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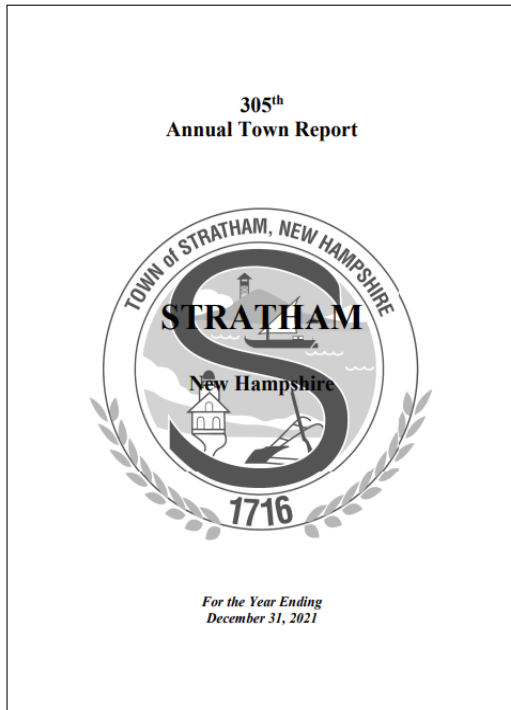
March 1, 2022

Voter Information Night

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- **March 8th Election (First Session)**

- 1 - Election of Officers
- 2 -11 - Zoning Articles



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VOTER INFORMATION NIGHT



**TUESDAY, MARCH 1
7:00 PM**

ONLINE

AND AT STRATHAM MUNICIPAL CENTER

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Town Meeting

RESOURCES AND MATERIALS FOR

2022 TOWN MEETING



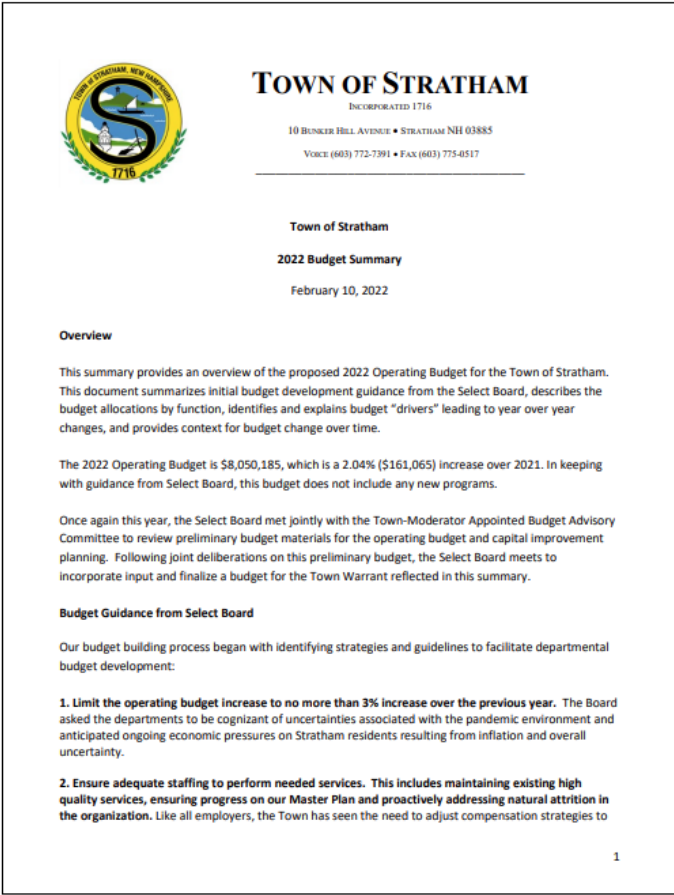
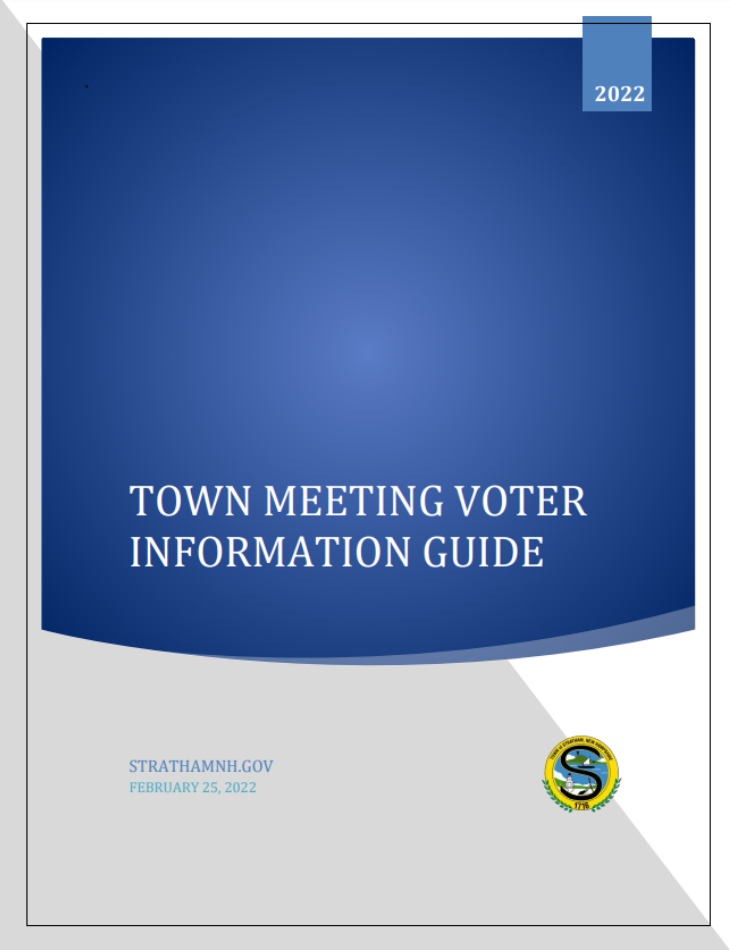
Note: Town **Election (first session of Town Meeting)** to be held Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Stratham Memorial School (39 Gifford Farm Rd). Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Note: Town Meeting **Second Session** on all remaining articles to be held on Saturday, March 12th at 9:00 a.m. at the Cooperative Middle School, 100 Academic Way, Stratham, NH.

2022 Town Meeting Information

- **2022 Voter Information Guide:** The Voter Information Guide provides descriptions and background information for all warrant articles; it includes both warrant article language as well as a description of the purpose and intent of the article.
- **Town Warrant (All articles)**
- **Town Warrant Articles 1 - 11** - Election of Officers and Zoning Ordinance Amendments - March 8, 2022 - Stratham Memorial School. Polls open 7:00am - 7:00pm
- **Town Meeting Articles 12 - 18** - March 12, 2022 - Cooperative Middle School - 9:00 am
- **Article #6, Route 33 Heritage District Website**

Voter Information and Resources





ARTICLES 2-11: Zoning Articles

Town Planner
Mark Connors

ARTICLE 2:

Growth Management & Innovative Land Control – Housekeeping Amendment

- Eliminates expired zoning provision that is no longer enforceable.



ARTICLE 3:

Flexible/Mixed Use Development District

- Modernizes Zoning District language adopted in 2007 for former NH Tech College site
- Clarifies permitted and prohibited land uses
- Allows for increased flexibility through the Planning Board's CUP process
- Addresses pedestrian/bicycle connectivity & electric vehicle charging stations.

ARTICLE 4:

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Update

- Prohibits new driveways for ADUs
- Adopts new regulations for detached Accessory Dwelling Units
- Clarifies attached ADUs are permitted in residential zones consistent with state law.

ARTICLE 5:

Setbacks for Solar Energy Systems

- Clarifies that solar energy systems must meet the minimum setback distances
- For larger ground-mounted systems, requires front setback of 60-feet

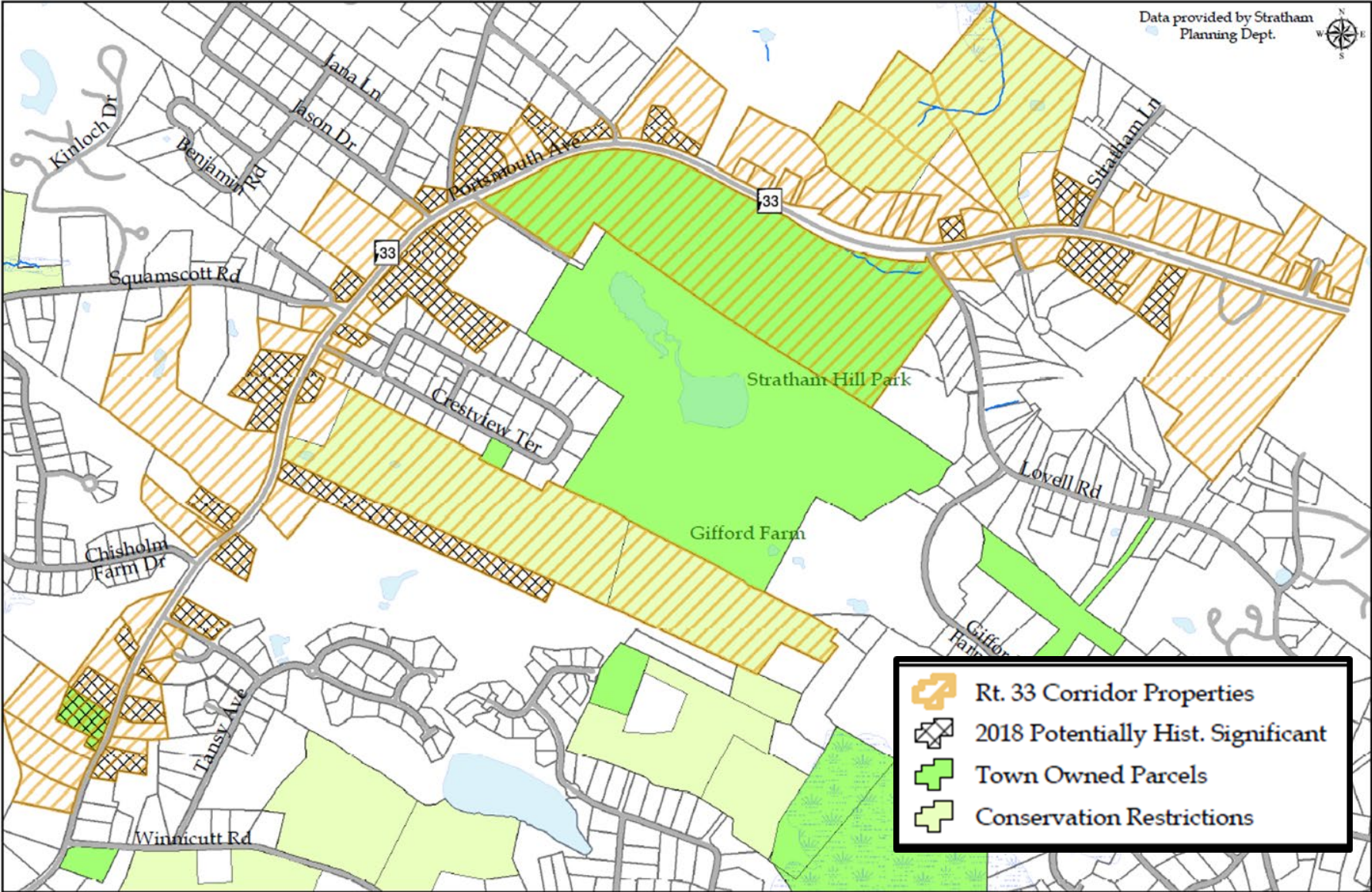
ARTICLE 6:

Route 33 Legacy Highway Heritage District

- Enacts a Heritage District designation for properties located along the Route 33 corridor
- Includes design standards for new construction, requires approval to demolish historic structures.
- Encourages investment in, and adaptive reuse of, historic buildings
- Implemented as Innovative Land Use Control, RSA 674:21, (Gateway, Town Center)
- More flexible permitted land uses
- Seeks to balance additional flexibility with design standards & protections.



The District



Preserve History

- Historically significant area
- Seeks to provide property owners more tools and incentives to rehabilitate properties.
- Implements new design standards and safeguards to regulate the demolition of historic properties.
- Less restrictive than a Historic District, but more oversight than currently provided under zoning.



More options for locally produced foods

- Heritage District promotes working farms which are vital to both the corridor and the Town of Stratham
- Provides opportunities for small shops, cafes, and restaurants to locate in the District



Places to come together

- Seeks to provide more opportunities for social engagement by providing more opportunities for small-scale businesses and organizations
- District would allow for community centers, art galleries, and small arts venues after reviews by Advisory Committee and Planning Board.
- Focus on small-scale uses contextual with existing neighborhood character.



ARTICLE 7:

Table of Uses Update

- Clarifies permitted and prohibited land uses by zoning district.
- Includes update of zoning uses, including for conference centers, educational institutions, and arts venues.
- Accounts for Route 33 Heritage District and changes to Flexible Mixed Use District.

ARTICLE 8:

Definitions for Land Uses Update

- Includes more detailed definitions for land uses to clarify scope of the use and eliminate confusion.
- Definitions for bed and breakfasts, hotels, conference centers, restaurants, arts-related uses.

ARTICLE 9:

Table of Dimensional Regulations Update

- Clarifies that ‘porkchop lots’ are prohibited in Stratham.
- Minimum frontage requirement for the Professional/Residential District of 150-feet.

ARTICLE 10:

Elimination of Duplicative Land Use

- Eliminates Affordable Senior Housing regulations (duplicates Elderly Affordable Housing)

ARTICLE 11:

Safety Inspection Requirement for outstanding building permits

- Requires property owner to allow for safety inspection of long outstanding building permit before pulling new permit for same property.
- Does not prohibit new building permit, simply requires safety inspection.

Lastly, please take the Stratham Age Friendly Survey

Help Stratham plan ahead to ensure the community is welcoming and accessible for member of all age groups.



publicinput.com/AgeFriendlyStratham

or

tinyurl.com/StrathamForTheAges

Paper copies available at the door.

Thank you!

Contact the Town Planner with any questions related to Articles 2-11

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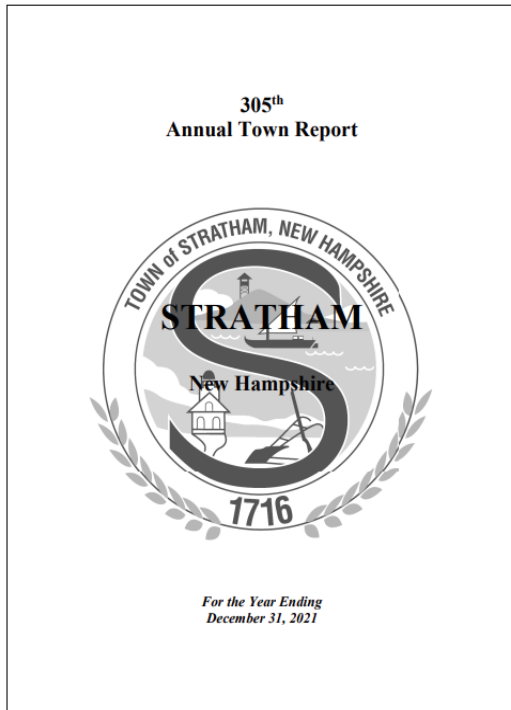
ARTICLES 12-18: All other business articles

Town Administrator
David Moore

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ARTICLE 12:
Town Operating Budget for 2022

\$8,050,185

Increase of \$161,065

2.04% over 2021

Budget Documentation



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2022 Town of Stratham

Preliminary Budget Summary

January 5, 2022

Overview

This summary provides an overview of the Preliminary 2022 Operating Budget for the Town of Stratham. This document summarizes initial budget development guidance from the Select Board, describes the budget allocations by function, identifies and explains budget “drivers” leading to year over year changes, and provides context for budget change over time.

The Preliminary 2022 Operating Budget is \$8,050,185, which is a 2.04% (\$161,065) increase over 2021. In keeping with guidance from Select Board, this budget does not include any new programs.

The Preliminary Budget does not represent a Select Board recommended or proposed budget at this time. This document is a starting point for the Select Board’s consideration along with the Town Moderator-Appointed Budget Advisory Committee. Following joint deliberations on this preliminary budget, the Select Board will finalize a budget for the Town Warrant and Town Meeting on Saturday March 12, 2022.

Budget Guidance from Select Board

Our budget building process began with identifying strategies and guidelines to facilitate departmental budget development:

1. Limit the operating budget increase to no more than 3% increase over the previous year. The Board asked the departments to be cognizant of uncertainties associated with the pandemic environment and anticipated ongoing economic pressures on Stratham residents resulting from inflation and overall uncertainty.
2. Ensure adequate staffing to perform needed services. This includes maintaining existing high quality services, ensuring progress on our Master Plan and proactively addressing natural attrition in



PRELIMINARY BUDGET Jan 5 2022	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	% Budget to Actual	Budget 2021	YTD 11/30/21 Actual 2021	Proposed Budget 2022	\$ change	% Change over 2021 Budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
EXECUTIVE								
Select Board								
100 4130 01 101 Select Board Stipends	12,000.00	12,000.00	100%	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.00	0%
Administration								
100 4130 02 102 Town Administrator Salary	99,470.00	99,091.19	99.62%	101,459.00	93,119.32	101,459.00	0.00	0.00%
100 4130 02 103 Executive Assistant	47,512.00	44,819.51	94.13%	48,564.00	46,575.94	48,564.00	0.00	0.00%
100 4130 02 201 Supplies	5,500.00	5,262.79	95.69%	5,500.00	5,802.49	5,500.00	0.00	0.00%
100 4130 02 204 Association Dues	9,800.00	9,633.00	98.30%	9,800.00	9,486.00	9,800.00	0.00	0.00%
100 4130 02 208 Contracted services	1,500.00	0.00	0.00%	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00%
100 4130 02 209 Workshops & Training	1,750.00	0.00	0.00%	1,750.00	530.00	1,750.00	0.00	0.00%
100 4130 02 216 Advertising	2,000.00	81.10	4.06%	2,000.00	4,732.57	2,000.00	0.00	0.00%
100 4130 02 224 Meetings & Meals	3,500.00	1,375.82	39.30%	3,500.00	4,025.69	4,000.00	500.00	14.29%
100 4130 02 225 Mileage	1,000.00	1,384.89	138.49%	1,250.00	246.21	500.00	(750.00)	-60.00%
100 4130 02 230 Fed-Ex	300.00	18.00	6.00%	300.00	0.00	250.00	(50.00)	-16.67%
100 4130 02 231 Postage	12,000.00	12,849.01	107.08%	12,000.00	9,757.10	12,000.00	0.00	0.00%
100 4130 02 262 Town Report	3,750.00	3,625.00	96.67%	3,750.00	3,903.00	3,500.00	(250.00)	-6.67%
100 4130 02 317 Service Contract (copier)	1,750.00	6,612.40	377.85%	6,504.00	6,016.20	6,500.00	(4.00)	-0.06%
100 4130 02 318 New Equipment	0.00	180.55	new	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
100 4130 02 319 Background Checks	750.00	96.50	12.87%	500.00	228.00	500.00	0.00	0.00%
100 4130 02 328 Town Meeting	0.00	26,028.00	new	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
100 4130 02 999 COVID expenses	0.00	new	new	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	190,682.00	211,057.54	110.69%	199,377.00	184,422.52	198,823.00	(554.00)	-0.28%

Budget Process & Schedule

Budget Advisory Committee - Appointed by the Moderator

- October Budget Submissions
- November Preliminary Budget Developed
- January Advisory Committee Process
- February Public Hearing on Warrant
Select Board Receives Input and Finalizes
- March Information Night and Town Meeting

Budget Guidance 2022

1. Limit the operating budget increase to no more than 3% increase
2. Ensure adequate staffing
 - maintain existing high quality services
 - ensure progress on our Master Plan goals and priorities
 - proactively address natural attrition in the organization
3. Deploy American Rescue Plan Act “ARPA” to strengthen the Town’s financial provision

Town Services In Context

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Local Education

State Education



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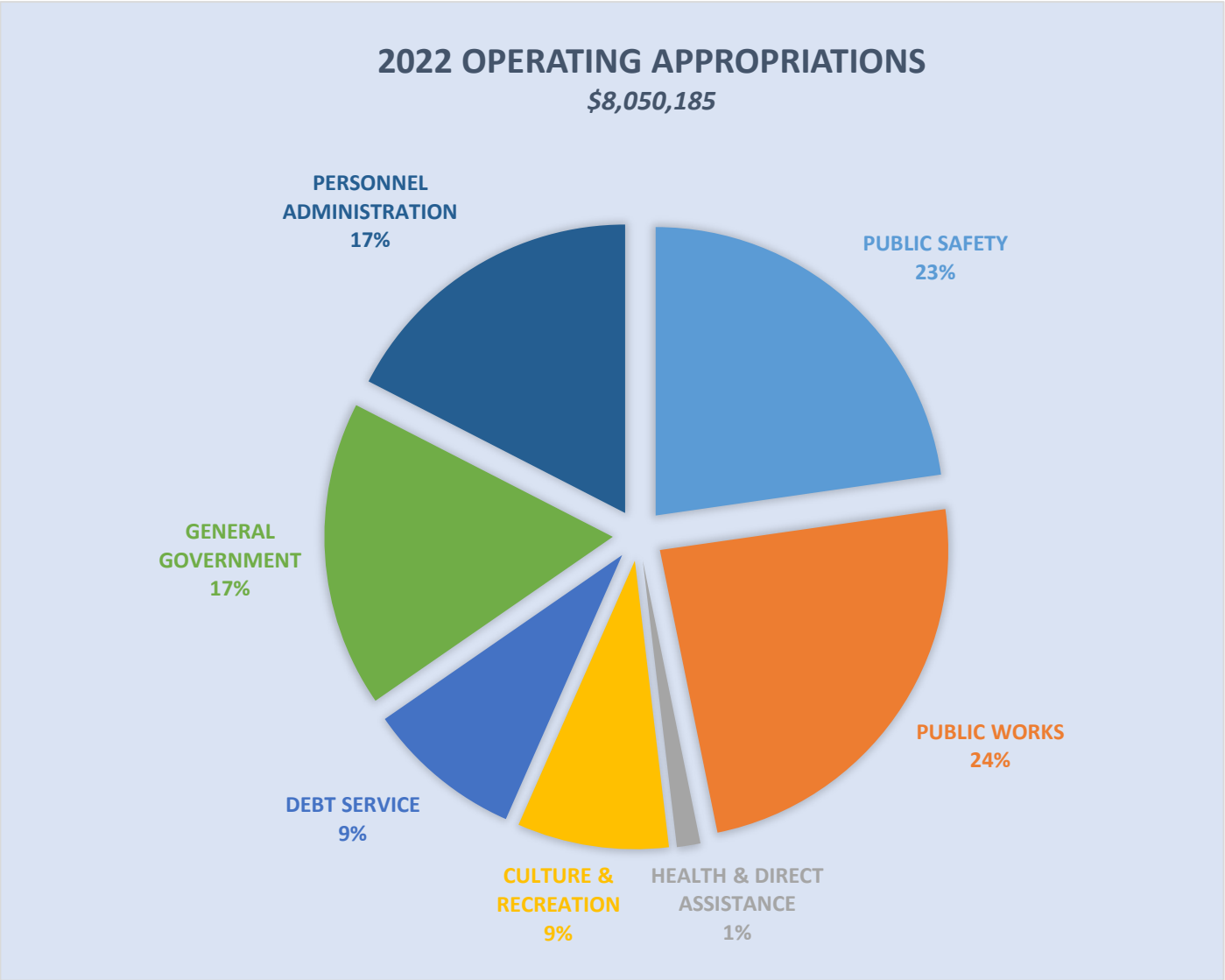
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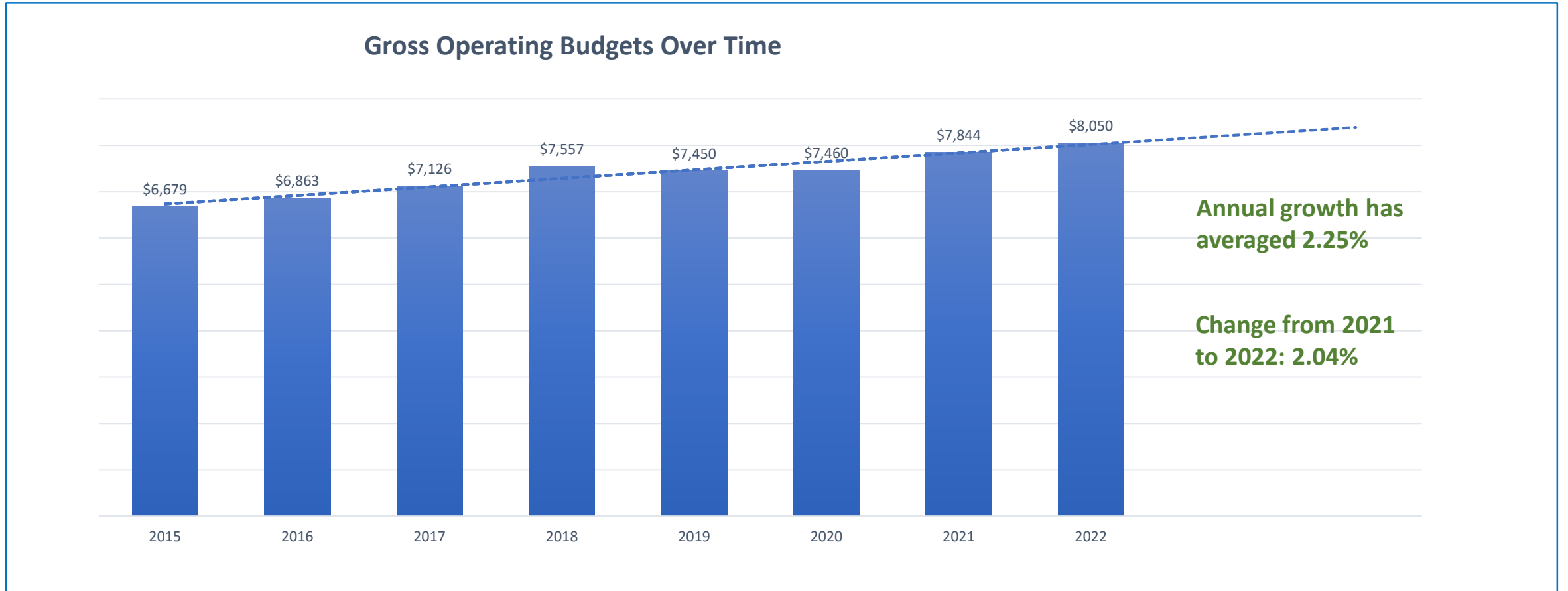
\$0.69

\$0.10

Spending by Function (as a %)



Operating Budgets Over Time



Estimated Tax Rate Impact 2022: \$3.15

	2014*	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019*	2020	2021
Town	3.61	3.96	3.96	3.83	3.95	3.30	3.09	3.15

This a zero percent increase on the rate from 2021.

2022 Budget Drivers - Decreases

Description	Amount
Assessing Function Restructuring	\$118,887
Health Insurance	\$55,167
Debt Service	\$26,946
Mosquito Program	\$13,536
Total	\$214,536

2022 Budget Drivers – Increases

Description	Amount
Salaries and Wages	\$98,000
NH Retirement System contributions	\$63,762
Elections (3 in 2022)	\$4,225
Total	\$108,566

#2: Advancing Goals, Staying Competitive

- Decrease of two full-time FTEs in Assessing (2 FTE)
- Increases in
 - Land Use Project Coordinator Planning – (.4 FTE)
 - Grounds Crew Lead – addition – (1 FTE)
 - Full-Impact of New Police Officer – (.5 FTE)
- Decrease of (.1 FTE)

#3: American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA)

- \$784,000 in Total
 - 2021
 - Union Road Culverts
 - Municipal Center Roof
 - Hazard Pay for Essential
 - Municipal Center Renovation
 - 2022
 - Salt Shed Roof Restoration
 - Online Permitting
 - Roadway Paving

ARTICLE 13:

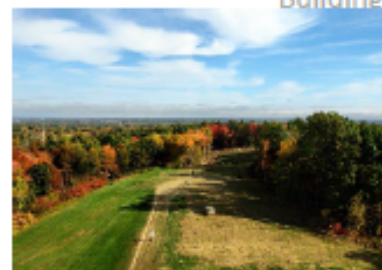
Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

Description	2021	2022	Change
Equipment & Vehicles	44,000	44,000	0
Information Systems	20,000	32,000	12,000
Buildings/Infrastructure/Planning	136,000	135,000	(1,000)
Stratham Hill Park	7,000	47,000	40,000
Transportation/Roadways	292,000	202,000	(90,000)
Total	499,000	473,000	(26,000)

CIP 2022: Stratham Hill Park Area Plan

Category	Stratham Hill Park
Project Location	Stratham Hill Park
Project Type	Rehabilitation
Impact on Operating Budget	Negligible

Evaluation Criteria	Satisfy
Identified in Planning Document or Study: Master Plan (2019)	Y
Improves Quality of Existing Services	Y
Provides Added Capacity to Existing Services	
Addresses Public Health or Safety Need	
Reduces Long-Term Operating Costs	
Alleviates Substandard Conditions or Deficiencies	
Provides Incentive to Economic Development	
Responds to Federal or State Requirement	
Eligible for Matching Funds with Limited Availability	Y



Description: This project will result in the development of the Stratham Hill Park Area Plan, a planning and design tool to guide future investments in this invaluable public asset and gift to the people of Stratham. The Park is the site of a number of uses, multiple parcels, many structures and a layout designed to accommodate a variety of uses. The infrastructure of the park is aging and requires investment. Given the site's existing physical needs, new and evolving uses, and other opportunities this plan will guide near and longer-term investments in accordance with an overall strategy. This project will pursue a site specific plan benefiting from the input from the public, user and advocacy groups, and various Boards & Commissions of the Town.

Examples of work to be carried out in include:

1. Build on the work of the SHP Trail Management Advisory Committee and implement Select Board adopted recommendations.
2. Create an existing conditions and utilities plan
3. Develop a future vision and concept plan for the Park
4. Implement a phased improvement plan reflective of the Plan

Useful Website Links

- <https://www.strathamnh.gov/planning-zoning-department>



	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Balance (2018-2021)	Balance + 2022 Proposed
General Fund	25	50	50	50	50	50	0	25

CIP 2022: PFAS Response and Remediation

Category	Buildings/Infrastructure & Planning
Project Location	Fire Station
Project Type	Rehabilitation
Impact on Operating Budget	Less than \$5,000

Evaluation Criteria	Satisfy
Identified in Planning Document or Study:	
Improves Quality of Existing Services	
Provides Added Capacity to Existing Services	
Addresses Public Health or Safety Need	Y
Reduces Long-Term Operating Costs	
Alleviates Substandard Conditions or Deficiencies	Y
Provides Incentive to Economic Development	
Responds to Federal or State Requirement	Y
Eligible for Matching Funds with Limited Availability	Y



Description: In 2019, elevated levels of PFAS chemicals above water quality standards were detected at a well on private property in Town Center. Subsequent water quality testing around the property initiated by NH Department of Environmental Services and a Focused Site Investigation confirmed the source of the contamination. A Remedial Action Plan (RAP) established appropriate mitigation measures for affected property owners in the Town Center area, along College Road and Portsmouth Avenue and as a result the Town installed filtration systems at individuals properties in 2021. The RAP also became the basis of a Groundwater Management Permit (GMP), which outlines the Town's monitoring and reporting responsibilities for a five-year period, after which it is renewed following review. The Town is eligible for State PFAS Mitigation Grant Funds and intends to recoup expenses for at least the installation of PFAS systems. Going forward it is likely the Town will need to plan on funding engineering, testing and reporting costs associated with the GMP requirements.

Useful Website Links

- <https://www.strathamnh.gov/home/news/updated-january-15th-resource-page-residents-seeking-information-about-town-center-des>



	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Balance (2018-2021)	Balance + 2022 Proposed
General Fund	75	75	75	75	75	75	55	130

ARTICLE 14:

Capital Reserve Funds (CRF)

Description	2021	2022	Change
Land Conservation	0	0	0
Heritage Preservation Fund	50,000	50,000	0
Fire Department	110,000	110,000	0
Radio Communications	15,000	5,000	(10,000)
Highway Department	125,000	125,000	0
Town Buildings & Grounds Maintenance	100,000	0	(100,000)
Total	400,000	290,000	(110,000)

Capital Reserve Funds (Continued)

Town of Stratham
Capital Improvement Plan
2022-2027



Appendix A: Worksheets for Capital Reserve Funds

A-1

Town of Stratham Highway Vehicle Replacement and Funding Schedule

	Vehicle Number & Age												Annual Spend	Annual Investment	CRF Balance
	Vehicle #: Veh. Age	10 27	101 5	102 15	103 9	104 6	201 4	202 4	203 3	300 7	301 22	302 18	303 7		
Fiscal Year	2022	195												Beg. CRF Balance	357
	2023										225			195	287
	2024				142									125	187
	2025											250		125	170
	2026												75	125	45
	2027					70								100	95
	2028		75											75	125
	2029													100	150
	2030			78										0	250
	2031													100	272
	2032								205					100	372
	2033							205						125	267
	2034						225							125	187
	2035				197									125	87
	2036								63					125	15
	2037													125	77
	2038					97								125	202
	2039													125	123
	2040			102										125	248
	2041	342	110											125	271
	Totals	537	185	240	339	167	225	205	205	63	225	250	182	452	(56)

ARTICLE 15:

Appropriate from the EMS Special Revenue Fund

- 2022 EMS/EMT/First Responder Training \$10,000
- 2022 ALS Services Contract \$10,000

- Ambulance Account – EMS Training
 - EMT Requalification Licenses and Continuing Education Requirements
 - New EMT Classes for New Members
- Ambulance Account – ALS Re-imbursement
 - During transport of Medicare or Medicaid patients only the transporting service may bill.
 - Depending upon the call Exeter Hospital ALS (advanced life support) will transport with us.
 - Stratham bills Medicare/Medicaid for services rendered by Stratham FD and Exeter ALS. We provide re-imbursement for ALS.
- No money from taxation to be used.

ARTICLE 16:

Appropriate from the EMS Special Revenue Fund

•Replacement of Ambulance #2 \$350,000

- 2008 Ambulance (15 years old when replaced)
- Increased out of service time and maintenance costs
- Replace with same layout as Ambulance 1
 - Provide 4-wheel drive ambulance
 - Equipment locations will be the same
 - Heavier chassis to support longer life cycle and increased use.
- Funded 100% from the Ambulance Account



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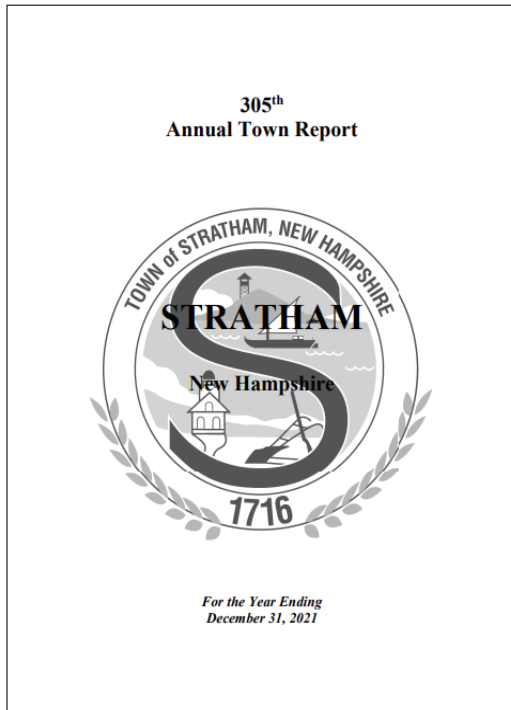
Service-Connected Total Disability Tax Credit

- Change in state law (RSA 72:35) permits credits up to \$4,000
- Previous credit in Stratham was voted to be \$2,000 (the previous maximum)
- 15 Stratham residents receive this credit.
- Honorably separated from the military service of the United States and who have a total and permanent service-connected disability, or are a double amputee or paraplegic because of a service-connected injury, are eligible for the tax credit. The surviving spouse
- The value of credits would move from \$30,000 to \$60,000.

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