

**295th  
Annual Town Report**



*For the Year Ending  
December 31, 2011*



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## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Wiggin Memorial Library:** Monday–Friday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Sat. 10:00 am–1:00 pm

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

#### HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOURS:

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

#### STRATHAM TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

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

Trash & Recycling Collection: Thursday & Friday curbside by 7:00 am

*See Back Cover for Meetings & Schedules*

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

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

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FOR 2011**

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### **DEDICATED TO DOUG AND STELLA SCAMMAN**

Every town has families who personify the community due to some combination of longevity, participation, or fame. Stratham is no exception; we have families who are descended from our founders or who have been in town for generations. We have many residents who have gained a certain level of prominence or whose combined contributions to their fellow citizens mark their place in Stratham history. No one better exemplifies all of these traits than Doug and Stella Scamman. The Board of Selectmen is honored to dedicate the 2011 Town Report to them!

Doug comes from a line of Stratham dairy farmers and attended local schools including the University of New Hampshire where he met another New Hampshire native, Stella Emanuel. As we all know, they settled in Stratham and raised a family of four. Their family has now expanded to include five grandchildren. So far, it seems a fairly typical story. But in addition to the overwhelming task of raising a large and loving family while operating the original 24 hour business, dairy farming, they made time for community service. Both have represented us well in the New Hampshire Legislature. Doug was Speaker of the House of Representatives for 6 of his 26 years in the Legislature. He has been called upon by a succession of governors to serve in State departments, on boards and commissions, and for informal advice. Here in town, Doug has served on the School Board and as both Town and School Moderator.

Stella, besides being active politically, was also a teacher and has served in various capacities with the National Conference of Legislatures, the New England Board of Higher Education, NH Technical College Board of Trustees, the Housing Partnership, the NH Public Television Board of Directors, the Board of Directors of the NH Association For The Blind, and the University System Board of Trustees. In addition to this very partial list of public service efforts, the Scammans have founded several successful business ventures.

Perhaps the Scammans' greatest legacy will be one shared with every person driving down Portsmouth Avenue. They worked with the Town to preserve, in perpetuity, the Scamman farmland, an iconic piece of the Stratham landscape. New Hampshire as a whole, and our community in particular, are far better places for having had Doug and Stella Scamman reside among us. Although they have retired from legislative service, the Scammans continue to be active in a variety of roles in Stratham and within the State. The Board of Selectmen recognizes, values, and thanks them for their service. Their good works have created a legacy which will be remembered for generations.

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## **2011 TOWN OFFICERS**

### **ELECTED POSITIONS**

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

David Canada, Chair	term expires 2014
Bruno Federico	term expires 2012
Timothy Copeland	term expires 2013

#### **MODERATOR**

David Emanuel	term expires 2012
Jerry Howard (appointed assistant)	term expires 2012

#### **TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

Joyce Charbonneau	term expires 2014
Catherine Kenny, Deputy (appointed)	
Vacant, Office Assistant	

#### **TREASURER**

Kevin Peck	term expires 2014
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#### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Caren Gallagher	term expires 2014
Melanie McGrail	term expires 2016
Susan Hunter	term expires 2012

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

Joyce Rowe, Chair	term expires 2013
Diane Morgera	term expires 2012
Maria Emanuel	term expires 2014

#### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Victor Collinino	term expires 2012
Eileen Bischoff	term expires 2013
Bruce Cotter	term expires 2014
Adrianne (Dree) Sherry	term expires 2012
Murray Segal	term expires 2013
Lesley Kimball, Director (appointed)	

#### **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Robert Cushman, Chair	term expires 2014
Kenneth F. Lanzillo	term expires 2012
June Sawyer	term expires 2013

## **APPOINTED POSITIONS**

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Paul R. Deschaine  
Valerie Kemp, Accounting Supervisor  
Stacey J. Grella, Executive Asst./Welfare Administrator  
Charles Browne, Custodian/Building Maintenance  
Paul Wolf, IT Administrator

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

Terry Barnes  
Tracey Cutler, Land Use Assistant

### **TOWN ASSESSOR**

Andrea S. Lewy  
James Joseph, Assessing Assistant

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Fred A. Hutton Jr., Highway Agent	Russell Stevens
Alan Williams, Foreman	Timothy Slager

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

### **OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief John V. Scippa	Off. Gregory Jordan	On Call Officers:
Det. Sgt. David Pierce	Off. Michael Oliveira	Kevin O'Neil
Sgt. James "Chris" Call	Off. Stephen McAulay	Peter Bakie
Off. Charles Law	Off. Michael Gobbi	Support Staff:
Off. John Emerson	Off. Lauren Andrews	Jaye Aither, Secretary
		William Hart, Prosecutor

### **HEALTH OFFICER**

David Tosatti  
Doreen Gaulin, Deputy  
Dr. Vincent Tan, Deputy

**PLANNING BOARD**

Martin Wool, Chair	term expires 2012
Michael Houghton, Vice Chair	term expires 2014
Jeffrey Hyland, Secretary	term expires 2013
Robert Baskerville	term expires 2014
Bruno Federico, Selectmen's Rep.	
Jameson Paine, Alternate	term expires 2014
Mary Jane Werner, Alternate	term expires 2012
Tom House, Alternate	term expires 2013
Lincoln Daley, Town Planner	

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Arol Charbonneau, Chair	term expires 2012
David Short, Vice Chair	term expires 2013
John Dold	term expires 2012
Kirk Scamman	term expires 2014
Bruce Barker	term expires 2013
Michael Smith, Alternate	term expires 2014
Jeffrey Karam, Alternate	term expires 2013
Christopher Brett, Alternate	term expires 2012

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Patricia Elwell, Chair	term expires 2014
Donna Jensen, Vice Chair	term expires 2013
Robert Keating	term expires 2014
William McCarthy	term expires 2012
Dan McAuliffe	term expires 2014
Timothy Copeland, Selectmen's Rep.	
Edie Barker, Alternate	term expires 2013
Allison Knab, Alternate, Secretary	term expires 2012
Bill Grace, Alternate	term expires 2013

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

Stephanie Ilberg-Lamm, Co-Chair	term expires 2012
Tracy-Lynn Abbott, Co-Chair	term expires 2014
Claire Ellis	term expires 2013
Caren Gallagher	term expires 2014
Kevin Peck, Secretary	term expires 2014
Jan Henderson	term expires 2012
Thomas Haslam	term expires 2012
Shelly Browne, Treasurer	term expires 2013
Tim Copeland, Selectmen's Rep.	
Seth Hickey, Parks & Recreation Director	



### **BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Garrett Dolan  
Nathan Merrill  
June Sawyer  
Michael Perfit  
Travis Thompson, School Board's Rep.

### **HERITAGE COMMISSION**

Rebecca Mitchell, Chair	term expires 2013
Nancy Hansen	term expires 2014
Florence Wiggin	term expires 2013
David Canada, Selectmen's Rep.	
Mary Jane Werner, Planning Board Rep.	
Georgiana Law, Alternate	term expires 2012
Nathan Merrill, Alternate	term expires 2014

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

John Boisvert, Chair	term expires 2013
Michael Girard	term expires 2014
Michael Perfit	term expires 2013
David Canada, Selectmen's Rep.	
David Sallet	term expires 2012
Lissa Ham, Alternate	term expires 2013
James Moran, Alternate, Secretary	term expires 2014
William Schoppmeyer, Alternate	term expires 2012

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Michael Houghton, Chair	term expires 2012
Bruno Federico, Selectman	term expires 2014
Paul R. Deschaine, Town Administrator	term expires 2012
William Howell	term expires 2013
Vacant, Alternate	term expires 2013

### **AD HOC CONSERVATION BOND SUBCOMMITTEE TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Roger Stephenson, Chair  
Laura Lee, Vice Chair  
Edie Barker, Secretary  
Tammy Hathaway  
Dan McAuliffe, Conservation Commission Rep.

### **300<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

Jeffrey Hyland, Alternate, Chair	term expires 2016
Peter Wiggin	term expires 2016
Florence Wiggin	term expires 2016
Joyce Rowe	term expires 2016
John Dold	term expires 2016
Liz Chisholm	term expires 2016
Susan Canada, Alternate, Secretary	term expires 2016
Pat Sapienza, Alternate	term expires 2016
Chelsea Bailey, Alternate	term expires 2016
Cathy Kenny, Alternate	term expires 2016

### **STRATHAM FAIR COMMITTEE**

Stan Walker, Chair  
Robert Cook  
Francisco Marin  
Vicky Avery  
John Cushing

### **GATEWAY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

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

### **ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION**

Martin Wool  
Robert Goodrich  
Lissa Ham, Alternate

### **LAMPREY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE**

Paul R. Deschaine

### **COAST (Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation)**

David Sandmann

### **SOUTHEAST WATERSHED ALLIANCE**

Michael Perfit  
Michael Girard, Alternate

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen endeavors to stay involved with every aspect of government in Stratham. To this end, we are represented on virtually every board and committee and have every department head report to us at one of our meetings each month. You are invited to join us at any of our Monday meetings which convene weekly at 7:30 PM in the Hutton Meeting Room at Town Hall. Agendas are available on the Town's website, <http://strathamnh.gov/>, on the preceding Friday by noon. We urge you to read each department report in this Town Report to learn more about what is happening in Town.

We began 2011 with a major change in our emergency dispatch service. For years we contracted with the Town of Newmarket to dispatch police, fire and highway personnel. When costs for Newmarket rose to \$135,716, the Selectmen leveraged the advantages of the Stratham Hill Fire Tower as a radio transmission point to negotiate a three way agreement with the NH State Police and the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Dispatch Center now provides these services at no charge to the Town. We would like to acknowledge the attention and service provided to the Town by Rockingham Sheriff Michael Downing and NH State Police Commander Robert Quinn. Although there were some expected transition pains, the new service is working well for the Town.

The 2011 Town Meeting authorized the purchase of the David and Virginia Foss property at 28 Bunker Hill Avenue. That sale was completed and the land is now available to the Town for a water storage tank. Given the ideal elevation of the site, the Town will save hundreds of thousands of dollars over the cost of an elevated water tank when the time comes to build it. In the meantime, we have leased the property to a very nice family and we are realizing a gross return on our investment of 4.2%, after adjusting income for loss of property tax.

The Board joined an effort by the Concord Co-op to offer single stream recycling. The Concord group is constructing a modern facility which will largely automate the task of separating glass, plastic and paper from recycled materials collected at the curb. We expect this will save the Town operating costs once online, comes with no capital investment, and will allow the convenience of comingling all recycled materials into one bucket.

The original Wiggin Memorial Library building, the stone building in front of the Fire House, has for years suffered from water intrusion into the cellar. Contractors on site during the Fire House construction installed perimeter drains around the building to intercept ground water. Additional moisture was entering through small holes which developed over time in the mortar of the stone masonry. A mason was hired to re-point the façade and seal the stones. It appears that the building is now tight. After conducting a mold level test, it was determined that mold levels were well above satisfactory levels and remediation work was successfully completed. We hope you will visit this building, now home to the Stratham Historical Society. There are many displays of Stratham photographs and artifacts. A view of the building's interior alone is worth a trip. If you have not seen the beautiful vaulted oak ceiling, the brick fireplaces, and the other interior architectural features, you have truly missed a Stratham gem. The Society is generally open for limited hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. Check their website for details (<http://www.wigginml.org/towngovt/shs.htm>).

Over the years various Town ordinances have been passed, many of which have not been readily accessible or codified. The Selectmen undertook that job this year with the help of Executive Assistant Stacey Grella. If you have any questions on specific rules governing town facilities,

zoning restrictions, parking regulations, etc., you may well find the information in the ordinances. They may now be viewed on the Town's website.

The Board, in conjunction with the Public Works Commission, continues to work on water and sewer services for our commercial district. Residents have expressed a clear goal of improving the choice of services offered to them in this district and of expanding our tax base to give relief to residents. Naturally, the ultimate mix of businesses, restaurants, etc. will be determined by the investors who gauge and respond to market demands. However, without providing the necessary town services to accommodate those services, the variety of businesses, as well as the commercial tax contribution to the Town, will be limited. We recently signed a contract with the Rockingham Planning Commission, in conjunction with the Town of Exeter, to investigate the desirability of entering into an agreement with Exeter. If that study indicates that Stratham will be better served by developing its own systems, the Town is prepared to move in that direction in 2012. Certainly more will be known, and reported to you, as the year progresses.

The Selectmen have negotiated the purchase of land adjacent to the Maple Lane Cemetery behind the Stratham Community Church, a site ideally situated for cemetery expansion. Although it is impossible to predict exactly how many years remain until the current cemetery area is full, it is likely in the neighborhood of 50 years. While this is still a considerable amount of time away, we must be mindful of and sensitive to the continued need for such a space in our town. Of the 4.75 acres, about 3 acres are suitable for burial with the remaining land providing an area for interesting landscaping, adding to the serenity of the site. It is not anticipated that any work will be done on this property for the foreseeable future but held for cemetery expansion. At the purchase price of \$162,000, we feel this is a very good value for the acreage involved and will allow for a contiguous cemetery area that will serve the Town well into the future. Voters will be asked to approve this purchase at the March Town Meeting.

We have made several references to our website, <http://strathamnh.gov>. If you are not familiar with the site, we hope you will take a look. It is the portal to what's going on in Stratham. The Selectmen have also begun a series of occasional newsletters to help keep citizens informed of Town business. If you have not received such a communication, please send an email to us at [selectmen@strathamnh.gov](mailto:selectmen@strathamnh.gov) and ask to be included on the list. We always solicit feedback on matters pertaining to Town affairs. Replying to the newsletter, or sending us an email anytime, is a convenient way to send us your thoughts.

We wish you all a prosperous 2012!

David Canada, Timothy Copeland, Bruno Federico

**Town of Stratham  
Town Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2011**

The ballot clerks were sworn in at 7:55 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Present were Moderator Dave Emanuel, Assistant Moderator Jerry Howard, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Joyce Charbonneau, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Catherine Kenny, and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine. Also present were Selectman David Canada, Timothy Copeland, and later that day, Selectman Bruno Federico. The Supervisors of the Checklist present were Susan Hunter, Melanie McGrail, and later that day Caren Gallagher. The ballot clerks for the day were Nancy Hunter, Susan Canada, Diana Thompson, Roger Thompson, Susan Brett, Peg Mullin, Murray Segal, Liz Chisholm, Andra Copeland, and Pat Sapienza. Head ballot clerk Annemarie Peck was present all day.

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

Cooperative School Board: for East Kingston for three years, vote for one: David G. Miller 507\*. For Exeter for three years, vote for one: Kate Segal 513\*. For Kensington for two years, vote for one: Joni Reynolds 496\*. For Stratham for three years, vote for one: Mark Portu 586\*. Cooperative School District Moderator for one year, vote for one: Charles F. Tucker 570\*. Cooperative School District Budget Committee: for Brentwood for three years, vote for one: Elyse Gallo Seeley 491\*. For Exeter for three years, vote for one: Roy E. Morrisette 540\*. For Kensington for three years, vote for one: Janice Miller 498\*.

Article 1:

Cooperative Budget: Yes 482\* No 223

Article 2:

Salaries and Benefits for Staff: Yes 171 No 541\*

Article 3:

Maintenance Trust Fund Surplus: Yes 506\* No 201

**Stratham Memorial School District Ballot Results are as follows:  
(\* = Denotes the Winner)**

School Board Member for three years, vote for two: Robert O'Sullivan 563\*. (There was not a second candidate on the ballot, but there were 332\* write in votes for Mark Sykas, 81 write in votes for Lauren Byrnes, and 18 write in votes for Bill Thompson.)

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

It was a steady day with 791 votes cast for the Town Election, with 24 of those being absentee ballots. The Stratham vote is as follows:

**Article 1:**

Town Clerk/Tax Collector for three years, vote for one: Joyce L. Charbonneau 727\*. Treasurer for three years, vote for one: Kevin J. Peck: 682\*, Selectman for three years, vote for one: David Canada 645\*. Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, vote for one: Maria Emanuel 663\*. Cemetery Trustee for three years, vote for one: Robert A. Cushman 662\*. Library Trustee for three years, vote for one: Bruce Cotter 665\*.

**Article 2:**

To amend the Zoning ordinance, Section II. Definitions, Subsection 2.1.70 Structure and insert new subsection, Subsection 2.1.79 Yard Sale in order to further clarify and define said terms. Yes 597\* No 154

**Article 3:**

To amend the Zoning Ordinance in its entirety in order to revise/update all Tax Map and Parcel numbers and references to correspond with the 2010 Tax Map conversion. Yes 637\* No 115

**Article 4:**

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 2. Definitions, Section 3.8 Gateway Commercial Business District, and Section 7. Signs to further define and clarify the types and signs and design standards for signage within the Gateway Commercial Business District. And in connection therewith, amend Sections 7.2.2 Sign Permits and 7.2.3 Prohibited Signs by adding the appropriate references to the Gateway Commercial Business District overlay. Yes 588\* No 162

**Article 5:**

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section XI. Wetlands Conservation District, Section 12.4.3, and 18.7 Water Courses in conformance with the New Hampshire Statutes Annotated RSA 482-A, New Hampshire code of Administrative Rules, Section Env-Wt 301, and related text changes for clarification and consistency. Yes 621\* No 120

**Article 6:**

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 17.8.3 Variances to conform to the revised New Hampshire Statutes Annotated, RSA 674:33 and to eliminate the distinction between a “use” or “area” variance. Yes 606\* No 127

## **Article 7**

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 15 Growth Management & Innovative Land Use Control to conform to the New Hampshire Statutes Annotated RSA 674:22 to include a sunset or defined termination date. Yes 604\* No 126

## **Article 8:**

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 3.6 Table of Uses, D. Agricultural/ Forestry Uses in conformance with the New Hampshire Statutes Annotated RSA 674:32-c allowing farming uses in all zoning districts. Yes 628\* No 107

## **Article 9:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Stratham pursuant to Section 3.2 to rezone Map 17, Lot 87 (commonly known as 166 Portsmouth Avenue) from its current zoning designation of Residential/ Agricultural (R/A) to the Town Center District (TC), (as proposed by Robert and Barbara McLaughlin and 23 other registered voters). Yes 525\* No 208

**The remaining Town of Stratham articles will be voted on Friday, March 11, 2011 at the Stratham Memorial School at 7:00 p.m.**

Town Moderator Dave Emanuel declared the meeting to come to order at 7:06 p.m. Lucy Cushman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave introduced everyone on the stage; the Selectmen; Tim Copeland, David Canada, and Bruno Federico, the Town Administrator; Paul Deschaine, and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Joyce Charbonneau. Also introduced was Jerry Howard, Assistant Moderator. Dave indicated that the Supervisors of the Checklist were to the left of the stage, and the Assistant Clerks were to the right of the stage. Dave then called for a moment of silence for all those serving in the Armed Forces, and for those that could not be there tonight. Assistant Moderator Jerry Howard read the Dedication of the Town Report to John and Pat Sapienza. Dave Emanuel then read the Memorial Page for Caroline Robinson and Joseph Derwiecki. Dave then read the results of the ballot voting on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. He then explained the Rules of Procedure for Town Meeting.

**The following articles were discussed and voted on:**

## **Article 10: Conservation Bond Authority**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Six Hundred Eighty Five thousand dollars (\$685,000.00) for the acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands by the Town, all for the permanent protection of appropriate undeveloped land in the Town of Stratham, and to authorize the Selectmen and Conservation Commission to act on behalf of the Town in connection with such acquisitions of conservation easements or open space lands pursuant to NH RSA 36-A, and to further authorize the issuance of not more than Six Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$685,000.00) of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the Selectmen

to issue, negotiate, and regulate such bonds, and/or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon.

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

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by a unanimous vote. Selectman Tim Copeland moved to accept the article as read. Selectman Bruno Federico seconded the motion. Selectman Tim Copeland spoke for the motion. He stated that in 2002 at the Town Meeting, the residents allocated five million dollars to buy open space conservation land. Property and easements have been bought since the allocation of these funds; examples of the properties purchased are the Jones/Zarnowski properties. The town also applied for a grant through the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program and received a grant for Six Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$685,000.00) for the Jones Conservation Easement. In receiving that grant, the bond counsel did not recognize the \$685,000.00 as a credit against the original bonding authority. They were just looking at the five million dollars authorized. The Selectmen did not realize this until this year, when they went to purchase other property, and the bond counsel notified the town that they already exceeded our bonding authority. The Selectmen are asking for the reauthorization of the \$685,000.00 to be returned to the original five million dollar bond to its original value in order to give us the opportunity, should it arise, to purchase more open land and conservation property. Dave Emanuel then asked for questions from the floor. Roger Stephenson, 22 Stephen Dr. stated that he supported this article. He read a letter from Mark Sykus who served with distinction on the Ad Hoc Land Conservation Bond Committee and continues to serve on various committees here in Stratham. The letter was then read: To fellow citizens attending Stratham Town Meeting, during the time I served on the Ad Hoc Committee, which was impaneled to identify suitable land for preservation. Town Leaders have recently learned that an inadvertent mistake threatens to cut total bond authority by \$685,000.00 from five million dollars that was authorized by 88% of the voters in 2002 to four million three hundred fifteen thousand dollars. Tonight you are being asked to restore the complete five million dollars. It is no additional money. I also want to thank the voters of Stratham for their vision in 2002. To date, with your help, and the town leaders, we have steered almost two million dollars of outside money towards land protection that supplements the five million dollars that you authorized, and we have protected about five hundred acres and ten parcels throughout the town so far. We have made good use of the money. There are several hundred house lots that have not been built because of your vision in 2002, and with your support, and a reminder, we do need a two-thirds (2/3) majority to pass this. I encourage passage of this article. Mr. Stephenson thus finished the letter, thanked everyone, and sat down. Pat Elwell, 6 Strawberry Lane, also endorsed this article. She stated she is the Chair for the Conservation Commission. Pat went on to praise the Ad Hoc Committee for their hard work over the years. They have worked hard, and virtually have doubled the money that was given to the Conservation Committee. Pat stated that they still have landowners that are waiting in line to have their properties reviewed. Pat explained they got the \$685,000.00 back from the Farm and Ranchland Protection Grant, and they are just asking for that money to be included in our bond fund money authorized. The bond counsel did not recognize the Conservation Commission getting back the grant money, so they will not give the Commission the full value of the five million dollar bond authorized. Pat asked that you please support this article that you already authorized in 2002. Marty Wool, Winnicutt



Rd. asked where is the money now. Paul Deschaine explained when we acquired the Farm and Ranchland Protection Grant; the bank that issued the bond anticipation note got the \$685,000.00. We were under the mistaken impression that it would not affect our bonding authority. David Canada further explained we borrowed a short-term note to pay for the Jones/Zarnowski properties. We paid off these short-term notes with a bond and the grant money. The bond counsel now states when we took out the short-term notes; we were using up our bonding authority. Chuck Hayes from Portsmouth Ave. asked if this passes, what is the total expenditure. David Canada explained the local tax raised amount is five million dollars. The total spent will be around seven million dollars with any other grants we get. Bruno Federico explained the bond counsel does not recognize grants coming back in. Gordon Bailey, Holmgren Court, asked about the wording in the article, and questioned the "raise and appropriate" part. Paul Deschaine explained you are "raising and appropriating" by restoring the five million dollar bond to its original value of five million dollars. Roger Stephenson further explained that this will give us back the authority to borrow should we have a piece of land that is worthy of purchase. As each property comes into play, we are required, since 2002, to bring each property to the Board of Selectmen to a public hearing for a final vote. This is when the authority turns into the expenditure. Each parcel of land goes before the voters on its own merits via a public hearing and this vote tonight will restore the five million dollar bond authority that was passed in 2002. Frank Lasorsa from Brown Ave. asked how many people will we eliminate by taking away this land from development. He asked how many future volunteer firefighters, how many future good citizens will we eliminate by buying up this property for open space and conservation. Pat Elwell stated we would eliminate huge amounts of taxes because the people that we will eliminate by putting land into conservation generally come in with children, which we need to pay taxes for the schools that they go to. This was one of the big selling points for this bond money; keeping the taxes lower in our community. Pat then asked to move the vote. Moderator Dave Emanuel stated there being no other people at the microphone, we would move to vote on article 10. Mr. Emanuel explained that this is a ballot vote, and instructed A- K will check in with the Supervisor of the Check List Sue Hunter on the left side of the room, and L-Z will check in with the Supervisor of the Check List Caren Gallagher on the right side of the room. The polls will be open for one hour, and the time is 7:47 p.m. Dave stated to return your ballot center stage where a locked ballot box is set up and manned by assistant moderator Jerry Howard and Treasurer Kevin Peck. Dave Emanuel stated we will continue to conduct business while the polls remain open for article 10 until 8:47 p.m. At 8:45 p.m., Moderator Emanuel gave a two-minute warning, and called for a final vote before closing the polls. Seeing no further action to check in and cast a ballot, the moderator closed the polls at 8:47 p.m. and ordered Jerry Howard, the Assistant Moderator, to count the votes and present the returns. (Moderator Dave Emanuel later announced the results of the vote, and article 10 did pass by two-thirds: 116 Yes 58 No.)

### **Article 11: Budget**

To see if the town will raise and appropriate Five Million One Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety One Dollars and no cents, (\$5,124,991.00) to defray general town charges for the ensuing year. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a unanimous vote. Selectman David Canada moved to accept this article as read. Selectman Bruno Federico seconded the motion. Selectman David Canada spoke to the motion. David reviewed the budget and pointed out several valid points on the budget. Each \$100,000.00 we raise will add eight

point three cents (8.3 cents) to the tax rate. Put another way, raising \$12,000.00, will add one cent (1cent) to the tax rate. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee go through the budget line by line to come up with the final recommendations. If everything on the warrants passes, it will raise our taxes by twelve cents (.12 cents). The changes in the budget are the following: Computer Services, which went from \$26,000.00 for 2010 to \$48,000.00 for 2011. Employee benefits are up \$28,000.00 or 1.2%, and the reason for that are the NH Retirement System, and the Unemployment Insurance rates. The Police budget is up \$18,000.00 or 2.1% and the reasons for that are additional payroll costs, and the increase costs of gasoline. Dispatch services are down 76%, and the reason for that is we changed dispatch services from Newmarket Dispatch to Rockingham County Dispatch. Highway is down 5%, and some of that will be going over towards the Recreation Department. The Recreation Department will be taking over the responsibility of the mowing at Stevens Field. Money was also saved on salt this year, and that was due to the mild winter of 2009. We started 2010 with a large inventory of salt. Mr. Canada also mentioned that the interest on bond anticipation notes is due. Another increase is the cost of extending veteran's exemptions. Overall, we are looking at a \$7800.00 increase or a .3 percent increase. Dave Emanuel then asked for questions from the floor. Marty Wool, Winnicutt Rd. commended the Selectmen for the dispatch service change. Nancy Hunter, 2 Brown Ave. asked about the Recreation Department's line. There is a \$20,000.00 surplus left over from last year, and she asked where that amount is going. Paul Deschaine responded that any amount that is not spent is turned back in to reduce taxes. She also asked about line four in the budget, for the Public Works Commission; \$64,000.00 is being proposed, is that going towards the Gateway and water studies. Mr. Deschaine responded in the affirmative. With no further questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Dave Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and article 11 passed.

## **Article 12: CIP**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$956,000.00) to implement the Capital Improvements Program for 2011 as presented in the Town Report and approved by the Planning Board. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI). The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a unanimous vote. Selectman Bruno Federico moved to accept this article as read. Selectman David Canada seconded the motion; Selectman Federico spoke to the motion, and reviewed the CIP. Moderator Emanuel asked for questions or comments from the floor. Nancy Hunter, Brown Ave. asked about the \$25,000.00 for the Recreation Department and wanted a reassurance that this money would not just be used for the Babe Ruth Field. Selectman David Canada stated this money is going towards a softball field. Nancy was happy to hear that, and thanked Mr. Canada. Kirk Scamman, 9 Frying Pan Lane asked about the \$50,000.00 for a highway vehicle under Public Works. Mr. Scamman asked what kind of vehicle was needed. Selectman Canada responded that it was not for a particular vehicle at this time. This money is to establish a fund so that the town can buy trucks when it is necessary to do so. Marty Wool, Winnicutt Rd. commented on the number of mailboxes that were damaged this winter due to plowing from the Highway Department. He also made the comment on keeping the Highway Department vehicles in top-notch condition, and replacing them right away if needed. Dave Emanuel then asked for any more questions or comments on

article 12, the CIP, and seeing none, Dave read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and article 12 passed.

### **Article 13: Foss Property**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase on behalf of the town the property of David and Virginia Foss at 28 Bunker Hill Avenue, (Tax Map 9, Lot 51) and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Five Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$355,000.00) to fund this purchase. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI). The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by unanimous vote. Selectman David Canada moved to accept this article as read. Selectman Tim Copeland seconded the motion. Selectman Canada spoke to the motion. Mr. Canada explained that the Board of Selectmen and the Public Works Commission has worked hard over the last several years to define what Stratham needs, and what Stratham wants in terms of utility infrastructure. Without providing sewer and water, and storm water management to our commercial district, it will remain a series of uninspired strip malls. Mr. Canada also stated that our tax burden, if we do not increase the commercial part of the town, will become more and more a burden on our residents. All water systems rely on elevated tanks to maintain pressure. The Selectmen feel that the Foss property is the ideal location. It is in the center of the Commercial District. It is the exact right height, and it will be a ground level tank. The tank will be hidden by existing mature trees that are up there. While it is true that we are not ready for a tank this year, the Selectmen hope that by next year they can show you the path, show what we need, how we are going to get it there, and how we are going to fund it. The last time this property went on the market was 1954. There is no reassurance that this property will become available at the exact time that we need it. Selectman Canada then showed some pictures to the residents at town meeting. The pictures showed what the water tank would look like on the Foss property. The tower would be about thirty-five feet. We would be saving about four to five hundred thousand dollars if we put the tank on the existing Foss property. This includes the price of the Foss property. This would be a cement tank, and it would be virtually maintenance free. Mr. Canada then called upon John Boisvert, who is the chairman for the Public Works Commission to explain further the benefits of a ground water tank. John Boisvert, 58 Winnicutt Rd. explained that one of the reasons the water tower is necessary is for fire protection. This tank will serve that public protection aspect within the Gateway and the commercial district. Another provision that the tank will do is provide water to businesses that are within the Gateway. A few important points for the ground level water tank that the Foss Property will provide versus the pedestal tank that would go behind the Municipal building is the cost of ongoing operations and maintenance of the pedestal tank. The pedestal tank would have to be repainted every fifteen years at a cost of \$250,000.00 to \$400,000.00. The ground level tank's cost would be the initial construction of it, and then you could forget about it. There is virtually no maintenance to the ground level water tank. The Foss property is the only location that is high enough and close enough to the Gateway District that is available in town right now. The property will hide the tank nicely with the trees that are already there. The other valid point is whether we do work with a neighboring town or not, we would still need this water tank. We have an opportunity to purchase this land now. David Bronson, Vanessa Lane, asked about the easement. Will we have access to this property? Mr. Canada responded that the Kathleen Foss

property that is being developed by Mr. Saidla, and that surrounds the Foss property that is being discussed for purchase tonight would not be a problem with an easement with the town. Mr. Bronson asked if it would make sense to have an easement in place before we purchase the property. Mr. Canada responded that Mr. Saidla is a very reputable man, and is good for his word. A decision needs to be made tonight, so it is too late now, and the Selectmen feel good with the assurances they received from Mr. Saidla. Gordon Snyder, Winding Brook, asked if the piece that is being considered is just one piece of the entire property. Mr. Canada responded it is the entire lot that belongs to David and Virginia Foss, about two acres. Mr. Snyder also asked if the property has frontage on Bunker Hill. Mr. Canada responded we have right of way to Bunker Hill. Roger Stephenson, Stephen Dr. asked if there would be any zoning changes after the tank is constructed because of the anticipation of an increase in the Business district with the availability of water. Mr. Canada responded that there would be no zoning requirements to put a tank on the site. Mr. Stephenson asked if the right of way is part of the purchase agreement. Mr. Canada responded in the affirmative. David Foss, 28 Bunker Hill Ave. stated that he received a call from Mr. Saidla's financial partner wishing them luck with the vote, and stated they are very much behind this purchase. Gary Dolan, 15 Jana Lane, stated this is a unique opportunity for the town to plan for the future, and it is very reasonably priced, and accomplishes a lot for the people in town, and future businesses and protection of property in terms of fire protection for the Commercial District. This is a magnificent opportunity that will only come along once. He stated that tonight is the opportunity, and to take it. Julia Cashman, Humes Court, asked if there are any buildings on the property, and if so, will they be torn down. If not, will there be maintenance on the buildings? Mr. Canada responded that the Foss house is on the property, and there are no plans to tear it down. The plan is to rent the house, and that should cover the maintenance costs. Once the tank is built, the plan is for the town to sell the house. Mike Nugent, Frying Pan Lane, asked if the Foss property was appraised. Mr. Canada responded that it was not appraised. The town assessment on it was about \$349,000.00. Nancy Hunter, 2 Brown Ave. asked why they did not purchase the thirty-five acres from the entire Foss property when the opportunity arose. Now these acres are going to be subdivided, why can't we take lot 13 that is not buildable for a house lot and place the tank there. Mr. Canada responded that we need the height of the hill. Mrs. Hunter answered that we have the height of the hill on lot 13. Murray Segal, 50 Depot Rd. thanked the Selectmen for the good job they have done in managing their money these last few years. Mr. Segal asked about the plan for the Gateway District. He had several questions about the traffic plan, utilities, and the tax revenue. Mr. Canada responded that these questions cannot be answered at this time. This is a long process, and getting the water tank in place is part of the process to continue the plan for the Gateway District. Pat Abrami, 9 Tall Pines Dr. asked if we are going to eventually turn this property into a water/sewage district that would end up reimbursing the town. John Boisvert responded that it is the hope that the people that end up benefitting from the service, i.e., the Gateway, or the Commercial District will bear the burden of paying for those services. This is what the Public Works Commission is working on and starting to explore. Paul Deschaine also commented about the studies on this issue, but they are just planning level studies at this point, and they are available on the website. All of the studies that have been done up to today still indicates that this is a good idea. Jay Tischler, 66 High St. asked do we have a source of water to fill the tank. Mr. Deschaine responded that there are sources; they just have not been identified to date. Mr. Tischler also asked how would the purchase be financed. Mr. Deschaine responded it would be paid directly from taxes. Marty Wool, Winnicutt Rd., Jeff Wilson, Willow brook Ave., and Matt Freese,

Bunker Hill Ave., all spoke against the motion. Selectman Tim Copeland, Selectman David Canada, Town Administrator Paul Deschaine, Chairman for the Public Works John Boisvert and Chairperson for the Conservation Committee Pat Elwell reiterated their arguments for this article. Pat Elwell made a motion to move the vote. Matt Freese then asked for a written ballot. Moderator Dave Emanuel explained to Matt he would need a written petition with five registered voters on the petition. Gary Dolan asked for clarification about the written ballot, since the request to move the vote was before the request for the written ballot. Mr. Emanuel explained that he recognized Mr. Freese to speak after the request to move the vote, so he will honor Mr. Freese's request for a written ballot. Mr. Emanuel received the written petition with the five registered voters. They are Matt Freese, Mike Nugent, Charles Hayes, Joe Mastin, and Lawrence Foss. John Sapienza, Raeder Dr. asked to back up Gary's comment. He feels there is a procedural problem as far as the request for the written ballot that was made when there was already a motion to move the vote. He asked the Moderator to address it. Mr. Emanuel responded again that Mr. Freese was on the floor at the time Pat Elwell made the motion to move the vote, and that he recognized him to speak. He also told Mr. Sapienza to refer to the Procedural Rule #1, and that is the Moderator makes the rules. Mr. Emanuel explained the polls do not have to be open for an hour for this vote, just long enough so everyone has a chance to vote. Mr. Emanuel read the vote, and directed the voters to the appropriate side of the room in the same way that article 10's vote was divided. (Once everyone had the chance to vote, and the votes were counted, Moderator Dave Emanuel announced the results, and article 13 did pass: 98 Yes 65 No).

#### **Article 14: Cemetery Land Fund**

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95c to restrict One Hundred Percent (100%) of revenues from the sale of cemetery lots to expenditures for the purpose of purchasing and/or improving land for public cemetery uses? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Cemetery Land 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 the revenue. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote. Selectman Bruno Federico moved to accept the article as read. Selectman Tim Copeland seconded the motion. Selectman Federico spoke for the motion. He stated that the sale of the town cemetery lots sell for \$500.00 per lot, and of that \$500.00, \$12.00 goes towards the recording fees, and \$88.00 goes for the actual sale of the lot, and the remaining \$400.00 goes towards perpetual care. The selectmen are proposing to set up a fund where the \$88.00 goes into this fund, and it will be used to purchase additional land for cemetery uses. Moderator Dave Emanuel asked for any questions or comments from the floor, and seeing none, Dave read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and article 14 passed.

#### **Article 15: EMS Training**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars and no cents (\$8950.00) for the purpose of providing EMS training for the members of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department for the ensuing year, and to further authorize the withdrawal of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars and no cents (\$8950.00)

from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund created for these purposes during the March 17, 2000 Annual Town Meeting and as amended during the March 11, 2005 Town Meeting. No additional funds from general taxation are to be used. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote. Selectman Tim Copeland moved to accept the article as read. Selectman Bruno Federico seconded the motion. Selectman Copeland spoke to the motion. Selectman Copeland stated that the Town of Stratham has an all-volunteer EMS and Fire department. The department needs the continuing education on the medical side and this fund covers that. When there are ambulance calls, the town charges your insurance company if you have insurance. That money comes back into this fund. We also use that money to go towards new ambulances and fire trucks. You approved this fund in 2005, but each year, we do have to ask your permission to use it for further educational training. The bottom line is this will cost the taxpayers nothing. Moderator Dave Emanuel asked for any questions or comments from the floor, and seeing none, Dave read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and article 15 passed.

#### **Article 16: Accrued Benefits Trust Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$20,000.00) to be deposited into the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund as created by the March 16, 2007 Town Meeting to meet the currently unfunded obligations of the Town. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by unanimous vote. Selectman Bruno Federico moved to accept the article as read. Selectman David Canada seconded the motion. Selectman Federico spoke to the motion. Mr. Federico asked to put \$20,000.00 into the fund for retiring employees that may be coming up in the next few years. Moderator Dave Emanuel asked for questions or comments from the floor, and seeing none, Dave read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and article 16 passed.

At this time, Moderator Dave Emanuel was handed the results of the written ballot for article 13. As stated at the end of article 13, article 13 passed. Selectman Canada made a motion to restrict reconsideration on article 10, 11, 12, and 13 and was seconded by Selectman Copeland. The motion was voted on in the affirmative, and the restriction for reconsideration on article 10, 11, 12, and 13 passed.

#### **Article 17: Recycling Facility Participation Program Agreement**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a **Recycling Facility Participation Agreement** with the **Concord Regional Solid Waste /Resource Recovery Cooperative** to make a fifteen (15) year commitment to deliver single stream recyclable materials under the control of the Town pursuant to payment terms and withdrawal rights as negotiated by the Lamprey Regional Cooperative of which the Town of Stratham is a member. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by unanimous vote. Selectman Tim Copeland moved to accept the article as read. Selectman David Canada seconded the motion. Selectman Copeland deferred to Town Administrator Paul Deschaine for the motion. Mr. Deschaine stated the Town of Stratham along with twelve other towns joined the Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative in 1978. Lamprey would bring our trash to an incinerator on the campus at UNH. Our trash was brought over there and burned for over 20 years, and it

provided steam to their heating plant at the campus. The practice was discontinued in 1998. Last year, the Board of Directors of the Lamprey Solid Waste Cooperative voted to partner with the Concord Cooperative and to enter into an agreement to construct a single stream solid waste recycling facility. Mr. Deschaine asked, with permission from the Moderator, to have Jim Presher, a non-resident, who is the director of the Concord Regional Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Cooperative to speak to this issue. He has been the director there for nineteen years. He has worked in the municipal government for over thirty-three years, and most recently, he is the Public Works Director for the City of Laconia. Moderator Dave Emanuel asked if there were any objections to Mr. Presher speaking, and seeing no objections, Dave gave his permission for Mr. Presher to address the residents. Mr. Presher explained that with single stream recycling, you will no longer have to separate your recyclables. All of your recyclables; corrugated cardboard, plastics, glass, etc. will go in one container. Some of the benefits for the town if you join this Cooperative are: You would start receiving payment for your recyclables. Right now, the market price could be as high as \$40.00 a ton. This will also reduce your solid waste costs. No capital investment is required. This is the next generation recycling for municipalities. This system will encourage more recycling, and Mr. Presher reiterated that it will reduce your solid waste costs. He then offered to answer any questions. Ron Lawrence, Depot Rd. asked how this fits in with the Northeast Resource Recovery Association, (NRRA). He asked if this is an overlap, as he believes the Town of Stratham belongs to that as well. Mr. Presher answered that they are aware of the new Co-op, and it may be a little bit of an overlap on what the two associations do. Mr. Deschaine did confirm that the town still belongs to the NRRA, and will continue as they process all of our metals at the transfer station. Mr. Deschaine said belonging to both will only enhance the relationship and benefit the town. Bruce Scamman, Greta's Way, asked if this includes all of our solid waste, and what happens after fifteen years? Will we be tied into a contract for fifteen years with someone else setting our rates? Mr. Presher answered that this contract is only for the single stream recyclables, it is not for the trash. The cycle facility members will set the budget on an annual basis. They will have a budget committee, and it will be brought to the entire body to be voted on. Thirty-two communities will establish the tipping or revenue fee. There are also two options to get out of the fifteen year contract, the first one is if it becomes a cost for recycling; if the Co-op is given six months notice, we would be released from the contract. The other option is if the tipping or revenue fee for the recycling portion is ninety percent of the cost, we can opt out of the contract. Marty Wool, Winnicutt Rd. stated we are now paying Bestway to haul our recyclables to Rochester. Now that we will be going to Concord, will this be an added expense going further? Mr. Deschaine responded the relationship that we have with Waste Management via the Lamprey Cooperative is strictly for solid waste. Bestway contracts with Waste Management for their return recovery facilities. Once Bestway picks up our recyclables from the curb, they are now their materials; they get to market them however they like. Stratham gets no return from that. In terms of transportation costs, Bestway would love to go with the single-stream recyclable program, it allows a lot more flexibility for them, and that flexibility will reflect on lower costs when we re-negotiate our contract with them. There have also been discussions with the Town of Hampton. They have a large transfer station and larger trucks. We could possibly use their facilities and truck materials at a much lower cost. Roger Stephenson, Stephen Dr. asked if the revenue from this new recyclable program is intended for the general fund. Selectman Copeland responded in the affirmative. Mr. Stephenson stated that he does support this article. Mr. Presher stated that Hampton has signed up for the single-stream program as well. Moderator Dave Emanuel asked

if there were any more questions or comments from the floor. Seeing none, Mr. Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and article 17 passed.

### **Article 18: Heritage Preservation Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to be known as the Heritage Preservation Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of preserving historical properties and cultural resources within the Town as authorized under RSA 674:44-b, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this Fund. If this Article fails, then Article 19 is null and void. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote. Rebecca Mitchell, Portsmouth Ave. moved to accept this article as read. Roger Stephenson, Stephen Dr. seconded the motion. Rebecca spoke to the motion. She introduced herself as the Chairperson for the Heritage Commission. She went on to say that nine years ago, Gordon Barker stood at town meeting, and read from the vision statement of Stratham's Master Plan. The town voted at that time to put five million dollars of bonds for the acquisition of conservation easements. Rebecca stated that we need to put that same kind of vision in the protection of historical resources. The article we are now considering is a step toward that goal of historic resources protected for the use and enjoyment now and in the future. The Selectmen will be designated as agents for this fund. This means no money will come out of this fund without the consent of the selectmen. Money from this fund will support capital project needs for significant structures. This fund would also support relocation within town historic structures threatened with demolition. It could also be used to purchase historic structures for the purpose of resale with preservation easements or some other form of deed restriction in place. Rebecca clarified that there is no plan at this time to purchase any properties. The goal here is to preserve historic properties and keep them in active use, either as their present use or an appropriate adaptive reuse. Rebecca stated if we lose these historic buildings, we lose the ability of understanding how Stratham developed. We lose a lot of interesting stories, the kind of stories that give meaning, diversity, context, and interest to our everyday lives. Rebecca asked us to not create a story of loss, a tale of what used to be. She stated there is a lot of good life left in Stratham's historic buildings; let's do what we can to take care of them. Barbara Broderick, Bunker Hill Ave. commented about all of the changes they have seen in Stratham since they moved here over forty years ago. Barbara stated that she was in favor of this article. Murray Segal, 50 Depot Rd. asked about the cultural resources stated within the question. He asked what the cultural resources are being referred to. Rebecca stated that this is largely an artifact of the RSA 674:44-b, which refers to cultural resources in the same breath as historical resources. The RSA links historical and cultural as one unit. Midori Kobayashi, 8 Hersey Lane asked who designates the resources as historic resources. Rebecca stated that from the 1793 map of Stratham, there were 133 residences listed. We now have 52 still remaining from that map. There are also a variety of standards on what constitutes a historic resource; such as the architectural style, if it contributes to diversity in the town, if it might be the only example of a particular architectural style, if the building techniques also contribute to our understanding of the construction history, or if it is unusual in some way. Another standard that is applied is how intact the building is, and how much of the existing context remains. Roger Stephenson, Stephen Dr. asked if there is a requirement to have a public hearing before any funds are expended. Selectman Copeland answered in the affirmative. Roger stated if the Heritage Preserve Fund was used prudently and judiciously, it would be a benefit to the town. Christian Citarella,



Alderwood Dr. asked if there is already an organization in place, he recalled a church being moved in the eighties. The Heritage Commission has been in existence since 1977, but has largely had no funds or support to be proactive in helping Stratham to preserve its resources. Mr. Citarella asked if any fundraising has been done. Rebecca answered that there should be some will from the town to take responsibility for this. She stated that we will solicit funds, but there should be community support, that this is the way it would be most effective. Mr. Citarella stated he would contribute to such a fund, so he would support article 18 but not article 19. Mr. Deschaine clarified that the Heritage Commission has a small private fund, which is a capital reserve fund, and that fund balance at this time is at \$4137.00. Moderator Dave Emanuel asked if there were any more questions from the floor, and seeing none, he read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and article 18 passed.

### **Article 19: Funding for Heritage Preservation Fund**

By petition of Rebecca Mitchell and 81 other registered voters of the Town of Stratham, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$200,000.00) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund created in the previous article, and contingent upon the creation of said Fund. If article 18 fails, this article is null and void. The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article by a vote of two to one. Nathan Merrill, College Rd. moved this article as read. Lucy Cushman, Winnicutt Rd. seconded the motion. Nathan spoke to the motion. He stated that as a community we take great pride in our investments in our excellent school system, model of our municipal and recreational facilities, and protection of our natural resources. However, we have neglected to take action or pay attention to our historical and cultural resources. The members of the Heritage Commission who initiated this article recognize that times are difficult, but we feel that the time is critical to begin a modest fund for historic preservation efforts. There are several important historic properties along Portsmouth Ave. at risk today, and more will follow. We cannot save everything, but we do want to be able to take proactive rather than reactive steps. Nathan acknowledged that two hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money, but it pales in comparison to our other investments. It will enable us to seek matching grants and private donations to help stretch our municipal dollars. Nathan further stated that it is enough money to begin purchasing some preservation easements on historic structures. We have already lost most of the historic farmsteads and homesteads along Portsmouth Ave. through Bunker Hill south to Exeter. Today we can do something about trying to preserve the ones going in the other direction. Nathan stated he served on the Town Budget Committee where they worked hard with the Board of Selectmen to keep taxes low, but he stated that he fully supports article 19; to raise \$200,000.00 today for the Heritage Preservation Fund. Nathan stated it is a modest and worthy investment in our community's future. Pat Elwell, Strawberry Lane stated that she wanted to thank the Board of Selectmen for separating these articles, and it shows fiscal responsibility on their part. They are putting it back in our hands, to make a decision on whether we support this or not. Pat Elwell endorses this article, and encourages the residents to support this article. She knows that the members of the Heritage Commission will work hard to get matching grants to increase the amount in the fund. Mary Jane Thomas, Wingate Court. introduced herself and added that she is the Planning Board representative on the Heritage Commission. She stated she supports this article, and would like to read a letter from Flossie Wiggin, who is also a member of the Heritage Commission. Flossie would like you to know that she has lived in Stratham for seventy-eight

years, and has seen a lot of changes. However, a lot of our heritage is still here in our old buildings. She has seen a lot destroyed by fire, and although it is hard to save places from fire, we can protect our historic buildings from total loss. She stated that we have to start somewhere. Flossie acknowledged that money is tight for a lot of us, but if the roof leaks, we find a way to fix it. Flossie stated that we need to set this fund up today, before it is too late. Lucy Cushman, Winnicutt Rd. also supports this article. She mentioned how much work Caroline Robinson did in trying to preserve the Parkman House at the end of Stratham Heights Rd. Lucy stated how desperately Caroline worked to save this building, and was unable to due to lack of funds. Lucy commented that old houses are important to her, and the Master Plan of Stratham states it is important to our town. Lucy urges everyone to support this article, so these old houses will be here for the future. John Boisvert, Winnicutt Rd., commented that he is one of the 52 people that are fortunate enough to live in a very old house that is from the original map from 1793. John's comment was that these buildings could be used in a very profitable manner yet still preserve them for the historical factor at the same time. He stated there are other things that we can look at, such as how these buildings could be used in the future, and this fund could possibly do that for us. John endorses this article. Cheryl Ewart, Smith Farm Rd. asked why the Selectmen did not recommend it two to one, and asked for their reasons why. Selectman Copeland stated he was one of the two that voted against article 19. He felt he could not endorse \$200,000.00 at this time when he has to ask the town employees to forego raises. Moderator Dave Emanuel then announced seeing no further questions or comments from the floor, we will move the vote. Dave then read the question, the voice vote was close, and Dave asked for a standing vote. The votes were counted by Kevin Peck, and Jerry Howard. The standing vote was 57 Yes and 63 No. Moderator Emanuel announced that article 19 failed.

## **Article 20: Polling Hours**

To see if the town will vote to place the following question on the next state election ballot (Nov 6, 2012):

Polling hours in the Town of Stratham are now 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. for all regular state elections beginning September 9, 2014? The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by unanimous vote. Selectman David Canada moved to accept the article as read. Selectman Bruno Federico seconded the motion. Mr. Canada stated that this was brought to the Board of Selectmen by our Town Clerk/Tax Collector Joyce Charbonneau, and asked to yield the floor to her. Joyce then spoke to the motion. She stated that this article addresses the process the State has put into place to change polling hours. She stated that the reason we are asking for this question to be placed on the ballot is that she and her staff took a very careful look at what the hours currently are, and realized that the hours we have now are in excess of the town's needs. Sometimes changes need to be made, and rather than just keeping things the same year after year, we have decided to start the process of changing the polling hours here in Stratham. Joyce went on to state that they looked at several factors when the discussions started on the polling hours. One factor was the State having the town election officers and their help doing more of the work that the State used to do in the past. At the last State Primary in Sept. of 2010, the town clerks had to manually enter all of the

election results and the write-ins into the State HAVA system. Many town clerks did not get home that night. The State seems to be giving more and more work to the town officials to do. Another factor that was considered was what other towns and cities currently have in place. Out of the 241 towns and cities in NH, 90% close at 7:00 p.m. or earlier, and 76% open at 8:00 a.m. or later. Joyce stated that 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. gives most people ample time to vote, and historically speaking, for most elections, it is very quiet the last hour. However, Joyce stated that she and her staff also wanted to meet the needs of all of our residents. Anyone who is in line at 7:00 p.m. would not be turned away. The Moderator always checks when it is time to close the polls to ensure that there is not anyone in the hallways, or pulling into the parking lot. Another option we give our voters is the absentee ballot. For those that work all day, and cannot get into the polls during the time allocated, we can give the voter an absentee ballot as long as they come in anytime before election day. Joyce also noted that the decision that is being made tonight is just the decision to have this question be placed on the State election ballot in November 2012. She reminded the residents that they were not actually deciding on the polling hours tonight. Everett Lamm, Autumn Lane, asked if there is an absentee ballot available for town elections. Joyce responded that there is an absentee ballot allowed for the town elections, but there is not one allowed at town meeting. He then commented that there are many people in the community who work a fair amount away and it makes it hard that the polls do not open until 8:00 a.m. He then urged people to keep party affiliations and loyalties aside when considering this question. He asked to please allow as many people to participate in the process as possible. Karen Daniel, Winnicutt Rd. also asked about opening the polls at 7:00 a.m. and closing at 7:00 p.m. Moderator Dave Emanuel stated if someone from the floor wanted to change the time, you could make an amendment to change the time for the wording that would appear on the ballot, and this would be the appropriate time to do so. Pat Abrami, Tall Pines, made a motion to amend the article to say 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Moderator Emanuel instructed Mr. Abrami to put his amendment in writing. Howard Altschiller, Apple Way asked Joyce Charbonneau how she would feel about the amendment. Joyce responded that she and her staff are here to serve the residents needs. She stated she would like this question to go forward so a larger population can consider it, but bottom line is we are here to serve you, and if you feel 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. would meet your needs better, then we would certainly say to go ahead and amend the question. Paul Deschaine spoke about how difficult it can be to get ballot clerks at 7:00 a.m. and asked residents to come see Joyce and volunteer to be a ballot clerk at 7:00 a.m. Selectman Federico spoke in favor of the original question. He reinforced how the state is shifting a lot of their work to the towns. Nancy Hunter, Brown Ave. stated she is a ballot clerk, and she will be happy to come in at 7:00 a.m. She supports the amended question. Lucy Cushman, Winnicutt Rd. also stated that she is in support of the amended question. Seeing no further questions from the floor Moderator Emanuel read the amended question, the vote was taken in the affirmative and article 20's amended question passed. The moderator then read the question of article 20 as amended. The vote was taken in the affirmative as well, and article 20, as amended, passed. The question that will go on the next state ballot will be asking the residents if they would like to change the hours from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### **Article 21: Printing Assessed Values in Town Report**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind its prior direction to the Board of Selectmen to print every five (5) years in the annual town report a list of assessed values of all property within the

town, and to authorize instead the Selectmen to post such a list annually on the Town website. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by unanimous vote. Selectman Tim Copeland moved to accept this article as read. Selectman David Canada seconded this motion. Selectman Copeland spoke to the motion. Selectman Copeland stated what this article is looking to do is to save the Town money. The assessing information that is printed in the Town Report every five years will now go on the Stratham website every year. This will save the Town a lot of money in printing costs. Moderator Dave Emanuel asked for any questions on article 21, and seeing none, Dave read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and article 21 passed.

## **Article 22: Other Business**

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Selectman Canada thanked all the volunteers that we have that help us out around the town. If you are interested in volunteering, we have openings on various boards and you can get an application from our website: [www.Strathamnh.gov](http://www.Strathamnh.gov), or you can just pick one up at the town hall. Selectman Copeland announced that the Conservation Commission will be holding their annual clean up on the morning of Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We would welcome help from individual residents and groups like the boy scouts and girl scouts. It will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Stratham Hill Park and you will be assigned an area to clean up, given a safety vest, plastic gloves, and a trash bag. The pick up will end around noon followed by a free barbecue at the Park for every one who participates. Selectman Copeland also thanked the Stratham Fire Department for their service each day. Marty Wool, Winnicutt Rd. wanted the record to recognize two long time residents that passed away last year. Barbara Scamman, who was one of the founders of the Ladies Auxillary, and Fred Hutton, Sr. who was a charter member of the Fire Department, and who also served as Chief. Selectman Canada also recognized the Stratham Pocket Gardeners. They are a broad network of volunteers who seek to care for and maintain the current public gardens in town. Anyone interested in joining this group, can sign up by an email to [www.strathampocketgardeners@comcast.net](mailto:www.strathampocketgardeners@comcast.net). He also recognized Melanie McGrail for coordinating this worthwhile group. Selectman Canada also announced to any newly elected officers to come forward after the meeting to be sworn in. Moderator Dave Emanuel entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce L. Charbonneau  
Town Clerk

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stratham Municipal Center on Tuesday, on the thirteenth day of March 2012, next at eight of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

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

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

Amend the Stratham Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.8.4 Applicability to insert the following text “Special Commercial District” into Section 5.8.4 to further clarify and codify workforce housing and elderly affordable housing as a permitted use within the Special Commercial Zoning District through the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit.

**Amend Section 5.8.4 Applicability by adding the proposed underlined language to read as follows**

**5.8.4 Applicability:**

*Developments under this Section shall be permitted within the Residential/Agricultural (refer to Section 8.Residential Open Space Cluster Development), Professional Residential, Town Center, General Commercial, Commercial/Light Industrial/Office, **Special Commercial District**, and the Gateway Commercial Business District zoning districts by Conditional Use Permit issued by the Planning Board.*

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

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**THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL, 39 GIFFORD FARM ROAD, STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE.**  
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**ARTICLE 3:** – To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Five Million Two Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Dollars and no cents (\$5,268,930.00) to defray general town charges for the ensuing year.

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

**ARTICLE 4:** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million One Hundred Ninety One Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$1,191,000.00) to implement the Capital Improvements Program for 2012 as presented in the Town Report and approved by the Planning Board. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI).

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

**ARTICLE 5:** – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase on behalf of the Town a portion of the property at 97 Portsmouth Avenue (Tax Map 13 Lot 37) adjacent to the Town-owned Maple Lane Cemetery as part of a future expansion of the public cemetery for the sum of One Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$162,000.00) and to further raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$127,000.00) to fund the balance of this purchase, with the remaining balance of this appropriation having been raised and appropriated during the 2011 Town Meeting as part of the Capital Improvements Program for this purpose. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI).

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

**ARTICLE 6:** – To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under RSA 31:19-a to be known as the “Town Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund” for the purpose of funding facility maintenance and improvements to Town-owned property, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this expendable trust fund for the purpose for which it was established. Furthermore, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$25,000.00) to be deposited in the “Town Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.”

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

**ARTICLE 7:** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$8,000.00) for the purpose of providing EMS training for the members of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department for the ensuing year, and to further authorize the withdrawal of Eight Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$8,000.00) from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund created for these purposes during the March 17, 2000 Annual Town Meeting and as amended during the March 11, 2005 Town Meeting. No additional funds from general taxation are to be used.

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

**ARTICLE 8:** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$436,500.00) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new fire truck for the use of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department, and to authorize the Selectmen as agents to withdraw up to One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$180,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for these purposes during the March 13, 1998 Annual Town Meeting, and to further authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$136,500.00) from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Fund created for these purposes during the March 17, 2000 Annual Town Meeting and as amended during the March 11, 2005 Town Meeting. Furthermore, the balance of up to One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars and no cent (\$120,000.00) is authorized to be accepted and expended by the Selectmen on behalf of the Town as a donation for these purposes from the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department Association. This is a special warrant article, which will be non-lapsing until these purposes are accomplished but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI). No additional funds from general taxation are to be used.

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

**ARTICLE 9:** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$20,000.00) to be deposited into the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund as created by the March 16, 2007 Town Meeting to meet the currently unfunded obligations of the Town.

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

**ARTICLE 10:** – Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, by special warrant article, the sum of Fifty Five Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$55,000) for the purpose of researching, compiling, writing, and all other activities associated with the production and printing of an update to the Town's History. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the updated Town History is completed or December 31, 2015, whichever is sooner.

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


**ARTICLE 11:** – To see if the Town will direct the Board of Selectmen to prohibit hunting in the area of the original Stratham Hill Park bequest to a designated boundary at a line three hundred (300) feet east of the fire tower and running roughly north and south of that point, and to furthermore designate under NH RSA 644:13 II (b) that the balance of the lands in the area known as Stratham Hill Park and adjacent Town-owned lands (Tax Map 22 Lots 83 & 85) as a compact part of the Town of Stratham, which results in a person being guilty of a violation if such person fires or discharges any cannon, gun, pistol, or other firearm, except by written permission of the chief of police or governing body.

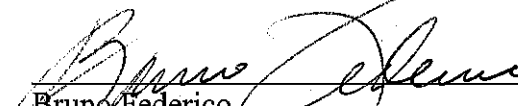
*The Board of Selectmen makes no recommendation on this Article.*

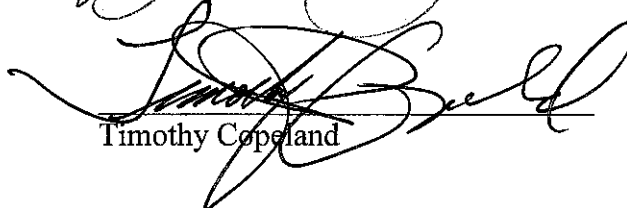
**ARTICLE 12:** – To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

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

Selectmen of Stratham, NH

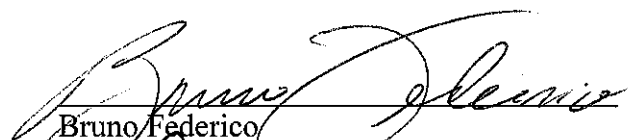
  
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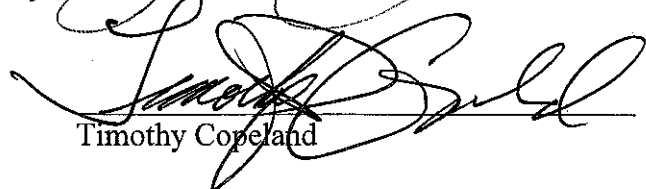
  
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A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

  
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## **TOWN BUDGET**

### **2012 PROPOSED**

Executive	\$168,916
Election & Registration	\$13,000
Financial Administration	\$393,503
Legal Expenses	\$40,000
Personnel Administration	\$835,898
Planning & Zoning	\$214,029
General Government Buildings	\$144,215
Cemeteries	\$31,900
Insurances	\$78,391
Police	\$893,180
Fire	\$137,830
Emergency Management	\$27,740
Emergency Dispatch Services	\$1,500
Highways	\$576,841
Street Lighting	\$7,500
Solid Waste Management	\$634,496
Public Works Commission	\$11,500
Animal Control	\$600
Pest Control	\$61,000
Public Service Agencies	\$47,896
Direct Assistance	\$30,000
Parks	\$75,245
Recreation	\$99,250
Library	\$371,627
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,700
Conservation Commission	\$1,500
Heritage Commission	\$6,500
300th Anniversary Committee	\$5,000
Economic Development	\$5,250
Town Center Revitalization	\$5,500
Interest on TAN/BAN's	\$69,348
Interest on Long-Term Debt	\$278,075
Total Appropriation	<u><u>\$5,268,930</u></u>

#### **Board of Selectmen:**

David Canada, Chair  
Bruno Federico  
Timothy Copeland

#### **Budget Advisory Committee:**

Garrett Dolan  
Nathan Merrill  
June Sawyer  
Michael Perfit  
Travis Thompson

**STRATHAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM--PROJECT SUMMARY IN \$000'S**  
**AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON FEBRUARY 1, 2012**

<b><u>TOWN PROJECT TITLE/DEPARTMENT</u></b>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>General Government:</b>						
Land Conservation Fund	0	25	25	25	25	25
Computer Replacement Plan	5	5	5	5	5	5
Municipal Center Parking lot expansion/improvements	67.5	70				
Town Center Grant Match & Improvements	25	25	25	25	25	25
Municipal Finance Software System	30					
Town Center Sign Plan	8					
2014 Revaluation	25	25	25	20	20	20
<b>Protection of Persons/Property:</b>						
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve Fund	0	30	30	30	30	30
Radio Communications Capital Reserve Fund	0	5				
Public Safety Complex (debt service, principal)	250	250	250	250	250	250
Gifford Property (debt service, principal)	14	14	14	14		
Conservation/Firehouse Bond (debt service, principal)	225	225	225	225	225	225
Scamman Conservation Easement (debt service, prin.)	71.5	71.5	71.5	71.5	71.5	71.5
Police Computer Replacement Program	5	5	5	5	5	5
Police Vehicle Replacement Program	15	15	15	15	15	15
<b>Public Works and Highways:</b>						
Highway Vehicle Replacement Program	50	50	50	50	50	50
Bunker Hill & Portsmouth Ave. Signalization	0		525			
Winnicutt Rd. & Portsmouth Ave. Signalization	0			450		
Road Reconstruction Program	200	221	195	200	200	200
Mower	10.5		11			
Insulating Highway Garage	0	50				
Cemetery Improvements	25	25	25	25		
Water and Sewer Infrastructure, Planning, & Study	125	125	125	50	50	50
<b>Cultural and Recreational Activities:</b>						
Playing Field Improvements/Future Community Center	8	8	250	250	250	250
Facility Improvements at SHP	0	5	5	5	5	5
SHP Parking Lot Replacement	25	25	10			10
Tennis Court Maintenance	0	6				6
Mower	0	8.5			8.5	
Library Computer Replacement Program	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
<b>Totals For Town Appropriations</b>	<b>1,191.0</b>	<b>1,295.5</b>	<b>1,893.0</b>	<b>1,722.0</b>	<b>1,241.5</b>	<b>1,249.0</b>

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

<b>EXPENSES:</b>	<b>2011 APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>2011 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2012 PROPOSED</b>
Executive	\$161,373	\$159,346	\$168,916
Election & Registration	\$5,575	\$5,112	\$13,000
Financial Administration	\$352,491	\$352,848	\$393,503
Legal Expenses	\$40,000	\$35,193	\$40,000
Personnel Administration	\$806,763	\$721,253	\$835,898
Planning & Zoning	\$211,619	\$207,848	\$214,029
General Government Buildings	\$119,346	\$109,744	\$144,215
Cemeteries	\$31,892	\$23,522	\$31,900
Insurances	\$78,544	\$78,544	\$78,391
Police	\$851,628	\$814,520	\$893,180
Fire	\$140,440	\$118,363	\$137,830
Emergency Management	\$14,700	\$5,983	\$27,740
Emergency Dispatch Services	\$20,700	\$11,218	\$1,500
Highways	\$547,664	\$516,900	\$576,841
Street Lighting	\$7,000	\$7,074	\$7,500
Solid Waste Management	\$622,848	\$601,924	\$634,496
Public Works Commission	\$64,800	\$26,800	\$11,500
Animal Control	\$500	\$560	\$600
Pest Control	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$61,000
Public Service Agencies	\$47,398	\$45,978	\$47,896
Direct Assistance	\$36,500	\$6,732	\$30,000
Parks	\$80,779	\$79,798	\$75,245
Recreation	\$94,528	\$92,746	\$99,250
Library	\$373,669	\$369,952	\$371,627
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,035	\$1,803	\$1,700
Conservation Commission	\$1,800	\$1,645	\$1,500
Heritage Commission	\$2,850	\$2,154	\$6,500
300th Anniversary Comm.	\$5,000	\$4,518	\$5,000
Economic Development	\$9,250	\$365	\$5,250
Town Center Revitalization	\$0	\$0	\$5,500
Interest on TAN/BAN's	\$38,753	\$17,654	\$69,348
Interest on Long-Term Debt	\$295,547	\$296,234	\$278,075
Total Appropriations	\$5,124,992	\$4,776,331	\$5,268,930

## **REVENUES:**

Interest & Penalties on Taxes	\$111,000	\$127,085	\$70,000
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$1,260,000	\$1,269,000	\$1,260,000
Business Licenses & Permits	\$35,300	\$31,299	\$32,000
Cable TV Franchise Fee	\$126,574	\$126,574	\$126,574
Yield/Excavation Taxes	\$200	\$245	\$200
Income From Departments	\$150,000	\$193,987	\$220,740
Rent of Town Property	\$40,000	\$47,908	\$52,200
Sale of Town Property	\$9,000	\$12,467	\$14,500
Shared Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highway Block Grant	\$173,076	\$173,076	\$152,409
Rooms & Meals	\$324,069	\$324,069	\$324,069
Police Grant	\$4,000	\$2,449	\$4,000
Interest on Investments	\$1,400	\$2,178	\$2,000
Reimbursements	\$29,000	\$37,945	\$25,000
Trust & Agency Funds	\$14,950	\$5,651	\$5,600
Total Revenues	\$2,278,569	\$2,353,934	\$2,289,292

## **TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

The year 2011 has proven to be a very busy year in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. Our revenue on the Town fees for motor vehicles has increased this year as well as the number of E-Reg transactions (E-Reg's are motor vehicle transactions processed online). In 2010, we processed 648 vehicle renewals online, and in 2011 we have processed over 810 vehicle renewals online! We also processed over 40 dog renewals online this year. Prepayments also increased this year. We collected over \$108,000 from our residents and title/mortgage companies for their December 2011 tax bills.

We implemented the tax kiosk in September that allows our residents, as well as the mortgage/title companies, to view their property taxes online. This is a huge convenience to everyone, as well as decreasing the phone calls into our busy office!

It is our hope to offer the option of credit card payments in 2012 for motor vehicle transactions. Our residents have asked for this, and we hope to bring this option to our office soon. We all feel it is very important to stay current with the latest technology that is available to us and want to offer our residents the latest options in processing their payments for motor vehicles. We are in the process of reviewing the different contracts involved with this, and once the legal language is satisfactory to everyone, we can move forward.

Customer service continues to remain a top priority here, and we will continue to offer our residents our best efforts in making your visit here as pleasant as possible!

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Charbonneau  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011**

Beginning Cash Balance	\$220.00
Automobile Registrations	\$1,269,000.00
Municipal Agent Fees	\$25,734.00
Title Fees	\$2,904.00
U.C.C. Filings	\$1,320.00
Vital Records	\$864.00
Dog Licenses	\$6,823.00
Dog Fines	\$1,910.00
Dredge & Fill	\$10.00
Other Filing Fees	\$95.00
Online Revenue (Town)	\$371.80
Total Collected:	<u>\$1,309,031.80</u>
Remitted to Treasurer:	(\$1,309,031.80)
Ending Cash Balance:	\$220.00

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Charbonneau  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011**

**DEBITS**

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES--**

**Beginning of Fiscal Year: 2011**

	2011	2010	2009	2008
Property Taxes		\$1,012,796.46	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Taxes				
Current Year Tax Credits	(\$30,157.01)			

**TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:**

Property Taxes	\$22,547,114.00	\$1,007.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$41,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$244.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**OVERPAYMENTS:**

Overpayments/Credits Refunded	\$30,157.01			
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	\$8,602.34	\$49,329.22	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS:</b>	<b>\$22,596,960.87</b>	<b>\$1,063,132.68</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**CREDITS**

**REMITTED TO TREASURER:**

Property Taxes	\$21,176,073.87	\$679,218.97	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$41,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$244.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$8,602.34	\$49,329.22	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Converted to Liens (Principal only)	\$0.00	\$332,243.91	\$0.00	\$0.00

**ABATEMENTS MADE:**

Property Taxes	\$11,063.68	\$2,340.58	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES--**

**End of Fiscal Year: 2011**

Property Taxes	\$1,359,976.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
This Year's Overpayment Returned	\$0.00			
<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>\$22,596,960.87</b>	<b>\$1,063,132.68</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

**FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

### **DEBITS**

	<b>.....Tax Liens on Acc't of Levies.....</b>		
	2010	2009	2008 + Prior Years
<b>Balance of Unredeemed Liens:</b>			
Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$0.00	\$219,585.86	\$120,791.57
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$353,407.95	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$12,435.20	\$31,400.85	\$46,481.14
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	\$365,843.15	\$250,986.71	\$167,272.71

### **CREDITS**

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

Redemptions	\$166,773.44	\$139,060.52	\$119,846.34
Interest/Costs Collected	\$12,435.20	\$31,400.85	\$46,481.14
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	\$5,388.62	\$2,528.40	\$0.00
Liens Deeded To Town	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Balance of Unredeemed Liens:</b>			
End of Fiscal Year	\$181,245.89	\$77,996.94	\$945.23
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	\$365,843.15	\$250,986.71	\$167,272.71

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT 2011

### RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR

2011 Property Tax & Interest	\$21,184,676.21
2010 Property Tax & Interest	\$707,384.15
Prior Year Tax Redemptions & Interest	\$515,997.49
Current Use Land Change & Interest	\$41,000.00
Overpayment of Taxes	\$30,157.01
Railroad Tax	\$111.45
Yield Tax & Interest (Timber Cutting)	\$244.53

**Subtotal** **\$22,479,570.84**

### RECEIVED FROM TOWN CLERK

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$1,269,000.00
Municipal Agent Fees	\$25,734.00
Titles	\$2,904.00
Vital Records	\$864.00
UCC Filings & Certificates	\$1,320.00
Dog Licenses & Fines	\$8,733.00
On-line Revenue	\$371.80
Filing and Other Fees	\$95.00
Dredge & Fill Permit	\$10.00

**Subtotal** **\$1,309,031.80**

### RECEIVED FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES

N.H. Revenue Sharing Block Grant	\$0.00
N.H. Highway Block Grant	\$172,965.41
N.H. Rooms & Meals Tax	\$324,068.72
FEMA Ice Storm Reimbursement	\$2,732.30
Police Grants	\$2,449.32
OEM Drill Reimbursement	\$8,374.68

**Subtotal** **\$510,590.43**

### RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES

Interest Income	\$2,177.62
Building Permits	\$116,174.00
Fire Inspections	\$100.00
Transfer Station Permits	\$4,780.00
Transfer Station Fees	\$42,487.00
Planning Board Fees	\$7,248.94
Board of Adjustment Fees	\$1,570.00
Police Department Reports	\$5,787.00
Recreation Programs	\$12,539.00
Rent of Town Property	\$47,908.18
Sale of Town Property	\$7,121.39
Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$4,000.00
Grave Excavation Fees	\$5,650.00
Cable TV Franchise	\$126,574.19
Returned Check Fines	\$525.00



Recycling Program	\$6,768.86
Insurance Reimbursements	\$16,839.37
NH Retirement Reimbursement	\$2,419.05
Reimbursement for Test Pits	\$4,520.00
Reimbursement for Plan Review	\$16,075.60
Overpayments and Other Reimbursements	\$18,686.49
Conservation Easement Grant	\$950,000.00
Safety Complex Bond Balance Transfer	\$16,814.16
Deferred Revenues	\$554,943.01
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,971,708.86</b>
<b><u>RECEIVED FROM SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u></b>	
Transfer from EMS Fund	\$0.00
Transfer from Trustees of the Trust Funds	\$0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2011</u></b>	<b><u>\$26,270,901.93</u></b>
<b><u>FISCAL YEAR 2011 TRANSACTIONS</u></b>	
Cash on Hand January 1, 2011	\$7,546,212.96
Total Receipts for 2011	\$26,270,901.93
Tax Anticipation Loan (TAN)	\$0.00
TAN Pay Back & Interest	\$0.00
Deferred Revenues	(\$553,058.26)
Safety Complex Bond Principal & Interest	(\$385,313.00)
Fire House & Conservation Bond Principal & Interest	(\$382,609.00)
Gifford Property Principal & Interest	(\$17,312.00)
Conservation Bond Interest	(\$17,654.00)
Foss Property Purchase	(\$355,000.00)
Paid on Selectmen's Orders	(\$23,262,322.41)
Trustees of the Trust Funds	(\$89,907.00)
<b><u>BALANCE ON HAND DEC. 31, 2011</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,753,939.22</u></b>
<b><u>OTHER ASSETS IN HANDS OF TREASURER</u></b>	
Police Detail Account	\$68,300.87
Road & Other Bonds	\$689,079.54
Payroll Account	\$2,000.00
Gifford House Security Deposit	\$1,803.00
Foss Property Security Deposit	\$1,801.27
Park Cottage Security Deposit	\$800.50
Stratham Hill Park Revolving Fund	\$23,028.25
Stratham Hill Park Association	\$11,609.92
Stratham Hill Park Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$3,926.82
Fire Department E.M.S. Fund	\$246,671.34
Fire Protection Fund	\$46,307.89
Heritage Fund	\$6,434.79
Recreation Revolving Fund	\$73,654.74
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$2,134.74
<b><u>TOTAL ALL OTHER ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,177,553.67</u></b>

**OUTSTANDING SHORT TERM NOTES**

Bond Anticipation Note: **\$1,430,000.00**  
(2.97% per annum, which matures June 15, 2012)

**SUMMARY OF SAFETY COMPLEX BONDED DEBT**

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

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

**SUMMARY OF GIFFORD HOUSE BONDED DEBT**

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

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

### SUMMARY OF FIRE HOUSE/CONSERVATION BONDED DEBT

Fire House/Conservation General Obligation Bond: **\$4,444,000.00**

#### Fiscal Year

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

### SUMMARY OF FIRE HOUSE/CONSERVATION BONDED DEBT

#### **Year 2011 Transactions**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2011	\$33,580.47
Checking Account Interest	\$14.69
Paid Invoices	(\$16,781.00)
Transfer to General Fund	(\$16,814.16)
<b>CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2011</b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Peck  
Town Treasurer

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION  
TOWN OF STRATHAM IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY  
CERTIFICATE (2011)**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

David Canada, Bruno Federico, Timothy Copeland, Selectmen

1. Valuation of land only:	Acres	Assessment
A. Current use (at c.u. value)	2,595.96	\$494,242
B. Conservation	101.76	\$16,628
C. Residential	4,635.18	\$302,277,500
D. Commercial/Industrial	437.67	\$52,959,100
E. Total of Taxable Land	7,770.57	\$355,747,470
F. Tax Exempt & Non Taxable	1,377.57	\$11,762,500
2. Value of Buildings only:		
A. Residential		\$712,134,688
B. Manufactured Housing		\$3,142,300
C. Commercial/Industrial		\$111,643,600
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement (8)		\$32,312
E. Total of Taxable Buildings		\$826,952,900
F. Exempt & Non Taxable		62,142,600
3. Public Utilities:		
A. Gas		\$9,624,300
B. Electric		\$13,015,500
C. Other Utilities (water)		\$1,230,600
D. Total Utilities		\$23,870,400
4. Valuation before Exemptions:		\$1,206,570,770
5. Certain Disabled Veterans		\$0
6. Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties		\$1,206,570,770
7. Blind Exemption (3)		\$45,000
8. Elderly Exemption (43)		\$3,538,800
9. Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$3,583,800
10. Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed		\$1,202,986,970
11. Less the Value of Utilities		(\$23,870,400)
12. Net Valuation without Utilities on which State Education Tax is Computed		\$1,179,116,570
<b>TAX CREDITS:</b>		
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty (\$2,000.):		
	10	\$20,000
Other war service credits (\$500.):	373	\$186,000
Total Number and Amount:	383	\$206,000

## **STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS**

Taxes Assessed for the Tax Year 2011

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David Canada, Bruno Federico, Timothy Copeland, Selectmen

### **PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION**

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

Executive	\$161,373
Elections, Registration & Vital Statistics	\$5,575
Financial Administration	\$352,491
Revaluation of Property	\$0
Legal Expenses	\$40,000
Personnel Administration	\$806,763
Planning and Zoning	\$211,619
General Government Buildings	\$119,346
Cemeteries	\$31,892
Insurance	\$78,544

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Police	\$851,628
Fire	\$149,390
Emergency Management	\$14,700
Emergency Communications	\$20,700

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

Highway Department	\$547,664
Street Lighting	\$7,000
Public Works - Other	\$64,800

#### **SANITATION:**

Solid Waste Collection	\$622,848
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#### **HEALTH:**

Animal Control	\$500
Pest Control	\$60,000
Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$47,398

#### **WELFARE:**

Administration & Direct Assistance	\$36,500
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#### **CULTURE AND RECREATION:**

Parks	\$80,779
Recreation	\$94,528
Library	\$373,669
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,035
Conservation Commission	\$1,800
Heritage Commission	\$2,850
300th Anniversary Committee	\$5,000
Economic Development	\$9,250

#### **DEBT SERVICE:**

Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$0
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Interest -Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$334,299
Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$489,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY:	
Capital Improvements	\$1,507,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	\$20,000
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	\$7,149,941
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**REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES**

TAXES:	
Yield Taxes	\$245
Excavation Taxes	
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$111,000
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES:	
Business Licenses and Permits	\$35,300
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$1,260,000
Building Permits	\$0
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	\$126,574
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:	
Police Grant	\$5,000
FROM STATE:	
Shared Revenues	
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	\$324,069
Highway Block Grant	\$172,965
Other	\$111
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:	
Income from Departments	\$150,000
Other Charges	\$24,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:	
Sale of Municipal Property	\$9,000
Interest on Investments	\$1,400
Other	\$40,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS:	
Trust and Agency Funds	\$6,000
Special Revenue Funds	\$8,950
Capital Reserve Funds	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$685,000
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SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES:	\$2,959,614
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GENERAL FUND BALANCE:		
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$1,337,066	
Less Voted from "Surplus"	\$0	
Less Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes	<u>(\$287,066)</u>	\$287,066
Fund Balance - Retained	\$1,050,000	
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TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS:		\$3,246,680
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**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
2011 TAX RATE COMPUTATION**

**Tax Rates**

**TOWN PORTION**

Appropriations	\$7,149,941		
Less: Revenues	(\$3,246,680)		
Less: Shared Revenues			
Add: Overlay	\$151,390		
Add: War Service Credits	\$206,000		
Net Town Appropriation/Approved			
Town Tax Effort	\$4,260,651		\$3.53
Municipal Tax Rate			

**SCHOOL PORTION**

Net Local School Budget	\$9,055,126		
Regional School Apportionment	\$9,696,552		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(\$1,469,989)		
Less: State Education Taxes	(\$2,743,567)		
Net School(s) Appropriation/			
Approved School Tax Effort	\$14,538,122		\$12.09
Local School Tax Rate			
State Education Tax Rate	\$2.32		
Times the Equalized Valuation			
(without utilities)	\$1,180,028,805		
State Education Tax			
Divided by the Local Assessed			
Valuation (without utilities)	\$1,179,116,570		
Localized State Education Tax Rate	\$2,743,567		\$2.33

**COUNTY PORTION**

Due to County	\$1,198,645		
Less: Shared Revenues	\$0		
Net County Appropriation/Approved			
County Tax Effort	\$1,198,645		
County Tax Rate			\$1.00
			\$18.95

**Combined Tax Rate**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$22,740,985
Less: War Service Credits	(\$206,000)
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$22,534,985

**PROOF OF RATE**

	Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	\$1,179,116,570	\$2.33	\$2,743,567
All Other Taxes	\$1,202,986,970	\$16.62	\$19,997,418
			\$22,740,985

## **EXPENDITURES**

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Payroll	\$205,564.00
Training	\$510.00
Substance Abuse Testing	\$855.00
Meals	\$1,237.00
Uniforms	\$3,539.00
Paving & Road Construction	\$120,000.00
Rented Equipment	\$1,656.00
Culvert Pipe	\$350.00
New Equipment & Tools	\$1,349.00
Road Paint	\$6,835.00
Tires, Repairs, Etc.	\$38,738.00
Salt	\$86,512.00
Sand and Gravel	\$1,376.00
Telephone	\$1,920.00
Electricity	\$7,801.00
Gas & Oil	\$23,367.00
Heat	\$5,090.00
Building Maintenance	\$9,078.00
Supplies	\$1,122.00
TOTAL	<u>\$516,899.00</u>

### **SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

Payroll	\$16,247.00
Solid Waste Processing	\$514,182.00
Landfill Closure Annual	\$10,998.00
Materials and Supplies	\$2,433.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	\$2,110.00
Transfer Station	\$55,562.00
Electricity	\$394.00
TOTAL	<u>\$601,926.00</u>

### **CEMETERIES**

Payroll	\$14,871.00
Ground Maintenance (& Road Repairs)	\$1,145.00
Excavation	\$1,729.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,068.00
New Equipment	\$270.00
Supplies	\$536.00
Transfer to Trust Funds	\$3,904.00
TOTAL	<u>\$23,523.00</u>



**EXPENDITURES (cont.)**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Payroll	\$515,161.00
Police Part Time/OT	\$68,365.00
Police Holiday	\$16,344.00
Police payroll - Secretary	\$39,393.00
Police payroll - Prosecutor	\$35,257.00
Office Supplies - Legal	\$2,412.00
Office Supplies	\$3,722.00
New Equipment	\$3,664.00
Prosecutors Expenses	\$522.00
Uniforms	\$7,916.00
Technical Support	\$17,956.00
Cruiser Lease	\$26,622.00
Gas and Oil	\$27,702.00
Repairs (Vehicle & Equipment)	\$13,512.00
Community Service Programs	\$0.00
Training	\$4,928.00
Special Response Team	\$2,500.00
Electricity	\$9,504.00
Heat	\$3,161.00
Telephone	\$5,648.00
Maintenance/Repair/Supply	\$10,230.00
TOTAL	\$814,519.00

**PARK**

Payroll	\$41,231.00
Training	\$125.00
Office Supplies	\$129.00
Ground Maintenance	\$9,821.00
Electricity	\$2,363.00
Telephone	\$819.00
Supplies	\$2,220.00
Uniforms	\$694.00
Building Maintenance	\$4,871.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$2,284.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,683.00
New Equipment	\$11,560.00
Electricity	
TOTAL	\$79,800.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES						
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2011						
		Receipts/	Total Amount		Unexpended	
Title of Appropriations	Appropriation	Reimbursements	Available	Expenditures	Balance	Overage
Executive	\$161,373	\$126,574	\$287,947	\$159,346	\$128,601	
Elections & Registrations	\$5,575		\$5,575	\$5,112	\$463	
Financial Administration	\$352,491	\$1,777,871	\$2,130,362	\$352,848	\$1,777,514	
Legal Expenses	\$40,000		\$40,000	\$35,193	\$4,807	
Personnel Administration	\$806,763	\$2,419	\$809,182	\$721,253	\$87,929	
Planning and Zoning	\$211,619	\$145,689	\$357,308	\$207,848	\$149,460	
General Government Buildings	\$119,346	\$47,908	\$167,254	\$109,744	\$57,510	
Cemeteries	\$31,892	\$9,650	\$41,542	\$23,522	\$18,020	
Insurances	\$78,544	\$16,839	\$95,383	\$78,544	\$16,839	
Police Department	\$851,628	\$5,787	\$857,415	\$814,520	\$42,895	
Fire Department	\$140,440		\$140,440	\$118,363	\$22,077	
Emergency Management	\$14,700	\$11,107	\$25,807	\$5,983	\$19,824	
Emergency Dispatch Services	\$20,700		\$20,700	\$11,218	\$9,482	
Highway Department	\$547,664	\$172,965	\$720,629	\$516,900	\$203,729	
Street Lighting	\$7,000		\$7,000	\$7,074	\$0	(\$74)
Waste Disposal	\$622,848	\$53,670	\$676,518	\$601,924	\$74,594	
Public Works Commission	\$64,800		\$64,800	\$26,800	\$38,000	
Animal Control	\$500	\$8,733	\$9,233	\$560	\$8,673	
Pest Control	\$60,000		\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0	
Public Service Agencies	\$47,398		\$47,398	\$45,978	\$1,420	
Direct Assistance	\$36,500		\$36,500	\$6,732	\$29,768	
Park	\$80,779		\$80,779	\$79,798	\$981	
Recreation	\$94,528	\$12,539	\$107,067	\$92,746	\$14,321	
Library	\$373,669		\$373,669	\$369,952	\$3,717	
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,035		\$1,035	\$1,803	\$0	(\$768)
Conservation Commission	\$1,800		\$1,800	\$1,645	\$155	
Heritage Commission	\$2,850		\$2,850	\$2,155	\$695	
300th Anniversary Committee	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$4,518	\$482	
Economic Development Com.	\$9,250		\$9,250	\$365	\$8,885	
Interest on Accounts	\$38,753	\$2,178	\$40,931	\$17,654	\$23,277	
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$295,547		\$295,547	\$296,234	\$0	(\$687)
TOTALS	\$5,124,992	\$2,393,929	\$7,518,921	\$4,776,332	\$2,744,118	(\$1,529)

# YEARLY EARNINGS FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES - 2011

Aither, Jaye	\$37,028.22	Kenny, Catherine	\$25,384.52
Andrews, Lauren	\$13,871.85	Kimball, Lesley	\$53,734.18
Bakie, Peter G.	\$4,895.74	Larrabee, Matthew	\$256.20
Barnes, Terry W.	\$53,822.56	Law, Charles	\$50,344.52
Browne, Charles	\$26,836.44	Leonardi, Susan	\$168.53
Call, James C.	\$56,930.60	Lewy, Andrea	\$57,053.41
Canada, David	\$3,000.00	Littlefield, William D	\$3,696.90
Charbonneau, Joyce	\$40,357.91	Ludington, Veronique	\$2,142.00
Collins, Lisa	\$14,685.51	McAulay, Stephen F	\$45,880.79
Cook, Robert	\$75.00	MacCallum, Marcia	\$18,323.60
Copeland, Andra	\$16.96	Milner, Richard	\$1,275.00
Copeland, Timothy D	\$3,186.46	McCleary, Cynthia S	\$1,200.00
Cushman, Robert	\$503.86	McLaughlin, Mary E.	\$5,316.75
Cutler, Tracey	\$6,515.24	Normand, Danielle E.	\$11,752.66
Daley, Lincoln	\$74,550.49	Oliveira, Michael	\$49,927.54
Danko, Phyllis L.	\$30,885.92	O'Neil, Kevin B	\$2,750.75
Davis, James	\$3,961.47	Peck, Kevin J.	\$3,000.00
DeCotis, Donna	\$56.25	Pierce, David	\$75,278.65
DelRossi, Sarah	\$9,286.20	Powers, Christine	\$598.15
Deschaine, Paul R.	\$78,785.56	Rivais, James E.	\$6,018.00
DiBartolomeo, Jeffrey	\$2,349.80	Rivers, Cindy	\$11,508.14
Dziamia, Pamela C.	\$5,023.59	Rohr, Lisa	\$1,750.00
Emanuel, David	\$2,350.00	Ryan, Karen	\$14,193.47
Emerson, John R.	\$53,931.06	Ryden, Patricia A.	\$38,187.75
Federico, Bruno	\$3,000.00	Sablock, Alexis	\$112.50
Gobbi, Michael A.	\$47,866.08	Sawyer, June	\$112.50
Grella, Stacey J	\$28,528.92	Scippa, John V.	\$82,100.37
Hart, William	\$35,256.68	Slager, Timothy E	\$44,515.84
Hickey, Seth	\$40,392.20	Stevens, Russell	\$49,264.21
Hurley, Scott	\$1,203.00	Streelman, Janice	\$27,676.26
Hutton, Fred A. Jr.	\$53,192.71	Von Letkemann, Lucia	\$30,798.98
Iodice, Sheila	\$1,734.69	Yell, Jasmine	\$1,875.00
Jackson, Robert E	\$4,824.61	Whitham, Anna	\$820.00
Jordan, Gregory	\$66,566.42	Williams, Alan	\$49,982.94
Joseph, James	\$31,387.92	Woods, Kimberly E.	\$40,781.35
Kemp, Valerie A.	\$41,295.93	Wool, Martin	\$3,987.90

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## GENERAL FUND

Revenues and expenditures for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

### A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual

#### 1. Revenue from Taxes

a. Property taxes	\$21,176,074
b. Land Use Change Tax	\$41,000
c. Timber (Yield) Taxes	\$244
d. Interest & penalties on delinquent taxes	\$127,085
TOTAL	<u>\$21,344,403</u>

#### 2. Revenues from licenses, permits, and fees

a. Business licenses and permits	\$5,565
b. Motor vehicle permit fees	\$1,294,734
c. Building permit fees	\$116,174
d. Other licenses, permits and fees	\$8,733
TOTAL	<u>\$1,425,206</u>

#### 3. Revenues from Federal Government

a. Other Fed Grants/reimbursements	\$5,182
TOTAL	<u>\$5,182</u>

#### 4. Revenues from State of New Hampshire

a. Shared revenue block grant	\$0
b. Meals & rooms distribution	\$324,069
c. Highway block grant	\$172,965
d. Other grants/reimbursements	\$958,486
TOTAL	<u>\$1,455,520</u>

#### 5. Revenues from charges for service

a. Income from departments	\$53,263
b. Garbage-refuse charges	\$47,267
c. Other charges	\$132,224
TOTAL	<u>\$232,754</u>

#### 6. Revenues from miscellaneous sources

a. Sale of municipal property	\$12,467
b. Interest on investments	\$2,178
c. Rents of property	\$47,908
d. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	\$37,945
e. Other misc. sources not otherwise class.	\$525
TOTAL	<u>\$101,023</u>

#### 7. Interfund operating transfers in

a. Transfers from special revenue fund	\$0
b. Other investments	\$0
c. Transfers from capital reserve funds	\$0
d. Transfers from trust and agency funds	\$0
TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>

8. Other financial sources	
a. Transfer from other bonds	\$16,814
TOTAL	<u>\$16,814</u>
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES	<u><u>\$24,580,902</u></u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY (beginning of year)	\$1,553,161
GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>\$26,134,063</u></u>
B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual	
1. General Government	
a. Executive	\$159,346
b. Election, registration and vital statistics	\$5,112
c. Financial administration	\$352,848
d. Legal expenses	\$35,193
e. Personnel administration	\$721,253
f. Planning & zoning	\$207,848
g. General government building	\$109,744
h. Cemeteries	\$23,522
i. Insurance not otherwise allocated	\$78,544
j. Other general government	\$156,217
TOTAL	<u>\$1,849,627</u>
2. Public Safety	
a. Police	\$814,520
b. Fire	\$118,363
c. Emergency management	\$5,983
d. Other (communications)	\$11,218
TOTAL	<u>\$950,084</u>
3. Highways and Streets	
a. Highways and Streets	\$516,900
b. Street lighting	\$7,074
TOTAL	<u>\$523,974</u>
4. Sanitation	
a. Solid waste disposal	\$601,924
TOTAL	<u>\$601,924</u>
5. Water Distribution & Treatment	
a. Other (Public Works Commission)	\$26,800
TOTAL	<u>\$26,800</u>
6. Health	
a. Pest control	\$60,000
b. Health agencies and hospitals	\$45,978
c. Animal control	\$560
TOTAL	<u>\$106,538</u>
7. Welfare	
a. Direct assistance	\$6,732
TOTAL	<u>\$6,732</u>

8. Culture and recreation	
a. Parks	\$79,798
b. Recreation	\$92,746
c. Library	\$369,952
d. Patriotic purposes	\$1,803
TOTAL	<u>\$544,299</u>
9. Conservation	
a. Conservation Commission	\$1,645
b. Economic Development	\$365
c. Heritage Commission	\$6,673
d. Purchase of natural resources	
TOTAL	<u>\$8,683</u>
10. Debt Service	
a. Principal On Long Term Bonds PSC	\$250,000
b. Conservation/Fire House BAN Principal	\$225,000
c. Gifford House Bond Principal	\$14,000
d. Interest on tax anticipation notes	\$0
e. Long Term Debt Interest	\$313,888
TOTAL	<u>\$802,888</u>
11. Capital outlay	
a. Land and improvements	\$1,503
b. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	\$0
c. Buildings	\$37,680
d. Improvements other than buildings	\$315,935
TOTAL	<u>\$355,118</u>
12. Interfund operating transfers out	
a. Transfers to capital reserve funds	\$25,000
b. Operating Transfers out	\$355,000
c. Grant Transfers Out	
d. LUCT/Termination Trusts to Trustees	\$61,000
TOTAL	<u>\$441,000</u>
13. Payments to other governments	
a. Taxes assessed for county	\$1,198,645
b. Taxes assessed for school districts	\$16,996,655
c. Payments to other governments	\$3,151
TOTAL	<u>\$18,198,451</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u><u>\$24,416,118</u></u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY (end of year)	\$1,717,945
GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>\$26,134,063</u></u>

## GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

### A. ASSETS

	Beginning of year	End of year
1. Current assets		
a. Cash and equivalents	\$9,912,096	\$8,638,704
b. Investments		
c. Taxes receivable	\$1,012,796	\$1,359,976
d. Tax liens receivable	\$340,377	\$260,188
e. Accounts Receivable	\$0	
f. Due from other governments	\$0	
g. Tax dedeed property	\$18,300	\$18,300
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$11,283,569</u>	<u>\$10,277,168</u>

### B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

1. Current liabilities		
a. Due to School districts	\$8,265,587	\$8,559,222
b. Accounts Payable	\$34,821	\$0
c. Bonds Payable - Current	\$1,430,000	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$9,730,408</u>	<u>\$8,559,222</u>
2. Fund equity		
a. Reserve for continuing appropriations	\$216,095	\$303,508
b. Reserve appropriations voted from surplus	\$0	\$0
c. Unreserved fund bal.	\$1,337,066	\$1,414,438
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$1,553,161</u>	<u>\$1,717,946</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$11,283,569</u>	<u>\$10,277,168</u>

### A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

1. School district liability beginning year	\$8,265,587
2. Add School assessment for current year	\$17,290,290
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR	<u>\$25,555,877</u>
4. SUBTRACT payments made to school	\$16,996,655
5. School district liability at end of year	<u>\$8,559,222</u>

### B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

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

### C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET

	Current Year	Prior Year
1. Overlay/Allowance for abatements	\$151,390	\$53,353
2. SUBTRACT: Abatements made	(\$11,063)	(\$53,353)
3. Excess of estimate	\$140,327	\$0

### D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET

	Taxes	Liens
1. Uncollected, end of year	\$1,359,976	\$260,188
2. SUBTRACT: Overlay carried forward	(\$140,327)	\$0
3. Estimated Receivable, end of year	\$1,219,649	\$260,188



<b>STRATHAM TRUST FUNDS 2011</b>											
<b>DATE OF CREATION</b>	<b>NAME OF FUND</b>	<b>BAL/BEG</b>	<b>NEW FUNDS</b>	<b>CAP/GAIN</b>	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>	<b>BAL/END</b>	<b>BAL/BEG</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENDED</b>	<b>BAL/END</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>
											<b>Principal/Income</b>
<b>CEMETERY FUNDS:</b>		<b>225,965</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>229,165</b>	<b>106,795</b>	<b>5,549</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>112,344</b>	<b>341,509</b>
2011	BATEMAN		400			400	-			-	400
2011	CLAAR		800			800	-			-	800
2011	GRAHAME		400			400	-			-	400
2011	KIRTLAND		400			400	-			-	400
2011	LEUTH		400			400	-			-	400
2011	ROGERS-BROOKS		800			800	-			-	800
	<b>TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS</b>	<b>225,965</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>229,165</b>	<b>106,795</b>	<b>5,549</b>	<b>5,651</b>	<b>106,693</b>	<b>335,858</b>
<b>LIBRARY FUNDS:</b>											
VARIOUS		81,701	-	-	-	81,701	1,724	1,794	1,647	1,871	83,573
<b>STRATHAM HILL PARK:</b>											
VARIOUS		17,814	-	-	-	17,814	20,841	442	-	21,283	39,097
<b>STRATHAM HILL PK ASSOCIATION</b>											
1966		59,615	-	-	-	59,615	31,023	1,363	1,384	31,002	90,617
<b>HORACE HILL FUND</b>											
1932		7	-	-	-	7	202	0	-	202	210
<b>CAPITAL RESERVES &amp; OTHER TRUSTS</b>											
1988	LAND CONSERVATION FUND	433,533	41,000	-	14,000	460,533	1,384	328	1,402	310	460,842
1998	CAPITAL RESERVE FIRE DEPT	161,400	25,000	-	-	186,400	16,360	235	5,100	11,495	197,895
2001	RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP	89,028	-	-	-	89,028	3,966	80	-	4,046	93,074
1987	BARKER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP	4,002	-	-	-	4,002	2,206	8	250	1,964	5,966
1989	SCAMMAN/PARK TRUST	975	-	-	-	975	307	4	-	310	1,285
1989	SCAMMAN SCHOLARSHIP	3,663	-	-	-	3,663	1,832	4	-	1,836	5,499
1997	WIN. GRANGE EDUC FUND	5,500	-	-	-	5,500	1,028	14	-	1,041	6,541
2003	DEBBIE GREENBURG TRUST	4,791	-	-	-	4,791	10	4	-	14	4,805
2009	SPECIAL EDUC TRUST SMS	50,000	25,000	-	-	75,000	61	31	-	92	75,092
2009	SMS MAINTENANCE TRUST	75,000	90,000	-	-	165,000	61	44	-	105	165,105
2010	EMPLOYEE TERMINATION TRUST	11,261	20,000	-	-	31,261	-	6	-	6	31,266
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS:</b>		<b>1,224,255</b>	<b>204,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>1,414,455</b>	<b>187,801</b>	<b>9,903</b>	<b>15,434</b>	<b>182,270</b>	<b>1,596,725</b>
	<b>TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS:</b>	<b>JOYCE ROWE, CHAIR; MARIA EMANUEL, DIANE MORGERA</b>									

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

During 2011, the Cemetery Trustees continued to monitor cemetery activities such as the frequency of routine maintenance, days of operation, rules and regulations, and locations of new individual cremation and vault lots.

Several individuals with descendents in Stratham Public Cemeteries voiced concerns regarding the frequency and extent of mowing and trimming activities. These concerns were reviewed and it was determined the Highway Department is doing an excellent job maintaining all Stratham Cemeteries in a timely manner in spite of the challenges the weather presents to them. Special emphasis is placed on “grooming” all public cemeteries prior to and during the Memorial Day weekend. The Highway Department staff has completed a general clean-up and tree and brush trimming operations. A dirt and grass road in the Greenwood Cemetery was leveled as required with the appropriate gravel materials this past fall. Mowing and trimming operations are generally completed at least once a week during the spring until around the middle of July before warmer temperatures and less rain may reduce the need for weekly maintenance. Besides the weather, cemetery mowing and trimming operations are also controlled by the number of operating mowers and trimmers, the available number of operators and the number of “other areas” that require mowing.

The majority of the new area of the Maple Lane Cemetery developed during the past two years is ready for a surveyor to develop the required geometry and reference points required to easily locate a cremation garden and vault locations. The exact methodology has not been determined as of yet; however, the Trustees have received various bid prices and associated measuring arrangements for review and comment.

The Cemetery Rules and Regulations were updated this year and are available on the Town of Stratham website. Most questions regarding the type and size of individual memorials and remembrances can be found by referencing the site.

For many years the Cemetery Trustees have been requested to review vacant and available abutting land on the west side of the Maple Lane Cemetery. The Trustees have declined to entertain solicitations for this property due to the extent of wetlands, a seasonal stream, storm water run-off issue, a generally high water table and a topography that dictates a difficult orientation for cemetery lots. The site work required to develop this site includes installing an underground drainage system and redirecting surface water with an unknown, but probably adverse affect on abutting properties and to direct surface water away from a wetland. The overall cost of developing this land is unknown. The determining factor in the Trustees decision is the definition of “structure”. It has always been the Trustee’s position that casket and cremation vaults are “structures” as defined by State statutes and local ordinances. The Selectmen are of the opinion that vaults “are not structures” as they interpret these laws. The Trustees request that you review this land purchase proposal carefully as it has been suggested this issue could be presented at the 2012 Town Meeting in March 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Cushman, Chairman  
Kenneth Lanzillo  
June Sawyer

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Both in terms of the number of fires, as well as the number of acres burned, this past fire season was the smallest since records have been kept. Extensive rainfall virtually all season long kept the fire danger down. When fires did start they were kept very small. The largest fire for the season was only 5.4 acres which occurred in Littleton on May 2, 2011. There was, however, a small window of high fire danger in the northern third of the state during July when little rainfall was recorded. During this time, there were a number of lightning started fires which are fairly unusual in New Hampshire. As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by contracted aircraft and the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2011 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

### 2011 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2011)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Rockingham	0	0

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED		Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	7	2011	125	42
Debris	63	2010	360	145
Campfire	10	2009	334	173
Children	2	2008	455	175
Smoking	9	2007	437	212
Railroad	1			
Equipment	1			
Lightning	3			
Misc.*	29	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

## VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2011, the Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 550 emergency response calls. Of the 550 calls, 309 were medical calls and 61 were car accidents.

I would like to thank all of the men and women of the Volunteer Fire Department and their spouses, as well as the Ladies Auxiliary whose dedication and commitment to serve the citizens of this community with the utmost quality of care and service is greatly appreciated. The members of the Volunteer Fire Department donate their time and effort to help their friends, neighbors and community when needed. They continually join efforts in all types of situations as well as give the time to train, certify and administer the needs of this Department for the good of the community.

The Volunteer Fire Department continues to be an all volunteer fire department. Our fire department is one of very few that receives no compensation for emergency calls, training, certifications, clothing allowance, fuel or administrative functions for its members. In addition, these volunteers are the foundation to raise additional funds through the Stratham Fair and pancake breakfast. Our members also administer ambulance billing documentation where all monies collected are used to purchase future ambulances directly benefiting the taxpayers.

In 2011, we proposed to replace the 25 year old 3,000 gallon tanker truck. The truck has served the Town well over the years, but no longer meets the needs of this growing community. We propose any new truck meet today's National Fire Protection Standard 1901 to serve our community and provide all the safety features to our firefighters. The purchase of the new tanker truck has been approved for consideration in the 2012 Warrant.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Cook Jr.  
Fire Chief

***Volunteer Fire Department  
2011 Emergency Responses***

	<b><i>Number of Calls per Year</i></b>		
<b><i>Type of Call</i></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>
Medical Aid	268	315	309
Service Calls	24	8	16
Mutual Aid to other Communities	24	30	32
Fire Alarm Activation	67	81	50
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	15	13	14
Structure Fires	12	17	11
Brush/Forestry Fires	20	11	28
Auto Fires	0	4	3
Auto Accidents	33	41	61
Hazardous Materials	15	6	10
Storm Related/Downed Electrical Wires	65	6	15
Rescue/Water Rescue			1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>550</b>

<b><i>2011 Ambulance Recovered Funds</i></b>			
<b><i>Balance forward 1/1/2011</i></b>			<b><i>170,814.84</i></b>
Gross Recovered in 2011			81,796.54
Records Release Income			105.00
Interest Earned in 2011			635.68
<b>Total Gross w/ Interest Earned 2011</b>			<b>82,537.22</b>
<b><i>2011 Expenses Paid from Fund</i></b>			
EMS Training			1,640.00
EMS Conference			3,818.40
Comstar Refunds (overpayments)			1,222.32
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>6,680.72</b>
Total Net Funds for F/Y 2011			\$75,856.50
<b><i>Total Fund Balance as of 12/31/11</i></b>			<b><i>246,671.34</i></b>

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department responded to 8,838 calls for service this past year. The following is an overview of some of the general types of calls we responded to and the number of times we responded to these types of calls in 2011:

Sexual Assault	5	Domestics	40	Burglary	12
Theft	65	Assaults	34	Town Ord. Violations	15
Arson	0	Fraud	16	House Checks	1,598
Criminal Mischief	35	Harassment	11	Criminal Trespass	4
DWI	29	Juvenile Incidents	69	Assist to Police Depts.	263
Assist to the Public	306	Protective Escorts	3	Disturbance-Loud Party	33
Assist Fire/Rescue	337	Abandoned 911 Calls	67	Disturbance-General	24
Alarms	350	M/V Lockouts	113	Animal Incidents	185
Traffic Citations	241	M/V Accidents	191	Traffic Complaints	126
M/V Warnings	2,391	M/V Checkups	156	Disturbance-Fights	2
Disorderly Conduct	9	Robbery	2	Drug Violations	10

This past year, Officer Normand resigned her position with us. To fill that open position, we hired Lauren Andrews. Officer Andrews grew up in southern Maine and attended the Portsmouth Christian Academy. She is a graduate of Great Bay Community College and holds an AS degree in Criminal Justice. During her field-training period, she demonstrated great potential to be a fine officer for the Town of Stratham. She is presently attending the NH Police Academy with an anticipated graduation this April.

In February of 2011, the Town of Stratham ended its dispatch contract with the Town of Newmarket. Newmarket Dispatch provided an excellent service, but it became cost prohibitive to renew the contract. Dispatching duties are now handled by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office. They continue to provide excellent services and the Town was able to realize significant savings in making this transition. A big thanks to Town resident and communications expert Brad Little, whose assistance was instrumental in the dispatch transfer process.

The Town continues to work with the Sheriff's Office and the NH State Police on new radio communication equipment, obtained with grant money, to be installed on the fire tower at Stratham Hill Park. This new equipment will greatly enhance emergency communications for all police, fire and EMS units, not only in Stratham, but also throughout the NH Seacoast.

I want to thank the members of the Police Department for their dedication, professionalism and hard work. I appreciate their commitment to faithful service to this Town. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued support of the Police Department.

In closing, please remember that the Police Department is here to serve you. We stand ready, day or night, to deliver professional police services to this community. Please don't hesitate to call us if you think we can be of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

John V. Scippa, Chief of Police

## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In 2011, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) was activated several times to monitor severe weather and statewide storm events. The conditions were communicated to and from the New Hampshire Bureau of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and between the Town's operational personnel. The Town utilized the physical improvements to the Emergency Operations Center which enhanced the professional work area.

The Town of Stratham and the Greater Exeter Region Public Health Network executed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to utilize Stratham's EOC as a primary location for the Region's Multi-Area Coordination Entity (MACE). The facility would be utilized in the event of a public health event affecting a large portion of the regional population, provided it was not being utilized otherwise by the Town of Stratham.

The OEM hosted Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP) training conducted by NH Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the Police Department, Fire Department, and OEM staff in May. The training covered traffic management, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) operations, and radiological response for first responder aspects of the Town's planning documents. This training was funded entirely by the Seabrook Station.

The OEM coordinated a meeting with Stratham department heads and E911 mapping officials to rework Stratham's evacuation plans and bus routes in June. The plan development is still in process.

The OEM also hosted a Seabrook Station/NH HSEM quarterly meeting for Emergency Planning Zone communities in July. Director Dave Emanuel represented the Town and participated in statewide table-top exercises to test local responses in conjunction with State planning documents. Local, state, and federal agencies participated in the exercise, which was conducted at the Air National Guard base at Pease in November.

The EOC's annual quarterly equipment inventory and reporting of the Department's state of readiness to the State was performed by Deputy Director Tim Copeland with assistance from Andra Copeland.

Preparedness is an individual responsibility, which starts in each of our own homes with our own families. We request that residents prepare themselves by keeping adequate emergency supplies in stock at home, and by reviewing the annual Seabrook Station calendar of emergency information. FEMA maintains a web site at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtm>, which can aid you in preparedness for various emergencies.

The Office of Emergency Management is managed by Director Dave Emanuel with the assistance of Kathy Flagg and Tim Copeland, who serve as Deputy Directors. The OEM is supported by a community of 25 volunteers. Residents interested in becoming a resource to the Office of Emergency Management should contact us through the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

David F. Emanuel, Director

## **PLANNING BOARD / TOWN PLANNER**

The Planning Department continued to witness a decline in the number and type of applications submitted to the Planning Board. The slower economy, however, has afforded the Planning Board and Planning Department the opportunity to focus on examining existing land use regulations, policy development, and the Master Plan update.

At the March 2011 Town Meeting, the Town approved a number of Planning Board sponsored warrant articles amending the Stratham Zoning Ordinance. Most notably, these changes involved new signage regulations for the Gateway Commercial Business District (GCBD). The purpose of which was to further define and clarify the types of signage permitted and establish design standards for signage within the GCBD. The Town also approved amendments to the Wetlands Conservation District, Section XIV. Sewage Sludge and Residential Septage Application, and Section XVIII. Floodplain Management District to revise the terminology for defining wetlands and methodology for delineation and classification in accordance with New Hampshire law, RSA 674:55, RSA 482-A:2 and the NH Code of Administrative Rules. Lastly, amendments were proposed to the section of the Ordinance involving the issuance of a Variance request in compliance with New Hampshire law, RSA 674:33.

The Planning Board and Department continued their comprehensive review and update of the Town's Land Use Regulations and 1998 Master Plan. The Board approved amendments to the Site Plan Review Regulations to clarify and define the bonding process for site plan approvals. The Planning Board identified a number of projects to begin in 2012, which include a re-examination of the Town's sign regulations, storm water management regulations, and the boundaries of the Town Center District. The Planning Department has been coordinating the update process and is working with the various departments, land-use boards, commissions, and committees to update/expand their specific sections. It is anticipated that the update will be completed in 2012 for formal adoption by the Planning Board.

To assist the Town in developing a vision for the Town Center, the Planning Board and staff enlisted the expertise of Plan NH, a non-profit organization comprised of professionals from different disciplines within the building, design, architecture, planning, and engineering industries. In November, Plan NH conducted a two-day charrette that blended the broad experience of the Plan NH design professionals with the knowledge of residents, business owners, and Town officials to produce a plan of action to improve vehicular/pedestrian circulation, development opportunities, and the aesthetic/built environment. The results of this report will be incorporated into the Town Center Area Master Plan for formal adoption by the Board in 2012.

The Planning, Zoning, and Building Departments experienced a number of changes in 2011. In June, the Departments welcomed Tracey Cutler as the new Land Use Assistant. Ms. Cutler brings many years of experience and has become a valuable asset and contributor to our Departments. In August, the Planning and Building Departments implemented a new land-use permit software system to better manage applications and approvals and improve interdepartmental communications and efficiency.

Lastly, recent amendments to State land-use regulations involving involuntary merged lots by municipal action require the Town to post the following information within the 2011 through 2015 Annual Town Reports: In accordance with NH RSA 674:39-aa, any owner of lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes prior to September 18, 2010 and



without the consent of the owner may request that the lots be restored to their premerger status. Please refer to the following Notice for more information and detailed statute language.

We hope that you will take some time through the coming months and stop by the Planning Department office to learn more about what is happening in Stratham. There are a number of exciting projects anticipated for 2012 and we welcome your input.

Respectfully submitted,

Lincoln Daley  
Town Planner

Martin Wool  
Planning Board Chair

## **NOTICE**

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

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

### **TITLE LXIV PLANNING AND ZONING**

#### **CHAPTER 674 LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING AND REGULATORY POWERS**

##### ***Regulation of Subdivision of Land***

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

I. In this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE/BUILDING INSPECTOR

### Industrial District (IND)-

- Lindt & Sprungli, USA Chocolate, One Fine Chocolate Place, has a three-story, 35,000 square-foot office addition now under construction. At this point, steel is being erected.
- MBraun, 14 Marin Way, construction is now in the process of putting on an addition of 18,000 ft.<sup>2</sup> to the existing building. At this point, the foundation is in and waiting for steel to be delivered.

### Commercial District (GCN)-

- Mitsubishi car dealership has opened under new ownership. It used to be known as Gil's, 50 Portsmouth Avenue.
- Nissan of Stratham, owned by Auto Fair, are about to begin their new car dealership at 45 Portsmouth Avenue.
- Kings Highway Plaza, 28 Portsmouth Avenue, the space that used to be Blockbusters, is under renovations and will now be a Meat House retail store.
- 12 Portsmouth Avenue is now under new ownership, Main Street Under Car Specialist.

### Office Professional District (O/P)-

- SPCA is in the process of installing solar panels for a hot water system, pellet stove for heating, and additional insulation.

### Town Center District-T/C

- Stratham Village Market at 157 Portsmouth Avenue has completed their renovations and is under new ownership.

ACTIVITY REPORT	2011
Single Family Homes	14
Accessory Apartments	3
Duplex Homes (counts as 2 units)	0
Triplex Homes (counts as 3 units)	0
Mobile Homes	0
Renovations/Additions	88
Pools	11
Garages/Barns	9
Sheds	18
Decks/Porches	23
Electrical/Plumbing/HVAC/Gas	254
Sign Permits	21
Demolition Permits	15
New Commercial	1
Renovations/Additions Commercial	24
Other (renewals, foundations only, Promo, driveways)	1
Zoning Board of Adjustment	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>514</b>

Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Barnes, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector

## ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

In 2011, the Assessing Department worked diligently on the data verification process. All told 800 properties of the 3,249 were visited to verify the data accuracy. As an alternative to hiring an outside assessing firm, the Assessing Department is conducting this process in-house, which saves approximately \$30,000 a year. The end result will be that every property in Town will have been visited and verified prior to the mandated 2014 update of values.

In addition to the data verification process, we continue to strive to improve the Department's efficiency and public relations. One of our goals is to inform property owners of the various items that we have to offer. The office has multiple options for the public to acquire information regarding all properties in Stratham. By visiting the office you are able to obtain property ownership and assessment information over the counter, or by using the public information room. The public information room contains the Town's updated tax maps, previous and current sales information, and a computer terminal to research assessment information. You can also visit the Assessing Department's website at [www.strathamnh.gov](http://www.strathamnh.gov), where you will find a list of all offered programs, including the criteria to qualify for the elderly exemption, blind exemption, and the veteran or veteran's widow tax credits. Currently there are 372 properties that receive a Veteran's Credit totaling \$200,500 in tax dollars, with an additional \$4,070,100 in exemptions value. Additionally, you will find the Town's annually updated tax maps where you can print selected maps in their entirety or a mere section which can be enlarged for printing.

As the Town Assessor, I am committed to ensure that all 3,249 parcels with a total assessed value of \$1,209,277,362 are assessed fairly and equitably in accordance with New Hampshire laws governing taxation. In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that our door is always open, and we welcome anyone with questions, concerns, or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea S. Lewy  
Town Assessor

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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

A number of initiatives were introduced by the Committee in 2011 focusing on identifying the primary needs and concerns of local business owners and residents and the improving the level of communication/outreach on behalf of the Town. The Committee began the year by conducting an inventory of all of existing businesses in Stratham along the Rte. 108 and 33 corridors. Through this process, members were afforded the opportunity to establish an effective line of communication and receive input from local business owners.

In September, the EDC working with the UNH Cooperative Extension Program, sponsored two focus group sessions involving residents and business owners. The residential focus group session centered on the development of the Route 108/33 corridor and desired services. The purpose of the business owner focus group session was to better understand ways to promote the growth of business and the role of the Town in assisting local businesses. The information generated from the focus groups will be used as a vital resource to facilitate the development of economic development tools and business promotion, retention, and recruitment programs beginning in 2012.

The Committee began their comprehensive review and evaluation of the Town's Land Use Regulations and Zoning Ordinance. One of the common themes expressed by both business owners and residents involved revising the Town's current Sign Ordinance. The Committee will continue to work with the Planning Board and Town Center Revitalization Committee to update the Sign Ordinance for presentation at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Houghton  
Chair

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

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

This year, the Public Works Commission continued its efforts to assess strategies to develop water and wastewater infrastructure in the Gateway, Commercial, and Town Center Districts. Regional approaches to Stratham's water and wastewater infrastructure objectives offer potential cost saving solutions to meet the needs of the three land use districts. The Commission, in consultation with the Selectmen, determined that regional approaches required further evaluation. Working with the Rockingham Planning Commission, the Selectmen agreed to cooperatively fund an evaluation with the Town of Exeter to determine if there is an economic benefit to working together to meet the infrastructure needs of both communities. A consultant has been selected through a competitive qualifications based selection process. The results of the study are expected in June 2012. The conclusions and recommendations of the regional study will need to be evaluated with respect to the results of previously completed studies including "*Fire Suppression and Potable Water Supply Study*", the "*Photolineament and Geophysical Analyses to Evaluate Bedrock Water Supply Potential*" and the "*Wastewater Management Concept Plan*". The Public Works Commission anticipates making recommendations to the Selectmen to 1) continue the pursuit of a cooperative regional solution, 2) proceed with the development of water and wastewater infrastructure on our own, or 3) move forward with some combination of the above.

The Public Works Commission will continue to monitor and report on regional water resource developments including Federal wastewater treatment facility permit renewals in the surrounding communities, the promulgation of storm water rules that regulate surrounding communities, but not Stratham. Stratham could be encompassed by these Federal storm water regulations this year.

The Public Works Commission continues to be actively involved with the Southeast Watershed Alliance. Public Works Commission member Michael Perfit continues to represent Stratham to the Alliance and is its Secretary. Stratham's participation in the Alliance ensures that the Town remains ahead of current and future environmental issues faced by the region and has a voice in the region's future.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Boisvert  
Chair

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Do you want to know more about fun and interesting conservation activities and programs for you and your family? The Conservation Commission is introducing more programs in 2012 and would like you to be the first to know about them. To receive email notices from the Commission, go to the Town website at [www.strathamnh.gov](http://www.strathamnh.gov) . Go to Subscribe to E-notices in the right column and check the Conservation Commission News box at the bottom to receive email updates. To go directly to the Conservation Commission page, click on the Committees/Groups tab on the left, then go to the Conservation Commission page.

In 2011, the Conservation Commission began the year by working with Theresa Walker of the Rockingham Planning Commission to develop a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) of the Town. We are pleased to announce that it was completed at the end of 2011 and will help the Commission move forward with our conservation efforts. The document discusses topics including groundwater resources, wildlife habitat, conservation land and much more. To read the NRI, please go to the Conservation Commission page on the Town website, and click on the Natural Resources Inventory tab.

Unfortunately, the annual Town-wide roadside clean-up day that was coordinated in April 2011 by the Commission was rained out. We thank those few hearty souls who braved the cold, wet weather to help out that day, as well as others who took bags to conduct clean up on their own roads once the weather improved. Every bag of trash removed from our roadsides helps improve our environment. The Commission also sold 40 compost bins and 15 rain barrels to residents. The use of compost bins helps reduce the amount of trash added to our waste stream and the rain barrels help recycle rain water for use around the yard and garden, not requiring withdrawal from our limited aquifer system.

The Commission coordinated an Invasive Species Educational Program with Rockingham County Forester Fred Borman. The two-part program in May included an evening lecture about types of invasive plants and how best to control them, followed by a Saturday field workshop that allowed participants to have a hands-on opportunity to use a Weedwrench to remove invasive plants at Stratham Hill Park. Fred Borman presented very useful information in an enjoyable way. It was attended by an enthusiastic group who received answers to their many questions and received valuable handouts.

Throughout 2010, the Ad Hoc committee, Conservation Commission, and Selectmen, in cooperation with the Southeast Land Trust, worked through the process of obtaining a matching Farm and Ranchland Protection Grant towards the purchase of a conservation easement on the Scamman Bittersweet Farm Property. Doug and Stella Scamman agreed to place over 100 acres of farm and forest land along Route 108 in a permanent conservation easement. At the beginning of 2011, the final papers for that property were signed and the deal completed. In June, the Scammans and the Southeast Land Trust held a celebration at the Scamman Farm. The entire Town was invited to this event, which featured a local-foods cookout and guided tours of the farm. Lorraine Stuart Merrill, farmer, land conservationist, and NH Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets, and Food shared her thoughts on the local food movement, land conservation, and how these two vibrant efforts are interrelated and interdependent.

Grant Mauer of the Greenland Boy Scouts presented his Eagle Scout project to the Commission. Working with the Commission, he installed 22 wood duck boxes in the Seacoast region, including five in Stratham. The Commission will be in charge of maintaining these specially designed boxes in the future.

In 2011, Jamie Marsh resigned from the Commission and Donna Jensen was appointed to fill his open position. The Commission then welcomed Bill Grace as a new alternate member. Bill also acts as a liaison for the Commission on the Exeter and Squamscott Rivers Local Advisory Committee (ESRLAC). Dena Stern was appointed as Conservation Commission Community Education Liaison.

The Conservation Commission is an advisory group to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Adjustment, and the Planning Board. The Commission is responsible for following directives outlined in the Master Plan to preserve land and educate members of the community about conservation practices. The Commission is tasked with making recommendations to Town boards regarding land use practices, responding to wetland applications filed with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, monitoring conservation easements and providing guidance to landowners and developers on projects that have potential wetlands impacts. This year the Commission worked extensively with developers and the Planning Board on development issues related to the Bunker Hill Ave. subdivision open space design and trail development.

The Conservation Commission meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Elwell, Chair

### **Conservation Commission News for 2012**

The Commission will be holding its annual compost bin and rain barrel sale in February. More information about the sale will be released once program details are completed.

Dena Stern, Master Gardener and Stratham Conservation Commission Education Liaison, is coordinating a *Composting Made Easy* program that will teach you simple methods to help you and your family learn to compost. The program will be held at Blueberry Bay Farm, 38 Depot Road in Stratham, **Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 10 - 11:30 am.** Tours of this beautiful fruit and vegetable farm will also be available. **Rain date Saturday April 21 at 10:00.**

Annual clean-up day will coincide with the same dates as the program above.

For more information on all of these activities, go to [www.strathamnh.gov](http://www.strathamnh.gov) and access the Conservation Commission page under the Committees/Groups tab.



## **STRATHAM HILL PARK ASSOCIATION**

The Park Association enjoyed another year of increased activity in the Park. The year began with another successful winter of sledding and skating on the pond. The Park Ranger, Kim Woods, was able to maintain the ice with the new “Bambini” machine and the snow blower tractor attachment. All equipment was purchased by the SHPA. Ranger Woods has noticed an increase in the number of people visiting to skate, go sledding, and use the trails in the Park.

As spring approached, the Association responded to the community’s desire for increased walking and biking trails in the Park. A group of residents/trail enthusiasts spent much of the early spring improving the existing trail system and establishing new trails headed up by a trail committee of Dave Short and Jordon Ambargis.

During the spring and summer months, the SHPA focused on fundraising events, the annual Cow Flop held during the Stratham Fair and Jordon’s signature “Fire Tower 5K” and Dave’s second year with the “Gordon Barker No Brakes Bike Race” held in October. The Cow Flop raised \$690.00 and was split with the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee with the remaining going toward the general SHPA fund, and the run/bike race raised nearly \$5,000.00 of which a portion will go toward maintenance and development of the trail system.

At the November meeting of the Association, the SHPA discussed beginning a two year Winter Trail Grooming Pilot program to allow for better winter access to the trail system. The group voted to spend up to \$5,000.00 to purchase trail grooming equipment, which would be donated to the Town for this purpose. The Conservation Commission was consulted and endorsed the program unanimously. Ranger Woods spent less than \$2,000.00 on a snowmobile and a drag type trail groomer so we really appreciate her efforts. The Association will pay all expenses, including equipment maintenance associated with this program for two years. The Association will also be marking the groomed trails with appropriate signs.

We look forward to another exciting year for the Park in 2012. The Association always welcomes members of the community to be involved as we continue our role as stewards of this wonderful area.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Crow  
President

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

In 2011, the Parks and Recreation Department had 3,727 participants in recreation programs, while Stratham Hill Park had just over 29,000 visitors (not including Stratham Fair patrons). To manage all of these programs and reservations, in the spring of 2011, the Department started using an online registration and reservation software program. I am sure that many residents have already created accounts through this online system. This cost saving program allows for improved communication and simplifies the process of registering and reserving Parks and Recreation services and offerings. This online system has now become our main location for program listings. If you are wondering what is currently happening or what we have in the works, please visit our website at [www.strathamnh.gov](http://www.strathamnh.gov).

One of the new special events that kicked off 2011 was our Winter White Out event. We had a great turnout at the skating rink and families enjoyed the bonfire, sledding and refreshments. This is a weather dependent activity that we hope to make a tradition.

In the spring, we added four dog stations at the Park that have waste removal bags, trash receptacles and trail maps. This project was completely funded by donations, so a big thank you to our sponsors. For 2012, we will be providing sponsorship opportunities for trail development and improvements with the Park and Town Forest.

Some visitors to the Park may have noticed that the Fire Tower has been repainted; a direct reflection of how the Town continues its commitment to keep this landmark in top condition.

In late spring, we held our annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Park, with approximately 250 participants, The Stratham Stars, in partnership with the Wiggin Memorial Library, were at the Park, which brought Darth Vader and telescopes for an evening of stargazing and photo opportunities. We hope to offer a similar program in the not to distant future.

Our summer concert season was threatened by rain for most of our performances. While we were able to sneak in all of the TGIF series, one of our Wednesday night concerts had to be canceled after many postponements.

The summer day camp, which was usually held at the Park, found a new permanent home at the Stratham Memorial School. This excellent partnership provided the opportunity for the Department to expand the program and offer uninterrupted programming during inclement weather. Thank you to everyone at the school that made this first year a success. In addition to our traditional summer day camp, we also offered five sport camps and one enrichment camp. All of these programs and activities made for a very busy summer.

I spent quite a bit of time on the mowers at both Stevens Park and Stratham Hill Park getting acquainted with our machinery and attempting to keep up with the growth of our lawns. In the spring, the Department took over responsibility for the mowing and general maintenance of Stevens Park. With the expanded playing areas now including the Babe Ruth Field and Softball Field, this was a daunting task.

The Department was allotted just a few thousand dollars more in 2011 than in 2010 to maintain both Stevens Park and Stratham Hill Park. Field maintenance and management will continue to be a top priority into the future for the Department.

Park Ranger Kim Woods did her best to manage the duties at the Park with limited assistance. During a recent hearing with the Budget Advisory Committee, these concerns were expressed and changes are underway to alleviate these shortcomings for 2012. With expanded part-time seasonal help, we are hoping to have a better handle on the management and maintenance of our Park facilities. Just before the onset of winter, the Park Association purchased and donated a snowmobile with grooming attachments for maintaining the winter trails at the Park and Town Forest. The Park Ranger will include the grooming and upkeep of the winter trails in her job scope as long as Mother Nature cooperates.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank the Soccer, Basketball, Softball and Baseball Boards, as well as the Recreation Commission. These five boards are volunteer run boards that strive to maintain excellent programs and services to the Stratham community. These Boards are always in need of additional support, so if you would like to get involved, please let us know.

The Department would also like to thank the Highway Department for their continued support and assistance. They provided many hours of help on a variety of Park related projects. The remains of the playground equipment that dated back to when the Municipal Center was a school were finally removed this year. This was done as a safety precaution required by our insurance provider. Talks have begun in regards to constructing a new play area in this same general area.

While the Department has many plans for 2012, a top priority will be expanding our offerings for our 55 plus community. Included in our 2012 budget is a small allotment for hiring a coordinator to assist in offering some day programming for retirees living in and around Stratham. This will be an expansion to our very popular day trip program that we have been offering for the last few years.

We are always looking for new and creative programming to offer the community. If you have an idea or a skill to share, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Hickey  
Director

## WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### Your Library – Better than Ever!

2011 was a momentous year for the Wiggin Memorial Library. It marked the 99<sup>th</sup> year since the original Wiggin Memorial Library building was opened to the community (though there has been an organized library in Stratham since 1793). A few things have changed in the past 100 years! We're in a newly renovated and expanded space, serve more people every year, and you can check out books from home or on vacation (ebooks your ereaders!). Even so, the core of the library is remarkably similar 1912. We make the world of information available to all Stratham residents through sharing resources to build relevant, useful, and local collections, whether those collections are in print, on disc or online.



for  
to

The library of 1912 had the books *Five Little Peppers and How they Grew*, *Gulliver's Travels*, *Country of the Pointed Firs*, and *Uncle Tom's Cabin* – books we still have in our collections today. Today's library offers:



- Books, DVDs, Music CDs, Magazines, E-readers, a Telescope, and Electricity Meters to check out
- Online Magazine articles, Free classes, Language instruction, an Encyclopedia, Test preparation, Legal Documents
- Programs and Events for all ages on topics like Local history, Music, Writing, Landscaping, Drawing, Politics, and more
- Public meeting rooms, Quiet study, Comfortable reading areas
- Advice on good books, Research assistance, Technology help, and Local information

We're here for you, 100 and even 200 years later – taking your requests and introducing you to new ideas.

That's **YOUR LIBRARY – BETTER THAN EVER!**

The people who make the library's services possible were recognized for extraordinary work again in 2011. **Bruce Cotter**, Library Board of Trustees Chairperson, was named **NH Library Trustee of the Year** by the New Hampshire Library Trustee Association. Cited for his leadership, dedication to the library and Stratham, and his advocacy efforts, Bruce clearly deserved this award and we are grateful for his continued service.

**Phyllis Danko** and **Jan Streelman**, Children's Librarians, were named **Champions for Children** by the Stratham School Board and Stratham Memorial School. This award recognizes those individuals who "distinguished themselves by demonstrating significant involvement in programs and/or services that directly benefit the students and families of SAU 16." We're so proud of Phyllis & Jan's tireless work with and on behalf of the children and families of Stratham.



**Come celebrate the past 100 years of library service in Stratham on July 14, 2012 from 2-5!** Enjoy an ice cream social, historical exhibits, tours of the old and new libraries, and demonstrations of all the library has to offer at the current & old libraries.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Kimball  
Director

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

It is a cold, blustery winter day in January as this report is being written. The winter has produced very little snow, so the budget is surviving better than last year at this time. What the future holds, who knows? We have only been out four times to plow or salt compared to twenty-nine last year.

The Highway Department takes care of the outside of all the Town buildings such as mowing, plowing the parking lots and painting the parking lot lines. We also take care of the cemeteries with mowing, trimming, and handling the burials, especially laying out the lots for monument placement. Hopefully this year, a new roadway will be put in the newest section and enough new lots added to sustain us for many years into the future.

In addition, Highway takes care of the Transfer Station. With the growth of the Town, it takes us twice as long now to grind and chip all the brush than it did two years ago. We take in more items every year, especially in the electronics department. People are buying more televisions and computer items all the time. The light bulbs and batteries are all recycled as well. Our metal pile grows faster and faster every year and the Freon is captured and recycled from the appliances containing it.

This year we hope to grind and repair Stratham Heights Road from Portsmouth Ave. to Guinea Road. The road is in pretty poor condition and it would be nice to get that done before pavement prices go up even more. The cost last year was \$72 per ton in place, and it is expected to be at least \$74 per ton this year. Six years ago, it was \$38 per ton in place. At the current prices, we just can't pave every road that needs it, so we prioritize.

We also help out the Recreation Department and at Stratham Hill Park when needed. All this is in addition to our basic duty of maintaining all the Town roads.

Salt, asphalt, and repairs are three of the biggest expenses at the Highway Department. The budget tries to keep up with all three, but the weather is hard to predict. Our equipment is mostly in good shape, but break downs are to be expected.

We appreciate the public's cooperation with mailbox placement and fence installations at least four feet from the pavement.

This is my last report as the Public Works Director. Thanks for everything...it has been a pleasure serving the Town of Stratham.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred A. Hutton, Jr.  
Highway Agent

## MOSQUITO CONTROL

The 2011 mosquito season began dry and ended wet. Dry summers favor the occurrence of West Nile Virus (WNV) over Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). There were nine WNV mosquito batches found in Nashua, Manchester, Brentwood, Portsmouth and Keene. No EEE was found in the state during 2011.

Dragon Mosquito Control has identified 97 larval mosquito habitats in the Town of Stratham. Crews checked larval habitats 251 times throughout the season. There were 132 sites treated to eliminate mosquito larvae. In addition, 729 catch basin treatments were made to combat disease carrying mosquitoes. Adult mosquitoes were monitored at four locations throughout Town. Over 1600 mosquitoes were collected in light traps, identified to species, and select species were sent to the State Lab to be tested for diseases. None of the mosquitoes collected in Town tested positive for disease. Spraying to control adult mosquitoes was conducted last season along roadways in Stratham, in addition to Stratham Hill Park, Stevens Park and the schools.

The proposed 2012 Mosquito Control plan for Stratham includes trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, sampling wetlands for larval mosquito activity, larviciding where mosquito larvae are found, efficacy monitoring, truck spraying along roadways and emergency spraying when a public health threat exists. The control program begins in April when mosquito larvae are found in stagnant water such as red maple and cedar swamps, salt marshes, ditches, and woodland pools. Trapping adult mosquitoes begins in July. The mosquito control program ends in late September or early October when temperatures drop and daylight diminishes.

Homeowners can reduce the number of mosquitoes in their yard by emptying any outdoor containers that hold standing water such as buckets, trash barrels, and boats. Tires collect enough water for mosquitoes to survive. It is also a good idea to change the water in bird baths every two or three days.

If you're new in Town and do not want your property treated for mosquitoes, then a written request is needed. Please send a letter to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a description of your property with boundaries. Otherwise, your property may be treated. Anyone who sent a written request in 2011 may contact the office to reaffirm your request. Inquiries may be sent to [info@dragonmosquito.com](mailto:info@dragonmosquito.com) or call the office at 734-4144. You may call or email our office for assistance regarding mosquitoes, the insecticides we use, when we plan to spray, or questions about EEE or WNV. Check out our website: [www.dragonmosquito.com](http://www.dragonmosquito.com) where you can request a larval survey, sign up for email alerts or follow us on Twitter.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah MacGregor, President  
Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.

## STRATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Now in our 42<sup>nd</sup> season, we have had a very busy 2011. Our programs, some co-hosted with the Wiggin Memorial Library, were delightful and well attended as usual.

In January our Foote Scholarship 2010 Grant recipient, Benjamin Curran, presented his research findings on the impact of increased salinity on Strawberry Banke's architectural features. For our March program, we were revisited by one of our favorite presenters, Dartmouth History Professor Emeritus, Dr. Jere Daniell with Part II of his Revolutionary NH series titled *The New Hampshire Towns That Joined Vermont*. In April, we held our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Appraisal Day, which we affectionately refer to as "The Stratham Road Show". It was well attended and again brought in some very interesting items. Our Annual Meeting and potluck supper was held in May and gave our members a great opportunity to socialize. The Winfield L. Foote \$1,000 Scholarship Awards this year went to four high school seniors, all Stratham residents, and a \$4,000 award went to one college level recipient also of Stratham. We sold pizza at the Stratham Fair in July. Special thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who made it a success.

We are sorry to report the loss of member and volunteer, Patty Horlacher in June. Her gentle and cheerful presence will be sorely missed.

Opening our new season in September, we again welcomed Dr. Jere Daniell concluding his three part series, sponsored by the NH Humanities Council, with *The Origins of the New Hampshire Constitution*. Our November program was presented by five contributors and editors from RiverWoods at Exeter, who shared their stories of World War II and discussed the collecting, editing and publishing of their book *The War We Knew*. It was an exciting and informative evening. December brought our Holiday Open House, which is becoming an annual event, complete with music on our antique pump organ played by Beverly Connolly. We had some wonderful visitors and, again, great volunteers to help with preparations and refreshments. Many thanks to all who contributed their time and talents.

Other very important accomplishments during the year included a concerted effort to make the lower level of the *Wiggin Memorial Library Building*, which we occupy, safe for archival storage. After decades of moisture and mold problems in the lower level, we finally have conquered the invasion of moisture and remedied the mold problem. During the summer we had the air tested for mold, and the results were not good. Arrangements were made to clean the heating ductwork in July. Then in August the whole building was professionally cleaned and decontaminated. This involved cleaning everything that could be saved and removing all materials which could not be saved. The help from the Town in this effort is very much appreciated. The air was again tested and the results were better than the ambient outside air. We have dehumidifiers running as an extra precaution, and levels are very good. New specialized sub-floor has been installed with volunteer labor. The next step is to install new drywall and other interior amenities. We hope to have completed the renovation sometime in 2012. We have begun to restore the gardens with a few shrubs and mulch and will add more plantings in the Spring. We thank the residents of the Town of Stratham for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Sapienza, President

## **HERITAGE COMMISSION**

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

**ADVISE AND ASSIST:** In October, the Commission assisted the Planning Office and the Town Center Committee at the Plan NH Charrette that developed proposals for the Town Center District. The Commission prepared an instructional display of historic maps of the area and photographs of historic structures and features. In the concluding presentation, Plan NH noted that the Town Center’s historic features make a positive contribution to the area’s potential development and value to the Town.

**HERITAGE RECOGNITION:** In February, the Commission presented “Learning from the Land,” a program celebrating Stratham’s agricultural traditions featuring Stratham farmers Lorraine Stuart Merrill, NH Commissioner of Agriculture; Doug Scamman; Georgianna Law; Cameron Sewall; and enthusiastic participation from the capacity audience. DVD recordings of the evening are available for purchase from the Commission and may be borrowed from the Town library.

In July, the Commission participated in the Celebrate Stratham tent at the Stratham Fair. Our tables featured a display of old photos and documents relating to Stratham farms and the video recording of “Learning from the Land.”

**HERITAGE PROTECTION:** The 2011 Town Meeting voted to establish a capital reserve fund, to be called the Heritage Preservation Fund, dedicated to preserving Stratham’s historic properties and cultural resources. A petition warrant article to appropriate \$200,000 for the fund failed by seven votes. The Town continues to lack the financial resources to act proactively as needed to protect historic resources.

**VETERANS’ MEMORIAL GARDEN AND REGISTRY:** At the request of the Selectmen, the Commission researched options for improved lighting at the Veterans’ Memorial Garden. Pending budget approval, new lighting will be installed in 2012. In 2011, five new bricks were added to the Garden paths. Forms for submitting names for engraving on monuments and bricks, and for inclusion in the veterans’ registry, are available at the Town Office, at the Wiggin Memorial Library or from the Commission. Veterans, honorably discharged, are encouraged to submit a form. Additions are made ordinarily twice a year.

The Heritage Commission meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. We welcome visitors at our meetings and volunteers for short or long term projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Mitchell  
Chair (778-7979)



## **STRATHAM 300<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

In 2011, the Stratham 300th Anniversary Committee began its evolution from brainstorming group to one with purpose and determination. This focus can be seen in the group's numerous accomplishments.

The year began with the selection of one winner and twelve runners-up from the group's logo competition. With winning logo in hand the Committee procured commemorative caps and shirts. All of which can be purchased at Town events and on the Committee's web page.

Following the Committee's Town History Update Request for Qualifications (RFQ), author Craig Brandon was unanimously selected as the most qualified of those who responded. To prepare for the lengthy research effort, the Committee initiated an effort to identify potential volunteers to assist in the Town History Update as well as other future activities.

When it came to community outreach, the Committee forged a number of valuable partnerships and participated in numerous Town events. The Committee hosted an outreach luncheon to make Town Staff and other Committee members aware of our objectives, and an effort was made to improve the group's web presence.

In 2012, the Committee's focus will be to further expand fundraising, increase public awareness, and begin planning and implementing larger fundraising events.

<b>2011 Income</b>		
Stratham Fair (Merchandise)	\$590.00	
Stratham Fair (Cow Flop)	\$335.55	
Stratham Fair (Donations)	\$ 50.00	
<b>TOTAL STRATHAM FAIR:</b>		\$975.55
Merchandise Sales (9/12-10/27)		\$443.00
Tree Lighting (12/13/11)		\$335.00
Merchandise Sales Dec.		\$245.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		<b>\$1,998.55</b>
<b>2011 Budget Line Itemized Expenses</b>		
Logo Contest	\$850.00	
Logo Artwork/Scanning	\$ 93.00	
Bookmarks	\$ 45.00	
Shirts	\$2,137.50	
Caps	\$719.40	
Banners (2)	\$190.00	
Stratham Fair (Monitor)	\$169.99	
Stratham Fair – T-shirt Logo	\$133.25	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>		<b>\$4,518.14</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Hyland  
*Chair*

**TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2010**



**Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.**  
Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

June 10, 2011

To the Board of Selectmen of  
Town of Stratham, New Hampshire

Board members:

We have audited the financial statements of Town of Stratham, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated June 10, 2011. As part of our audit of the financial statements of Town of Stratham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, we are required to communicate certain matters to you in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. The appendices to this letter set forth those communications as follows:

**I. Communication on Internal Control Matters Identified During the Audit**

**II. Auditors' Communication of Significant Matters with those Charged with Governance**

These communications are intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Selectmen, and are not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

*Bernard, Johnson & Co., P.C.*

BERNARD, JOHNSON & COMPANY, P.C.  
Topsfield, Massachusetts

### Appendix 1

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Town of Stratham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town of Stratham's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Town's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Town's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Town's internal control. We consider the following deficiency to be a significant deficiency in internal control:

#### Ancillary Accountability

The Town provides facilities, equipment, insurance and staff to several ancillary groups during the year, including, but not limited to the Stratham Hill Park Association and the volunteer fire department association. In addition, appropriations are made from the Town budget to fund these groups' activities to a certain degree. In the past, these organizations have operated independently from the Town. Therefore, we recommend the tax status (501 (c) 3 organizations) and filing requirements (990's) of these groups be identified in order to properly include or properly exclude these groups from the Town's general fund for accounting purposes.

#### Management's Response

Management has had some success in bringing the activity of these groups on the books of the Town and under management of the Recreational Revolving fund. However, management is still working with some groups to establish them as part of the Town or as separate legal entities. Management believes these issues will be resolved in the near future.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or a combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Town's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

## **Appendix 2**

### **Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards**

As stated in our engagement letter dated March 24, 2010, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

### **Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit**

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our engagement letter dated March 24, 2010.

### **Significant Audit Findings**

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

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Town of Stratham, New Hampshire are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2010. We noted no transactions entered into by the Town during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

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

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

#### **Significant Audit Adjustments**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a significant audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. These adjustments may include those proposed by us but not recorded by the Town that could potentially cause future financial statements to be materially misstated, even though we have concluded that such adjustments are not material to the current financial statements. We proposed and the Town adjusted the financial statements for several audit adjustments. The significant effects of these adjustments are as follows:

<b>Net Income Effect</b>	
To capitalize amounts expensed	\$ 593,268
To adjust taxes receivable	230,345
To record depreciation expense	(586,400)
To record accrued wages	(34,821)
To adjust the payable to School Districts	(708,878)
Total Net Income Effect	<u>\$(506,486)</u>

Board of Selectmen  
Communication on Internal Control and Other Significant Matters

**Management Representations**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 10, 2011.

**Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants**

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

**Disagreements with Management**

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

**Current Year Audit Findings or Issues**

1. Currently, tax revenue and School District appropriations are being recorded on the cash basis. During our audit we proposed two adjustments to record these on the accrual basis. We recommend recording the tax revenue when the levy is created and the payable to the School District when the amount is approved.
2. The police department issues gun permits during the year and files them in alphabetical order. This order makes it almost impossible to account for permits by permit number. We recommend the Town track and file the permits by number. This will allow someone to monitor the number of permits issued during the year for a quick analysis of the beginning and ending permit numbers.

**Prior Year Audit Findings or Issues**

1. The police department issues gun permits during the year. These permits are pre-numbered and tracked in excel. However, permit numbers are not identified in excel. We recommend an inventory of all pre-numbered permits be taken and all sales tracked by permit number. This will allow for a review of all sold, voided, or permits in inventory on a monthly basis.

**Follow-up**

See current year item above.

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REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010

Within this section of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's (Town) annual financial report, the Town's management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2010. The Town's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section. The discussion focuses on the Town's primary government and, unless otherwise noted, component units reported separately from the primary government are not included.

***Financial Highlights***

- The Town's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$17,235,974 (net assets) for the fiscal year reported. This compares to the previous year when the assets exceeded liabilities by \$16,245,860.
- The Town had total revenue of \$26,323,767, in which \$22,292,586 came from the collection of taxes. This is a \$982,769 increase from last year's revenue.
- The Town had total expenditures of \$25,802,729, which is a \$197,005 increase from last year. The increase in expenditures is due largely to the increase in highway and streets.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$1,337,066 or 5.3% of total General Fund expenditures including transfers and 5.1% of total General Fund revenues including transfers.
- Total liabilities of the Town increased by \$1,714,487 to \$18,159,943 during the year. The increase in the liabilities is due to the increase in the amounts due for the bond anticipation note and the school districts.

***Overview of the Financial Statements***

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



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***Government-wide Financial Statements***

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

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

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

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

***Notes to the Financial Statements***

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

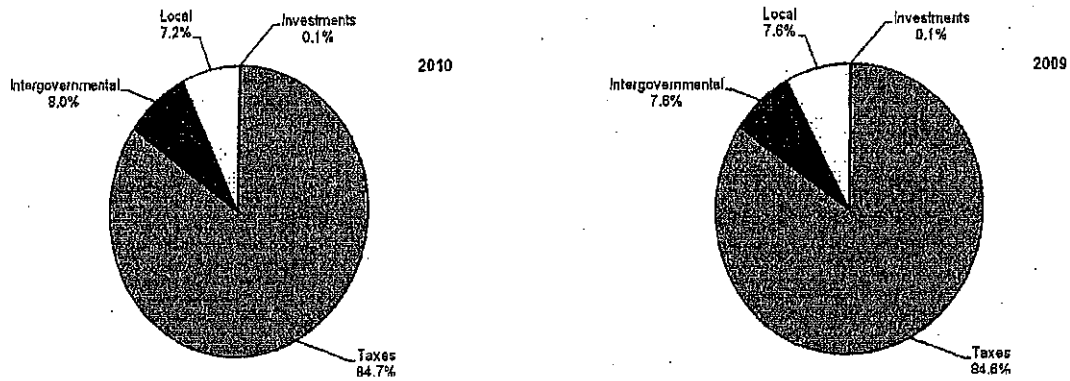
***Financial Analysis of the Town as a Whole***

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

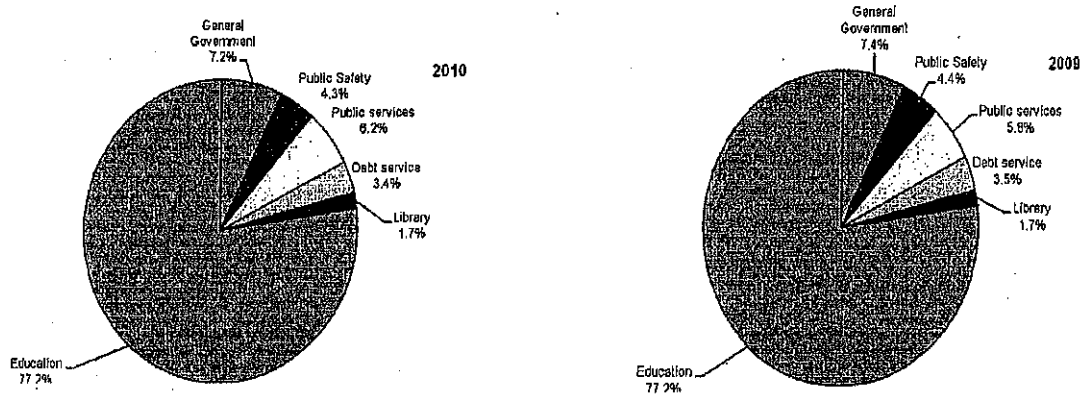
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Graphic presentations of selected data from the summary tables follow to assist in the analysis of the Town's activities for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009.

**GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES**



**GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES**



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**Long-term Debt**

At year-end the Town had \$7,560,000 in bonds outstanding, of which \$489,000 will be due in the year 2011. More detail is provided in the notes to financial statements.

**Request for Information**

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



## Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Selectman  
Town Of Stratham, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying government-wide and governmental fund financial statements of the Town Of Stratham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

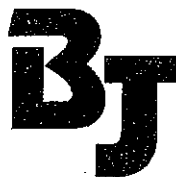
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Town Of Stratham, New Hampshire as of December 31, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 10, 2011, on our consideration of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consist principally of inquiries of management regarding methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

*Bernard Johnson & Co., PC*

Topsfield, Massachusetts  
June 10, 2011



## Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE  
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Selectman  
Town Of Stratham, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying government-wide and governmental fund financial statements of the Town Of Stratham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 10, 2011. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Town of Stratham's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that misstatement of the Town's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Town of Stratham's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Town's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire, in a separate letter dated June 10, 2011.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, Town Selectmen, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Bernard, Johnson & Co., P.C.*  
Topsfield, Massachusetts  
June 10, 2011

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS:	
Current:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,739,280
Investments - at market	500,803
Receivables:	
Taxes - uncollected	1,012,796
Taxes - unredeemed	340,377
Other	75,000
Noncurrent:	<u>13,668,256</u>
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Roads	6,047,820
Land	6,764,129
Buildings and improvements	8,279,655
Equipment and vehicles	636,057
	<u>21,727,661</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 35,395,917</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES:	
Current:	
Due to school districts	\$ 8,265,587
Accrued liabilities	34,821
Deferred revenue	869,535
Bond anticipation note	1,430,000
Current portion of long-term liabilities -	
Bonds payable	489,000
Noncurrent -	
Bonds payable, net of current portion	<u>7,071,000</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 <u>18,159,943</u>
 NET ASSETS:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	14,167,661
Restricted for:	
Trust principal	385,102
Other purposes	995,117
Unrestricted	<u>1,688,094</u>
 TOTAL NET ASSETS	 <u>17,235,974</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	 <u>\$ 35,395,917</u>

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



TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Government Operations	Expenses	Charge for Services	Grants	Net
General government	\$ 1,727,777	\$ (223,752)	\$ -	\$ 1,504,025
Public safety	991,060	(9,146)	(14,965)	966,949
Highway and streets	366,815	-	-	366,815
Sanitation	610,938	-	-	610,938
Health and welfare	141,827	-	-	141,827
Parks and recreation	155,935	(12,539)	-	143,396
Debt service interest	312,800	-	-	312,800
Library	384,969	(44,853)	-	340,116
County	1,209,443	-	-	1,209,443
School districts	18,480,790	-	(1,469,989)	17,010,801
Depreciation	586,400	-	-	586,400
Total governmental operations	\$ 24,968,754	\$ (290,290)	\$ (1,484,954)	\$ 23,193,510
General Revenues:				
Taxes				22,292,586
Intergovernmental				506,089
Motor vehicle registration				1,254,680
Other				80,103
Investments				50,166
Total general revenue				24,183,624
Change in net assets				990,114
Net Assets - Beginning				16,245,860
Net Assets - Ending				\$ 17,235,974

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

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Governmental Fund Types				Total Government
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trusts	2010
<b>ASSETS:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,912,096	\$ 929,712	\$ 19,430	\$ 993,743	\$ 11,854,981
Taxes receivable	1,353,173	-	-	-	1,353,173
Other receivables	-	-	-	75,000	75,000
Tax deeded property	18,300	-	-	-	18,300
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 11,283,569</b>	<b>\$ 929,712</b>	<b>\$ 19,430</b>	<b>\$ 1,068,743</b>	<b>\$ 13,301,454</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>					
Due to school districts	\$ 8,265,587	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,265,587
Accrued expenses	34,821	-	-	-	34,821
Bond anticipation note payable	1,430,000	-	-	-	1,430,000
Deferred revenue	-	869,535	-	-	869,535
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>9,730,408</b>	<b>869,535</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,599,943</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY:</b>					
Assigned	216,095	-	19,430	759,592	995,117
Unassigned	1,337,066	60,177	-	309,151	1,706,394
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>1,553,161</b>	<b>60,177</b>	<b>19,430</b>	<b>1,068,743</b>	<b>2,701,511</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 11,283,569</b>	<b>\$ 929,712</b>	<b>\$ 19,430</b>	<b>\$ 1,068,743</b>	<b>\$ 13,301,454</b>
Net Assets - Governmental Funds					\$ 2,701,511
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different due to:					
Non-current capital assets					21,709,361
Non-expendable trusts					385,102
Non-current long-term debt					(7,560,000)
<b>Net Assets</b>					<b>\$ 17,235,974</b>

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

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund	Account Group	Totals (Memorandum only)	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust	General Long-Term Debt	2010	2009
ASSETS:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,912,096	\$ 929,712	\$ 19,430	\$ 878,042	\$ -	\$ 11,739,280	\$ 9,429,180
Investments - at market	-	-	-	500,803	-	500,803	416,257
Receivables:							
Taxes - uncollected	1,012,796	-	-	-	-	1,012,796	906,284
Taxes - unredeemed	340,377	-	-	-	-	340,377	216,544
Tax deeded property	18,300	-	-	-	-	18,300	18,300
Other	-	-	-	75,000	-	75,000	-
Amount to be provided for the retirement of long term debt	-	-	-	-	7,560,000	7,560,000	8,049,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 11,283,569</b>	<b>\$ 929,712</b>	<b>\$ 19,430</b>	<b>\$ 1,453,845</b>	<b>\$ 7,560,000</b>	<b>\$ 21,246,556</b>	<b>\$ 19,035,565</b>
LIABILITIES:							
Due to school districts	\$ 8,265,587	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,265,587	\$ 7,556,709
Bond anticipation note payable	1,430,000	-	-	-	-	1,430,000	-
Bonds payable	-	-	-	-	7,560,000	7,560,000	8,049,000
Accrued expenses	34,821	-	-	-	-	34,821	-
Deferred revenue	-	869,535	-	-	-	869,535	839,747
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>9,730,408</b>	<b>869,535</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,560,000</b>	<b>18,159,943</b>	<b>16,445,456</b>
FUND EQUITY:							
Assigned	216,095	-	19,430	759,592	-	995,117	877,835
Unassigned	1,337,066	60,177	-	-	-	1,397,243	1,168,359
Unexpendable trust principal	-	-	-	385,102	-	385,102	416,257
Expendable trust income	-	-	-	309,151	-	309,151	127,658
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>1,553,161</b>	<b>60,177</b>	<b>19,430</b>	<b>1,453,845</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,086,613</b>	<b>2,590,109</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 11,283,569</b>	<b>\$ 929,712</b>	<b>\$ 19,430</b>	<b>\$ 1,453,845</b>	<b>\$ 7,560,000</b>	<b>\$ 21,246,556</b>	<b>\$ 19,035,565</b>

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

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust
REVENUE:				
Taxes	\$ 22,292,586	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental sources	1,991,043	-	-	125,000
Local sources	1,849,825	44,853	-	-
Investments	2,149	-	31	18,280
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>26,135,603</b>	<b>44,853</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>143,280</b>
EXPENDITURES:				
General government	1,727,777	-	-	-
Public safety	1,023,076	-	-	-
Highway and streets	566,528	-	-	-
Sanitation	610,938	-	-	-
Health & welfare	141,820	-	-	-
Parks & recreation	155,935	-	-	-
Debt service	801,800	-	-	-
Capital outlay & special warrants	605,516	-	-	61,958
Library	-	416,937	-	-
County	1,209,443	-	-	-
School districts	18,480,790	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	211
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>25,323,623</b>	<b>416,937</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,169</b>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	811,980	(372,084)	31	81,111
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating transfers in	6,200	382,024	-	156,155
Operating transfers out	(490,320)	-	(45,038)	(2,400)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(484,120)</b>	<b>382,024</b>	<b>(45,038)</b>	<b>153,755</b>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	327,860	9,940	(45,007)	234,866
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,225,301	50,237	64,437	833,877
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,553,161	\$ 60,177	\$ 19,430	\$ 1,068,743

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	2010	2009
REVENUE:		
Taxes	\$ 22,292,586	\$ 21,444,342
Intergovernmental sources	2,116,043	1,934,060
Local sources	1,894,678	1,926,498
Investments	20,460	36,098
TOTAL REVENUE	26,323,767	25,340,998
EXPENDITURES:		
General government	1,727,777	1,712,679
Public Safety	1,023,076	1,029,150
Highway and streets	566,528	452,912
Sanitation	610,938	613,889
Health & welfare	141,820	145,692
Parks & recreation	155,935	140,761
Debt service	801,800	822,140
Capital outlay & special warrants	667,474	1,189,855
Library	416,937	388,650
County	1,209,443	1,140,212
School districts	18,480,790	17,969,316
Other	211	468
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,802,729	25,605,724
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES	521,038	(264,726)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Operating transfers in	544,379	1,890,660
Operating transfers out	(537,758)	(1,784,361)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	6,621	106,299
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	527,659	(158,427)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,173,852	2,332,279
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 2,701,511	\$ 2,173,852

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES -- BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUE:			
Taxes	\$ 22,296,918	\$ 22,292,586	\$ (4,332)
Intergovernmental sources	1,946,722	1,991,043	44,321
Local sources	1,760,680	1,849,825	89,145
Investments	1,000	2,149	1,149
TOTAL REVENUE	26,005,320	26,135,603	130,283
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	1,760,785	1,727,777	33,008
Public safety	1,075,527	1,023,076	52,451
Highway and streets	605,058	566,528	38,530
Sanitation	622,628	610,938	11,690
Health & welfare	149,031	141,820	7,211
Parks & recreation	178,299	155,935	22,364
Debt service	802,311	801,800	511
Capital outlay & special warrants	685,000	605,516	79,484
Library	-	-	-
County	1,209,443	1,209,443	-
School districts	18,480,790	18,480,790	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,568,872	25,323,623	245,249
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	436,448	811,980	375,532
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Operating transfers in	-	6,200	6,200
Operating transfers out	(70,000)	(490,320)	(420,320)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	(70,000)	(484,120)	(414,120)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	366,448	327,860	(38,588)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,225,301	1,225,301	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,591,749	\$ 1,553,161	\$ (38,588)

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Special Revenue Fund Types		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUE:			
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental sources	-	-	-
Local sources	-	44,853	44,853
Investments	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,853</b>	<b>44,853</b>
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	-	-	-
Public safety	-	-	-
Highway and streets	-	-	-
Sanitation	-	-	-
Health & welfare	-	-	-
Parks & recreation	-	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-
Capital outlay & special warrants	-	-	-
Library	379,624	416,937	(37,313)
County	-	-	-
School districts	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>379,624</b>	<b>416,937</b>	<b>(37,313)</b>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<b>(379,624)</b>	<b>(372,084)</b>	<b>7,540</b>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Operating transfers in	379,624	382,024	2,400
Operating transfers out	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>379,624</b>	<b>382,024</b>	<b>2,400</b>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	<b>-</b>	<b>9,940</b>	<b>9,940</b>
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<b>50,237</b>	<b>50,237</b>	<b>-</b>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<b>\$ 50,237</b>	<b>\$ 60,177</b>	<b>\$ 9,940</b>

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES – ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Fiduciary Fund Type Non-Expendable Trusts
REVENUES:	
New trusts	\$ 6,000
Realized and unrealized gain on investments	(37,155)
TOTAL REVENUES	(31,155)
EXPENDITURES	-
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(31,155)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	416,257
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 385,102



TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Fiduciary Fund Type Non-Expendable Trusts
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES -	
Operating Income	\$ 516
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATIONS	516
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchase of securities	19,116
Unrealized/realized gain on securities	(37,155)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(18,039)
NET DECREASE IN CASH	(17,523)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	70,474
CASH AT END OF YEAR	\$ 52,951

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

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

A. Reporting Entity

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

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

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010  
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C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

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

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

The following are the Town's governmental fund types:

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

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

**Capital Projects Funds** - The Capital Projects Fund accounts for the acquisition of land for, and the construction of, the new Safety Complex as approved by Town Meeting.

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

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010  
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D. Compensated Absences

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

E. Accounting for Encumbrances

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

F. Use of Estimates

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

G. Investments

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

H. Budgetary Control

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

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I. Capital Assets

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

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

CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

Governmental Activities:

	ASSETS			
	Balance 12-31-09	Additions	Retirements	Balance 12-31-10
Land	\$ 6,764,129	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,764,129
Buildings and improvements	9,101,906	298,688	-	9,400,594
Roads	6,612,160	285,353	-	6,897,513
Equipment and vehicles	2,475,777	6,969	-	2,482,746
Totals	\$24,935,672	\$ 591,010	\$ -	\$25,544,982

	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION			
Buildings and improvements	\$ 869,167	\$ 251,772	\$ -	\$ 1,120,939
Roads	714,596	135,097	-	849,693
Equipment and vehicles	1,647,158	199,531	-	1,846,689
Totals	\$ 3,230,921	\$ 586,400	\$ -	\$ 3,817,321

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:

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

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

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3. APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

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

Road construction	\$ 84,360
MC parking lot improvements	47,000
Gateway district	17,000
Library renovations	15,923
Cemetery improvements	15,500
Office technologies	14,721
Reassessment	11,131
Stevens park	5,860
Town center plan	4,600
	<u>\$ 216,095</u>

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

Land conservation	\$488,838
Radio replacement	92,993
Fire department	177,761
	<u>\$759,592</u>

4. TOTAL COLUMNS ON STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW:

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

5. PROPERTY TAXES:

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

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6. SPECIAL REVENUE CASH:

Special revenue cash consists of the following:

Road bonds	\$ 407,614
EMS	170,994
Recreation revolving fund	119,762
Police details	70,643
Library funds	60,177
Fire protection fund	46,171
SHPA recreation funds	11,705
SHP Recreational revolving fund	20,461
Lindt impact	10,020
Drug forfeiture funds	6,223
Heritage funds	4,140
Gifford deposit	1,802
	<u>\$ 929,712</u>

7. CASH AND INVESTMENTS:

The Town's cash deposits and investments at December 31, 2010, are categorized by maturity date and by the level of risk assumed by the Town. The risk categories are defined as follows:

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

At December 31, 2010, the Town's deposits and investments consisted of the following:

	Categories			Total Cost	Market Value
	1	2	3		
Demand deposits	\$349,663	\$ -	\$ 10,801,531	\$ 11,151,194	\$ 11,151,194
Securities	-	-	484,173	484,173	500,803
New Hampshire Public Deposit and Investment Pool	-	588,086	-	588,086	588,086
	<u>\$349,663</u>	<u>\$ 588,086</u>	<u>\$ 11,285,704</u>	<u>\$ 12,223,453</u>	<u>\$ 12,240,083</u>

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8. RECONCILIATION OF BUDGET AS APPROVED AT TOWN MEETING TO GAAP BASIS BUDGET:

Total appropriations - Town Meeting	\$6,336,764
Add: Prior years' appropriations expended	
Library renovations	32,869
Municipal center	25,000
Gateway district	20,000
Stevens Park	11,697
Computer replacement	2,394
Reassessment	1,119
Office technologies	660
Less: 2010 Appropriations carried forward	
Municipal center parking lot	(47,000)
Library renovations	(15,923)
Gateway district	(17,000)
Road construction	(84,360)
Cemetery improvements	(15,500)
Town Center plan	(4,600)
Stevens park	(5,860)
Office technologies	(8,890)
Computer replacement	(3,522)
	<u>\$6,227,848</u>

9. DUE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

The school district assessments for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 were \$8,658,488 for Exeter Regional Cooperative and \$8,352,313 for Stratham School. The School District assessments are paid in monthly installments. As of December 31, 2010 \$4,645,214 and \$4,100,000 was paid respectively, leaving a total balance of \$8,265,587 to be paid through June 30, 2011.

10. BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE:

On December 31, 2010 the Town entered into a bond anticipation note agreement in the principal amount of \$1,430,000 to finance the acquisition of a conservation easement. The Bond bears interest from its original issue date at 2.71%, maturing June 15, 2011. No interest or principal is due under this agreement until maturity.



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11. GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT:

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

At December 31, 2010, the general long-term debt of the Town consists of general obligation bonds with an original issue amount of \$5,000,000 for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities for the safety complex, general obligation bonds with an original issue amount of \$140,000 for Gifford house renovations, and general obligation bonds with an original issue amount of \$4,444,000 for the construction of the fire house and purchase of conservation land. The total amount outstanding under these bonds at December 31, 2010 is \$7,560,000.

2007 Serial Bonds, with the first installment due in the amount of \$229,000, then annual installments of \$225,000 through 2016, decreasing to annual installments of \$220,000 through January, 2028 with scheduled interest increasing from 3.75% to 4.25% (3.75% in January, 2010). The amount outstanding under this bond at December 31, 2010 is \$3,990,000.

2003 Serial Bonds, due in annual installments of \$250,000 through January 2024, with scheduled interest increasing from 2.5% to 4.25% (3.0% in January 2010). The amount outstanding under this bond at December 31, 2010 is \$3,500,000.

2006 Serial Bonds, due in annual installments of \$14,000 through December, 2015, with interest fixed at 4.75%. The amount outstanding under this bond at December 31, 2010 is \$70,000.

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

December, 2010, payable January 2011	489,000
December, 2011	489,000
December, 2012	489,000
December, 2013	489,000
Beyond	5,604,000

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
<b>TAXES:</b>			
Property	\$ 22,267,567	\$ 22,263,235	\$ (4,332)
Land use charge	29,351	29,351	-
Yield tax	-	-	-
	<u>22,296,918</u>	<u>22,292,586</u>	<u>(4,332)</u>
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES:</b>			
Adequate education grant-state	1,469,989	1,469,989	-
Shared revenues-state	322,657	322,462	(195)
Highway subsidies-state	150,076	150,076	-
Police grants-federal	4,000	14,965	10,965
Conservation & other-state	-	33,551	33,551
	<u>1,946,722</u>	<u>1,991,043</u>	<u>44,321</u>
<b>LOCAL SOURCES:</b>			
Police department	-	6,196	6,196
Motor vehicle registrations	1,262,000	1,254,680	(7,320)
Franchise fee	122,330	122,330	-
Interest on deposits	1,000	2,149	1,149
Rent & sale of town property	40,050	43,166	3,116
Permits, filing fees	-	47,846	47,846
Dog licenses	-	9,185	9,185
Building permits	30,000	82,399	52,399
Interest & penalties on taxes	60,000	90,721	30,721
Income from departments	130,000	69,858	(60,142)
Reimbursements & other	116,300	123,444	7,144
	<u>1,761,680</u>	<u>1,851,974</u>	<u>90,294</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>\$ 26,005,320</u>	<u>\$ 26,135,603</u>	<u>\$ 130,283</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES:			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	\$ 152,603	\$ 152,307	\$ 296
Election, registration, and vital statistics	8,875	15,597	(6,722)
Financial administration	333,905	337,045	(3,140)
Legal	40,000	40,378	(378)
Personnel administration	778,609	698,554	80,055
Planning and zoning	210,431	192,374	18,057
General government buildings	124,297	93,405	30,892
Cemeteries	31,900	21,100	10,800
Insurance	80,165	80,165	-
Abatements/refunds	-	96,852	(96,852)
	<u>1,760,785</u>	<u>1,727,777</u>	<u>33,008</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police	833,519	805,783	27,736
Fire	143,060	122,603	20,457
Dispatch service	87,148	87,076	72
Emergency management	11,800	7,614	4,186
	<u>1,075,527</u>	<u>1,023,076</u>	<u>52,451</u>
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
Town maintenance	574,058	559,929	14,129
Public works commission	24,000	-	24,000
Street lights	7,000	6,599	401
	<u>605,058</u>	<u>566,528</u>	<u>38,530</u>
SANITATION:			
Trash pick-up	622,628	610,938	11,690
HEALTH & WELFARE:			
General assistance	36,500	28,836	7,664
Health department	50,281	50,281	-
Water treatment	-	-	-
Animal control	250	703	(453)
Mosquito control	62,000	62,000	-
	<u>149,031</u>	<u>141,820</u>	<u>7,211</u>
PARKS & RECREATION:			
Parks	79,339	75,619	3,720
Recreation	92,210	74,510	17,700
Patriotic	1,200	986	214
Heritage & other	5,550	4,820	730
	<u>178,299</u>	<u>155,935</u>	<u>22,364</u>

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AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES (Continued):			
DEBT SERVICE:			
Bond principal	489,000	489,000	-
Interest-long term	312,811	312,800	11
Interest-short term	500	-	500
	<u>802,311</u>	<u>801,800</u>	<u>511</u>
CAPITAL OUTLAY & SPECIAL WARRANTS:			
Library expansion	248,000	264,946	(16,946)
Computers	5,000	20,507	(15,507)
Office technology	10,000	1,770	8,230
Stevens field	-	11,697	(11,697)
Reassessment	-	1,119	(1,119)
Highway reconstruction	170,000	85,640	84,360
Town center plan	20,000	15,400	4,600
Municipal equipment	7,500	63,297	(55,797)
Municipal improvements	50,000	39,000	11,000
Playing fields	65,000	59,140	5,860
Gateway district	40,000	43,000	(3,000)
	<u>615,500</u>	<u>605,516</u>	<u>9,984</u>
COUNTY	<u>1,209,443</u>	<u>1,209,443</u>	<u>-</u>
SCHOOL DISTRICT	<u>18,480,790</u>	<u>18,480,790</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>25,499,372</u>	<u>25,323,623</u>	<u>175,749</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>505,948</u>	<u>811,980</u>	<u>306,032</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers-in	-	6,200	6,200
Operating transfers-out	(70,000)	(490,320)	(420,320)
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES (USES)	<u>(70,000)</u>	<u>(484,120)</u>	<u>(414,120)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	<u>435,948</u>	<u>327,860</u>	<u>(108,088)</u>
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,225,301</u>	<u>1,225,301</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,661,249</u>	<u>\$ 1,553,161</u>	<u>\$ (108,088)</u>



# **BIRTHS REGISTERED IN STRATHAM FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011**

<b>CHILD'S NAME</b>	<b>DATE/BIRTH</b>	<b>PLACE/BIRTH</b>	<b>FATHER'S NAME</b>	<b>MOTHER'S NAME</b>
SMITH, CHARLES XAVIER	1/4/2011	DOVER	SMITH, MARK	GRACIANO-SMITH, ELIZABETH
LANCHONEY, BRAYDEN CHRISTOPHER	1/21/2011	EXETER	LANCHONEY, MATTHEW	LANCHONEY, JENNIFER
FERRELLI, THEODORE JAMES	2/21/2011	EXETER	FERRELLI JR, JAMES	FERRELLI, MARIA
HOUGHTON, SOPHIE JANE	3/30/2011	PORTSMOUTH	HOUGHTON, CHRISTIAN	HOUGHTON, JESSICA
JAMIESON, GAVIN ALEXANDER	4/1/2011	EXETER	JAMIESON JR, HAROLD	JAMIESON, JESSICA
LORD, CHARLES CHRISTOPHER	4/6/2011	EXETER	LORD, CHRISTOPHER	HAYWARD, BRIDGET
STEVENS, BRAXTON GRANGER	4/22/2011	EXETER	STEVENS, WAYNE	SWEETSER, SAMANTHA
GAYNOR, MOLLIE EVA	5/2/2011	DOVER	GAYNOR, JAMES	GAYNOR, HILLARY
MATTIN, VIOLET SOPHIA	5/20/2011	PORTSMOUTH	MATTIN, ALBERT	MATTIN, RACHEL
KAFFKO, ABBY LEE	7/18/2011	EXETER	KAFFKO, JOSEPH	KAFFKO, KRISTEN
JONES, CARTER AVERY	8/15/2011	EXETER	JONES, RYAN	JONES, KIMBERLY
KUSHNER, JOSEPHINE NISTA	8/24/2011	EXETER	KUSHNER, MATTHEW	KUSHNER, MARYBETH
MCCARTHY, EMILY RENEE	9/18/2011	EXETER	MCCARTHY II, ROBERT	PHANTHACHACK, THANYA
BALL, MADELINE JEAN	9/28/2011	EXETER	BALL, CHRISTOPHER	YOUSSEF, BETHANY
HORNBECK, EMMA CAITLIN	10/1/2011	NASHUA	HORNBECK, JONATHAN	HORNBECK, STACEY
DODGE, GARRETT ALBERT	10/3/2011	EXETER	DODGE, TIMOTHY	DODGE, NICOLE
KOTKOWSKI, ELAINA ROSE	10/31/2011	EXETER	KOTKOWSKI, SEAN	KOTKOWSKI, JAIME
SPOOR, TENLEY ROSE	11/11/2011	EXETER	SPOOR, MATTHEW	KNOX, EMILY
PROVOST, WILLIAM JOSEPH	11/15/2011	PORTSMOUTH	PROVOST, JEFFREY	PROVOST, STEPHANIE
LAROCQUE IV, DAVID WILLIAM	12/1/2011	DOVER	LAROCQUE III, DAVID	LAMONTAGNE, RACHELE
CURRY, JOHN PATRICK	12/2/2011	PORTSMOUTH		CURRY, MEAGAN
ADAMS, JORDAN CARTER	12/15/2011	EXETER	ADAMS, JEREMY	CROWLEY, JANNEL

# DEATH REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011

DECEDENT'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
SAROSIEK, JULIUS	1/18/2011	EXETER	SAROSIEK SR, JULIUS	GARDELLA, DOROTHY
WHITCOMB, ADABEL	1/21/2011	DOVER	MORALES, OSVALDO	HERNANDEZ, ROSA
DOAN JR, THEODORE	1/27/2011	DOVER	DOAN SR, THEODORE	HOUCK, GRACE
MCCOLOUGH JR, JOHN	2/4/2011	STRATHAM	MCCOLOUGH, JOHN	MCSWEENEY, AGNES
GRAHAME, MARY	2/6/2011	EXETER	GAGE, G	WOODRUFF, RUBY
BURWELL, HEIDI	2/8/2011	KENSINGTON	MACEACHERN, WILLIAM	DEXTER, DOLORES
PAQUETTE, ROBERT	3/19/2011	EXETER	PAQUETTE, VICTOR	OSTIGUY, ANALDA
THURSTON, JEAN	3/19/2011	EXETER	MERRILL, ROBERT	POMAGZAK, JEAN
SCAMMAN, JOSEPH	3/27/2011	STRATHAM	SCAMMAN SR, JAMES	WIGGIN, JOSEPHINE
LONGO, MARY	4/12/2011	STRATHAM	BARKER, WILLIAM	ADAMS, MARY
MARANGELLI, MARIAN	4/20/2011	EXETER	MARANGELLI, LUCA	CARONIA, SUSAN
SULLIVAN, ALFRED	4/29/2011	DOVER	SULLIVAN, ALFRED	POMERLEAU, IRENE
BROOKS, JAMES	5/1/2011	STRATHAM	BROOKS, PHILLIPS	WARD, AMY
NELSON, DUANE	5/20/2011	STRATHAM	NELSON, HARRY	EWEN, MIRIAM
DUNNING, GEORGE	6/1/2011	STRATHAM	DUNNING, SAMUEL	AKINS, DOLLY
PARSONS, RAYMOND	6/1/2011	GRANTHAM	PARSONS, EDWIN	HOCHBAUM, MYRTLE
HORLACHER, PATTY	6/17/2011	EXETER	PALMER, FRANCIS	HOAGLIN, MAY
ZABRISKIE, ALBERT	6/18/2011	DOVER	ZABRISKIE, ALBERT	ATKINSON, LOUISE
FLAGG JR, JOHN	7/2/2011	EXETER	FLAGG, JOHN	RICHARDSON, IRENE
LEUTH, STEPHEN	7/25/2011	STRATHAM	LEUTH, EUGENE	SLACK, LAURENE
KIRTLAND, GRAYSON	9/25/2011	STRATHAM	KIRTLAND, BENJAMIN	SEMPLE, ELIZABETH
SEWARD, CYNTHIA	10/7/2011	HAMPTON	GRANT, KENNETH	MASON, MYRTLE
CASTLE, KENNETH	11/21/2011	STRATHAM	CASTLE, BLAINE	VILLANI, RITA
GRANT, MYRTLE	12/9/2011	HAMPTON	MASON, EVERETT	THOMPSON, EFFIE
CLOUTMAN, PAUL	12/23/2011	PORTSMOUTH	CLOUTMAN, ORRIS	SHERMAN, RUTH
KIRTLAND, KITTY LOU	12/30/2011	STRATHAM	ENSELL, EDWARD	GAILBRATH, JANICE

**MARRIAGES REPORTED FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011**

<b>PERSON A'S NAME</b>	<b>PERSON A'S RESIDENCE</b>	<b>PERSON B'S NAME</b>	<b>PERSON B'S RESIDENCE</b>	<b>TOWN OF ISSUANCE</b>	<b>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	<b>DATE OF MARRIAGE</b>
GOETSCHUS JR, WILLIAM C	STRATHAM	PAGE, SANDRA L	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	DOVER	01/01/11
MARTIN, JOSHUA C	STRATHAM	MAHER, MARY LIN C	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	01/26/11
DOYLE, BRENDAN F	STRATHAM	REYNOLDS, WENDY L	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	EXETER	02/05/11
VAN PATTEN, JESSICA C	STRATHAM	ROSS, JOSHUA C	GREENLAND	GREENLAND	STRATHAM	02/05/11
RICHARDS, DAVID A	STRATHAM	STREBEL, JANINE L	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	02/12/11
JORDAN, BRANDON H	STRATHAM	CARBONNEAU, ASHLEY L	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	02/18/11
LEMIRE, JENNIFER A	STRATHAM	WHITNEY, LEE D	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	NORTH HAMPTON	03/18/11
CARBONNEAU, NICOLE D	STRATHAM	DUBE, JARED L	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	04/23/11
NICHOLSON, BRYAN A	STRATHAM	KOMISAREK, TAMMY A	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	AUBURN	05/07/11
WHETSTONE, CHRISTINE J	STRATHAM	OWENS, MATTHEW R	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	DURHAM	06/24/11
SELPH, BRITT M	STRATHAM	FULLER, TANYA C	STRATHAM	EXETER	BRENTWOOD	08/06/11
WIGGIN, KELLY S	BEDFORD	TOLINI, DANIEL R	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	SANDOWN	08/19/11
BASCOM, BENJAMIN M	STRATHAM	KINCAID, MEGHAN F	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	NOTTINGHAM	09/03/11
CARBONNEAU, CHRISTOPHER R	STRATHAM	WILCOX, HANNAH E	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	DOVER	09/10/11
HOBIN, CHRISTY J	PORTSMOUTH	HOFFMAN, DAVID K	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	PORTSMOUTH	09/24/11
MCSTOWE, PAUL J	STRATHAM	EGONIS, KIMBERLY D	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	10/22/11
BELFIORE, AMY L	STRATHAM	MACINNIS, RYAN D	STRATHAM	WINDHAM	WINDHAM	10/22/11
WALDRON JR, GEORGE B	STRATHAM	KATZ, STACY	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	11/26/11
KEITH, PAUL K	STRATHAM	PERFIT, MICHAEL A	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	12/21/11



# ANNUAL REPORTS

For the school year ending June 30, 2011 With the Proposed 2012-2013 Budgets
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OF

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STRATHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(EXETER REGION / ERCSD)

AND

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #16  
(SAU 16)

MARCH 2012

### STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Grades Pre-School through 5<sup>th</sup> for Stratham School District

#### Stratham School Board

Travis Thompson, Chair.....	Term expires 2012
Claire Ellis, Vice Chair .....	Term expires 2012
Bob O'Sullivan .....	Term expires 2014
Luke Pickett .....	Term expires 2013
Mark Sykas .....	Term expires 2014

#### Moderator

David Emanuel .....	Term expires 2013
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#### Clerk

Mikki Deschaine .....	Term expires 2012
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#### Treasurer

John Hazekamp .....	Term expires 2013
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#### Stratham Memorial School

Tom Fosher – Principal	Judy Lewis – Nurse
Rebecca Ruel – Vice Principal	Dumais & Ferland – Auditor

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

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

#### Cooperative School Board

Patricia Lovejoy, Chair .....	Stratham term expires 2012
Dave Miller, Vice Chair. ....	East Kingston term expires 2014
Townley Chisholm .....	Exeter term expires 2012
Mike Grant .....	Newfields term expires 2012
Elizabeth "Liz" Faria. ....	Brentwood term expires 2013
Kate Miller (SAU Joint Board Chair).....	Exeter term expires 2013
Joni Reynolds.....	Kensington term expires 2013
Mark Portu .....	Stratham term expires 2014
Kate Segal .....	Exeter term expires 2014

#### Moderator

Charles Tucker .....	Term expires 2012
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#### Clerk

Sue Bendroth .....	Appointed position
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#### Treasurer

Luke Breton .....	Appointed position
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### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 16

Superintendent services for school districts of:

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

Michael A. Morgan  
Superintendent of Schools

Paul A. Flynn  
Associate Superintendent

Laura H. Nelson  
Assistant Superintendent

Esther A. Asbell  
Assistant Superintendent

Carol Y. Andre  
Special Education Administrator

Amy R. Ransom  
Business Administrator

**SCHOOL WARRANT 2012  
STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stratham Memorial School in said District on Friday, the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) day of March, 2012 at seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 pm) to act on the following subjects:

1. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,584,502.50 for the support of the schools, for payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the School District, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately. (The School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 4-0.)
2. To see if the School District will vote to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Stratham Teachers' Association (the union representing the teachers in the School District school) covering the three year period from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2015, and approve cost items included therein containing, in summary: continuation of other non-salary benefits; and salary increases so that the approximate increase in the cost of teacher salaries and salary related expenses because of this agreement and step increases for each of the three years (subject to change resulting from changes in the number of and in the educational degrees and years experience of teachers employed) over the preceding year will be:

Year	Estimated Increase
2012-2013	\$ 33,271
2013-2014	\$ 118,939
2014-2015	\$ 130,591

And, further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,271 for the 2012-2013 year, such sum representing the net additional costs attributable to the increase in the salaries and salary related benefits over those included as part of Article 1, the 2012-2013 operating budget. (The School Board recommends adoption of this article by a vote of 4-0.)

3. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the expendable trust fund known as the "Special Education Trust Fund" (established by the 2009 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding unanticipated special education expenditures for services, supplies, equipment, or tuitions) this sum to come from the June 30, 2012 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2012. No amount to be raised from taxation. (The School Board recommends adoption of this article by a vote of 4-0.)




4. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Maintenance Trust Fund" (established by the 2009 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding facility maintenance and improvement) the sum of \$100,000. (The School Board recommends adoption of this article by a vote of 4-0.)
5. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Stratham on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2012.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TRUE COPY OF WARRANT – ATTEST:

STRATHAM SCHOOL BOARD

  
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Robert E. O'Sullivan Jr.  
  
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**SCHOOL WARRANT 2012  
STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Center in said District on the thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) day of March, 2012 between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning (8:00 AM) and eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 PM) to act on the following subjects:

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

Given under our hands at said Stratham on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TRUE COPY OF WARRANT – ATTEST:

STRATHAM SCHOOL BOARD

Robert E. O'Sullivan Jr  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]

# SCHOOL BUDGET FORM

OF: STRATHAM, NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year From July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

## IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

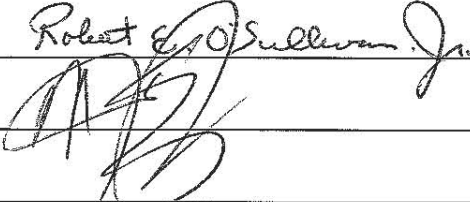
1. Use this form to list ALL APPROPRIATIONS in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the school clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.


This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): \_\_\_\_\_

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

*Please sign in ink.*

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.

Robert E. Sullivan Jr.  
  
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 John P. L. #  
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**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT**

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
 (603)230-5090

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. WARR. ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/10 to 6/30/11	Appropriations Current Year As Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>						
1100-1199	Regular Programs		3,306,631	2,986,573	3,337,410	
1200-1299	Special Programs		1,014,715	1,146,421	1,222,562	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs					
1400-1499	Other Programs		1,355	3,375	3,375	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs					
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Ed. Programs					
1700-1799	Community/Jr.College Ed. Programs					
1800-1899	Community Service Programs					
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>						
2000-2199	Student Support Services		669,096	698,098	670,181	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services		363,814	797,856	393,826	
<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</b>						
2310 840	School Board Contingency		58,433	52,900	33,500	
2310-2399	Other School Board					
<b>EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION</b>						
2320-310	SAU Management Services		217,564	224,983	213,812	
2320-2399	All Other Administration					
2400-2499	School Administration Service		295,541	311,276	315,416	
2500-2599	Business					
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant		423,572	405,471	435,366	
2700-2799	Student Transportation		348,610	412,402	396,391	
2800-2999	Support Service, Central & Other		1,996,812	2,189,410	2,356,543	
<b>NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES</b>						
3100	Food Service Operations			205,000	198,620	
3200	Enterprise Operations					
<b>FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS &amp; CONSTRUCTION</b>						
4100	Site Acquisition					
4200	Site Improvement		228,000	157,500	7,500	
4300	Architectural/Engineering					
4400	Educational Specification Development					
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction					
4600	Building Improvement Services					
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services					
<b>OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)</b>						
5110	Debt Service - Principal					
5120	Debt Service - Interest					
<b>FUND TRANSFERS</b>						
5220-5221	To Food Service					
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue					
5230-5239	To Capital Projects					
5254	To Agency Funds					
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.					
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION</b>						
<b>DEFICIT APPROPRIATION</b>						
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>8,924,142</b>	<b>9,591,265</b>	<b>9,584,503</b>	<b>-</b>

**\*\*SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as: 1) appropriations in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Expenditures for Year 7/1/10 to 6/30/11	Appropriations Current Year As Approved by DRA	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
5251	To Capital Reserves					
5252	To Expendable Trust	100,000	115,000	3,4	175,000	
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts					
<b>SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED</b>			115,000		175,000	

**\*\*INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Examples of individual warrant articles might be: 1) Negotiated cost items for labor agreements; 2) Leases; 3) Supplemental appropriations for the current year for which funding is already available; or 4) Deficit appropriations for the current year which must be funded through taxation.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Expenditures for Year 7/1/10 to 6/30/11	Appropriations Current Year As Approved by DRA	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
multi	Teachers Contract			2	33,271	
<b>INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED</b>			-		33,271	



1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
<b>REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES</b>					
1300-1349	Tuition		18,375	15,000	15,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		1,841	1,000	1,000
1600-1699	Food Service Sales			165,000	158,620
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		1,707		
<b>REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES</b>					
3210	School Building Aid				
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid				
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid				
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition			3,000	3,000
3270	Driver Education				
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
<b>REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</b>					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants				
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition			37,000	37,000
4570	Disabilities Programs				
4580	Medicaid Distribution		18,588	25,000	25,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)			40,040	
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes				
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec.Rev.Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds				

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES cont.</b>					
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198:20-d for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ =NET RAN				
	<b>**BUDGET SUMMARY**</b>				
	<b>Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)</b>				
	Voted From Fund Balance		75,000	25,000	
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		249,487	340,099	350,380
<b>Total Estimated Revenue &amp; Credits</b>			<b>364,998</b>	<b>651,139</b>	<b>590,000</b>

	Current Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 2)	9,591,265	9,584,503
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)	115,000	175,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)	-	33,271
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	9,706,265	9,792,774
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	651,139	590,000
Less: Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	637,823	637,837
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	8,417,303	8,564,937

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET WORKSHEET 2012-2013								
FUNCTION -OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	ADOPTED 2010-2011	ACTUAL 2010-2011	ADOPTED 2011-2012	PROPOSED 2012-2013	\$\$ + / -	% + / -	
1100	TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	3,348,423.00	3,297,815.37	3,358,658.00	3,312,935.13	(45,722.87)	-1.4%	
1110	TOTAL ENRICHMENT	28,325.00	8,815.48	27,600.00	24,475.00	(3,125.00)	-11.3%	
1200	TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	1,132,259.00	1,014,714.80	1,146,421.00	1,222,562.45	76,141.45	6.6%	
1400	TOTAL OTHER INSTR. PROGRAMS	3,625.00	1,355.00	3,375.00	3,375.00	0.00	0.0%	
2120	TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	132,071.00	125,891.54	131,948.00	130,447.20	(1,500.80)	-1.1%	
2130	TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	134,833.00	89,345.77	88,629.00	70,496.00	(18,133.00)	-20.5%	
2138	TOTAL HEARING SERVICES	12,915.00	0.00	3,800.00	3,230.00	(570.00)	-15.0%	
2139	TOTAL VISION SERVICES	3,040.00	862.50	5,510.00	1,600.00	(3,910.00)	-71.0%	
2140	TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	79,906.00	79,905.00	79,906.00	79,905.00	(1.00)	0.0%	
2150	TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES	209,083.00	186,155.05	194,723.00	195,815.00	1,092.00	0.6%	
2160	TOTAL PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES	197,935.00	186,935.65	193,582.00	188,687.50	(4,894.50)	-2.5%	
2210	TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTR. SVS.	111,804.00	116,494.96	131,054.00	129,000.00	(2,054.00)	-1.6%	
2222	TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES	99,181.00	99,647.38	99,381.00	100,774.40	1,393.40	1.4%	
2225	TOTAL COMPUTER-ASSISTED INSTR.	171,086.00	147,671.27	167,736.00	164,052.00	(3,684.00)	-2.2%	
2310	TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES - GENERAL ADMIN.	52,900.00	58,433.45	52,900.00	33,500.00	(19,400.00)	-36.7%	
2320	TOTAL OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT SV	217,564.00	217,564.00	224,983.00	213,812.00	(11,171.00)	-5.0%	
2400	TOTAL SUPPORT SVS - SCHOOL ADMIN.	313,471.00	295,540.89	311,276.00	315,416.00	4,140.00	1.3%	
2600	TOTAL OPERATION OF PLANT	400,685.00	402,188.48	383,471.00	410,765.77	27,294.77	7.1%	
2630	TOTAL CARE OF GROUNDS	21,000.00	21,383.19	22,000.00	24,600.00	2,600.00	11.8%	
2700	TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SVS	419,544.00	348,610.35	412,402.00	396,391.00	(16,011.00)	-3.9%	
2900	TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES - OTHER	2,152,020.00	1,996,812.36	2,189,410.00	2,356,543.07	167,133.07	7.6%	
3110	TOTAL FOOD SERVICES	198,620.00	0.00	205,000.00	198,620.00	(6,380.00)	-3.1%	
4500	TOTAL BLDG ACQ. AND CONSTR.	47,000.00	228,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	0.0%	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	9,487,290.00	8,924,142.49	9,441,265.00	9,584,502.52	143,237.52	1.52%	
	TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES	100,000.00	100,000.00	265,000.00	208,271.00	(56,729.00)	0.0%	
	GRAND TOTALS	9,587,290.00	9,024,142.49	9,706,265.00	9,792,773.52	80,128.52	0.83%	

<b>STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>			
<b>2012-2013 REVENUE PROJECTION</b>			
	<b>ACTUAL 2010-2011</b>	<b>ADOPTED 2011-2012</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2012-2013</b>
<b>BALANCE (ACTUAL OR ESTIMATED)</b>	249,487.00	340,099.00	350,380.00
BUILDING AID	0.00	0.00	0.00
FOUNDATION AID	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHILD NUTRITION	0.00	205,000.00	198,620.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	1,841.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
BOND REFUNDING	0.00	0.00	0.00
CATASTROPHIC AID	0.00	0.00	0.00
TUITION	18,375.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
KINDERGARTEN AID	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXETER REGION CO-OP / BUY-OUT	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS	18,588.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
OTHER	76,707.00	65,040.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>364,998.00</b>	<b>651,139.00</b>	<b>590,000.00</b>
<b>Amount of Cost of Adequate Education Grant</b>	<b>671,870.00</b>	<b>637,823.00</b>	<b>637,837.00</b>
<b><u>DISTRICT ASSESSMENT</u></b>	<b><u>8,166,024.00</u></b>	<b><u>8,417,303.00</u></b>	<b><u>8,564,937.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION VOTED OR TO BE VOTED BY DISTRICT</b>	<b>9,587,290.00</b>	<b>9,706,265.00</b>	<b>9,792,774.00</b>
<b>Change in Assessment</b>			<b>147,634.00</b>

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
COMPUTER & STATISTICAL SERVICES  
**CONCORD**

Stratham

District

Please follow the  
accompanying  
instructions carefully.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

for the School District of Stratham  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2010\_\_ to June 30, 2011

**SUMMARY**

Cash on Hand July 1, 2010__ (Treasurer's bank balance)		<u>388,743.02</u>
Received from Selectmen (Include only amounts actually received)		
Current Appropriation	<u>8,352,313.00</u>	
Deficit Appropriation		
Balance of Previous Appropriations		
Advance on Next Year's Appropriations		
Revenue from State Sources	<u>696,398.52</u>	
Revenue from Federal Sources	<u>36,018.67</u>	
Received from Tuitions	<u>18,375.00</u>	
Received as income from Trust Funds		
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds (Principal only)		
Revenue from Capital Reserve Funds		
Revenue from all Other Sources	<u>188,356.54</u>	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<u>9,291,461.73</u>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance and Receipts)</b>		<u>9,680,204.75</u>
<b>LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID</b>		<u>(9,256,507.46)</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2011__ (Cash &amp; Investment Balance)(Treasure's Bank Balance)</b>		<u>423,697.29</u>

September 30, 2011

Date

District Treasurer

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Stratham of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011\_\_ and find them correct in all respect.

Date

Auditors

Fellow Citizens of Stratham,

Throughout 2011 the dedicated educators at Stratham Memorial School continued to provide the outstanding education that has been the hallmark of our school for years. The teachers, para-educators, support staff and administration deserve tremendous credit for making Stratham Memorial School the amazing elementary school that it is. They are among the most dedicated, hard working and talented individuals in their fields and we are fortunate to have them as part of our school community.

Again this year, our primary focus was on a successful negotiation for a new collective bargaining agreement with the Stratham Teachers Associate and the development of a good, fiscally responsible budget that meets the needs of our students and the tax payers.

The budget being brought forth by the Board represents a 1.52% increase from the previous year. The Administration, Board and Budget Advisory Committee continue to try and maximize what we can provide the students while being mindful of the increasing costs associated with the operation of the school. The primary drivers of the increase continue to fall in the areas of retirement costs and specialized services, as well as the increases in the everyday operation of the school. Everyone involved works very hard to minimize these increases and we've developed the budget with those thoughts in mind. It is important to note that some of the increases associated with retirements will be offset in years to come as those who retire are replaced with new educators at lower steps on the salary scale. Thank you to the members of our Budget Advisory Committee for their time and efforts in constructing the budget: Susan Canada, Bruno Federico, Sue Hunter, Charles Wagner, Patty Philbrook and Howard Rubin. Their input is critically important and greatly appreciated.

The Board is unanimous in its support of the proposed contract with the Stratham Teachers Association. It represents an excellent compromise and exceptional value to the tax payers of Stratham. The members of the Stratham Teachers Associate came to the negotiating table with the thoughts of the community in mind and willingly made significant changes to the agreement, doing what was right for the students and community. They should be commended for their efforts and I personally thank them for once again leading the way with their example. The Board encourages everyone to support this agreement and looks forward to its successful passage at the District Meeting.

Looking forward to next year, the Board will continue to focus on the implementation of the SAU Strategic Plan and how we can incorporate this into Stratham Memorial School. This process has been going on since the adoption of the Strategic Plan and our principal, Tom Fosher, and his team continues to incorporate it into the operation of Stratham Memorial School. As part of that, we have also enlisted the help of some extremely talented volunteers as part of a Technology Committee to help us look at the future technology needs of the school.

The warrant this year will have four articles from the School Board. The first warrant article is the budget. The second warrant article is the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the district and the Stratham Teachers Association. The third and fourth warrant articles are related to the Special Education and Maintenance Trust Funds. The Special Education Trust Fund is a mechanism to help with unknown and unanticipated Special Education expenses. The use of the Maintenance Trust Fund continues to be in line with the independent facility evaluation conducted two years ago. The maintenance plan continues to follow that outline and is designed to maintain the exceptional facility the town has provided for the students of Stratham.

It is a great pleasure and honor to serve the residents of Stratham as a member of the board. I would like to thank my fellow Board members and their families for their hard work and dedication to the community and Stratham Memorial School. Claire Ellis, Luke Pickett, Mark Sykas and Bob O'Sullivan, thank you for all you do. I would also like to thank the community of Stratham for its ongoing support of our school, staff and students.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Travis Thompson  
Chairperson

**STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

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

<b><u>SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES</u></b>		<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>
1210	Special Programs	1,057,948	1,014,715
1430	Summer School	0	0
2140	Psychological Services	79,321	79,905
2140	Vision / Hearing Svs	0	0
2150	Speech and Audiology	202,636	186,155
2159	Speech-Summer School	0	0
2160	Physical Therapy	16,805	17,192
2150	Occupational Therapy	163,670	169,744
2722	Special Transportation	60,752	47,369
2729	Summer School Transportation	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>1,581,132</b>	<b>1,515,080</b>

**SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE**

1950	Services to other LEAs	0	0
3110	Special Ed. Portion Adequacy funds	127,247	112,529
3110	Foundation Aid	0	0
3111	Catastrophic Aid	59,372	0
3190	Medicaid	26,821	18,588
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>213,440</b>	<b>131,117</b>

<b>ACTUAL DISTRICT COST FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>1,367,692</b>	<b>1,383,963</b>
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TABLE I  
STRATHAM PUPILS  
TOTAL ENROLLMENT JANUARY 1, 2011

YEAR	PRE	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2004-05	20	99	108	98	94	123	102	644
2005-06	19	95	112	112	95	99	120	652
2006-07	18	92	108	110	108	93	104	633
2007-08	19	83	96	106	111	108	100	623
2008-09	16	97	89	102	107	116	104	631
2009-2010	19	91	107	92	106	106	116	637
2010-2011	18	86	101	112	93	111	107	628

TABLE II  
STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE  
FOR 2010 – 2011

Autumn P. Agri  
Maximus R. Agri  
Cameron S. Allen  
Rudolph R. Badala  
Evan H. Baron  
Michael R. Berwanger  
Sarah E. Boisvert  
Robert J. Cliché  
Dylan R. Dackerman  
Jeffrey W. Edwards  
Teresa W. Emery  
Kosrin Forman  
Ryan C. Grijalva  
Adara R. Groman  
Aidan F. Guida  
Nolan R. Guida  
Jalen V. Howarth  
Lydia C. Hughes  
Robert S. Johansson  
Jacob T. Kelley  
Aidan C. Kostandin  
Gavin P. Kostandin  
Kylan M. Lowery  
Benjamin J. Malgeri  
Thomas L. Myers  
Alida C. Oak  
Olivia Z. Raizes  
Zachary A. Redlon  
Anna R. Scheifele  
Isabel M. Vander Woude  
Meghan G. Vander Woude  
Rianna M. Wilkins

<u>Professional</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>2011-2012</u> <u>Wages</u>	<u>Professional</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>2011-2012</u> <u>Wages</u>
Adler, Susan	74,037.00	Morrison, Linda	79,655.00
Atherton, Diane	74,037.00	Noyes-Hand, Laurie	72,787.00
Audet, Rebecca	52,441.00	O'Connor, Mary Lou	78,405.00
August, June	80,905.00	Page, Ashley	54,397.00
Batchelder, Laura	73,787.00	Pinsonnault, Karen	78,405.00
Bates, Yvonne	66,714.00	Rochford, Megan	44,541.00
Beauchesne, Amy	69,493.00	Ruel, Jennifer	81,158.00
Bucklin, Katherine	56,663.00	Saltuss, Edgar	66,821.00
Caporello, Laurie	79,905.00	Schulz, Patricia	68,663.00
Chartier, R. Melody	74,787.00	Silvester, Kerry	78,405.00
Christilles, Tracey	79,655.00	Snow, Jennifer	78,405.00
Craig, Deborah	80,405.00	Spencer, Frank	79,905.00
Curry, Julie	66,714.00	Stringham, Carol (70%)	48,239.10
Driscoll, Margaret	88,234.00	Sullivan, Kristen	75,505.00
Durant, Karen (60%)	30,206.40	Tierney, Janis	80,405.00
Eitler, Judith	80,905.00	Valenti, Jessica	56,754.00
Fennessy, Debra	68,163.00	Wansart, Cathy	80,405.00
Fosher, Thomas	103,025.00	Warner, Cathy	68,913.00
Gagnon, Stephen	79,655.00	Wigode, Lucinda	80,405.00
Gaudet, Christine	80,905.00		
Gilman, Connie	75,505.00		
Griffith, Diane (60%)	43,972.20		
Guilbert, Nancy	76,755.00		
Hackett, Jennifer	75,505.00		
Hadfield, Karen	68,913.00		
Hale, Gwen	78,405.00		
Harrington, Tim	48,323.00		
Harrison, Gary	78,405.00		
Hazeltine, Mary Ann	72,787.00		
Lee, Donna	75,787.00		
Leonard, Anne	78,405.00		
Lewald-Ratta, Cindy (60%)	43,672.20		
Lewis, Judy	69,663.00		
MacLean-Smith, Cheryl	72,787.00		
Maher, Donna	81,405.00		
Mastin, Melissa	72,389.00		
McAlpine, Robert	62,411.00		
McIntosh, Laurie (60%)	43,672.20		
Megan, Sue Ann	80,905.00		
Miller, Suzette	74,787.00		
Moreno, Laurie (60%)	48,243.00		

<u>Support Staff</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Estimated Wages</u>	<u>Support Staff</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Estimated Wages</u>
Abbott, Margaret	23,616.00	Horan, Sandra	22,447.50
Averill, Meghan	14,363.04	Hughes, Patricia	2,880.00
Bateman, Kelly	15,448.32	Jones, Barbara	13,315.20
Bessemer, Suzanne	19,595.52	Kangethe, Billie Jo	2,490.84
Bick, Lois	23,976.00	Kelley, Lottie Jo	20,905.92
Bivona, Kathryn	4,542.72	Kneeland, Jennifer	12,987.65
Breton, Robert	33,529.60	Kondrat, Kelli	12,076.80
Butkiewicz, Mary Ellen	7,724.08	Kopecky, Susan	15,448.32
Chambers-Dukeman, Patricia	31,933.44	Loomis, Laurie	23,616.00
Childs, Veronica	18,662.40	Lowery, Laura	19,595.52
Coad, Michelle	15,045.12	Mackenzie, Joyce	20,563.20
Colvin, Neysa	12,460.80	Manero-Earley, Mary	16,462.08
Connolly, Christina	14,987.52	Marceau, Dorothy	19,680.00
Contois, Patricia	4,935.84	McKenna, Donna	14,544.00
Downing, Nancy	20,079.36	Miner, Bonnie	21,669.12
Eichholz, Christine	11,328.00	Morrissey, Karen	20,563.20
Eldridge, Caitlin	13,888.32	Mousseau, Lynne	19,433.30
Elliott, Jessica	15,211.56	Munton, Greta	11,335.68
Farnsworth, Julia	23,819.25	Nash, Margaret	16,424.10
Firmin, Jacqueline	12,460.80	Pitcher, Susan	19,680.00
Fitzgerald, Cindy	12,979.20	Quinn, Kristin	14,131.33
Foss, Virginia	20,414.02	Ricker, Carol	19,075.39
Gallant, Jeanine	4,103.74	Rogers-Brooks, Peggy	22,435.20
Gaynor, Christina	37,816.20	Ryan, Marlo	46,609.92
Gebo, Patricia	40,199.04	Sabalewski, Keri	18,547.20
Grupe, Deborah	25,263.36	Sargent, Ellen	15,667.20
Gynan, Bianca	18,063.36	Shaw, Lisa	15,955.97
Hall, Theresa	18,156.10	Sullivan, Mary	13,756.80
Hart, Susan	20,079.36	Tosatti, Shannon	15,820.32
Harvey, Caryl	6,169.80	Trombley, Stephanie	15,448.32
Hayward, Catherine	15,448.32	Walsh, Anne	7,200.00
Henry, Christyne	16,408.21	Woods, Amanda	11,221.13
Hewins, Gail	17,168.04	Zampini, Mary	14,544.00
Horan, Justin	23,337.60		



## STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL

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**Mr. Thomas J. Foshier**  
Principal

**Mrs. Jennifer Ruel**  
Assistant Principal

### Regular Education Report

January 9, 2012

August rolled around once more as the doors to SMS were open for 640 students in levels of Preschool through Grade Five. The 123 member staff had classrooms organized, materials prepared and lunches ready for consumption. All were set to commence the first step of a ten month journey, learning to grow socially, emotionally, and academically.

The faculty began the process of moving from the Grade Level Expectations (GLEs) to the Common Core Curriculum Standards (CCSS) in the primary grades. The intention of this process is to provide students with standards that are aligned with college and work; are clear, consistent and understandable; include rigorous content; application of knowledge through higher order thinking skills; build on strengths and lessons of current state expectations; and are evidenced based.

The SMS faculty implemented the Writer's Workshop to all students as outlined by the Teaching and Learning Alliance (TLA). The TLA group has provided on-going training, instruction and professional development for the all of our student in K-5. Our Response to Intervention (RTI) efforts have provided students with support in math and reading, aiding those children that may require more direct instruction to meet grade level expectations.

Longtime educator, Lynn Parsons, submitted her retirement from SMS. Ms. Parsons taught a variety of grades and subjects during her thirty years. We were fortunate to have such a dedicated and warm individual. New to the SMS teaching staff was Megan Rochford. Julia Farnsworth was hired at the beginning of the school year as our school secretary.

The Champions for Children Award began its second term, recognizing those people in the Stratham community that have had an impact on our local youth. Receiving the prestigious award from our community were Wiggin Memorial Librarians Phyllis Danko and Jan Streelman .

The school year centered around six school goals emphasizing student achievement, emphasis on a framework for a positive school climate, the National Educational Technology Standards for students (NETS-S), the review of the SAU #16 Strategic Plan, and the integration of the Common Core State Standards across our curriculum.

The school received the Annual School Volunteer Blue Ribbon Award for the sixteenth time as many of our community members have volunteered to assist the school in multiple capacities. Serving as presenters at conferences were Becky Ruel (Crisis Intervention), Susan Adler (CPI), J. Stephen Gagnon (Technology), Jennifer Snow (Speech and Language) and myself (School Safety and Bullying Prevention). Julia Tennant was the Spelling Bee Champion, making her way to the Portsmouth Regional contest. Our Geography Bee winner was Rohit Kantipudi. After school programming provided children with multiple choices to participate in: amongst their favorites were Animation, Orienteering, Comics, Watercolor Painting, Yoga, Cross-country and the One World Language School.

Programs that continue to enrich our students included the visits to or from: NH Theatre Project, Children's Author Cynthia Lord, Tom Wahle, Portland Symphony, Portsmouth Music Hall, Odiorne Point, Coppal Farm, Robotics, Wildlife Encounters, Plimoth Docents and Jeff Warner. These terrific programs, along with our local field trips, aid in assuring our children with a well-rounded education.

Feel free to stop by and see what our 21<sup>st</sup> century students are learning. We'll be expecting you!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Foshier



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### Stratham Memorial School Special Education Report

Special education services are provided to children with educational disabilities at SMS as per both federal and state laws. Federal and state laws, outlined in the *NH Rules for the Education of Children with Disabilities*, mandate that students from 3-21 years of age with educational disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE), as designed in their Individual Education Programs (IEPs). We are also required to ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, children are educated in the least restrictive environment in which their needs can be met. A goal we have for all students is that we can create and provide an appropriate learning environment at SMS, so that children are able to make progress to access the regular education curriculum in their home school.

On November 10, 2010, the NH State Board of Education adopted the proposed amendments to some special education rules associated with the revisions of the NH special education law, RSA 186-C, that were made in 2009. These relate to changes in definitions and parental consent. A newer federal revision was the adoption of Rosa's Law, which promotes respect for those with intellectual difficulties. All revisions were published in December 2011 in the updated *New Hampshire Special Education Procedural Safeguards Handbook*.

ARRA funds were well used by Stratham Memorial School. By June 2011, the wireless network had been upgraded to improve access throughout the school. Supplemental math materials were purchased and math coaching was provided across grade levels to classroom teachers. Individual coaching was offered to math tutors and special education staff to ensure appropriate implementation of the programs being used with our most needy students. Two iPads and apps were purchased for targeted children to improve their communication skills. In addition, playground equipment was also purchased for the two playgrounds to provide more ground element options for younger children. A decision was made to continue with one of the two software progress monitoring tools that were piloted to have a program to measure student growth using curriculum based assessments.

We have also continued to provide training and support to staff to build the utilization of positive behavioral supports for all students. Using a program called Nonviolent Crisis Intervention, which promotes strategies to prevent behavioral reactivity and provide safe management techniques, Becky Ruel and Sue Adler offered re-certification training to 15 staff members, and initial training to 15 new staff members. This training is particularly beneficial for staff to learn problem solving techniques associated with conflict resolution for children. We have a growing need at SMS to address children's emotional and behavioral challenges, which can impact their participation in the classroom, as well as during unstructured times such as lunch and recess.

Ongoing collaboration with data teams, student support teams, and parents has resulted in the continued need to refer students to determine the presence of an educational disability. If a child is not making expected progress with the interventions in place through the reading or math tutoring programs, then referral to special education is made to determine if further assessment may be warranted to learn more about a child's learning style and abilities. During the 2010-2011 school year, 42 new referrals were made with 28 students qualifying for special education services. Over the course of the year, 93 students benefited from specialized instruction (including our preschool students). An obvious benefit to the inclusion model we have is that many other students are able to access in-class or small group intervention being directed by specialists who are working in classrooms to monitor skill acquisition.

An important role for special education staff members is meeting and consulting with parents to ensure their concerns are being considered in the design and implementation of children's individual educational programs (IEPs). During the 2010-11 school year, we held 255 team meetings with families, not including the ongoing informal conferences held with parents about children's specific educational needs. Communication with parents is critical for students to have a positive and meaningful educational experience at SMS.

Margaret E. Driscoll, M.Ed.  
Director of Special Services

## **STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES**

**March 7, 2011**

Members Present: Claire Ellis, Gary Giarrusso, Luke Pickett, Wendy Poutre, and Travis Thompson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by School District Moderator David Emanuel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lucy Cushman.

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

Mr. Emanuel recognized the School Board Members and School District Clerk, and thanked the Supervisors of the Checklist for their work at the meeting. He also recognized the Stratham Memorial School and SAU #16 administrators in attendance.

Mr. Emanuel stated that due to the large attendance, the cafeteria across the hall had been set up for overflow so that people could hear the discussion and view the presentations from that location as well. He also reminded those present that only residents may vote at this meeting and asked for any non-residents to come sit at the front of the audience.

Mr. Emanuel then explained that he would follow simple parliamentary procedures such as all questions and responses being directed through him. When someone wishes to speak they should approach the microphone and after being recognized, state their name and address for the record. The Moderator reminded everyone that we vote on one amendment at a time, and no vote will be taken until all questions have been addressed. Should anyone desire a secret ballot they would need to get five signatures from registered voters. Mr. Emanuel then announced that he had already received a proper request from five residents for a secret ballot on Article 2. If any amendments are to be reconsidered this will be done at another scheduled time, usually seven days later. Mr. Emanuel stated that we are all neighbors and will see each other in the community after tonight so it is best for everyone to be courteous and respectful.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,441,265 for the support of the schools, for payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the School District, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately. (The School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 4-1.)

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to accept this article. Travis Thompson moved to adopt Article 1 and Wendy Poutre seconded the motion. The Moderator recognized Mr. Thompson to speak to the motion. Mr. Thompson thanked the administration and the Financial Advisory Committee for their work on this year's budget. Mr. Thompson then yielded the floor to Nathan Lunney, Chief Financial Officer for SAU #16, for a presentation regarding the budget.

Mr. Lunney noted that the proposed budget for 2011-2012 is \$145,205 lower than last year's operating budget, and referred to several items outlined in a handout distributed to meeting attendees. He stated that the majority of the 2011-2012 proposed budget consists of salaries and benefits – 81.6% of the total budget. He highlighted some areas that reflected increases over last year: teacher salaries, which reflects the actualization of projected teacher salaries; special education tuitions, for students requiring education privately and/or outside of New Hampshire; professional services and regular instruction improvement, due to contractual increases; SAU costs, due to adjustments to the formula used to allocate these costs between the member districts; district transportation, since the bus contract, now in its fifth and final year, provides for a 3.5% maximum increase, however fortunately this contract does not provide for any fuel surcharges; retirement, due to an increase in contributions required by the NH State Retirement System; and a rise in unemployment and Workers Comp insurance coverage costs.

Mr. Lunney then outlined some reductions from last year's budget: provision for payout of sick leave accrual upon retirement, which reflected a decrease based upon fewer teachers projected to retire at the end of the school year; reduction in instructional supplies and equipment line items; decrease in related services and transportation for special education due to anticipated lower demand; reduction in special education supplies and equipment line items, again due to lower anticipated demand; a reduction in health professional services due to reduced student needs; reduction in hearing services due to reduced student needs; reduction in speech pathologist salaries, anticipating the hiring of a lower-salaried replacement for a retiring employee; savings in electricity/fuel oil costs; and a decrease in projected site improvement costs.

Mr. Lunney explained that even though there have been discussions of changes at the State level, these are not expected to impact the district in the coming year, so the anticipated tax impact of the 2011-2012 budget request is \$0.122 per thousand less than last year, however since revenues are projected to be up and projected costs lower this year, the total tax impact of Article 1 will actually be almost \$0.195 per thousand less than last year.

The floor was then opened for questions and comments. Susan Canada of 47 Bunker Hill Avenue, chair of the Financial Advisory Committee, spoke in support of Article 1. Mrs. Canada stated that the other members of the Financial Advisory Committee were Sue Hunter, Patty Philbrick, Howard Rubin, Charles Wagner, and Selectmen's representative Bruno Federico. She then outlined the committee's work and stated that the Financial Advisory Committee supported Article 1. She noted that the Financial Advisory Committee also supported passage of Article 3, pertaining to the Special Education Trust Fund, and the articles related to long-range repairs and maintenance to be voted on later in the meeting.

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

ARTICLE 2: To see if the School District will vote to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Stratham Teachers' Association (the union representing the teachers in the School District school) covering the three year period from September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2014, and approve cost items included therein containing, in summary: continuation of other non-salary benefits; and salary increases so that the approximate increase in the cost of teacher

salaries and salary related expenses because of this agreement and step increases for each of the three years (subject to change resulting from changes in the number of and in the educational degrees and years experience of teachers employed) over the preceding year will be:

Year	Estimated Increase
2011-2012	\$ 57,398
2012-2013	\$ 137,428
2013-2014	\$ 139,203

And, further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,398 for the 2011-2012 year, such sum representing the net additional costs attributable to the increase in the salaries and salary related benefits over those included as part of Article 1, the 2011-2012 operating budget. (The School Board recommends by a vote of 3-2 that the School District enter into this agreement and make this appropriation of \$57,398.)

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to accept this article. Travis Thompson moved to adopt this article and Claire Ellis seconded the motion. The Moderator reiterated that he had received a petition from five registered voters to vote on Article 2 by secret ballot. He then recognized Mr. Thompson to speak to the motion.

Mr. Thompson gave a brief history of the negotiations on a new collective bargaining agreement which began in early October with representatives of the Stratham Teachers' Association, and how negotiations had reached an impasse in December that resulted in the parties meeting with a mediator for eight to ten hours to come to this proposed agreement. Mr. Thompson then outlined the changes between the current teacher contract and the proposed three-year contract for 2011-2012 through 2013-2014. He noted concessions in health care cost sharing, with the percentage of costs paid by employees incrementally increasing over the three-year contract period for the more expensive Comp 200 and Blue Choice plans, with the cost sharing for the least-expensive HMO option remaining the same as in the current contract for all three years. Mr. Thompson also outlined concessions in the co-pay and prescription provisions of the health care plans, with incremental increases in co-pay amounts over the three year contact for the more expensive Comp 200 and Blue Choice plans, whereas the co-pay amount will decrease in the first year for the HMO option as an incentive for employees to switch to the less expensive option. Prescription costs will rise incrementally in the second and third contract years for all three plan options; however prescription costs for the HMO option will be less than those under the Comp 200 and Blue Choice plans, again as an incentive to select that plan.

Mr. Thompson then outlined the proposed salary increases under the negotiated collective bargaining agreement. A 2% salary increase, excluding step movement, is proposed for 2011-2012. 2.5% salary increases, inclusive of step movement, are proposed for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014; step movement would be accounted for in the operating budgets for years two and three of the contract. Also included are roll-ups for the increased costs for FICA, NH Retirement System, and Workers compensation associated with the salary increases.

Mr. Thompson concluded by stating that amount of the salary increases and associated roll-ups for each year were offset by factoring in the minimum savings that would be realized in each of the three years from the health care concessions in the proposed contract, calculated using the



scenario that every employee opted for the Blue Choice plan. He noted that the minimum savings for 2011-2012 was \$33,000; however more savings could be realized if employees either stayed on the more expensive Comp 200 plan, due to the increases in employee contributions, or chose the least expensive HMO plan, due to the lower cost of the plan itself.

The floor was then opened for questions and comments. David Canada of 47 Bunker Hill Avenue stated that he was speaking as Chair of the Stratham Board of Selectmen. Mr. Canada stated that while teachers are professionals and need to be well compensated, comparatively the employees of the Town of Stratham, the majority of which are also professionals, have only received cumulative raises of 2% over the last three years, and contribute 50% to their health insurance. Mr. Canada also stated that the salary of the Town's two highest paid employees was comparable to the average salary of a Stratham teacher, but these two individuals work around 60 hours per week. He commented that compensation is not salary alone but must be viewed as a complete package, including benefits. Mr. Canada concluded that, as a selectman, it was hard to justify this inequity to Town employees.

Susan Canada of 47 Bunker Hill Avenue, chair of the Financial Advisory Committee, commended the School Board and the Stratham Teachers' Association for their negotiations. She stated that, while the Financial Advisory Committee has consistently supported giving teachers a high level of compensation to retain excellent teachers, in looking at the present economic situation and comparative salaries and benefits in the region and for the Town, they could not justify the high compensation and low health insurance contribution proposed by this collective bargaining agreement. Therefore the Financial Advisory Committee had voted unanimously not to support Article 2.

Aiden Berry of 8 Hersey Lane spoke in support of Article 2, commenting that over the last few years the Town had voted to invest in other institutions in the community: the new fire station, the Wiggin Memorial Library renovations, Stevens Park and other recreational facilities and programming, and conservation. He stated that we must not weaken an important civic institution even though economic times are tough. The Moderator then recognized John Sapienza of Raeder Drive for a point of information. Mr. Sapienza noted that Mr. Berry's statement that the new fire station cost \$6M was incorrect; the fire station cost was actually \$4.2M.

George Doran of 7 Drumlin Road suggested that in the future the budget should be presented in percentages rather than whole numbers, as this would be easier for everyone to understand. He then recounted how he had solicited information from family members who are teachers in other parts of the country, and outlined their salaries and benefits and the effects of the economy on their respective school districts. Midori Berry of 8 Hersey Lane then spoke in support of Article 2, stating that the community entrusts its children to these teachers, and the teachers deserve to be respected and valued.

Phil Caparso of 4 Evergreen Way asked what the average dollar amount of benefits, in addition to salaries, was per employee. Mr. Thompson replied that the average salary is \$70,449, and the average cost of benefits is \$29,094, therefore the total average compensation is \$99,543. Mr.

Caparso then asked the length of time over which this average total compensation was earned. Mr. Thompson replied that the present school year is 184 days.

MaryAnn Cappiello of 2 Robin Glen Road spoke in support of Article 2, stating that as a former teacher and current professor in Lesley University's Graduate School of Education, she felt that because of the skill, expertise and creativity of its teachers, Stratham had largely been immune to the pressures experienced by teachers and students elsewhere, where test preparation has replaced the traditional curriculum in the name of higher standards and has resulted in student boredom and stress. David Higgins of 2 Dumbarton Oaks also spoke in support of Article 2, recounting how his family had moved to Stratham in 1989 because of the reputation of the school, and stated that when he and his wife had recently downsized, their home sold in six days at almost asking price to a family also drawn to Stratham by the quality of the school.

Jeff Wilson of Willowbrook Avenue asked what would happen if Article 2 were voted down. Mr. Thompson replied that the teachers would work next year under the provisions of the current collective bargaining agreement; all benefits would remain the same, however there would be no salary increases and, due to the recently passed repeal of the "Evergreen Law," there would be no step increases or advance in the longevity component for teachers at the maximum step, except there would be step increases for advanced education. Mr. Wilson then asked whether this would result in an increase in the budget to the district for health insurance. Mr. Thompson replied yes, however this is already budgeted in 2011-2012, since the minimum potential cost savings for health care had been netted out of the projected cost of the proposed agreement to arrive at the \$57,398 net cost of Article 2 to the district in 2011-2012.

Martin Wool of Winnicutt Road stated that he was thankful for the education that his three children had received at Stratham Memorial School, however the economy is down now, people are having a hard time, and the benefits and raises provided for in the proposed agreement were not comparable to those in the private sector. Mr. Wool also referenced a drop in NECAP test scores for SMS over the last three years, and stated that he did not support Article 2. The Moderator then recognized Mr. Thompson for a point of clarification. Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Wool's interpretation of the NECAP test results was understated; SMS students have consistently scored in the lower-90<sup>th</sup> to higher-80<sup>th</sup> percentile in proficiency in these exams.

Anita Bailey of Crestview Terrace stated that she felt Stratham teacher salaries and benefits were out of line with the rest of the districts, and therefore she did not support Article 2. Gary Dolan of 15 Jana Lane then asked who picked up the cost for teachers attaining advanced degrees. Mr. Thompson responded that the current teacher contract provides that the district will pay the cost, not to exceed the per-credit cost at UNH, for up to eight credits per year toward a graduate degree. Jerry Routon of Peninsula Drive then spoke in opposition to Article 2. Donna Maher of 42 Crestview Terrace pointed out that the 100% premium the district pays for dental insurance does not cover all dental costs, and then asked whether the default budget passed in Article 1 would remain the same if Article 2 does not pass. Mr. Thompson said that the budget passed in Article 1 would remain the same, but the amount of any surplus at the end of the year might be impacted, as the district would have to pay any increases in health insurance premiums under the cost-sharing formula in the current contract from the appropriated 2011-2012 budget. Andra Copeland of Raeder Drive then moved the question. The Moderator requested that the last three

people already standing at the microphone be allowed to speak before a vote on Mrs. Copeland's motion to end debate was taken.

Jeff Gallagher of Stratham Heights Road voiced his support for Article 2, stating that the impact of Article 2 on the taxes for a house of median value in Stratham was not unreasonable. Murray Segal of Depot Road then stated that since he moved to Stratham 13 years ago his taxes have doubled, and he asked how much it cost to educate a child in Stratham. Mr. Thompson stated that the cost per pupil was approximately \$14,400 for Stratham in 2009-2010. Mr. Segal then responded that he felt this amount was sufficient to give any child a good education. Rogers Johnson of 55 Dumbarton Oaks noted that he had previously worked at the U.S. Department of Education, and commented that the DOE's evaluation of the NECAP was critical of the instrument's inability to measure the diversity of the three states that administer it. He also stated that DOE studies have found that the most important indicator of student achievement is a two-parent household in an affluent community with a female dedicated to education in the home, a correlation that aptly describes Stratham.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator asked if there was any debate of Mrs. Copeland's motion to move the question. There was none, and the Moderator called for a vote; the motion to end debate passed by a voice vote. Mr. Emanuel then read Article 2, gave instructions on how the ballot voting would proceed, and declared the polls open at 9:28 p.m. for the ballot vote on Article 2.

The Moderator declared the polls closed at 10:12 p.m. and asked that Assistant Moderator Jerry Howard, Town Treasurer Kevin Peck, Bruce Scamman, Annmarie Peck, Sue Hunter and Susan Canada count the ballots. The meeting was then reconvened by the Moderator for consideration of Article 3 of the Stratham School District Warrant.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Special Education Trust Fund" (established by the 2009 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding unanticipated special education expenditures for services, supplies, equipment, or tuitions) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2011 undesignated fund balance (surplus) up to \$25,000. (The School Board recommends adoption of this article by a vote of 5-0.)

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to accept this article. Wendy Poutre moved to adopt Article 3 which was seconded by Gary Giarrusso. The Moderator recognized Ms. Poutre to speak to the motion. Ms. Poutre stated that this fund was created two years ago to cover unanticipated Special Education costs that may arise. There is currently \$50,000 in this fund, and this article is requesting another \$25,000 to be added to the fund.

The floor was then opened for questions or comments. Murray Segal of Depot Road asked if this appropriation request was in addition to the budget that was just passed. Ms. Poutre replied that it was, but the funds for this article would come from any operating budget surplus. Kevin Henry of Chisholm Farm Drive then asked if there was a cap on the Special Education Trust Fund. Gary Giarrusso replied that there was a \$300,000 cap on this fund.

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

ARTICLE 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Maintenance Trust Fund" (established by the 2009 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding facility maintenance and improvement) the sum of \$90,000. (The School Board recommends adoption of this article by a vote of 5-0.)

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to accept this article. Gary Giarrusso moved to adopt Article 4 and Claire Ellis seconded the motion. The Moderator recognized Mr. Giarrusso to speak to the article. Mr. Giarrusso explained that the Maintenance Trust Fund was established two years ago after the bond on the school building was retired. This fund is a capital reserve fund; a consultant had recommended that such a fund be created based on an assessment of the useful life of various building components, such as the roof. The fund was designed to be funded over 10 years until the fund balance reached \$900,000, and would be used to fund repairs or replacement of building components as needed. Mr. Giarrusso stated that this appropriation will not come from the surplus this year, but is a separate appropriation.

The floor was opened for questions or comments. Jeff Wilson of Willowbrook Avenue asked for clarification on whether the final \$900,000 fund balance was estimated in today's dollars or had been adjusted to account for inflation. Mr. Giarrusso responded that inflation had been factored into the fund balance goal.

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

ARTICLE 5: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 for the purpose of repairing pavement at the Stratham Memorial School. (The School Board recommends adoption of this article by a vote of 5-0.)

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to accept Article 5. Gary Giarrusso moved to adopt Article 5 and Claire Ellis seconded the motion. Mr. Emanuel then recognized Mr. Giarrusso to speak to his motion. Mr. Giarrusso explained that this specific repair was brought up by the consultant, and noted that there is an immediate need to repair the pavement or the entire base coat will need to be replaced in the near future.

The floor was opened for questions and comments. Bruno Federico of Beech Court asked if the board had a guaranteed contract for this work. Mr. Thompson stated that this had not yet been put out to bid and so the dollar amount was an estimate. He assured everyone that the best price would be obtained through the bid process. Kevin Henry of Chisholm Farm Drive then asked if once the repairs proposed by Article 5 were made, any future repairs that may be needed to the pavement would be funded from the Maintenance Trust Fund. Mr. Thompson replied in the affirmative.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator read Article 5 and called for a vote. After a voice vote was determined by the Moderator to be too close to call, Mr. Emanuel called for a standing vote. The article passed with a majority vote in favor of adopting Article 5.

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

The Moderator recognized Tom Fosher, Principal of Stratham Memorial School, who thanked people for coming out to support the school. Mr. Fosher then presented gifts to Wendy Poutre and Gary Giarrusso, who are finishing their terms as Stratham School District Board members.

There were no further reports.

The Moderator then announced the results of the ballot vote on Article 2: 140 votes in the affirmative, and 399 in the negative. Article 2 failed to pass.

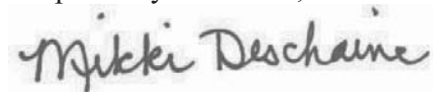
Mr. Emanuel then recognized Mark Sullivan of Gifford Farm Road, who made a motion to limit reconsideration of Articles 1 and 2 which was seconded from the floor. There being no questions or comments, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to limit reconsideration. The motion was passed by a majority voice vote.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mikki Deschaine

## 2011 STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

School Board Member for Three Years:

Robert E. O'Sullivan

School Board Member for Three Years:

Mark Sykas (write-in)

## 2011-2012 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Several recent positive signs are pointing in the direction of economic growth for our country. These include a reduction in the national rates of the unemployed and the underemployed, a 3.8% increase in holiday spending in December 2011, and a 3.6% increase in social security payments beginning in January 2012. The US military has completed its work in Iraq and the United States is preparing for another presidential election in November 2012. There are sentiments of hope in the air.

Within School Administrative Unit 16 that sentiment of hope is captured in the lives of the students who are preparing for a future that will be filled with complexities and challenges yet to be identified. This includes work that needs to be done in health fields, in science and research, in further space exploration and world travel, in global warming, in media, in instant communication, in politics, and in the economy. Each of these areas also bears levels of ethical duty and responsibility. The challenges facing public schools today are enormous because it becomes our collective responsibility not only to share culture with our growing student population, but also to provide our students with a rigorous learning environment that will help them to deal effectively with problems yet to be born.

For a moment, think back to how education was only 40 years ago. The Internet was not available to the general population. Daily newspapers and weekly magazines were the major sources of current events. Encyclopedias filled libraries and homes as cradles of history and information. Movies were only available in theaters. High schools offered only three types of courses: college prep, business, and general. Art and music classes were considered “frills” and only a handful of high school students drove to school. Families and churches provided many of the services that fall within the expected realm of public schools today. Special education laws did not exist and most students either went home for lunch or brought their own lunch to school. Breakfast programs and before/after school enrichment or daycare programs did not exist.

As life has changed since 1970, think ahead to what life will be like for our students in 2050. Just as parents and educators in 1970 were not able to predict that cell phones would be an integral part of life today, so too are parents and educators today not able to predict some of the cultural transformations that will enhance life for today’s students in another 40 years. Nevertheless, it is critically important that citizens commit themselves to providing the best possible, and affordable, public education to our students so that they will be as well equipped as possible to set the stage for their own futures.

Ten, twenty, thirty, and forty years ago voters did the same for the current adult generation. Today, it is our collective responsibility as citizens to repeat that pledge to the next generation. The administration and staff of SAU 16 is committed to continue providing the best possible public education for the most affordable cost because our children are our future.

## **SAU 16 VISION STATEMENT**

To provide a rigorous and comprehensive education that will prepare our students for diverse post-secondary educational opportunities, a competitive workplace, and active civic participation.

## **SAU 16 MISSION STATEMENT**

To help students gain knowledge and skills that build intellect, character, and a lifelong thirst for learning.

## **SAU 16 STRATEGIC PLAN**

One of the most significant driving forces of the continuing work in SAU 16 is the Strategic Plan that emphasizes work in seven key areas: Communications; Community Involvement; Curriculum and Assessment; Design and Philosophy; Governance; Lifestyles; and Special Education. Local Boards have selected various components within these areas to stress in their respective schools. Three major trends have emerged and are being implemented at this time: Curriculum, Communications, and Community Service.

### **Curriculum, Communications, and Community Service**

**Curriculum and instruction** go hand-in-hand. This work for teachers and administrators extends far beyond the daily activities in the classroom because it is essential that teachers meet together both at the same grade level and with those in the same academic department on a regular basis. The successful transition of students from grade-to-grade and from course-to-course is enhanced when these professionals gather to review course content and strategies for successfully engaging students of all ages and abilities in the learning process. Teaching today is not easy! It takes time, energy, and passion to do it well. Fortunately, SAU 16 has a tradition of hiring and retaining very qualified teachers, administrators, and staff members. We will continue to do the same because we are laying the foundation for the next generation of students and educators.

Much of the curriculum work done by teachers and administrators in the past and renewed recently is available on the SAU 16 website ([www.sau16.org](http://www.sau16.org)). This cycle of work is never completely finished. It is a dynamic process because research leads to new material, emerging technologies, and brain-based teaching strategies that have to be considered.

Because the New Hampshire Department of Education has adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Literacy and Math, the districts within SAU 16 continue to move forward with their implementation. Awareness is the first phase of the transition plan. In this phase each school has completed activities to familiarize teachers with the curriculum and the grade level expectations. Administrators have worked to further educate School Board Members and the public about the CCSS. Phase Two of the transition plan is to have teachers begin to put the CCSS into action in the classroom. Full implementation of the curriculum is set for August 2013 to ensure our students are prepared for the spring 2015 CCSS Assessments.

It is important to note that middle and high school students are challenged in ways that help them to gain high school and college credit aside from the traditional ways. Students in the Cooperative Middle School (CMS) who choose to take and successfully complete Algebra I as eighth graders earn high school credit. Similarly, CMS students who successfully complete two years of the same

world language (French, Latin, and Spanish are available) in grades seven and eight also earn high school credit. In addition to the traditional Advanced Placement (AP) courses taken at Exeter High School (EHS) to earn college credit, both EHS and the Seacoast School of Technology (SST) offer Project Running Start courses that allow students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit. In many cases, these alternatives help graduates to “jumpstart” their college career and reduce overall costs in the long run.

Beyond the comprehensive array of courses available at EHS, students may also enroll in Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs) that allow them to earn course credit in non-traditional methods that often extend beyond the regular school day. These individually-designed opportunities demonstrate the importance of helping individuals extend their learning in creative ways.

At the elementary school level, many teachers are also creating and enhancing diverse opportunities to engage students more in their own learning. Using the benefits of technology, introducing students to writing blogs, and developing a variety of innovations in classroom that extend the teaching of basic skills for implementation in 21<sup>st</sup> century learning is happening every day in SAU 16 schools. Students are able to share their work beyond their own classroom walls and among other schools. This is the world in which these students will flourish and many teachers are actively preparing our students for their present and future.

**Communication** with various constituent groups remains crucial in today’s information rich, and easily accessible, society. Websites for both the SAU and individual schools are updated regularly to provide valuable information to students, parents, and community members. Newspapers consistently carry a variety of stories from athletics to fine arts accomplishments and from budget to human interest stories.

Information is conveyed to families via AlertNow, our Rapid Communication System, and districts are sensitive to reducing the consumption and distribution of paper as one means of emphasizing the need to reduce our collective use of natural resources. Individual schools regularly issue electronic newsletters to parents and classroom teachers use a variety of methods to communicate with families. This includes everything from weekly newsletters to Power School which is the Internet-based format used to convey information to parents and families. Many of the school’s newsletters, including reports from principals, are available online.

The SAU website also carries information about news and events, as well as a monthly superintendent report and details about specific school board agendas and meeting minutes.

The SAU Educational Channel is available on cable access networks broadcasting on Channel 13 (or Channel 22) in all six SAU 16 communities. This provides the public with important “bulletin board” information and programming about school activities and events that display the important work of students and staff. The fact that EHS students are directly involved in the complex workings of a television studio is another excellent example of the comprehensive educational opportunities available to students. Tune in!

**Community Service** continues to be ingrained in the culture and climate of SAU 16 schools. This takes shape in many different ways but particular mention must be made of the significant contributions to local food pantries and families in need of basic necessities. Holiday giving is enormous. However, it is the on-going spirit of sharing with others—that lasts throughout the year—that conveys the true elements of helping one another.



Limited space here does not allow for the extensive enumeration of all of the outstanding acts of service that our students and staff perform each year. However, a few examples this year include: the “Canstruction” project at Stratham Memorial School (SMS) collected more than 2,000 canned goods for the local St. Vincent de Paul Community Assistance effort while learning to build familiar structures of London on the SMS stage; the Play Production class and the Comic Relief Club at Exeter High School led a community-wide food drive that directly benefited two local food pantries; second graders at East Kingston Elementary School learned about the hardships that many domestic animals have when they do not have a home and that inspired the class to raise money for the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA); at Swasey Central School the second grade participated in the Holiday Stockings for Soldiers effort that involved gathering needed items, such as toiletries and putting them in stockings for troops serving overseas; at the Seacoast School of Technology, the Wright Start Preschool students collected more than 100 canned goods during its “Cans for Our Castle Drive” and added those to the Marketing Technologies effort that collected an additional 1,400 food items during its fourth annual food drive; NH Special Olympics benefited financially from the Penguin Plunge participation from several students, teachers, and administrators throughout the SAU.

It is essential to note here that the modeling of community service in our schools is rooted in the dedication and efforts of the people who work in SAU 16. Without their individual and collective commitment to serve others—and to teach our students the importance of service—there would be far fewer demonstrations of this initiative.

### **NEASC ACCREDITATION COMPLETED**

Exeter High School is to be commended for its successful completion of the every-ten-year accreditation process conducted in concert with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The work involved from the Self-Study to the hosting of the Visiting Committee demands significant time and preparation. Recognition and appreciation are extended to the entire administration and staff at EHS. Principal Vic Sokul and science teacher Mark Foley who served as chairperson of the accreditation process are commended for all of their leadership and effort in this regard.

### **CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN**

The SAU 16 Champions for Children award was established last year as an opportunity for each school district to recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves by demonstrating significant involvement in programs and/or services that directly benefit the students and families of SAU 16.

Since its inception 60 individuals have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to our districts. This year’s award recipients include the following school board recognitions: Exeter Region Cooperative – Frank Montmarquet, Katherine McDonnell, Kenneth Deem, Bill Blum, John Byra, Laurie Eldridge, and Barbara Clark; East Kingston – Laura Conant, Lynne Walker, Nancy Leavitt, Kim Kemp, Christine Silverman, Mary George, Chris Benson, Patricia Law, Anne Atkins, Kim Gallant, and Stacy Penna; Exeter – Maureen Barrows and Carroll Barrows; Kensington – Gloria Chase, Julie Hall, Mark Finerty, Jen Feiden, and Tom Feiden; Brentwood—Donna Vadeboncoeur; Stratham – Jan Streelman and Phyllis Danko. These individuals have significantly impacted their respective schools and communities. Congratulations to each of them!

## **BLUE RIBBON AWARDS**

For 30 consecutive years, New Hampshire Partners in Education has recognized the volunteer efforts of parents and community members who are directly involved in local schools. In October 2011, every elementary school in SAU 16 and the Seacoast School of Technology distinguished themselves by achieving this prestigious award. This is an outstanding accomplishment and a clear acknowledgement of the positive relationships that exist between our schools and their local communities.

## **COOPERATIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL CHANGE**

Mr. William Furbush became the Principal of the Cooperative Middle School (CMS) in July 2011. He replaced Mr. Thomas O'Malley who retired and subsequently accepted the position of Principal at Westbrook High School in Westbrook, Maine. Mr. O'Malley faithfully served the SAU 16 community for eight years. His dedication to the students and families of the six communities that comprise CMS is sincerely appreciated.

Mr. Furbush moved to Kensington from Kittery, ME during this school year. He came to SAU 16 from Rollinsford Grade School where he served as Principal from 2008-2011. From 2006-2008 he served as Assistant Principal at Lynnfield (MA) Middle School and prior to that was a teacher of German at York (ME) Middle School.

## **STUDENT ASSESSMENT/NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND**

Once again this past fall all students in grades 3-8 and 11 participated in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) exams in reading and mathematics. Fifth, eighth and eleventh graders participated in a writing component as well. In May 2011, the NECAP Science Test was administered to all students in grades 4, 8 and 11. The results of those tests indicate that the performance of SAU 16 students continues to be strong relative to their statewide peers.

East Kingston, Lincoln Street School, Exeter High School and the Cooperative Middle School are all designated "Schools in Need of Improvement" as defined by the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE). As a result of this designation, each of these schools has worked with building level teams comprised of parents, teachers, and administrators, including representatives from the SAU, to develop a school-specific plan focused on student achievement. Completed plans were sent to the NHDOE for approval. All plans have been approved and are currently being implemented in their respective schools. The same process was followed for the Exeter, East Kingston, and the Exeter Region Cooperative School Districts as the NHDOE identified these as "Districts in Need of Improvement" because there is more than one school in each of these districts. All plans are posted on the school websites for public review.

In all of our schools all students are assessed in a variety of ways including teacher-developed tests, projects, displays, and presentations. Elementary teachers use a variety of assessments such as the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS), California Achievement Tests, Terra Nova Tests, Gates MacGinitie Reading Tests, and other benchmark assessments to diagnose individual strengths and weaknesses and better inform their instructional practice. Many schools are also in the beginning stages of implementing a Response to Intervention (RtI) framework in order to better meet individual student learning needs. The RtI process has teachers consistently reviewing student data in order to inform day-to-day instruction. It is important to remember that any standardized test is one indicator and one type of assessment. In addition to using multiple

measures, our teachers encourage and provide opportunities for students to demonstrate what they "know and are able to do."

## **RX REBATE PROGRAM**

Due to the significant efforts of Associate Superintendent Paul Flynn, the Rx Rebate Program offered by the federal government for school districts who have retirees who do not participate in Medicare Part D is continuing to pay dividends. Since enrolling in the rebate program in March 2009, SAU districts have been reimbursed \$205,000. This money helps to reduce overall health care costs to the districts.

## **CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

There are now eleven formal collective bargaining associations within SAU 16; eight of them were open to negotiations with their respective school boards during the current school year. Three of these were the result of voters not approving settlements in March 2011. This year all eight groups reached tentative agreements that will be presented to the voters in the respective districts for action in March 2012. Voter approval is necessary in order for the agreements to become effective. These involve the teacher associations in the Brentwood, East Kingston, Exeter, Stratham, and the Exeter Region Cooperative School districts; the administrators association in the Exeter Region Cooperative; and the paraprofessional organizations in Newfields and the Exeter Region Cooperative. During the 2012-2013, the three remaining contracts will be open for negotiations.

Of significant interest last year is the fact voter turnout was low in each of our communities. This means that relatively few people actually make important financial decisions for the majority of residents and taxpayers. Brentwood and Stratham each host traditional school district meetings in March. Of the 2661 registered voters in Brentwood, only 181 people (6.8%) attended the meeting; in Stratham, of the 5860 voters, 539 people (9.2%) attended the meeting. In each case, more than 90% of the registered voters did not participate in this important process.

Each of the other five districts uses the "SB 2" voting format and people may cast ballots throughout an entire day in March. Those districts showed greater voter participation than Brentwood or Stratham. In East Kingston, 504 (30.23%) of the 1667 voters participated; in Exeter, 1743 (16.33%) of the 10,672 voters participated; in Kensington, 397 (22.62%) of the 1755 voters participated; in Newfields, 374 (29.99%) of the 1247 registered voters participated; for the Exeter Region Cooperative, 4132 (17.32%) of the 23,862 registered voters participated.

It is extremely important that residents take their civic responsibility of voting seriously.

## **THE AMERICAN REINVESTMENT AND RECOVERY ACT (ARRA) GRANT**

This two-year initiative closed on September 30, 2011. The initial grant application and subsequent amendments/revisions to the grant totaled \$1,216,441.00. The full amount was awarded to SAU 16. At the close of the grant, the entire available/awarded amount was allocated and spent, with the exception of \$2.96. This ARRA grant was primarily managed by the SAU Special Education Office. Following is a summary of the project categories that were funded by this federal grant:

- Technology
- Professional Development
- Supplement of salaries
- Curriculum materials
- Contracted services

Some of the notable projects that were completed with funding from the ARRA Grant include:

#### Elementary Schools:

- **Technology Infrastructure:** This project increased the bandwidth at the Exeter and Stratham elementary schools to expand the technology options and serve as a foundation for all types of e-learning, Response to Intervention (RtI) efforts, assessment and instruction.
- **Installation of accessible playground equipment:** Accessible playground equipment was installed at the Newfields Elementary School and Stratham Memorial School to provide increased opportunities for students with disabilities to interact with their non-disabled peers.
- **Professional Development – Training for “Open Circle”:** Staff from Kensington, Exeter and Brentwood participated in training to learn to utilize “Open Circle,” a program that builds social and emotional skills and establishes safe, caring learning environments.

#### Cooperative Middle School (CMS):

- **Installation of FM/Audio System:** Installed at CMS to enhance the quality of classroom audio for students with sensory needs and communication disorders.
- **Curriculum Materials: Language!:** Specialized language arts curriculum designed to remediate reading and written language deficits.
- **Purchase of Smart Boards and iPads:** Technology was purchased and installed to allow increased access to the general curriculum for students with disabilities.

#### Exeter High School (EHS):

- **Transition Services:** Programming for students 18 – 21 years of age, supporting their participation in the community to increase independent living skills.
- **Purchase of Smart Boards and iPads:** Technology was purchased and installed to allow increased access to the general curriculum for students with disabilities.
- **Assistive Technology:** Purchase of equipment to enable students age 16+ to meet their post-secondary transition goals.

### TUCK LEARNING

The diverse educational avenues provided through the SAU continue to manifest the collective commitment to meet the many individual needs of our secondary school students. Consider the on-going success of the project-based **Great Bay eLearning Charter School (GBeCS)** that currently serves 137 students in grades 8-12 with approximately 56% of those students coming from one of our six communities. The Exeter Region Cooperative School District continues to provide substantial funding for its students at GBeCS.

The **Exeter Adult Education** program captures the interest of over 900 students who choose from courses that enrich their lives to courses leading to high school diplomas or GED (General Educational Development). It is important to note that the Enrichment Program is now in its 45th year!

The **Exeter High School Alternative Education** program provides another educational opportunity that includes a combination of academic, behavioral, social, civic, and work based learning experiences. The goal of their program is to empower students to succeed as knowledgeable graduates leading productive lives within the community. Each year approximately 30 students participate in this program.

The **Seacoast School of Technology (SST)** offers an outstanding array of career and technical education programs for students from six area high schools including Exeter. The outstanding success of these programs is measured in both the consistent and regular work opportunities provided to students and the significant community involvement by area businesses and leaders who provide support and serve on advisory boards that assist with funding and public relations for the school. Approximately 650 students are enrolled with 38% of those coming from Exeter High School.

The **Seacoast Professional Development Center (SPDC)** regularly provides college courses and a wide variety of workshops especially designed to meet the needs of educational professionals from the entire state of New Hampshire. This local resource is invaluable for training and assistance to busy teachers and administrators. Many of its offerings are also available to the public, especially for those individuals who seek professional development credit for certification.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

The SAU 16 Technology Committee is focusing its efforts on revision of the SAU 16 Technology Plan along with continuing its efforts to develop technology-infused curricula. Subcommittees have been formed and committee members are working diligently to achieve their goals.

Nearly all schools in SAU 16 will complete the update of their networks this school year to high speed access which will allow students increased opportunities to learn and use 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in our SAU 16 classrooms.

SAU 16 increased its eRate funding in the past year from \$19,000 to \$48,292 and plans to continue to increase the use of the eRate program. In addition, SAU 16 schools have worked this past year to build robust school websites that are informative, up-to-date, and user-friendly. This has been a large project and has involved dozens of people throughout our schools. Visit our main SAU 16 site at [www.sau16.org](http://www.sau16.org).

This detailed report is presented to the public to provide current information about the significant work taking place in our schools and to sustain an historical record of annual progress. On behalf of all of the students, families, and staff served by SAU 16, please accept my gratitude for your support of our schools. It is a pleasure for me to be working with you in this most important undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL A. MORGAN  
Superintendent of Schools

# **THE EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

For the Year Ending June 30, 2011  
with the Proposed 2012-2013 Budgets

# **EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **BOARD MEMBERS AND DISTRICT OFFICERS**

Chair of the School Board: Patricia Lovejoy

NAME	TERM EXPIRES	TOWN
Townley Chisholm	2012	Exeter
Elizabeth "Liz" Faria	2013	Brentwood
Michael Grant	2012	Newfields
Patricia Lovejoy	2012	Stratham
Dave Miller	2014	East Kingston
Katherine "Kate" Miller	2013	Exeter
Mark Portu	2014	Stratham
Joni Reynolds	2013	Kensington
Kate Segal	2014	Exeter

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

Moderator: Charles Tucker

School District Clerk: Susan EH Bendroth

School District Treasurer: Luke Breton

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**January 12, 2012 Public Hearing**  
**WARRANT**  
**EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

**You are hereby notified to meet as follows:**

**FIRST SESSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING (Deliberative Session):** In the Arthur L. Hanson III Center for the Performing Arts at Exeter High School, 1 Blue Hawk Drive in Exeter, New Hampshire on Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 7:00 PM for explanation, discussion, debate, and possible amendment of the following warrant articles:

1. Shall the District raise and appropriate ~~as~~ an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$49,945,945? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$49,365,552, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend \$49,945,945 ~~as set~~ forth on said budget.)

2. Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Area Administrators' Association covering the two-year period from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2014 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increase
2012-13	\$ 27,863
2013-14	\$ 30,592

and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,863, for the 2012-13 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed. (The School Board and the Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)



Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Cooperative Paraprofessional Association covering the three-year period from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2015 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increase
2012-13	\$ 44,962
2013-14	\$ 69,641
2014-15	\$ 70,863

and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,962 for the 2012-13 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed. (The School Board and the Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

4. Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Education Association covering the two-year period from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2014 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increase
2012-13	\$ 357,836
2013-14	\$ 601,800

and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$357,836 for the 2012-13 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed. (The School Board and the Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

5. Shall the District raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Maintenance Fund" (established by the 2001 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding long term and/or unexpected maintenance/repair projects of school buildings and grounds) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2012 undesignated fund balance (surplus) up to

\$150,000? (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

6. Shall the District approve the transfer of duties for the Trustee of Trust Funds for the Cooperative School District from the East Kingston Trustees to the Exeter Trustees?

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

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

**SECOND SESSION:** At the polling places designated below on **Tuesday, March 13, 2012**, to choose the following School District Officers:

School District Board Member (Exeter)	3-year Term Expiring 2015,
School District Board Member (Newfields)	3-year Term Expiring 2015,
School District Board Member (Stratham)	3-year Term Expiring 2015,
School District Moderator	1-year Term Expiring 2013,
Budget Committee Member (East Kingston)	3-year Term Expiring 2015,
Budget Committee Member (Exeter)	3-year Term Expiring 2015,
Budget Committee Member (Stratham)	3-year Term Expiring 2015;

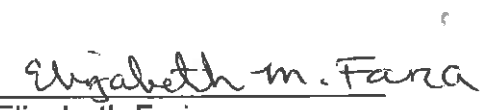
and vote on the articles listed as **1, 2, and 3**, as those articles may be amended at the First Session; by ballot, the polls to be open at the polling places at the hours designated below:

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

Given under our hands at Exeter on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

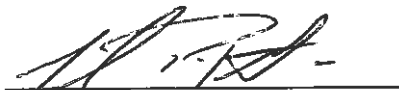
**EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

  
Townley Chisholm

  
Elizabeth Faria

  
Michael Grant

  
Patty Lovejoy

  
Mark Portu

  
David Miller

  
Kate Miller

  
Joni Reynolds

  
Kate Segas

<b>EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>				
<b>FY2012-2013 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>				
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>BUDGET 2010-2011</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2010-2011</b>	<b>BUDGET 2011-2012</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2012-2013</b>
ART	394,022	390,309	393,952	392,828
MUSIC	413,580	396,793	412,855	406,241
PHYSICAL ED	541,247	668,660	666,437	689,221
BASIC CLASSROOM	557,512	526,192	577,130	874,910
ALTERNATIVE ED	427,973	441,411	443,939	447,686
READING	478,066	466,526	484,573	483,023
MATHEMATICS	1,935,016	1,878,926	1,913,448	1,915,914
BUSINESS ED	95,884	70,693	71,951	71,951
SCIENCE	1,813,845	1,784,440	1,802,477	1,803,800
ENGLISH	1,991,337	1,978,137	1,980,876	2,052,437
ESL/ESOL/ELL	85,691	61,080	85,491	82,131
SOCIAL STUDIES	1,852,770	1,831,545	1,832,595	1,866,162
WORLD LANGUAGE	1,194,457	1,153,930	1,209,943	1,207,137
HEALTH	211,084	187,379	188,017	188,858
FAMILY & CONS SCIENCE	149,274	135,346	144,915	143,222
TECH ED / DRIVER ED	221,936	166,058	165,767	194,495
COMPUTER	1,206,704	1,212,409	1,234,871	1,679,177
SUBS/SABB/TUT/STAFF DEV	217,560	163,925	217,560	232,400
REGULAR EDUCATION	\$13,787,958	13,513,759	\$13,826,797	14,731,594
SPECIAL EDUCATION	3,996,431	3,753,874	4,003,005	4,068,973
SEACOAST SCH OF TECH	1,622,829	1,669,544	1,682,023	1,427,213
ATHLETICS/XCURR	772,663	731,852	776,829	770,829
ADULT ED	126,077	128,304	127,630	135,712
GUIDANCE/ATTENDANCE	1,106,605	1,095,778	1,133,696	1,123,881
NURSE/HEALTH SERVICES	400,808	383,924	403,033	396,264
PSYCH/SPEECH PATH	478,311	402,408	474,346	432,420
MEDIA/TRAINING	372,589	364,358	375,448	373,359
SCHOOL BD/SPED ADMIN	242,400	203,761	242,400	355,966
SAU #16 ADMIN	1,025,530	1,025,528	1,022,540	964,442
SCHOOL ADMIN	1,737,870	1,797,224	1,820,250	1,796,949
PLANT OPERATIONS	2,457,715	2,802,240	2,691,284	2,688,162
UTILITIES/ENERGY	1,500,600	1,409,625	1,511,300	1,444,116
TRANSPORTATION	1,728,900	1,682,763	1,750,480	1,723,735
BENEFITS	9,828,364	9,397,956	9,764,489	10,321,791
INSURANCE	163,700	162,596	174,180	174,400
SUPPORT FOR GBECs	431,295	431,295	431,295	300,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$41,780,645	\$40,956,788	\$42,211,025	\$43,229,805
DEBT SERVICE	4,558,705	4,558,703	4,492,995	4,497,630
CAP RES/TRUST FUNDS	180,000	365,793	40,000	-
CAPITAL PROJ/SP W.A.	-	-	-	-
FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS	1,118,510	367,500	1,118,510	1,118,510
FOOD SERVICE FUND	1,100,000	910,401	1,100,000	1,100,000
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$48,737,860	\$47,159,184	\$48,962,530	\$49,945,945

**EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

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

<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES</u>		<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
1200/1230	Special Programs	3,701,053	3,721,236
1430	Summer School	42,771	32,638
2140	Psychological Services	146,398	149,023
2150	Speech and Audiology	210,479	216,853
2159	Speech-Summer School	0	0
2162	Physical Therapy	22,186	22,630
2163	Occupational Therapy	13,679	13,902
2332	Admin Costs	114,348	138,317
2722	Special Transportation	245,645	368,203
2729	Summer School Transportation	15,675	12,934
Total Expenses		4,512,234	4,675,736
 <u>SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE</u>			
1950	Services to other LEAs	0	0
3110	Special Ed. Portion Adequacy funds	766,604	863,688
3240	Catastrophic Aid	252,885	193,199
4580	Medicaid	318,309	209,991
Total Revenues		1,337,798	1,266,878
 <u>ACTUAL DISTRICT COST FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION</u>		<u>3,174,436</u>	<u>3,408,858</u>

Minutes of The Exeter Region Cooperative School District  
First Session of the 2011 Annual Meeting  
Deliberative Session – Thursday, February 10, 2011  
Exeter High School Arthur Hanson III Center

ERCSD Board Members Present:

Townley Chisholm – Chair – Exeter	Patty Lovejoy - Stratham
David Miller – Vice Chair – East Kingston	Jennifer Maher – Stratham
Kate Miller – Exeter	Kate Segal – Exeter
Elizabeth Faria - Brentwood	Michael Grant – Newfields
Joni Reynolds – Kensington	

Administration: Michael Morgan, Nathan Lunney

Chair of Budget Advisory: Robert Aldrich

Moderator: Charles Tucker, Esq.

ERCSD Clerk: Susan Bendroth

Moderator Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of the board members, administration and other parties. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss, debate and possibly amend the following warrant articles, which would then be voted on by paper ballot on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. He went on to clarify that due to recent legislation the subject of the article can not be changed and in articles #1 and #2 the amounts can be changed but not the language. As moderator he would read each article, someone from the board or administration would speak to the article and then anyone interested in speaking to the article would have an opportunity to do so. They would need to come up to the microphone on the floor, identify themselves and the town in which they reside and if providing an amendment would need to do so in writing.

Moderator Tucker read Warrant Article #1:

**Article #1: Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$48,922,530? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$48,922,530, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend \$48,922,530 on said budget.)**

Patty Lovejoy moved and Elizabeth Faria seconded.

Nathan Lunney presented a power point presentation that highlighted the increases and decreases of the budget referencing benefits, salaries, student transportation, utilities, SAU assessment, NEASC, special education, debt service and proposed requests, which represented an increase of \$364,670 over the current 10-11 budget. It was determined by both the Board and the Budget Committee that this money should be found elsewhere in the budget so no increase is being recommended.

Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter inquired about the 4.5% increase on the dental insurance and wondered if a cap could be considered in the next contract.

Nathan Lunney explained that the number was driven by the selections staff has chosen.

Moderator Tucker noted that the article would go on the ballot as printed.

Moderator Tucker read Warrant Article #2:

**Article #2: Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Education Association covering the three year period from September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2014 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:**

Year	Estimated Increase
2011-12	\$ 449,365
2012-13	\$ 499,641
2013-14	\$ 595,017

and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$449,365 for the 2011-12 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed. (The School Board recommends this appropriation. The Budget Advisory Committee does not recommend this appropriation.)

David Miller moved and Jennifer Maher seconded.

Dave Miller reviewed the contract negotiations and felt the proposal was favorable to both sides. He highlighted that over three years the salary increase was 5.9% and there is incentive to move to an HMO with an increase in employee contributions, co pay and drug payments.

Elyse Seeley, Brentwood, member of the Advisory Budget Committee, stated that contrary to popular belief our communities are pro education but that this is just too much money for Brentwood to afford,

Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, expressed that when these contracts are negotiated please take into account what people consider public with no input.

Wendy MacArthur-Keith, Exeter, thanked the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and negotiating team for their work in closed sessions.

Moderator Tucker noted that the article would go on the ballot as printed.

Moderator Tucker read Warrant Article #3:

**Article # 3: Shall the District raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Maintenance Fund" (established by the 2001 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding long term and/or unexpected maintenance/repair projects of school buildings and grounds) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2011 undesignated fund balance (surplus) up to \$40,000? (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)**

Kate Segal moved and Kate Miller seconded.

Patty Lovejoy explained that this fund was established in 2001 so that any emergency maintenance would be covered without significantly affecting education at CMS (1998) and at the High School and the Tuck Learning Campus (both in their 5<sup>th</sup> years). This money would only be placed in the fund if there is a balance at the end of the year.

Jim Johnson, Brentwood asked how much money is in the account now?

Patty Lovejoy responded by stating \$322,533 making the total \$362,533 with the maximum amount being \$500,000.

Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, supported this article.

Moderator Tucker read Warrant Article #4:

**Article #4: To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers heretofore chosen.**

Robert Aldrich recognized Deb Johnson for serving on the Budget Advisory Committee since its establishment as she is stepping down. He also stated that it has been a privilege to work with Nathan Lunney who will be leaving to SAU 16 to take a job with SAU 90 in Hampton.

Michael Morgan also recognized and thanked Nathan Lunney and congratulated him on his new job.

Jim Johnson, Brentwood, wanted to know why the District continues to use Plodzik & Sanderson as the report that is published is from 2009 and not 2010.

Townley Chisholm commented that the 2010 audit was not ready but it will be posted in its entirety on the web when completed.

Patty Lovejoy went on to explain that with the changes in GATBS 45 it has become a lot more difficult.

Moderator Tucker adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM with 66 voters from the six towns present at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E.H. Bendroth  
Exeter Region Cooperative School District Clerk

Minutes of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District  
Second Session of the 2011 Annual Meeting  
Voting Session – March 8, 2011

The polls were open at the polling places at the hours designated below to choose the following District Officers: School District Board Member (East Kingston), School District Board Member (Exeter), School District Board Member (Kensington), School District Board Member (Stratham), School District Moderator, School District Budget Committee Member (Brentwood), School District Budget Committee Member (Exeter), School District Budget Committee Member (Kensington) and vote by ballot on articles listed as 1, 2 and 3.

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

East Kingston Board Member, term ending at 2014 election:

**David G. Miller            3,000**

Exeter Board Member, term ending at 2014 election:

**Kate Segal                3,120**

Kensington Board Member, term ending at 2013 election:

**Joni Reynolds            2,928**

Stratham Board Member, term ending at 2014 election:

**Mark Portu                2,943**

School District Moderator, term ending at 2012 election:

**Charles F. Tucker       3,325**

Brentwood Budget Committee Member, term ending at 2014 election:

**Elyse Gallo Seeley      2,860**

Exeter Budget Committee Member, term ending at 2014 election:

**Roy Morrisette           3,309**

Kensington Budget Committee Member, term ending at 2014 election:

**Janice Miller              2,926**

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**Yes    2,964**

**No     1,131**

Article #2: Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Education Association covering the three year period from September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2014 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:



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Yes	1,423	No	2,709
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Article #3: Shall the District raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Maintenance Fund" (established by the 2001 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding long term and/or unexpected maintenance/repair projects of school buildings and grounds) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2011 undesignated fund balance (surplus) up to \$40,000? (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Yes	2,704	No	1,418
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Respectfully submitted,

Susan E.H. Bendroth  
Exeter Region Cooperative School District Clerk

**SUPERINTENDENT'S PRORATED SALARY**

**2011-2012**

<b>BRENTWOOD</b>	<b>\$8,150.00</b>
<b>EAST KINGSTON</b>	<b>\$4,688.00</b>
<b>EXETER</b>	<b>\$23,796.00</b>
<b>EXETER REGION COOP</b>	<b>\$76,422.00</b>
<b>KENSINGTON</b>	<b>\$5,025.00</b>
<b>NEWFIELDS</b>	<b>\$3,942.00</b>
<b>STRATHAM</b>	<b>\$16,812.00</b>
	<b>\$138,835.00</b>

**ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARIES**

**(Total reflects 3.0 positions, \$117,462, \$107,350, \$97,188)**

**2011-2012**

<b>BRENTWOOD</b>	<b>\$18,900.00</b>
<b>EAST KINGSTON</b>	<b>\$10,852.00</b>
<b>EXETER</b>	<b>\$55,190.00</b>
<b>EXETER REGION COOP</b>	<b>\$177,262.00</b>
<b>KENSINGTON</b>	<b>\$11,656.00</b>
<b>NEWFIELDS</b>	<b>\$9,145.00</b>
<b>STRATHAM</b>	<b>\$38,995.00</b>
	<b>\$322,000.00</b>

SAU# 16 BUDGET							
FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013							
ACCT#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 2009-10	ACTUAL FY 2010-11	BUDGET FY 2011-12	PROPOSED FY 2012-13	CHANGE IN \$\$	NOTES
<b>CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION</b>							
11-2320-110	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	368,636.55	379,129.25	397,700.00	413,300.00	15,600.00	2.5% incr
11-2320-112	MERIT FUNDS	0.00	10,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
11-2320-111	TREASURER & BRD MINUTES	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	
11-2320-113	SPECIAL ED ADMIN SALARIES	99,481.00	99,481.00	101,380.00	94,300.00	(7,080.00)	2.5% incr - chg in staff
11-2320-114	SUPPLEMENTAL SALARIES	0.00	1,624.50	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
11-2320-115	SECRETARIES SALARIES	138,901.00	142,419.00	144,380.00	147,550.00	3,170.00	2.5% incr
11-2320-117	HUMAN RESOURCES	57,546.06	57,546.05	58,640.00	59,930.00	1,290.00	2.5% incr
11-2320-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	116,552.47	107,224.63	128,960.00	114,370.00	(14,590.00)	-3.1% to -3.9% decr
11-2320-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	6,648.28	833.71	6,920.00	6,520.00	(400.00)	-1.7% to -8.3% decr
11-2320-213	LIFE INSURANCE	4,577.68	4,861.19	4,730.00	1,530.00	(3,200.00)	per agreement new vendor
11-2320-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	5,363.52	4,102.78	5,400.00	2,550.00	(2,850.00)	per agreement new vendor
11-2320-231	LONGEVITY	3,387.54	2,000.00	3,520.00	3,620.00	100.00	per salaries
11-2320-232	RETIREMENT (8.80%)	53,510.61	57,551.36	78,420.00	63,470.00	(14,950.00)	per salaries
11-2320-220	FICA (7.65%)	50,584.94	50,728.20	54,180.00	55,180.00	1,000.00	per salaries
11-2320-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	3,540.00	3,230.00	3,400.00	3,470.00	70.00	per salaries
11-2320-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	84.80	360.03	820.00	960.00	140.00	per staffing
11-2320-290	CONFERENCES	3,240.05	4,612.81	5,500.00	6,000.00	500.00	
11-2320-270	COURSE REIMBURSEMENTS	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
11-2320-320	STAFF TRAINING	13,813.24	7,602.49	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	
11-2320-371	AUDIT EXPENSE	7,950.00	12,350.00	10,250.00	10,250.00	0.00	per agreement
11-2320-372	LEGAL EXPENSE	4,247.75	4,412.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
11-2320-373	MENTOR TRAINING	3,350.00	6,400.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00	
11-2320-440	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	5,265.69	7,999.11	6,900.00	9,355.00	2,455.00	
11-2320-521	PROPERTY INSURANCE	795.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	
11-2320-531	TELEPHONE	11,204.18	15,223.60	12,000.00	16,075.00	4,075.00	
11-2320-532	POSTAGE	1,025.52	(218.41)	4,000.00	3,000.00	(1,000.00)	
11-2320-580	TRAVEL	16,110.00	17,838.03	18,360.00	22,080.00	3,720.00	per contract
11-2320-610	SUPPLIES	10,591.38	16,476.90	10,000.00	12,000.00	2,000.00	
11-2320-611	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTED	4,820.50	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	
11-2320-733	LEASED EQUIPMENT	15,611.56	16,933.77	17,500.00	17,500.00	0.00	
11-2320-810	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	9,727.84	10,414.27	12,200.00	12,755.00	555.00	
11-2320-870	CONTINGENCY	4,396.45	16,509.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	2,500.00	
		<b>1,022,963.61</b>	<b>1,064,745.27</b>	<b>1,118,360.00</b>	<b>1,111,465.00</b>	<b>(6,895.00)</b>	
				5.04%	-0.62%		
				% Change 11-12	% Change 12-13		

SAU# 16 BUDGET							
FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013							
ACCT#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	CHANGE	
		FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	IN \$\$	NOTES
	<b>FISCAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION</b>						
11-2321-110	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	101,744.92	107,804.13	99,130.00	92,250.00	(6,880.00)	2.5% incr - chg in staff
11-2321-116	FISCAL SRV MGR/ACCOUNTANT	96,783.00	98,720.00	100,590.00	104,060.00	3,470.00	2.5% incr
11-2321-130	PAYROLL/A/P SALARIES	166,374.00	169,325.00	175,750.00	162,850.00	(12,900.00)	2.5% incr - chg in staff
11-2321-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	117,582.20	116,613.79	139,530.00	100,920.00	(38,610.00)	-3.1% to -3.9% decr
11-2321-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	4,224.87	4,214.04	4,950.00	3,660.00	(1,290.00)	-1.7% to -8.3% decr
11-2321-213	LIFE INSURANCE	1,029.60	927.40	1,030.00	330.00	(700.00)	per agreement
11-2321-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	2,860.60	2,647.86	2,940.00	1,250.00	(1,690.00)	per salaries
11-2321-220	FICA (7.65%)	27,965.46	28,690.37	29,350.00	27,960.00	(1,390.00)	per salaries
11-2321-231	LONGEVITY	7,086.26	6,930.00	8,110.00	6,220.00	(1,890.00)	per salaries
11-2321-232	RETIREMENT (8.80%)	28,454.18	29,939.16	42,540.00	32,160.00	(10,380.00)	per salaries
11-2321-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,960.00	2,012.00	1,850.00	1,760.00	(90.00)	per salaries
11-2321-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATIO	105.13	410.00	720.00	840.00	120.00	per staffing
11-2321-290	CONFERENCES	3,131.61	1,021.50	2,800.00	3,000.00	200.00	
11-2321-330	COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES	29,430.00	16,279.50	16,920.00	17,000.00	80.00	per contract
11-2321-440	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	436.52	442.26	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	
11-2321-531	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	2,962.32	600.00	3,500.00	3,000.00	(500.00)	reduced
11-2321-580	MILEAGE	4,147.85	3,875.11	4,470.00	4,470.00	0.00	
11-2321-610	SUPPLIES EXPENSE	3,583.88	1,668.28	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	
11-2321-741	EQUIPMENT	476.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	
	<b>FISCAL SVS TOTALS</b>	<b>600,338.40</b>	<b>592,120.40</b>	<b>640,780.00</b>	<b>568,330.00</b>	<b>(72,450.00)</b>	
			-1.37%	8.22%	-11.31%		
			% Change 10-11	% Change 11-12	% Change 12-13		

SAU# 16 BUDGET							
FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013							
ACCT#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	CHANGE	
		FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	IN \$\$	NOTES
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>							
2820-110	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SALARI	70,179.00	64,376.59	59,790.00	57,160.00	(2,630.00)	2.5% incr
2820-321	TECHNICAL CONSULTANT	19,514.84	17,553.58	19,500.00	19,500.00	0.00	
2820-329	TECHNICAL TRAINING	18,315.00	26,437.12	18,250.00	25,350.00	7,100.00	
2320-531	TELEPHONE	1,131.01	1,211.61	2,880.00	2,880.00	0.00	
2320-580	MILEAGE	5,114.21	3,807.61	7,490.00	7,490.00	0.00	
2820-610	SUPPLIES	4,821.16	4,858.23	6,200.00	6,200.00	0.00	
2820-611	SHIPPING	39.24	39.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2820-641	BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	273.48	0.00	650.00	250.00	(400.00)	reduced
2820-650	SOFTWARE	19,035.24	20,348.01	24,500.00	24,500.00	0.00	
2820-738	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	5,296.11	1,992.80	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	
2820-739	EQUIPMENT	3,967.93	13,618.40	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	
2900-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	23,059.29	18,642.70	24,370.00	17,580.00	(6,790.00)	-3.1% to -3.9% decr
2900-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	532.22	475.09	550.00	500.00	(50.00)	-1.7% to -8.3% decr
2900-213	LIFE INSURANCE	70.56	57.68	80.00	30.00	(50.00)	per agreement
2900-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	333.30	259.13	400.00	160.00	(240.00)	per salaries
2900-220	FICA (7.65%)	6,598.57	6,576.95	4,960.00	4,760.00	(200.00)	per salaries
2900-221	RETIREMENT (8.80%)	4,881.69	4,442.64	5,750.00	5,920.00	170.00	per salaries
2900-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	500.00	400.00	400.00	330.00	(70.00)	per salaries
2900-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	600.00	250.00	200.00	120.00	(80.00)	per salaries
<b>TECHNOLOGY TOTAL</b>							
		184,262.85	185,347.80	185,970.00	182,730.00	(3,240.00)	
			0.59%	0.34%	-1.74%		
			% Change 10-11	% Change 11-12	% Change 12-13		
<b>TOTAL - Central Office, Fiscal</b>		<b>1,807,564.86</b>	<b>1,842,213.47</b>	<b>1,945,110.00</b>	<b>1,862,525.00</b>	<b>(82,585.00)</b>	
<b>Services and Technology</b>							
			1.92%	5.59%	-4.25%		
			% Change 10-11	% Change 11-12	% Change 12-13		
<b>Salary Savings Returned from Prior Years Budget</b>			(64,010.00)	(87,610.00)	(100,000.00)		
<b>Revised SAU Total to be raised from Towns</b>			<b>1,778,203.47</b>	<b>1,857,500.00</b>	<b>1,762,525.00</b>	<b>(94,975.00)</b>	
			3.08%	4.46%	-5.11%		
			% Change in 12-13 Assessment				

SAU# 16 BUDGET							
FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013							
ACCT#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	CHANGE	
		FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	IN \$\$	NOTES
	OTHERWISE FUNDED						
	INDIRECT COSTS	87,623.92	14,791.86	60,000.00	60,000.00		
	NON-ASSESSMENT IMPACT	9,895.00	29,465.09	34,550.00	21,375.00		
	GRAND TOTALS	1,905,083.78	1,886,470.42	2,039,660.00	1,943,900.00		
	TITLE I ADMINISTRATOR	40,864.74	48,368.42	48,000.00	48,000.00		
	SUBSTITUTE COORDINATOR	12,673.61	13,023.10	15,000.00	15,000.00		
	FEDERAL FUNDS						
	IDEA/PRESCHOOL ENTITLEMENT	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		
	DRUG FREE SCHOOLS						
	BEST SCHOOLS						
	SLIVER/SIG						
	CLASSROOM REDUCTION						
	TITLE I, TITLE II, TITLE V						
	ARRA FUNDS						
	GRAND TOTAL APPROPRIATION - ALL FUNDS	4,958,622.13	4,947,862.00	5,102,660.00	5,006,900.00		

## SAU #16 Budget - FY 2012-13

Town	2010 Equalized val.	Valuation Percentage	# Pupils ADM 10-11	Pupil %	Combined Percentage		FY 2012-13 Assessment	Change from 11-12 %	\$
Brentwood	\$ 204,093,729	4.96%	387.50	6.887%	5.93%	0.9%	\$ 104,439	-4.28%	\$ (4,670)
East Kingston	136,446,306	3.32%	202.39	3.597%	3.46%	2.5%	\$ 60,946	-2.71%	(1,695)
Exeter	708,601,990	17.23%	1,010.89	17.967%	17.60%	2.7%	\$ 310,215	-2.54%	(8,087)
Kensington	148,343,261	3.61%	198.62	3.530%	3.57%	-1.3%	\$ 62,905	-6.38%	(4,285)
Newfields	101,748,638	2.47%	161.37	2.868%	2.67%	-5.9%	\$ 47,084	-10.73%	(5,657)
Stratham	533,836,384	12.98%	626.19	11.130%	12.06%	-0.5%	\$ 212,500	-5.55%	(12,483)
Co Op	2,278,618,557	55.42%	3,039.31	54.020%	54.72%	-0.6%	\$ 964,436	-5.68%	(58,098)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,111,688,865</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>5,626.27</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		<b>\$ 1,762,525</b>	<b>-5.11%</b>	<b>\$ (94,975)</b>

# SAU 16 CALENDAR 2012-2013

Approved

12/19/2011

## 2012

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 2013

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

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

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

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

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

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

\*\*June 13, 14, 17 & 18 are  
snow make-up days  
if needed

## Important Dates

### 2012

NS = No School

#### August

Teacher In-Service NS Aug 23-24  
School Opens - All Students Aug 27  
Part of Labor Day Off NS Aug 31  
School Days 4

#### September

Labor Day NS Sept 3  
School Days 19

#### October

Columbus Day NS Oct 8  
School Days 22

#### November

Teacher In-Service NS Nov 9  
Veterans' Day NS Nov 12  
Thanksgiving Recess NS Nov 21-23  
School Days 17

#### December

Holiday Break NS Dec 24-31  
School Days 15

### 2013

#### January

Holiday Break NS Jan 1  
MLK, Jr. Day NS Jan 21  
School Days 21

#### February

Winter vacation NS Feb 25-28  
School Days 16

#### March

Winter vacation NS 1-Mar  
Teacher In-Service NS March 15  
School Days 19

#### April

Spring Vacation NS Apr 22-26  
School Days 17

#### May

Memorial Day NS May 27  
School Days 22

#### June

Last day for students June 12\*\*  
Teacher In-service NS June 13  
School days 8

**Graduation - to be  
announced after  
February vacation**

### Symbol Key

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

Totals
Student
180
Staff
185



## MEETINGS/SCHEDULES

Selectmen's Meetings:	Mondays 7:30 pm (except legal holidays)
Volunteer Fire Department:	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7:30 pm Business Meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> (firefighter) & 4 <sup>th</sup> (EMS) Tuesdays Training
Planning Board:	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm
Board of Adjustment:	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm. Upon request.
Ad-Hoc Conservation Bond Subcommittee:	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm
Conservation Commission:	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm
Heritage Commission:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm
Library Trustees:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Library
Recreation Commission:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm
Stratham Hill Park Association:	Last Monday of the odd months at 6:30 pm
300 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Library
Economic Development Committee:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Public Works Commission:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm
Trustees of the Trust Funds:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Library
Stratham Fair Committee:	Last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Firehouse (January-July)
Town Center Committee:	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm

*Note: Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are in the Municipal Center at 10 Bunker Hill Ave.*