

2024 WARRANT *New Hampshire* Department of Revenue Administration

Stratham

The inhabitants of the Town of Stratham in the County of Rockingham in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday March 12, 2024 Time: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Location: Stratham Memorial School (39 Gifford Farm Road) Stratham, NH Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)

Date: Saturday March 16, 2024 Time: 9:00 a.m. Location: Stratham Memorial School (39 Gifford Farm Road) Stratham, NH Details:

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before <February 22, 2024>, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at <Stratham Town Offices, 10 Bunker Hill Avenue> and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

Name Position Signature MICHAEL HOUGHTON SELECT BORRD CHRIR AMSON KNAB SELECT DUARD VILE CHAIR Jeph Anderson Select Board

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 7 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 and warned to meet at the Stratham Memorial School on Tuesday, on the twelfth day of March 2024, next at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

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

<u>Article 2:</u> 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 II *Definitions*, Section III Table 3.6 *Table of Uses*, and *Footnotes to Table 3.6* to include new definitions and property uses that are not currently defined. This is a housekeeping amendment to better define terms, building uses and associated requirements.

2.1 **DEFINITIONS**

<u>Half Story</u>: A building story in which the area of habitable square-footage is less than the areas of habitable rooms on the first floor with at least two opposite exterior walls meeting the sloping roof not more than three feet above that floor level.

<u>Mixed-Use Development</u>: A complementary combination of permitted residential uses and commercial land uses, occupying the same site or building.

2.1.81 <u>Structure</u>: Anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on or in the ground, or attached to something having a fixed location on or in the ground. Structures include but are not limited to buildings, mobile home, bridges, trestles, towers, frameworks, hoop houses, tanks or group of tanks exceeding a total of 500 gallons (excluding septic tanks), tunnels, stadiums, platforms, shelters, piers, wharfs, signs, fences over six-feet in height, and retaining walls over four-feet (4') six-feet (6') in height, swimming pools, or the like. This definition shall exclude burial vaults, septic tanks and associated infrastructure, and pre-fabricated children's playsets. Where the Stratham Zoning Ordinance is silent, then the most current edition of the State Building Code shall be assumed to apply. (Rev. 3/90, 3/11, 3/20).

Use	R/A	MAH	PRE	ТС	GCBD	SC	CLIO	IND	33HD
Mixed-Use Development	Х	Х	C ¹⁸	C^{18}	C^{18}	C ¹⁸	Х	Х	С

ADDITION TO TABLE 3.6, <u>TABLE OF USES:</u>

ADDITION TO FOOTNOTES TO TABLE 3.6:

¹⁸- A minimum of 25 percent of the gross interior habitable space of the development must be allocated to non-residential uses.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

<u>Article 3:</u> Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Building Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To amend the Building Ordinance, Article III *Permits* to clarify the circumstances in which the Building Inspector may require that a plan prepared and stamped by a licensed land surveyor or certified wetland scientist is required. This amendment provides the Building Inspector discretion to require a plan prepared and stamped by a certified professional where there is a reasonable basis to question if a building permit application meets the requirements of the Zoning and Building Ordinances and/or the State Building and Fire Codes.

ARTICLE III: PERMITS

3.5 No building permit shall be issued until the Building Inspector has certified that the proposed building or structure and its intended use comply with the provisions of this the Stratham Zoning and Building Ordinances.

3.10 Before issuance of a Building Permit, the Building Inspector may require that property lines be properly established when not readily apparent, in accordance with the Town's Subdivision Regulations, by a registered surveyor. (Rev. 3/90)

3.10 Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the Building Inspector may require, at his or her discretion and where there is a reasonable basis to question whether the plan meets the requirements of the Zoning and Building Ordinances, that a plan be prepared and stamped by a licensed surveyor to confirm that the application meets the requirements of the Stratham Zoning and Building Ordinances, including all relevant dimensional requirements (4.2 Table of Dimensional Requirements). The Building Inspector may also require that a plan be prepared and stamped by a licensed wetland scientist, where there is a reasonable basis to question whether an application conforms to the requirements of the Zoning and Building Ordinances, to confirm that the application meets the requirements of the Stratham Wetlands Conservation District and Shoreland Protection Districts.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

<u>Article 4:</u> 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 Supplementary Regulations, Sub-section 5.12 Home

Occupation to clarify the requirements associated with home occupations. This amendment would limit the aggregate size of home occupations and clarify requirements associated with inspections and renewals of home occupations.

5.12 <u>HOME OCCUPATION</u> (Only sections of the Ordinance proposed for revision are shown)

5.12.2 (excerpt)

a. The total area occupied, including storage in accordance with "f" below, by a home occupation shall utilize an area of no more than twenty five percent (25%) of the total floor area of finished floor space of the dwelling, including the basement if finished as habitable space, **or no more than 1,000 square-feet (whichever is less),** and does not change the residential character of the premises thereof. (Rev. 3/19)

5.12.3 (excerpt)

- b. Before a public hearing is held for a special exception under this section, the special exception is granted considered, mandatory building inspections a building inspection shall be conducted made by the Code Enforcement Officer of the portions of the property to be utilized for the home occupation. if the public is to be served at the proposed location or if hazardous materials are to be stored there. At or within five days of the inspection, the Code Enforcement Officer will make the applicant aware of any life safety/building code improvements necessary to operate the home occupation. In addition, a formal site plan review by the Planning Board may be required if deemed necessary by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and/or Code Enforcement Officer.
- c. Upon the granting of the special exception, the applicant shall be required to address any conditions of the special exception and other necessary improvements required by the Code Enforcement Officer. Prior to the start of operation, the applicant shall schedule a final inspection with the Town. If the proposed use meets all requirements of the special exception and those required under life safety/building codes, the Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a Certificate of Occupancy for the home occupation. Only home occupations with a valid Certificate of Occupancy may operate in Stratham. an application for a home occupation permit shall be made to the Building Department on a form provided by the Building Department.
- d. All home occupation permits shall be issued for a period of three (3) years and may be renewed provided there is no violation of the provisions of Section 5.12. Requests for renewals shall be submitted to the Building Department within three years of the date of the

original Certificate of Occupancy accompanied by the renewal fee as approved by the Select Board. The Code Enforcement Officer shall conduct an inspection of the home occupation prior to the approval of a renewal to ensure the use is operating in conformance with its Town approvals. The Town will mail one notice alerting the applicant of the need to renew the permit. The applicant shall be provided a 90-day grace period to file a renewal application. If no renewal application is filed within this period, the Certificate of Occupancy shall expire, and the home occupation must cease operation.

5.12.4 Exemptions from Special Exception Application Requirements:

- a. Home occupations in which neither customers nor vehicles, apart from periodic business deliveries, come to the location where the business activity takes place and at which no sign is displayed and no outside person is to be employed and there is no outward appearance of business activity.
- a. Home occupations which meet all of the following criteria shall be considered exempt from these requirements and may operate without a special exception:
 - 1. The business activity does not generate any additional traffic, including no customer and/or supplier traffic, apart from periodic business deliveries. Periodic business deliveries shall be defined as not more than five deliveries a week by vehicles weighing less than 26,000 pounds.
 - 2. The business activity does not employ anyone who does not have a primary residence at the property.
 - **3.** No sign associated with the business activity is displayed at the property.
 - 4. There is no outward appearance of a business activity on the property nor any noxious odors or noises produced by the home occupation.
 - 5. No hazardous materials directly associated with the home occupation are maintained at the property.
- b. Agricultural activity, including farming and forestry in which products are sold on or off premises.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

<u>Article 5:</u> 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 *Footnotes to Table 3.6* to consolidate the number of criteria the Planning Board considers in Conditional Use Permit applications. The purpose of this amendment is to expedite reviews of Conditional Use Permit applications while maintaining the core permit review criteria.

FOOTNOTES TO TABLE 3.6 ADDITIONAL NOTES:

3. Approval and Granting a Permit:

- b. <u>Criteria Required for Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit</u>. A conditional use permit shall be granted only if the Planning Board determines that the proposal conforms to all of the following conditional use permit criteria:
 - i. Spirit & Intent of the Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan: The proposed development is located on a site in which there are no existing violations of the Stratham Zoning Ordinance and will be constructed in a manner compatible with the spirit and intent of the Stratham Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance.
 - ii. Conformity to Zoning Ordinance: That there are no existing violations of the Stratham Zoning Ordinance on the subject property.
 - ii. Site suitability: The site is suitable for the proposed use which includes the following:
 - 1. Adequate vehicular and pedestrian access for the intended use.
 - 2. The availability of adequate public services to serve the intended use including emergency services, pedestrian facilities, schools, and other municipal services.
 - 3. The absence of environmental constraints (floodplain, steep slope, etc.).
 - 4. The availability of appropriate utilities to serve the intended use including water, sewage disposal, storm water disposal, electricity, and similar utilities.
 - iii. External impacts: The external impacts of the proposed use on abutting properties and the neighborhood shall be no greater than the impacts of adjacent surrounding existing uses or other uses permitted in the zone. This shall include, but not be limited to, traffic, noise, odors, vibrations, dust, fumes, hours of operation, and exterior lighting and glare. In addition, the location, nature, design, and height of the structure and its appurtenances, its scale with reference to its surroundings, and the nature and intensity of the use, shall not have an adverse effect on the surrounding environment nor discourage the appropriate and orderly development and use of land and buildings in the neighborhood.
 - iv. Character of development and impact on natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources: The proposed layout and design of the site and

new buildings or structures on the site shall not be incompatible with the established character of the neighborhood. This shall include, but not be limited to, the relationship of the development to the street, the scale, height, and massing of the building, architectural design, buffering from adjacent properties, and provisions for pedestrian and vehicular access. The proposed use and development of the site shall preserve identified natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources on the site and shall not degrade such identified resources on abutting properties

- v. Character of the site development: The proposed layout and design of the site shall not be incompatible with the established character of the neighborhood and shall mitigate any external impacts of the use on the neighborhood. This shall include, but not be limited to, the relationship of the building to the street, the amount, location, and screening of off-street parking, the treatment of yards and setbacks, the buffering of adjacent properties, and provisions for vehicular and pedestrian access to and within the site.
- vi. Character of the buildings and structures: The design of any new buildings or structures and the modification of existing buildings or structures on the site shall not be incompatible with the established character of the neighborhood. This shall include, but not be limited to, the scale, height, and massing of the building or structure, the roof line, the architectural treatment of the front or street elevation, the location of the principal entrance, and the material and colors proposed to be used.
- vii. Preservation of natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources: The proposed use of the site, including all related development activities, shall preserve identified natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources on the site and shall not degrade such identified resources on abutting properties. This shall include, but not be limited to, identified wetlands, floodplains, shore land buffers, significant wildlife habitat, stonewalls, mature tree lines, cemeteries, graveyards, designated historic buildings or sites/landscapes, scenic views, view sheds, and the establishment, protection, and promotion of agricultural uses of the site.
- v. Impact on property values: There will be no greater diminution of neighboring property values than would be created under any other use or development permitted in the underlying zone;
- vi. Availability of Public Services & Facilities: Adequate and lawful facilities or arrangements for sewage disposal, solid waste disposal, water supply, utilities, drainage, and other necessary public or private services, are approved or assured, to the end that the use will be capable of proper operation. In addition, it must be determined that these services will not cause excessive demand on municipal services, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, waste disposal, police protection, fire protection, and schools.

- vi. Fiscal impacts: The proposed use will not have a negative fiscal impact on the Town unless the Planning Board determines that there are other positive community impacts that off-set the negative fiscal aspects of the proposed use. Adequate facilities and public services are in The Planning Board's decision shall be based upon an analysis of the fiscal impact of the project on the town. The Planning Board may commission, at the applicant's expense, an independent analysis of the fiscal impact of the project on the town.
- vii. Public Interest: The permit is in the public interest.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

<u>Article 6:</u> 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* to amend the requirements associated with residential cluster developments. This amendment would establish minimum lot sizes for individual lots, require that open space parcels meet additional minimum requirements, and to require that historical resources be preserved and incorporated into cluster developments whenever practicable.

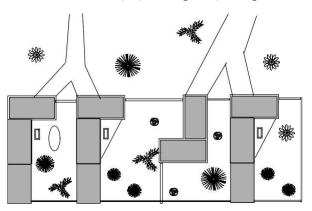
SECTION VIII: RESIDENTIAL OPEN SPACE CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT (Rev. 3/04, 3/10, 3/13)

(Only sub-sections of the Ordinance proposed for revision are shown)

8.8 <u>USES</u>

- a. Only residential uses shall be permitted in the Residential Open Space Cluster Developments.
- b. Single-family detached homes are permitted.
- c. Multi-family Units: Shall be permitted up to a unit count of four (4) per building or structure. For the purpose of elderly affordable and workforce housing developments, multi-family means a building or structure containing five (5) or more dwelling units, each designed for occupancy by an individual household. These are units that are structural joined and share walls with no yard between units. (Rev. 3/10)
- d. Joined-Array Units: Single-family units that are attached by and share a common yard and/or fence as part of a tightly-constructed joinedarray, not to exceed four joined units, shall be considered single family units for setbacks to other arrays or detached units but shall not require setbacks from each other provided that yard space at least twenty (20)

feet wide is available for individual use between units. In no case shall structures be less than ten (10) feet apart (example below).



- e. Home occupations are not permitted in Residential Open Space Cluster Developments.
- f. If a parcel proposed for a Cluster Open Space Cluster Development includes a historic structure(s) regulated under Section 16.5 *Historic Demolition Review* or a historic landscape or feature, or a scenic vista, the structure(s) and/or feature shall be preserved and incorporated into the development whenever feasible. In cases where there is disagreement regarding the feasibility of the preservation of a historic resource, the Demolition Review Committee shall provide an advisory opinion, and the Planning Board shall make a final determination. The Planning Board may also seek an advisory opinion by a historic preservation expert, the costs of which shall be borne by the applicant, before making such a determination.

8.9 DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS & SETBACKS

- i. Buffer Area: (Rev. 3/13, 3/17)
 - A vegetated buffer strip of at least fifty (50) feet shall be maintained along the external perimeter or property line of the Residential Open Space Cluster Development to minimize potential impacts on abutting properties. The natural vegetation shall be retained or, if required, vegetation of a type and amount as deemed appropriate by the Planning Board shall be planted and maintained. No dwelling, accessory structure, street or parking area shall be permitted within the designated buffer area. The vegetated buffer strip shall be located solely on open space parcels, including on common land, conservation land, and/or public open land, and shall not encumber individual residential parcels. Streets that serve as access to the development, walls, underground utilities, and drainage structures may be located within this buffer. Said buffer strip shall not be included in the calculation of open space for the development.

b. Residential Open Space Cluster Lot or Unit:

- i. Frontage and Minimum Lot Size Requirements:
 - 1. Each single-family lot or unit shall have a minimum of fifty (50) feet of frontage on interior roadways. Each single-family lot with both on-site well and septic facilities shall be sited on a minimum of oneacre. Single-family lots with on-site wells but no on-site septic facilities shall be a minimum of 35,000 square-feet. Single-family lots with on-site septic facilities but no on-site wells shall be a minimum of 25,000 square-feet. Single-family lots with no on-site well and septic facilities shall be a minimum of 15,000 square-feet. All single-family lots shall include a minimum of 12,500 squarefeet of contiguous upland buildable area.
 - 2. Joined-Array single family units, as described in Section 8.8 shall have one hundred twenty-five (125) feet of frontage. For joined array single family units sited on individual lots, the minimum lot areas prescribed under Section 8.9.b.i.1 shall apply at a 0.75 ratio for each housing unit.
 - 3. Duplex and Multi-family units, sharing a common wall shall have seventy-five (75) feet of frontage. For joined array single family units sited on individual lots, the minimum lot areas prescribed under Section 8.9.b.i.1 shall apply at a 0.75 ratio for each housing unit.

8.10 MINIMUM OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the requirements of this section, the Planning Board shall adopt regulations that prescribe additional criteria for open space parcels.

- g. The parcel must contain a minimum of 35% of the total land in the parcel dedicated as open space. The fifty foot (50') vegetated buffer as described in Section 8.9.a.iii, shall not be used in the calculation of said minimum.
- h. For purpose of this Section, the minimum open space requirements shall be established in accordance with Section 4.6.6 of the Subdivision Regulations.
- i. No less than 75% of the dedicated usable open space shall be contiguous. No more than 20% of the open space shall be made up of wetlands.
- j. Such land shall be preserved in perpetuity through deed restriction or conservation easement, and designated on the approved and recorded plat. Such restriction shall be approved by the Planning Board and Town Counsel.
- k. The minimum required open space is land unbuilt upon, which must be permanently kept in that condition, and cannot be subjected to current use taxation or discretionary easements. However, actively

operated farmland, classified as "prime" or "unique" by the Rockingham County Conservation District will be entitled to current use taxation or discretionary easements.

- 1. The open space and/or common area within a cluster development shall be owned by and bound by one or more of the following:
 - i. Mandatory Homeowners Association: Which may use it for common recreational facilities or may designate it as Open Space, or may grant a public body an Open Space Easement.
 - ii. A Public Body: Which shall use it as Conservation Land or Public Open Land.
 - iii. Such Designation must be made prior to approval of the subdivision application by the Planning Board; such lands shall be held in such type of legal entity as the Planning Board deems appropriate.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

<u>Article 7:</u> 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 *Supplementary Regulations*, to create a new Subsection 5.14 for *Small Accessory Structures*. The purpose of this amendment is to provide for reduced setbacks for small sheds or accessory structures under 120 square-feet in size provided that the structure meets a number of minimum criteria.

5.14 <u>SMALL ACCESSORY STRUCTURES</u>

Small accessory structures or sheds less than or equal to 120 square-feet in area may be constructed no less than five (5) feet of a side and/or rear property boundary and no less than 15 (fifteen) feet of a wetland boundary and shall not require the issuance of a building permit, if all criteria in 5.14.ii are met.

5.14.1 <u>Criteria</u>

- a. The structure shall not contain a poured concrete foundation or slab.
- b. The height of the shed shall not exceed 12 feet as measured to the roof peak.
- c. A maximum of one shed per parcel shall be allowed under this section.
- d. The shed shall not be constructed within the 50-foot vegetated buffer strip that is required to be maintained along the external perimeter or property line of a Residential Open Space Cluster Development.
- e. This section shall not apply to parcels that are subject to site plan review by the Planning Board.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

<u>Article 8:</u> 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 Regulations*, Sub-section 4.1.4 *Maximum Residential Density* to clarify that non-buildable areas cannot be incorporated into maximum residential density calculations. This amendment would also reduce the maximum residential density in the Route 33 Heritage District from three units per acre to two units per acre.

4.1.1 <u>Maximum Residential Density</u>

For commercially-zoned properties serviced by on-site septic facilities, the maximum residential density of a parcel shall be determined by computing the maximum septic capacity of the parcel as determined by the NH Department of Environmental Services. However in no case shall the maximum allowable residential density exceed the following:

Gateway Commercial Business District: 5 units per acre

Town Center District: 4 units per acre

Flexible Mixed Use District: 4 units per acre

Professional/Residential District: 3 units per acre

Route 33 Legacy Highway Heritage District: 3 2 units per acre

Special Commercial Districts: 3 units per acre

In all Districts, non-buildable areas, including wetlands, lands protected under conservation/agricultural easements, and steep slopes shall not be counted toward the maximum residential density and shall be subtracted from the total land area before computing the maximum residential density calculation.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

<u>Article 9:</u> 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 *Supplementary Regulations*, Sub-section 5.13 *Solar Energy Systems* to allow small-scale ground-mount solar energy systems by right if the proposal meets a number of minimum criteria.

5.13.3 <u>Use Regulations</u> (Table 1):

Residential Zones	Commercial Zones	Industrial	
(R/A, MH, RPC,	(GCBD, CLIO, PRE,	Zone (IND)	

	FMU)	TC)							
PRINCIPAL LE USE									
Medium-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Energy System	С	Р	Р						
Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Energy System	Х	С	С						
ACCESSORY USE									
Roof-Mounted Solar Energy System	Р	Р	Р						
Small-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Energy System	P /C ¹	P /C ¹	P /C ¹						
Medium-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Energy System	С	С	С						

P = Permitted C = Conditional Use Permit

¹ - Small-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems shall be permitted by right if the application conforms to all of the following requirements:

- 1. The solar energy system is sited in the rear yard only and the application shall not include the clear-cutting of vegetation or the removal of mature trees located within 20-feet of any lot boundary.
- 2. The solar energy system is sited a minimum of 50-feet from the front property boundary (or any lot boundary that directly borders a road frontage) and a minimum of 35-feet from all property boundaries.
- 3. The solar energy system complies with the minimum setback requirements of the Wetland Conservation and Shoreland Protection Districts.
- 4. The solar energy system does not exceed a maximum height (tallest point of structure) of 12-feet above natural grade.
- 5. Small-scale solar energy systems on commercial, industrial, mixed-use, or multifamily residential properties shall be subject to the Stratham Site Plan Regulations.

Small-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems that do not conform to all of the criteria above shall be permitted by Conditional Use Permit only.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

<u>Article 10:</u> 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 *Supplementary Regulations* and Section II *Definitions* to enact additional regulations, including screening requirements, on storage containers, semi trailers, and associated structures.

5.5 <u>ACCESSORY OUTSIDE STORAGE, **STORAGE CONTAINERS, TRAILERS,** <u>DUMPSTERS</u></u>

Accessory storage materials used in conjunction with a permitted use within any district shall be permitted on the same property as the permitted use **except for uses regulated under Section 5.5.1**. However All goods and materials must be stored in accordance with minimum yard dimensions specified in Table 4.2, Table of Dimensional Requirements. The Planning Board may require screening of said storage areas through the Site Plan Review Process.

- 5.5.1 Storage containers, semi trailers, dumpsters larger than 6 cubic yards, recreational vehicles or travel trailers/campers more than 20-feet in length, and other similar structures shall be prohibited on parcels in Stratham if they are maintained on a site for more than 30 consecutive days unless any of the following criteria are met:
 - a.) An active building permit is open for a building renovation or remediation, or for the construction of new structures or building additions on the property. All such structures must be removed at the conclusion of construction activity.
 - b.) The structure is located in the rear-yard only of the property.
 - c.) The use is maintained fully within a garage or existing structure or is maintained in the rear yard of the property only a minimum of 30-feet from any property boundary.
 - d.) The primary land use of the property is commercial or industrial or the structure, and its location on the property, is associated with a land use application reviewed and approved by the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment.
 - e.) The structure is utilized for agricultural purposes or is directly associated with an active agricultural land use provided that the parcel is at least 4-acres in size.
 - f.) Recreational vehicles or travel trailers/campers shall be exempt from these requirements so long as the vehicle is road worthy in its current condition and maintains a current New Hampshire state registration and passed state inspection within the preceding 15 months.
- 5.5.2 Storage containers larger than 20-feet in length or 1,320 cubic feet in size or semi trailers more than 20-feet in length shall be prohibited on parcels in Stratham unless the use meets the criteria described in Section 5.5.1.c and 5.5.1.e.

2.1 **DEFINITIONS**

<u>Semi Trailer</u>: A vehicle of the trailer type so designed and used in conjunction with a motor vehicle that some part of its own weight and that of its own load rests upon or is carried by another vehicle, but does not include a mobile home. This definition shall not apply to horse trailers or trailers/vehicles used for agricultural purposes.

Storage Container: A prefabricated structure designed for the storage of materials.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.



Article 11 2024 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight million four hundred eighty two thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$8,482,160) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Majority vote required.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Article 12 Capital Improvements Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six hundred seventy eight thousand dollars (\$678,000) to implement the Capital Improvements Program for 2024 as presented in the Town Report and recommended 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 December 31, 2029 per NH RSA 32:7 (VI).

Majority vote required.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Article 13 Appropriate Funds to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) 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 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be raised through general taxation.

Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund \$125,000 Highway Vehicle/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund Total \$250,000

Majority vote required.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.





Article 14 Raise and Appropriate from EMS Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty six thousand five hundred dollars (\$36,500) for the following purposes:

2024 EMS Supplies	\$16,500
2024 EMS/EMT/First Responder Training	\$10,000
2024 ALS Services Contract	\$10,000

and to further authorize the withdrawal of Thirty six thousand five hundred dollars (\$36,500) 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.

Majority vote required.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Article 15 Shall votes be counted by paper ballot and hand counted only?

Shall the following provisions pertaining to elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices. This shall constitute a return to hand counting ballots and the immediate discontinuance of all electronic voting machines and electronic devices authorized for use by trial in RSA 656:40. Should this article be passed, it should be enacted by the Town of Stratham immediately.

Submitted by petition. Non-monetary.

Article 16 Other business

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



Proposed Budget

Stratham

For the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: <u>Fabruary</u> 22, 2024

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

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

Position Signature Name SUGHTON SELECT BOARD CHAIR HAEL oseph nderson Dan AUSON KNAB SELECT BORND NOE CHAR

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal: <u>https://www.proptax.org/</u>

For assistance please contact: NH DRA Municipal and Property Division (603) 230-5090 http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Approp	riations for period ending 12/31/2024
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended
General Go	vernment					
4130	Executive	11	\$241,023	\$242,210	\$249,240	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	11	\$9,364	\$9,725	\$27,950	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	11	\$510,949	\$553,531	\$592,865	\$0
4152	Property Assessment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	11	\$47,696	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	11	\$1,204,440	\$1,282,200	\$1,417,560	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	11	\$219,570	\$299,018	\$294,735	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	11	\$181,543	\$183,020	\$185,100	\$C
4195	Cemeteries	11	\$29,207	\$45,485	\$40,260	\$C
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	11	\$115,200	\$124,554	\$136,273	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$C
4198	Contingency	200000000000000000000000000000000000000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	11	\$32,366	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$C
	General Government Subtotal		\$2,591,358	\$2,791,743	\$2,989,983	\$0
Public Safe	ty Police	11	\$1,345,228	\$1,388,051	\$1,385,700	\$0
4215	Ambulances	11	\$14,284	\$20,000	\$1,303,700	φ(\$(
4220	Fire	11	\$530,398	\$533,032	\$563,665	ş(
4240	Building Inspection		\$0	¢000,002 \$0	¢000,000 \$0	\$C \$(
4290	Emergency Management	11	\$192	\$9,500	\$9,500	ş(
4299	Other Public Safety	11	\$978	\$1,000	\$1,000	
4233	Public Safety Subtotal					\$(¢(
	Fublic Salety Subtotal		\$1,891,080	\$1,951,583	\$1,959,865	\$0
Airport/Avia	tion Center					
4301	Airport Administration	•	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	· \$0	\$0
	Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$(
Highways a	nd Streets					
4311	Highway Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	11	\$650,271	\$748,478	\$760,111	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	dealers of the analysis and the second s	\$0	101020000000000000000000000000000000000
4316	Street Lighting	11	\$8,787	\$10,750	\$9,000	
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	
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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropria	ations for period nding 12/31/2024
					(Recommended) (N	Not Recommended)
Sanitation						
4321	Sanitation Administration	11	\$45,625	\$45,623	\$48,000	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	11	\$1,026,682	\$1,026,682	\$1,013,200	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sanitation Subtotal		\$1,072,307	\$1,072,305	\$1,061,200	\$0
	bution and Treatment	1999 (Substantion Substance			-	
4331	Water Administration	11	\$0		\$1	\$0
4332	Water Services	2001 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0		\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0		\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water Vater Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$0	\$0 \$1	\$0 \$1	\$0
Electric 4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Electric Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Health Administration	11	\$749	\$600	\$600	\$0
4414	Pest Control	11	\$47,475	\$54,144	\$50,000	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	11	\$38,700	\$38,700	\$38,700	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Health Subtotal		\$86,924	\$93,444	\$89,300	\$0
Welfare						
4441	Welfare Administration	11	\$3,630	\$11,375	\$10,000	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance	(\$0,000			\$0 \$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0 \$0		****	\$0 \$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0 \$0		\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$0 \$0			\$0 \$0
	Welfare Subtotal		\$3,630			\$0 \$0
	Wenale Subtotal		φ3,030	φ11,373	\$10,000	Ф О



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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Approp	riations for period ending 12/31/2024
		****			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Culture and	Recreation					
4520	Parks and Recreation	11	\$343,308	\$309,742	\$350,410	\$0
4550	Library	11	\$532,140	\$560,842	\$584,130	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	11	\$2,768	\$1,700	\$1,750	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$878,216	\$872,284	\$936,290	\$0
Conservati	on and Development					
4611	Conservation Administation	11	\$624	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	11	\$1,928	\$5,700	\$5,700	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development	11	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
	Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$2,552	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$0
Debt Servio	e					
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	11	\$570,000	\$570,000	\$570,000	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	11	\$109,055	\$97,325	\$84,510	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Debt Service Subtotal		\$679,055	\$667,325	\$654,510	\$0
Capital Out	lay					
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$997,000	\$997,000	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$581,000	\$581,000	\$0	\$0
201000-00000000000000011990001110010-00000	Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$1,613,000	\$1,613,000	\$0	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article		Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Approp	riations for period ending 12/31/2024
· .					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Operating T	ransfers Out					
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
49140	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
58663566666666777765562975766666	Total Operating Budget Appropriations				\$8,482,160	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose		Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024		
			(Recommended) (Not Re	commended)	
4215	Ambulances	14	\$36,500	\$0	
		Purpose: First Responder, Supplies, Training & ALS Serv	vice		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equi	oment 12	\$42,000	\$0	
		Purpose: Capital Improvements Program			
4903	Buildings	112	\$286,000	\$0	
		Purpose: Capital Improvements Program			
4909	Improvements Other than Build	lings 12	\$350,000	\$0	
		Purpose: Capital Improvements Program			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	13	\$250,000	\$0	
		Purpose: Appropriate Funds to Capital Reserve Funds		A0000000000000000000000000000000000000	
	Total Proposed Sp	ecial Articles	\$964,500	\$0	





Individual Warrant Articles

Account Purpose		Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024
		(Recommended) (Not Recommended)
Total Proposed In	dividual Articles	an management and a second



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Revenues

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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Taxes		tion is refrequence as an a case much be readed			
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	11	\$0	\$500	\$500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0		\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	1888-1998	\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes	11	\$126	\$150	\$150
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	11	\$26,330	\$30,500	\$28,000
	Taxes Subtotal		\$26,456	\$31,150	\$28,650
	Permits, and Fees			-	
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	11	\$45,948		
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	11	\$2,137,448		
3230	Building Permits	11	\$263,138		\$170,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	11	\$8,409		
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$2,454,943	\$2,394,310	\$2,328,426
From Fede	ral Government				
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection	********	\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement	5m1000000000000000000000000000000000000	\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	From Federal Government Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sour	ces				
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	11	\$735,211	\$735,211	\$735,211
3353	Highway Block Grant	11	\$229,290	\$178,818	\$178,795
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	11	\$8,500	\$9,126	\$9,000
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$60,789	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
	State Sources Subtotal		\$1,033,790	\$923,155	\$923,006



Revenues -----

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Charges fo	or Services				
3401	Income from Departments	11	\$126,197	\$156,335	\$180,175
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$(
3403	Sewer User Charges	Series realized and	\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges	201000000000000000000000000000000000000	\$0	\$0	. \$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges	11	\$166,337	\$173,000	\$165,000
	Charges for Services Subtota	al	\$292,534	\$329,335	\$345,17
Miscellane	ous Revenues				
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	11	\$2,386	\$7,450	\$7,500
3502	Interest on Investments	11	\$245,253	\$275,000	
3503	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits	***************************************	\$0	· \$0	\$(
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$(
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$169,881	\$0	\$(
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	, 11	\$59,821	\$64,800	\$62,100
Interfund (Miscellaneous Revenues Subtota Operating Transfers In	**	\$477,341	\$347,250	\$329,600
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$(
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	14	\$270,000	\$270,000	\$36,500
3913	From Capital Projects Funds	880018680000000000000000000000000000000	\$0	° \$0	
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund	sala: "2000-1999 and an	\$0	\$0	\$(
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund	96 / Sakiti Kalendar of Sakita Stational Stational Station (1975) (1975)	\$0	\$C	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$C	\$C	\$(
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$C	\$
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$620,000	\$620,000	\$(
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$80,000	\$80,000	\$(
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$(
	Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtota	3]	\$970,000	\$970,000	
Other Fina	ncing Sources				
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0) \$C	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	13	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	11	\$500,000		
grugenee##################################	Other Financing Sources Subtota	CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR	\$650,000		
	Total Estimated Revenues and Credit	S	\$5,905,064	\$5,645,200	\$4,741,357
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Budget Summary

ltem	Period ending 12/31/2024
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$8,482,160
Special Warrant Articles	\$964,500
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$9,446,660
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$4,741,357
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$4,705,303