

MARCH 11, 2025, ELECTION AND TOWN MEETING MINUTES

All Ballot Clerks and Election Workers were sworn in at 6:45 am and 12:45 pm accordingly. Election Officials Present were Town Moderator David Emanuel, Assistant Town Moderator Beth Dupell, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Deborah Bakie, Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector Jim Joseph, Assistant to the Town Clerk Lisa Dudek and Select Board Members Mike Houghton, Allison Knab and Joe Anderson. Supervisors of the Checklist present were Connie Aubin-Adams, Cathy Warner, and Melanie McGrail. A seasonably warmer day with an occasional rain shower welcomed in the 2025 Town Election with 1,408 official election day ballots cast, with 102 of those being absentee ballots. There were 9 new voters registered, making the total number of voters on the Checklist 6,250. Voter turnout for this election was 22%.

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

Cooperative School Board, for Brentwood for three years: *Brian Duffy 825. Cooperative School Board, for Exeter for three years: *Neil Bleicken 825. Cooperative School Board, for Kensington for three years: *Joseph “Joe” Pace 854. Exeter Cooperative School District Moderator for one year: *Katherine B. Miller 823. Cooperative School District Budget Committee, Exeter for three years: *Paul W. Royal 801. Cooperative School District Budget Committee, Newfields for three years: Mary Belanger 359; *Michael Mackey 368. Cooperative School District Budget Committee, Stratham for three years: *Cameron Orr 940.

Warrant Article for Exeter Co-operative School District (Stratham Only results):

Article 1: ERCSD Operating Budget
Yes: 756 No: 378

Article 2: Collective Bargaining Agreement
Yes: 875 No: 418

Article 3: Capital Reserve Fund
Yes: 1054 No: 232

Article 4: CRF for Synthetic Turf Replacement
Yes: 901 No: 372

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

School District Moderator for three years, vote for one: *David Emanuel 1203. School Board Member for three years, vote for one: *Cameron Orr 803; Tanya Scales 588. School District Treasurer for three years, vote for one: Sean Dempsey 331; *Sarah Jewell 848.

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

Select Board for three years, vote for one: *Joe Anderson 1015. Cemetery Trustee for three years, vote for one: *Lucy Cushman 1014. Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years: *Mark Ralabate 921. Library Trustee for one year, voter for one: *Terri Grijalva 923. Library Trustee for three years, vote for two: *Sarah Beddingfield 789; *Gale Lyon 695.

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

To amend Section IV, Table 4.2 *Table of Dimensional Requirements* to clarify where in the Ordinance to find the dimensional requirements for the Flexible Mixed Use and Route 33 Heritage Districts and to amend Section 4.3(i) *Explanatory Notes* to require that newly subdivided parcels demonstrate that the area currently required in this section is to exclude non-buildable areas including property line setbacks and wetland buffer areas.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

Yes: 1003 No: 214

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

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section VIII *Residential Open Space Cluster Development*, Subsections 8.9 *Dimensional Requirements & Setbacks* and 8.10 *Minimum Open Space Requirements* by adding and clarifying definitions; by limiting wetland areas to no more than 20% of a residential lot in new open space cluster subdivisions; and to increase the amount of wetlands that the open space parcel can contain from 20% to 30%.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

Yes: 961 No: 256

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

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section V, 5.4 *Accessory Dwelling Units*, to limit accessory dwelling units to no more than two bedrooms; to amend the 50-foot front property boundary setback to read that detached accessory dwelling units shall not be sited in the front yard; and to include a maximum height of 1.5 stories for detached accessory dwelling units.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

Yes: 923 No: 309

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

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section VII *Signs* to define and prohibit ‘feather flag’ style signs; to permit signs identifying major residential developments; to create size, height, and type limitations for temporary signs; to reduce the maximum period for temporary signs in a calendar year to from 120 days to 60 days for an individual property; to change the maximum number of temporary signs displayed on an individual property in a calendar year from six signs to three signs; and to make sandwich board signs subject to a temporary sign permit.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

Yes: 939 No: 278

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

To rezone the following parcels located in both the Professional/Residential District and the Residential/Agricultural District, to fully fall under the Residential/Agricultural District:

- 11 Bunker Hill Avenue, Tax Map 13, Lot 91
- 5 Trisha’s Way, Tax Map 13, Lot 93
- 7 Trisha’s Way, Tax Map 13, lot 94
- 9 Trisha’s Way, Tax Map 13, Lot 95
- 13 Trisha’s Way, Tax Map 13, Lot 96
- 15 Trisha’s Way, Tax Map 13, Lot 97
- 17 Trisha’s Way, Tax Map 13, Lot 98

To rezone the following parcels located in both the Professional/Residential District and the Residential/Agricultural District, to fully fall under the Professional/Residential District:

- 7 Bunker Hill Avenue, Tax Map 13, Lot 90
- 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Tax Map 13, Lot 129
- 102R Portsmouth Avenue, Tax Map 13, Lot 85
- 108 Portsmouth Avenue, Tax Map 13, Lot 83
- 118 Portsmouth Avenue, Tax Map 13, Lot 69
- 1 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 70
- 10 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 78
- 12 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 77

To rezone the following parcels within the Residential/Agricultural District, to fully fall under the Professional/Residential District:

- 3 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 71
- 5 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 72
- 7 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 73
- 14 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 76
- 16 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 75

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

Yes: 920 No: 230

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

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section III *Establishment of Districts and Uses*, to establish a new section 3.11 *Professional Residential District*, the purpose of which is to establish architectural and site design standards for projects that require site plan review located within the existing Professional/Residential District.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

Yes: 952 No: 201

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

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section XI *Wetlands Conservation District Overlay*, by deleting Section XI in its entirety and replacing it with a new ordinance, the purpose of which would be to:

- (1) use the NH Department of Environmental Services definition of wetlands;
- (2) change the 50-foot setback from poorly-drained soils and the 100-foot setback from very poorly-drained soils to a single 75-foot setback from all wetlands which is inclusive of the existing 25-foot no-disturbance buffer;
- (3) clarify what uses are permitted and what uses are prohibited; and
- (4) allow proposed uses in the 75-foot setback and outside of the 25-foot no-disturbance buffer to be reviewed by the Planning Board through a conditional use permit application where currently a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment is required.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

Yes: 921 No: 254

Article 9: Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section IV *Dimensional Requirements* Paragraph 4.1.4 to clarify that the maximum residential density in the Gateway Commercial Business, Town Center, Flexible Mixed Use, Professional/Residential, Route 33 Legacy Highway Heritage, and Special Commercial Districts applies only to properties that are developed or will be developed as mixed-use (residential and commercial) properties and to amend Paragraph 4.1.5 to extend the limitation of one primary dwelling per parcel to the Route 33 Legacy Highway Heritage District and to specify that only one duplex is permitted per parcel in the Residential/Agricultural, Manufactured Housing, and Route 33 Legacy Highway Heritage Districts, unless permitted as part of a condominium or mobile home park.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

Yes: 921 No: 230

The remaining Town of Stratham articles will be voted on March 15, 2025, at the Stratham Memorial School at 9:00 am.

Town Moderator David Emanuel declared the meeting to come to order at 9:06. Cub Scout Pack 185 presented colors with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Emanuel introduced the panel: Dave Emanuel; Town Moderator, David Moore; Town Administrator, Michael Houghton; Select Board Chair, Allison Knab; Select Board Vice Chair, Joe Anderson; Select Board Member, was absent due to illness. Mr. Emanuel also invited other officials and department heads to introduce themselves, they included: Beth Dupell; Deputy Town Moderator, Cordell Johnston; Town Counsel, Tim Stevens; Director of Public Works, Stephen Butzel; Library Director, Lieutenant David “Butch” Pierce; Stratham Police Department, Deborah Bakie; Town Clerk and Jim Joseph; Deputy Town Clerk. Supervisor of the Checklist Melanie McGrail, Connie Aubin-Adams and Cathy Warner were also in attendance. Mr. Emanuel called attention to State Senator Debra Altschiller and State Representative Zoe Manos, who both received a warm welcome. Mr. Emanuel asked for a moment of silence with respect for those serving in the Armed Forces, and for those lives lost in the last year. Mr. Emanuel then invited Graham Emanuel to read the Town Report dedication. This year the report was dedicated to John and Lorraine Stuart Merrill. William Rich and Michael Wade then read the Memorial Page in memory of Stratham’s oldest resident passing at the age of 105, Dorothy Pease Clemons and prominent resident Bruce Kerr, President of the Stratham Historical Society. Mr. Emanuel read the results from the Town Election held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, and reviewed the Rules of Procedure for Town Meeting. The meeting then proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 10: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight million six hundred ninety-three thousand one hundred eighty-five dollars (\$8,693,185) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Selectboard Chair Michael Houghton moved to accept the article as read. Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab seconded the motion. Selectboard Chair Michael Houghton spoke to the Article.

The following residents posed questions or provided input: Nancy Hunter, John Baker, Fire Chief Jeff Denton and Pat Abrami.

Motion Passes for Article 10.

ARTICLE 11: Capital Improvements Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred twenty seven thousand dollars (\$727,000) to implement the Capital Improvements Program for 2025 as presented in the Town Report. 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 December 31, 2030, per NH RSA 32:7 (VI).

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Selectboard Chair Michael Houghton moved to accept the article as read. Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab seconded the motion.

The following residents posed questions or provided input: Roger Stephenson, Pat Abrami and Glen Woss.

Motion Passes for Article 11.

ARTICLE 12: Appropriate Funds to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and eighty-six thousand dollars (\$386,000) to be added to the following capital reserve funds previously established with one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to come from the unassigned fund balance and two hundred thirty-six thousand dollars (\$236,000) to be raised through general taxation.

Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund	\$150,000
Highway Vehicle/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$136,000
Town Building & Grounds Maintenance Trust	\$100,000
Total	\$386,000

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab moved to accept the article as read. Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton seconded the motion. Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab spoke to the Article.

No residents posed questions or provided input to this Article.

Motion Passes for Article 12.

ARTICLE 13: Modify Purpose of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town will vote to modify the purpose established at the Annual Town Meeting under Article 13 of the 2005 Town Warrant, an amended version of Article 19 of the 2000 Town Warrant, for the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund to also include ambulance billing contract costs, EMS responder uniforms; and all costs to operate ambulances, including repair, maintenance, fuel costs, and any required inspection/certification fees. Upon passage of this article, the Article will be amended as indicated to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 31:95-c to restrict one hundred percent (100%) of the revenues derived from the recovery of Fire Department costs associated with emergency services provided to expenditures for the purpose of purchasing emergency medical equipment and supplies. Fire Department vehicles and equipment, providing training to Fire Department personnel, ambulance billing contract costs, EMS responder uniforms, and all cost to operate ambulances, including repair, maintenance, fuel, certifications and inspections. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund, to be known as the Stratham Fire Department EMS Fund, separate from the General Fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the General Fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue.

(Two thirds vote required for approval. Ballot vote required.)

The Select Board supports this Article by unanimous vote

Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton moved to accept the article as read. Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab seconded the motion. Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton spoke to the Article.

The following residents posed questions or provided input: Mark Cleary and Stacey Hall.

A paper ballot was conducted as required. The results were as follows: Yes: 107 No: 3

Motion Passes for Article 13.

ARTICLE 14: EMS Special Revenue Fund Ambulance Operating Expenses (new)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$43,500) for the following purposes with said funds to come from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund. These appropriations are contingent on the passing of Article 13 (typo in the Warrant, originally referred to Article 14):

Ambulance billing contracts	\$10,000
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Ambulance equipment maintenance	\$9,000
Ambulance repair and maintenance	\$15,000
EMS uniforms	\$5,000
Gas and oil	<u>\$4,500</u>
Total	\$43,500

No additional funds from general taxation are to be used.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton moved to accept the article as read. Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab seconded the motion. Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton spoke to the Article.

No residents posed questions or provided input to this Article.

Motion Passes for Article 14.

ARTICLE 15: First Responder Supplies, Training & ALS Service

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$46,500) for the following purposes with said funds to come from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund.

2025 New Equipment	\$15,000
2025 EMS Supplies	\$16,500
2025 EMS/EMT/First Responder Training	\$10,000
*2025 Paramedic Training	<i>\$14,000</i>
2025 ALS Services Contract	\$5,000
Total	\$46,500

No additional funds from general taxation are to be used.

The Select Board supports this Article by unanimous vote

Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton moved to accept the article as read. Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab seconded the motion. Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton spoke to the Article.

*Matt Bartel requested the Article be amended by \$14,000 for paramedic training, seconded by June Sawyer. Town Administrator David Moore verified that there are monies available to support this requested amendment.

The following residents posed questions or provided input: Mark Rabalate, Mark Cotreau, Fire Chief Jeff Denton, Kyle Saltonstall, Ted Tramaloni, Lucy Cushman, Glen Woss, Sophie Saltonstall, Bruce Chevalier, and Pat Abrami.

****Motion Passes, to amending the Article by \$14,000 for paramedic training.
Motion Passes for Article 15 with an increase from \$46,500 to a total of \$60,500 as amended.***

ARTICLE 16: EMS Special Revenue Fund – SVFD Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000) (the words to describe the amount in the warrant say “forty-seven” and does not reflect the correct number, the numbers are correct) for the following purposes, with said funds to come from the EMS Special Revenue Fund.

Self-Contained Breath Apparatus Compressor	\$47,000
Lucas Autopulse Device	\$25,000
Total	\$72,000

No additional funds from general taxation are to be used.

The Select Board supports this Article by unanimous vote.

Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton moved to accept the article as read. Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab seconded the motion. Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton spoke to the Article.

The following residents posed questions or provided input: Alan Choiniere, James Brown and James Cushman.

Motion Passes for Article 16.

ARTICLE 17: Veterans Credit Adjustment

To see if the Town will vote to modify the Veteran’s Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$600 per year to \$750 per year, where \$750 is the maximum permitted in state law.

Submitted by petition.

Motion to support Article, James Brown and seconded by James Cushman.

Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab spoke to the Article adding that the selectboard does support the Article and there are currently 330 veterans that receive the credit and this would be an increase in \$50,000 additional tax credits.

No residents posed questions or provided input to this Article.

Motion Passes for Article 17.

ARTICLE 18: Modification to Elderly Exemptions RSA 72:39-a

To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72-39-a for elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Stratham based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$213,000
For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$247,000 and
For a person 80 years of age or older \$281,000

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three (3) consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$56,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$75,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$275,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

The Select Board supports this Article by unanimous vote.

Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab moved to accept the article as read. Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton seconded the motion. Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab spoke to the Article.

The following residents posed questions or provided input: Glen Woss, Pete Conly, Victoria Duffy, Paul Piraino, Delores Benevento and Vincent Benevento.

The Town Administrator provided a better understanding of the modification to the exemption.

Motion Passes for Article 18.

ARTICLE 19: Adoption of Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b

Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72-37-b. Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be \$150,000. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$56,500 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$75,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$275,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. Adoption of this article shall include adoption of RSA 72:37-b, I-a, providing that after his or her 65th birthday, a person

who would otherwise be eligible for the disabled exemption shall remain eligible for an exemption in the amount of the disabled exemption or the elderly exemption, whichever is greater.

The Select Board supports this Article by unanimous vote.

Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab moved to accept the article as read. Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton seconded the motion. Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab spoke to the Article.

No residents posed questions or provided input to this Article.

Motion Passes for Article 19.

ARTICLE 20: Modify amount of Blind Exemption

Shall the town increase the value of the blind exemption in Stratham to \$150,000 from the State minimum of \$15,000?

The Select Board supports this Article by unanimous vote

Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab moved to accept the article as read. Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton seconded the motion. Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab spoke to the Article.

No residents posed questions or provided input to this Article.

Motion Passes for Article 20.

ARTICLE 21: Adopt Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:38-b for an exemption for the deaf or severely hearing-impaired persons as follows: the exemption from assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$150,000. To qualify, the person must meet the definition of a “deaf person or person with severe hearing impairment” under RSA 72:38-b (II), must be a resident of the State of New Hampshire for at least five (5) consecutive years prior to April 1 in which the exemption is sought; must occupy the property as his/her principal place of abode, must own the property (as defined in RSA 72:27(VI) individually or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least (5) consecutive years; had I the calendar year preceding April 1 a net income of all sources of not more than \$56,500 if single and \$75,000 if married and own net assets not in excess of \$275,000, excluding the value of the person’s residence as described in RSA 72:38-b(III).

The Select Board supports this Article by unanimous vote

Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton moved to accept the article as read. Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab seconded the motion. Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton spoke to the Article.

No residents posed questions or provided input to this Article.

Motion Passes for Article 21.

Jeremy Riecks moved to restrict reconsideration for Article 10. Ted Tramaloni seconded the motion.

ARTICLE 22: Adoption of Stratham Recreation Expendable Trust

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Stratham Recreation Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, IV to hold in trust gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town for the purpose of both specific and generally designated recreation purposes, and to further name the Select Board as agent to expend. The Select Board shall approve expenditures based on the intent of the donor when specified with receipt of the gift.

The Select Board supports this Article by unanimous vote

Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton moved to accept the article as read. Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab seconded the motion. Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton spoke to the Article.

The following residents posed questions or provided input: Roger Stephenson.

Motion Passes for Article 22.

ARTICLE 23: Stevens Park Improvements

To see if the Town of Stratham will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$625,000) for the purpose of constructing improvements to Stevens Park, such improvements to include parking, drainage, and additional recreation facilities. Improvements may be phased in accordance with funding availability. *This sum to come from unassigned fund balance (\$625,000) (in the warrant, this figure does not match the \$625,000 in the first sentence, it says \$650,000, it should say \$625,000 it is corrected above).* No additional funding is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V

The Select Board supports this Article by unanimous vote.

Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton moved to accept the article as read. Selectboard Vice-Chair Allison Knab seconded the motion. Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton spoke to the Article.

Selectboard Chair Mike Houghton invited Seth Hickey, Director of Parks and Recreation, to present further information on future improvements and enhancements.

The following residents posed questions or provided input: Pat Abrami, Ted Tramaloni, Nancy Hunter, Bruce Chevalier, Roger Stephenson.

Motion Passes for Article 23.

ARTICLE 24: Other Business

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

Glen Woss recommended better communication to get the word out such as mail outs for individuals that do not have access to online notification. Selectboard Chair Michael Houghton recognized the town employees in the room and the outstanding job that they do and the residents for their engagement, participation and insight.

Seeing no other business was presented, Moderator Emanuel adjourned the Town Meeting at 11:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah L. Bakie".

Deborah L. Bakie
Stratham Town Clerk