commission, explained the area that they are looking at to make into a conservation easement from the Shorts property. She explained that the area is about 38 acres and that it is adjacent to the forests, the other parcels, and the backland. She further explained that if this property was developed, it could potentially have fourteen homes on it. Pat stated that some of the wood lots in back could also be potentially developed as well. She explained that this land is part of the extensive trail system and that this proposal will allow us to continue public access to these trails. Pat explained that a conservation easement is buying the conservation rights to this land so it can never be developed. She stated that it will preserve the existing wildness corridor, and that NH Fish and Game has identified this corridor as the highest ranking habitat in the State. Pat explained that the conservation easement on this property means it will be preserved forever, and it will prevent access rights to those back lots. Pat stated that by conserving this land now, it will limit the costs associated with putting in community services that would be required by fourteen homes that went on that property. She explained that the current owners, Dave and Jeanne Short have let everyone use these trails in the past, but if they decide to sell someday, the new owner could sell this and turn it into a development. She informed us that the Shorts would like to see this area remain undeveloped, so future generations can continue to use the trails and surrounding areas without fear of development. Pat stated that \$600,000.00 is the purchase price of the conservation easement. She explained that this property was recently appraised at over a million dollars, so the Shorts are giving us a great deal. Pat informed us that the Conservation Commission has some money in the Land Conservation Fund that will be used towards this purchase, so the balance to the Town that we are trying to raise tonight is \$175,000.00. She explained that this comes out to a one-time tax



rate of .14 (fourteen cents) per \$1000.00 of assessed value. Pat explained that the South East Land Trust is going to be monitoring this easement for us, and that their job as a non-profit organization is to protect and monitor these kind of easements and parcels. She explained that we have several other parcels in Town that they have worked on with us to ensure that they are maintained the way the conservation easement was written. Pat asked for our support on this article, and that this is going to be something that will tie the back parcels together and that will really help to maintain the trails and keep them open to the public for perpetuity. Mr. Emanuel then asked for questions or comments from the floor. June Sawyer, High St. asked how many acres we currently have under conservation at this time and do any of the woodlots actually meet the two acre requirements for building a house. Mr. Federico responded that we have approximately five square miles in conservation land that equals about 3000 acres, or in other words, 33% of Stratham is in conservation. There was no answer on the woodlots at this time. Bruce Scamman, Blossom Lane, asked about putting any of this conservation land into a NH DES mitigation bank for future town purposes. Mr. Deschaine responded that he is not sure that this property would be eligible at this point in time of the process. Carol Hazekamp, Dumbarton Oaks, asked about the assessed value on the land. She asked if the one million dollar value was assessed on the land being used as conservation versus would it be a different assessment if the land was being assessed as buildable. Mr. Deschaine responded that the million dollar assessment is the value of the conservation easement. June Sawyer, High St. asked if we get any tax value on land that is in conservation easements. Mr. Deschaine responded in the affirmative. He explained that the private property owners still own the property, but the value is diminished once it is put in conservation, so the owners do get a tax break. Bob Goodrich, Portsmouth Ave. asked why the evaluation was so high, and if the house was involved in the evaluation. Mr. Deschaine explained that the value of the one million dollars reflects the developmental projection of that property for fourteen house lots. Mike Johnston, Glengarry Dr. asked if we did not maintain access to these trails, is there a possibility of having the right of way required in the sale of the property and would it be possible to maintain the trails without having the entire parcel. Mr. Deschaine responded that the Shorts have been more than amenable in allowing access to their property, but there is no way of knowing if any future owners would feel the same way, and there is no guarantee that would be continued. Lucy Cushman, Winnicutt Rd. stated that it is a lot of money for this article, but she supports this article. She stated that if this property were to be sold to a developer, the developer would cobble all these separate wood lots together and make a larger development. Lucy stated she is supporting this to block that from ever happening. She stated she would like to see this wildlife corridor remain open in its natural state and that this is a way for us to prevent any future developments. Ron Laurence, Depot Rd. asked if the Barker property and some of the woodlots are under conservation now. Mr. Deschaine referred to the screen and stated that it shows in green what is owned by the town and what is in conservation, and he explained what is in white is privately owned. Pat Elwell also responded that the Short property could be cut off if someone came in and bought the Barker farm and some of the woodlots. If this were to happen, the trails could all disappear by the Short property. She stated this easement would block that from happening. Ellen Ellis, Dumbarton Oaks wanted to thank the Shorts for allowing their property to be used, and that her family, as well as her friends and neighbors, use this Park all the time. She stated it is an unbelievable opportunity to have access to this, and she supports this article. Roger Stephenson, Stephen Drive, wanted to thank the Shorts, for providing this opportunity, Pat Elwell and the

Conservation Commission for bringing it before us tonight to vote on, and the Selectmen for voting to recommend this property. He reiterated what was mentioned earlier as far as the cost savings over time in regards to housing and future costs for education if fourteen houses were to be developed on this property. He stated that we are saving money as tax payers if we protect this area. Mr. Stephens also stated that we are all on well water and that there is no better way to protect ground water than to protect open space. Mr. Stephenson stated that he supports this article, but wanted to add in the interest of full disclosure, that he is a board member of the South East Land Trust. Selectman Tim Copeland, Raeder Dr. asked to speak as a resident regarding this article. Mr. Copeland stated that he supports this article, and feels that this is a really good deal, and that it is going to be good for Stratham in the long run. Patrick Kelley, Benjamin Rd. asked about the public right of way along the power lines, and does this parallel the big fields. Mr. Kelley also asked if the wood lots could hold us hostage in the future and demand money to access this new property. Pat Elwell responded that right now the wood lots are land locked and that there isn't a lot that the owners could do with them. She also stated that the trail in the back is part of the back of the Barker property. Mr. Short also responded that the school property has a significant amount of land in this area, and that Stratham has a cul-de sac limit on the books, which is about 800 feet. He stated that road development costs would be a significant hindrance in trying to develop anything at the park along this area being considered. Mr. Short concluded that the school owned property and road development costs would make this prohibitive to building back there. Mr. Kelley stated this property is only going to cost us \$50.00 to purchase per family on average. Mr. Kelley concluded with thanks to the Short family for the opportunity to purchase this easement and he supports this article. Seeing no further questions or comments from the floor, Mr. Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 11 passed.

#### **Article 12 – Funding for the 300<sup>th</sup> 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 300<sup>th</sup> 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. Selectman Canada moved to accept this article as read. Selectman Federico seconded the motion. Selectman Canada spoke to the motion. Selectman Canada stated he wanted to thank everyone on the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for their dedication and hard work leading up to the 2016 celebration. He stated this committee was formed in 2010, and now the celebration is right around the corner. Mr. Canada asked to yield the floor to John Dold, Chairman of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Liz Chisholm, Squamscott Rd., asked to speak first, and stated that her dad was chairman of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and now she is on the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. She asked for volunteers to help on this committee, and that there are sign-up sheets outside in the hall if anyone is interested. John Dold, William Circle began by asking the committee members to stand up so they can be recognized. He then went over the highlights of the events that are to take place next year for the 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration. He went on to explain that there will be three major events for 2016 and they will consist of a historical play, a dinner/dance, and a parade. These three events will be spread out over 2016. Mr. Dold stated that the play will

take place in March. He then highlighted the acts for the historical play. Mr. Dold then went over the dinner/dance. He explained that the meal will be catered, and that there will be guest speakers and fireworks. He explained the final date has not been set yet for this event but it will take place sometime in the summer. Mr. Dold stated that the third event will be in the fall, and will incorporate many bands and floats, that a lot of associations will be involved, and that they are also trying to sign up the Budweiser Clydesdale horses to lead the parade. He explained that the estimated costs for these three events is \$50,000.00. Some of the funding for this will come from fundraising. The 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has raised \$24,000.00 to date in fundraising efforts. He explained that we are requesting \$10,000.00 tonight from the Town that will be added to this fund. He stated that we also received \$10,000.00 last year from the Town that has been added to this fund. Mr. Dold stated that if you approve tonight's \$10,000.00, we will have \$44,000.00 in our fund. He explained that over the next year, we should be able to raise the difference so we will have the \$50,000.00 needed for these events. Mr. Emanuel then asked for questions or comments from the floor. Heidi Hanson, Strawberry Lane asked if the proceeds from the sales for the new history book, and the ticket sales for the dinner/dance would go back to the Town to offset the cost to the taxpayer. Mr. Dold responded that yes, the money will go into the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund, and anything left over would revert back to the Town. John Sapienza, Raeder Dr., mentioned that when he was part of the 275<sup>th</sup> Park celebration, the cost for their dinner/dance was borne by the individuals who bought tickets to participate in that event that night. Mr. Sapienza stated that he supports this article and asked everyone to support this committee for all the hard work they have done. Marty Wool, Winnicutt Rd. asked what the cost is for the dinner/dance, and Mr. Dold responded it would be \$50.00 a head. Mr. Wool also asked what was left in the fund from the \$55,000.00 that was approved a few years ago at Town Meeting for commissioning an author to write the history of Stratham. Mr. Dold responded that out of the \$55,000.00 that was approved a few years ago, there is about \$7,000.00 left after paying all the costs associated with this endeavor and buying 500 paperbacks and 50 hardcovers to sell. Seeing no other questions or comments from the floor, Mr. Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 12 passed.

### **Article 13 – 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 Fund" as created by the March 16, 2012 Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote. Selectman Bruno Federico moved to accept this article as read. Selectman Tim Copeland seconded the motion. Selectman Federico spoke to the motion. Selectman Federico stated that we are continuing our grounds maintenance expendable trust fund. He explained that last year we raised \$25,000.00 and that we would like to raise another \$25,000.00 this year to defray any building and ground maintenance expenses for the town buildings including the highway shed, the library, the municipal center, the police dept. and the fire station. Seeing no questions or comments from the floor, Mr. Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 13 passed.

#### **Article 14 – EMS Fund Appropriation**

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. Selectman Tim Copeland moved to accept this article as read. Selectman Bruno Federico seconded the motion. Selectman Copeland spoke to the motion. He stated that this article has to be brought to Town Meeting every year. He explained that this is no cost to us in tax dollars. It is revenue produced by ambulance billing. Jonathan Caldwell, Drury Plains asked why the two stretchers are so expensive. Selectman Copeland responded that these particular stretchers are electric, and that one person can handle getting a patient onto the stretcher and into the ambulance. The non-electric stretchers can take several people lifting the stretcher depending on the weight of the patient. Lieutenant Josh Crow, member of the Stratham Fire Dept. further explained that he feels this is really reasonable as far as preventing injuries to the EMT's in preventing back and other injuries when lifting stretchers and patients. He further explained that we are the only town on the Seacoast using the old stretchers. He asked us to support this article. June Sawyer, High St. stated that she is one of those people that will come out to pick you up, and they had a recent call that took six of them to lift the stretcher to get the patient into the ambulance. She explained with the new electric stretchers, one person would be able to do this. Seeing no other questions or comments from the floor, Mr. Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 14 passed.

#### **Article 15 – Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable 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 Bruno Federico moved to accept this article as read. Selectman Copeland seconded the motion. Selectman Federico spoke to the motion. He explained that this trust fund was set up to meet any obligations of the Town when an employee retires. He stated that we could potentially have nine employees this year who could retire. He explained we have to pay out vacation, sick time, and retirement benefits if they retire. Mr. Emanuel then asked for questions or comments from the floor. Marty Wool, Winnicutt Rd. asked how much money is in the trust fund currently. Mr. Federico responded that \$51,663.00 is currently in the fund. He also added that the net unfunded obligations is \$91,281.33. Seeing no other questions or comments from the floor, Mr. Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 15 passed.

## **Article 16 – Other Business**

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

Mr. Canada stated that he wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have participated in the various Committees, Commissions, and Boards over the past year. He stated the Town could not operate without you. He further stated that anyone who wishes to volunteer to please feel free to sign up on the Town Website or at the Town Offices. Mr. Canada also asked any newly elected Town Officers to come forward and be sworn in after the meeting by the Town Clerk. Selectman Copeland announced that the Conservation Commission will be holding their annual clean-up day on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. at the Stratham Hill Park Pavilion. Seeing no other business before the Town, Moderator Emanuel closed the meeting at 9:15 p.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 eighth day of March 2016, 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 amendments 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 Farm, Agriculture, Farming: As defined in NHRSA 21:34-a, and any amendments adopted thereto. Agritourism is further defined as follows: Agritourism means attracting visitors to working farms to attend events and activities that are accessory uses to the primary farm operation, including, but not limited to, eating a meal, making overnight stays, enjoyment of the farm environment, education on farm operations, or active involvement in the operation of the farm. Agritourism uses shall be permitted on any property where the primary use is for agriculture.

And in connection therewith, amend Subsection 3.8.8 Development of Standards and Tables, a. Agriculture / Forestry Uses by replacing said section in its entirety to read as follows:

Type of Use	Central Zone	Outer Zone	Open Space Zone
<u>Agriculture and Forestry</u>	<p><i>By Conditional Use Permit</i></p> <p><i>Agriculture and agritourism as defined in Section II, Definitions, 2.1.6. See footnote 5. Agricultural structures greater than four hundred (400) square feet require a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board.</i></p>	<p><i>Permitted</i></p> <p><i>Agriculture and agritourism as defined in Section II, Definitions, 2.1.6</i></p>	<i>See Footnote</i>

<sup>5</sup>*Agricultural buildings four hundred (400) square feet and smaller do not require a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board. Agricultural buildings greater than four hundred (400) square feet are subject to a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Agricultural buildings requiring a CUP are not required to have engineered plans. The Planning Board is authorized to request studies prepared by professional consultants if the planning Board determines that such studies are necessary to render a decision regarding the CUP.*

And in connection therewith, amend related sections as specified below to read as noted in italics/underlined:

Amend Section III, 3.6 Table of Uses, subsection D. 1, to read as follows:

~~Farming including Dairying, Livestock, Animal and Poultry Raising, Tiling of Soil, Horticulture, Crop Production, inkling customary uses.~~

*Agriculture and agritourism as defined in Section II, Definitions, 2.1.6*

Amend Footnotes to Table 3.6, Footnote 1. to read:

~~In the Town Center District, permitted agricultural and forestry uses shall include crop production; customary accessory uses; forestry (tree farming, commercial timbering, non-commercial harvesting of forest products); community gardening. (See Section 3.9.8.a.)~~

*In the Town Center District, agriculture and agritourism as defined in Section II, Definitions, 2.1.6. Forestry uses permitted include tree farming, commercial timbering, and non-commercial harvesting of forest products.*

Amend Section 3.8 Gateway Commercial Business District, subsection 3.8.5, viii, District Character to read as follows:

~~viii. Provide opportunities for agrarian activities such as farmers markets and community gardens.~~

viii. Provide opportunities for agriculture and agritourism as defined in Section II, Definitions, 2.1.6

Amend Section III 3.9 Town Center District subsection 3.9.5, viii, District Character to read as follows:

~~viii. Provide opportunities for agrarian activities such as farmers markets, community gardens, and farm stands.~~

viii. Provide opportunities for agriculture and agritourism, as defined in Section II, Definitions, 2.1.6

And in connection therewith, amend Section XVI Administration, Section 16.2.1 by deleting the present text and replacing it as follows:

~~16.2.1 Permit Required: Any person before commencing work on the erection or alteration of any building or structure must first obtain a permit duly granted for such erection or alteration by the Building Inspector. Before a permit shall be issued by the Building Inspector, he shall determine whether the proposed construction or alterations conforms to all the conditions of this Ordinance.~~

16.2.1 Permit Required: Any person before commencing work on the erection or alteration of any building or structure must first obtain a permit duly granted for such erection or alteration by the Building Inspector. Before a permit shall be issued by the Building Inspector, he shall determine whether the proposed construction or alterations conforms to all the conditions of this Ordinance. For the construction of agricultural buildings with no public use (public use is defined as use that includes the general public utilizing the proposed structure) there shall be no Planning Board review required and permitting will comply with Appendix C, Group U – Agricultural Buildings found in the NH State Building Code.

And in connection therewith, amend Section VII, subsection 7.5, q., Exempt Signs, by deleting the present text and replacing it as follows

~~q. Temporary/Seasonal Agricultural Signs are exempt from the sign permit requirements of this Article so long as there are no more than two (2) on-site signs, each does not exceed six (6) square feet, and is/are used for listing agricultural or horticultural products grown or produced by the resident seller, in season, for such operations as farm stands or Christmas tree stands.~~

q. Agricultural Signs are exempt from the sign permit requirements of this Article so long as on-site signs are limited to directional signs (one roadside, no limit if unseen from the public right of way) and signs listing agricultural or horticultural products grown or produced by the resident seller, in season, for such operations as farm stands or Christmas tree sales.

***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 Citizens’ Petition?**

To amend the Stratham Zoning Ordinance by changing the zoning of the properties identified as Tax Map 13, Lot 2, Tax Map 13 Lot 3, and portions of the properties identified as Tax Map 13 Lot 4, Tax Map 13 Lot 8 and Tax Map 13 Lot 9 to the Residential/Agricultural zoning district from the Gateway Commercial Business District Outer Zone zoning district.

***The Planning Board approves of this article by unanimous vote.***

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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL, 39 GIFFORD FARM ROAD, STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE.  
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**ARTICLE 4:** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) for the acquisition of land and/or easements by the Town, and for the design, permitting, construction, and other related costs to install a public water system within the existing Utility District created during the March 2014 Town Meeting starting at an existing water main at the Exeter and Stratham town line to include but not necessarily limited to a meter house and booster pump station. The Town further authorizes the Selectmen to act on behalf of the Town in connection with such acquisitions and construction activities, and to further authorize the issuance of not more than Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33), and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof.

**A ballot vote with a two thirds (2/3) majority in favor is required for passage. Polls must be open for a minimum of one (1) hour.**

***The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.***

**ARTICLE 5:** – To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million One Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred One Dollars and no cents (\$6,167,501.00) to defray general town charges for the ensuing year. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

***The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.***

**ARTICLE 6:** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$1,352,600.00) to implement the Capital Improvements Program for 2016 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 7:** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$250,000.00) 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 unanimous vote.***

**ARTICLE 8:** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,772 for the purpose of defraying the costs associated with the observance of the Town’s 300th Anniversary in 2016, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the purpose has been fulfilled or 12/31/21, whichever is sooner.

***The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.***

**ARTICLE 9:** – 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 10:** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$50,000.00) for the following purposes:

2016 EMS/EMT/First Responder Training	\$10,000.00
2016 ALS Services Contract	\$10,000.00
2016 Ambulance Repairs and Upgrades	\$30,000.00

and to further authorize the withdrawal of Fifty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$50,000.00) 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 11:** – 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 12:** – To see if the Town will vote to ratify the Lease Agreement between the Town of Stratham and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless dated July 13, 2015. The initial term of the Agreement is for five (5) years with extensions of four (4) additional five (5) year terms for a total of twenty five (25) years in duration.

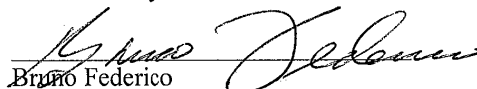
*The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.*

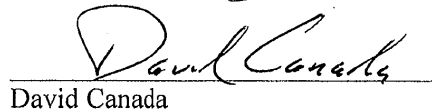
**ARTICLE 13:** – To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

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

Selectmen of Stratham, NH

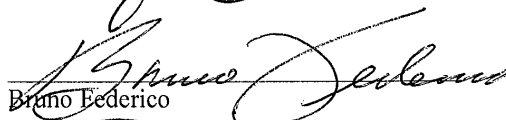
  
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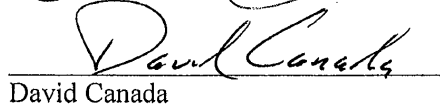
  
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David Canada

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

  
Timothy Copeland

  
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## TOWN BUDGET

	<b>2016 PROPOSED</b>
Executive	\$201,978
Election & Registration	\$19,400
Financial Administration	\$444,055
Legal Expenses	\$30,000
Personnel Administration	\$993,306
Planning & Zoning	\$256,527
General Government Buildings	\$213,788
Cemeteries	\$36,336
Insurances	\$76,151
Police	\$1,031,128
Fire	\$254,900
Emergency Management	\$33,620
Emergency Dispatch Services	\$1,000
Highways & Streets	\$825,243
Street Lighting	\$9,500
Solid Waste Management	\$633,595
Public Works Commission	\$18,400
Animal Control	\$600
Pest Control	\$64,680
Public Service Agencies	\$40,226
Direct Assistance	\$17,000
Parks & Recreation	\$244,896
Library	\$423,342
Patriotic Purposes	\$2,100
Conservation Commission	\$4,300
Heritage Commission	\$3,750
300th Anniversary Committee	\$5,000
Economic Development	\$3,750
Town Center Revitalization Committee	\$5,200
Energy Commission	\$4,400
Interest on Debt	\$269,330
Total Appropriation	<u>\$6,167,501</u>

### Board of Selectmen:

Timothy Copeland, Chair  
 Bruno Federico, Vice Chair  
 David Canada

### Budget Advisory Committee:

Garrett Dolan  
 Tracey McGrail  
 Lee Paladino  
 June Sawyer  
 Bruce Scamman

**STRATHAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM--REQUESTS--PROJECT SUMMARY IN \$000'S**  
**AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2016**

<b><u>TOWN PROJECT TITLE/DEPARTMENT</u></b>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>General Government:</b>						
Land Conservation Fund	0	25	25	25	25	25
Town Office Computer Replacement Plan	5	5	5	5	5	5
Town Center Grant Match & Improvements	25	25	25	25	25	25
Revaluation expenses	20	20	20	20	20	20
Municipal Center HVAC replacement	16	9				
Municipal Center electric wall divider	23.6					
Municipal Center generator auto transfer switch	5					
Master Plan Update Reserve	25	25	25			
<b>Protection of Persons/Property:</b>						
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve Fund	20	100	100	100	100	100
Fire Dept. Computer Replacement Program	2					
Radio Communications Capital Reserve Fund	5	5	5	5	5	5
Public Safety Complex (debt service, principal)	250	250	250	250	250	250
Conservation/Firehouse (debt service, principal)	225	225	225	225	225	225
Conservation Easement (debt service, principal)	120	120	120	120	120	120
Bartlett-Cushman Property (debt service, principal)	100	100	100			
Police computer replacement program	6	6	6	6	6	6

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**AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2016**

<b><u>TOWN PROJECT TITLE/DEPARTMENT</u></b>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Public Works and Highways:</b>						
Highway Vehicle/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	50	50	50	50	50	50
Bunker Hill & Portsmouth Ave. Intersection Improvements		525				
Winnicutt Rd. & Portsmouth Ave. Intersection Improvements			450			
Road Reconstruction Program	270	270	270	270	270	270
Mower				14		14
Insulating Highway Garage		30	30			
Water, Sewer & Stormwater Infrastructure, Planning, & Study	125	50	50	50	50	50
PWC Environmental Grant Match	20	20	20	20	20	20
Water and Sewer Infrastructure (debt service, principal)		300	300	300	300	300
<b>Cultural and Recreational Activities:</b>						
Future Community Center	0	250	250	250	250	215
Facility Improvements at SHP	5	5	5	5	5	5
Replace irrigation shed at Stevens Park	10					
SHP Parking lot Replacement	10	10	10			
Tennis Court Maintenance			5.5			
Mower			13			
Stevens Park parking lot maintenance			6			
Library computer replacement program	4	5	5	5	5	5
Library Reading Garden Upgrades	11					
<b>Totals For Town Appropriations</b>	<b>1,352.6</b>	<b>2,430.0</b>	<b>2,370.5</b>	<b>1,745.0</b>	<b>1,731.0</b>	<b>1,710.0</b>

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM**

<b>EXPENSES:</b>	<b>2015 APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>2015 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2016 PROPOSED</b>
Executive	\$198,446	\$182,623	\$201,978
Election & Registration	\$6,650	\$5,901	\$19,400
Financial Administration	\$436,151	\$429,675	\$444,055
Legal Expenses	\$30,000	\$17,093	\$30,000
Personnel Administration	\$957,617	\$821,475	\$993,306
Planning & Zoning	\$253,908	\$238,282	\$256,527
General Government Buildings	\$179,870	\$175,459	\$213,788
Cemeteries	\$38,150	\$36,226	\$36,336
Insurances	\$92,377	\$73,549	\$76,151
Police	\$963,730	\$920,345	\$1,031,128
Fire	\$238,580	\$183,873	\$254,900
Emergency Management	\$24,180	\$6,038	\$33,620
Emergency Dispatch Communication	\$1,000	\$864	\$1,000
Highways	\$821,466	\$799,951	\$825,243
Street Lighting	\$8,500	\$9,118	\$9,500
Solid Waste Management	\$622,919	\$616,425	\$633,595
Public Works Commission	\$18,400	\$16,195	\$18,400
Animal Control	\$600	\$850	\$600
Pest Control	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$64,680
Public Service Agencies	\$39,026	\$39,026	\$40,226
Direct Assistance	\$20,000	\$4,469	\$17,000
Parks & Recreation	\$229,949	\$217,896	\$244,896
Library	\$407,331	\$406,090	\$423,342
Patriotic Purposes	\$2,200	\$1,149	\$2,100
Conservation Commission	\$2,500	\$2,814	\$4,300
Heritage Commission	\$3,750	\$2,224	\$3,750
300th Anniversary Committee	\$5,000	\$5,245	\$5,000
Economic Development	\$6,250	\$2,119	\$3,750
Town Center Revitalization Comm.	\$5,200	\$973	\$5,200
Energy Commission	\$1,500	\$0	\$4,400
Interest on Debt	\$291,803	\$284,067	\$269,330
Total Appropriations	\$5,969,553	\$5,562,514	\$6,167,501

**REVENUES:**

Interest & Penalties on Taxes	\$80,000	\$83,373	\$80,000
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$1,500,000	\$1,631,376	\$1,500,000
Business Licenses & Permits	\$49,630	\$37,376	\$35,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$160,000	\$174,351	\$160,000
Rent of Town Property	\$52,200	\$57,481	\$54,000
Yield/Excavation Tax	\$6,000	\$6,034	\$1,100
Income From Departments	\$235,700	\$273,051	\$249,700
Sale of Town Property	\$12,425	\$17,884	\$18,000
Highway Block Grant/State of NH	\$158,843	\$181,056	\$158,843
Rooms & Meals	\$350,905	\$350,905	\$350,905
Interest on Investments	\$10,000	\$12,183	\$35,000
Reimbursements	\$25,000	\$28,062	\$33,620
Trust & Agency Funds	\$6,000	\$22,128	\$6,000
Total Revenues	\$2,646,703	\$2,875,259	\$2,682,168

## **TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

2015 was a busy year in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. Our numbers continue to increase in the number of motor vehicle, boat, and dog registrations that we process each year. We had just the one election for the Town in 2015 with a 12% turnout. We started taking on-line and over the counter credit cards for Property taxes in January. We have the 2016 dog tags and boat decals in so residents can come in anytime to license their dog or process their boat registrations.

If you wish an email reminder notice for your motor vehicle renewals, and we don't have your email address, please send it to [jcharbonneau@strathamnh.gov](mailto:jcharbonneau@strathamnh.gov) or [ckenny@strathamnh.gov](mailto:ckenny@strathamnh.gov)

We try very hard to make your experience here at the Town Clerk's office a pleasant one. We will always utilize the latest technology to keep our costs in line for both the Town and the customer.

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



**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$450.00
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TOWN FEES	\$1,626,828.23
MUNICIPAL AGENT FEES - MOTOR VEHICLE	\$27,939.00
BOAT REGISTRATION TOWN FEES	\$4,547.32
MUNICIPAL AGENT FEES – BOATS	\$1,325.00
TITLES – TOWN FEES	\$3,534.00
U.C.C. FILINGS	\$1,260.00
VITAL RECORDS TOWN FEES	\$1,701.00
VITAL RECORDS STATE FEES	\$2,844.00
DOG LICENSES TOWN FEES	\$5,472.50
DOG LICENSES STATE FEES	\$3,193.50
DOG FINES	\$1,235.00
ONLINE MAILING FEES	\$1,102.00
COPIES	<u>\$485.00</u>
TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES COLLECTED	\$1,681,466.55
COLLECTED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS	\$68,425.00
<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>	<b>\$1,749,891.55</b>
<b>ENDING CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Joyce L. Charbonneau  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**DEBITS**

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES--**

**Beginning of Fiscal Year: 2015**

	2015	2014	2013	2012
Property Taxes	\$0.00	\$895,617.93	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:**

Property Taxes	\$24,488,703.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$99,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Taxes	\$6,124.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**OVERPAYMENTS:**

Overpayments/Credits Refunded	\$44,540.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	\$8,341.12	\$29,138.53	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS:</b>	<b>\$24,646,709.33</b>	<b>\$924,756.46</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**CREDITS**

**REMITTED TO TREASURER:**

Property Taxes	\$23,896,576.74	\$743,386.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$6,033.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$8,341.12	\$27,480.03	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Taxes	\$0.00	\$1,658.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Converted to Liens (Principal only)	\$0.00	\$152,231.13	\$0.00	\$0.00

**ABATEMENTS MADE:**

Property Taxes	\$117.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes				
Timber Yield Taxes	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES--**

**End of Fiscal Year: 2015**

Property Taxes	\$636,469.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$99,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$90.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>\$24,646,709.33</b>	<b>\$924,756.46</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

**FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

### **DEBITS**

	<b>.....Tax Liens on Acc't of Levies.....</b>		
<b>Balance of Unredeemed Liens:</b>	2014	2013	2012+
Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$0.00	\$135,005.97	\$96,900.21
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$163,966.97	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$3,055.34	\$10,262.72	\$32,575.45
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	\$167,022.31	\$145,268.69	\$129,475.66

### **CREDITS**

#### **REMITTED TO TREASURER:**

Redemptions	\$41,115.95	\$42,975.51	\$93,854.25
Interest/Costs Collected	\$3,055.34	\$10,262.72	\$32,575.45
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	\$0.00	\$2,364.16	\$0.00
Liens Deeded To Town	\$207.66	\$183.80	\$179.25
<b>Balance of Unredeemed Liens:</b>			
End of Fiscal Year	\$122,643.36	\$89,482.50	\$2,866.71
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	\$167,022.31	\$145,268.69	\$129,475.66

**TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT 2015**

**RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR**

2015 Property Tax & Interest	\$23,860,377.17
2014 Property Tax & Interest	\$73,309.82
Prior Year Tax Redemptions & Interest	\$179,667.93
Current Use Land Change & Interest	\$0.00
Railroad Tax	\$95.24
Yield Tax & Interest (Timber Cutting)	\$6,033.70

**Subtotal** \$24,119,483.86

**RECEIVED FROM TOWN CLERK**

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$1,626,828.23
Municipal Agent Fees	\$27,939.00
Titles	\$3,534.00
Vital Records	\$1,701.00
UCC Filings & Certificates	\$1,260.00
Dog Licenses & Fines	\$6,707.50
Boat Fees	\$5,872.32
Mailing Fees	\$1,102.00
Filing and Other Fees	\$15.00

**Subtotal** \$1,674,959.05

**RECEIVED FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES**

NH. Revenue Sharing Block Grant	\$0.00
NH. Highway Block Grant	\$160,119.21
NH. Rooms & Meals Tax	\$350,905.14
FEMA	\$20,842.17
Misc. Grants	\$43,738.47
OEM Drill Reimbursement	\$14,250.50

**Subtotal** \$589,855.49

**RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES**

Interest Income	\$12,183.20
Fines & Forfeitures	\$500.00
Building Permits	\$126,988.51
Transfer Station Permits	\$5,340.00
Transfer Station Fees	\$47,435.00
Planning Board Fees	\$4,752.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment Fees	\$2,358.50
Police Department Revenue	\$8,985.10
Recreation Programs	\$9,295.00
Recreation Summer Camp	\$21,316.47
Rent of Town Property	\$57,480.50
Sale of Town Property	\$4,392.21
Sale of Cemetery & Cremation Lots	\$7,450.00
Grave Excavation Fees	\$5,550.00
Cable TV Franchise	\$174,351.44

Recycling Program	\$5,658.36
Insurance Reimbursements	\$9,965.19
Reimbursement for Plan Review	\$2,038.15
School Resource Officer	\$15,000.00
Overpayments and Other Reimbursements	\$21,514.23
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$542,553.86</b>
<b><u>RECEIVED FROM SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u></b>	
Transfer from Trustees of the Trust Funds	\$22,128.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$22,128.00</b>
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2015</u></b>	<b><u>\$26,948,980.26</u></b>
<b><u>FISCAL YEAR 2015 TRANSACTIONS</u></b>	
Cash on Hand January 1, 2015	\$9,935,956.12
Total Receipts for 2015	\$26,948,980.26
Safety Complex Bond Principle & Interest	(\$344,375.00)
Scamman Conservation Easement Principle & Interest	(\$186,658.00)
Fire House & Conservation Bond Principle & Interest	(\$341,690.00)
Gifford Property Principal & Interest	(\$14,645.00)
Cushman Property Principle	(\$105,699.00)
Debt Service Interest	\$0.00
Paid on Selectmen's Orders	(\$24,935,255.26)
Trustees of the Trust Funds	(\$116,200.52)
<b><u>BALANCE ON HAND DEC. 31, 2015</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,840,413.60</u></b>
<b><u>OTHER ASSETS IN HANDS OF TREASURER</u></b>	
Police Detail Account	\$72,822.51
Road & Other Bonds	\$336,016.63
Payroll Account	\$9,566.25
Gifford House Security Deposit	\$2,101.20
Foss Property Security Deposit	\$3,600.23
Park Cottage Security Deposit	\$952.15
Stratham Hill Park Revolving Fund	\$38,883.60
Stratham DARE	\$7,503.58
Stratham Hill Park Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$3,934.72
Fire Department E.M.S. Fund	\$367,560.31
Fire Protection Fund	\$46,530.97
Heritage Fund/300th Anniversary Committee	\$44,208.31
Recreation Revolving Fund	\$111,398.88
Cemetery Land Fund	\$3,084.99
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$4,203.23
Petty Cash (Town Clerk/Finance)	\$650.00
<b><u>TOTAL ALL OTHER ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,053,017.56</u></b>

**SUMMARY OF SAFETY COMPLEX BONDED DEBT****Safety Complex General Obligation Bond:      \$5,000,000.00**

<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>			
<b><u>Ending</u></b>			<b><u>Outstanding Debt</u></b>
<b><u>Dec. 31st</u></b>	<b><u>Principal Payment</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Payment</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
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**

<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>			
<b><u>Ending</u></b>			<b><u>Outstanding Debt</u></b>
<b><u>12/31</u></b>	<b><u>Principal Payment</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Payment</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
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**

<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>			<b><u>Outstanding Debt</u></b>
<b><u>Ending</u></b>			
<b><u>Dec. 31st</u></b>	<b><u>Principal Payment</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Payment</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
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**

<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>			<b><u>Outstanding Debt</u></b>
<b><u>Ending</u></b>			
<b><u>Dec. 31st</u></b>	<b><u>Principal Payment</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Payment</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
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**

**Bartlett/Cushman Property General Obligation Bond:       \$500,000.00**

<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>			<b><u>Outstanding Debt</u></b>
<b><u>Ending</u></b>	<b><u>Principal Payment</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Payment</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
<b><u>Dec. 31st</u></b>			
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 (2015)**

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1. Valuation of land only:	Acres	Assessment
A. Current use (at c.u. value)	2,555.51	\$383,955
B. Conservation	47.53	\$1,178
C. Residential	5,224.03	\$320,799,800
D. Commercial/Industrial	542.39	\$64,747,500
E. Total of Taxable Land	8,369.46	\$385,932,433
F. Tax Exempt & Non Taxable	877.86	\$10,333,700
2. Value of Buildings only:		
A. Residential		\$710,082,127
B. Manufactured Housing		\$3,002,100
C. Commercial/Industrial		\$120,959,700
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement		\$46,648
E. Total of Taxable Buildings		\$834,090,575
F. Exempt & Non Taxable		\$49,233,825
3. Public Utilities:		
A. Gas		\$12,196,000
B. Electric		\$14,015,900
D. Other Utilities (water)		\$1,121,300
C. Total Utilities		\$27,333,200
4. Valuation before Exemptions:		\$1,247,356,208
5. Disabled Exemptions:		\$0
6. Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties		\$1,247,356,208
7. Blind Exemption (4)		\$60,000
8. Elderly Exemption (44)		\$3,821,900
9. Solar Energy Exemption (1)		\$5,486
9. Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$3,887,386
10. Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed		\$1,243,468,822
11. Less the Value of Utilities		(\$27,333,200)
12. Net Valuation without Utilities on which State Education Tax is Computed		\$1,216,135,622
<b>TAX CREDITS:</b>		
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty (\$2,000.):		
	12	\$24,000
Other war service credits (\$500.):	345	\$172,000
Total Number and Amount:	357	\$196,000

## **STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS**

Taxes Assessed for the Tax Year 2015

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### **PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION**

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

Executive	\$198,446
Elections, Registration & Vital Statistics	\$6,650
Financial Administration	\$436,151
Revaluation of Property	\$20,000
Legal Expenses	\$30,000
Personnel Administration	\$957,617
Planning and Zoning	\$253,908
General Government Buildings	\$179,870
Cemeteries	\$38,150
Insurance	\$92,377

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Police	\$963,730
Fire	\$297,580
Emergency Management	\$24,180
Emergency Communications	\$1,000

#### **HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:**

Highway Department	\$821,466
Street Lighting	\$8,500
Public Works - Other	\$18,400

#### **SANITATION:**

Solid Waste Collection	\$622,919
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#### **HEALTH:**

Animal Control	\$600
Pest Control	\$62,500
Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$39,026

#### **WELFARE:**

Administration & Direct Assistance	\$20,000
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#### **CULTURE AND RECREATION:**

Parks & Recreation	\$229,949
Library	\$407,331
Patriotic purposes	\$2,200
Conservation Commission	\$2,500
Town Center Revitalization	\$5,200
Energy Commission	\$1,500
Heritage Commission/300th Anniversary	\$18,750
Economic Development	\$6,250

#### **DEBT SERVICE:**

Tax Anticipation Note Interest	\$100
Interest -Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$291,703
Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$709,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY:	
Capital Improvements	\$916,500
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	\$102,000
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	\$7,786,053
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### **REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES**

TAXES:	
Yield Taxes	\$6,000
Excavation Taxes	\$0
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$80,000
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES:	
Business Licenses and Permits	\$49,630
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$1,500,000
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	\$160,000
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:	
FROM STATE:	
Shared Revenues	\$0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	\$350,905
Highway Block Grant	\$158,748
Other	\$95
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:	
Income from Departments	\$235,700
Other Charges	\$25,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:	
Sale of Municipal Property	\$12,425
Interest on Investments	\$10,000
Rent of Town Property	\$52,200
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS:	
Trust and Agency Funds	
Special Revenue Funds	\$59,000
Capital Reserve Funds	\$6,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
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SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES:	\$2,705,703
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GENERAL FUND BALANCE:	
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$1,541,821
Less Voted from "Surplus"	\$0
Less Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes	\$441,821
Fund Balance - Retained	\$1,100,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS:	\$3,147,524
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**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
2015 TAX RATE COMPUTATION**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
<b><u>Municipal</u></b>		
Total Appropriation	\$7,786,053	
Net Revenues (Not including Fund Balance)	(\$2,705,703)	
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	(\$441,821)	
War Service Credits	\$196,000	
Actual Overlay Used	\$98,935	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$4,933,464</b>	<b>\$3.96</b>

<b><u>County</u></b>		
Net County Apportionment	\$1,288,666	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$1,288,666</b>	<b>\$1.04</b>

<b><u>Education</u></b>		
Net Local School Appropriations	\$9,797,017	
New Cooperative School Appropriation	\$10,514,780	
Net Education Grant	(\$1,851,763)	
Locally Retained State Education Tax	(\$2,794,701)	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$15,665,333</b>	<b>\$12.60</b>

State Education Tax	\$2,794,701	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$2,794,701</b>	<b>\$2.30</b>

<b><u>Combined Tax Rate</u></b>	<b><u>\$19.90</u></b>
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Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$24,682,164.00
War Service Credits	(\$196,000.00)
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$24,486,164.00</b>

**PROOF OF RATE**

	<u>Net Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
State Education Tax (no utilities)	\$1,216,135,622	\$2.30	\$2,794,701
All Other Taxes	\$1,243,468,822	\$17.60	\$21,887,463

**EXPENDITURES**

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Payroll	\$217,885
Training	\$575
Substance Abuse Testing	\$660
Meals	\$1,130
Uniforms	\$3,976
Paving & Road Construction	\$378,700
Rented Equipment	\$1,863
Culvert Pipe	\$1,200
New Equipment/Tools/Signs	\$3,868
Road Paint	\$6,529
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$50,080
Salt	\$77,726
Sand and Gravel	\$4,194
Telephone	\$2,263
Electricity	\$7,117
Gas & Oil	\$27,250
Heat	\$3,557
Building Maintenance	\$6,795
Computer Software Maintenance	\$1,734
Supplies	\$2,048
TOTAL	<u>\$799,150</u>

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

Payroll	\$14,158
Solid Waste Collection & Disposal	\$530,395
Landfill Closure Annual	\$8,646
Materials and Supplies	\$2,698
Hazardous Waste Collection	\$2,240
Transfer Station	\$57,755
Electricity	\$532
TOTAL	<u>\$616,424</u>

**CEMETERIES**

Payroll	\$17,762
Ground Maintenance (& Road Repairs)	\$4,988
Excavation	\$2,050
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,334
New Equipment	\$3,061
Supplies	\$186
Computer Maintenance	\$494
Transfer to Trust Funds (sale of lots)	\$6,350
TOTAL	<u>\$36,225</u>

**EXPENDITURES (cont.)**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Payroll	\$605,435
Police Part Time/OT	\$80,769
Police Holiday	\$18,855
Police payroll - Admin. Asst.	\$42,768
Police payroll - Prosecutor	\$36,416
Office supplies - Legal	\$2,892
Office Supplies	\$3,805
New Equipment	\$1,389
Uniforms	\$7,952
Technical Support	\$11,086
Cruiser Lease	\$34,865
Gas and Oil	\$19,611
Repairs (Vehicle & Equipment)	\$12,555
Community Service Programs	\$28
Training	\$8,941
Special Response Team	\$2,500
Electricity	\$11,421
Heat	\$2,990
Telephone	\$5,728
Building Maintenance/Repair/Supply	\$10,339
TOTAL	<hr/> \$920,345

**PARK**

Payroll	\$44,248
Seasonal Payroll	\$8,919
Training	\$190
Office Supplies	\$152
Ground Maintenance	\$14,751
Electricity	\$3,989
Telephone (Cellphone reimburse.)	\$813
Supplies	\$2,570
Uniforms	\$723
Building Maintenance	\$5,191
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,657
Vehicle Maintenance	\$2,962
New Equipment	\$1,091
TOTAL	<hr/> \$87,256

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES						
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015						
Title of Appropriations	Appropriation	Receipts/ Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overage
Executive	\$198,446	\$174,351	\$372,797	\$182,623	\$190,174	
Elections & Registrations	\$6,650	\$0	\$6,650	\$5,901	\$749	
Financial Administration	\$436,151	\$2,362,857	\$2,799,008	\$429,675	\$2,369,333	
Legal Expenses	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$17,093	\$12,907	
Personnel Administration	\$957,617	\$24,965	\$982,582	\$822,035	\$160,547	
Planning and Zoning	\$253,908	\$136,138	\$390,046	\$238,282	\$151,764	
General Government Buildings	\$179,870	\$57,481	\$237,351	\$175,459	\$61,892	
Cemeteries	\$38,150	\$13,000	\$51,150	\$36,226	\$14,924	
Insurances	\$92,377	\$0	\$92,377	\$73,549	\$18,828	
Police Department	\$963,730	\$9,503	\$973,233	\$920,345	\$52,888	
Fire Department	\$297,580	\$0	\$297,580	\$183,873	\$113,707	
Emergency Management	\$24,180	\$14,251	\$38,431	\$6,038	\$32,393	
Emergency Communications	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$864	\$136	
Highway Department	\$821,466	\$224,699	\$1,046,165	\$799,951	\$246,214	
Street Lighting	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500	\$9,118		(\$618)
Waste Disposal	\$622,919	\$56,908	\$679,827	\$616,425	\$63,402	
Public Works Commission	\$18,400	\$0	\$18,400	\$16,195	\$2,205	
Animal Control	\$600	\$6,708	\$7,308	\$850	\$6,458	
Pest Control	\$62,500	\$0	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$0	
Public Service Agencies	\$39,026	\$0	\$39,026	\$39,026	\$0	
Direct Assistance	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$4,469	\$15,531	
Parks & Recreation	\$229,949	\$30,611	\$260,560	\$217,896	\$42,664	
Library	\$407,331	\$0	\$407,331	\$406,090	\$1,241	
Patriotic Purposes	\$2,200	\$0	\$2,200	\$1,149	\$1,051	
Conservation Commission	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,814		(\$314)
Heritage Commission	\$3,750	\$0	\$3,750	\$2,224	\$1,526	
300th Anniversary Committee	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$5,245	\$9,755	
Economic Development Com.	\$6,250	\$0	\$6,250	\$2,119	\$4,131	
Town Center Revitalization	\$5,200	\$0	\$5,200	\$973	\$4,227	
Energy Commission	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	
Interest on Accounts	\$0	\$12,683	\$12,683	\$0	\$12,683	
Interest on Investments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Principal & Int. on Long Term Debt	\$1,000,803	\$0	\$1,000,803	\$993,066	\$7,737	
TOTALS	\$6,747,553	\$3,124,155	\$9,871,708	\$6,272,073	\$3,600,567	(\$932)

**YEARLY EARNINGS FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES - 2015**

Allen, Deborah	\$5,131.56	Izzo, Robert	\$933.75
Arnold, Sara L.	\$1,333.49	Jackson, Robert E	\$5,280.48
Barr, David P.	\$3,395.00	Jamison, Harold	\$18.00
Bibeau, Amanda	\$49,815.66	Janvrin, Steven	\$2,636.34
Bronson, Deborah	\$3,000.00	Joseph, James	\$30,555.81
Brothers, Timothy	\$9,318.75	Kemp, Valerie A.	\$45,351.13
Call, James C.	\$72,689.80	Kenny, Catherine	\$31,584.90
Canada, David	\$4,000.00	Kimball, Lesley	\$59,773.70
Carbone, Marisa	\$1,587.51	Lane, Joann	\$159.00
Carbonneau, Chris	\$341.25	Larrabee, Matthew	\$157.50
Chaffin, Colby	\$1,776.00	Lavery, Colin P.	\$59,905.21
Chamberlain, David W.	\$146.25	Law, Charles	\$74,656.96
Charbonneau, Joyce	\$49,077.28	Lemire, Denise	\$14,121.00
Chisholm, Gordon	\$11,107.39	Lennon, Jacob M.	\$8,876.25
Choinere, Alan	\$881.25	Lewy, Andrea	\$63,823.18
Cline, Audrey	\$54,747.47	Littlefield, William D	\$1,945.52
Coate, Benjamin	\$1,178.32	London, Charles	\$105.00
Cook, Robert	\$573.75	Lucius, Samantha	\$34,304.74
Cook III, Robert	\$10,380.75	MacCallum, Marcia	\$19,545.60
Copeland, Andra	\$9.38	McAuliffe, Michael	\$1,550.00
Copeland, Timothy D	\$4,122.50	McCabe, Jessica	\$2,800.00
Coughlin, Doreen	\$13,477.11	McCluskey, Erica	\$4,000.00
Crosby, Bryan	\$1,226.25	McLaughlin, Mary E.	\$11,897.64
Crosby, Margaret	\$1,230.00	Merrick, Taylor	\$1,455.00
Crow, Joshua	\$243.75	Morse, Lori	\$307.40
Cutler, Tracey	\$27,126.10	Nickerson, Michael	\$327.00
Daley, Lincoln	\$77,262.18	O'Neil, Kevin B	\$1,003.83
Danko, Phyllis L.	\$5,371.64	Oliveira, Michael	\$63,474.55
Dardani, John	\$1,500.75	Papalian, Matthew	\$1,483.13
Denton, Jeffrey	\$292.50	Perkins, Charles D.	\$51,250.40
Deschaine, Paul R.	\$87,031.88	Pierce, David	\$94,951.58
Devonshire, James	\$52.50	Pvirre, Keith	\$66.97
Dolan, Garrett	\$87.50	Rice, Verne	\$1,213.01
Doucette, Michael	\$60,901.59	Richard, Karen	\$27,421.18
Dyrkacz, Joseph	\$28,661.41	Rivais, James E.	\$13,768.11
Dziana, Pamela C.	\$4,941.42	Rivers, Cindy	\$14,113.00
Emanuel, David	\$1,382.50	Rodier, Ashley	\$5,092.00
Emerson, John R.	\$57,310.54	Ryan, Karen	\$15,906.33
Federico, Bruno	\$4,000.00	Ryden, Patricia A.	\$37,131.94
Flagg, Katherine	\$176.25	Sapienza, John	\$907.50



**YEARLY EARNINGS FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES - 2015**

Forest, Cantreце	\$15,767.50	Sawyer, June	\$3,641.79
Fotheringham, Grant	\$65,763.38	Scippa, John V.	\$94,280.90
French, Bryan	\$2,951.83	Slager, Timothy E	\$48,325.64
Gallagher, Caren	\$858.75	Standen, Scott	\$348.75
Grahame, Michael	\$18.00	Stoddard, Cameron	\$2,132.41
Grella, Stacey J	\$45,655.24	Streelman, Janice	\$38,901.82
Guida, Jack	\$1,425.00	Sturgis, Thomas	\$30.00
Hall, Derrick	\$30.00	Teschek, Patricia	\$79.88
Hart, Daniel	\$8,919.00	Thompson, Roger	\$122.50
Hart, William	\$36,415.60	Von Letkemann, Lucia	\$33,822.56
Hazekamp, Dana	\$102.00	Walker, Patricia	\$1,453.51
Hensley, Deborah	\$90.00	Walsh, Emma	\$2,649.50
Hickey, Seth	\$47,823.17	Weaver, Alvin	\$1,042.72
Hoitt, William	\$2,786.31	Weymer, Gary	\$63.00
Holbrook, Brian	\$64,198.40	Williams, Alan	\$55,284.76
Hopping, Lucy	\$18,505.99	Woods, Kimberly E.	\$39,185.63

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
GENERAL FUND**

Revenues and expenditures for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

	<b>Voted Appropriation</b>	<b>Other Authorizations</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures</b>
General Government			
Executive	\$198,446		\$182,623
Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	\$6,650		\$5,901
Financial Administration	\$436,151		\$429,675
Property Assessment	\$20,000	\$2,910	\$0
Explanation for Authorizations:		Non-Lapsing Appropriations	
Legal Expense	\$30,000		\$17,093
Personnel Administration	\$957,617		\$830,697
Planning & Zoning	\$253,908		\$238,282
General Government Buildings	\$179,870		\$175,459
Cemeteries	\$38,150		\$36,226
Insurance	\$92,377		\$73,549
Other General Government Expense			\$2,575
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,213,169</b>	<b>\$2,910</b>	<b>\$1,992,080</b>
Public Safety			
Police	\$963,730		\$920,345
Fire	\$238,580		\$183,873
Emergency Management	\$24,180		\$6,038
Other Communications	\$1,000		\$864
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,227,490</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,111,120</b>
Highways and Streets			
Highway & Streets	\$821,466		\$800,024
Street Lighting	\$8,500		\$9,118
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>	<b>\$829,966</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$809,142</b>
Sanitation			
Administration	\$622,919		\$616,425
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>	<b>\$622,919</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$616,425</b>
Water Distribution and Treatment			
Administration	\$18,400		\$16,195
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment subtotal</b>	<b>\$18,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$16,195</b>
Health			
Administration	\$600		\$850
Pest Control	\$62,500		\$62,500
Health Agencies, Hospice & Other	\$39,026		\$39,026
<b>Health Subtotal</b>	<b>\$102,126</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$102,376</b>

Welfare			
Administration & Direct Assistance	\$20,000		\$4,469
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,469</b>
Culture & Recreation			
Parks & Recreation	\$229,949		\$217,896
Library	\$407,331		\$406,090
Patriotic Purposes	\$2,200		\$1,149
Other Culture & Recreation	\$10,000		\$0
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation Subtotal</b>	<b>\$649,480</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$625,135</b>
Conservation and Development			
Admin. & Purchase of Natural Resources	\$11,250		\$10,282
Other Conservation	\$1,500		\$0
Redevelopment and Housing	\$5,200		\$973
Economic Development	\$6,250		\$2,119
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>	<b>\$24,200</b>		<b>\$13,374</b>
Debt Service			
Principle - Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$709,000		\$709,000
Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$291,703		\$284,066
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$100		
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,000,803</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$993,066</b>
Capital Outlay			
Land	\$175,000	\$0	\$175,000
Explanation for Authorizations:		Conservation Easement	
Machinery, Vehicles, & Equipment	\$144,500	\$14,962	\$185,675
Explanation for Authorizations:		Non-Lapsing Appropriations	
Buildings	\$87,500	\$3,028	\$55,692
Improvements Other than Buildings	\$509,500	(\$38,720)	\$393,576
Explanation for Authorizations:		Non-Lapsing Appropriations	
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>	<b>\$916,500</b>	<b>(\$20,730)</b>	<b>\$809,943</b>
Operating Transfers Out			
To Capital Projects Fund			
To Capital Reserve Fund	\$67,000		\$67,000
To Expendable Trust Fund	\$35,000		\$35,000
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>	<b>\$102,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$102,000</b>
Payments to Other Governments			
Taxes Assessed for the County	\$1,288,666		\$1,288,666
Taxes Assessed for Local Education	\$15,665,333		\$15,665,333
Taxes Assessed for State Education	\$2,794,701		\$2,794,701
<b>Payment to Other General Gov. Subtotal</b>	<b>\$19,748,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$19,748,700</b>

Less Proprietary Funds, Special Revenue or Capital Projects Funds

	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Authorizations</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$27,475,753</b>	<b>(\$17,820)</b>	<b>\$26,944,025</b>

## GENERAL FUND REVENUES

### Taxes

Property Taxes	\$24,387,229	\$24,590,060
Land Use Change Taxes-General Fund	\$0	\$3,417
Yield Taxes	\$100	\$6,034
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$90,000	\$83,373
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>	<b>\$24,477,329</b>	<b>\$0 \$24,682,884</b>

### Licenses, Permits and Fees

Business Licenses & Permits	\$32,000	\$182,259
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$1,400,000	\$1,626,828
Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$150,000	\$174,351
<b>Licenses, Permits and Fees Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,582,000</b>	<b>\$0 \$1,983,438</b>

### Revenue from State of New Hampshire

Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$350,975	\$350,905
Highway Block Grant	\$148,351	\$160,119
Other	\$0	\$78,926
<b>State of NH Revenue Subtotal</b>	<b>\$499,326</b>	<b>\$0 \$589,950</b>

### Charges for Services

Income from Departments	\$299,180	\$118,464
Other Charges	\$20,000	\$4,671
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>	<b>\$319,180</b>	<b>\$0 \$123,135</b>

### Miscellaneous Revenues

Sale of Municipal Property	\$10,000	\$13,647
Interest on Investments	\$3,000	\$13,811
Other	\$52,200	\$86,363
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>	<b>\$65,200</b>	<b>\$0 \$113,821</b>

### Interfund Operating Transfers In

From Special Revenue Funds	\$59,000	\$0
From Trust & Fiduciary Funds	\$6,000	\$22,128
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$0 \$22,128</b>

Less Proprietary Funds, Special Revenue or Capital Projects Funds

<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$27,008,035</b>	<b>\$0 \$27,515,356</b>
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## TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE

	Year of this Report	For Prior Levy	Total
Uncollected at Year End	\$636,470	\$214,993	\$851,463
<b>Receivable at End of Year</b>	<b>\$636,470</b>	<b>\$214,993</b>	<b>\$851,463</b>

## RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

School District Liability at Beginning of Year	\$8,954,412
ADD: School District Assessment for Current Year	\$18,460,034
Total Liability within Current Year	\$27,414,446
LESS: Payments made to School District	(\$18,620,215)
Due to School District End of Year	\$8,794,231

## GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets	Beginning of year	End of year
Cash and Equivalents	\$9,944,981	\$10,404,352
Tax Receivable	\$895,618	\$636,667
Tax Liens Receivable	\$231,906	\$395,873
Due from Other Governments	\$43,738	\$43,738
Due from Other Funds	\$28,807	\$28,929
Tax Deeded Property (Subject to Resale)	\$25,469	\$25,469
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$11,170,519</b>	<b>\$11,535,028</b>
Current Liabilities		
Warrants and Accounts Payable	\$79,353	\$32,712
Due to School Districts	\$8,954,412	\$8,794,231
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$9,033,765</b>	<b>\$8,826,943</b>
Fund Equity		
Non-Spendable Fund Balance	\$25,469	\$25,469
Committed Fund Balance	\$569,464	\$450,516
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$1,541,821	\$2,232,100
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$2,136,754</b>	<b>\$2,708,085</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$11,170,519</b>	<b>\$11,535,028</b>

## GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET RECONCILIATION

Total Revenues	\$27,015,075	\$27,515,356
Total Expenditures	\$26,806,263	\$26,944,025
<b>Change (Increase or Decrease)</b>	<b>\$208,812</b>	<b>\$571,331</b>
Ending Fund Equity from Balance Sheet	\$2,136,754	\$2,708,085
Less Beginning Fund Equity from Balance She	\$1,927,942	\$2,136,754
<b>Change (Increase or Decrease)</b>	<b>\$208,812</b>	<b>\$571,331</b>

## STRATHAM TRUST FUNDS 2015 - 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
<b>CEMETERY FUNDS:</b>		251,915	6,350	-	-	258,265	111,939	20,226	10,796	121,370	379,635
2015	Frances Masi	-	750	-	-	750	-	-	-	-	750
2015	Graham Wark	-	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	1,500
2015	Mark & Sharon Sykas	-	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	1,500
2015	Carolyn Burke	-	700	-	-	700	-	-	-	-	700
2015	Don & Anita French	-	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	1,500
2015	Lorraine Bailey	-	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	1,500
	<b>TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS</b>	251,915	6,350	-	-	258,265	111,939	20,226	10,796	121,370	379,635
<b>LIBRARY FUNDS:</b>											
VARIOUS		81,701	-	-	-	81,701	6,126	6,752	6,048	6,830	88,532
<b>STRATHAM HILL PARK:</b>											
VARIOUS		17,814	-	-	-	17,814	23,815	1,416	-	25,231	43,046
<b>STRATHAM HILL PK ASSOCIATION</b>											
1966		59,622	-	-	-	59,622	46,202	4,983	-	51,185	110,807
<b>CAPITAL RESERVES &amp; OTHER TRUSTS</b>											
1968	LAND CONSERVATION FUND	476,167	-	-	465,029	11,138	538	38	-	575	11,713
2001	RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP	79,612	5,000	-	3,120	81,492	26	23	-	49	81,541
1998	SFVD CAPITAL RESERVE	21,112	12,000	-	-	33,112	42	16	-	58	33,170
2012	SFVD R WIGGIN FUND	11,005	-	-	-	11,005	9	7	-	17	11,022
2012	SFVD J HUTTON FUND	9,770	-	-	-	9,770	15	7	-	15	9,785
2012	SFVD C SCAMMAN FUND	5,947	-	-	-	5,947	5	4	-	9	5,956
2012	SFVD FAIR TRUST	67,181	15,000	-	-	82,181	18	51	-	69	82,250
1987	BARKER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP	4,752	-	-	-	4,752	1,724	4	-	1,729	6,481
1989	SCAMMAN/PARK TRUST	975	-	-	-	975	314	1	-	314	1,289
1989	SCAMMAN SCHOLARSHIP	3,663	-	-	-	3,663	1,845	4	-	1,849	5,512
1997	WIN. GRANGE EDUC FUND	5,500	-	-	-	5,500	1,065	6	-	1,072	6,572
2003	DEBBIE GREENBURG TRUST	4,011	-	-	-	4,011	2	3	-	4	4,015
2009	SMS SPECIAL EDUC TRUST	325,000	100,000	-	-	425,000	292	248	-	540	425,540
2009	SMS MAINTENANCE TRUST	67,427	25,000	-	-	92,427	33	52	-	85	92,512
2010	EMPLOYEE TERMINATION TRUST	51,607	714	-	-	52,320	56	37	-	93	52,414
2012	TOWN BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	55,549	25,000	-	-	80,549	13	41	-	55	80,603
2012	STRATHAM FAIR OPERATING	85,793	-	-	-	85,793	59	49	-	107	85,900
2012	FAIR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	38,690	1,235	-	-	39,925	9	28	-	37	39,962
2012	FAIR RAINY DAY FUND	23,524	-	-	-	23,524	18	18	-	36	23,560
2014	HERITAGE PRESERVATION TRUST	50,000	-	-	9,219	40,781	-	30	-	30	40,812
2015	HIGHWAY VEHICLE CAPITAL RESERV	-	67,137	-	8,169	58,968	-	44	-	44	59,012
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS:</b>		1,798,337	257,436	-	485,536	1,570,236	194,160	34,088	16,844	211,404	1,781,640

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS: DIANE MORGERA, CHAIR; MIKKI DESCHANE, JOYCE ROWE

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

While there were no major projects on our docket for the Town cemeteries over the last year, the Highway Department worked from spring through the fall on scheduled maintenance to keep our cemeteries in top notch condition. The Trustees would like to extend our appreciation for the effort the Highway Department crew provides to the Town cemeteries on a consistent basis.

There were, however, several activities in addition to normal maintenance that we would like to report. We received permission from an abutting landowner to remove the standing dead trees adjacent to the cremation garden in Maple Lane Cemetery, marking the final step in building out that section of the cemetery. Two actions of significance occurred in Greenwood Cemetery. Gravestones that had fallen into disrepair were cleaned, straightened and repaired. Additionally, a source of non-potable water was installed allowing for the watering of plants around the grave sites.

Next year is shaping up to be a busy year for Maple Lane Cemetery. The Trustees will be moving forward with a plan to remedy the drainage problem between the cemetery and Statham Community Church property. Additionally, we plan to install granite bollards at the entrance to the Harmony Hill Cemetery that will match those at the entrance to Maple Lane Cemetery. New trees and landscaping will accompany both of these projects.

It has been the Trustees' pleasure to serve the Town during 2015, and we look forward to doing so in the coming year. Please feel free to contact us anytime during the year if you have questions or concerns.

Respectfully  
submitted,

Cemetery Trustees

John LaBonte, Chair  
Colin Laverty  
June Sawyer



## **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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.

In 2015, the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 673 calls supporting Fire/EMS and service calls to the residents of the town and surrounding communities.

Over the years our community has continued to grow and with that the total number of service calls has increased. With careful consideration, it was determined that it would be in the best interest of the community to have structured coverage for service calls that occur during certain times of the day and week consisting of 2 members of the fire department. This was determined by seeing what day of the week & time of day had the most calls that required support from surrounding towns because we did not have the man power needed to handle the call on our own.

In July 2015, the Stratham Fire Department established a program to ensure coverage weekdays from 8am to 4pm with 2 part time personnel. Although, we pride ourselves in still being a primarily volunteer department, it was in the best interest of the townspeople to establish this program.

In addition, these volunteers along with the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department Association and Ladies Auxiliary are the foundation to raise additional funds to purchase new apparatus and equipment, through the Stratham Fair and the annual Pancake Breakfast to lessen the effects on the tax payers.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Cook Jr.  
Stratham Fire Chief



***Stratham Volunteer Fire Department  
2015 Emergency Responses***

<b><i>Type of Call</i></b>	<b><i>Number of Calls per Year</i></b>		
	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
Medical Aid	271	336	414
Service Calls	17	43	27
Mutual Aid to other Communities	20	13	11
Fire Alarm Activation	87	95	94
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	10	20	10
Structure Fires	14	8	13
Brush/Forestry Fires	11	13	19
Auto Fires	3	4	5
Auto Accidents	38	45	48
Hazardous Materials	12	13	23
Bomb Threats	0	0	1
Storm Related/downed electrical wires	2	6	3
Rescue/Water Rescue	1	1	5
<b>Total:</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>673</b>

<b><i>2015 Ambulance Recovered Funds (EMS Fund)</i></b>			
<b><i>Balance forward 1/1/2015</i></b>			<b><i>\$303,817.77</i></b>
Gross Recovered in 2015			\$112,469.30
Records Release Income			\$5.00
Interest Earned in 2015			\$623.11
<b>Total Gross w/Interest Earned 2015</b>			<b>\$113,097.41</b>
<b><i>2015 Expenses Paid from Fund</i></b>			
EMS Training			\$6,602.75
EMS Conference			\$3,043.91
Exeter Hospital - ALS			\$2,375.30
New Equipment			\$37,016.50
Comstar Refunds (overpayments)			\$310.81
Bank Service Fees			\$5.60
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$49,354.87</b>
Total Net Funds for FY 2015			\$63,742.54
<b>Total Fund Balance as of 12/31/15</b>			<b><i>\$367,560.31</i></b>

## **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 five member board of directors for the committee. The board meets on a weekly basis from November through August.

In 2015 the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Stratham Fair was held on July 16<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> at Stratham Hill Park. Weather for the four days started out very good and we had the best attended Thursday in quite some time. However, weekend weather declined with thundershowers on Sunday. Attendance ran close to 17,000.

4H experienced strong attendance this year with over 130 children participating in events ranging from animal showing to club exhibits. The Fair awarded \$17,963 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, despite the weather, net income from the 2015 Fair is \$30,000. 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 2016 on July 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 the many volunteers who rain or shine helped with planning, setup, and running of the Fair. Thank you to my fellow 2015 Directors Caren Gallagher, John Cushing, Tim Slager, Rob Cook, and our Treasurer John Hazekamp. Without all of you this event, that brings our community together, would not be possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Francisco Marin, Chair  
Stratham Fair Committee

## STRATHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Stratham Police Department recorded 18,149 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 2015:

Sexual Assault	3	Domestics	37	Burglary	12
Theft	52	Assaults	1	Town Ord. Violations	111
Arson	1	Fraud	43	House Checks	2305
Criminal Mischief	16	Harassment	15	Criminal Trespass	12
D.W.I.	30	Juvenile Incidents	54	Assist to Police Depts.	280
Assist to the Public	409	Protective Escorts	6	Disturbance-Loud Party	18
Assist Fire/Rescue	500	Abandoned 911 Calls	72	Disturbance-General	34
Alarms	375	M/V Lockouts	80	Animal Incidents	236
Traffic Citations	309	M/V Accidents	214	Reckless Operation	80
M/V Warnings	3215	M/V Checkups	98	Disturbance-fights	3
Disorderly Conduct	3	Robbery	1	Drug Violations	3

The Stratham Police Department consists of 10 fulltime police officers, two part time police officers 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.

This year we hired a second part time officer, Steven Janvrin. Steven is a full time officer in a neighboring community, he holds a BA from UMass and is a veteran of the US Army where he served overseas in Afghanistan. Steven is an excellent addition to our team and we look forward to having him.

The Stratham Police Department continues to be committed to the safety and security of our schools. In 2015, with the assistance of the NH Department of Homeland Security, we conducted a major table top exercise at the Cooperative Middle School that involved fire and police representatives from a number of neighboring towns as well as the administrative staff from SAU 16 and the principal and staff of CMS. This exercise required us to work together to deal with the scenario and it allowed for our plans to be critically reviewed. This exercise helped strengthen our overall resolve to keep our schools safe.

With the support of the Wright Place Ice Cream, we were able to provide a great community outreach program during the summer months. To encourage safe biking practices, any time a Stratham Police Officer observed school aged children practicing safe biking (such as wearing a helmet), the officer “issued” the child a “ticket” for a free ice cream. Those are the tickets that we don’t mind handing out!

We encourage all of our residents to join us on Facebook to learn more about our department and to stay connected. Particularly in light of recent events in our country and in our world, please remember, if you see something, say something. Let us know if you see a problem. We are most effective when we can respond to issues immediately.

I want to personally and professionally thank the members of the Stratham Police Department for the great job that each of them do and for their commitment to providing the best possible professional service to the Town of Stratham. 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**

2015 was a year of transition for the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Last summer after many years as Stratham's Emergency Management Director (EMD), Dave Emanuel resigned from that position. He had been recently promoted to Assistant Chief of the Durham Fire Department and his time was limited due to his new and increased responsibilities. The Town thanks Dave for his many years of OEM leadership. The good news is that he has agreed to continue to serve Stratham as a Deputy EMD in order to help mentor future OEM staff.

Following Dave Emanuel's resignation, the Board of Selectmen appointed David Barr as the EMD. Until his retirement, David worked for more than 30 years at the Seabrook nuclear plant. His responsibilities at Seabrook included emergency communications and planning. He was a designated primary responder and trainer in the Emergency Response Organization.

During 2015, David Barr attended planning sessions and a tabletop drill in preparation for the FEMA-evaluated exercise of the Seabrook Station radiological emergency plan that will be held in April 2016. In November, the Stratham OEM team activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for the first of two practice drills that precede that evaluated exercise. In addition David worked with representatives from NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) to update Stratham's maps and procedures that are used during Seabrook-related emergencies.

Last January and February the EOC was placed on stand-by in order to monitor severe winter storms. 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. Once per quarter, an equipment inventory at the EOC and the reporting of the OEM's state of readiness to the State was completed. David Barr represented the Town at the 11th Annual NH Emergency Preparedness Conference in Manchester, NH and at various local and state planning and training meetings throughout the year.

Emergency preparedness is ultimately an individual responsibility, which starts in each of our own homes with our own families. Stratham's OEM suggests that residents prepare themselves by keeping adequate emergency supplies at home and by reviewing the annual Seabrook calendar of emergency information. Also, NH HSEM has developed a new program - *NH Alerts* - a free service to inform and protect residents by delivering prompt notifications. Please visit [www.readynh.gov](http://www.readynh.gov). In addition, FEMA maintains a web site at [www.fema.gov/plan/index](http://www.fema.gov/plan/index), which can aid you in preparedness for various emergencies.

The Office of Emergency Management is a volunteer organization that coordinates its work with all Town departments. Residents interested becoming a member of the OEM volunteer staff should contact the EMD at [DBarr@StrathamNH.gov](mailto:DBarr@StrathamNH.gov).

Respectfully Submitted,  
David P. Barr, Director

## **PLANNING BOARD/TOWN PLANNER**

The year 2015 witnessed a strong continuation of the busy and productive nature of 2014 for both the Planning Board and Planning Department. The Planning Board reviewed 5 Site Plan Review applications, 1 conditional use permits, 1 lot line adjustment, and 5 subdivision applications; a number of zoning amendments were also considered related to septage, agriculture, and wetlands. Several of the applications that were received remain in the review phase—commendation to all staff, boards and committees for their continued efforts and diligence in review. One amendment review of highlight relates to changes in the definition of Agriculture. This change is in response both to changes at the State level and in reaction to observed changes in the Stratham land-use dynamic. The end result—approved by the Planning Board (January, 2016) is a culmination of more than a year of Town/public interaction and dialogue—a testament to all involved and the planning process of Stratham.

Specific to development proposals which gained much attention are the Rollins Hill subdivision and Verizon Wireless antennae applications that required extensive staff and Board commitment. Other proposals such as that of Group I, provided time for analysis of current laws and previous amendments; how do the regulations work together? Are they establishing the desired result? The key to this aspect of the process—while often driven by a current proposal—is encouraging the Town and townspeople to work collaboratively—the heart of planning for our community.

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. Utilizing digitized land-use applications, plans, and historical records, as well as the growing permit tracking database, has greatly improved staff efficiency and our ability to communicate with the public whether as public inquiries or throughout the permitting process. Additionally, the incorporation of GIS into the planning process enhances the Department's ability to relay information to review bodies and the public while also maintaining a digital interface with the Assessing and other Town Departments. Further, the Departments have incorporated the use of two mobile devices to significantly improve review/inspection management and enforcement capabilities in the field.

Lastly, 2015 marks the final year that the Town is required to post the following information in light of recent amendments to State land-use regulations involving involuntary merged lots: 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 encourage you to visit with the staff of the Planning Dept. to learn and stay informed of what's occurring in Stratham. We are always available to discuss current and pending projects that affect the Town and our neighborhoods; your input and participation helps us to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tavis J. Austin, AICP  
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

As of the first of this year, there has been a changing of the guard for the Building/Zoning Department. As your new Code Official, I hope to maintain and further the standards for safety, health, and community set by Terry Barnes and Audrey Cline in the past. I was previously a Building Official in Durham, NH where Audrey has taken her new position and through our professional connections, and a Durham/Stratham agreement, we have been able to facilitate a smooth transition within the department for the staff and citizens of both towns. I grew up, worked, and raised my family in the area, so I am familiar with the Town of Stratham and I am very excited to be able to serve such a vibrant community.

Commercial				
New Building	0		Electrical	188
Addition	7		Plumbing	62
Renovation	15		Gas Piping	109
Other	8		HVAC	40
Residential			Sign	58
Single Family	17		Demolition	7
Addition	18		Driveway	15
Accessory Buildings	18		Home Occ.	16
Renovation	91		Oil Burner	11
Solar Arrays	23		Other	9
Other	90			

It appears that 2015 was even busier for this department than 2014, 802 vs 672 permits, with a good mix of commercial and residential activity. Given current economic trends for this area, I would expect that we will see continued growth and I will be doing my best to insure that the structures used by residents and visitors to Stratham meet current safety standards.

My office is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, and I hope that anyone with questions about upcoming projects, ongoing projects, or zoning issues will stop in for a visit---or just come in for a meet and greet.

I look forward to meeting all of you.

Respectfully,

Mark Morong

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector



## ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

As 2015 came to a close we found that our continued mission to increase services to the public was enhanced due to implementation of the GIS Query Manager Online. (GIS stands for Geographic Information Systems. It is a mapping technology that allows the user to create and interact with a variety of maps and data sources.)

The GIS Query Manager Online is an Internet-based service that allows communities to publish their GIS online. It is a great cost-effective option to distribute GIS data and utility to multiple staff in multiple physical locations as well as to the general public.

The Query Manager Online enables the Town to put our parcel data online, enabling homeowners and real estate professionals to print maps and other parcel specific data from their own computers, supporting economic development projects, and creating a connection between Town government, local businesses, and communities. To access this new feature go to [www.caigisonline.com/StrathamNH](http://www.caigisonline.com/StrathamNH) once there you can enter either address, owner or map & lot of the property that you want to view. Or if you happen to be on the Town of Stratham's website, which is [www.Strathamnh.gov](http://www.Strathamnh.gov) you can click on Departments, then click Assessing and right under the fax number you will see a link to GIS Maps which will take you to the site as well.

With the continued growth and market demands, the Assessing Department has inspected over 550 properties in 2015. The inspections are the result of new construction of homes and commercial properties, additions to existing structures, sale verification information and other requests for inspections.

As part of a five year rotation, the Assessing Department underwent our 'Assessment Review' audit. This entails a State Monitor from the Property Appraisal Division of the Department of Revenue Administration doing an onsite audit of the Assessing Department's files and procedures. This quality control process examines the records of the elderly, blind and solar exemptions as well as the properties receiving the veteran credits. In addition, properties were reviewed that are in the current use program along with actual field inspections of several homes and businesses to verify that the data that is currently located on the assessment record cards is accurate.

In closing, I would like to invite all Stratham property owners to stop by the Assessing Office and introduce yourself. While here either Assessing Assistant, Jim Joseph or I will be happy to review your assessment record to verify your information. Your assessment record is used to determine your tax liability, so the accuracy of this record is very important.

Thank you and have a wonderful 2016!

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea S. Lewy, Town Assessor

## ENERGY COMMISSION

Beginning in August 2012, the commission established clear goals of reducing town costs associated with its own buildings. Using software to benchmark historical costs and site analyses to investigate potential improvements, the commission has identified short and long term goals for the town as it relates to energy consumption.

### SOME OF THE COMMISSION'S OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:

- Increase public awareness and encourage participation in the reduction of energy.
- Research energy issues and actions taken by other Local Energy Commissions in NH
- Gather informational resources for the use of Stratham residents, and businesses
- Develop a plan to address the short and long term energy needs of Stratham. The plan may include Sustainable Energy projects such as Solar.
- Assess the Town building energy usage by implementing a benchmarking software program
- Research energy efficiency standards and regulations being implemented by the State of New Hampshire's Department of Energy and Planning
- Research grant and rebate opportunities through the local utility company and other sources
- Develop recommendations to the Board of Selectmen to improve efficiencies in energy and fuel use town wide

### OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS:

- The commission re-established the town's utility billing data in the EPA's analysis software Portfolio Manager. The combination of benchmarking their energy consumption and physically auditing the buildings and their systems allowed the commission to develop recommendations.
- The commission continues to update the town facility information annually for building benchmarking purposes.
- The commission has met with representatives from the school board to be able to further this analysis to cover school buildings that also get funding from the town tax base. In 2015, in coordination with student projects from UNH, similar auditing and benchmarking has incorporated the facilities for Stratham Memorial School and the Cooperative Middle School.

This past year, Stratham hosted our first Energy Efficiency Education event at the municipal center. This event focused on the residential energy programs that exist in NH and introduced citizens to the incentive programs that can help them save money and energy.

The commission has had discussions with the local gas and electric utility to discuss rate options, natural gas expansion, and incentive programs that are applicable to town buildings. The commission has, and continues to, evaluate and recommend options for third party supply options for its energy needs.

The commission looks to expand its analysis of buildings whose operational costs impact the citizens of Stratham. The commission intends to hold more educational gatherings to help

interested residents with energy-related technologies and offerings. The commission will continually investigate the opportunities to partner with other groups to look at any programs and projects that will allow the town to benefit from lower operating costs, better energy production technologies, and better education as it relates to the use of energy within the town and region.

Respectively submitted:

Michael J Welty, Chair

## **THE TOWN CENTER REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**

The Stratham Town Center Revitalization Committee began its work to invigorate and showcase our historic village area in 2008, drawing from a broad range of elected and volunteer committees to assure a wide range of voices would be heard from throughout the community. Armed with a talented group of professionals including architects, environmental engineers and traffic study engineers, as well as citizens from the community, the committee began its work communicating and researching what the Town might like to see, use, live in and how we might better draw together using a Community Center concept.

We were fortunate enough to be awarded one of the few State of New Hampshire grants from Plan NH for a charrette, bringing in even more professionals to a 3-day workshop designed to really dig deep into what resources Stratham might use and have to work with. The results were insightful and are posted in the Municipal Center for viewing.

Later, after much work, the State of NH DOT awarded Stratham a highly coveted, and competitive, Transportation Enhancement Grant which will pay for 80% of a \$500,000.00 project. This grant will benefit us by helping to develop our Town Center infrastructure.

This year, along with the help of our Highway Department, we hope to finally see the fruition and installation of the product of 8 years of work. Meanwhile, supplementing the Town's own efforts, local businesses, for the last several years, donated holiday trees, lights, and time to boost the charming feel we get each year from, and in support of, the Fire Department's Holiday Tree Lighting. Up to 30 illuminated trees in the Town Center area have created what we feel is destined to become a Norman Rockwellesque Center.

One of our first projects was to visually delineate the Town Center area with the splendid, stone posts with welcoming signs that greet you as you enter Town Center from its four different approaches. They welcome residents and visitors alike coming from Portsmouth, Exeter, Hampton and Durham. We have followed that up, again with assistance from the Highway Department, with 12 Town Center Banners, showcasing the area and welcoming people to Stratham's Town Center. We hope to continue the banner program with changing designs and to support community efforts such as recognizing our 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

The Town Center Revitalization Committee members would like to thank Stratham residents for all of their efforts and support over the years and welcome comments and participation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Lake,  
Chair, Stratham's Town Center Revitalization Committee

## **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 growth and quality development, together with providing a positive local business climate to attract trade and industry to the community.

In 2015, 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). You may recall that in December 2014, the N.H. Department of Resources and Economic Development 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. Subsequently, 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 at the March 2014 Annual Town Meeting. 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 EDC utilized its 2015 meetings to further these approvals and authorizations set in motion by State and Town approvals. 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. The committee also worked closely with the agricultural community in 2015 working to create higher visibility around farming in the Town—including an article by Becky Mitchell, on agricultural heritage published in the Stratham Magazine.

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. Stratham staff, Exeter staff, appointed representatives from each community, and elected officials continued discussions initiated in 2013 regarding a collaborative approach to water and wastewater services between the two communities. This effort resulted in an inter-municipal agreement for Stratham to receive water supply from Exeter. The PWC anticipates similar discussions with Exeter to be initiated in the spring of 2016 with the result being an agreement regarding wastewater beneficial to both communities. The PWC will continue to follow and participate in regional discussions with respect to wastewater and seek the most effective and least cost option for Stratham to meet the goals set for the Gateway and Town Center Districts, as well as regulatory obligations.

In 2013, the Public Works Commission monitored and reported on regional storm water regulatory developments including the pending MS4 Storm Water Permit expected to be issued to Stratham in the fall of 2015. 2015 has now passed and the EPA has not issued the permit. It is now expected that this permit will be issued in April 2016. The Public Works Commission will assist and advise the Selectmen in Stratham's response to the MS4 requirements when the permit is issued and as requested.

The PWC worked with the owners and engineers for Exeter Subaru to integrate future municipal water and wastewater considerations into their site plan. The result makes way for efficient conversion from a private well and septic system to municipal sewer and water when they become available. The PWC assisted residents of the Wiggin Farm subdivision as they sought to improve the water supply to their small community water system by connecting to and purchasing water from a neighboring public water system. The PWC concluded that this option was best and reported the finding to the Selectmen. Action is still pending on their request.

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

In 2015 at Town Meeting, the Commission was extremely pleased that the town voted to preserve the Short property off of Scamman Road. The 38-acre piece of land is adjacent to the Gordon Barker Town Forest and the back of the Barker Farm, and has many trails that connect with those on town land. Placing a conservation easement on the property ensures that continued public access will be guaranteed for the future, and the land can continue to be enjoyed by hikers, bikers, cross country skiers, and others. Also this year a conservation easement was placed on the Zarnowski property, a 29 acre piece of property that is adjacent to Scamman farm and also overlooks the Squamscott River.

With a grant from the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership, members of the Commission began reviewing conservation-related ordinances in the Town, and considering future changes to better protect its water quality. Member Donna Jensen also continued her work on the Exeter and Squamscott Rivers Local Advisory Committee, while Allison Knab remained on the Forest Management Committee. The latter Committee is on its way to developing a strong forestry management plan for Stratham Hill Park and the Town Forest that will ensure their future health and success as both conservation and recreational areas.

We were fortuitous this year to have our 11<sup>th</sup> annual town-wide roadside clean-up day fall on a morning with beautiful weather. We had a great turnout of some 60 people, including numerous families, who together picked up more than 100 bags of trash. In addition to all the great community volunteers, we appreciate the help of Highway Agent Colin Lavery and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine, 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. In 2016, the clean-up day will be held on **April 16<sup>th</sup>**. We hope to see you there!

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](http://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. Also keep an eye out for our articles in *Stratham Magazine*. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 skating pond was extremely popular this winter. The additional lighting funded by the SHPA was a great improvement. 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.

Parks and Rec. Dept. have been instrumental in bringing the New England Mountain Bike Patrol to the Park to form a bike patrol group.

The Pump Track continues to be popular among mountain biking enthusiasts and 2 table tops were added this year.

In conjunction with the Fire Dept., a "Rescue Zones" subcommittee was developed in years past and is currently being overseen by Johannes Stromski who will complete this project towards his Boy Scout Eagle Badge. This program will be enhanced for future rescue efforts and emergencies on Town owned property and abutting privately owned lands.

The Association is aware of the dog waste problem and is working with the Town to mitigate by balancing the needs of all patrons of the park.

We look forward to another exciting year for the Park in 2016. 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**

What a snowy start we had for 2015! Record snow fall meant lots of winter fun at Stratham Hill Park. Plenty of Nordic skiing, sledding and, of course, fat biking! The Department extends a huge thanks to the Park Ranger, Kim Woods for keeping the trails groomed and the ice clear. In February we hosted “Fatty Fest”. This fat bike event was covered by WMUR’s Chronicle. We even got Sean McDonald out on the race course!

The big winter snow fall also made for a great ski program at both Pat’s Peak and McIntyre. Thanks to all the parents who supported these two programs. We had loads of fun at both mountains.

All that snow stuck around into early April. That meant our coaches had to get out on the ball fields to clear off the snow! What a site that was, snow blowers on the infield! 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. During 2015, the Department screened the background of over 100 volunteer coaches, thanks for all of your patience during our first year of this new procedure. All questions or concerns about the policy should be directed to the Recreation Department.

We hit the ground running in early spring with our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ‘Spring Thaw’ road race. The race started and finished at the Elementary School and had over 150 participants. This event exemplifies great success and excellent partnership between the school and the Department. This year we started a new tradition of serving pancakes as the post-race meal. In the early 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 cleared the trails throughout the Park, Town Forest and surrounding trail network. After that heavy winter we had, there was plenty of clean up required. The group also installed a few new gardens in the Park and did some general clean up at SHP and Stevens Park.

The Forest Management Committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen in 2014, met throughout 2015. 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 2016. The three areas of focus are view shed management, invasive species and trail maintenance and construction.

The Summer Day Camp had another successful season at SMS. A huge thanks to SAU 16 for hosting us at the school. For 2105 we added weekly trips to Wallis Sands State Park. We had registration options of either 4 days a week (no trip) or 5 days a week. We filled all of our spots

for both options. Thanks to our terrific summer staff! You guys are awesome! And truly make our summer program what it is! Thank you!

Thursday nights were race nights at SHP during the summer! What fun we had! Mountain bikes in the summer time! Excellent turn out each week meant tons of summer fun! For 2016 we are looking at adding a trail running series during the first part of the summer. Also on Thursday nights during the warm months, we will be partnering with Stone Oven Catering to offer delicious pizzas, music and community fun!



The Department also offered a variety of weekly summer sports camps, six community trips all across New England, men's soccer and basketball 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 2016 we are considering shifting the dates around once again, we will make sure that the community is made aware of any changes.

'End 68 Hours of Hunger' was another great success in November. We helped raise over \$4,000 for this fantastic community charity. 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.

2015, 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Seth Hickey



## WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### Start Here, Go Anywhere!

The Library Board of Trustees spent a lot of time in 2014 & 2015 updating the library's strategic plan and discussing what kind of library services will be best for Stratham in the coming years. We invite you to take a look at the strategic plan (online, or pick up a copy in the library) and let us know what you want and need from the library.

### Our Values

- ★ Exceptional Service
- ★ Love of Reading
- ★ Lifelong Learning
- ★ Having Fun
- ★ Open, Easy Access to Ideas and Information
- ★ Actively Building Community
- ★ Responding to Our Community
- ★ Up-To-Date Technology as a Powerful Tool

### Our Mission

To inspire readers, enrich lives, and create community.

### Our Promises to You

- ☞ *We are happy to see you*
- ☞ *Library staff is eager & able to help*
- ☞ *We love reading and want you to love it too – We'll help you find your next favorite book*
- ☞ *Technology is fun and useful and we can help you use it*
- ☞ *The library provides more for your money*

### The Value of Library Services:

What do things cost a Taxpayer?	What is the Library Value to the Taxpayer?
Best-selling E-books: \$7.05 ea.	Avg user of library e-books borrowed 4 = saved \$28 – PLUS had classes & individual support
1 year Geek Squad tech support: \$199.99 Staples Tablet help (1 question): \$29.99	Friendly, personalized support from someone you know, no cost, no limits
Hardcover Fiction: \$15.32 ea. Hardcover Nonfiction: \$15.95 ea. Picture Book: \$12.37 ea. DVD: \$21.51 ea.	Active patrons borrowed 39 items each = saved \$622 – PLUS they got personal recommendations, book groups, easy returns/exchanges, more storage at home, & access to items from all over NH
Rosetta Stone (1 yr, 1 language): \$300	Access to 95 languages = saved at least \$300 – PLUS classes, tech support at no cost
Create Will with LegalZoom: \$70 Create a Lease: \$49 (limited revisions)	Create unlimited # and type of legal documents, with unlimited revisions – PLUS library classes, individual help – no cost
Visit to Museum of Science: \$86	Visit with library pass = \$40; 9 other passes to choose from at \$0 to \$20 per family – 3 or more Museum visits possible for cost of 1
Beginning Crochet Class: \$80 After School Program: \$60	No-cost way to learn something new, have fun, make connections in the community

### **Why You Value the Library:**

*“Wiggin is great! The staff is awesome!”*

*“We have a great library with interesting programs.”*

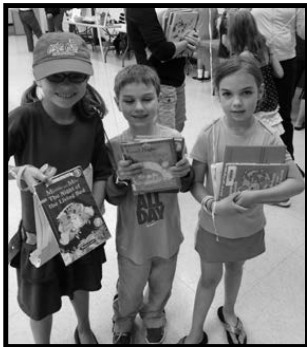
*“Portsmouth has nothing on our little library with all the good books and services we have.”*

*“You guys are so progressive and innovative. Keep it going!”*

*“Thank you so much for taking time to help me find the audiobooks on OverDrive. I got the app for my Chromebook and everything worked just like you suggested!”*

We plan so that we can provide the best possible service to you and also so that we spend our budget in the smartest, most efficient ways. The average tax bill has about \$120 that goes to support the library. In return, library users save thousands of dollars in things they might have bought, subscribed to, or paid to attend. Let us surprise you with all we have to offer. We invite all Stratham residents to check out our web site ([library.strathamnh.gov](http://library.strathamnh.gov)) or stop by to learn about everything available to you right now, and in the future!

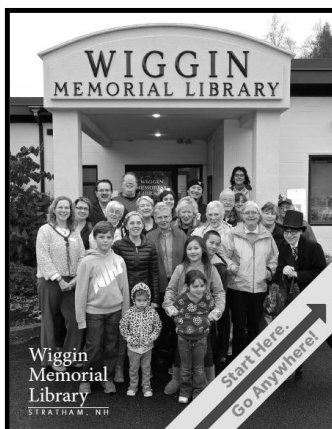
Respectfully submitted,  
Lesley Kimball Library Director



Summer readers excited about their new library books!



The library offers individual and group tech help and classes.



Take part in all your library has to offer!

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department completed numerous infrastructure maintenance and construction projects throughout 2015. The department began the year dealing with over 100 inches of fallen snow and 31 winter storm events. Crew members handled these events proficiently and cost effectively as the department stayed within the appropriated operating budget. When spring approached crew members focused on spring clean ups and preparing all Town maintained properties for Memorial Day.

The department worked with Urban Tree Service at Stratham Hill Park in June where various tree pruning and removal was completed to improve radio communication signals for all town and county public safety agencies. Currently the Town of Stratham is preparing a Forest Management plan that will focus on best management tree health practices within Stratham Hill Park. The Forest Management Committee anticipates a completed Forest Management Plan for the Board of Selectmen in the spring of 2016.



Crews worked on several infrastructure maintenance and construction projects following the Highway Departments Pavement Evaluation Study which was first implemented in 2013. Projects included pavement preservation where over 40 roadways and parking lots were crack sealed. Road paving and reconstruction projects were completed as well. These projects included the reconstruction of Union Road from the intersection of Bunker Hill Avenue to Winnicutt Road, Scamman Road, Pond View Drive, as well as sections of Marin Way. Various pavement leveling and overlays were completed including Frying Pan Lane, High Street, and the Municipal Center parking lot. Subsurface drainage systems were cleaned and maintained in conjunction with these projects.

New street signs were installed in many areas of Town. These signs have been installed as part of new federal highway regulations to take place in 2018. The new regulations state that all street signs must be on extruded, diamond grade aluminum with retro reflective sheeting. These new signs will aid motorists in the area as well as traveling through the area including emergency services. The Town maintained street signs are now on blue sheeting with a 6" Town seal. Privately maintained roads will continue to be on green sheeting with *PVT Way* in place of a Town seal. The State maintained signs will continue to be on green sheeting as they are

currently. The Highway Department plans to continue replacing street signs and regulatory signs on an as needed basis in 2016.

As the fall of 2015 was very mild, crews were able to focus on removing and pruning trees for sight distance visibility in many areas throughout town. At the intersection of Stratham Heights Road and Rollins Farm Drive, crews removed several large ash trees and installed new retroreflective signage to help delineate the Stratham Heights Road curvature in this area. Lastly, crews completed removing many small trees and saplings at the Transfer Station. This work was done to keep all tree growth from encroaching the cap of the old landfill and was done in compliance with the Town of Stratham's closed landfill permit on record with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

The Highway Department looks forward to 2016 and wishes all residents in Town a happy and safe new year.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin P. Laverty  
Highway Agent



## **MOSQUITO CONTROL (DRAGON MOSQUITO CONTROL, INC.)**

The epic winter of 2014-2015 lingered well into April. Snow and cold temperatures delayed the much anticipated arrival of spring weather. While winter weather may delay the start of mosquito season by a week or two, the adult mosquito emergence will catch up once the warmer temperatures arrive. In 2015, the first adult mosquitoes hatched by mid-May. The dry summer had a negative impact on anything that needed water for survival including mosquitoes. Low mosquito numbers meant fewer samples were sent to the State Lab in Concord for disease testing. Overall, the mosquito population was down from previous years.

Mosquitoes tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) in East Kingston, Manchester and Keene. A raven in Holderness has tested positive for WNV. One batch of mosquitoes caught in Newton and one batch in Candia tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) this season. No human cases were reported in NH. Maine reported one human death from EEE in 2015. Massachusetts had nine human cases of WNV with two deaths and no human cases of EEE. Nationwide, drought stricken states had little to no EEE activity in 2015. Dry conditions favor WNV. There were over 1900 human cases of WNV across the country in 2015.

Adult mosquitoes were monitored at four locations throughout town. Nearly 1500 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 2015. Dragon has identified 103 larval mosquito habitats in the Town of Stratham. Crews checked larval habitats 387 times throughout the season. There were 224 treatments to eliminate mosquito larvae. In addition, 651 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 2016 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 2015 we entered our 46<sup>th</sup> season collecting and preserving historical memories for the Town of Stratham. We had seven contributors of items for our collections during the year including a book on the Isles of Shoals, two paintings of a home on Portsmouth Avenue, photos of Beatrice Barnard, the Veasey home, the Whittaker farm, and the 1971 Stratham Fair, historic documents from the Batchelders, and a small piece of the Berlin Wall. Also received was an anonymous donation of \$1,000 toward the purchase of the Josiah and Hannah Weeks Bartlett portraits.

We have continued to provide articles for the Stratham Magazine. “*Postcards from Stratham*” appears in every issue. And most issues contain an additional article of historical interest.

Our January program was by J. Dennis Robinson of the NH Humanities Council called *Treasure from the Isles of Shoals: How New Archaeology is Changing Old History*. In March, Capt. Rodney Waterson, author of *Whips to Walls: Naval Discipline from Flogging to Progressive-Era Reform at Portsmouth Prison*, told us about experimental reform at NH Naval Prison during World War I. April brought our usual successful Annual Appraisal Day. In May we had our Annual Meeting and potluck supper - always an enjoyable social event for members and guests.

At the Fair in July we had our display in the “Celebrate Stratham Tent” featuring black and white photos from the 1971 Stratham Fair. In the 4-H building, our display was about history of the Grange movement in New Hampshire and in Stratham. This year the decision was made to discontinue our pizza concession at the Fair because our profits the last few years have not been high enough to justify the hours spent by volunteers. We thank all the wonderful volunteers who stepped up to help over the years, and to those who helped this year with the display in the tent.

For our September program, Professor and forest industry specialist with UNH Cooperative Extension, Sarah Shea Smith, discussed her book about women who operated *Turkey Pond #2 Sawmill in Concord during WWII*. Our November program featured Joan Gattorna, a role player and presenter through the NH Humanities Council. The presentation, titled *Petticoat Patriot: A Woman in the Continental Army*, was the story of Deborah Sampson who successfully disguised herself as a man for 17 months to fight in the Revolution. All of our regular programs were co-hosted by the Wiggin Memorial Library.

Our very proficient Sara has found full time work at the Library as Children’s Librarian. We will miss seeing her on a regular basis, coming in to transfer our hand written accessions to the computer, but we wish her well in her new position. To continue with the transfer work, Sara has trained Andra Copeland who has been a quick study and is doing a great job.

This year the \$1,000 Winfield L. Foote Scholarships went to three rising high school seniors, all Stratham residents. There were no applications this year from rising Junior and Senior College students, or from Grad Students. Application forms are available on the Town website, [strathamnh.gov](http://strathamnh.gov). Click on Committees/Groups, then on Historical Society, then on Scholarships. We thank the residents of the Town 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 that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance.”

**HERITAGE RECOGNITION, USE AND PROTECTION:** In February the Commission’s program featuring NH barn expert John Porter attracted nearly 100 enthusiastic attendees to hear his illustrated lecture featuring 8 Stratham barns. As a result of this collaboration with Mr. Porter Commission member Nathan Merrill produced “Local Historic Barn Tour,” an illustrated 43-page booklet with commentary on barn history and detailed photos of Stratham barns. One goal of the collaboration between the Commission and Porter was to draw attention to RSA 79-D that offers 10 years of tax relief for improvements on eligible barns in exchange for 10-year preservation easements. This year the Board of Selectmen approved 3 new barn easement applications, making a total of 7 properties assisted by this program in Stratham. Of all towns that have adopted RSA 79-D Stratham has one of the highest rates of participation, and we hope to continue enrolling historic barns in the future.

This year the Lane Homestead, the landmark property at the Traffic Circle, was put up for sale and threatened by a destructive development proposal. Following the withdrawal of that plan the Heritage Commission and the Selectmen, in consultation with the property owners and the NH Preservation Alliance, decided to pursue a preservation easement to protect the historic features of the Lane Homestead while providing guidance for future development. The Heritage Commission on behalf of the Town applied for a Land and Community Heritage Investment Program grant and in December received a grant of \$100,000 to support the purchase of the Lane Homestead easement. Additionally, the Commission was successful in getting the Lane Homestead listed on the NH Preservation Alliance’s 2015 “Seven to Save” list of historic properties of state-wide significance that are in need of preservation solutions. The Commission is planning a program scheduled for February 12, 2016 that will highlight the fascinating history of the Lane Homestead and its importance to our town and region.

Earlier in the year the Commission became involved with efforts to save a rare surviving seasonal cabin on the banks of the Squamscott River. NH Fish & Game acquired the property and sought to demolish the cabin. Because federal funds are involved in the project, a review of the cabin’s historical significance was required. The NH Division of Historical Resources determined that the cabin is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places because it is a rare intact example of the small recreational cabins that were once a common sight around Great Bay and its tributaries. The Commission is continuing to work with NHF&G to negotiate a suitable means to preserve the “Parker Cabin.”

**ADVISE AND ASSIST:** The Commission worked with the Board of Selectmen to complete the Request for Proposals for rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the Town-owned Bartlett-Cushman House. The Commission Chair prepared the Character Defining Features Report that will serve to protect key historic features as the house is rehabilitated. The Commission continues to play an advisory role as the Town maintains the property while also moving ahead with marketing the

redevelopment opportunities represented in this prominent historic property that is contiguous with the Municipal Center.

Earlier in the year the Commission worked with the Town Center Revitalization Committee to provide input on design plans for the pending streetscape improvements along Portsmouth Avenue in the historic Town Center.

Commission member Florence Wiggin continued her important work on the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Nathan Merrill, Commission representative on the Technical Review Committee, has contributed substantial time and expertise to the work of advising the Planning Board on proposals within the Gateway and Town Center districts. He has also been a leader in the group working with the Rockingham Planning Commission to develop improved zoning regulations that will serve to protect Stratham's agricultural heritage by supporting present and future agricultural activities in our town. Member Tammy Hathaway represents the Commission on a committee developing a forest management plan for Stratham Hill Park. Recently member Wallace Stuart worked with Tammy to create a Facebook page for the Commission. Visit and follow "Stratham Heritage Commission" to view our growing library of photographs and to receive news of our activities.

**VETERANS' GARDEN:** 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. This year we welcomed volunteer Tracey McGrail who has taken on the responsibility of overseeing the engravings.

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 projects.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Mitchell, Chair (778-7979; [strathamheritage@strathamnh.gov](mailto:strathamheritage@strathamnh.gov))

## STRATHAM 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE



The Committee continued its fund raising and outreach efforts towards our goal of providing a 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for our Town in 2016. You can purchase the new anniversary license plate above for \$25 at the Town Clerk's Office. The plate can legally replace the front plate of your vehicle during 2016.

The new Town history book, "Stratham at 300", by Craig Brandon has been for sale for the past year. Paperback copies of the book are on sale for \$19.95 at the Municipal Center and Wiggin Memorial Library. 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.

The Committee is busy organizing the three events for 2016. We need volunteers! If you're interested in helping us with any of the events, contact us at [stratham300@gmail.com](mailto:stratham300@gmail.com).

The Committee sponsored a very successful Silent Auction in November. This event added \$10,000 to our fund raising efforts. Thanks to all who organized and participated.

The Stratham Farmers Market was started this year at the Scamman Farm and was open every Wednesday afternoon from June through September. Depending on weather, it was well attended and promises to continue in 2016.

The Committee is working on the three main events for our celebration in 2016:

1. April 30 and May 1, 2016, a historical play, "Stratham is 300", will be presented at the CMS auditorium. The play will also be featured on July 21, 2016 during the Stratham Fair. The play is offered at no charge for all to enjoy. We have an accomplished Director from UNH Theatre and Dance Department to work with us.
2. Dinner Dance under a tent at Stratham Hill Park on June 25, 2016. Music will be provided by the New Legacy Swing Band. Guest speakers, including the Governor, will offer their well wishes during the evening. We are hoping for 500 to attend. The cost is \$50 per ticket.
3. In September 2016, we are planning a parade with a large contingent of organizations participating. These will include high school and military marching bands, floats, antique cars, etc. Prizes will be awarded for the best floats. We are planning for the Budweiser Clydesdales to lead the parade. The parade route will start near Stratham Hill Park at Crestview Terrace and finish at the Rt. 108/33 Circle. Let's hope for a perfect day for our last big event of 2016!

We look forward to making our 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events something you will not want to miss!

Respectfully submitted, John C. Dold, Chair



**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2014**  
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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL BASED ON  
AN AUDIT OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

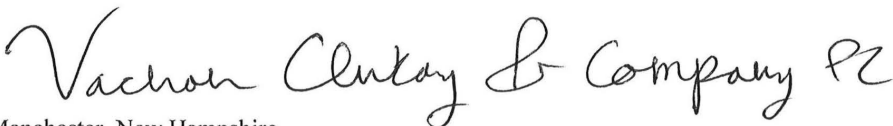
To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Stratham, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire (the Town) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Selectmen, and others within the organization, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Manchester, New Hampshire  
November 25, 2015

November 25, 2015

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Stratham, New Hampshire

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2014. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated February 20, 2015. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### **Significant Audit Findings**

#### ***Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices***

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended December 31, 2014. We noted no transactions entered into by the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information's financial statements were:

Management's estimate for the allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable is based on historical collection levels and an analysis of the collectability of certain accounts. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. Additionally, management's estimates of the useful lives of capital assets are based upon historical records of utilization, necessary improvements and replacements. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the depreciable useful lives of capital assets in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was:

As discussed in Note 2 to the basic financial statements, the Town has not implemented GASB Statement 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The provisions of GASB Statement 45 were required to be implemented by the Town during the year ended December 31, 2009.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### ***Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit***

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### ***Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements***

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. Please see the attached schedule of significant adjustments detected and corrected as a result of audit procedures.

#### ***Disagreements with Management***

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### ***Management Representations***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 25, 2015.

#### ***Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants***

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### ***Other Audit Findings or Issues***

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.



### **Other Matters**

We applied certain limited procedures to the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the combining nonmajor governmental fund financial statements, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

### **Restriction on Use**

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Selectmen and management of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

*Vachon Clukay & Company PC*

**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**December 31, 2014**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Stratham, New Hampshire

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire (the Town), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, 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.

### ***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 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.

### ***Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities***

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, management has not recorded a liability for other post-employment benefits in governmental activities and, accordingly, has not recorded an expense for the current period change in that liability. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that other post-employment benefits attributable to employee services already rendered and that are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee be accrued as liabilities and expenses as employees earn the rights to the benefits, which would increase the liabilities, reduce the net position, and change the expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the liabilities, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities is not reasonably determinable.

### ***Adverse Opinion***

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the “Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities” paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, the financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2014, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

### ***Unmodified Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Other Matters***

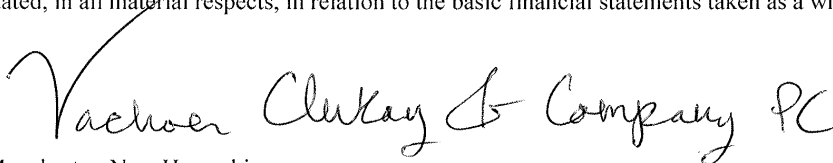
#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management’s discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages i-vi and 22-23 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.

#### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire’s basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor governmental fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining nonmajor governmental fund financial statements 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 nonmajor governmental fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vachon Clukey & Company PC". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed text of the firm's name.

Manchester, New Hampshire  
November 25, 2015

**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014**

Presented here is the Management Discussion & Analysis Report for the Town of Stratham, NH, for the year ending December 31, 2014. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data, and the completeness and fairness of this presentation (including all disclosures) rests with the Board of Selectmen. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data contained herein is accurate in all material respects. We report this data in a manner designed to present fairly the Town's financial position and the results of operations of the various Town funds. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an accurate understanding of the Town's financial activities have been included.

The Board of Selectmen are responsible for establishing an accounting and internal control structure designed to ensure that the physical, data, informational, intellectual, and human resource assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft, and misuse, and to ensure that adequate accounting information is maintained and reported in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Board of Selectmen also strives to put these assets to good and effective use. We designed the Town's internal control structure to provide reasonable assurances that we attain these objectives.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

The financial statements presented herein include all of the activities of the Town of Stratham using the integrated approach prescribed by GASB Statement 34.

It is our intention that this discussion and analysis serve as an introduction to the Town's financial statements. The financial statements are comprised of the following three components:

1. Government-Wide Financial Statements
2. Fund Financial Statements
3. Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

***Government-wide Financial Statements***

The government-wide financial statements provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to most private-sector companies.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Town's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the remaining difference reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent year. We take all of the current year's revenues and expenses into account regardless of when we receive cash in or pay cash out.

***Fund Financial Statements***

A fund is a grouping of related accounts used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. One can divide all the funds of the Town into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

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We use governmental funds to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the Town's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between the governmental activities Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities.

The Town maintains numerous individual governmental funds. We present information separately in the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for the General Fund, the Town's only major fund. We combine data from all other governmental funds into a single, aggregate presentation.

The Town adopts an annual appropriation budget for its governmental funds. We provide a budgetary comparison for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget. The Town's only major governmental fund with an adopted budget for the year ending December 31, 2014 was the General Fund.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties other than the Town. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the programs of the Town of Stratham. The Town's fiduciary funds consist of both private-purpose trust funds and agency funds.

***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements***

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

***Required Supplementary Information***

The basic financial statements and accompanying notes are followed by a section of required supplementary information. This section includes a budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund, the Town's only major governmental fund with an adopted budget, and includes reconciliation between the statutory fund balance for budgetary purposes and the fund balance as presented in the governmental fund financial statements.

***Other Supplementary Information***

Other supplementary information includes combining financial statements for the nonmajor governmental funds.

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**Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

***Statement of Net Position***

Net Position of the Town of Stratham as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, is as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Capital assets, net	\$ 26,454,127	\$ 26,664,561
Other assets	<u>13,578,205</u>	<u>13,043,448</u>
Total Assets	<u>40,032,332</u>	<u>39,708,009</u>
 Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>
 Long-term liabilities	 8,543,045	 9,231,791
Other liabilities	<u>9,168,088</u>	<u>9,139,374</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>17,711,133</u>	<u>18,371,165</u>
 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	18,103,109	17,592,536
Restricted	1,029,654	934,036
Unrestricted	<u>3,188,436</u>	<u>2,810,272</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 22,321,199</u>	<u>\$ 21,336,844</u>

***Statement of Activities***

Changes in net position for the years ending December 31, 2014 and 2013, are as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Revenues		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 1,085,115	\$ 634,723
Operating grants and contributions	171,406	156,061
Capital grants and contributions	43,738	
General Revenues:		
Property and other taxes	4,441,267	4,039,447
Licenses and permits	1,766,140	1,411,364
Grants and contributions	350,975	368,442
Interest and investment earnings	60,416	105,841
Miscellaneous	<u>182,650</u>	<u>265,727</u>
Total Revenues	<u>8,101,707</u>	<u>6,981,605</u>



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Expenses		
General government	2,095,178	1,979,312
Public safety	1,408,791	1,181,571
Highways and streets	1,101,706	761,031
Sanitation	687,205	639,654
Health and welfare	118,144	114,943
Culture and recreation	1,257,088	891,071
Conservation	21,328	
Interest and fiscal charges	438,762	308,969
Total Expenses	<u>7,128,202</u>	<u>5,876,551</u>
Increase in Net Position before Contributions to Permanent Fund Principal	973,505	1,105,054
Contributions to Permanent Fund Principal	<u>10,850</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Position	984,355	1,105,054
Net Position, beginning of year - as restated	<u>21,336,844</u>	<u>20,231,790</u>
Net Position, end of year	<u>\$ 22,321,199</u>	<u>\$ 21,336,844</u>

**Town of Stratham Activities**

As shown in the above statement, there was an increase in the Town's total net position of \$984,355. This increase is primarily attributable to increased building permits, increased motor vehicle registration fees associated and an increase in land use change tax revenues.

The General Fund ended the year with an unassigned budgetary basis fund balance of \$1,541,821 or 22% of total current year General Fund actual appropriations (not including School District and County payments). Looking at the components of the fund balance based solely on the budget (Schedule 1 – Budgetary Basis), it increased \$208,812 from the prior year. This was due to conservative spending and revenues in excess of anticipated amounts.

The fund balances of the Nonmajor Governmental Funds increased by a total of \$324,598 from the prior year, primarily as a result of land use taxes and other revenues in excess of current year appropriations.

**Basis for Adverse Opinion on Government Activities: Management Response**

The Town of Stratham is required by NH law (NH RSA 100-A:50) to offer the same group health insurance coverage to its retired employees as it does its active employees as part of the same group insurance plan. The Town is not required to pay any amount towards the premiums under this requirement, nor has it ever voluntarily offered to do so. Despite this fact, GASB Statement 45 requires recognition of an imputed premium rate subsidy of the retiree health insurance premiums since they are being offered health insurance coverage at rates below which they could obtain on their own. As a consequence, it has been found that the health insurance premiums paid by the Town for its active employees are slightly higher than if the active employees were the only members of the group health insurance plan. In order to measure this rate subsidy in any given year, actuarial studies would have to be

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conducted to determine the "liability for other post-employment benefits" based on current and future retiree participation.

Management has made the decision that the material measurement of this liability is not worth the costs associated conducting such studies given the small number of both active and retired employees associated with the Town. In addition, the Town has mitigated the risk of this theoretical unfunded liability by the funding of an 'Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund' earmarked for such post-employment benefits expenses."

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

During the year, the original budget for appropriations decreased by \$569,464 for carryforward appropriations (see listing below). The Town under expended its total 2014 appropriations budget by \$502,103. This resulted from conservative spending within the departments. The most significant of these were general government (\$298,499), highways and streets (\$96,390) and capital outlay (\$51,296). Expenditures in General Government were below budget due to reduced health and dental insurance. Actual revenues were greater than budgeted by \$343,544. This was primarily a result of licenses and permits (building permits) revenue in excess of anticipated of \$185,540.

Carryforward appropriations at December 31, 2014 consist of the following:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Town Center Plan	\$ 46,966
Cemetery Improvements	14,000
Town History	12,891
Library Computer Replacements	13,065
Highway Vehicle Replacement	17,137
Stratham Hill Park Improvements	5,000
Municipal Center HVAC Replacement	9,000
Field Improvements	12,702
Highway Garage Insulation	10,000
Police Department Computer Replacements	2,966
Highway Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	50,000
Stratham Hill Park Parking Lot Paving	10,000
Water and Sewer Improvements	262,201
2014 Revaluation	31,536
Town Center Match and Improvements	62,000
300th Committee Reserve	10,000
Total Carryforward Appropriations	<u>\$ 569,464</u>

**Capital Assets**

The Town of Stratham considers a capital asset to be an asset whose cost exceeds \$5,000 and which has a useful life of greater than three years. The Town depreciates its assets using the straight-line method over the course of their useful life beginning in the year of acquisition.

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The total investment in capital assets for governmental activities at year end amounted to \$26,454,127 (net of accumulated depreciation), a decrease of (\$210,434) from the previous year due to depreciation expense in excess of current year additions. This investment in capital assets includes land, intangible assets, construction in progress, buildings and improvements, land improvements, vehicles and equipment, and infrastructure.

Significant capital asset events during the current fiscal year included road reconstruction of County Farm Road in the amount of \$138,600, Town Center improvements in the amount of \$71,773 and Recreation Center and Field improvements in the amount of \$66,998.

Additional information on capital assets can be found in Note 6 of the Basic Financial Statements.

**Long-Term Obligations**

During the current year, the Town's bonds payable liability decreased by (\$721,007) as a result of scheduled payments made on existing obligations and amortization of the related bond premium. The Town's other long-term obligations consist of compensated absences payable which had a net increase in liability of \$32,261 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

See Note 8 of the Basic Financial Statements, for a summary of all outstanding long-term obligations.

**Economic Factors and Future Plans**

The Town of Stratham works to a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. The plan contains current capital needs projections through the year 2017. The Planning Board annually reviews, adjusts and updates this plan. The resulting plan receives final review and approval through the presentation and discussion of proposed projects at public meetings of the Planning Board and is presented to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee as a budget development tool.

**Contacting the Town of Stratham's Board of Selectmen or Management**

This financial report provides our citizens and creditors with a general overview of the Town of Stratham's finances. It demonstrates accountability for the funds the Town receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Paul Deschaine, Town Administrator or the Board of Selectmen, at 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, NH 03885 and telephone number (603) 772-7391 ext. # 181.

**EXHIBIT A**  
**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
December 31, 2014

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,936,091
Investments	1,404,430
Taxes receivable	1,127,524
Accounts receivable, net	40,953
Due from other governments	43,738
Tax dedeed property	25,469
Total Current Assets	<u>13,578,205</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable capital assets	10,704,369
Depreciable capital assets, net	15,749,758
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>26,454,127</u>
Total Assets	<u>40,032,332</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>-</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Accrued expenses	213,676
Due to other governments	8,954,412
Current portion of bonds payable	719,119
Total Current Liabilities	<u>9,887,207</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Bonds payable	7,631,899
Compensated absences payable	192,027
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>7,823,926</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>17,711,133</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>-</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	18,103,109
Restricted	1,029,654
Unrestricted	3,188,436
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 22,321,199</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

**EXHIBIT B**  
**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Activities**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Functions/Programs	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	
Governmental Activities:					
General government	\$ 2,095,178	\$ 206,143			\$ (1,889,035)
Public safety	1,408,791	193,342	\$ 23,155		(1,192,294)
Highways and streets	1,101,706		148,251	\$ 43,738	(909,717)
Sanitation	687,205	51,826			(635,379)
Health and welfare	118,144				(118,144)
Culture and recreation	1,257,088	633,804			(623,284)
Conservation	21,328				(21,328)
Interest and fiscal charges	438,762				(438,762)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 7,128,202</u>	<u>\$ 1,085,115</u>	<u>\$ 171,406</u>	<u>\$ 43,738</u>	(5,827,943)
General revenues:					
Property and other taxes					4,441,267
Licenses and permits					1,766,140
Grants and contributions:					
Rooms and meals tax distribution					350,975
Interest and investment earnings					60,416
Miscellaneous					182,650
Contributions to permanent fund principal					10,850
Total general revenues and contributions to permanent fund principal					<u>6,812,298</u>
Change in net position					984,355
Net position - beginning, as restated					<u>21,336,844</u>
Net position - ending					<u>\$ 22,321,199</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

**EXHIBIT C**  
**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
December 31, 2014

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,164,257	\$ 771,834	\$ 10,936,091
Investments	88,433	1,315,997	1,404,430
Taxes receivable	1,127,524		1,127,524
Accounts receivable, net		40,953	40,953
Due from other governments	43,738		43,738
Due from other funds	30,996	13,425	44,421
Tax deeded property	25,469		25,469
Total Assets	<u>11,480,417</u>	<u>2,142,209</u>	<u>13,622,626</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	-	-	-
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 11,480,417</u>	<u>\$ 2,142,209</u>	<u>\$ 13,622,626</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accrued expenses	\$ 79,353		\$ 79,353
Due to other governments	8,954,412		8,954,412
Due to other funds	7,054	\$ 37,367	44,421
Total Liabilities	<u>9,040,819</u>	<u>37,367</u>	<u>9,078,186</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Unearned property taxes	686,016		686,016
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>686,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>686,016</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	25,469	555,381	580,850
Restricted	23,348	450,925	474,273
Committed	827,482	1,098,536	1,926,018
Assigned	21,478		21,478
Unassigned	855,805		855,805
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,753,582</u>	<u>2,104,842</u>	<u>3,858,424</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 11,480,417</u>	<u>\$ 2,142,209</u>	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds			26,454,127
Property taxes are recognized on an accrual basis in the statement of net position, not the modified accrual basis			686,016
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:			
Bonds payable			(8,351,018)
Accrued interest on long-term obligations			(134,323)
Compensated absences payable			(192,027)
Net Position of Governmental Activities			<u>\$ 22,321,199</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

EXHIBIT D

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 4,383,722	\$ 159,500	\$ 4,543,222
Licenses and permits	1,766,140		1,766,140
Intergovernmental	566,119		566,119
Charges for services	317,993	767,122	1,085,115
Interest and investment income	7,212	53,204	60,416
Miscellaneous	176,589	16,911	193,500
Total Revenues	<u>7,217,775</u>	<u>996,737</u>	<u>8,214,512</u>
Expenditures:			
Current operations:			
General government	1,938,862	2,392	1,941,254
Public safety	1,097,516	71,706	1,169,222
Highways and streets	769,282		769,282
Sanitation	605,708		605,708
Health and welfare	118,144		118,144
Culture and recreation	618,098	567,552	1,185,650
Conservation	17,028	4,300	21,328
Capital outlay	636,157		636,157
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	709,000		709,000
Interest and fiscal charges	316,446		316,446
Total Expenditures	<u>6,826,241</u>	<u>645,950</u>	<u>7,472,191</u>
Excess revenues over expenditures	391,534	350,787	742,321
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	26,189	41,750	67,939
Transfers out		(67,939)	(67,939)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>26,189</u>	<u>(26,189)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	417,723	324,598	742,321
Fund balances at beginning of year, as restated	<u>1,335,859</u>	<u>1,780,244</u>	<u>3,116,103</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 1,753,582</u>	<u>\$ 2,104,842</u>	<u>\$ 3,858,424</u>

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures

and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds

to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Net Change in Fund Balances-- Total Governmental Funds	\$ 742,321
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.	(210,434)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(101,955)
Repayment of principal on bonds payable is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	709,000
Governmental funds report the effect of bond issuance premiums when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are unearned and amortized in the statement of activities.	12,007
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds payable, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.	(134,323)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.	(32,261)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 984,355</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**EXHIBIT E**  
**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
December 31, 2014

	Private- Purpose <u>Trust Funds</u>	Agency <u>Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,949	\$ 569,814
Investments	<u>10,602</u>	<u>372,563</u>
Total Assets	<u>18,551</u>	<u>\$ 942,377</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>-</u>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable		\$ 5,004
Due to other governments		397,563
Due to others		<u>539,810</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 942,377</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>-</u>	
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Held in trust	<u>18,551</u>	
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 18,551</u>	

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*



EXHIBIT F  
**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Private- Purpose <u>Trust Funds</u>
ADDITIONS:	
Investment earnings:	
Interest	\$ 10
Total Investment Earnings	10
Total Additions	10
DEDUCTIONS:	
Total Deductions	-
Change in net position	10
Net position - beginning of year	18,541
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 18,551</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2014**

**NOTE 1—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire conform to accounting policies generally accepted in the United States of America for local governmental units, except as indicated hereinafter. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies.

***Financial Reporting Entity***

The Town of Stratham, New Hampshire (the Town) was incorporated in 1716. The Town operates under the Town Meeting/Board of Selectmen form of government and performs local governmental functions as authorized by State law.

The financial statements include those of the various departments governed by the Board of Selectmen and other officials with financial responsibility. The Town has no other separate organizational units, which meet criteria for inclusion in the financial statements as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

***Basis of Presentation***

The Town's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

**1. Government-Wide Financial Statements:**

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the Town as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Town at year end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department, and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Town. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Town.

**2. Fund Financial Statements:**

During the year, the Town segregates transactions related to certain Town functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Town at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. The fiduciary funds are reported by type.

**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**December 31, 2014**

***Fund Accounting***

The Town uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The Town employs the use of two categories of funds: governmental and fiduciary.

**1. Governmental Funds:**

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses, and balances, of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The following is the Town's sole major governmental fund:

The *General Fund* is the main operating fund of the Town and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**2. Fiduciary Funds:**

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into two classifications: private purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the Town under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the Town's own programs. The Town maintains several private purpose trust funds which account for monies designated to benefit individuals within the Town. The Town's agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. The Town's agency funds consist of capital reserve funds of the Stratham School District, which are held by the Town as required by State law. Other agency funds consist of developer's performance deposits.

***Measurement Focus***

**1. Government-Wide Financial Statements:**

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the Town are included on the Statement of Net Position.

**2. Fund Financial Statements:**

All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets, deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliations with brief explanations to better

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identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

***Basis of Accounting***

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of unearned revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

**1. Revenues – Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions:**

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year, or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For the Town, available means expected to be received within sixty days of year end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Town receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied (see Note 3). Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations, are recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Town must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Town on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year end: property taxes, charges for services, and interest on investments.

Licenses and permits and miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

**2. Unearned Revenue:**

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as advances from grantors. On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have been reported as unearned revenue.

**3. Expenses/Expenditures:**

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources

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(expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

***Budgetary Data***

The Town's budget represents functional appropriations as authorized by annual or special Town meetings. The Selectmen may transfer funds between operating categories as they deem necessary. The Town adopts its budget under State regulations, which differ somewhat from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in that the focus is on the entire governmental unit rather than on the basis of fund types.

State law requires balanced budgets but permits the use of beginning fund balance to reduce the property tax rate. For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Town applied \$731,910 of its unappropriated fund balance to reduce taxes.

***Investments***

Investments are stated at their fair value in all funds. Certificates of deposit with a maturity of greater than ninety days from the date of issuance are included in investments.

***Accounts Receivable***

Charges for services billed during the current fiscal year and prior and uncollected at December 31, 2014 are recorded as receivables net of reserves for estimated uncollectibles of \$36,757 in the EMS Ambulance Fund, a Nonmajor Governmental Fund.

***Capital Assets***

General capital assets result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the government-wide statement of net position, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets including infrastructure and intangible assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair values as of the date received. The Town maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of three years. The Town's infrastructure consists of roads and similar items. The Town is not required to retroactively report its general infrastructure. Infrastructure records have been maintained effective January 1, 2003 and are included in these financial statements. Intangible assets of the Town consist solely of internally developed software. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

All reported capital assets except for land, construction in progress, and internally developed software are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the Town's historical records of necessary improvements and replacement. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	15-39
Infrastructure	30-50
Land improvements	10-25
Vehicles and equipment	5-30

***Bond Premium***

Bond premiums are amortized as a component of interest expense over the life of the related bond using the effective interest rate method. Bonds payable are reported in the accompanying financial statements gross of any applicable unamortized bond premiums. The balance of the unamortized bond premium reported in governmental activities as of December 31, 2014 is \$92,018.

***Compensated Absences***

Dependent upon length of service, regular employees earn vacation leave at ten to twenty-five days per year. Temporary and seasonal employees are not eligible for paid vacation leave. No more than ten days may be carried forward from one calendar year to the next. For unused vacation time in excess of the maximum of ten days to be carried over, 50% will be forfeited and 50% will be paid out to the employee in the first month of the subsequent year. Upon termination of employment, employees will be paid for any unused earned vacation leave at current rates of pay, up to a maximum of ten days.

All regular employees earn sick leave. Sick leave accrues at six hours per month for full time employees, and at a pro-rata basis for part-time employees. Employees may accumulate unused sick leave days up to a maximum of 224 hours. Upon death or retirement employees will receive payment for any accumulated, unused sick leave at their current rate of pay.

For governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are reported as liabilities and expenditures, as payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee death or retirement. The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

***Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations***

Except for the obligation for other post-employment benefits (see Note 2), all payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current fiscal year. General obligation bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

***Net Position***

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances on any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement, of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when

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there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Town or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Unrestricted net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, that is not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted components of net position.

The Town's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

***Fund Balance Policy***

As of December 31, 2014, the Town has not adopted a formal fund balance policy. Under GASB Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, the Town has segregated fund balance into five classifications: Nonspendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned, and Unassigned. The components of fund balance are defined as follows:

- *Nonspendable Fund Balance*: Amounts that are not in a spendable form or are required to be maintained intact.
- *Restricted Fund Balance*: Amounts constrained to specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers or through enabling legislation. Restrictions may be changed or lifted only with the consent of the resource providers or by the enabling legislation.
- *Committed Fund Balance*: Amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself using its highest level of decision-making authority. To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest-level action to remove or change the constraint.
- *Assigned Fund Balance*: Amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority.
- *Unassigned Fund Balance*: Amounts that are available for any purpose; these amounts are reported only in the General Fund, except for any deficit fund balance of another governmental fund.

*Spending Prioritizations*

In circumstances where expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, restricted fund balance is considered to have been spent first. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used, committed amounts should be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts then unassigned amounts.

***Interfund Activity***

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

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*Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates. Significant estimates include depreciation expense and the allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable.

**NOTE 2—STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

*Other Post-Employment Benefits*

The Town has not implemented GASB Statement 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. Statement 45 requires governments to account for other post-employment benefits (OPEB), primarily healthcare, on an accrual basis rather than on a pay-as-you-go basis. The provisions of GASB Statement 45 were required to be implemented by the Town during the year ended December 31, 2009.

**NOTE 3—PROPERTY TAXES**

Taxes are levied on the assessed valuation of all taxable real property as of the prior April 1 (\$1,225,837,216 as of April 1, 2014) and are due in two installments on July 1, 2014 and December 29, 2014. Taxes paid after the due dates accrue interest at 12% per annum. Property taxes are recognized as revenue when received in cash or if available to finance current period operations (within sixty days of year end).

Under State law, the Tax Collector obtains tax liens on properties which have unpaid taxes in the following calendar year after taxes were due for the amount of unpaid taxes, interest, and costs. These priority tax liens accrue interest at 18% per annum. If the property is not redeemed within a two year redemption period, the property may be tax deeded to the Town.

In accordance with State law, the Town collects taxes for the Stratham School District, Exeter Region Cooperative School District, and Rockingham County, all independent governmental units, which are remitted to them as required by law. The Town also collects State of New Hampshire Education taxes, which are remitted directly to the school districts. Total taxes appropriated during the year were \$9,097,939, \$9,544,923, and \$1,256,758 for the Stratham School District, Exeter Region Cooperative School District, and Rockingham County, respectively. These taxes are not recognized as revenues in these financial statements. The Town bears responsibility for uncollected taxes. At December 31, 2014, the balance of the property tax appropriations due to the school districts is \$8,954,412 and has been reported in the General Fund as 'Due to other governments' in these financial statements.

**NOTE 4—RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Town is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Town was a member of and participated in a public entity risk pool (Trust) for property and liability insurance and worker's compensation coverage. Coverage has not been significantly reduced from the prior year and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three years.



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The Trust agreements permit the Trust to make additional assessments to members should there be a deficiency in Trust assets to meet its liabilities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require members of pools with a sharing of risk to determine whether or not such assessment is probable and, if so, a reasonable estimate of such assessment. At this time, the Trust foresees no likelihood of an additional assessment for any of the past years. Claims, expenditures, and liabilities, are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. These losses include an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not reported. Based on the best available information, there is no liability at December 31, 2014.

***Property and Liability Insurance***

The Trust provides certain property and liability insurance coverage to member towns, cities, and other qualified political subdivisions of New Hampshire. As a member of the Trust, the Town shares in contributing to the cost of and receiving benefit from a self-insured pooled risk management program. The program includes a Self-Insured Retention Fund from which is paid up to \$200,000 for each and every covered property, crime and/or liability loss that exceeds \$1,000, up to an aggregate of \$1,000,000. Each property loss is subject to a \$1,000 deductible. All losses over the aggregate are covered by insurance policies.

***Worker's Compensation***

The Trust provides statutory worker's compensation coverage to member towns, cities, and other qualified political subdivisions of New Hampshire. The Trust is self-sustaining through annual member premiums and provides coverage for the statutorily required workers' compensation benefits and employer's liability coverage up to \$2,000,000. The program includes a Loss Fund from which is paid up to \$500,000 for each and every covered claim.

**NOTE 5—DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

Deposits and investments as of December 31, 2014 are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Statement of Net Position:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,936,091
Investments	1,404,430
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position:	
Cash and cash equivalents	577,763
Investments	383,165
	<u>\$ 13,301,449</u>

Deposits and investments at December 31, 2014 consist of the following:

Cash on hand	\$ 78,155
Deposits with financial institutions	11,486,347
Investments	1,736,947
	<u>\$ 13,301,449</u>

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The Town's investment policy for governmental funds requires deposits be made in federally insured banks chartered under the laws of New Hampshire or the federal government with a branch within the State and federally insured banks outside the State, if such banks pledge and deliver collateral security to a third party custodial bank or the Federal Reserve Bank. The Town limits its investments for governmental funds to the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHPDIP), an external investment pool in accordance with New Hampshire State law and federally insured banks chartered under the laws of New Hampshire, or the federal government with a branch within the State to the following investment types: money market accounts, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, all other types of interest bearing accounts, or obligations fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States government.

Responsibility for the investments of the Trust Funds is with the Board of Trustees. Investments of the library funds are at the discretion of the Library Trustees.

***Interest Rate Risk***

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Town's investment policy states that no investment will exceed one year in length. The Trustees of Trust Funds have no formal policy with respect to interest rate risk.

***Credit Risk***

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

The Town's investment policy states that funds are to be invested using a 'Prudent Person' standard. Investments and management of the portfolio should be done with judgement and care, considering the probable safety of the capital and probable income to be derived. The Town does not have explicit policies regarding investment portfolio rating restrictions.

As of December 31, 2014, the Town's investments in money market funds and mutual funds totaling \$55,947 and \$616,869, respectively, are not rated. At year end, the investment in NHPDIP, an external investment pool, in the amount of \$1,018,296, had a rating of *Aaa-mf*.

***Custodial Credit Risk***

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. For assurance against custodial credit risk, the Town's investment policy requires that all deposits with financial institutions be collateralized with pledged securities that shall be equal or in excess of the amount of the public funds deposited, less any portion thereof covered by federal depository insurance. Collateral may be held in the name of the Town with a third-party custodial bank, with the banks trust department, or pledged in the form of an Irrevocable Letter of Credit.

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Of the Town's deposits with financial institutions at year end, \$11,147,139 was collateralized by securities held by the bank in the Town's name and Irrevocable Letters of Credit.

As of December 31, 2014, Town investments in the following investment types were held by the same counterparty that was used to buy the securities:

	<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Equity securities		\$ 45,835
Money market funds		55,947
Mutual funds		616,869
		<u>\$ 718,651</u>

***Investment in NHPDIP***

The Town is a voluntary participant in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHPDIP). The NHPDIP is not registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment company. The NHPDIP was created by state law and is administered by a public body of state, local and banking officials. The Town's exposure to derivatives is indirect through its participation in the NHPDIP. The Town's proportional share of these derivatives is not available. The fair value of the position in the investment pool is equal to the value of the pool shares.

**NOTE 6—CAPITAL ASSETS**

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets of the governmental activities:

	Balance, <i>as Restated</i> <u>01/01/14</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance <u>12/31/14</u>
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not depreciated:				
Land	\$ 10,578,071			\$ 10,578,071
Construction in progress		\$ 71,773		71,773
Intangibles	54,525			54,525
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>10,632,596</u>	<u>71,773</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>10,704,369</u>
Other capital assets:				
Buildings and improvements	10,401,719	66,998		10,468,717
Infrastructure	7,989,047	138,600		8,127,647
Land improvements	452,316	16,000		468,316
Vehicles and equipment	2,504,559	64,439	(83,570)	2,485,428
Total other capital assets at historical cost	<u>21,347,641</u>	<u>286,037</u>	<u>(83,570)</u>	<u>21,550,108</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(1,877,779)	(281,574)		(2,159,353)
Infrastructure	(1,294,597)	(162,476)		(1,457,073)
Land improvements	(44,077)	(25,867)		(69,944)
Vehicles and equipment	(2,099,223)	(98,327)	83,570	(2,113,980)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,315,676)</u>	<u>(568,244)</u>	<u>83,570</u>	<u>(5,800,350)</u>
Total other capital assets, net	<u>16,031,965</u>	<u>(282,207)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,749,758</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 26,664,561</u>	<u>\$ (210,434)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 26,454,127</u>

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Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General government	\$ 74,919
Public safety	224,254
Highways and streets	192,445
Sanitation	40,762
Culture and recreation	<u>35,864</u>
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 568,244</u>

**NOTE 7—DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

***Plan Description***

The Town contributes to the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS), a cost-sharing multiple-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 New Hampshire Retirement System, 54 Regional Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301.

***Funding Policy***

Covered police officers are required to contribute 11.55% of their covered salary, whereas general employees are required to contribute 7.0% of their covered salary. The Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The Town's contribution rates for the covered payroll of police officers and general employees were 25.30%, and 10.77%, respectively. The Town contributed 100% of the employer cost for police officers and general employees of the Town.

Per RSA-100:16, plan member contribution rates are established and may be amended by the New Hampshire State legislature and employer contribution rates are determined by the NHRS Board of Trustees based on an actuarial valuation. The Town's contributions to the NHRS for the years ending December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012, were \$304,105, \$253,728, and \$215,874, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

**NOTE 8—LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

***Changes in Long-Term Obligations***

The changes in the Town's long-term obligations of the governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2014 are as follows:

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	Balance <i>as Restated</i> 01/01/14	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/14	Due Within One Year
<i>Governmental activities:</i>					
Bonds payable	\$ 8,968,000		\$ (709,000)	\$ 8,259,000	\$ 709,000
Unamortized bond premium	104,025		(12,007)	92,018	10,119
Total Bonds payable	9,072,025	\$ -	(721,007)	8,351,018	719,119
Compensated absences payable	159,766	35,964	(3,703)	192,027	-
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 9,231,791</u>	<u>\$ 35,964</u>	<u>\$ (724,710)</u>	<u>\$ 8,543,045</u>	<u>\$ 719,119</u>

Payments on the general obligation bonds are paid out of the General Fund. Amortization of the bond premium is recognized as a component of interest expense on the Statement of Activities (Exhibit B). Compensated absences payable will be paid from the fund where the employee's salary is paid.

***General Obligation Bonds***

Bonds payable at December 31, 2014 is comprised of the following individual issues:

	Original Issue Amount	Interest Rate	Final Maturity Date	Balance at 12/31/14
2006 Town Building Renovations Bond	\$ 140,000	4.75%	December 2015	\$ 14,000
2013 Cushman Property Bond	500,000	1.64%	June 2018	400,000
2003 Municipal Safety Complex Bond	5,000,000	2.50-4.25%	January 2024	2,500,000
2007 Fire & EM Fac. & Land Acq. Bond	4,444,000	3.75-4.25%	January 2028	3,090,000
2012 Conservation Bond	<u>2,375,000</u>	2.1-5.1%	February 2033	<u>2,255,000</u>
	<u>\$ 12,459,000</u>		Sub-total Bonds payable	8,259,000
			Add: <i>Unamortized bond premium</i>	92,018
			Total Bonds payable	<u>\$ 8,351,018</u>

Debt service requirements to retire general obligation bonds outstanding for governmental activities at December 31, 2014 are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Totals
2015	\$ 709,000	\$ 293,348	\$ 1,002,348
2016	695,000	269,230	964,230
2017	690,000	244,965	934,965
2018	690,000	221,087	911,087
2019	590,000	196,505	786,505
2020-2024	2,950,000	613,640	3,563,640
2025-2029	1,475,000	171,291	1,646,291
2030-2033	<u>460,000</u>	<u>25,933</u>	<u>485,933</u>
Sub-total Bonds payable	8,259,000	2,035,999	10,294,999
Add: <i>Unamortized Bond Premium</i>	92,018	-	92,018
Total Bonds payable	<u>\$ 8,351,018</u>	<u>\$ 2,035,999</u>	<u>\$ 10,387,017</u>

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**NOTE 9— INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS**

The Town maintains separate cash accounts for its governmental and fiduciary funds; however, most cash transactions flow through the General Fund. For accounting and reporting purposes, the portion of cash applicable to a particular fund is reported in the specific fund as an interfund balance. Interfund balances at December 31, 2014 are as follows:

	Due from		
	General	Nonmajor	
	Fund	Governmental	Totals
		Funds	
Due to General Fund		\$ 30,996	\$ 30,996
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$ 7,054	6,371	13,425
	<u>\$ 7,054</u>	<u>\$ 37,367</u>	<u>\$ 44,421</u>

During the year, several interfund transactions occurred between funds. The various transfers between the General Fund and the Nonmajor Governmental Funds were made in accordance with budgetary authorizations. Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2014 are as follows:

	Transfers Out	
	Nonmajor	
	Governmental	Totals
	Funds	
Transfers in General Fund	\$ 26,189	\$ 26,189
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	41,750	41,750
	<u>\$ 67,939</u>	<u>\$ 67,939</u>

**NOTE 10—RESTRICTED NET POSITION**

Net position is restricted for specific purposes at December 31, 2014 as follows:

Permanent Funds - Principal	\$ 555,381
Permanent Funds - Income	198,454
Drug Forfeiture	2,153
Library	23,348
Lindt Offsite Improvements	8,281
Volunteer Fire Department Trusts	93,945
Stratham Fair Trusts	148,092
	<u>\$ 1,029,654</u>

**NOTE 11—COMPONENTS OF FUND BALANCE**

The components of the Town's fund balance for its governmental funds at December 31, 2014 are as follows:

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<u>Fund Balances</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b><i>Nonspendable:</i></b>			
Tax deeded property	\$ 25,469		\$ 25,469
Permanent Funds - Principal		\$ 555,381	555,381
<b><i>Restricted for:</i></b>			
Library Fund	23,348		23,348
Permanent Funds - Income		198,454	198,454
Drug Forfeiture		2,153	2,153
Lindt Offsite Improvements		8,281	8,281
Volunteer Fire Department Trusts		93,945	93,945
Stratham Fair Trusts		148,092	148,092
<b><i>Committed for:</i></b>			
Expendable Trust Funds	258,018		258,018
Carryforward appropriations	569,464		569,464
Recreation Fund		99,982	99,982
Police Details Fund		60,065	60,065
Heritage Commission Fund		26,071	26,071
Land Conservation Fund		476,704	476,704
Cemetery Land Fund		3,082	3,082
Fire Protection Fund		46,475	46,475
Stratham Hill Park Revolving Fund		33,348	33,348
Stratham Fair Fund		7,000	7,000
EMS Ambulance Fund		345,809	345,809
<b><i>Assigned for:</i></b>			
Library operations	21,478		21,478
<b><i>Unassigned:</i></b>			
Unassigned - General operations	855,805		855,805
	<u>\$ 1,753,582</u>	<u>\$ 2,104,842</u>	<u>\$ 3,858,424</u>

**NOTE 12—CONTINGENCIES**

***Litigation***

In the opinion of Town management, any potential claims against the Town which are not covered by insurance are immaterial and would not affect the financial position of the Town.

**NOTE 13—RESTATEMENT OF EQUITY**

***Government-Wide Statements***

During the year ended December 31, 2014, it was determined that the balances and activities of the Fiduciary Funds were improperly included in the governmental activities as previously reported. Additionally, it was determined that cash and unearned revenue of the governmental activities were overstated, while accounts receivable, tax deed property, capital assets, and compensated absences payable of the governmental activities were understated.

Net Position of the governmental activities as of January 1, 2014 has been restated as follows:

**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**December 31, 2014**

Net Position - January 1, 2014 (as previously reported)	\$ 21,494,147
Amount of restatement due to:	
Overstatement of cash	(598,908)
Understatement of accounts receivable, net	18,584
Understatement of tax deeded property	25,469
Understatement of capital assets	334,275
Overstatement of unearned revenue	1,059,306
Understatement of compensated absences payable	(159,766)
Removal of Fiduciary Funds	(836,263)
Net Position - January 1, 2014, as restated	<u>\$ 21,336,844</u>

***Governmental Funds***

In addition to the above restatements, it was determined that the activities of numerous trust funds held by the Town and previously reported in the Fiduciary Funds were not properly classified as Governmental Funds, while the activities of certain performance deposits held by the Town and previously reported as Special Revenue Funds were not properly classified as Fiduciary Funds. Furthermore, it was determined that the Library Fund was previously reported as a Special Revenue Fund and not properly reported as part of the General Fund and that the Stratham Fair Fund was previously reported as an Enterprise Fund and not as a Special Revenue Fund. Also, during the year ended December 31, 2014, it was determined that unearned property taxes of the General Fund were understated and unearned revenue of the General Fund was overstated as previously reported.

The impacts of the restatements on the governmental funds as of January 1, 2014 are as follows:

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Enterprise Fund
Fund Balance - January 1, 2014 (as previously reported)	\$ 2,422,825	\$ 29,571	\$ 7,000
Amount of restatement due to:			
Overstatement of cash	(598,908)		
Understatement of accounts receivable, net		18,584	
Overstatement of unearned revenue	104,025	1,059,306	
Understatement of unearned property taxes	(787,971)		
Reclassification of various trust funds from Fiduciary Funds	171,789	1,235,093	
Reclassification of library fund	24,099	(24,099)	
Reclassification of Stratham Fair Fund		7,000	(7,000)
Reclassification of Agency Funds to Fiduciary Funds		(545,211)	
Fund Balance - January 1, 2014, as restated	<u>\$ 1,335,859</u>	<u>\$ 1,780,244</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**NOTE 14—IMPLEMENTATION OF FUTURE ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, which the Town is required to implement for the year ending December 31, 2015. Management believes that this pronouncement will have a potentially significant impact on the Town's government-wide financial statements. Under GASB Statement 68, the Town will be required to report its estimated proportional share of the New Hampshire Retirement System's unfunded pension liability in the financial statements for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014.



**SCHEDULE 1**  
**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) - General Fund**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 4,220,433	\$ 4,220,433	\$ 4,281,767	\$ 61,334
Licenses and permits	1,580,600	1,580,600	1,766,140	185,540
Intergovernmental	498,695	498,695	566,119	67,424
Charges for services	340,000	340,000	317,993	(22,007)
Interest income	5,000	5,000	7,160	2,160
Miscellaneous	98,000	98,000	147,093	49,093
Total Revenues	<u>6,742,728</u>	<u>6,742,728</u>	<u>7,086,272</u>	<u>343,544</u>
Expenditures:				
Current operations:				
General government	2,230,307	2,230,307	1,931,808	298,499
Public safety	1,107,286	1,107,286	1,093,760	13,526
Highways and streets	865,672	865,672	769,282	96,390
Sanitation	621,792	621,792	605,708	16,084
Health and welfare	135,626	135,626	118,144	17,482
Culture and recreation	526,700	516,700	517,955	(1,255)
Conservation	26,900	26,900	17,028	9,872
Capital outlay	1,246,917	687,453	636,157	51,296
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	709,000	709,000	709,000	-
Interest and fiscal charges	316,655	316,655	316,446	209
Total Expenditures	<u>7,786,855</u>	<u>7,217,391</u>	<u>6,715,288</u>	<u>502,103</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(1,044,127)</u>	<u>(474,663)</u>	<u>370,984</u>	<u>845,647</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	5,600	5,600	22,128	16,528
Transfers out	(184,300)	(184,300)	(184,300)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(178,700)</u>	<u>(178,700)</u>	<u>(162,172)</u>	<u>16,528</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,222,827)	(653,363)	208,812	862,175
Fund balance at beginning of year				
- Budgetary Basis	<u>1,927,942</u>	<u>1,927,942</u>	<u>1,927,942</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year				
- Budgetary Basis	<u>\$ 705,115</u>	<u>\$ 1,274,579</u>	<u>\$ 2,136,754</u>	<u>\$ 862,175</u>

*See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information*

**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

**NOTE 1—BUDGET TO ACTUAL RECONCILIATION**

***General Fund***

Amounts recorded as budgetary amounts in the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) – General Fund (Schedule 1) are reported on the basis budgeted by the Town. Those amounts differ from those reported in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds (Exhibit D). Property tax budgetary revenues are recognized when levied rather than when susceptible to accrual. Budgetary revenues and other financing sources and expenditures and other financing uses were adjusted for non-budgetary revenues and expenditures, non-budgetary transfers in and budgetary transfers out as follows:

	Revenues and Other Financing <u>Sources</u>	Expenditures and Other Financing <u>Uses</u>
Per Exhibit D	\$ 7,243,964	\$ 6,826,241
Difference in property taxes meeting susceptible to accrual criteria	(101,955)	
Non-budgetary revenues and expenditures	(29,548)	(110,953)
Non-budgetary transfers in	(4,061)	
Budgetary transfers in and out		184,300
Per Schedule 1	<u>\$ 7,108,400</u>	<u>\$ 6,899,588</u>

**NOTE 2—BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE**

The components of the budgetary fund balance for the General Fund at December 31, 2014 are as follows:

<b><i>Nonspendable:</i></b>	
Tax deeded property	\$ 25,469
<b><i>Committed for:</i></b>	
Carryforward appropriations	569,464
<b><i>Unassigned:</i></b>	
Unassigned - General operations	1,541,821
	<u>\$ 2,136,754</u>

SCHEDULE A  
TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Combining Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Funds  
December 31, 2014

Special Revenue Funds								
	Recreation Fund	Police Details Fund	Heritage Commission Fund	Land Conservation Fund	Drug Forfeiture Fund	Cemetery Land Fund	Fire Protection Fund	Stratham Hill Park Revolving Fund
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 96,101	\$ 63,794	\$ 26,071	\$ 159,500	\$ 5,052	\$ 3,082	\$ 46,475	\$ 33,444
Investments	3,932			323,479				
Accounts receivable, net								
Due from other funds								
Total Assets	<u>100,033</u>	<u>63,794</u>	<u>26,071</u>	<u>482,979</u>	<u>5,052</u>	<u>3,082</u>	<u>46,475</u>	<u>33,444</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 100,033</u>	<u>\$ 63,794</u>	<u>\$ 26,071</u>	<u>\$ 482,979</u>	<u>\$ 5,052</u>	<u>\$ 3,082</u>	<u>\$ 46,475</u>	<u>\$ 33,444</u>
LIABILITIES								
Due to other funds	\$ 51	\$ 3,729		\$ 6,275	\$ 2,899			\$ 96
Total Liabilities	<u>51</u>	<u>3,729</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,275</u>	<u>2,899</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES								
Nonspendable								
Restricted								
Committed					2,153			33,348
Total Fund Balances	<u>99,982</u>	<u>60,065</u>	<u>26,071</u>	<u>476,704</u>	<u>2,153</u>	<u>3,082</u>	<u>46,475</u>	<u>33,348</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 100,033</u>	<u>\$ 63,794</u>	<u>\$ 26,071</u>	<u>\$ 482,979</u>	<u>\$ 5,052</u>	<u>\$ 3,082</u>	<u>\$ 46,475</u>	<u>\$ 33,444</u>

**SCHEDULE A**  
**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Combining Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Funds (Continued)**  
December 31, 2014

	Special Revenue Funds							
	Lindt Offsite Improvement Fund	Stratham Fair Fund	Stratham Volunteer Fire Department Trust Funds	Stratham Trust Fund	EMS Ambulance Fund	Total Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Combining Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,281	\$ 7,000	\$ 93,945	\$ 148,092	\$ 304,760	\$ 753,560	\$ 18,274	\$ 771,834
Investments					40,953	569,448	746,549	1,315,997
Accounts receivable, net					96	40,953	13,329	40,953
Due from other funds						96	778,152	13,425
Total Assets	<u>8,281</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>93,945</u>	<u>148,092</u>	<u>345,809</u>	<u>1,364,057</u>		<u>2,142,209</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>								
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 8,281</u>	<u>\$ 7,000</u>	<u>\$ 93,945</u>	<u>\$ 148,092</u>	<u>\$ 345,809</u>	<u>\$ 1,364,057</u>	<u>\$ 778,152</u>	<u>\$ 2,142,209</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>								
Due to other funds						\$ 13,050	\$ 24,317	\$ 37,367
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>13,050</u>	<u>24,317</u>	<u>37,367</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>								
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>								
Nonspendable						-	555,381	555,381
Restricted	8,281		93,945	148,092		252,471	198,454	450,925
Committed		7,000			345,809	1,098,536		1,098,536
Total Fund Balances	<u>8,281</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>93,945</u>	<u>148,092</u>	<u>345,809</u>	<u>1,351,007</u>	<u>753,835</u>	<u>2,104,842</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 8,281</u>	<u>\$ 7,000</u>	<u>\$ 93,945</u>	<u>\$ 148,092</u>	<u>\$ 345,809</u>	<u>\$ 1,364,057</u>	<u>\$ 778,152</u>	<u>\$ 2,142,209</u>

**SCHEDULE B**  
**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Special Revenue Funds							
	Recreation Fund	Police Details Fund	Heritage Commission Fund	Land Conservation Fund	Drug Forfeiture Fund	Cemetery Land Fund	Fire Protection Fund	Stratham Hill Park Revolving Fund
Revenues:								
Taxes				\$ 159,500				\$ 5,785
Charges for services	\$ 241,547	\$ 72,781	\$ 6,460			\$ 1	\$ 46	
Interest and investment income	140	84	32	63				
Miscellaneous	3,446		542			1,848		125
Total Revenues	<u>245,133</u>	<u>72,865</u>	<u>7,034</u>	<u>159,563</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1,849</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>5,910</u>
Expenditures:								
Current operations:								
General government								
Public safety	245,829	58,896	630					1,142
Culture and recreation				4,300				
Conservation	<u>245,829</u>	<u>58,896</u>	<u>630</u>	<u>4,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,142</u>
Total Expenditures								
	<u>(696)</u>	<u>13,969</u>	<u>6,404</u>	<u>155,263</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1,849</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>4,768</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures								
Other financing sources (uses):								
Transfers in	3,985							
Transfers out	<u>3,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)								
Net change in fund balances	3,289	13,969	6,404	155,263	8	1,849	46	4,768
Fund balances at beginning of year, as restated	<u>96,693</u>	<u>46,096</u>	<u>19,667</u>	<u>321,441</u>	<u>2,145</u>	<u>1,233</u>	<u>46,429</u>	<u>28,580</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 99,982</u>	<u>\$ 60,065</u>	<u>\$ 26,071</u>	<u>\$ 476,704</u>	<u>\$ 2,153</u>	<u>\$ 3,082</u>	<u>\$ 46,475</u>	<u>\$ 33,348</u>

**SCHEDULE B**  
**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Funds (Continued)**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Special Revenue Funds								Permanent Funds	Combining Totals
	Lindt Offsite Improvement Fund	Stratham Hill Park Association Fund	Stratham Fair Fund	Stratham Volunteer Fire Department Trust Funds	Stratham Fair Trust Fund	EMS Ambulance Fund	Total Special Revenue Funds			
Revenues:										
Taxes							\$ 159,500	\$		\$ 159,500
Charges for services						\$ 85,458	767,122			767,122
Interest and investment income	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ 355,091	\$ 12	\$ 23	601	1,016	\$ 52,188		53,204
Miscellaneous						100	6,061	10,850		16,911
Total Revenues	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>355,091</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>86,159</u>	<u>933,699</u>	<u>63,038</u>		<u>996,737</u>
Expenditures:										
Current operations:										
General government	1,767						1,767	625		2,392
Public safety		2,625	317,326			12,810	71,706			71,706
Culture and recreation							567,552			567,552
Conservation	<u>1,767</u>	<u>2,625</u>	<u>317,326</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,810</u>	<u>4,300</u>	<u>625</u>		<u>4,300</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>(1,762)</u>	<u>(2,624)</u>	<u>37,765</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>73,349</u>	<u>288,374</u>	<u>62,413</u>		<u>645,950</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures										<u>350,787</u>
Other financing sources (uses):										
Transfers in				33,145	4,620		41,750			41,750
Transfers out		(3,985)	(37,765)				(41,750)	(26,189)		(67,939)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,985)</u>	<u>(37,765)</u>	<u>33,145</u>	<u>4,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(26,189)</u>		<u>(26,189)</u>
Net change in fund balances	(1,762)	(6,609)	-	33,157	4,643	73,349	288,374	36,224		324,598
Fund balances at beginning of year, as restated	10,043	6,609	7,000	60,788	143,449	272,460	1,062,633	717,611		1,780,244
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 8,281</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,000</u>	<u>\$ 93,945</u>	<u>\$ 148,092</u>	<u>\$ 345,809</u>	<u>\$ 1,351,007</u>	<u>\$ 753,835</u>		<u>\$ 2,104,842</u>



BIRTHS REGISTERED IN STRATHAM FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2015

CHILD'S NAME	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE (NH)	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
KIM, CAMILLE GRACE CAROLYN	2/27/2015	PORTSMOUTH	KIM, DANIEL	SCRAFFORD, JENNIFER
VADNEY, THOMAS JACOB	4/9/2015	PORTSMOUTH	VADNEY, TIMOTHY	VADNEY, CLAIRE
LAWSON, BROCK JAMES	4/18/2015	DOVER	LAWSON, BRENT	LAWSON, LAURA
HOLMES, ADELINA RAYNE	4/22/2015	EXETER	HOLMES, CHRISTOPHER	MACCAUGHEY, KACEY
STEVENS, LUCAS PAUL	5/7/2015	EXETER	STEVENS, SCOTT	MAMONE, VITTORIA
BAILEY, ADALYN KATE	5/25/2015	PORTSMOUTH	BAILEY, BENJAMIN	BAILEY, CALLIE
LAZOS, LOUKAS GIBSON	7/2/2015	PORTSMOUTH	LAZOS, VASILIOS	LAZOS, CALLOWAY
BAKER, AVA MAUREEN	7/9/2015	EXETER	BAKER, RYAN	BAKER, SARAH
MASTIN, RILEY JEAN	7/9/2015	EXETER	MASTIN, CHAD	MASTIN, NICOLE
MALONEY, GABRIEL WILLIAM	7/12/2015	MANCHESTER		MALONEY, PATRICE
THIBAULT, TEAGAN MAE	7/31/2015	PORTSMOUTH	THIBAULT JR, GERARD	LACROIX, JENNIFER
JOSHI, AMIA SUCHARIT	8/31/2015	EXETER	JOSHI, SUCHARIT	JOSHI, TORAL
O'BRIEN, ANNA ELIZABETH	11/23/2015	EXETER	O'BRIEN, ERIC	O'BRIEN, AMANDA
FRECHETTE, LAYLA ROSE	11/24/2015	PORTSMOUTH	FRECHETTE, JASON	FRECHETTE, NANCY
SAGI, AARUSH	12/1/2015	PORTSMOUTH	SAGI, GOKUL	KALIDINDI, SRUJANA
GUARASCIO, MILES CURTIS	12/3/2015	DOVER	GUARASCIO, MICHAEL	GUARASCIO, KELLY



**DEATH REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015**

<b>DECEDENT'S NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF PLACE OF</b>		<b>FATHER'S NAME</b>	<b>MOTHER'S NAME</b>	<b>MILITARY</b>
	<b>DEATH</b>	<b>DEATH</b>			
DANIUK, STEPHEN	1/1/15	PORTSMOUTH	DANIUK, VASILE	DOZ, JULIA	N
STEARNS, RICHARD	1/10/15	STRATHAM	STEARNS, THOMAS	FELT, HAZEL	N
COUTURE, ROLAND	1/14/15	STRATHAM	COUTURE, JOHN	BLOUIN, EMMA	Y
DOYLE, DOROTHY	1/25/15	STRATHAM	ROSS, HARRY	BOUCHER, YVETTE	N
TUTTLE, CATHERINE	3/15/15	EXETER	UNKNOWN	BISHOP, JANET	N
ASEOCHE, ANGEL	4/11/15	STRATHAM	ASEOCHE, PABLO	DAILO, LUCIA	N
WILLIAMS, BRIGITTE	4/22/15	DOVER	HAHN, WERNER	OBERHAUSER, PAULA	N
CHANDLER, RITA	4/26/15	STRATHAM	SULLIVAN, HARRY	KARLL, ANNIE	N
BULLARD, KATHERINE	5/5/15	NEWMARKET	MYHRE, PETER	WALLACE, HAZEL	N
HUBERTY, JAMES	5/7/15	STRATHAM	HUBERTY, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, THERESE	Y
COX, ROBERT	5/13/15	STRATHAM	COX, ORRIN	KELLY, RUTH	N
MCCARTHY, STEPHEN	5/17/15	EXETER	MCCARTHY JR., ALLEN	MCGOURTY, MARY	N
NOYES, ELIZABETH	5/17/15	EXETER	FLETCHER, WALTER	BLACKWELL, GLADYS	N
HUTTON, CAROLYN	5/21/15	EXETER	FOSS, LAURENCE	WALSH, KATHLEEN	N
PEPPER, ELISABETH	5/23/15	STRATHAM	PEPPER, FRANCIS	LOCKE, SHIRLEY	N
SCHOCH, JOSEPH	5/27/15	MANCHESTER	SCHOCH, EDGAR	NIXON, MARY	Y
LECLERC, LEONARD	5/29/15	STRATHAM	LECLERC, PAUL	AUBERT, BEATRICE	N
ROBERTS, WILLIAM	6/5/15	STRATHAM	ROBERTS, WILLIAM	PRESCOTT, ROBERTA	N
STEVENS SR, ARTHUR	7/19/15	STRATHAM	STEVENS, ARTHUR	FOLEY, MARGARET	Y
CAVERNO, MARGARET	8/5/15	STRATHAM	MCLANE, WILLIAM	JACKSON, ANNA	N
BIGWOOD, BURKE	9/1/15	STRATHAM	BIGWOOD, BURKE	PICKETT, FLORENCE	Y
GIESLER, ALICE	9/8/15	EXETER	HANSEN, WALTER	CUDDY, ALICE	N
RUDOLPH, ALBERT	10/7/15	PORTSMOUTH	RUDOLPH, SAMUEL	LERNER, RACHAEL	N
CLOUTMAN, MARY	10/24/15	EXETER	PAPAMECHAIL, GEORGE	JONES, ALICE	N
NEWMAN, ROBERT	11/6/15	STRATHAM	NEWMAN, GEORGE	JOHNSTON, FRANCES	Y
PAQUETTE, RITA	11/11/15	NORTHWOOD	OSTIGUY, EDMUND	BONVOULOIR, DORILA	N
DURANT, HOLLIS	11/24/15	EXETER	DURANT, CLINTON	HAMEL, LENA	Y
LEPAGE, JOANNE	12/8/15	EXETER	WOOLDIDGE, WILLIAM	NESBIT, HILDA	N
THISDALE JR., ADELARD	12/26/15	STRATHAM	THISDALE SR., ADELARD	ROBIDA, IRENE	Y

# MARRIAGES REPORTED FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

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
SHECKLER, COREY M	STRATHAM, NH	SARGENT, MEEGHAN S	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	3/12/2015
WEISMANN, FREDERICK H	STRATHAM, NH	HOOD, MARY L	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	4/4/2015
QUILL, BRUCE L	STRATHAM, NH	GETZ, DONNA J	NEWMARKET, NH	STRATHAM	BARRINGTON	4/18/2015
BARTLETT, KERRY A	STRATHAM, NH	CHESLEY, BENJAMIN R	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	5/3/2015
GOSSELIN, BRUCE M	STRATHAM, NH	STEVENS, KATELIN A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	CHICHESTER	5/16/2015
BEAUREGARD, RICHARD R	STRATHAM, NH	ZIMMERMAN, BONNIE J	NEWMARKET, NH	STRATHAM	DURHAM	5/30/2015
CAVARETTA, HENRY M	STRATHAM, NH	SIMPSON, CANDUS J	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	6/5/2015
JEWELL, SARAH R	STRATHAM, NH	THIBODEAU, SHAWN A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	6/7/2015
HOUGHTON, RYAN M	STRATHAM, NH	JAMES, KATHRYN A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	6/27/2015
TROW, MICHAEL D	STRATHAM, NH	SANDERSON, LAURA L	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	LINCOLN	7/4/2015
SULLIVAN, RYAN P	STRATHAM, NH	BIGGART, MORGAN R	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	TILTON	8/29/2015
PASTORE, DAVID W	STRATHAM, NH	SCHALLER, DIANA M	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	9/6/2015
LUCCA HOGREFE, JENNIFER R	STRATHAM, NH	SESSLER, BRETT A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	9/25/2015
GRILLO, SCOTT F	STRATHAM, NH	PRINDLE, WENDY I	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	HAMPTON	9/26/2015
WILSON, GREGORY J	STRATHAM, NH	BARTLETT, MEGAN S	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	10/3/2015
BIRCK, AMY E	STRATHAM, NH	REYNOLDS, DAVID M	STRATHAM, NH	RYE	PORTSMOUTH	10/17/2015
IUDICE, JOHN M	STRATHAM, NH	IANNACONE, MELISSA J	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	10/24/2015
PERHAM, ARTHUR W	RYE, NH	HORSMAN, KAREN M	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	DOVER	11/22/2015

# ANNUAL REPORTS

For the school year ending June 30, 2015  
With the Proposed 2016-2017 Budgets

OF

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STRATHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(EXETER REGION / ERCSD)

AND

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #16  
(SAU 16)

MARCH 2016

**STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Grades Pre-School through 5<sup>th</sup> for Stratham School District

**Stratham School Board**

Travis Thompson, Chair .....	Term expires 2018
Eric von der Linden, Vice Chair .....	Term expires 2017
Everett Lamm .....	Term expires 2016
Bob O'Sullivan .....	Term expires 2017
Sarah Gallagher .....	Term expires 2018

**Moderator**

David Emanuel .....	Term expires 2016
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**Clerk**

Mikki Deschaine .....	Term expires 2018
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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	Plodzick & Sanderson – Auditor

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**COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT / Exeter Region (ERCSD)**

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

**Cooperative School Board**

Helen Joyce, Chair .....	Stratham term expires 2018
Linda Garey, Vice Chair .....	Brentwood term expires 2016
Maggie Bishop .....	Exeter term expires 2018
Darrell Chichester .....	Exeter term expires 2016
Travis Thompson .....	Stratham term expires 2016
Denny Grubbs .....	Exeter term expires 2017
Paul Bauer .....	Newfields term expires 2018
Deborah Hobson .....	East Kingston term expires 2017
Jim Webber .....	Kensington term expires 2016

**Moderator**

Kate Miller .....	Term expires 2016
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**Clerk**

Sue Bendroth .....	Appointed position
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**Treasurer**

Mark Portu .....	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

Saundra 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

2016

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

Date: March 4, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Stratham Memorial School

Details:

#### Article 1: Operating Budget

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,276,705 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 \_ for and \_ against. (Majority Vote Required)

☐ Yes

☐ No

#### Article 2: Teacher CBA

To see if the School District will approve the cost items included in the first collective bargaining agreement reached between the Stratham School Board and the newly formed Stratham Paraprofessional Association (special education paraprofessionals and regular education paraprofessional) covering the three year period from September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2019 and cost items included therein containing, in summary: an increase in total salaries and benefits amounting to \$108,749 in 2016-2017 and a continuation of other non-salary benefits and salary increases so that the approximate increase in the cost of paraprofessional salaries and salary related benefits because of this agreement and step increases for each of the three years (subject to change resulting from changes in the number of paraprofessionals employed) over the preceding year will be:

2016-2017, \$108,749

2017-2018, \$26,288

2018-2019, \$26,192

And, further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$108,749 for the 2016-2017 year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and salary related benefits over those included in the 2016-2017 operating budget. The School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of \_ for and \_ against. (Majority Vote Required)

☐ Yes

☐ No

#### Article 3: Special Ed Trust fund

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 \_ for and \_ against. (Majority Vote Required)

☐ Yes

☐ No

**Article 4: Maintenance Trust Fund**

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 \_ for and \_ against. (Majority Vote Required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Article 6: Reports of agents**

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

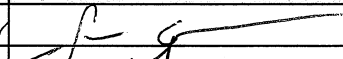

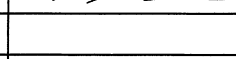
**Article 7: Transact business**

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Given under our hands, February , 2016**

We certify and attest that on or before February 12, 2016, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at Town Library, Town Offices, SAU #16, , and delivered the original to the Town Administrator.

Printed Name	Position	Signature
Sarah Gallagher	School Board Member	
Eric Vander Linden	School Board Member	
Trevi Thompson	School Board Member	

**SCHOOL WARRANT 2016  
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 eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) day of March, 2016 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:

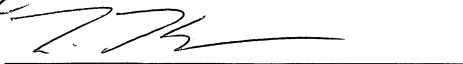
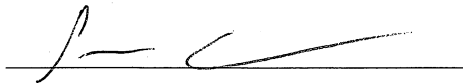
1. To choose one (1) Member of the School Board for the ensuing three (3) years.
2. To choose one (1) School District Treasurer for the ensuing three (3) years.
3. To choose one (1) School District Moderator for the ensuing three (3) years.

Given under our hands at said Stratham on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TRUE COPY OF WARRANT – ATTEST:

STRATHAM SCHOOL BOARD





## School Budget Form: Stratham Local School

(RSA 21-J:34)



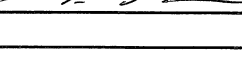
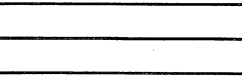
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year from:  
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 12, 2016

**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
Everett Lamm, MD	
Sarah Galligher	
Eric von der Linden	
Travis Thompson	

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)
<b>Instruction</b>						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	1	\$3,568,202	\$3,575,833	\$3,387,715	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	1	\$1,309,019	\$1,442,059	\$1,429,124	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	1	\$1,832	\$4,158	\$3,542	\$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
<b>Support Services</b>						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	1	\$728,220	\$505,352	\$716,784	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	1	\$455,019	\$752,377	\$572,437	\$0
<b>General Administration</b>						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	1	\$28,780	\$33,500	\$33,500	\$0
<b>Executive Administration</b>						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	1	\$234,886	\$219,732	\$231,795	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	1	\$387,246	\$323,740	\$362,948	\$0
2500-2599	Business		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	1	\$515,449	\$489,166	\$480,311	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	1	\$340,599	\$397,944	\$394,600	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other	1	\$2,191,014	\$2,383,338	\$2,445,656	\$0
<b>Non-Instructional Services</b>						
3100	Food Service Operations	1	\$0	\$208,333	\$206,293	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Facilities Acquisition and Construction</b>						
4100	Site Acquisition		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4200	Site Improvement	1	\$48,805	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$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
<b>Other Outlays</b>						
5110	Debt Service - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Fund Transfers</b>						
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
<b>Total Proposed Appropriations</b>			<b>\$9,809,071</b>	<b>\$10,350,532</b>	<b>\$10,276,705</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### 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
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5252	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	3	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
<b>Purpose:</b> Special Ed Trust fund						
5252	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	4	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
<b>Purpose:</b> Maintenance Trust Fund						
<b>Special Articles Recommended</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### 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	\$108,749	\$0
<b>Purpose:</b> Teacher CBA						
<b>Individual Articles Recommended</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$108,749</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
<b>Local Sources</b>					
1300-1349	Tuition	1	\$11,432	\$15,000	\$5,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	1	\$2,104	\$1,500	\$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	\$5,626	\$3,875	\$1,000
<b>State Sources</b>					
3210	School Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Catastrophic Aid	1	\$36,746	\$29,153	\$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
<b>Federal Sources</b>					
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	\$40,029	\$25,000	\$15,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$0	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
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	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	1	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$95,937</b>	<b>\$282,861</b>	<b>\$514,783</b>

### Budget Summary

Item	Current Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$10,151,138	\$10,276,705
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$145,000	\$125,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$179,394	\$108,749
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$10,475,532	\$10,510,454
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$514,783	\$514,783
Less: Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$791,629	\$0
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$9,169,120	\$9,995,671

Fellow Citizens of Stratham,

It has been a busy and productive year for the Board and we have worked hard to provide the best possible education for the students of Stratham Memorial School. As part of our ongoing work, we have been very aware of our obligations to all of the residents of Stratham and our fiscal responsibilities to our fellow residents. Our students continue to receive an outstanding education due to the hard work of a truly dedicated group of professionals - our teachers, administrators and staff. I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for the truly exceptional work that they do on behalf of our students.

The budget being presented by the Board represents an approximate 1% reduction over the previous year before the new Paraprofessionals contract is presented. The Board, Administration, Superintendents office and Budget Advisory Committee continue to try and minimize any impact on the classroom while dealing with the challenges of ever increasing operating costs associated with health care, NH retirement and general cost of living expenses. We have also been very aware of the trend of lower enrollment at the elementary levels across the state and SAU 16. Stratham Memorial School is feeling these reductions as well and expects an enrollment of 30-40 students lower than past years. Given that change, the budget reflects a reduction in teacher salary as several individuals retiring at the end of this year will not be replaced. It is important to keep in mind that the lower enrollment allows us to do this without increasing class size or negatively impacting the delivery of services to our students.

The warrant this year will have four (4) articles from the School Board. The first warrant article is the budget. The second warrant article is the newly negotiated contract proposal with the Stratham Paraprofessionals Association. I would like to thank Eric Von der Linden and Sarah Galligher for representing the Board in these negotiations. The third and fourth warrant articles are related to the Special Education and Maintenance Trusts Funds. These funds are a key financial tool providing the Board with the necessary funds should there be a significant change in our special education needs and or something that needs to be addressed with the building itself.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members and their families for their dedication and all of the time and effort that they put into their work. Thank you to Eric Von der Linden, Dr. Everett Lamm, Sarah Galligher and Bob O'Sullivan. Thanks to our Budget Advisory Committee for all of their help with this year's budget. A special thanks also goes to Superintendent Mike Morgan, Assistant Superintendent Sandie MacDonald, Principal Tom Fosher, Assistant Principal David Goldsmith, Special Education Director Meg Driscoll and Curriculum Coordinator Jessica Wentworth.

It is a pleasure to serve the residents of Stratham as a member of the Board. Thank you for all that you do in support of the students of Stratham Memorial School and SAU 16, it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Board Chair this year,

Respectfully

Travis Thompson  
Chairperson – Stratham Memorial School Board

**STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32:11-a**

<b><u>SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES</u></b>		<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>
1210	Special Programs	1,174,862	1,309,018
1430	Summer School	0	0
2140	Psychological Services	83,669	85,198
2140	Vision / Hearing Svs	1,688	6,363
2150	Speech and Audiology	224,870	217,244
2159	Speech-Summer School	0	0
2160	Physical Therapy	12,144	19,466
2150	Occupational Therapy	176,627	180,763
2722	Special Transportation	57,247	71,368
2729	Summer School Transportation	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>1,731,107</b>	<b>1,889,420</b>

**SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE**

1950	Services to other LEAs	0	0
3110	Special Ed. Portion Adequacy fund	111,169	106,558
3110	Foundation Aid	0	0
3111	Catastrophic Aid	55,544	36,746
3190	Medicaid	44,280	40,030
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>210,993</b>	<b>183,334</b>

<b>ACTUAL DISTRICT COST FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>1,520,114</b>	<b>1,706,086</b>
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**TABLE I**  
**STRATHAM PUPILS**  
**TOTAL ENROLLMENT JANUARY 1, 2015**

YEAR	PRE	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
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
2014-15	15	82	81	100	110	99	113	600

**TABLE II**  
**STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE**  
**FOR 2014-2015**

Alexander Bernard  
Josephine Bourgeault  
Christian Dumas  
Caraden Forest  
Freweyni Gallagher  
Callum Howarth  
Jalen Howarth  
Iain Ireland  
Noah Johnson  
Walker LaBrasca  
Jamie Ly  
Matthew MacInnis  
Elizabeth Moriarty  
Evan Nicholas  
Katelyn Rice  
Alyssa Rothfuss  
Aidan Shaw  
Andrew VanDeWater  
Grace Weed  
Laney Woodard  
Ava Young  
Brady Young

**Professional****Fiscal Year  
2014-2015  
Wages**

Atherton, Diane	79,237.00
Audet, Rebecca T.	60,382.00
Batchelder, Laura	78,737.00
Beauchesne, Amy	83,198.00
Bucklin, Katherine	67,960.00
Caldwell, Jessica	80,015.00
Chartier, R. Melody	79,737.00
Christilles, Tracey	85,198.00
Craig, Deborah	85,698.00
Curry, Julie	80,015.00
DeLello, Shannon	69,400.00
Driscoll, Margaret	93,629.00
Durant, Karen (80%)	48,305.60
Eitler, Judith	86,198.00
Fennessy, Debra	73,049.00
Fitzgerald, Cindy	77,237.00
Fosher, Thomas	111,782.00
Ganier, Caroline	62,896.00
Gagnon, Stephen	85,198.00
Gaudet, Christine	85,698.00
Gaynor, Chris	68,616.00
Goldsmith, David M.	80,000.00
Griffith, Diane (60%)	47,092.20
Guilbert, Nancy	85,198.00
Hackett, Jennifer	83,198.00
Hale, Gwen	84,198.00
Harrington, Timothy	51,531.00
Harrison, Gary	84,198.00
Hazeltine, Mary Ann	81,121.00
Healey, Ashley	53,422.00
Hodgdon, Samantha	49,233.00
Lacasse, Elizabeth	56,864.00
Lewald-Ratta, Cindy (60%)	46,942.20
Locke, Tiffany	53,422.00

**Professional****Fiscal Year  
2014-2015  
Wages**

Maher, Donna	86,198.00
Mastin, Melissa	83,198.00
McAlpine, Robert	66,555.00
McIntosh, Laurie (60%)	46,342.20
MacLean-Smith, Cheryl	77,237.00
Metz, Melanie	68,069.00
Miller, Suzette	79,737.00
Moreno, Laurie (60%)	51,118.80
Morrison, Linda	85,198.00
Murphy, Megan	53,422.00
O'Connor, Mary Lou	83,198.00
Page, Ashley	65,242.00
Pinsonnault, Karen	84,198.00
Powley, Robyn	76,937.00
Riley, Amy	47,264.00
Saltus, Edgar	83,198.00
Silvester, Kerry	84,198.00
Snow, Jennifer	83,198.00
Spencer, Frank	85,198.00
Stringham, Carol (70%)	51,659.30
Sullivan, Kristen	81,121.00
Tingle, Kellie	49,233.00
Wentworth, Jessica	70,792.00

**Full Time Support Staff****Fiscal Year  
2014-2015  
Wages**

Breton, Robert	35,588.80
Gebo, Patricia	43,199.46
Horan, Justin	24,752.00
Houghton, Nissa	22,078.05
Phinney, Christian	22,880.00
Ryan, Marlo	50,134.48



## STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL

39 Gifford Farm Road Stratham, NH 03885

Mr. Thomas J. Fosher  
Principal

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Mr. David Goldsmith  
Assistant Principal

January 23, 2016

The final days of August were upon us as Stratham Memorial School (SMS) began its 27th year at 39 Gifford Farm Road. The 125 member staff had classrooms organized, materials prepared and lessons planned for the 575 preschoolers to fifth graders as they entered on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, a very late 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 maintained their instructional approach utilizing technology. 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. We also have integrated a science inquiry approach as well!

Longtime educators Janis Tierney, Anne Leonard, Laurie Caporello and June August submitted their retirements effective June 30, 2016 from SMS. Combined, the four individuals had over 100 years of educational service to the district. We are fortunate to have such talented, dedicated and warm individuals in our building. New to the school are Sara Donlon, Katelyn Dow and Jennifer Hildreth. Shannon DeLello shifted from her role as the Curriculum Coordinator to a classroom teacher.

The school year centered around three school goals emphasizing student achievement through the Professional Learning Communities approach; a school climate aimed at the philosophy and tenets of the Responsive Classroom; and higher order thinking based on Webb's Depth of Knowledge. 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 20th 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. Lance Makabali was the Spelling Bee Champion, making his way to the Regional contest in Concord. Fourth grade student Grace Halepis 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, Scamman Farm, Techsploration, Birds of Prey, Plimoth Docents and Jeff Warner. These terrific programs, along with our field trips, aid in assuring our children receive a well-rounded education.

Please visit us or check us out at [www.sms.sau16.org](http://www.sms.sau16.org)!

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Fosher

**STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 6, 2015**

**Board 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 asked the School Board Members and the School District Clerk to introduce themselves.

The Moderator then called for a moment of silence for members of the armed services 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 \$10,151,138 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 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, which was seconded by Vice Chair Travis Thompson. Mr. Emanuel then recognized Ms. Hanson to speak to her motion.

Ms. Hanson thanked her fellow Board members, the staff at the SAU office and Stratham Memorial School, and the Budget Advisory Committee for their work on the 2015-2016 School District budget, which reflected a 2.07% reduction over last year's operating budget. She then asked to yield the floor to Principal Tom Foshier to present an update on SMS and speak to Article 1. There were no objections.

Mr. Foshier gave a presentation which provided an update and highlights of the 2014-2015 school year thus far, and an overview on curriculum, standards, and goals. He noted that the decision to hire new teachers at a lower step has been beneficial for all, as they bring new knowledge and approaches, as well as enthusiasm for teaching, to the school; there are now three generations of teachers at SMS. Mr. Foshier also outlined the various safety and security measures that have been enacted this year in cooperation with the Stratham Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Foshier noted that the average cost of educating a student at Stratham Memorial School was approximately \$14,000, which was in the middle range among all SAU #16 schools. He also shared a number of photos of SMS students and staff in the classrooms and other learning

environments, participating in various activities, and utilizing the variety of technologies available at the school.

Mr. Foshier then addressed Article 1, giving a brief overview of the budget process and highlighting line items that reflected major increases and decreases. Increases included: \$28,775 for Retirement to cover the impending retirements of three senior teachers and two long-standing support staff; \$19,000 for an Enrichment Coordinator, a new two-day per week position to work with students and offer guidance to teachers; \$73,000 in Special Education Tuition to fund mandated special education student needs; \$40,471 in Special Education Aide Salaries; \$48,693 in Computer Tech Services, to provide in-house infrastructure and computer maintenance for all of the school's technology; \$39,313 in S.E. Transportation, as the school district is also mandated under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to provide transportation for homeless children temporarily housed by Seacoast Family Promise at Stratham Community Church to their "home" school; \$23,232 for Retirement-Certified, for which the school is accountable to the State; \$25,232 to provide paraprofessional development and PTO for regular education aides; and \$26,425 in Related Services, for contracted services not provided by staff.

Decreases included: \$218,892 in Teacher Salaries; \$15,789 from a reduction in Guidance to 1.4 FTE, and \$13,712 from reducing Psychological Services to four days per week, both due to the decreasing school population; \$13,115 in Repair and Maintenance, and \$62,124 in Computer and Communication, both due to cost reductions anticipated from the new computer tech services position; \$15,154 in office of the superintendent; \$13,290 in FICA, which corresponds to the reduction in teacher salary costs; \$75,000 in Equipment, since the majority of the safety and security upgrades have been instituted; \$139,910 in Health Insurance, which will be elaborated upon during discussion of Article 2; and \$34,000 in Site Improvement, since the only projects scheduled for 2015-16 are continuation of scheduled indoor painting and the repair of the cafetorium partition wall.

The Moderator opened the floor for questions or comments on Article 1. He recognized Susan Canada of 47 Bunker Hill Avenue, who spoke on behalf of the Budget Advisory Committee. She acknowledged the other members of the committee - Bruno Federico, Sue Hunter, Patty Philbrook, Charles Wagner, and new member Deb Bronson - and outlined the work of the committee. She expressed the committee's appreciation for the openness with which the School Board and SMS staff discussed issues, and for their work to hold the line on expenses. Mrs. Canada stated that the Financial Advisory Committee supported the adoption of Article 1.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator read Article 1 and called for a vote. The article was adopted by a majority voice vote.

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 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)

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

Mr. Thompson thanked the members of the Stratham Teachers Association (STA) for negotiating with the School Board a very strong and positive agreement to bring forth to the voters. He explained that there were two areas in particular that were addressed – the salary schedule and health insurance.

The salary schedule in the 2012-2015 teacher contract provided for a minimum increase of 1%, with a cap of 2.5%, each contract year, and was tied to CPI. The proposed 2015-2018 contract uses the same structure, also tied to CPI. The minimum increase is 1.5% each year, and the STA agreed to keep the 2.5% cap on salary increases for all the three years of the proposed contract.

The Board was concerned about the possible impact that the Affordable Care Act's "Cadillac" tax might have, and worked with the STA to provide quality health insurance options without the tax implications should those come to fruition. Therefore, the high-cost BC/BS Comp 200 plan will be eliminated in year one, and an addition HMO option will be added to the current POS and HMOI offerings. In year two, the POS option will be eliminated, leaving the two HMO options. In addition, an excise tax clause was negotiated, which states:

*In November 2016, if the total premium cost for the health care plan or plans offered by the School District exceeds the Federal Government's Excise Tax on High-Cost Employee-Sponsored coverage limit, the STA will have until the end of the month in March 2017 to select a plan that falls below the premium tax threshold. If the STA does not select a plan by the deadline, the School District will be authorized to choose the plan. The School District will fund the chosen plan at 85%.*

This will ensure that any such excise tax will never impact the taxpayers. Mr. Thompson felt that everyone was in a good place with this contract, and recommended its support.

Mr. Thompson then offered a motion to amend Article 2 to strike the sentence referencing RSA §273-A:12 from the warrant article, and Ms. Hanson seconded the motion to amend. Mr. Thompson then spoke to his motion. This clause was included four years ago and referenced this RSA, also known as “the Evergreen clause.” Since this law is no longer in effect, Mr. Thompson stated that this language should be deleted from the warrant article.

There being no questions or comments, the Moderator called for a vote on the amendment to Article 2 after reading the proposed amended article:

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
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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)

The motion to amend Article 2 carried by a majority voice vote.

The Moderator then asked if there were any questions or comments from the floor regarding Article 2 as amended. He recognized Pat Abrami, 9 Tall Pines Drive, who commended the School Board for being proactive in dealing with the potential “Cadillac” tax. There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Emanuel called for a vote after reading the amended 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. The School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5 for and 0 against. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 2 as amended passed by a majority voice vote.

The Moderator then recognized Heidi Hanson, 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. Everett Lamm moved to adopt Article 3 as read, which was seconded by Robert O'Sullivan. The Moderator then recognized Dr. Lamm to speak to his motion. Dr. Lamm stated there still is not a sufficient reserve in this fund to address possible contingencies. He noted that while every effort is made to budget based on current knowledge, the numbers are a moving target and unanticipated special education needs can exceed the scope of what is available in the building with current staff. Some required out-of district placements can cost \$50,000 to \$100,000, plus transportation costs that can reach \$25,000, per year for a day program; residential program costs for a student can cost \$150,000 to \$300,000 per year. Dr. Lamm noted that CMS, Brentwood, and other schools have experienced budget crises due to unanticipated special education costs, necessitating cuts in staffing and other areas, so the School Board feels that this is a necessary expense. The School Board considered it prudent to budget for two unanticipated placements per year.

The Moderator opened the floor to questions and comments on Article 3. He recognized Bruce Scamman, 3 Blossom Lane, who noted that last year's appropriation to the Special Education Trust Fund came from surplus, and asked why taxes were being raised to fund it this year. Mr. O'Sullivan responded that, since there was no special project being funded by the Maintenance Trust Fund this year, the Board decided to switch the source of requested funds between these two funds. The Board was concerned that they could not get the needed funding for this trust fund via surplus, so they determined that it was more appropriate to raise taxes for this article, and utilize the surplus to fund Article 4. Dr. Lamm further explained that any surplus left over normally goes back to the taxpayers. The Board has decided that rather than rely on any possible surplus, they would request to raise taxes to fund this specific purpose.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator read Article 3 and called for a vote. Article 3 passed by a majority voice vote.

The Moderator then recognized Eric von der Linden, who moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 3; Robert 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, 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)

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

Mr. O'Sullivan stated that the roof project on SMS had been completed, and there were no major projects forthcoming. He noted that the School Board was working with the Stratham Energy Committee to assess heating in the building. The building is also 26 years old and, while nothing is imminent, the Board feels it is prudent to continue saving in the event of any problems that might arise.

The Moderator asked if there were any questions or comments. There being none, he read Article 4 and called for a vote. Article 4 passed by a majority voice vote.

The Moderator then recognized Ms. Hanson, who moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 4; Dr. Lamm 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 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)

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to accept this article. Mr. von der Linden moved to adopt Article 5 as read, which was seconded by Ms. Hanson. The Moderator then recognized Mr. von der Linden to speak to his motion.

Mr. von der Linden stated that the School Board would like to do a needs and population assessment of pre-school aged (three and four year olds) in town, as well as assess space, staff, materials, insurance, and other needs, to determine whether public pre-school would be warranted at SMS. Mr. O'Sullivan then added that SMS already provided pre-school for students with identified needs – as required by law – as well as some students without such needs that attend on a stipend basis. The Board did not know if there was a need, and if there was, such a

program would be fee-based for those without identified needs. This would be the same as the current after-school program, which is paid for by parents.

The Moderator opened the floor to questions and comments. Joanne Ward, 6 Wedgewood Drive, stated that she appreciated the clarification regarding any possible program being fee-based. Deb Bronson, 5 Vanessa Lane, asked whether this article would be funded from surplus or taxes. Ms. Hanson responded that the cost for this study would be raised from taxes. Mr. O'Sullivan added that the Board wanted to be above board regarding this article. Marty Wool, 188R Winnicutt Road, asked if there had been any study of Kindergarten children; how many had attended a pre-school – do we have this information? Mr. Foshier replied that no formal study had been done, but this study could get this data. Lucy Cushman, 159 Winnicutt Road, stated that there are two pre-schools already in town that are hungry for students; she felt that this wasn't a need and was voting against this article. Christopher Cavarretta, 19 Winnicut Road, spoke in support of the article, stating that his youngest child currently attended the SMS pre-school program due to a speech impediment, and this program had been valuable to his family. Ms. Hanson stated that one area that the study would look at is the issue of affordability, and whether there was a need in town to provide pre-school for those families that might not be able to afford to place their child in a private pre-school program. Sarah Gallagher, 3 Fifield Lane, felt that affordability was an important issue to consider. Bruce Scamman then asked whether there were any programs like this currently being offered within SAU #16, or other areas, that offer pre-school to any child in their community. Ms. Hanson replied that this was not an option in any of the SAU #16 schools. Katie Young, 150 Bunker Hill Avenue, stated that she was a teacher in a neighboring town that had a committee looking into this issue; she wondered if that approach might be feasible here. Bob O'Sullivan responded that the Board had no plan or preconceived notions; they don't know if there is any interest in offering public pre-school. He noted that Kindergarten is a full-time program today, and is much like what first grade used to be many years ago; there is no longer a "landing pad" for kids to learn to socialize before hitting the ground running in the full-time Kindergarten program. This study was designed to simply answer some questions on viability, needs, and the impact on local providers. Michael Makabali, 43 Chisholm Farm Drive, then stated that he thought that Ms. Young was suggesting in her comments that a volunteer group look into this issue rather than paying for a study. Bruce Scamman noted that an SAU-wide pre-school program had been contemplated during his tenure on the School Board, and he wondered if this had been considered. Mr. O'Sullivan stated that the Board wanted a professional to study this issue so that staff wasn't further burdened. Mr. Thompson added that this issue had not been brought up by the joint board of the SAU on a collaborative level, and Mr. von der Linden stated that it would be several years before this would be considered by the strategic committee on which he serves.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator read Article 5 and called for a vote. Article 5 passed by a standing vote.

The Moderator then recognized Mr. O'Sullivan, who moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 5; Mr. von der Linden seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mr. Emanuel called for a vote, and the motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 5 passed by a majority voice vote.



**ARTICLE 6:** To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

The Moderator asked if there were any reports under Article 6; there were none.

**ARTICLE 7:** To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

The Moderator recognized Principal Fosher. He presented a thank-you gift to Board Chair Heidi Hanson, who is finishing her term as a Stratham School District Board member.

The Moderator acknowledged the Assistant Moderators and Supervisors of the Checklist present, as well as the SAU #16 and Stratham Memorial School administrators and staff in attendance. He then reminded everyone that Tuesday, March 10 was Election Day, which included voting for two Stratham School Board members and the School District Clerk. 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 13 at Stratham Memorial School beginning at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Emanuel also stated that anyone interested in speaking with the Selectman candidates or getting information regarding the ERCSD Warrant Article 4 could do so at the front of the room after the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mikki Deschaine  
Stratham School District Clerk

#### 2015 STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

School Board Member for Three Years:	Travis Thompson
School Board Member for Three Years:	Sarah Galligher
School District Clerk for Three Years:	Mikki Deschaine

**THE EXETER REGION**

**COOPERATIVE**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

For the Year Ending June 30, 2015  
For the Proposed 2016-2017 Budget

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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	2018	Exeter
Paul Bauer	2018	Newfields
Darrell Chichester	2016	Exeter
Travis Thompson	2016	Stratham
Linda Garey	2016	Brentwood
Denny Grubbs	2017	Exeter
Deborah Hobson	2017	East Kingston
Helen Joyce	2018	Stratham
Jim Webber	2016	Kensington

School District Website: [www.sau16.org](http://www.sau16.org)

Moderator: Kate Miller 2016

School District Clerk: Susan EH Bendroth

School District Treasurer: Mark Portu

### **BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee: David Pendell

NAME	TERM EXPIRES	TOWN
John Bridle	2016	Exeter
Lucy Cushman	2016	Stratham
Connie Gilman	2018	Stratham
Simon Heslop	2016	Newfields
Cheryl McDonough	2017	Kensington
Roy Morrisette	2017	Exeter
Mark Paige	2018	Exeter
David Pendell	2018	East Kingston
Krista Steger	2017	Brentwood

# **AS AMENDED AT THE FEB 4, 2016 DELIBERATIVE SESSION EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT**

## **Article 01: ERCSD Operating Budget FY17**

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 \$56,692,794? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$56,520,140 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 \$56,692,794 as set forth on said budget.)

## **Article 02: CRF for Synthetic Turf Replacement**

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$50,000 to be placed in the Synthetic Turf Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for replacement of the synthetic turf field located at Exeter High School. This sum to come from the 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 03: CMS Expansion and Renovation**

To see if the school district will vote to establish a Cooperative Middle School Renovation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the renovation and expansion of the Cooperative Middle School and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000 to be placed in this fund. (The School Board and the Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.) Majority vote required

## **Article 04: Citizens Petition**

**(By Citizens Petition)** "Shall the district ask the Exeter Regional Cooperative School Board to accept a vote of "confidence" in the continuing leadership and tenure of Superintendent Michael Morgan?"

# Regional School: Exeter Coop

## New Hampshire

### Warrant and Budget

2016

To the inhabitants of the town of Exeter Coop in the County of [COUNTY NAME] 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 4, 2016

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Exeter High School Auditorium

Details:

**Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)**

Date: March 8, 2016

Time: Various

Location: Various

Details:

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☐ Yes

☐ No

#### Article 02: CRF for Synthetic Turf Replacement

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$50,000 to be placed in the Synthetic Turf Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for replacement of the synthetic turf field located at Exeter High School. 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.

☐ Yes

☐ No

#### Article 03: CMS EXPANSION AND RENOVATION

To see if the town will vote to establish a Cooperative Middle School Renovation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the renovation and expansion of the Cooperative Middle School and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000 to be placed in this fund. (The School Board and the Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.) Majority vote required

☐ Yes

☐ No

**Article 04: Citizens Petition**

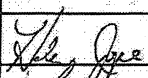
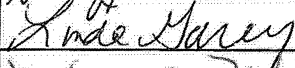

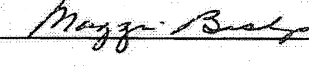

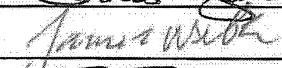
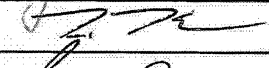
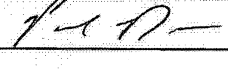
"Shall the district ask the Exeter Regional Cooperative School Board to accept a vote of "no confidence" in the continuing leadership and tenure of Superintendent Michael Morgan?" **The School Board does not recommend.**

☐ Yes

☐ No

**Given under our hands, January 20, 2016**

We certify and attest that on or before January 20, 2016 we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the SAU #16 offices, Brentwood, East Kingston, Exeter, ERCSD, Kensington, Newfields and Stratham schools and delivered the original to the Town Officials

Printed Name	Position	Signature
Helen Joyce	School Board Chair	
Linda Garey	School Board Vice Chair	
Deborah Hobson	School Board Member	
Maggie Bishop	School Board Member	
Darrell Chichester	School Board Member	
Denny Grubbs	School Board Member	
James Webber	School Board Member	
Travis Thompson	School Board Member	
Paul Bauer	School Board Member	

## EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote on District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the following locations in said Districts on TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH, 2016, at various times, to act upon the following subjects:

<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 8:00PM
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

The following positions are open for School District elections:

School District Moderator	1-year Term Expiring 2017,
School District Member (Brentwood)	3-year Term Expiring 2019,
School District Member (Exeter)	3-year Term Expiring 2019,
School District Member (Kensington)	3-year Term Expiring 2019,
School District Member (Stratham)	1-year Term Expiring 2017,
Budget Committee Member (Exeter)	3-year Term Expiring 2019,
Budget Committee Member (Newfields)	3-year Term Expiring 2019,
Budget Committee Member (Stratham)	3-year Term Expiring 2019,



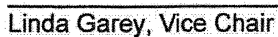
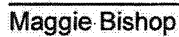
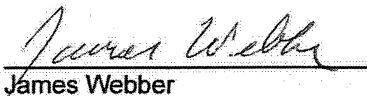
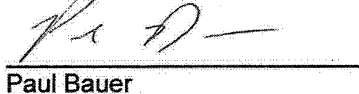

Given under our hands this 20 day of January 2016.

State of New Hampshire  
True Copy of Warrant - Attest

**EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD**



Helen Joyce, Chairperson

  
Linda Garey, Vice Chair  
Darrell Chichester  
Maggie Bishop  
Deborah Hobson  
Dennis Grubbs  
James Webber  
Paul Bauer  
Travis Thompson

# EXETER REGIONAL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR PROPOSED BUDGET

PROGRAM	BUDGET 2014-15	ACTUAL 2014-15	BUDGET 2015-16		Total	DEFAULT BUDGET		BUDGET 2016-17		PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET 2016-17
			Salary	Non-Salary		2016-17	2016-17	Salary	Non-Salary	
REGULAR EDUCATION	\$ 13,679,331	\$ 13,456,095	\$ 13,622,792	\$ 737,258	\$ 14,360,049	\$ 14,247,758	\$ 13,788,014	\$ 459,744	\$ 399	\$ 14,248,157
SPECIAL EDUCATION	6,080,766	5,671,980	3,731,886	2,560,646	6,292,532	6,703,926	4,225,030	2,478,896	5,716	\$ 6,709,642
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	1,604,064	1,586,007	1,495,051	144,113	1,639,164	1,811,119	1,660,119	151,000	7,818	\$ 1,818,937
ATHLETICS/XCURR	947,113	907,479	792,341	157,960	950,302	943,083	791,217	151,868	11,888	\$ 954,971
GUIDANCE/ATTENDANCE	1,321,067	1,312,533	1,324,954	132,934	1,457,888	1,478,191	1,380,139	98,052	6,343	\$ 1,484,534
NURSE/PSYCH/SPEECH	1,033,708	1,017,544	1,174,849	88,328	1,262,977	1,321,400	1,215,300	106,100	1,490	\$ 1,322,899
MEDIA/DIR OF INSTR	562,798	516,981	369,477	162,300	531,777	541,701	381,541	160,160	-	\$ 541,701
COMPUTER SERVICES	1,327,839	1,239,381	738,529	568,557	1,307,086	1,104,356	584,091	520,265	7,919	\$ 1,112,274
SCHOOL BOARD	99,500	139,170	-	99,500	99,500	95,100	-	95,100	-	\$ 95,100
SAU #16/ALUM/CABLE	1,271,380	1,143,278	90,377	998,072	1,088,449	1,090,018	46,668	1,043,350	1,139	\$ 1,091,157
SCHOOL ADMIN.	1,661,364	1,615,833	1,340,076	265,725	1,605,801	1,608,914	1,341,214	267,700	16,282	\$ 1,625,176
PLANT OPERATIONS	4,667,529	4,364,062	1,634,708	3,202,002	4,836,710	4,950,295	1,978,042	2,972,253	96,401	\$ 5,045,696
TRANSPORTATION	1,874,099	1,759,554	28,356	1,786,172	1,814,528	1,894,646	51,448	1,843,199	652	\$ 1,895,298
SUPPORT SERVICES	12,014,459	9,961,819	-	11,845,432	11,845,432	12,096,845	12,096,845	17,629	-	\$ 12,114,474
ALLOC TO CHARTER SCHOOLS	280,000	280,000	-	280,000	280,000	280,000	-	280,000	-	\$ 280,000
DEBT SERVICE	4,493,653	4,428,653	4,431,278	4,431,278	4,431,278	4,434,278	4,434,278	-	-	\$ 4,434,278
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 52,928,669	\$ 49,400,380	\$ 26,343,195	\$ 27,460,277	\$ 53,803,472	\$ 54,501,630	\$ 27,442,823	\$ 27,158,808	\$ 172,654	\$ 54,774,284
FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS	818,510	331,252	-	818,510	818,510	818,510	-	818,510	-	818,510
FOOD SERVICES	1,100,000	929,760	-	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	-	1,100,000	-	1,100,000
OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 54,847,179	\$ 50,661,392	\$ 26,343,195	\$ 29,378,787	\$ 55,721,982	\$ 56,520,140	\$ 27,442,823	\$ 29,077,318	\$ 172,654	\$ 56,692,794
					\$	798,158			0.31%	\$ 970,512
						1.43%			Request Incr	Request Incr
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE	-	-	-	-	95,242	-	-	Trust fund - turf	-	50,000
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$ 54,847,179	\$ 50,661,392	\$ 26,343,195	\$ 29,378,787	\$ 55,867,224	\$ 56,620,140	\$ 27,442,823	\$ 29,077,318	\$ 172,654	\$ 56,742,794
						1.43%			0.31%	\$ 875,570
						Default Incr			Requested Incr	Total Request



**School Budget Form: Exeter Coop** (RSA 21-J:34) Appropriations and Estimates of  
Revenue for the Fiscal Year from: **July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017** Form Due Date: **20 days after meeting**

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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	<i>Helen Joyce</i>
Linda Garey	<i>Linda Garey</i>
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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)
<b>Instruction</b>						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	01	\$13,456,095	\$14,368,585	\$14,248,157	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	01	\$5,671,990	\$6,372,470	\$6,709,642	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs	01	\$1,586,007	\$1,639,164	\$1,818,937	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	01	\$791,065	\$798,617	\$805,718	\$0
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	01	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	01	\$116,414	\$151,685	\$149,253	\$0
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Support Services</b>						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	01	\$2,330,077	\$2,720,865	\$2,807,423	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	01	\$1,756,362	\$1,838,862	\$1,653,976	\$0
<b>General Administration</b>						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	01	\$139,170	\$99,500	\$95,100	\$0
<b>Executive Administration</b>						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	01	\$1,062,231	\$1,042,350	\$1,042,350	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration	01	\$81,047	\$46,099	\$48,807	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	01	\$1,615,833	\$1,605,801	\$1,625,176	\$0
2500-2599	Business		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	01	\$4,364,062	\$4,836,710	\$5,045,696	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	01	\$1,759,554	\$1,814,528	\$1,895,298	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other	01	\$9,961,819	\$11,852,200	\$12,114,474	\$0
<b>Non-Instructional Services</b>						
3100	Food Service Operations	01	\$929,760	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations	01	\$331,252	\$818,510	\$818,510	\$0
<b>Facilities Acquisition and Construction</b>						
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
<b>Other Outlays</b>						
5110	Debt Service - Principal	01	\$2,421,409	\$2,309,977	\$2,204,801	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	01	\$2,007,244	\$2,121,301	\$2,229,476	\$0
<b>Fund Transfers</b>						
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
<b>Total Proposed Appropriations</b>			<b>\$50,661,391</b>	<b>\$55,817,224</b>	<b>\$56,692,794</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Current Year as Approved by DRA	Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction	03	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0
	Purpose:					
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	02	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
	Purpose:					
Special Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$2,050,000	\$0

### Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Current Year as Approved by DRA	Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
Individual Articles Recommended						

### Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
<b>Local Sources</b>					
1300-1349	Tuition	01	\$1,085,297	\$1,073,000	\$1,173,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	01	\$12,274	\$10,000	\$10,000
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	01	\$768,170	\$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	\$441,326	\$387,472	\$387,472
<b>State Sources</b>					
3210	School Building Aid	01	\$1,551,848	\$1,486,873	\$1,486,873
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Catastrophic Aid	01	\$664,347	\$577,509	\$631,650
3240-3249	Vocational Aid	01	\$1,059,603	\$1,100,000	\$1,200,000
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	01	\$8,306	\$10,000	\$10,000
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Federal Sources</b>					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants	01	\$235,868	\$478,510	\$478,510
4540	Vocational Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Adult Education	01	\$331,252	\$340,000	\$340,000
4560	Child Nutrition	01	\$163,324	\$180,000	\$180,000
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution	01	\$317,948	\$250,000	\$250,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$0	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
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	02	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	01	\$3,201,490	\$3,893,829	\$2,000,000
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$9,841,053</b>	<b>\$10,747,193</b>	<b>\$9,107,505</b>

### Budget Summary

Item	Current Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$55,721,982	\$56,692,794
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$50,000	\$2,050,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$95,242	\$0
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$55,867,224	\$58,742,794
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$8,172,022	\$9,107,505
Less: Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$6,175,877	\$6,216,247
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$41,519,325	\$43,419,042



## Default Budget: Exeter Coop

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. This form was posted with the warrant on: <<DATE>> **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 OR BUDGET COMMITTEE 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 or Budget Committee Certifications		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Helen Joyce	School Board Chair	<i>Helen Joyce</i>
Linda Garey	School Board Vice Chair	<i>Linda Garey</i>
Deborah Hobson	School Board Member	<i>Deborah L. Hobson</i>
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Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
<b>General Administration</b>					
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining	\$0	\$0		\$0
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency	\$0	\$0		\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	\$99,500	(\$4,400)		\$95,100
<b>Instruction</b>					798617
1100-1199	Regular Programs	\$14,368,585	(\$120,827)		\$14,247,758
1200-1299	Special Programs	\$6,372,470	\$331,456		\$6,703,926
1300-1399	Vocational Programs	\$1,639,164	\$171,955		\$1,811,119
1400-1499	Other Programs	\$798,617	(\$7,219)		\$791,398
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	\$0	\$0		\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	\$151,685	\$0		\$151,685
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs	\$0	\$0		\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Programs	\$0	\$0		\$0
<b>Support Services</b>					
2000-2199	Student Support Services	\$2,720,865	\$78,726		\$2,799,591
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	\$1,838,862	(\$192,805)		\$1,646,057
<b>Executive Administration</b>					
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	\$1,042,350	\$0		\$1,042,350
2320-2399	All Other Administration	\$46,099	\$1,569		\$47,668
2400-2499	School Administration Service	\$1,605,801	\$3,113		\$1,608,914
2500-2599	Business	\$0	\$0		\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	\$4,836,710	\$113,585		\$4,950,295
2700-2799	Student Transportation	\$1,814,528	\$80,118		\$1,894,646
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other	\$11,852,200	\$244,645		\$12,096,845
<b>Non-Instructional Services</b>					
3100	Food Service Operations	\$1,100,000	\$0		\$1,100,000
3200	Enterprise Operations	\$818,510	\$0		\$818,510
<b>Facilities Acquisition and Construction</b>					
4100	Site Acquisition	\$0	\$0		\$0
4200	Site Improvement	\$0	\$0		\$0
4300	Architectural/Engineering	\$0	\$0		\$0
4400	Educational Specification Development	\$0	\$0		\$0
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction	\$0	\$0		\$0
4600	Building Improvement Services	\$0	\$0		\$0
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction	\$0	\$0		\$0
<b>Other Outlays</b>					
5110	Debt Service - Principal	\$2,309,977	(\$105,175)		\$2,204,802
5120	Debt Service - Interest	\$2,121,301	\$108,175		\$2,229,476
<b>Fund Transfers</b>					
5220-5221	To Food Service	\$0	\$0		\$0
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue	\$0	\$0		\$0
5230-5239	To Capital Projects	\$0	\$0		\$0
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	\$0	\$0		\$0
5252	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0		\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0		\$0
5254	To Agency Funds	\$0	\$0		\$0
5310	To Charter Schools	\$280,000	\$0		\$280,000
5390	To Other Agencies	\$0	\$0		\$0
9990	Supplemental Appropriation	\$0	\$0		\$0
9992	Deficit Appropriation	\$0	\$0		\$0
<b>Total Appropriations</b>		<b>\$55,817,224</b>			<b>\$56,520,140</b>



Explanation for Increases and Decreases	
Account	Explanation
2310-2319	per contract
1100-1199	change in services offered, contractual obligations, change in staffing
1200-1299	change in services offered, contractual obligations, change in staffing
1300-1399	change in staffing
1400-1499	change in staffing
2000-2199	change in services offered, contractual obligations
2200-2299	change in services offered, contractual obligations
2320-2399	per contract
2400-2499	per contract
2600-2699	increase in contracted services and supplies
2700-2799	based on contract
2800-2999	based on contractual obligations, increase in rates
5110	per repayment schedule
5120	per repayment schedule

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

<b><u>SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>2013-2014</u></b>	<b><u>2014-2015</u></b>
1200/1230 Special Programs	4,872,268	5,506,036
1430 Summer School	56,636	53,186
2140 Psychological Services	153,110	251,624
2150 Speech and Audiology	256,167	337,933
2162 Physical Therapy	23,438	30,950
2163 Occupational Therapy	6,115	0
2332 Administration Costs	133,029	112,769
2722 Special Transportation	367,362	408,645
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,868,125</b>	<b>6,701,143</b>
<b><u>SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUES</u></b>		
1950 Service to other LEAs	0	0
3110 Special Ed Portion Adequacy Funds	802,796	862,135
3240 Catastrophic Aid	535,567	664,347
4580 Medicaid	267,419	317,948
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,605,782</b>	<b>1,844,430</b>
<b>ACTUAL DISTRICT COST FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b><u>4,262,343</u></b>	<b><u>4,856,713</u></b>

Minutes of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District  
First Session of the 2015 Annual Meeting  
Deliberative Session – Thursday, February 5, 2015  
Exeter High School Arthur Hanson III Center

ERCSD BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helen Joyce, Chair – Stratham	Linda Garey, Vice-Chair – Brentwood
Deb Hobson – East Kingston	Darrell Chichester – Exeter
Paul Staller – Kensington	James Firmin – Stratham
Denny Grubbs – Exeter	Maggie Bishop – Exeter
Alicia Heslop - Newfields	

ADMINISTRATION: Michael Morgan, Superintendent

Amy Ransom – Business Administrator for SAU 16

OTHERS: Katherine Miller – ERCSD Moderator

Barbara Loughman – Attorney for the School District

Dave Pendell – Chair of District's Budget Advisory Committee

Susan Bendroth – ERCSD Clerk

Moderator Kate Miller called the meeting to order at 7 :00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of board members and other officials. Moderator Miller explained that the District is an "SB2" or "Official Ballot" school district. Moderator Miller reviewed the purpose, rules and procedures for the meeting.

Moderator Miller called Luke Breton, School District Treasurer, Alicia Heslop, ERCSD Newfields Board Member and Paul Staller, ERCSD Kensington Board Member to the podium where Helen Joyce, Chair of the ERCSD recognized them for their time and talent to the school district, as they are not seeking re-election or re-appointment.

Moderator Miller turned to Warrant Article #1:

**Warrant 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 \$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.)**

Helen Joyce, Stratham Board Member, moved the article.

Linda Garey, Brentwood Board Member, seconded.

Helen Joyce introduced Amy Ransom, Business Administrator, who reviewed the default budget and proposed changes highlighting the larger items through a power point presentation.

Suzanne Stone, Exeter, questioned monies for the alternative education program. Michael Morgan, Superintendent, answered saying this is not the place for that discussion but instead at the Curriculum and Philosophy Committee meeting set for March 3, 2015 at 6:00 Pm at the SAU office.

Moderator Miller confirmed that the discussion needed to be limited to the items on the warrant.

Brian Griset, Exeter asked about salary related increases and tax impact for each town.

Amy Ransom, Business Administrator, referred to the orange sheet of paper available to attendees that outlines the total cost of special education and regular education.

Frank Ferraro, Exeter, questioned the presentation format, lack of clarity and parents request for out of district placement.

Denny Grubbs, Exeter Board Member, explained that the proposed budget is built off of the default budget.

Moderator Miller clarified that if the district can meet a students needs than they do not need to be placed out of district.

Maureen Barrows, Exeter, asked again about the possibility of closing the alternative education program and expressed her disapproval.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, requested that both she and Suzanne Stone attend the curriculum and Philosophy Committee Meeting on March 3, 2015.

Brian Griset, Exeter, requested that on voting day voters be given a comparison of the budgets for this year and next.

Moderator Miller stated that these comparisons are available on the SAU 16 web site.

Rob Bergin, Brentwood, moved to end discussion.

Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, seconded.

Darrell Chichester, Exeter Board Member, moved to restrict reconsideration of Article #1.

Rob Bergin, Brentwood, seconded.

Moderator Miller explained that if this motion passes, then, Article #1 cannot be reconsidered during this session. If this motion passes, and then there is a subsequent motion to reconsider Article #1, and if that subsequent motion passes, then reconsideration of Article #1 could occur, but not until we have adjourned session of this deliberative session, at least seven days from now.

The motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Moderator Miller declared the article to appear on the ballot as presented.

Moderator Miller turned to 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 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
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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.)

Deb Hobson, East Kingston Board Member, moved the article.

Alicia Heslop, Newfields Board Member, seconded.

Deb Hobson, East Kingston Board Member, explained the agreement and asked to amend the article to delete "Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12" as it is no longer needed.

Alicia Heslop, Newfields Board Member seconded the amendment.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, moved to restrict reconsideration of Article #2.

Rob Bergin, Brentwood, seconded.

The motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Moderator Miller declared the article to appear on the ballot as amended.

Moderator Miller turned to Warrant Article #3:

**Warrant Article #3: 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.**

Darrell Chichester, Exeter Board Member, moved the article.

Maggie Bishop, Exeter Board Member, seconded.

Darrell Chichester, Exeter Board Member, spoke to the article explaining that this fund would be set up to ease the blow of the cost of replacement when the time comes. The field is designed to last 15 to 20 years and we are currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> year. The Board is not looking to increase appropriations, as this money would come from monies available at the end of the year.

Conrad Moses, East Kingston, asked what would happen to this money if the school is no longer playing football by replacement time

Darrell Chichester, Exeter Board Member, explained that the field is used by other sports as well.

Crystal Slegger, Brentwood, added that indeed it does impact taxes as this is money that would not be returned to the taxpayers.

Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, asked if this is something we would vote on every year.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, confirmed that this is the only fund we are requesting money for this year and yes it would come before the voters in the future.

Darrell Chichester, Exeter Board Member, moved to restrict reconsideration of Article #3.

Linda Garey, Brentwood Board Member, seconded.

The motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Moderator Miller declared the article to appear on the ballot as presented.

Moderator Miller turned to Warrant Article #4:

**Warrant Article #4: (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.)**

Lauren Burns, Stratham, moved the article.

Dianna Lankler, Stratham seconded. She went on to explain that over 200 parents signed this petition as they feel the present SAU 16 policy on personal communication devices is inadequate. It doesn't keep the students safe or fully engaged with their peers, teachers and community. A policy needs to be established that restricts usage between 7:45 and 2:00.

Darrell Chichester, Exeter Board Member, stated that this article would not allow any student to use their personal communication device during the school day.

Dianna Lankler, Stratham, offered an amendment:

**"Shall the voters of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District require the adoption of a formal policy for the Cooperative Middle School that restricts student use of personal electronic communication devices during the hours that the Cooperative Middle School is in session?**

**Such a policy would not prohibit students from bringing devices to school but would require devices to be turned off and stored during the school day. And furthermore, such a policy would not conflict with a BYOD policy that allows students to "bring your own device" into a classroom to use for specific educational purposes with parent permission and strict teacher supervision."**

Heidi Hanson, Stratham, seconded.

David Pendell, East Kingston, appreciated the presentation and suggested that prohibits be taken out and replaced with addresses.

Heidi Hanson, Stratham, spoke in support of the amendment and expressed concerns about legal issues.

Helen Joyce, Stratham Board member, agrees with concerns but this is an issue for administration to address.

Ruth Black, Stratham, shared a letter written by Lauren Ruben, a neuropsychologist in Portsmouth supporting the article.

Wren Haynes, East Kingston, a teacher for 10 years, opposed the motion. We are providing an education to make good choices so lets write a policy to address the usage not restrict it.

Heidi Hanson, Stratham, clarified the amendment and asked for fully engaged students working on building critical thinking skills.

Steve Langford, Stratham, expressed concern about addressing as more and more data is coming in that shows children are not able to learn while on their personal devices. We want our students to concentrate on teacher's lessons and respect education.

Adam Wiggin, Kensington, expressed concern about loopholes in the policy.

Linda Garey, Brentwood Board Member, read the policy outlined in the CMS handbook.

Dianna Lankler, Stratham, felt that the wording is unclear.

Bob Montigary, Brentwood, stated that parents can restrict their children's accounts and asked to move the amendment.

Luke Breton, Stratham seconded.

The amendment did not pass.

Lucy Cushman, Stratham, stated that it is the job of the school board to write policy not appropriate to have the school district doing it.

Alicia Heslop, Newfields Board Member, stated there is a policy committee that reviews such policies periodically.

David Pendell, East Kingston offered an amendment:

**"Are you in favor of having the Cooperative Middle School readress the formal policy for student use of personal electronic communication devices during the hours that CMS is in session?"**

Alyson Vanderwater, Stratham asked if she understood it correctly that CMS doesn't set the policy but the SAU sets the policy.

Michael Morgan, Superintendent, answered by saying that the SAU has a policy committee. Each individual district has their own policies with some minor differences but try to have a common policy. There is a procedure at CMS.

Dianna Lankler, Stratham, stated that they did go to the administration but did not get anywhere.

David Pendell, East Kingston, responded by saying having brought the issue before the board they will listen to the community.

A motion was made to move the amendment and seconded.

Moderator Miller declared the article to appear on the ballot as amended.

A motion to restrict reconsideration was moved and seconded.

The motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Moderator Miller turned to Warrant Article #5:

**Warrant Article #5: to hear the reports of agents, auditors and committers or officers heretofore chosen.**

No reports.

Moderator Miller turned to Warrant Article #6:

**Warrant Article #6: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.**

No other business.

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

Moderator Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:14 PM with 149 voters from 6 towns present at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan E. Bendroth*

Susan E.H. Bendroth, Exeter Region Cooperative School District Clerk  
February 5, 2015

*Kimberly F. Williams*  
2-16-2015

**KIMBERLY F. WILLIAMS**  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
State of New Hampshire  
My Commission Expires  
October 18, 2018



MINUTES OF THE EXETER REGION COOPRATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SECOND SESSION OF THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING  
VOTING SESSION – MARCH 10, 2015

The polls were open at the polling place at the hours below to choose the following District Officers: Cooperative School Board Member (Exeter – 3 years), Cooperative School Board Member (Exeter – 2 years), Cooperative School Board Member (Kensington – 2 year), Cooperative School Board member (Newfields – 3 year), Cooperative School Board Member (Stratham – 3 year), Cooperative School District Moderator, Cooperative School Budget Member (East Kingston), Cooperative School Budget Member (Exeter), Cooperative School Budget Member (Stratham) and vote by ballot on articles listed 1, 2, 3 and 4.

VOTERS IN TOWN OF	POLLING PLACE	POLLING HOURS
Brentwood	Recreation Center	8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
East Kingston	East Kingston Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room	8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Exeter	Talbot Gym	7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Kensington	Kensington Elementary	8:00 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.
Newfields	Newfields Town Hall	8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Stratham	Stratham Municipal Center	8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Results of the election of Exeter Region Cooperative School District Officers:

Exeter Cooperative Board Member, term ending 2018 election:

**Margaret (Maggie) Bishop      3,006**

Exeter Cooperative Board Member, term ending 2017 election:

**Dennis Grubbs      2,857**

Kensington Cooperative Board Member, term ending 2017 election:  
(write-ins):

**James Bauer      33**

Newfields Cooperative Board Member, term ending 2018 election: (write-ins):

**Paul Bauer      6**

Stratham Cooperative Board Member, term ending 2018 election:

**Helen Joyce      2,666**

Cooperative School District Moderator, term ending 2016 election:

**Katherine B. Miller      2,671**

East Kingston Cooperative Budget Member, term ending 2018 election:

**David Pendell      2,531**

Exeter Cooperative Budget Member, term ending 2018 election:

**Mark Paige      1,420**

Michael Demartino      904

Stratham Cooperative Budget Member, term ending 2018 election: (write-ins)

**Connie Gilman**

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**YES**

**2,981**

**NO**

**637**

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**YES**

**2,639**

**NO**

**1,273**

Article #3: 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. The 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 needed.

**YES**

**2,275**

**NO**

**1,610**

Article #4: (By Citizens Petition) "Are you in favor of having the Cooperative Middle School (CMS) readdress the formal policy for student use of personal electronic communication devices during the hours that CMS is in session?"

YES	2,554	NO	1,172
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Respectfully submitted

*Susan E. Bendroth*

Susan E.H. Bendroth, Exeter Region Cooperative School District Clerk  
March 17, 2015

*Kimberly F. Williams*  
3/19/2015

**KIMBERLY F. WILLIAMS**  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
State of New Hampshire  
My Commission Expires  
October 16, 2018



## **Annual Report of SAU 16**

**For the Year Ending June 30, 2015**

**For the Proposed 2016-2017 Budget**

## **SAU 16**

### **Superintendent Salaries**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S PRORATED SALARY**

**2015-2016**

<b>BRENTWOOD</b>	<b>\$9,086.80</b>
<b>EAST KINGSTON</b>	<b>\$5,304.48</b>
<b>EXETER</b>	<b>\$26,876.02</b>
<b>EXETER REGION COOP</b>	<b>\$85,209.91</b>
<b>KENSINGTON</b>	<b>\$4,935.47</b>
<b>NEWFIELDS</b>	<b>\$3,951.45</b>
<b>STRATHAM</b>	<b>\$18,388.86</b>
	<b>\$153,753.00</b>

#### **ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARIES**

**(Total reflects 3.0 positions, \$129,700, \$115,500, \$105,000)**

**2015-2016**

<b>BRENTWOOD</b>	<b>\$20,696.82</b>
<b>EAST KINGSTON</b>	<b>\$12,081.90</b>
<b>EXETER</b>	<b>\$61,214.96</b>
<b>EXETER REGION COOP</b>	<b>\$194,080.84</b>
<b>KENSINGTON</b>	<b>\$11,241.42</b>
<b>NEWFIELDS</b>	<b>\$9,000.14</b>
<b>STRATHAM</b>	<b>\$41,883.92</b>
	<b>\$350,200.00</b>

## **2015-2016 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

For the second consecutive year our nation's economy has experienced a precipitous drop in oil and gas prices which now average below \$2.00 a gallon for the first time in eight years. Add to that the interesting phenomenon that property tax rates in all six SAU 16 communities declined in late 2015. The value of the US dollar is strong against both the Canadian dollar and the Euro which translates to a stronger economy for our country and our region. New Hampshire has the lowest rate of people living in poverty and our employment rate is 6<sup>th</sup> best in the country. In fact, the NH unemployment rate (3.2%) is the lowest it has been in 14 years. It is among these economic factors that School Administrative Unit (SAU) 16 schools continue to work hard to provide the best possible education that serves the students and families in our communities while respecting the heavy burden that local property taxes have on residents. School Board Members and administrators are very sensitive to the fact that approximately 80% of SAU 16 households do not have school age children residing in them while also being very aware that New Hampshire is second only to Florida in its aging average population.

Continuing to understand the relevancy of economic trends in an SAU school system that is the third largest in the state of New Hampshire is a marvelous educational endeavor. Professional educators here are strongly committed to developing good citizens who will learn extensively and work hard to contribute to a culture and a society that values honesty, integrity, hard work, and high ethical and moral standards. 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, personalized instruction, and work within the six communities of 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 Superintendent Reports to the community are published and available at the SAU website ([www.sau16.org](http://www.sau16.org)). Efforts are underway to develop the next SAU Strategic Plan for 2016-2021. Approximately 40 interested members of the public have joined this collaborative effort and have identified three significant Focus Areas for future goals: 1) Teaching and Learning; 2) Design, Philosophy, and Governance; and 3) Health and Community.

Highlights of the past year include:

1. The SAU is committed to achieve high academic standards and to provide the best possible selection of courses and educational opportunities to students from pre-school to high school graduation. The SAU goal is to have every student career and college ready and to become actively involved as a contributing member in society.

2. *Individualized Innovative Instruction* is the overarching theme of the school year as teachers and administrators strive to make education “personalized” so that each student may achieve his/her highest potential.
3. The SAU administration and faculty are continuing the implementation of the NextGen Science standards to advance curriculum work throughout all of the schools in the SAU.
4. The College Board recognized Exeter High School in its 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll — a list of approximately 425 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.
5. The SAU 16 professional staff is strongly committed to improving its art and its method of teaching. Using the “instructional rounds process,” teams of staff members are consistently bridging the knowledge gap between educators and their practices. Each year these teams work with each other to visit classrooms and then engage in discussions of explicit practices that are directly tied into the process of school improvement.
6. The SAU Safety and Security Committee continued to strengthen collaboration among the 11 schools in the SAU and the six local police departments. This year’s work extended to involvement with the NH Department of Safety Office of Homeland Security which conducted a “School Security Assessment” for each facility. These “safety audits” are designed to improve all safety and security protocols and practices in our schools.
7. In conjunction with the Stratham Police Department and the NH Department of Safety, the Cooperative Middle School conducted a day-long “active shooter” training exercise in August 2015.
8. This school year brought the largest enrollment ever (737 students) to the Seacoast School of Technology (SST). SST began in 1980 and is currently in its 37<sup>th</sup> year of operation. It offers 12 programs in career and technical education fields. Currently 171 students are earning 462 college credits through “Dual Enrollment” programs offered in conjunction with various colleges and universities.
9. All seven of the SAU 16 elementary schools were recognized by New Hampshire Partners in Education for their outstanding parent and community volunteer programs.
10. Exeter Adult Education has completed 30 years of successful programming for those students seeking to earn their high school diploma or a diploma equivalency. It also offers a wide variety of “enrichment programs” for adults.
11. The Exeter School District welcomed Mr. Drew Bairstow as the new principal for Lincoln Street School (LSS).
12. Four members of the Exeter High School (EHS) Class of 2015 earned the prestigious distinction of being named *National Merit Scholars*: Guinevere Gilman, Meredith Gilman, Cameron Morris, and Caroline Ritter.
13. The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation named the SAU 16 schools as one of its 2015 “Best Communities for Music Education” in the US.
14. Exeter High School (EHS) teacher and coach Jim Tufts was inducted into the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) Hall of Fame. Coach Tufts teaches Physical Education at EHS and is the Varsity Boys Soccer and Ice Hockey Coach. He also initiated Special Olympics at EHS and still coordinates its events.
15. Cooperative Middle School (CMS) Physical Education teacher and EHS Varsity Girls Soccer Coach Megan Young was inducted into the New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame. She is the first woman to ever receive this honor since the program was established in 1994. She joins 30 men, including Coach Tufts, who have been lauded with this honor.
16. The New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS) honored Cooperative Middle School (CMS) teacher Pat Glennon as a “Master in the Middle” for her outstanding work and emphasis on community service by introducing, supporting, and continuing to nurture the widely-

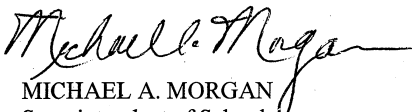
- implemented *Travis Manion Foundation* which honors fallen heroes with the motto of “If not me, then who....” throughout CMS.
17. SAU 16 saw the retirements of 16 SAU professional staff members who dedicated a combined total of 408 years of service to our children and their families. Couple this with the 16 professional staff members who retired a year ago. They had dedicated a total of 352 years of faithful service. This means that in two years, 32 staff members have retired from working in SAU 16. Given the demographics of current employees, this trend will continue for several more years.
  18. SAU 16 presently has 20 students who are classified as “immigrants” according to criteria established by the NH Department of Education.
  19. SAU 16 currently has 90 students who are registered for “Home School” programs.
  20. The “Officer Stephen Arkell Community 5K” run/walk raised over \$71,000 through the efforts of over 1,800 participants and volunteers.
  21. Thanks to the generous involvement of local individuals and organizations, 90 graduates in the Exeter High School Class of 2015 received over \$190,000 in scholarships and tuition aid for college.
  22. Ms. Anne DeMarco, Animal and Plant Science teacher at the Seacoast School of Technology (SST) was one of only 42 nationwide teachers recognized at the 2015 National FFA Conference for having earned her Honorary American FFA Degree.
  23. Ms. Cathy Clermont, Cooperative Middle School (CMS) Local Education Administrator and formerly a CMS physical education teacher, was recognized by the NH Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NHAHPERD) as its “2015 Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year.”
  24. The New Hampshire Football Officials Association presented one of its three 2015 Sportsmanship Awards to Exeter High School (EHS) and recognized Coach Bill Ball for the EHS football team’s collective efforts in the important area of sportsmanship.
  25. The Exeter High School (EHS) Unified Soccer Team won its first state championship in the fall of 2015.
  26. Mrs. Sue Noseworthy received the coveted 2015 *Eustis Award* at the formal opening of the SAU 16 school year. Mrs. Noseworthy has distinguished herself as someone who truly exemplifies the outstanding qualities characterized by an SAU 16 education. She has taught art at Lincoln Street School (LSS) for 32 years and joins 13 other SAU 16 professional staff members who have been recognized in this way since the *Eustis Award* began in 2004.
  27. Ms. Helen Burnham, Library Media Specialist at Lincoln Street School (LSS) was selected as the “2015 School Librarian of the Year” by the New Hampshire School Library Media Association.
  28. Ms. Lili Spinosa, Physical Education teacher at Kensington Elementary School (KES) received the 2015 Outstanding Achievement Award from the New Hampshire Governor’s Council on Physical Activity and Health.
  29. Mr. Dan Provost, Exeter High School (EHS) English teacher and Advisor to the Student Senate, received the 2015 Warren E. Shull Advisor of the Year Award for his outstanding work with and dedication to the EHS Student Senate.
  30. Mr. Josh Felch, Math teacher at the Cooperative Middle School (CMS) was honored by Phillips Exeter Academy (PEA) in the fall of 2015 with the *Honoring Early Education Award* which recognizes those teachers who have a profound impact on one or more PEA students.
  31. Student enrollment continues to be monitored carefully in all schools. Among the schools in the SAU, East Kingston Elementary School, Kensington Elementary School, Newfields Elementary School, and Swasey Central School in Brentwood have experienced the most significant losses in student enrollment over the past 10 years.
  32. In November, the SAU Joint Board hosted its 6<sup>th</sup> annual meeting with state legislators as they continue ways to discuss topics of mutual interest and to share ideas about what is happening politically and financially at the state and local levels.



33. Ms. Claire Bloom, the founder of the *End 68 Hours of Hunger* program, was presented with the statewide "Champions for Children Award" by the New Hampshire Association of School Administrators Association in May 2015. This successful weekend food backpack program now benefits approximately 85 students within the SAU and is coordinated locally by Ms. Kim Army from Newfields and Ms. Sue Abizaid from Stratham.
34. The SAU 16 Safety and Security Committee continues to meet at least three times each year to strengthen the collaboration and communication among school officials and local police departments. Over 40 individuals are directly involved in this important community work.
35. Schools continue to use a wide variety of media - including websites, newspapers, cable access television, and blogs - to communicate the schools' mission and service to the community.
36. The Exeter Area Lions Club continues to work with SAU 16 schools through *Operation KidSight*, its vision screening program. Its mission is "to prevent blindness through early detection and treatment of the most common vision disorders in children." Each year many children benefit from this free screening provided to students and this often leads to children receiving important eye care as soon as possible.
37. SAU 16 continues to support the work of the Exeter Adult 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.
38. Channel 13, the SAU 16 Educational Channel that is provided to all Comcast subscribers within the six towns of the SAU, continues to expand its program offerings to keep the public informed about school events, activities, and meetings.
39. The community of educators remains diligent in supporting the needs of students entrusted to each of us.

This is my eighth 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 Budget - FY 2016-17

	2014-2015 Equalized val.	Valuation Percentage	# Pupils ADM 14-15	Pupil %	Combined Percentage	FY 2016-17 Assessment	Change from 15-16 %	Change from 15-16 \$
Town								
Brentwood	\$ 204,689,795	4.68%	306.62	5.784%	5.23%	\$ 100,876	1.09%	\$ 1,088
East Kingston	127,197,151	2.91%	143.90	2.715%	2.81%	\$ -	1.30%	\$ 696
Exeter	773,857,836	17.70%	957.04	18.055%	17.88%	\$ 344,618	3.60%	\$ 11,981
Kensington	107,585,859	2.46%	123.77	2.335%	2.40%	\$ 46,223	-6.11%	\$ (3,010)
Newfields	105,149,032	2.41%	135.32	2.553%	2.48%	\$ 47,786	10.20%	\$ 4,422
Stratham	566,456,847	12.96%	588.00	11.093%	12.03%	\$ 231,795	5.47%	\$ 12,011
Co Op	2,486,298,094	56.88%	3,046.10	57.465%	57.17%	\$ 1,101,985	5.70%	\$ 59,392
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,371,234,614</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>5,300.75</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 1,927,490</b>	<b>4.70%</b>	<b>\$ 86,581</b>

**SAU# 16 PROPOSED BUDGET**

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2016-17</b>									
ACCT#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 2011-12	ACTUAL FY 2012-13	ACTUAL FY 2013-14	ACTUAL FY 2014-15	BUDGET FY 2015-16	PROPOSED FY16-17	CHANGE IN \$\$	NOTES
<b>CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION</b>									
11-2320-110	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	398,676.13	403,888.41	408,449.96	419,097.92	431,680.00	447,127.00	15,447.00	3% incr
11-2320-112	ADJUSTMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,500.00	10,000.00	0.00	(10,000.00)	
11-2320-111	TREASURER & BRD MINUTES	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,100.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
11-2320-113	SPECIAL ED ADMIN SALARIES	92,000.00	94,300.00	22,200.00	95,000.00	97,850.00	101,970.00	4,120.00	
11-2320-114	ANNUITY	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	7,000.00	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	155,013.00	159,670.00	164,452.00	4,782.00	3% incr
11-2320-117	HUMAN RESOURCES	58,467.02	59,928.55	61,127.04	62,961.08	64,850.00	66,795.50	1,945.50	3% incr
11-2320-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	110,469.59	87,070.55	93,784.67	118,589.69	124,490.00	134,022.52	9,532.52	7.6% - 8.1% increas
11-2320-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	7,046.03	7,390.05	7,131.19	7,416.74	8,250.00	8,243.04	(6.96)	0% increase
11-2320-213	LIFE INSURANCE	1,844.20	1,845.08	1,861.06	2,772.00	2,520.00	2,512.80	(7.20)	per agreement
11-2320-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	2,095.12	1,929.50	2,150.32	2,617.13	2,390.00	2,946.24	556.24	per agreement
11-2320-231	LONGEVITY	3,855.01	3,620.00	5,156.21	6,931.12	4,740.00	4,984.92	244.92	per salaries
11-2320-232	RETIREMENT (11.17%)	59,751.40	61,247.12	73,248.63	87,207.16	86,770.00	86,767.44	(2.56)	per salaries
11-2320-220	FICA (7.65%)	51,827.81	53,267.58	51,789.85	55,655.75	59,430.00	59,424.44	(5.57)	per salaries
11-2320-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,638.44	3,832.59	5,944.11	3,600.00	3,730.00	3,728.59	(1.41)	per salaries
11-2320-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	1,523.40	3,748.58	1,484.31	686.00	1,230.00	1,224.00	(6.00)	per staffing
11-2320-290	CONFERENCES	4,916.72	5,541.82	4,222.21	8,093.55	6,000.00	7,600.00	1,600.00	
11-2320-270	COURSE REIMBURSEMENTS	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	4,834.00	1,000.00	4,830.00	3,830.00	
11-2320-320	STAFF TRAINING	16,256.20	15,015.60	7,245.44	6,926.62	12,000.00	10,000.00	(2,000.00)	
11-2320-371	AUDIT EXPENSE	14,000.00	10,249.50	13,535.00	13,781.00	13,904.00	13,904.00	0.00	per agreement
11-2320-372	LEGAL EXPENSE	4,618.00	5,399.23	6,189.71	7,430.75	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
11-2320-373	MENTOR TRAINING	5,255.55	2,584.58	4,609.50	4,649.04	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	
11-2320-440	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	4,899.95	2,555.43	2,330.74	5,654.79	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	
11-2320-531	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATION	12,526.56	20,684.93	13,635.00	17,098.59	19,225.00	19,225.00	0.00	
11-2320-532	POSTAGE	4,873.09	2,129.41	3,011.70	3,332.04	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	
11-2320-580	TRAVEL	22,207.50	21,823.47	18,440.72	22,678.86	23,880.00	23,880.00	0.00	per contract
11-2320-610	SUPPLIES	19,364.72	17,837.98	6,017.11	16,661.79	16,250.00	16,000.00	(250.00)	
11-2320-611	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTED	4,344.26	5,473.68	52,464.36	8,323.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	
11-2320-733	LEASED EQUIPMENT	11,577.66	14,916.12	13,920.86	13,082.20	15,500.00	14,500.00	(1,000.00)	
11-2320-810	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	3,478.52	17,385.39	3,677.72	23,692.70	13,050.00	13,300.00	250.00	
11-2320-870	CONTINGENCY	5,513.70	2,500.00	4,515.46	4,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	(1,000.00)	
		<b>1,073,788.02</b>	<b>1,080,895.60</b>	<b>1,046,717.88</b>	<b>1,194,386.52</b>	<b>1,214,909.00</b>	<b>1,242,937.48</b>	<b>28,028.48</b>	
							% Change 16-17	2.31%	

**SAU# 16 PROPOSED BUDGET**

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2016-17</b>									
ACCT#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 2011-12	ACTUAL FY 2012-13	ACTUAL FY 2013-14	ACTUAL FY 2014-15	BUDGET FY 2015-16	PROPOSED FY16-17	CHANGE IN \$\$	NOTES
<b>FISCAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION</b>									
11-2321-110	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	101,000.00	92,250.04	97,000.00	99,910.00	102,910.00	106,090.00	3,180.00	3% incr
11-2321-116	FISCAL SRV MGR/ACCOUNTANT	101,517.00	106,879.80	108,062.24	112,315.00	115,690.00	111,410.00	(4,280.00)	3% incr
11-2321-130	PAYROLL/A/P SALARIES	161,812.48	166,795.96	173,173.32	184,615.00	193,130.00	188,070.00	(5,060.00)	3% incr
11-2321-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	99,171.54	106,857.69	133,322.47	110,141.51	125,910.00	129,926.47	4,016.47	7.6% - 8.1% increase
11-2321-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	4,445.76	4,439.76	4,177.70	4,254.12	4,710.00	4,702.80	(7.20)	0% increase
11-2321-213	LIFE INSURANCE	403.08	354.12	422.18	524.16	680.00	679.39	(0.61)	per agreement
11-2321-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	1,137.93	1,157.63	1,190.88	1,154.79	1,300.00	1,590.91	290.91	per salaries
11-2321-220	FICA (7.65%)	27,923.40	27,945.63	28,495.05	29,042.27	31,900.00	31,896.68	(3.33)	per salaries
11-2321-231	LONGEVITY	5,979.30	6,457.05	7,507.14	8,210.40	5,220.00	2,392.00	(2,828.00)	per salaries
11-2321-232	RETIREMENT (11.17%)	27,002.44	27,223.20	37,076.46	33,968.70	46,580.00	46,573.32	(6.69)	increased per state
11-2321-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,850.00	1,760.00	2,005.00	1,654.00	2,010.00	2,001.36	(8.64)	per salaries
11-2321-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	720.00	0.00	1,140.00	443.00	1,080.00	1,071.00	(9.00)	per staffing
11-2321-290	CONFERENCES	2,806.65	3,037.17	2,152.25	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	
11-2321-330	COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES	17,386.91	16,261.15	18,307.94	18,217.65	18,500.00	30,756.00	12,256.00	Change in vendor
11-2321-440	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	2,007.16	2,600.00	1,599.50	1,213.61	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	
11-2321-531	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATION	600.00	638.88	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	
11-2321-580	MILEAGE	1,217.88	979.60	1,476.62	452.26	1,750.00	1,000.00	(750.00)	
11-2321-610	SUPPLIES EXPENSE	2,484.49	2,659.53	3,564.67	1,984.09	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	
11-2321-741	EQUIPMENT	449.00	4,484.35	445.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	
	<b>FISCAL SVS TOTALS</b>	<b>559,915.02</b>	<b>572,781.56</b>	<b>621,718.42</b>	<b>611,700.56</b>	<b>660,070.00</b>	<b>666,859.93</b>	<b>6,789.93</b>	
							% Change 16-17	1.03%	

**SAU# 16 PROPOSED BUDGET**

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2016-17</b>									
ACCT#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 2011-12	ACTUAL FY 2012-13	ACTUAL FY 2013-14	ACTUAL FY 2014-15	BUDGET FY 2015-16	PROPOSED FY16-17	CHANGE IN \$\$	NOTES
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>									
2820-110	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SALARIES	47,798.91	40,207.97	41,578.72	42,577.99	44,370.00	45,700.00	1,330.00	3% incr
2820-321	TECHNICAL CONSULTANT	15,290.74	11,498.54	1,768.20	1,794.40	7,500.00	5,000.00	(2,500.00)	reduction of service
2820-329	TECHNICAL TRAINING	16,235.93	19,771.84	3,603.00	0.00	3,850.00	2,000.00	(1,850.00)	
2320-531	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATION	69.43	796.22	1,276.03	1,103.96	1,920.00	960.00	(960.00)	
2320-580	MILEAGE	5,211.16	5,168.78	5,522.02	3,792.35	4,300.00	1,665.00	(2,635.00)	
2820-610	SUPPLIES	2,453.61	7,068.20	1,229.47	1,515.29	4,000.00	2,750.00	(1,250.00)	
2820-641	BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	426.00	0.00	43.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2820-650	SOFTWARE	15,324.78	8,589.47	15,011.13	2,577.49	34,150.00	28,850.00	(5,300.00)	
2820-738	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	1,831.82	3,848.98	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	
2820-739	EQUIPMENT	5,184.95	11,171.91	2,679.35	8,749.00	5,500.00	0.00	(5,500.00)	
2900-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	16,755.04	19,467.61	22,171.45	16,842.04	22,300.00	17,774.42	(4,525.58)	7.6% - 8.1% increas
2900-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	541.68	1,060.27	460.90	422.83	510.00	502.80	(7.20)	0% increase
2900-213	LIFE INSURANCE	28.56	21.42	30.80	42.00	60.00	50.40	(9.60)	per agreement
2900-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	149.52	106.24	150.12	142.20	180.00	175.82	(4.18)	per salaries
2900-220	FICA (7.65%)	4,722.49	3,032.70	3,021.21	3,109.65	3,400.00	3,394.31	(5.70)	per salaries
2900-221	RETIREMENT (11.17%)	4,067.98	3,538.35	4,478.00	4,585.66	4,960.00	4,956.13	(3.87)	per salaries
2900-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	400.00	330.00	290.00	0.00	270.00	260.98	(9.02)	per salaries
2900-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	200.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	160.00	153.00	(7.00)	per salaries
<b>TECHNOLOGY TOTAL</b>		<b>136,692.60</b>	<b>135,678.50</b>	<b>103,433.94</b>	<b>90,754.86</b>	<b>140,930.00</b>	<b>117,692.85</b>	<b>(23,237.15)</b>	
							% Change 16-17	-16.49%	
<b>TOTAL - Central Office, Fiscal</b>									
	Services and Technology	1,770,395.64	1,789,355.66	1,771,870.24	1,896,841.94	2,015,909.00	2,027,490.26	11,581.26	
							% Change 16-17	0.57%	
<b>Savings Returned from Prior Years Budget</b>									
		(87,610.00)	(100,000.00)	(175,000.00)	(75,000.00)	(175,000.00)	(100,000.00)	75,000.00	
	<b>Revised SAU Total to be raised from Tot</b>	<b>1,682,785.64</b>	<b>1,689,355.66</b>	<b>1,596,870.24</b>	<b>1,821,841.94</b>	<b>1,840,909.00</b>	<b>1,927,490.26</b>	<b>86,581.26</b>	
							% Change in 16-17 Assessment	4.70%	

**SAU# 16 PROPOSED BUDGET**

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2016-17</b>									
ACCT#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 2011-12	ACTUAL FY 2012-13	ACTUAL FY 2013-14	ACTUAL FY 2014-15	BUDGET FY 2015-16	PROPOSED FY16-17	CHANGE IN \$\$	NOTES
<b>OTHERWISE FUNDED</b>									
	INDIRECT COSTS	29,890.72	38,985.59	13,353.21	60.05	60,000.00	50,000.00	(10,000.00)	
	NON-ASSESSMENT IMPACT	34,551.02	21,092.81	66,684.08	21,725.66	83,308.00	39,412.11	(43,895.89)	
	TITLE I ADMINISTRATOR	50,567.16	51,788.75	53,700.96	65,797.56	54,000.00	0.00	(54,000.00)	
	SUBSTITUTE COORDINATOR	13,714.87	13,587.80	16,448.94	16,836.60	16,500.00	16,500.00	0.00	
	<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>1,899,119.41</b>	<b>1,914,810.61</b>	<b>1,922,057.43</b>	<b>2,001,261.81</b>	<b>2,229,717.00</b>	<b>2,133,402.37</b>	<b>(96,314.63)</b>	
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>									
	IDEA/PRESCHOOL ENTITLEMENTS	3,000,000.00	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								
	<b>GRAND TOTAL APPROPRIATION - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>4,899,120.00</b>	<b>4,914,811.00</b>	<b>4,922,058.00</b>	<b>5,001,262.00</b>	<b>5,229,717.00</b>	<b>5,133,403.00</b>	<b>(96,314.00)</b>	
							-1.84%	3,205,912.74	

# SAU 16 CALENDAR 2016-2017

Approved  
10/19/15

2016

JULY							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
					1	2	0
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Staff
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	0
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30	

AUGUST							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
	1	2	3	4	5	6	3
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Staff
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	5
21	22	23	24	[25]	[26]	27	
28	29	30	31				

SEPTEMBER							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
				1	(2)	3	20
4	(5)	6	7	8	9	10	Staff
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	20
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30		

OCTOBER							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
						1	20
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Staff
9	(10)	11	12	13	14	15	20
16	17	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	17
						5	Staff
6	7	[8]	9	10	(11)	12	18
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	(23)	(24)	(25)	26	
27	28	29	30				

DECEMBER							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
				1	2	3	17
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Staff
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	31	

## Symbol Key

- = No School / Holiday / Vacation
- [ ] = Teacher In-Service (No School)
- < > = SAU Early Release

2017

JANUARY							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
1	(2)	3	4	5	6	7	20
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Staff
15	(16)	17	18	19	20	21	20
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					

FEBRUARY							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
			1	2	3	4	18
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Staff
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	(27)	(28)					

MARCH							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
			(1)	(2)	(3)	4	19
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Staff
12	13	14	15	16	[17]	18	20
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
						1	15
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Staff
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	15
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	22
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Staff
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	22
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	(29)	30	31				

JUNE							Days
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Student
				1	2	3	9
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Staff
11	12	13**	[14]	15	16	17	9 or 10
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30		

Totals
Student
180
Staff
185

## Important Dates

2016	NS = No School	
<b>August</b>		
Teacher In-Service	NS	Aug 25-26
School Opens - All Students		Aug 29
School Days		3
<b>September</b>		
Friday before Labor Day	NS	Sept 2
Labor Day	NS	Sept 5
School Days		20
<b>October</b>		
Columbus Day	NS	10
School Days		20
<b>November</b>		
Teacher In-Service	NS	Nov 8
Veterans' Day	NS	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Recess	NS	Nov 23-25
School Days		17
<b>December</b>		
Holiday Break	NS	Dec 26-30
School Days		17
2017		
<b>January</b>		
Holiday Break	NS	Jan 2
MLK, Jr. Day	NS	Jan 16
School Days		20
<b>February</b>		
Winter Vacation	NS	Feb 27-28
School Days		18
<b>March</b>		
Winter Vacation (con't)	NS	March 1-3
Teacher In-Service	NS	March 17
School Days	NS	19
<b>April</b>		
Spring Vacation	NS	Apr 24-28
School Days		15
<b>May</b>		
Memorial Day	NS	May 29
School Days		21
<b>June</b>		
Last day for students		June 13**
Teacher In-service	NS	June 14
School days		9

**Graduation** - to be announced after February vacation

**\*\*June 14, 15, 16, 19 & 20**  
are snow make-up  
days if needed

## NOTES



## MEETINGS/SCHEDULES

Selectmen's Meetings:	Mondays 7:30 pm (except legal holidays)
Volunteer Fire Department:	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7:30 pm Business Meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> (firefighter) & 4 <sup>th</sup> (EMS) Tuesdays Training 7:00 pm
Planning Board:	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm
Board of Adjustment:	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm. Upon request.
Conservation Commission:	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm
Heritage Commission:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Library Trustees:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Library
Recreation Commission:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm
Stratham Hill Park Association:	4th Monday of the odd months at 6:30 pm
300 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Library
Economic Development Committee:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Public Works Commission:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm
Trustees of the Trust Funds:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of every other month at 5:00 pm at the Library
Stratham Fair Committee:	Last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Firehouse (January-July)
Town Center Committee:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm
Energy Commission:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm

*Note: Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are in the Municipal Center at 10 Bunker Hill Ave.*

